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The world is facing an unusual situation at the moment. COVID-19 pandemic has led to an intense loss of human life globally and presented an unparalleled challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social implications of the pandemic are shattering. Such situations are rare, so they are considered abnormal.

The dual threat to life and livelihood has unleashed various dimensions of human existence and made us evolve drastically in terms of governance and functionality of all systems. A thoughtful pragmatic approach can help us turn this challenging phase into a constructive episode in terms of learning and enrichment in true sense.

History has witnessed that such black swan events have led to great discoveries. To cite a few –the famous physicist Issac Newton discovered gravity while in quarantine. Because of the closure of Cambridge University due to spread of Plague in London, he had to work from home. He used his time prudently and called his years spent in isolation as “years of wonders”. Sir Newton continued to work on various problems in Mathematics and presented early calculus. He picked up few prisms and experimented with them in his bedroom. Those experiments led to his theories on optics. It’s not just Newton, but William Shakespeare also contributed his best to the literature while plague forced a closure of London’s theatres. He wrote some of his best poems and plays at that time. Maybe few of us will reach Newtonian or Shakespearean heights.

We should always remember the saying of great Winston Churchill-“Never waste a good crisis.” So, I must say that we should recognize this opportunity and make consistent efforts towards giving our contribution to the society and exploring new avenues for human welfare.

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