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## COVID-19 and the Unorganised Sector Enterprises in Assam

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### **Introduction**

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) which was initially referred to as novel coronavirus 2019 originated in the Wuhan province of China towards the end of 2019. China formally reported it to the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019. Now, COVID-19 is present in almost all the countries of the world and it is declared global pandemic by the WHO. Nevertheless, it is much more than a health crisis. As a measure to contain the community transmission of the virus, the government of India announced a nationwide lockdown which was extended thrice to continue through 31 May, 2020. The central government had announced the opening up of the economic activities phase wise from the first of June. Thereafter, different state governments have announced lockdown in their respective states (or certain region of their states) from time to time. Lockdown was a sudden stop in economic activities not only in India, but all over the world (Onu, 2020). Probably there was no alternative to lockdown at that junction. However, it is