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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- With 8,324 people having been cured out of 33,050 confirmed Covid-19 cases, recovery rate improves to 25.19%; doubling rate also improves to 11 days; 1718 new cases reported since yesterday.
- Health Minister asks States to ensure that all health facilities, especially in the private sector, remain functional and provide critical services.
- Prime Minister holds a comprehensive meeting to discuss strategies on boosting investment in India.
- MHA says new guidelines to fight COVID-19 will come into effect from 4th May, which would give considerable relaxations to many districts.
- UGC issues guidelines on examinations and academic calendar for the universities in view of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown
- The Government is according highest priority to agriculture sector even during the lockdown period, says the Minister

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 8,324 people have been cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 25.19%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 33,050. Since yesterday, an increase of 1718 has been noted in the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in India. Analysis of doubling rate across the country has revealed that the national average is 11 days presently vis-a-vis 3.4 days before lockdown. So far, it is observed that the case fatality rate is 3.2%, of which 65% are male and 35% are female. Dr. Harsh Vardhan has written to the Health Ministers of all the

States/UTs to ensure assured and uninterrupted blood donation and transfusion services for people with blood disorders. States are also advised to ensure that all health facilities, especially in the private sector, remain functional and provide critical services

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Prime Minister holds a comprehensive meeting to discuss strategies on boosting investment in India

PM Shri Narendra Modi today held a comprehensive meeting to discuss strategies to attract more foreign investments into India as well as to promote local investments in order to give a boost to the economy against the backdrop of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was discussed that a scheme should be developed to promote more plug and play infrastructure in the existing industrial lands/plots/estates in the country and provide necessary financing support. During the meeting, the PM directed that the action should be taken for a more proactive approach to handhold the investors, to look into their problems and help them in getting all the necessary Central and State clearances in a time bound manner.

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MHA holds a Comprehensive Review Meeting on the Lockdown situation in wake of spread of COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs held a comprehensive review meeting on the lockdown situation. It was noted that there have been tremendous gains and improvement in the situation because of the lockdown till now. To ensure that the gains of the lockdown are not squandered away, the lockdown guidelines must be observed strictly till 3rd May. New guidelines to fight COVID-19 will come into effect from 4th May, which would give considerable relaxations to many districts. Details regarding this would be communicated in the days to come.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan interacts with Civil Society Organizations/NGOs via Video Conferencing

Dr. Harsh Vardhan expressed gratitude on behalf of the Prime Minister and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare over the selfless work done by more than 92,000 NGOs in terms of providing food and other necessities to different sections of society. He appreciated the contribution of these organizations as vital in the management of COVID-19. He also highlighted that such work by these institutions also inspired other people to come forward and contribute.

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UGC Guidelines on Examinations and Academic Calendar for the Universities in View of COVID-19 and Subsequent Lockdown

Following are the main recommendations in the guidelines issued by UGC:

- 1. Intermediate Semester Students: Will be graded based on internal assessment of the present and previous semester. In states where the COVID-19 situation has normalized, there will be exams in the month of July.*
- 2. Terminal Semester Students: exams will be held in the month of July.*
- 3. A COVID-19 cell will be constituted in every university which will be empowered to solve the issues of students related to academic calendar and examinations.*
- 4. A COVID-19 cell in the UGC to be created for faster decision making.*

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Phone call between Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with H.E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. The two leaders discussed the regional situation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and briefed each other about the steps being taken to mitigate its effects in the respective country. Prime Minister Modi thanked Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina for contribution of USD 1.5 million towards SAARC COVID-19 Emergency Fund. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina thanked Prime Minister Modi for taking lead in coordinating efforts to combat COVID 19 in the region and for supplying aid to Bangladesh, both in terms of medical supplies and capacity building.

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Telephone conversation between Prime Minister and State Counsellor of Myanmar DawAung San SuuKy

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with DawAung San SuuKy, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The leaders discussed the evolving COVID 19 scenario in the domestic and regional contexts and updated each other on the steps being taken to control the spread of the pandemic. Underlining the importance of Myanmar as a vital pillar of India's Neighbourhood First policy, Prime Minister Modi conveyed India's readiness to provide all possible support to Myanmar for mitigating the health and economic impact of COVID 19.

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DPIIT Control Room playing a pivotal role in monitoring the issues of Industry and Trade, and solving the difficulties faced by various stakeholders during the lockdown period

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, had set-up a Control Room w.e.f 26.3.2020 to monitor the issues of Industry and Trade and take up such matters with the concerned State Government, District and Police Authorities and other concerned agencies. 89% of queries have been resolved/settled. Regular Monitoring and review by the Minister, Secretary and senior Officers has helped in expeditious resolution.

Telephone number is 01123062487 and email is controlroom-dpiit@gov.in.

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Union Agriculture Minister says the Government accords highest priority to agriculture sector even during the lockdown period

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has said the Government has accorded highest priority to the farming and agriculture sector even during the lockdown period. As a result, he said, there has been no shortage of food grains and pulses across the country while the Government has also ensured availability of vegetables and milksupplies.

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411 Lifeline Udan flights operated to strengthen the fight against Covid-19 by delivering essential and medical supplies

411 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported by Lifeline Udan flights till date is around 776.73 tons, covering over 4,04,224 km. 'Lifeline Udan' flights are being operated by MoCA in domestic Sector to

transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India's war against COVID-19. Helicopter services including Pawan Hans Ltd have been operating in J&K, Ladakh, Islands and North East region transporting critical medical cargo and patients. Pawan Hans till 28th April 2020 have carried 2.0 tons of cargo covering a distance of 7,257 kms.

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AarogyaSetu app reaches around 8 crore mobile phones in the country

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad exhorted the Electronics Industry to explore the new opportunities that are arising out of the adversity and make the country the global hub of electronics manufacturing. During a meeting with Electronics Industry Associations, Chambers and prominent Industry players, he requested the electronics industry to take advantage of the opportunity and new Schemes notified by the Ministry, attract global investment and strengthen the sector. He emphasized the role of Medical Electronics Industry that is at a point of a complete turnaround.

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ShriGadkari launches Bank of Schemes, Ideas, Innovation & Research Portal on MSMEs

The Portal(<http://ideas.msme.gov.in/>) gives access to all Schemes of Union, State and UT Governments. It has the provision for uploading Ideas, Innovations & Researches in the sector. The portal has unique features of not only crowd sourcing of Ideas, but also evaluation and rating the ideas by crowd sourcing. It can also facilitate inflow of venture capital, foreign collaboration etc.

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Indian Railways today crosses 3 million mark in distribution of free meals

Meals distributed during lockdown due to COVID-19 at approximately 300 locations across the country. Indian Railway organizations team up to feed hot cooked meals and hope to thousands of people everyday

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Top Barons of Automobile Industry praise Prime Minister's leadership in dealing with COVID.

Union Minister for heavy industries and public enterprises, ShriPrakashJavadekar today convened a meeting with a group of select CEOs of the Indian Automobile Industry, to understand the possible impact of COVID-19 on the Indian Automobile sector and listen to suggestions from the Industry on possible policy interventions to minimise the impact.

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MOHUA to Soon Issue Advisory on Special Measures to Save Interest of Homebuyers & All Real Estate Industry Stakeholders

An urgent meeting of Central Advisory Councilconstituted under the RERA was held through webinar under the chairmanship of Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of State (I/c), MoHUA to discuss the impact of the pandemic COVID-19 and consequent nationwide lockdown on the real estate sector and to treat it as an event of 'Force Majeure' under the provisions of RERA.

After detailed deliberations, the Housing Minister assured all the participants that the matter will be considered keeping in view the interests of all stakeholders. He further said that MoHUA will soon issue an advisory to all RERA/States about the special measures that need to be taken to safeguard the interest of homebuyers and all other real estate industry stakeholders.

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Over 3,25,000 people are using “JanaushadhiSugam” Mobile App to access Janaushadhikendras

Amid nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19 crisis JanaushadhiSugam Mobile App is helping people in a big way to locate their nearest PradhanMantriJanaushadhi Kendra (PMJAK) and availability of affordable generic medicine with its price. Over 325000 people are using JanaushadhiSugam Mobile App to avail the host of benefits provided by it.

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Union Minister DrJitendra Singh holds a video conference meeting with former Army Generals and Air Marshals on COVID situation in J&K, Ladakh& NE Region

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Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj asks States to proactively implement Rural Development Schemes relating to employment generation, rural housing, infrastructure development and strengthening of rural livelihoods

Addressing a Video Conference with State Rural Development Ministers, Shri Narendra Singh Tomare emphasised that under MGNREGS, the focus should be on water conservation, ground water recharge and irrigation work; Under PMGSY, the focus would be on quick award of works in sanctioned road projects and starting of pending road projects. Under PMAY(G), the Minister intimated that 2.21 crore houses have been sanctioned, out of which 1 crore 86 thousand houses have already been completed

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CSIR labs across India coming to aid of the needy by providing food, sanitizers, masks etc in their respective regions and beyond

CSIR Labs such as CSIR-CFTRI, Mysore, CSIR-IHBT, Palampur, CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar, CSIR-CIMFR, Dhanbad and CSIR-IIP, Dehradun have provided ready to eat food to migrant labourers, patients, health workers, police and many others during the Covid19 outbreak

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Agra Smart city monitors COVID-19 hot-spots using GIS dashboard

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- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator has expressed serious concern about the continuously rising cases of corona infected persons. He directed that intensive screening and testing should be done in affected pockets like Bapu Dham Colony, Sector 30-B and Kachi Colony. The affected zones in Bapu Dham Colony will be expanded to include 2,500 more people, so that there is greater effectiveness in containing the corona.
- Punjab: Chief Minister has announced extension of curfew in the state by two weeks after May 3, while unveiling steps for limited lifting of the lockdown restrictions in the non-containment and non-red zones, with strict adherence to Covid-19 safety protocols. Health and Family Welfare Department has issued fresh advisory on maintaining hygiene and sanitization of shops, shopkeepers and workers serving therein. The shopkeepers are, thus, advised to meticulously follow the guidelines issued by the Government with regard to the nature of the shops that have been allowed to operate and to comply with the Standard operating procedure laid down in these guidelines as far as operating the shop is concerned.
- Haryana: Finance Department has not issued any circular for withholding the salaries of the employees for the month of April, Haryana Government clarified with respect to a fake news circulating on social media. Haryana Chief Minister said that even in this hour of COVID-19 Pandemic, State Government is committed to continue government recruitments against vacant posts in various departments wherever needed. He clarified that the recruitment process of 12,500 posts is already in the pipeline, after written examination, the result of which would be declared after the lockdown period.
- Himachal Pradesh: Chief Minister said that the state government is committed to provide all possible assistance to the industrialists for smooth running of their units besides

ensuring uninterrupted supply of raw material. Chief Minister urged the industrialists to effectively maintain social distancing in their factories. Central Government has provided Rs. 1899 crore to the State government in April 2020, including revenue deficit grant, GST deficit compensation, Himachal's share in central taxes, MGNREGA amount, NHM programme, disaster relief amount and EAP. In view of the epidemic of COVID-19, the Centre government has also increased the limit of Ways and Means of the states by 60 percent. This would help Himachal Pradesh to fight the coronavirus epidemic effectively.

- Kerala: Stringent restrictions imposed & medical staff of three hospitals put under observation in two places in Thiruvananthapuram after a few positive cases were reported. 5 persons cured and discharged in Palakkad. 4 more Keralites die of Covid19 in the Gulf; 2 each in Kuwait & Abu Dhabi. Governor signs the Ordinance on deferment of salary of govt. employees. Salaries will be given at first for health workers and police force. Total cases till yesterday: 495, Active cases: 123, Discharged: 369, Total deaths: 4.
- Tamil Nadu: 3 Fire & Rescue personnel, involved in disinfectant duty in various parts of Chennai, test positive. Govt. doctor travels from hotspot in Villupuram to green zone Krishnagiri, tests positive on return to duty; his places of stay in Villupuram & Krishnagiri contained. State forms special task force headed by Chief Secretary to attract foreign industries post Covid19. Total cases till yesterday : 2162, Active cases: 922, Deaths: 27, Discharged: 1210. Max cases from Chennai 768.
- Karnataka: Today 22 new cases confirmed till now. Belagavi 14, Bangalore 3, Vijayapura 2 and 1 each in Davangere, Dakshin Kannada & Tumkur. Total cases 557. So far 21 dead and 223 people discharged. State cabinet decides to follow Centre's decision on relaxing certain norms after May 3 and decides to allow all industrial activities across State after May 3.
- Andhra Pradesh: About 21.55 lakh families receive free ration. TTD to allow darshan to devotees as per decisions of Central & State governments post lockdown period. 71 new cases reported, 34 discharged and 6497 samples tested in the last 24 hours. Total cases rise to 1403. Active Cases: 1051, Recovered: 321, Deaths: 31. The rise in the number of cases is attributed to increase in number of testing. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (386), Guntur (287), Krishna (246), Nellore (84), Chittoor (80).
- Telangana: The transport sector crisis on account of lockdown is likely to affect essential goods supply in Hyderabad and Telangana. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad and ESIC Hospital and Medical College, Hyderabad, sign MoU for developing rapid test kits. Puducherry seeks 2 lakh PPE kits from Telangana. Total cases till yesterday 1016, Active cases 582, Recovered 409, Deaths 25.
- Arunachal Pradesh: 300 Arunachalese persons of other districts stranded in Itanagar permitted to go home. They leave by buses following all lockdown protocols.
- Assam: Health Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 4 more COVID19 positive cases reported in Bongaigaon district in Assam. Hence the number of COVID19 cases rise to 41.
- Meghalaya: 2 more positive cases who are being treated at Civil Hospital, Shillong, have tested negative. They will be tested again after 24 hours as per protocol to declare them as recovered.

- Manipur: CM holds video conference with all Deputy Commissioners of the State on preparedness of quarantine centres and other facilities in view of the possible return of stranded Manipuris from outside the state.
- Mizoram: 92201 farmers have been approved to avail the PM Kisan Scheme. Out of these, over 66108 have been assisted with special monetary aid amid lockdown.
- Nagaland: In Kohima the results of class 10 & 12 exams are being delayed due to coronavirs outbreak. Results likely to be announced by end of May.
- Sikkim: Chief Secretary chaired the State Level Task Force Meeting to review the State Govt's plan of action in line with the new guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- Tripura: CM thanked Agartala Municipal Corporation for donating to Chief Minister's relief fund & for their service in maintaining hygiene in the city amid COVID19 pandemic.
- Maharashtra: 597 new cases were reported taking the state tally of Covid 19 positive cases to 9,915. A total of 1,539 people have been cured, while the state's death toll is 432. Mumbai has the highest number of reported cases at 3,096. Malegaon in Nashik district has emerged as the new Covid-19 hotspot.
- Gujarat: With 308 new cases reported by this morning, the number of positive cases in Gujarat has crossed the 4,000 mark to touch 4,082. While 527 people have recovered so far, the state registered 18 deaths to take the toll to 197. With the centre permitting movement of migrant workers, by adhering to strict medical protocol, lakhs of migrant workers in Gujarat are now gearing up to return to their home states.
- Rajasthan: State recorded 86 new coronavirus cases, taking the total number of Covid-19 cases to 2,524 in the state. The state has so far witnessed 57 deaths due to the virus. 827 patients have recovered so far. Amidst the Corona crisis, an act of sheer generosity has come to light from Jodhpur district. Ram Niwas Manda of Ummednagar Village has reportedly donated his life savings of Rs 50 lakhs to feed the poor and the hungry. He has provided ration kits over 8,500 families from 83 gram panchayats.
- Madhya Pradesh: The number of Covid 19 positive cases reported in Madhya Pradesh has climbed to 2,561. Out of this 461 people have recovered while 129 have passed away.
- Chhattisgarh: As on date, the state has only 4 active Covid 19 cases. Out of 38 cases reported so far, 34 have been cured.
- Goa: Goa, which reported only 7 cases in all has no active Covid 19 patient at present.

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- So far, out of 31,332 confirmed Covid-19 cases, 7695 people have been cured, taking India's recovery rate to 24.5%.
- Centre Facilitates Inter-State Movement of Stranded People including Migrant Labourer in the country, in wake of COVID -19 Pandemic
- HRD Minister appeals to States to start the process of evaluation of answer sheets of Board exams and facilitate CBSE also in doing the same in their respective States.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan exhorts scientists to speedily develop COVID-19 mitigation solutions.
- India should be looking to capture significant share in the world trade in the post-Covid era, says Shri Piyush Goyal.

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

So far, a total of 7695 people have been cured. This takes our total recovery rate to 24.5%. The total number of confirmed cases is now 31,332. Secretary (HFW) emphasized that non-COVID essential medical care should not be neglected. It was reiterated that patients needing care like dialysis, cancer treatment, diabetics, pregnant women and those suffering from cardiac ailments must be given adequate care. She has urged the States to promote the ArogyaSetu App which is a self-assessment tool helpful in the prevention efforts of the Government.

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Union HRD Minister interacts with Education Ministers and Education Secretaries of all States

While addressing the meeting Union Minister said that the current situation of COVID-19 is unfortunate, but it is time to act wisely and turn the situation into opportunity by doing new experiments to ensure safety and academic welfare of students. He announced that approval is being given for providing mid-day meal during summer holidays of schools, on which an additional expenditure of about 1600 crores will be made. **The Minister appealed to all the States to start the process of evaluation of answer sheets of Board exams and facilitate CBSE to evaluate answer sheets of the students in their respective States.**

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Centre Facilitates the Inter - State Movement of Stranded People including Migrant Labourer in the country, in wake of COVID -19 Pandemic

As a result of lockdown restrictions to fight COVID--19, migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons are stranded at different places in the country. Now, the Centre has permitted the movement of these stranded persons by road. They would be allowed to move between one State/ UT to another State/ UT, after the concerned states consult each other and mutually agree to. It has also been impressed upon that on arrival at their destination, such person(s) would be assessed by the local health authorities, and kept in home quarantine, unless the assessment requires keeping the person in institutional quarantine. They would be kept under watch with periodic health check-ups.

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan exhorts scientists to speedily develop COVID-19 mitigation solutions

Dr Harsh Vardhan reviewed the various initiatives undertaken by the Department of Biotechnology and its Autonomous Institutes and Public Sector Undertakings – BIRAC and BICOL, to tackle the current COVID-19 crisis, especially with respect to progress made in indigenous development of vaccine, Rapid Test and RT-PCR diagnostic Kits. He said that at least half a dozen candidate vaccines are being supported of which four are in an advance stage.

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Shri Piyush Goyal says that in post-Covid era, there is going to be perceptible change in the global supply-chains, and India should be looking to capture significant share in the world trade.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal today called upon the Exporters to identify their strengths, potentials and competitive advantages in specific sectors, and focus on harnessing them in the world markets. Shri Goyal said that in the post-Covid era, there is going to be perceptible change in the global supply-chains, and Indian industrialists and exporters should be looking to capture significant share in the world trade. He assured them that the Government will be a pro-active supporter and facilitator in their efforts, and the Indian Missions abroad can play an important role in that. The Minister said that Incentives can be given, but they have to be justified, reasonable, and WTO-compliant.

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Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad appreciated the efforts of all States and UT in the fight against Covid19

Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, held a meeting with State IT Ministers on 28 April 2020. He said that Central Government would extend the Dept. of Telecommunication's deadline on relaxation of the norms for the 'Work From Home' from 30 April to 31 July 2020. He asked the States to support Bharat Net scheme and requested them examine right of way issues. He directed that data from AarogyaSetu app should be made available online to the States right up-to District officials. Minister also announced that a similar solution for the feature phone users is being developed and it will be launched very soon.

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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment writes to States/UTs to ensure basic physical accessibility features for divyangjan in centres for COVID-19 testing & quarantine facilities and treatment at hospitals

In a letter to the Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPWD), has said that to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, many COVID-19 centers have been identified as containment units, isolation treatment centres and testing labs for enhancing the holding capacity for medical purposes as required. The current crisis poses even greater threats to the Divyangjan not just due to their lesser/compromised immunity, ability to perceive or comprehend information but also due to non-availability of accessibility features in the physical environment and eco-system provided at such COVID related facilities.

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Telephone conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Canada

Prime Minister spoke on phone with H.E. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada. The two leaders discussed the prevailing global situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. They agreed on the importance of global solidarity and coordination, the maintenance of supply chains, and collaborative research activities. Prime Minister thanked the Canadian Prime Minister for the assistance and support extended to the Indian citizens present in Canada, especially Indian students.

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Private foodgrains (PFG) freight makes a big increase in lockdown period as compared to last year

More than 7.75 lac tonnes (303 rakes) of PFG freight were loaded by Indian Railways during the lockdown period from 25th March to 28th April 2020 as compared to about 6.62 lac tonnes (243 rakes) last year in same period. Indian Railways is making all efforts to ensure that farm products like foodgrains are picked up on time and also to ensure uninterrupted supply chain

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Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal holds video conference with FICCI and leading industry members

Union FPI Minister has urged industry members to come forward to procure food grains and other perishables to benefit farmers. Union Minister assured industry members of necessary support from the ministry and advised all members to get in touch with the task force for any assistance.

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India along with 30 countries deliberates on issues of Climate Change in first ever virtual Petersberg Climate Dialogue

The eleventh session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue witnessed India along with 30 other countries deliberating over ways and means to tackle the challenge of reinvigorating economies and societies after COVID-19, while enhancing collective resilience and catalysing climate action while also supporting in particular those most vulnerable.

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Ministry of Labour requested all Chief Secretaries to advise Employers to not terminate or reduce wages due to COVID-19: PIB Fact Check confirms the News

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Dr. Harsh Vardhan holds video conference with Lions Clubs International

Highlighting India's approach in combating COVID-19, he said, "This time the hallmark of our approach has been fivefold: (i) Maintaining a continuous situation awareness, (ii) Pre-emptive and proactive approach, (iii) Graded response as per continuously evolving scenario, (iv) Inter-sectoral coordination at all levels, and lastly, but most importantly (v) Creating a people's movement to combat this disease."

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More than one crore face masks prepared by Self Help Groups across the country.

More than **one crore face masks** have been made by various Self-Help Groups across the country. It shows relentless effort, positive energy and united resolve of SHGs to fight Covid-19 under DAY-NULM flagship scheme of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

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Jal Shakti Abhiyan gears up for monsoon

'Jal Shakti Abhiyan'—is all set to combat the present health crisis and give a boost to the rural economy through its various components. This year owing to the COVID-19 emergency, and availability of large labour force in rural areas, the Abhiyan has started gearing up for the impending monsoon.

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Smart city Kalyan-Dombivli's COVID-19 dashboard now opens for public

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Ministry of Tourism hosts the eleventh webinar "An epic called India- a land of myriad stories" on the overall theme of 'DekhoApnaDesh'

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HCARD, a robot, to assist frontline COVID-19 healthcare warriors

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- Chandigarh: Following a spike in positive cases, Adviser, UT Chandigarh has stated that outbreak needs to be contained by focusing all our energy and resources in pockets like BapuDham Colony in Sector 26 and Sector 30-B. Apart from sealing the area, efforts will be made to ensure that the locals maintain social distancing by taking the help of local volunteers and leaders. He also stated that CCTV cameras will be installed and drone photography will be used to find persons, who are violating the social distancing norms in the area. The police will also patrol the area regularly so as to ensure that the curfew orders are strictly followed.
- Punjab: Members of women self-help groups in villages have emerged as warriors in the fight against the Corona virus in big way. The SHGs through the department of Rural Development, Punjab are producing Masks, Aprons and Gloves for the civil administration, police and also for the Panchayats. The Punjab government ITI students have brought pride to the state by topping in producing masks during the lockdown.
- Haryana: Chief Minister said that Information Technology initiatives undertaken by the state government, have played a pivotal role in enabling assistance and procurement services during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said that the state government has issued Distress Ration Tokens through e-PDS to the people in distress who would be provided free ration for three months.
- Himachal Pradesh: The State Government has taken several measures to reach out to the Himachalis stranded in various parts of the country by assisting more than 5000 people who had appealed to the government through its helpline numbers and e-mails as well. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister has also written to the Chief Ministers of all those States where large number of Himachalis are stranded, with a request to provide them necessary help.
- Kerala: State approves ordinance that enables salary cut of government employees in the wake of Covid19 pandemic; earlier the Kerala HC had stayed the Govt's order on this. Govt makes face masks compulsory for all at public places. Health officials unable to find the source of infection of the person who tested positive in Kasargod. Various religious leaders in the state appeal to observe a joint-prayer day on May 3rd for all affected by the pandemic. Total confirmed cases till yesterday: 485, Active cases: 123, Cured: 359.
- Tamil Nadu: Chennai food delivery staffer found positive for Covid19, father dies of infection. All rice cardholders in TN to get double their free rice quota for three months. TN plans portal for workers abroad intending to return. Chennai corporation orders all central, state and essential services institutions in city to disinfect their offices twice a day. Total cases till yesterday: 2048, Active cases: 902, Deaths: 25, Discharged: 1128. Max cases from Chennai 673.

- Karnataka: Today 9 new cases confirmed till now; Eight from Kalburgi and One from Belagavi. Total cases reach 532. So far 20 dead and 215 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: 73 new cases reported in the last 24 hours; total cases reach 1332. Active Cases: 1014, Recovered: 287, Deaths: 31. State instructs employees of all government departments, Banks, contractual employees, media persons, traders and drivers of transport vehicles to download AarogyaSetu App to prevent spread of the virus. District Collectors advised to chalk out strategy to be implemented in containment zones after May 3 if the lockdown is lifted. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (343), Guntur (283), Krishna (236).
- Telangana: Health Minister says that State had conducted much fewer tests than neighbouring AP, but insisted there was no need for large-scale testing given that the number of positive cases were dropping. Two policemen were injured and a police vehicle was damaged as restless migrant workers resorted to violence on Wednesday at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad. Total cases: 1009, Active cases 610.
- Maharashtra: The number of Covid 19 positive cases in Maharashtra has climbed to 9,318 with 728 new cases reported. Death toll in the state is 369, even as 1,388 persons have been cured and discharged. Meanwhile, Maharashtra State Road Transport Corporation has dispatched 70 of its buses to Kota, Rajasthan to bring back over 1,600 students from the state stuck there following lockdown. These students were studying in the numerous IIT and other competitive examination coaching centres, for which Kota is famous for.
- Gujarat: With 196 new Covid cases reported in Gujarat the total number of positive cases has climbed to 3,744. Out of this, 434 have recovered and 181 have passed away.
- Rajasthan: Rajasthan recorded 29 fresh coronavirus cases on Wednesday, taking the total number of Covid-19 cases to 2,393 in the state. The state has so far witnessed 52 deaths due to the virus, with Jaipur accounting for 27 deaths. 781 patients have recovered so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: With 25 more positive cases reported the number of reported cases in Madhya Pradesh has climbed to 2,387. Out of this 377 people have recovered while 120 have passed away.
- Chhattisgarh: Chhattisgarh as on date has only 4 active Covid 19 cases. Out of 38 cases reported so far, 34 have been cured.
- Goa: Goa, which reported only 7 cases in all has no active Covid 19 patient at present.
- Arunachal Pradesh: DC, Itanagar bans transport of pigs and sale of pork in the capital region due to fear of spread of Swine fever disease.
- Assam: Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said it is critical to have a new strategy for higher education in wake of #COVID. To prepare a roadmap, he held a meeting with Assam College Principal Council & Assam College Teachers Association along with PrSecy & Education Commissioner today.
- Manipur: A total of 784 people were detained yesterday for violating the curfew and the lockdown order and a collective fine amounting to Rs. 1 lakh was imposed.
- Mizoram: CM said that about 693 people from Mizoram who are stranded in four North East states would be brought back to Mizoram between April 30 to May 2; Govt. will arrange vehicles for those who do not have vehicles.

- Meghalaya: CM inaugurates telemedicine facility at NEIGRIHMS, Shillong for immediate consultation online; facility to provide remote access to general as well as COVID related cases.
- Nagaland: State govt. decides to hike fuel prices. Govt order says COVID-19 cess will be imposed on all fuel products in addition to existing tax & cess.
- Sikkim: Sikkimese woman undergoing dialysis at a hospital in New Delhi tests positive for COVID-19. Sikkim CM said it has still not been established where she contracted the virus from and assures that she is receiving proper treatment, calls on people not to panic.
- Tripura: Govt. to give Jhumia families Rs. 202 per man day for 6 man days under MGNREGA work & Rs.1212 per family in Tripura due to COVID-19.

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News Jharkhand

एक साधु की चिलम(Chillam) की वजह से 300 लोग हुए कोरोना पॉजिटिव(Coronavirus Positive) ! जयपुर (Jaipur) के ट्रांसपोर्ट नगर (Transport Nagar) की घटना

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यह जाँचने के लिए कि क्या कोई केंद्रीय सरकार से संबंधित नीति /योजना, तथ्य है या नहीं

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Goi issues order to State/UTs to facilitate Inter-State mvmt of stranded people inc. #MigrantLabourers, in the country. All persons to be medically screened at source & destination; & kept in home/institutional quarantine on arrival, as per @MoHFW_INDIA guidelines. #COVID19



Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated 29th April, 2020

संसद के माध्यम से
In continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs Orders No. 68-599205-599206 (MHA) dated 18th April, 2020, 14th April, 2020, 16th April, 2020, 21st April, 2020 and 24th April, 2020 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 152(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the undersigned, in his capacity as Chairman, National Executive Committee, hereby orders as follows:-

Sub-clause (b) under Clause 17 of Movement of persons:

- Due to lockdown, migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons are stranded at different places. They would be allowed to move as under:-
- All States/UTs should designate nodal authorities and develop standard protocols for receiving and sending such stranded persons. The nodal authorities shall also register the stranded persons within their States/UTs.
- In case a group of stranded persons wish to move between one State/UT and another State/UT, the sending and receiving States may consult each other and mutually agree to the movement by road.
- The moving person(s) would be screened and those found asymptomatic would be allowed to proceed.
- Buses shall be used for transport of groups of persons. The buses will be sanitized and will follow safe social distancing norms in seating.
- The Receiving UTs falling on the transit route will allow the passage of such persons to the receiving State/UT.
- On arrival at their destination, such person(s) would be screened for the onset of COVID-19, and kept in home or institutional quarantine, as per the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on Home Quarantine dated 11.03.2020 may be referred to in this regard, which are available at <https://pib.mcafee.gov.in/COVID-19/management/homequarantine.pdf>

To (the per (at) attached):

- The Secretaries of Ministries/Departments of Government of India
- The Chief Secretaries/Administrators of States/Union Territories

Copy to:

- All members of the National Executive Committee
- Member Secretary, National Disaster Management Authority

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 28 APR 2020 6:52PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 6,868 people out of total 29,435 confirmed Covid-19 cases in the country have been cured, showing a recovery rate of 23.3%.
- Guidelines issued for home isolation of very mild / pre-symptomatic patients.
- ADB to provide \$1.5 billion loan to India to support the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Wheat harvesting as well as procurement going on briskly despite lockdown.
- Record Fertilizers sale during lockdown period.
- Rs. 50 lakh compensation declared for the Port employees/workers, in case of loss of life due to COVID-19
- EPFO settles 12.91 lakh claims, including 7.4 lakh under PMGKY, during lockdown.
- ShriNitinGadkari calls upon all States/UTs to take urgent action to clear blockades of trucks and lorries at inter State/UT borders.

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 6,868 people have been cured of Covid-19, with a recovery rate of 23.3%. A total of 29,435 people have been confirmed positive as of now for COVID-19 in India. There are 17 districts in the country where earlier cases had come, but now no new case has been reported for the last 28 days. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued guidelines on home isolation for very mild / pre-symptomatic patients. Patients who have a requisite facility at their residence for self-isolation will have the option for home isolation. Regarding plasma therapy for COVID-19, ICMR has already stated clearly that currently there are no approved therapies for COVID-19 including plasma therapy. It is one of the

many therapies which are being experimented with. However, so far there is no evidence to support it as a treatment. However, it needs to be clarified that until ICMR concludes its study and robust scientific proof is available, it should not be used except for research and trial purposes.

For details,

India signs \$1.5 billion loan with ADB to support India's COVID-19 immediate response

Government of India and the Asian Development Bank today signed a \$1.5 billion loan that will support the government's response to the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, focusing on immediate priorities such as disease containment and prevention, as well as social protection for the poor and economically vulnerable sections of the society, especially women and disadvantaged groups. The ADB's Board of Directors approved the loan to provide budget support to the government to counter and mitigate the adverse health and socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

For details,

Wheat procurement under central pool gathers momentum

Procurement of wheat is progressing at a very fast pace in all major procuring states of the country. A quantity of 88.61 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) wheat has already been procured for the central pool till 26.04.2020. Out of this, major contribution has been from Punjab with 48.27 LMT followed by Haryana with 19.07 LMT. Going by the present pace of procurement, the target of 400 LMT kept for the season is likely to be achieved.

For details,

Wheat harvesting across the country continues briskly amidst the lockdown

Wheat harvesting across the country is continuing at a brisk pace amidst the lockdown. SOP related to crop harvesting & threshing during Kharif 2020 are being adhered to by the farmers and workers. The Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Government of India has circulated the SOP to the States for compliance in order to protect health of farmers and farm workers and to contain the spread of Corona Virus.

For details,

Record fertilizer sales during lockdown period

Amid National level covid -19 lockdown, there has been a record sale of Fertilizers to farmer community. During 1 - 22 April 2020, POP sale of fertilizers to farmers was 10.63 lakh MT which is 32 percent higher than the last year sale of 8.02 lakh MT during the same period. Despite lot of movement restrictions due to National level COVID-19 lockdown, with the concerted efforts of Department of Fertilizers, Railways, States and Ports, production and supply of fertilizers in the country is going on without hindrance.

For details,

Rs. 50 lakh compensation declared for the Port employees/workers in case of loss of life due to COVID-19

Ministry of Shipping has decided that all the Major Ports may grant compensation /Ex-Gratia of Rs 50 lakh in the event of loss of life due to COVID-19 to the dependent members/legal heirs of the port employees as well as other contractual labourers.

For details,

During Lockdown EPFO Settles about 13 Lakh Claims, including 7.40 Lakh COVID-19 Claims Under PMGKY Package

Keeping up the momentum speedier EPF disbursement during Lockdown, Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO), has settled a total of 12.91 lakhs claims, including 7.40 lakhs COVID-19 claims under PradhanMantriGarib KalyanYojana (PMGKY) package. This involves disbursement of a total amount of Rs. 4684.52 crores which includes Rs. 2367.65 crores COVID claims under PMGKY package.

For details,

ShriGadkari calls for urgent action to facilitate Inter-State border movement of Trucks/Lorries carrying essential goods to ease public life during COVID 19

Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs ShriNitinGadkari has called upon all the States/UTs to take urgent action so that blockades of trucks and lorries at inter State/UT borders is cleared at the earliest possible, as smooth movement of essential goods to various parts of the country is essential. Speaking at the meeting of State/UT Road Transport Ministers held via Video Conference, ShriGadkari urged the Ministers to intervene in such matters and ensure resolutions through the local/district administrations. He further pointed out that transportation of labour to factories etc may be facilitated by duly following the health protocols. He pointed out that providing food and shelter to labour may be ensured while fully observing the norms of social distancing and hygiene.

For details,

Telephone conversation between PM and President of Indonesia

Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi spoke on phone today with H.E. Joko Widodo, President of Indonesia. The two leaders exchanged thoughts about the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the region and the world. The Indonesian President appreciated the facilitation provided by Government of India for supplies of pharmaceutical products to Indonesia. Prime Minister assured him that India would do its best to prevent disruption in supplies of medical products or the other commodities traded between the two countries

For details,

RakshaMantri reviews contribution of DPSUs and OFB to mitigate COVID-19 and their operational plans post lock-down

ShriRajnath Singh appreciated the innovative skills displayed by the DPSUs in devising manufacture of new products to fight COVID-19 and also their assistance rendered to the local administration in several forms. RakshaMantri directed them to prepare contingency plans for resumption of operations after the lifting of lock down to compensate for the lost working time to the extent possible and ramp up production.

For details,

UIDAI allows Aadhaarupgradation facility through CSCs

In a major relief to those living in rural areas, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has allowed the Common Service Centre, an SPV under the Ministry of IT and Electronics, to begin the Aadhaar updation facility at their 20,000 CSCs which operate as Banking Correspondents (BCs), said Union Minister for Communications, MEITY and Law and Justice Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad in a tweet. Around 20,000 CSCs will now be able to offer this service to citizens.

For details,

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacts with various associations regarding the change of crew at Indian ports

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Shipping interacted via video conference with the Ship Liners, Shipping Companies, Maritime Associations, Seafarers Unions regarding the change of crew at Indian Ports and reconnoitred the situation of Indian seafarers working as well as stranded in the International waters.

For details,

Union Human Resource Development Minister interacts with parents across the country through webinar in view of circumstances arising out of COVID-19

The Minister, through his webinar interaction, informed all the parents about various campaigns and schemes for online education being run by the Ministry. He said that the Ministry is concerned about the academic activities of its students and that is why we have implemented various ongoing schemes on a war footing which will benefit 33 crore students of the country.

For details,

Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar issues guidelines regarding the SVAMITVA scheme

This scheme will help in streamlining planning and revenue collection in rural areas and ensuring clarity on property rights; the scheme will also enable creation of better-quality Gram Panchayat Development Plans engaging Drone Surveying technology. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar also released a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) regarding e-Gram Swaraj on the occasion.

For details,

403 Lifeline Udan flights operated to ensure delivery of essential and medical supplies across the country

403 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan in domestic sector by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. 235 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Lifeline Udan flights cover distance of over 3,97, 632 km to deliver essential and medical supplies of around 748.68 tons till 27th April 2020 for people across the country. Lifeline Udan flights are being operated by MoCA to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India's war against COVID-19. Private Operators SpiceJet, Blue Dart, Indigo and Vistara are operating cargo flights on a commercial basis.

For details,

Six courses of SWAYAM appear in best 30 online courses of 2019 in the Class Central list

The Class Central (a free online course aka MOOC aggregator from top universities like Stanford, MIT, Harvard, etc.) has released the list of best 30 online courses of 2019 out of which 6 courses are from SWAYAM.

For details,

No deduction in allowances of Central Government employees, PIB Fact Check busts fake news

For details,

DrJitendra Singh lauds LBSNAA for continuing its training programmes for IAS officers online without interruption in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic

The Academy has reinvented its training through innovative use of technology and learning management system and all inputs and assignments by officer trainees are being routed through its own Gyan portal. It has also come up with an Internet Radio facility to aid these efforts.

For details,

Varanasi Smart City uses Drones to sanitize sensitive areas for controlling spread of COVID-19

Varanasi Smart City has engaged 'Garuda Aerospace Private Limited, a Chennai Based company for spraying of sanitizer in the selected areas of Varanasi City under Smart Cities Mission.

For details,

Agartala Smart City uses mobile kiosk for COVID-19 sample collection

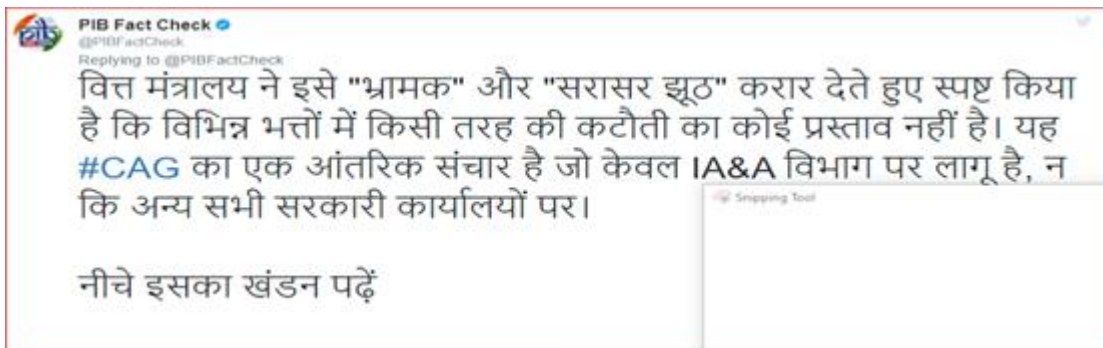
Agartala Smart City has designed and handed over a Mobile COVID-19 sample collection kiosk to city's Chief Medical Officer. The kiosk ensures protection to the sample collecting doctor & prevents wastage of personal protection equipment (PPE). This initiative is a major step by Agartala in the fight against Covid-19.

For details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administration has constituted a committee chaired by ShA K Sinha, Finance Secretary to examine and recommend the steps to be taken by Administration in post-curfew period in Chandigarh. The recommendations of the committee may include recommendations wrt public transport, opening of schools/ colleges, hospitality industry, opening of industries / factories/ shops, inter-state movement, functioning of offices etc
- Punjab: Chief Minister has deputed six IAS officers to visit and review the procurement operations at the Mandis and submit detailed reports by April 30. They have been tasked mainly with checking the implementation of the curfew pass system, village-wise arrivals of wheat in the mandis assigned, inspecting the quality of wheat, and adherence to COVID-19 protocol. Even as stranded pilgrims from Nanded, as well as labourers and students from Rajasthan, continue to reach their homes in Punjab, Government of Punjab has contacted the Delhi government to facilitate safe passage for 250 Sikh pilgrims stuck at the MajnuKaTilagurdwara in the national capital due to the lockdown.

- Haryana: Chief Minister has urged the Government of India to take quick steps to remove the prevailing uncertainty around dates of competitive examinations like Combined Defense Services, JEE, and NEET for admissions into NDA, Engineering Colleges, and Medical Colleges. In the wake of COVID-19 lockdown, Haryana Police has issued an advisory requesting citizens not to share any personal information or respond to suspicious links on Whatsapp or email as it could result in funds being siphoned off from their bank accounts.
- Himachal Pradesh: CM HP Essential Medicine Helpline started by the state government is proving to be a boon for the people across the state in these hard times. More than 1500 patients have been provided home delivery of medicines in Sirmaur district.
- Kerala: Kerala HC stays State govt's order to deduct the salary of government employees, to fund fight against Covid. Major businesses and factories in the state slowly resume work. PSU majors like FACT, Kochi refinery, HMT, Cochin Shipyard & HLL resume operations with limited staff. Total confirmed cases till yesterday: 481, Active cases: 123, Cured: 355.
- Tamil Nadu: CM seeks additional funds, test kits from Central govt. 2 more policemen in Chennai test positive. Mentally unstable Covid19 patient escapes Chennai Rajiv Gandhi hospital, reaches home; brought back with the help of Police. Total cases till yesterday: 1937, Active cases: 809, Deaths: 24, Discharged: 1101. Maximum cases reported in Chennai 570.
- Karnataka: Today 8 new cases confirmed. Total cases 520. Kalburgi 6, Bangalore & Gadag 1 each. So far 20 dead and 198 discharged. Lockdown norms relaxed in districts with zero Covid cases.
- Andhra Pradesh: 82 new cases reported in the last 24 hours; total cases now are 1259. Active Cases: 970, Recovered: 258, Deaths: 31. No deaths in the last 3 days. State releases more than Rs 4000 crore towards 100% fee reimbursement of nearly 14 lakh students under 'Jagannanna Vidya Deevena' scheme. Steps taken to bring around 5,000 fishermen stranded in Gujarat. State orders 56 lakh credit cards & 56 lakh debit cards for farmers to be issued by the Kharif season. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (332), Guntur (254), Krishna (223).
- Telangana: State govt may declare 21 districts to be Covid free. Shortage of migrant workers to adversely impact the State's economy after the lockdown ends; state depends on over 7 lakh migrant labourers. Total cases 1003; Active cases 646.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee has been tasked with procuring vegetables directly from the farmers to be sold door to door in the state.
- Assam: Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that a 16 year old girl from Salmara in Bongaigaon district, secondary contact of a Markaz attendee has tested COVID19 positive.
- Manipur: More shelter homes being set up to protect people suffering from drug addiction from COVID-19 in the state.
- Mizoram: Main opposition party Zoram Peoples Movement has asked the state govt. to deploy more police personnel along the inter-state and international borders to relieve volunteers of village task forces.
- Nagaland: Kohima witnessed heavy rush in markets following relaxation of lockdown restrictions: shops are permitted to open from 7 am to 2 pm.
- Sikkim: CM said the State Govt. has initiated the process of collecting data of the people who are stranded outside the state.
- Tripura: Thermal scanners are being used in the important markets of Agartala city from today.

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नीचे इसका खंडन पढ़ें

Dear Sh Shashi Shekhar ji,

This is in reference to the news report in Hindustan daily newspaper with headline "केंद्रीय कर्मचारियों के भत्तों में कटौती की तैयारी" by Shri Madan Jaida dated 26th April 2020 carried on Page 1. The news report is misleading and utterly false and therefore expressly denied. The report has malicious intent to cause panic and sensation in public.

There is no proposal for any cut in various allowances including LTC, leave encashment during LTC or Leave encashment on retirement, OTA and medical reimbursement, as admissible under the existing orders, has either been considered or under contemplation at present. These payments will be continue to be paid as per existing norms.

The Reporter/Correspondent's interpretation of Department of Expenditure's order dated 8th April, 2020 is farfetched. He has filed news based on his own assumptions & without cross verification of facts from anyone in the DOPT or Ministry of Finance.

Further, to the PIB's Fact Check unit's tweet today afternoon on the aforesaid news item, the Reporter/Correspondent has given basis of his news item to the internal communication of CAG's office dt 22.4.2020, which is meant only & only for the Indian Audit & Accounts Department and not for rest of Government of India.

In view of the above facts, it is requested that clarification/ rebuttal be published prominently in your esteemed newspaper

Warm regards,

Thanks and regards,

Rajesh Malhotra

Director General (M&C)

Press Relations & Information Division

Ministry of Finance & Corporate Affairs



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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 27 APR 2020 6:57PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- As of now, 6,184 people have been cured, with a recovery rate of 22.17%.
- Since yesterday, 1396 new cases reported, taking number of total Confirmed Covid-19 cases to 27,892. 48 new deaths reported in last 24 hours.
- Government is focusing on easing policy and implementation bottlenecks in supply chains of essential items.
- Prime Minister interacts with the Chief Ministers to plan ahead for tackling Covid-19.
- Prime Minister says that lockdown has yielded positive results; thousands of lives have been saved in past one and a half months.
- DrJitendra Singh states categorically that there is no move to reduce the retirement age of government employees.
- ICMR clarifies on the controversy around prices of Rapid Antibody test kits; Says Government won't lose a single rupee.
- Five out of 8 North-eastern states are Corona-free.

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 6,184 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 22.17%. Since yesterday, an increase of 1396 new cases has been reported. A total of 27,892 people have been confirmed positive as of now for COVID-19 in India. In the last 24 hours, 48 new deaths have been reported, with total fatality of 872.16 Districts in the country, which earlier had cases, have not reported any fresh cases since the last 28 days. A total of 85 districts have not reported any new cases since the last 14 days. The percentage of trucks moving food and pharmaceuticals has increased from 46% on March 30 to 76% on April 25, 2020. In the same period, the percentage of railway rakes moved has increased from 67% to 76%, percentage traffic handled by ports has increased from 70% to 87%, and percentage of operational major *mandis* has gone

up from 61% to 79%. More than 1.5 cr people are being provided cooked meals every day by Government agencies, NGOs and industries. The Government is focusing on easing policy and implementation bottlenecks in supply chains of essential items, troubleshooting specific bottlenecks on the ground and tracking key indicators and disseminating best practices of supply warriors.

For details,

PM interacts with CMs to plan ahead for tackling COVID-19

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted with Chief Ministers of states via video conferencing to discuss the emerging situation and plan ahead for tackling the COVID-19 pandemic. He underlined that the Lockdown has yielded positive results as the country has managed to save thousands of lives in the past one and a half months. He added that India's population is comparable to that of the combined population of several countries. The situation in many countries, including India, was almost similar at the start of March. However, due to timely measures, India has been able to protect many people. He however forewarned that the danger of the virus is far from over and constant vigilance is of paramount importance. Prime Minister also urged Chief Ministers to factor in the changes in weather - advent of summer and monsoon - and the illnesses that can potentially come in this season, while strategizing ahead.

For details,

Facts on the controversy around prices of Rapid Antibody tests

Testing is one of the most crucial weapons to fight COVID-19 and ICMR is doing everything it can to ramp up testing. This requires procurement of kits and supplying them to states. This procurement is being undertaken when globally there is huge demand for these test kits and various countries are applying their full might, monetary and diplomatic, to acquire them. Based on scientific assessment of their performance, the order in question (Wondfo) along with order in respect of another make found under-performing have been cancelled. ICMR has not made any payment whatsoever in respect of these supplies. Because of the due process followed (not going for procurement with 100% advance amount), GoI does not stand to lose a single rupee.

For details,

No move to reduce retirement age of government employees, nor such a proposal discussed or contemplated at any level in the government: Dr Jitendra Singh

Strongly refuting the reports in a section of media that Government has moved a proposal for reducing the age of retirement of government employees to 50 years, Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has categorically stated that there is no such move to reduce the retirement age nor has been such a proposal discussed or contemplated at any level in the government.

For details,

Dr. Harsh Vardhan takes stock of preparedness of AIIMS Trauma Centre: Dedicated COVID-19 hospital

The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan today visited Jai Prakash Narayan Apex Trauma Centre (JPNATC) of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi to take stock of their preparedness to overcome COVID-19 as well as witness first-hand the treatment and assistance being offered to COVID-19 patients in the Dedicated COVID Hospital.

For details,

Five out of eight Northeast States are Corona free while other three States have not added any new Corona positive case in the last few days: DrJitendra Singh

Five out of eight Northeast States are Corona free while the other three States have not added any new Corona positive case in the last few days. This was disclosed by Union Minister DrJitendra Singh, after a review meeting through video conference, in which senior officers from North Eastern Council (NEC) Shillong as well representatives of different government bodies and PSUs.

For details,

Never asked for a report, Inquiry being initiated: CBDT

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has said today that there is some report circulating on social media regarding suggestions by a few IRS officers on tackling COVID-19 situation. It is unequivocally stated that CBDT never asked IRS Association or these officers to prepare such a report.

For details,

Railway Emergency Cell for COVID responding to about 13,000 queries, requests and suggestions everyday

Indian Railways has taken 360 degree measures to ensure that interest of the passengers and all commercial clients are taken care of and national supply chains keep running during the period of lockdown due to COVID-19

For details,

ShriNitinGadkari reaches out to Overseas Indian Students calling for playing a big role in converting COVID-19 Pandemic into an opportunity

The Minister interacted with Indian overseas students in various countries like UK, Canada, Singapore, other European Countries and Australia under the theme Indian Response to Global Pandemic : Roadmap for India. Addressing the students, he said, the way ahead for India is clearly in us remaining positive and making concerted efforts to convert this adversity into an opportunity.

For details,

Over 684 tons of essential and medical cargo delivered across the country under Lifeline Udan during Covid-19 lockdown

‘Lifeline Udan’ flights are being operated to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India’s war against COVID-19. **383 flights** have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported till date is around **684.08 tons**, covering an aerial distance of over **3,76,952km**. Helicopter services including Pawan Hans Ltd have been operating in J&K, Ladakh, Islands and North East region transporting critical medical cargo and patients.

For details,

IAF’s support towards fight against COVID-19

Indian Air Force (IAF) has stepped up its efforts to meet all the emerging requirements of the Govt of India during the ongoing novel corona virus pandemic. IAF continues to airlift essential supplies of medicine and ration along with medical personnel within the country, to equip state governments and supporting agencies to combat the contagion effectively.

For details,

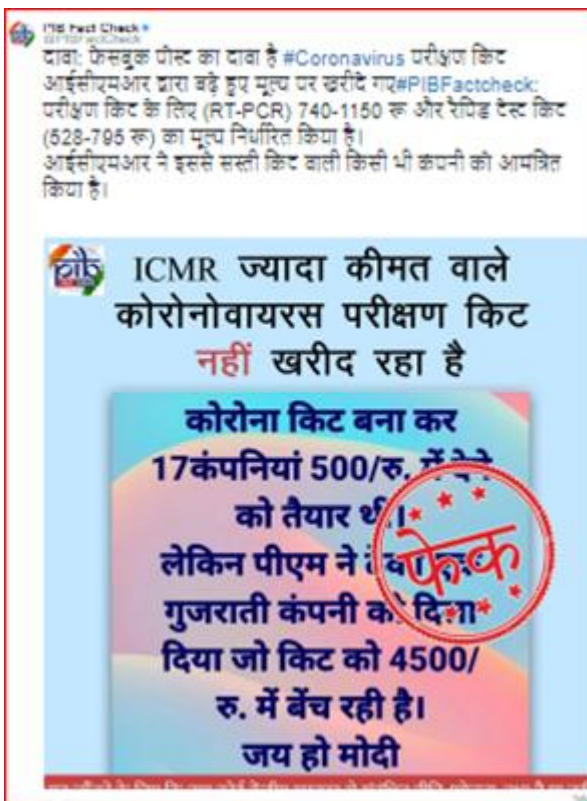
INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab: The Government agencies and Private Traders have procured 6,79,220 metric tonnes of wheat in Punjab. To ensure safety and well-being of factory workers, the Health Department has issued detailed advisory for proper maintenance of hygiene and sanitation at the work place, with the larger aim of controlling the spread of Corona virus. Urging the employees to scrupulously adhere to the health protocol, the advisory asks them to voluntarily report any symptom for early treatment besides exhorting them not to indulge in gossip/rumors with regard to COVID-19 without verifying the facts.
- Haryana: State Government has appointed nodal officers at the state and district-level to ensure the safety of medical professionals and frontline workers in view of COVID-19 to prevent any incidents of violence against them. The nodal officers at State and District level will always be available to redress the safety issue regarding the functioning of medical professionals. • A total of 19.26 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Wheat has been procured from 130707 farmers in the State in the last five days.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Itanagar Deputy Commissioner, said that vegetables supplies from Assam are safe for consumption.
- Manipur: CM after attending VC with PM tweeted that CMs of all states discussed the need of a collective effort of the states and Centre; possible relaxation in green zones & non COVID19 affected districts.
- Meghalaya: CM Conrad Sangma announced after the VC that lockdown may continue, but there will be more relaxation. He today suggested to the PM the Meghalaya model of “Rapid Response System”, wherein within specified timeframe, response is initiated by health, administration and police on detection of new COVID19 cases.
- Mizoram: Chief Minister today in video conference meeting with PM alongwith other chief ministers talked about actions taken by the state government and the discipline and cooperation of people of Mizoram.
- Nagaland: Govt.says sufficient security personnel sent to border areas and all entry points have been completely sealed.
- Sikkim: CM informed that PM applauded the efforts of the state govt in containing the virus by duly maintaining transparency; inputs provided by the state were useful to the central govt in tackling the disease in certain areas of the country.
- Tripura: CM said that there will be thermal screening in markets in the state. And also urged the citizens to avoid spitting and urinating in public places.
- Kerala: In a telecon with Union Home Minister, CM opined that the lockdown should be withdrawn step by step with exemptions in places other than the hotspots. No signs of community

transmission of corona virus in the state yet. Triple lockdown has been clamped in Idukki and containment measures heightened in Kottayam. Over 1.5 lakh Keralites stranded in various countries have registered online for returning to the state. Total confirmed cases till yesterday: 469, Active cases: 123, Cured: 342.

- Tamil Nadu: State freezes DA at current rate till July 2021; suspends EL encashment for a year. TN Health Minister says State is expecting Centre's permission for blood plasma treatment trials in a week's time. 2 more PG students of Madras Medical College test positive for Covid19. Total cases till yesterday: 1885, Active cases: 838, Deaths: 24, Discharged: 1020, Maximum cases from Chennai 523.
- Karnataka: 8 new cases confirmed today; 2 each in Vijayapura, Bagalkot&Dakshin Kannada; 1 each in Bangalore &Mandya. A 50-year old Covid patient allegedly committed suicide at Victoria hospital in Bengaluru. Total cases: 511, Deaths: 19, Cured:188.
- Andhra Pradesh:80 new cases reported in the last 24 hours taking the total positive cases to 1177. Active Cases: 911, Recovered: 235, Deaths: 31. 4 staff members including CSO and nursing staff of AP Governor tests positive for Covid19; all Raj Bhavan employees quarantined. State declares 4 areas of Kadapa as red zones. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (292), Guntur (237), Krishna (210), Nellore (79), Chittoor (73).
- Telangana: An inter-ministerial central team (ICMT) appreciates the efforts of Telangana police in tracing contacts and advised cops to continue the existing security set up at containment zones & quarantine centres. The 1500-bed exclusive Covid-19 hospital at the Gachibowli sports complex has been designated as a medical and research institute. Total positive cases till now is 1001.
- Madhya Pradesh: Total number of COVID-19 cases has gone up to 2,120 with 175 new cases reported in last 24 hours. While 302 patients have been cured and discharged from the various hospitals and 103 patients have lost their lives so far. As per the State Health Department bulletin, the condition of 1,650 patients is stable while 35 patients are on ventilators.
- Gujarat: state Health Department has informed that a total 10,500 beds are available in 61 dedicated Covid special hospitals in the state. The state has adequate stocks of HCQS and Azithromycin medicines, N95 and 3 layer masks and PPE kits. 1061 ventilators are available in Government hospitals while 1700 ventilators are available in private hospitals. Order for one thousand more ventilators has also been placed by the state government.
- More than 1.10 lakh migrant workers from Madhya Pradesh are stranded in other states. Gujarat has the highest number of 35,000 workers working in various sectors followed by 25,000 in Maharashtra and about 15,000 in Rajasthan. Most of the workers employed in Rajasthan have returned home, while those stranded in Gujarat have begun to come back. Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are also in talks to make arrangements for send the migrant workers home.
- Maharashtra: The Mayor of Mumbai KishoriPednekar has said that the situation is improving in many containment zones in the city. She said out of 1,036 containment zones across the city, 231 have not reported any new Corona virus cases during the last 14 days. Meanwhile, 31 of the 53 journalists who had tested positive have been discharged after testing negative twice in 24 hours. They have been placed under home quarantine for 14 days.

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हकीकत

अल्ट्रावायलेट रेडिएशन हमारी त्वचा को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है इसलिए यूवी डिसइन्फेक्शन लैंप को हाथों या त्वचा के अन्य भागों को स्टर्लाइज करने के लिए इस्तेमाल नहीं करना चाहिए।

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विश्व भर के शोधकर्ता इस #COVID19 की वैक्सीन खोजने में जुटे हैं, निमोनिया वैक्सीन #CoronaVirus के इलाज में प्रभावी नहीं है। #IndiaFightsCorona

भ्रांति

क्या निमोनिया का टीका कोरोना वायरस से बचाव करता है?

हकीकत

नहीं, निमोनिया के खिलाफ टीके, जैसे न्यूमोकोकल वैक्सीन और हीमोफिलस इन्फ्लुएंजा टाइप बी (एचआईबी) वैक्सीन, नए कोरोना वायरस से बचाव नहीं करते हैं। यह वायरस नया है और अलग है इसलिए इसे अपने टीके की जरूरत है। शोधकर्ता 2019-nCoV के खिलाफ एक टीका विकसित करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं और विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन उनके प्रयासों का समर्थन कर रहा है। हालांकि यह टीके 2019-nCoV के खिलाफ प्रभावी नहीं हैं लेकिन श्वसन संबंधी बीमारियों के इलाज में कारगर हैं।

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हैंड ड्रायर्स से #CoronaVirus नष्ट नहीं होता है। अपने हाथों को नियमित रूप से अल्कोहल युक्त सैनिटाइजर या साबुन से धोएं। #IndiaFightsCorona

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क्या नए कोरोना वायरस को मारने में हैंड ड्रायर्स (हाथ सुखाने की मशीन) प्रभावी है?

हकीकत

नए कोरोना वायरस को मारने में हैंड ड्रायर्स कारगर नहीं हैं। वायरस से बचने के लिए आपको अल्कोहल युक्त सैनिटाइजर या साबुन से नियमित रूप से हाथ धोना चाहिए।

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हानिकारक बैक्टीरिया को मारने के लिए एंटीबायोटिक्स एक बेहतर हथियार है लेकिन इससे वायरस नष्ट नहीं होता है। इसीलिए एंटीबायोटिक्स से #COVID19 संक्रमण को ठीक नहीं किया जा सकता है। #IndiaFightsCorona

भ्रांति

एंटीबायोटिक्स नए कोरोनावायरस की रोकथाम और इलाज में प्रभावी हैं?

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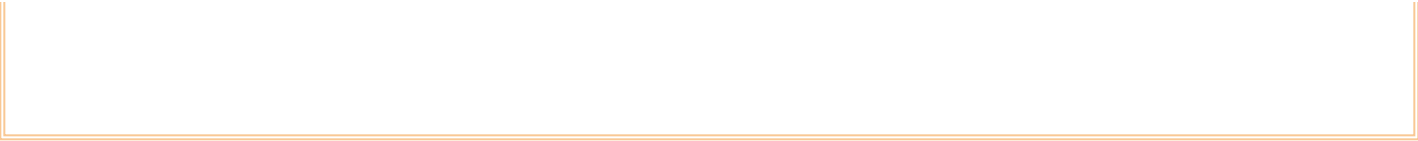
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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- As of now, 5804 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 21.90%. Total of 26,496 people have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 with 824 deaths.
- Health Minister says that the situation is improving in India as Hotspot districts are moving towards being Non-hotspot districts.
- Prime Minister says that India's fight against Corona is people-driven; Urges countrymen not to be get caught in the trap of over-confidence.
- States asked to promote Direct Marketing to facilitate farmers and others to sell their produce to bulk buyers etc.

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 5804 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 21.90%. Also, a total of 26,496 people have been confirmed positive for COVID-19, with a total number of 824 deaths have been reported in India of now. Cabinet Secretary had a detailed VC with all the Chief Secretaries and DGPs of the States/UTs to review the preparedness for COVID-19 response. He highlighted that states which are having high cases loads should focus on effective implementation of lockdown measures and containment strategy. Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan says that the situation is improving in India as Hot Spot Districts (HSD) are moving towards being Non Hot Spot Districts (NHSD).

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PM addresses 11th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0'

Addressing the 11th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0', Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said that India's fight against Corona is people-driven and along with the people, the government and the administration are fighting the pandemic. He said each and every citizen of the country is a soldier in this battle and they are leading the battle. He lauded the resolve of the people as to how at each and every place, people have come forward to help each other.

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English rendering of PM's address in the 11th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat 2.0' on 26.04.2020

For details,

'Direct Marketing' helps decongest mandis and facilitates timely marketing of farm produce during lockdown

Government of India has been making concerted efforts to facilitate farmers in direct marketing and assure better returns. At the same time the Department issued advisories to maintain social distancing in the mandis to prevent the spread of Corona Virus in the wake of COVID19 pandemic. The States have been requested to promote the concept of 'Direct marketing' to facilitate farmers/ group of farmers/FPOs/ Cooperatives in selling their produce to bulk buyers/big retailers/processors etc.

For details,

Production capacity of coveralls required by medical personnel treating COVID-19 cases in the country has been ramped up to more than 1 lakh per day

Cumulative production till date is approximately one million coverall units. This is a major boost to providing protection to health care workers in the frontline of war against COVID-19. Bengaluru leads the way in PPE coverall production; Chennai & Tirupur in Tamil Nadu, Phagwara & Ludhiana in Punjab, Gurugram & Noida in NCR have also become hubs for PPE coverall production. Government working with various industry bodies and manufacturers to streamline supply chain, remove bottlenecks and maintain a steady supply.

For details,

Team led by IIT Bombay student develops low-cost mechanical ventilator Ruhdaar

A team of engineering students from IIT Bombay, NIT Srinagar and Islamic University of Science & Technology (IUST), Awantipora, Pulwama, Jammu and Kashmir is a group of creative individuals who have come forward to solve the problem of ventilator requirement. The team has come up with a low-cost ventilator using locally available materials.

For details,

Fake news on WhatsApp claims Government giving Rs 1000 under Corona Sahayata Yojana

Fact Check Unit of Press Information Bureau has today clarified in a tweet that Government of India is not giving Rs 1000 to anybody under the so called Corona Sahayata Yojana scheme.

For details,

Dr Jitendra Singh holds widespread consultations with Ex-Bureaucrats to take stock of India's fight against COVID-19

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Ministry of Tourism's "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series showcases the potential of culinary tourism through "Awadhkisaar- the pride of Lucknow"

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Assam: In Assam, essential items like rice, salt, sugar, potato, onion etc have been unloaded in 28 railway points in 18 districts since lockdown. On an average, about 1,500 trucks are being mobilized every day and so far 44,624 truck-trips have been made in the state to unload 357 railway rakes. To ensure sufficient availability of food stock amid lockdown, 179 rakes of FCI have been brought to Assam for the entire North East, carrying 4.7 LMT rice and 0.21 LMT wheat. Out of these, 3.75 LMT rice and 0.14 LMT wheat is for Assam. Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 8 patients are being discharged today after their successive test for COVID19 came negative. They will remain under observation for 14 days.
- Manipur: In Manipur, the process is being done for assessing district wise numbers of returnees after the lockdown is lifted. Quarantine locations for them are also being identified.
- Mizoram: State Welfare Board distributes Rs.3000 each to 49,598 daily wagers amid lockdown in the state.
- Nagaland: 469 persons arrested for lockdown violation in Nagaland. 5 cases relate to social media violations along with 335 vehicles seized. Nagaland govt. distributes Rs 1.63 crore to stranded citizens so far. Total number of verified applications reaches 9,800
- Chandigarh: Till date, 21.5 Lakh food packets have been distributed among the needy and poor in UT Chandigarh. Chandigarh Administrator has expressed his gratitude to all the Gurudwara's, NGOs/ Self Help Groups for their cooperation for the above. A new Control and Command Centre has been opened for monitoring COVID-19 Management in the city. The officials will be able to supervise distribution of vegetables, fruits, milk, bread and sanitation work in the control room.
- Punjab: The Government issued advisory regarding the use of Air-conditioning in Residential/Commercial & Hospital in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Punjab has launched e-Sanjeevani- Online OPD (Doctor to Patient), integrated telemedicine solution developed by C-DAC Mohali. It extends the reach of specialized healthcare services to the masses in both rural areas and any isolated community pockets. It provides a platform for citizens to connect with a network of Specialist doctors over video-conferencing and obtain medical treatment and advice for common health-related concerns while sitting at home.
- Haryana: Chief Minister launched a mobile application 'HelpMe', which aims at providing all the necessary services including telemedicine, movement passes, assistance in procurement, delivery of dry ration and cooked food, education material, etc. in a single application. A total of 19.26 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Wheat has been procured from 130707 farmers in the State in the last five days.
- Himachal Pradesh: The government has decided to relax the curfew hours from 5.30 am to 7 am daily from 26.04.2020 onwards to facilitate the senior citizens and general public for morning walks. The state government has also decided to give relaxation in curfew for four hours instead of the existing three hours from Monday. This would not only ensure social distancing but also minimum crowding in the shops. The state government has decided to allow inter-district movement of trucks carrying construction material from mining sites to project areas. The

government has also allowed inter-district movement of road construction machinery to the construction sites.

- Kerala: CM directs strict enforcement of lockdown on inter-state borders. The number of tests done in the state to be increased which is averaging below 500 now. The NORKA (Non-Resident Keralites Affairs) ROOTS, a govt. undertaking, will begin registration for the expats who are stranded abroad and want to return to the State; State to explore more quarantine facilities for them. Total confirmed cases: 457, Active cases: 116, Cured: 338, Under observation: 21044; Samples tested : 22360.
- Tamil Nadu: Full lockdown in 5 Tamil Nadu cities from today to curb virus spread. Two police stations in TN's Coimbatore closed after six personnel test positive. Chennai Corporation ramps up testing vendors at Koyambedu market after Covid19 cases reported. Total cases till yesterday: 1821, Active cases: 835; Deaths: 23, Discharged: 960. Maximum cases from Chennai 495.
- Karnataka: Karnataka registers 19th Covid death after 45-year-old pregnant Bengaluru woman succumbs. Data from the state government shows that a significant chunk of new Covid cases are asymptomatic. Total cases: 501, Deaths: 19, Cured:177.
- Andhra Pradesh: 81 new cases reported in the last 24 hours taking the total +ve cases to 1097. Active Cases: 835, Recovered: 231, Deaths: 31. Stringent measures of lockdown enforced in Kurnool, Guntur, Krishna districts where the +ve cases are on the increase. Pathapatnam town in Srikakulam district completely sealed; all primary contacts of the 3+ve cases reported being identified. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (279), Guntur (214), Krishna (177).
- Telangana: With the state facing a shortage of PPE kits, toymakers have now decided to manufacture them in Vishakapatnam SEZ. Gadwal district, with about seven lakh population, is now one of the hotspots for Covid. As many as 45 cases have been reported from the district and one or two cases are being added almost every day. Total no of cases reported from the State is 990.

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Claim: A web news portal claims Centre is likely to reduce retirement age of Central Government employees to 50 In #Coronavirus Crisis#PIBFactCheck: The claim made within the report is false. Centre is neither planning nor discussing any such move#COVID19 #IndiaFightsCorona

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No! Government has no such plans.

Be prepared to shell out money.
 Government is planning to bring in CDA-1963. The Compulsory Deposit Act, 1963 applies to all taxpayers, property owners & all government employees

It should be noted that such measures are not unprecedented. In the aftermath of the 1962 & 1971 wars, much stronger measures had been instituted. The Compulsory Deposit Scheme (TFP) Act 1974 forced tax payers to deposit up to 18% of income in the scheme.

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भ्रांति

आप कोरोना वायरस (कोविड-19) बीमारी से ठीक नहीं हो सकते हैं क्योंकि इसका वायरस शरीर से नहीं निकलता है।

हकीकत

अधिकतर लोग कोरोना वायरस से ठीक हो गए हैं और उनके शरीर से यह वायरस निकल गया है। अगर किसी को कोरोना वायरस हो गया है तो सबसे पहले उसके लक्षणों को पहचानें। अगर किसी को खांसी, बुखार और सांस लेने में तकलीफ है तो जल्द से जल्द चिकित्सा देखभाल मांगें। इसके लिए अगर संभव हो सके तो फोन पर ही हेल्थ सुविधा के लिए कॉल करें। अधिकतर मरीज कोरोना वायरस से सपोर्टिव केयर से ठीक हुए हैं।

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न ही 5G नेटवर्क कोरोना वायरस फैलाता है।

कोविड-19 रेस्पिरेंटरी ड्रॉप्लेट्स के जरिए फैलता है जब एक संक्रमित व्यक्ति छींकता, खांसता या बोलता है #IndiaFightsCorona

भ्रांति

5G मोबाइल नेटवर्क से कोविड-19 संक्रमण फैलता है।

हकीकत

रेडियो तरंगों/मोबाइल नेटवर्क के जरिए कोरोना वायरस का संक्रमण नहीं फैलता है। कोविड-19 उन देशों में भी फैल रहा है जहां 5G मोबाइल नेटवर्क नहीं है। कोविड-19 रेस्पिरेंटरी ड्रॉप्लेट्स के जरिए फैलता है जब एक संक्रमित व्यक्ति छींकता, खांसता या बोलता है।

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क्या कोरोना वायरस को मार सकता है अल्ट्रावायलेट डिसइन्फेक्शन लैंप?

हकीकत

अल्ट्रावायलेट रेडिएशन हमारी त्वचा को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा सकता है इसलिए यूवी डिसइन्फेक्शन लैंप को हाथों या त्वचा के अन्य भागों को स्टर्लाइज करने के लिए इस्तेमाल नहीं करना चाहिए।

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विश्व भर के शोधकर्ता इस #COVID19 की वैक्सीन खोजने में जुटे हैं, निमोनिया वैक्सीन #CoronaVirus के इलाज में प्रभावी नहीं है। #IndiaFightsCorona

भ्रांति

क्या निमोनिया का टीका कोरोना वायरस से बचाव करता है?

हकीकत

नहीं, निमोनिया के खिलाफ टीके, जैसे न्यूमोकोकल वैक्सीन और हीमोफिलस इन्फ्लुएंजा टाइप बी (एचआईबी) वैक्सीन, नए कोरोना वायरस से बचाव नहीं करते हैं। यह वायरस नया है और अलग है इसलिए इसे अपने टीके की जरूरत है। शोधकर्ता 2019-nCoV के खिलाफ एक टीका विकसित करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं और विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन उनके प्रयासों का समर्थन कर रहा है। हालांकि यह टीका 2019-nCoV के खिलाफ प्रभावी नहीं है लेकिन रवसन संबंधी बीमारियों के इलाज में कारगर है।

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हैंड ड्रायर्स से #CoronaVirus नष्ट नहीं होता है। अपने हाथों को नियमित रूप से अल्कोहल युक्त सैनिटाइजर या साबुन से धोएं। #IndiaFightsCorona

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क्या नए कोरोना वायरस को मारने में हैंड ड्रायर्स (हाथ सुखाने की मशीन) प्रभावी है?

हकीकत

नए कोरोना वायरस को मारने में हैंड ड्रायर्स कारगर नहीं हैं। वायरस से बचने के लिए आपको अल्कोहल युक्त सैनिटाइजर या साबुन से नियमित रूप से हाथ धोना चाहिए।

यह जाँचने के लिए कि क्या कोई केंद्रीय सरकार से संबंधित नीति/योजना, तथ्य है या नहीं

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हानिकारक बैक्टीरिया को मारने के लिए एंटीबायोटिक्स एक बेहतर हथियार है लेकिन इससे वायरस नष्ट नहीं होता है। इसीलिए एंटीबायोटिक्स से #COVID19 संक्रमण को ठीक नहीं किया जा सकता है। #IndiaFightsCorona

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एंटीबायोटिक्स नए कोरोनावायरस की रोकथाम और इलाज में प्रभावी हैं?

हकीकत

नहीं, एंटीबायोटिक्स नए कोरोना वायरस (2019-nCoV) के खिलाफ काम नहीं करती हैं। कोरोना एक वायरस है और एंटीबायोटिक्स को रोकथाम के लिए उपयोग नहीं किया जाना चाहिए। हालांकि अगर किसी संक्रमित मरीज को अस्पताल में भर्ती कराया जाता है तो उसे एंटीबायोटिक्स दी जा सकती हैं क्योंकि उसके शरीर में बैक्टीरिया का सह-संक्रमण हो सकता है।

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नहीं। ऊंचा तापमान आपको #COVID19 से नहीं बचा सकता है। #Covid_19 #IndiaFightsCorona

भ्रांति

सूरज की रोशनी में खड़े होकर या 25 डिग्री सेल्सियस से ज्यादा तापमान में कोरोना वायरस बीमारी (कोविड-19) से बचा जा सकता है।

हकीकत

मौसम चाहे कितना भी ठंडा या गर्म क्यों न हो आप कोविड-19 की घपेट में आ सकते हैं। गर्म मौसम वाले देशों में भी कोविड-19 के मामले सामने आए हैं। खुद को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए जरूरी है कि आप बार-बार हाथ धोएं, अपनी आंख, नाक और मुंह को छूने से बचें।

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Claim: Lack of infrastructure, equipment in Tamenglong dist. hospital amid #COVID19 pandemic#FactCheck: #FakeNews

Tamenglong Dist. Admin has sufficient medical equipments & quarantine facility to combat #COVID19

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When people across the world including the state of Manipur is preparing all possible means to combat the COVID -19 pandemic, Tamenglong District Hospital imphaltimes.com/news/item/17344-lack-of-infrastructure-equipment-in-district-hospital-tamenglong-a-serious-concern-for-dorizen

State Health Department rebuts news report on lack of preparedness in Tamenglong District

25 April, 2020 PIB, Guwahati



Imphal Times carried a report titled "Lack of Infrastructures, Equipment in District Hospital Tamenglong a serious concern for dorizen" on 23rd April (<https://www.imphaltimes.com/news/item/17344-lack-of-infrastructure-equipment-in-district-hospital-tamenglong-a-serious-concern-for-dorizen>). The story claims that there is a lack of preparedness as the District Hospital does not have testing kit, ICU bed or ventilator.

Refuting the claims made in the story, the State Health Department has stated that the district has been provided with 8 consignments of Covid19 prevention items and has 3 isolation beds. Since at present there is no ICU bed dedicated for Covid patient, no ventilator has been assigned to the hospital. The statement further adds that Manipur has two ICMR approved Covid19 testing at JNIMS and RIMS. The statement lists the number of actions taken by the administration in the district, like establishment of quarantine facilities etc, to ensure proper response to any eventuality.

Any misleading report on preparedness, due to non verification of facts, leads to panic and confusion in the public and as such harms the common resolve to defeat the pandemic. The

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- Confirmed Covid-19 positive cases in the country are 24,506 as of now, out of which 5062 have recovered. 1429 new cases reported since yesterday.
- MHA allows opening of certain categories of shops, except those in malls.
- Health minister urges the States to focus on surveillance, house-to-house active case finding, early identification of cases and proper clinical management.
- IIT Delhi develops low cost Probe-free Covid-19 detection assay.
- 7.5 Crore people have downloaded AarogyaSetu App on their mobiles.
- Postal department to use its existing vehicle fleet to deliver essential items over the long distance.

GoM reviews current status, and actions for management of COVID-19

Group of Ministers on Covid-19 had detailed deliberation on the measures taken as on date by the Centre and various States/UTs for prevention, containment and management of COVID-19. GoM was informed that all districts have been asked to follow and further strengthen their contingency plans to combat COVID-19; the GOM was briefed on the state-wise details of dedicated COVID-19 hospitals along with the adequacy of isolation beds/wards, PPEs, N95 masks, drugs, ventilators, oxygen cylinders etc. The GoM was also informed that as of now, 5,062 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 20.66%. Since yesterday, an increase of 1429 new cases has been reported. Also, a total of 24,506 people have been confirmed positive for COVID-19.

For details,

MHA issues Order to States/UTs to allow Opening of Certain Categories of Shops, except those in Single and Multi-brand Malls

Giving relaxation in the category of Commercial and private establishments, MHA has issued an order to all States/UTs, to allow opening of all shops registered under Shops & Establishment Act of respective States/ UTs, including shops in residential complexes, neighborhood & standalone shops. Shops in market complexes, except those within the limits of municipal corporations and municipalities, would be allowed to open. Shops in single & multi-brand malls would not be allowed to open anywhere.

For details,

Clarification on MHA order allowing Opening of Shops

This Order implies that: In rural areas, all shops, except those in shopping malls are allowed to open. In urban areas, all standalone shops, neighborhood shops & shops in residential complexes are allowed to open. Shops in markets/market complexes and shopping malls are not allowed to open. It is clarified that sale by e-commerce companies will continue to be permitted for essential goods only.

For details,

Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs a video conference with States/UTs Health Ministers regarding the steps taken on COVID-19

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Minister of Health and Family Welfare interacted with all the State Health Minister and Health Secretaries through a video conference to review the preparedness and actions taken for management of COVID-19. He thanked the States for their efforts so far and requested them to focus on districts reporting a higher number of cases or faster doubling rate of their cases and districts where high case mortality is being noted. He urged the States to focus on surveillance, house-to-house active case finding, early identification of cases and proper clinical management to ensure that the patients get timely treatment and mortality is reduced.

For details,

In a groundbreaking achievement, IIT Delhi develops low cost Probe-free Covid 19 detection assay.

Union HRD Minister felicitated the team of scientists from IIT Delhi involved in the development of Probe-free COVID-19 detection assay. The testing kit will empower healthcare services and support government efforts to deal with Covid-19. This is the first probe-free assay for COVID-19 approved by ICMR and it will be useful for specific and affordable high throughput testing. This assay can be easily scaled up as it does not require fluorescent probes. The team is targeting large scale deployment of the kit at affordable prices with suitable industrial partners as soon as possible.

For details,

Government Working on a Separate Scheme to Address Delayed Payments Issues of MSMEs - Shri Nitin Gadkari

While commenting on delayed payments to MSMEs, Shri Gadkari said that all efforts should be made to make payments immediately and all Government Departments have been given such directions.

For details,

Minister for Rural Development Shri Narendra Singh Tomar holds Video Conference with State Rural Development Ministers

Scaling up of works under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), PradhanMantriAwaasYojanaGramin (PMAY-G), PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) discussed. The Minister emphasised that the challenge of COVID-19 must be utilized as an opportunity to strengthen rural infrastructure, create employment in rural areas and facilitate diversification of rural livelihoods

For details,

'KisanRath' mobile app turns big hit within a week of its launch

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare had launched "KisanRath" App on 17.04.2020 to facilitate Farmers and Traders in identifying right mode of transportation for movement of farm produce ranging from food grain (cereal, coarse cereal, pulses etc), Fruits & Vegetables, oil seeds, spices, fiber crops, flowers, bamboo, log & minor forest produce, coconuts etc. Till date, total of 80,474 farmers and 70,581 traders are registered on this App.

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Finance Commission holds meeting with its Advisory Council

Members of the Advisory Council felt that the impact of the Covid pandemic and the national lockdown on the Indian economy can come through the slowdown in the domestic activity. All of them were unanimous that the projections of real GDP growth made before March 2020 need to be relooked into entirely, and revised downwards considerably. Once the lockdown of the economy is released, the recovery can only be expected to be gradual, depending on the ability of the workforce to get back to work soon, restoration of supplies of intermediates and cash flows and, of course, the demand for output.

For details,

Department of Posts to deliver essential items through National Road Transport Network with 22 routes of over 500km

Working on the idea of starting a road network with the existing fleet of departmental vehicles, primarily used for intra-city delivery, a National Road Transport Network has been designed with 22 long routes of over 500 km interspersed with 34 interstate/intra-state schedules touching over 75 cities across the country. This initiative will now ensure that there is a movement of essential items within the country as Department of Posts will be able to deliver parcels carrying essential items anywhere in the country.

For details,

Shri Sanjay Dhotre takes stock of the state of IT services in the country

The Minister was informed that 75 million people have already downloaded ArogyaSetu App on their mobile phones. He called this app one of the most important tools in fighting Covid-19 and one of the lifelines for common people during this global pandemic. He asked the officials to make all out efforts to popularise the app.

For details,

Biggest operation for distribution of pulses underway

In order to distribute one kg of pulses to about 20 crore households for three months in the country, a massive operation for transport and milling of pulses is underway. NAFED to distribute about 5.88 LMT pulses to about 20 crore NFSA households through ration shops for three months under PMGKAY. Operation to involve about two lakh truck trips and loading/unloading over 4 weeks

For details,

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya interacts with Indian Maritime Sector representatives and discusses Business Continuity Plan and Path to Recovery Post COVID-19

Shri Mansukh Mandaviya assured the Maritime sector industry stakeholders that the Indian Ports are fully ready to start the operation as usual but there are a few challenges due to COVID-19 which will be solved with policy decisions and their sincere implementation.

For details,

Coach Building Getting Back on Track in Indian Railways

Indian Railway's Production unit Rail Coach Factory(RCF) Kapurthala has reopened its production process on 23.04.2020 after 28 days lockdown. In a relentless battle against COVID 19, factory has been opened adhering all safety precautions and issued guidelines by Ministry of Home Affairs orders and local administration.

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In addition to R&D based technological solutions and products, CSIR delivers immediate relief by providing hand sanitisers, soaps and disinfectants to mitigate COVID-19

For details,

Road Transport & Highways Ministry issues an animation video illustration of Dos and Don't for Truck/Lorry Drivers as they handle increasing movements of goods across the country

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Rotary Club of Delhi Heritage Supplies 50,000 Reusable Face Masks in Coordination with PIB; Face Masks Made by Women Tailors Working from Home During Lockdown Period; Masks Distributed by Principal Director General, PIB

For details,

NTPC provides uninterrupted power supply despite lockdown

For details,

Ministry of Tourism organises 8th webinar of "Dekho Apna Desh" series on "North East India- Experience the Exclusive villages" Webinar generates good interest as people from several countries attend the webinar

For details,

Income Tax Tribunal, ITAT, for the first time, holds hearing through video conferencing

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PimpriChinchwad COVID-19 War Room leverages technology and uses data tracking for effective decision making

For details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: While the national recovery rate of Corona affected is 20%, recovery rate of Chandigarh is 56%. Chandigarh ranks 3rd amongst the highest recovery states/Union Territories. The doubling rate of corona cases in Chandigarh is 30.26 days; as compared to national average of 8.6 days. A Special Drive is being conducted for examining the Inmates in the Jail, so that there is no outbreak of COVID-19 in the Jail premises.
- Punjab: Chief Minister directed the Department of Industries and the District Industries Centres, functioning under the DCs, to provide approvals to all industrial units eligible to reopen along with required curfew passes, within 12 hours of applying. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with the youngest woman Sarpanch of Punjab Pallavi Thakur through video conference on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day. The Prime Minister said that the farmers of the country especially Punjab had selflessly worked hard to fill the foodgrains of the country.
- Haryana: In this hour of crisis, Haryana Government's COVID-19 Control Room is proving to be very helpful for the people of the State as they are able to resolve their problems by calling the helpline. In view of present COVID-19 situation, Haryana government has directed that for now, private schools should only charge tuition fees on per month basis from students.
- Himachal Pradesh: The state government has launched 'HarGharPathshala' programme to provide home-based teaching facility to the students so that their studies do not suffer due to curfew imposed in the state in wake of corona pandemic. Under this, multiple programmes are being used to ensure maximum reach of the students. A three-hour slot per day on Doordarshan Shimla is focusing on classes X and XII. Besides, online classes are also being conducted by teachers via Whatsapp and centralized website.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Government lifts restrictions on functioning of food processing and cottage industries.
- Manipur: Authorities taking all precautions to ensure social distancing during Ramzan.
- Mizoram: Disinfection drive of the essential items trucks underway at Vairengte, the Assam - Mizoram border check gate to contain spread of COVID19.
- Nagaland: Muslim Council Dimapur appeals to the community members to understand the importance of social distancing during ramzan. Hence not to organise Namaz-e-Taraweeh at rooftops, parkings and apartments etc. Nagaland state authorities to make Saturday a working day for schools to cope up with the loss of classes due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Sikkim: Health Minister, Dr. M.K Sharma inaugurated Mobile Testing Booth for RT-PCR at Rangpo to combat COVID19.
- Kerala: Shops in rural areas in the state allowed to open from today except those in red zones. 7 new places in the state declared as hotspots. State welcomes Centre's move to gear up for bringing back Indians stranded in foreign countries amid Covid outbreak. 6000 houses & flats are getting ready in Ernakulam alone as part of quarantine facilities for those to be brought back from abroad. Total number of cases till yesterday: 450, Recoveries: 331, Active cases: 116.
- Tamil Nadu: Chennai residents go on panic buying spree ahead of complete lockdown from Sunday in 5 cities including Chennai. 18-year-old son of Covid patient tests positive in

Puducherry; with this the total positive cases reported in the UT rose to 9 and active cases to 4. CM writes to Delhi CM urging him to take care of the 559 TN Muslims who have been quarantined in Delhi after attending the Markaz event. Total cases till yesterday: 1755, Deaths: 22, Discharged: 866. Maximum cases from Chennai 452.

- Karnataka: 15 new cases confirmed today. Bangalore 6, Belagavi 6, Chikkaballapur 1, Mandya 1 and Dakshinkannada 1. A journalist from Bengaluru Urban among the infected. Total cases 489. So far 18 dead and 153 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh : 61 new cases found in the last 24 hours; 2 deaths reported from Kurnool & Krishna. Srikakulam, which had zero case till now, reports 3 +ve cases. Total +ve cases till now: 1016, Active cases: 814, Recovered: 171, Deaths: 31, Samples tested : 61,266. State sounds high alert in Kurnool (275), Guntur (209), Krishna (127) &Chittoor (73) districts which have reported 66% of the total cases.
- Telangana : An inter-ministerial central team arrives in Hyderabad to assess the Covid-19 situation and issue necessary directions to state authorities in tackling the pandemic. At least 15 discharged patients agreed to donate their plasma whenever it is required. Nearly 30% of the districts in Telangana have been declared Covid-19 free by the government.No new cases reported in Telangana as of now. Number of positive cases 983. Active cases 663.
- J&K: 1071 samples tested in the last 24 hours. 40 more positive new cases today- all from Kashmir. Total positive cases now 494. Jammu-57 Kashmir-437. Total deaths now 6

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दावा: कोरोना सहायता योजना WCHO की तरफ से 1000 ₹ सहायता राशि सभी को दिया जा रहा है। फॉर्म भरे और 1000 ₹ प्राप्त करें।
#PIBFactCheck: केंद्र सरकार द्वारा ऐसी कोई भी योजना नहीं चलाई जा रही। मैसेज में किया गया दावा व दिया गया लिंक फ़र्ज़ी है।
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कोरोना सहायता योजना WCHO फॉर्म भरे और 1000 रु प्राप्त करें मुझे तो मिल गया अगर आप भी लेना चाहते तो नीचे क्लिक करें और अभी प्राप्त करें 1000 रु
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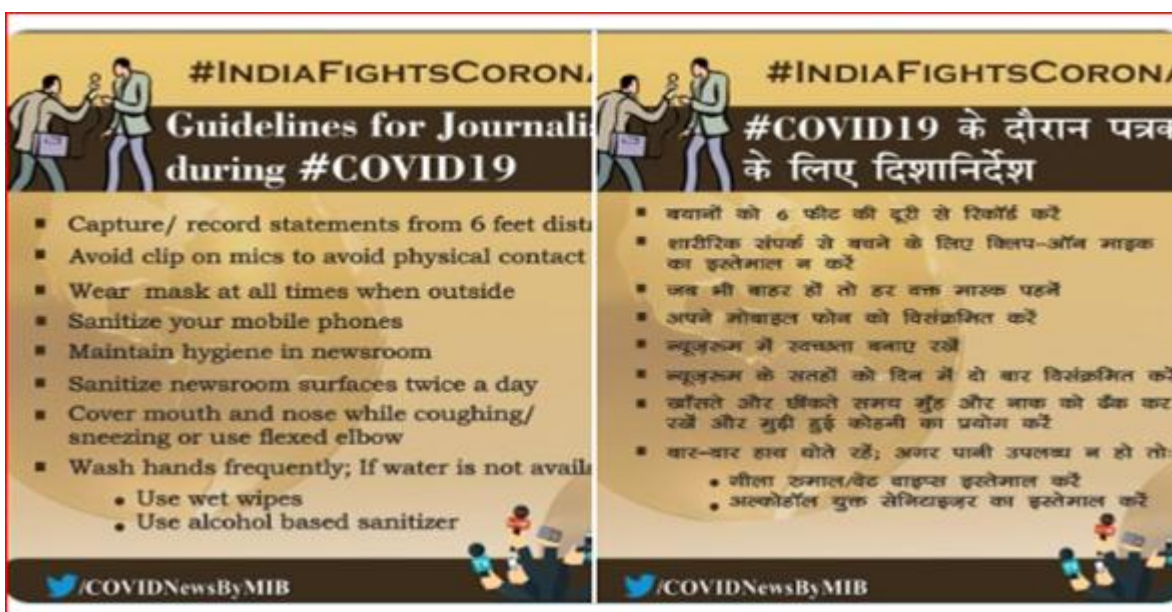
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- 4,748 people have cured of Covid-19, with a recovery rate of 20.57%.
- Increase of 1684 new cases reported since yesterday, taking total number of confirmed cases to 23,077.
- As on today, 15 districts have not reported any fresh case for the last 28 days; 80 districts have not reported any new case for the last 14 days.
- Prime Minister says that the pandemic has taught us to be self-reliant.
- MHA allays misplaced apprehensions of industry Associations, regarding legal liability of Company CEOs if employees found Covid-19 positive.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan says India's response to Covid-19 outbreak has been proactive, pre-emptive and graded in handling situation.
- More Inter-Ministerial Central Teams constituted to make assessment of situation and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 4,748 people have been cured of Covid-19, with a recovery rate of 20.57%. Since yesterday, an increase of 1684 new cases has been reported. Also, a total of 23,077 people have been confirmed positive for COVID-19 with a total number of 718 deaths have been reported in India of now. As on today, 15 districts in the country which earlier had cases have not reported any fresh cases since the last 28 days. Further, a total of 80 districts from 23 States/UTs have not reported any new cases since the last 14 days. @CovidIndiaSeva twitter handle is also helping through real-time authentic health and public information provided by trained experts to swiftly answer the questions of citizens.

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To become self-reliant and self-sufficient is the biggest lesson learnt from Corona pandemic: PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayats throughout the country today through Video Conferencing, on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day 2020. During this event he launched a unified e-Gram Swaraj Portal and mobile application and Swamitva Scheme. Addressing the Sarpanches, the Prime Minister said the Corona pandemic has changed the way people worked and taught a good lesson. He said the pandemic taught us that one has to be self-reliant always.

For details:

MHA allays Misplaced Apprehensions of Industry Associations regarding Legal liability on Company CEOs, if employees found COVID-19 positive

Some apprehensions, based on wrong interpretation of the guidelines, have been raised in the media and by some companies having manufacturing facilities. MHA has clarified that no Separate/Fresh Permissions required from Authorities for Industries already permitted to operate prior to 15.04.2020, in areas falling outside Containment Zones

For details:

India has acquired enough strength and resources to take on the worst challenge thrown by the corona virus: Dr. Harsh Vardhan

"India's response has been proactive, pre-emptive and graded in handling situation arising out of COVID-19 outbreak", said Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, today, while participating in a virtual interactive session with Health Ministers of member countries of World Health Organization (WHO) on the measures being taken for containment of COVID-19.

For details:

Health Ministry to States/UTs: ensure that care of TB patients goes uninterrupted during COVID-19 pandemic

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has written to all States/UTs to ensure that all the facilities under National TB Elimination Programme in the States and UTs remain fully functional in public interest and ensure that the diagnosis and treatment of TB patients goes without any interruption, notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

For details:

Central Government constitutes Inter-Ministerial Central Teams to make assessment of situation and augment State efforts to fight and contain spread of COVID-19 effectively

In some of the districts of the country, a number of violations of the lockdown measures have been reported, posing a serious health hazard and risk for spread of COVID-19, which is against general interest of public. These violations include incidents ranging from violence on frontline healthcare professionals, attacks on police personnel, violations of social distancing norms in market places and opposition to setting up of quarantine centres and so on. The Centre has constituted Inter-Ministerial Central Teams, two for Gujarat and one each for

Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra. These teams would make on-spot assessment of situation and issue necessary directions to State Authorities for its redressal and submit their report to Central Government in larger interest of general public.

For details:

ShriDharmendraPradhan calls upon the OMC officials to speed up the delivery of free cylinders to PMUY beneficiaries

Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Minister ShriDharmendraPradhan has called upon all the stakeholders in the LPG cylinder supply chain to work diligently and in a systematic manner to speedily increase the delivery of free Refills to PMUY beneficiaries. Under the PradhanMantriGaribkalyan package to help the poor from the Covid-19 related disruptions , over 8 crore PMUY beneficiaries are eligible to get 3 free cylinders over the next 3 months.

For details:

Union Agriculture Minister reviews the works of DARE/ICAR

Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, ShriNarendra Singh Tomar took a review meeting of the Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). He emphasised on enhancing the reach of technologies amongst farmers and reach out to maximum number of farmers through the network of ICAR and KrishiVigyanKendras (KVKs).

For details:

Functional agricultural markets almost double since beginning of lockdown

Out of 2587 Principal/main Agricultural Markets in the country, 1091 markets were functional at the beginning of the lockdown period on 26.03.2020, which has increased to 2069 markets as on 21.04.2020. Arrival of vegetables such as Onion, Potato and Tomato in mandis has increased by 622%, 187% and 210% respectively on 21.04.2020 as compared to 16.03.2020.

For details:

FCI sets new benchmark in loading food grainrakes

Food Corporation of India set a new benchmark on 22.04.20 when it moved 102 train loads carrying about 2.8 Lakh Metric Tonnes food grains. With this movement, the total food grains stocks moved by FCI during the lockdown period crossed 5 MMT, at a daily average of 1.65 Lakh MT.

For details:

RakshaMantri reviews operational & COVID-19 preparedness of Armed Forces

ShriRajnath Singh reviewed the operational preparedness as well as measures to fight COVID-19 with all the Commanders in Chief through a video conference. RakshaMantri in his address appreciated the role of the Armed Forces for the assistance extended to the local civilian administration and preparatory measures taken to fight COVID-19. ShriRajnath Singh expected the Forces to ensure their operational preparedness, while they are battling COVID-19 and the adversary should not be allowed to exploit the current situation.

For details,

145 Indian crew disembark at Mumbai Port from German cruise ship following MHA's SOP of Sign-on/ Sign-off

After the issuance of the SOP for sign-on and sign-off of Indian seafarers by the Ministry of Home Affairs, for the first time, 145 Indian crew of German Cruise lines has been able to disembark on Mumbai Port

For details,

Telephone conversation between Prime Minister and H.E. Lee HsienLoong, Prime Minister of Singapore

The two leaders exchanged views on the health and economic challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. They updated each other on the measures being adopted in their respective countries to tackle the pandemic and its economic and social effects. Shri Narendra Modi promised to provide all possible support for maintaining supplies of essential goods, including medical products, to Singapore.

For details,

Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri appreciates aviation professionals and stakeholders for commendable efforts during Covid-19 crisis

Minister of State(I/C) for Civil Aviation has appreciated aviation professionals and stakeholders for their commendable efforts during Covid-19 crisis by making life saving medical & essential supplies available to citizens across the country under Lifeline Udan. In a tweet today, ShPuri shared that 3,43,635 km has been covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date. 347 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan and 591.66 tons of cargo has been transported till date.

For details,

COVID- Disinfection in Varanasi using special Drones

Drone operations in Varanasi have just commenced. The team will now extend similar capabilities to more cities across India. This forms part of a wider effort to use innovative technology, via Government-innovator collaboration, to reinforce Indian authorities' fight against Covid-19.

For details,

On the occasion of WORLD BOOK & COPYRIGHT DAY HRD Minister participates in a WEBINAR on Post-COVID Publishing Scenario

While wishing everyone on the World Book and Copyright Day, Union Minister for HRD said that India is a superpower of knowledge. With its ancient universities, ancient knowledge and treasure trove of books, India is a link between the past and the future, a bridge between generations and across cultures.

For details,

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launches #MyBookMyFriend campaign on World Book Day

For details,

ShriGadkari Calls Upon Industry to Ensure Following All Health Precautions as they Resume Works in The Areas Allowed by Government

Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways, ShriNitinGadkari interacted via video conferencing with the representatives of Bharat Chamber of Commerce, enterprises from various sectors, media and other stakeholders on “Post COVID -19: Challenges and New Opportunities in India”. During the interaction, the representatives expressed concerns regarding various challenges being faced by MSMEs amid COVID-19 pandemic along with few suggestions and requested support from the government to keep the MSME sector afloat.

For details,

DoPT's online Corona course has over 2,90,000 training courses and 1,83,000 users within two weeks of it's launch: Dr.Jitendra Singh

DrJitendra Singh said that in a novel experiment, possibly the first of its kind, DoPT had introduced a module for empowering frontline Corona Warriors through the learning platform <https://igot.gov.in>. What was envisaged to be an online medium to equip the frontline Corona Warriors with training and updates in coping with the Covid pandemic has in fact proved to be a unique success story which would possibly be emulated in different forms in the times to come, he said.

For details,

MoS(PP) Dr. Jitendra Singh reviews reparedness of J & K in combating COVID-19

Union Minister of State (IC) for Ministry of Development of North Eastern region and MOS in the Prime Minister's Office Dr. Jitendra Singh today reviewed the Preparedness of J & K in combating COVID-19 virus. The Review was held through Video Conference with Senior J&K UT officers, Heads of Govt Medical Institutions and Colleges.

For details,

Payroll Reporting in India – A Formal Employment Perspective

For details,

Search for solutions to Covid-19 from AYUSH healthcare disciplines

Ministry of AYUSH has announced a mechanism to support short-term research projects for evaluating the impact of AYUSH interventions/ medicines in the prophylaxis and clinical management of COVID-19.

For details,

Shri Sanjay Dhotre asks Postal Department to continue their untiring efforts for serving the people during Covid-19 crisis

During the lockdown period till the 20th April 2020, around 1.8 Crore Post Office Saving Banks transactions with a value of Rs. 28000 Crores apart from IPPB transactions numbering 84 lakhs with a value of Rs. 2100 Crores have been carried out. Further, ATM transactions numbering 4.3 lakhs with a value of Rs. 135 Crores have been carried out across the country. 15 lakh AEPS transactions valued at Rs. 300 Crores have been carried out during this period. Around 52 lakhs Direct Benefit Transfer payments valued at Rs. 480 Crores have been made during the lockdown period.

For details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: All the vendors of vegetables/fruits, newspapers, bread and milk etc. in the UT have been medically screened and provided with necessary protection gears. The distribution of wheat and pulses under PMGKAY has now been streamlined and all arrangements have been made to ensure that the distribution is carried out properly while maintaining social distancing. The beneficiaries will be given a token in advance indicating the timing of distribution of wheat grains.
- Punjab: Further scaling up the efforts to contain Corona Virus, the Punjab Government today issued advisory for farmers and combine operators for safe farming practices in wake of the pandemic. To ensure hassle-free and smooth procurement of wheat across all the mandis in the state, the Punjab Government has deputed 3195 Ex-Servicemen Guardians of Governance (GoGs) to assist the Mandi Board in its gigantic task amid curfew/lockdown due to Covid-19.
- Haryana: Haryana CM has urged the Muslim Community to observe and celebrate Ramadan indoors and conduct the prayers while maintaining Social Distancing. HAFED and Haryana Warehousing Corporation have deposited an amount of Rs 53.48 crore in the bank accounts of 5618 farmers at the rate of Rs 4425 per quintal for the procurement of mustard which started from April 15.
- Himachal Pradesh: Himachal Pradesh CM has instructed the officers to ensure the availability of PPE kits, masks and ventilators in the hospitals of the state. He also urged the residents of the state to follow the guidelines issued by Ministry of AYUSH to boost their immunity and download the AarogyaSetu App.
- Kerala: Kerala HC says that it cannot direct the Centre to bring back the NRIs in the backdrop of Covid outbreak during the nationwide lockdown. A 4-month-old baby under treatment for Covid19 in Manjeri died at the Kozhikode MCH today. One more Keralite died of Covid died in Dubai early this morning. 10 new cases & 8 recoveries yesterday. Total number of cases: 447, Recoveries: 316, Active cases: 128.
- Tamil Nadu: CM announces 4 days of complete lockdown in Chennai, Madurai & Coimbatore; 3 days in Salem & Tiruppur. Amma canteens in Chennai to provide free food

until end of lockdown on May 3. Chennai Corporation to start online classes for its Class 10 students. Total covid cases till now : 1683, Deaths: 20, Discharged: 752.

- Karnataka: 18 new cases reported today. Bengaluru 11, Bagalkot 2, Belagavi 2, Vijayapura 1, Chikkaballapur 1 & Tumkur 1. In Bengaluru, all cases are from Padarayanapura area. Total cases 463. So far 18 dead and 150 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: CM launches zero interest loan scheme for the benefit of nearly one crore women of SHGs in the state. 62 new cases found in the last 24 hours, large number of cases from Kurnool (27) & Krishna (14). Total +ve cases till now: 955, Active cases: 781, Recovered: 145, Deaths: 29. Kurnool (261), Guntur (206), Krishna (102) lead in positive cases.
- Telangana: ICMR to conduct rapid antibodies test in Telangana to assess the spread of coronavirus in the general population & also the trend of seroprevalence against the infection in the country. A Hyderabad company receives Centre's go-ahead to create a drug for immunoglobulin treatment of Covid-19 patients. Covid-19 sample collection ambulance service launched in Telangana. Total cases till now: 970, Cured: 262.
- Assam: Hojai police in Assam detains 22 people for not wearing mask in public place amid COVID19 outbreak.
- Mizoram: Horticulture department distributes free vegetable seeds among the farmers amid lockdown in Champhai and Lawngtlai districts.
- Nagaland: Kohima Institute of Health & Family Welfare Centre in Chumoukedima converted into observation centre to house Naga students & citizens stranded outside & whose return is expected soon. DC Dimapur sets up committee headed by an Executive Magistrate for identification of beneficiaries of relief packages.
- Sikkim: Farmers of West district, Sikkim supplied 150 metric tons of fresh vegetables during lockdown in the state.
- Tripura: CM thanks all the front line warriors of COVID19 & public for making the state Corona free; stresses on importance of maintaining social distance to combat COVID19.
- Maharashtra: The day after Mumbai reported highest ever single day spike of 522 cases, Maharashtra Health Department officials said intensive contact tracing, testing and quarantining of high-risk individuals has contributed to the consistently high numbers in the city. As of April 23, Maharashtra had conducted 96,369 tests, of which 55,000 (or 57.07%) were in Mumbai alone, the highest for any city in India.
- Gujarat: The Gujarat government has decided to scale up the testing capacity in the state. At present more than 3000 samples are being tested in the state which will be eventually increased. One more laboratory in Gandhinagar has been given permission to begin testing of Covid 19 samples by ICMR. With this, 15 government and five private laboratories are testing Covid 19 samples in Gujarat. The state has 2,624 Covid 19 positive cases.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, the number of COVID 19 infected persons has gone up to 2000 with 36 new persons found positive in the state today. In Jaipur, 13 more people tested positive today taking the number of COVID-19 positive persons to 753. 18 new cases have been reported from Kota, while one case reported from Bharatpur.

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 21,393 confirmed Covid-19 positive cases reported so far in the country- 1409 new cases since yesterday, 4257 people have recovered.
- 78 districts have not reported any fresh case in the last 14 days.
- Ordinance promulgated to protect healthcare service personnel and property against violence during Covid-19.
- Over 33 crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs 31,235 crore under the PMGK Package.
- Prime Minister to interact with Gram Panchayats tomorrow.
- Defence Minister inaugurates Mobile lab to test Covid-19 samples.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 4,257 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 19.89%. Since yesterday, an increase of 1409 new cases has been reported. Also, a total of 21,393 people have been confirmed positive as of now for COVID-19 in India. 78 districts from 23 States/UTs have not reported any fresh cases during the last 14 days.

For details:

Promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 in the light of the pandemic situation of COVID-19

Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 22nd April 2020 has approved promulgation of an Ordinance to amend the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 to protect healthcare service personnel and property including their living/working premises against violence during epidemics. The President has given his assent for promulgation of the Ordinance. The Ordinance provides for making such acts of violence cognizable and

non-bailable offences and for compensation for injury to healthcare service personnel or for causing damage or loss to the property in which healthcare service personnel may have a direct interest in relation to the epidemic.

For details:

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package :Progress so far

More than 33 crore poor people received financial assistance of Rs 31,235 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package; Rs 10,025 crore disbursed to 20.05 crore to Women Jan Dhan account holders; Rs 1405 crore disbursed to about 2.82 crore old age persons, widows and disabled persons; First instalment of PM-KISAN :Rs 16,146 crore transferred to 8 crore farmers; Rs 162 crore transferred in 68,775 establishments as EPF contribution, benefitting 10.6 lakh employees; 2.17 crore Building & Construction workers received financial support amounting to Rs 3497 crore; Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana: 39.27 crore beneficiaries distributed free ration of food grains; 1,09,227 MT of Pulses dispatched to various States/UTs; Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana : 2.66 crore free LPG cylinders delivered.

For details:

Prime Minister to interact with Gram Panchayats across the country on 24th April

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi shall be addressing various Gram Panchayats across the country on Friday, the 24th of April 2020. The Day is celebrated annually as the National Panchayati Raj Day. As the country is observing Social Distancing through Lockdown, the Prime Minister shall be interacting with various participants through video-conferencing.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of the Ireland

During a telephone call today with the Prime Minister of Ireland, H.E. Dr. Leo Varadkar, Prime Minister discussed the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the steps being taken by both countries to control its health and economic impact. Prime Minister Varadkar appreciated the role being played by Indian origin doctors and nurses in fighting the infection in Ireland.

For details:

Procurement of Pulses & Oilseeds on MSP is currently in progress in 20 States during Rabi season 2020

A quantity of 1,67,570.95 MT of Pulses and 1,11,638.52 MT of Oilseeds has been procured by NAFED and FCI valued at Rs 1313 Crores through which 1,74,284 farmers have been benefited. A separate cell has been constituted for monitoring supply and prices of essential goods and fruits & vegetables along with inter-state movement for Northeast region.

For details:

Raksha Mantri inaugurates DRDO developed Mobile Laboratory to test COVID19 samples

The Mobile Lab will be helpful to carry out diagnosis of COVID-19 and also virus culturing for drug screening, Convalescent plasma derived therapy, comprehensive immune profiling of COVID-19 patients towards vaccine development early clinical trials specific to Indian population. The lab screens 1000-2000 samples per day. This lab can be positioned anywhere in the country, as per requirement.

For details:

Power Ministry advises States/UTs to allow construction activities in the power projects outside Municipal limits during nation-wide lockdown

Union Power Ministry has advised the State/UT administrations to allow construction activities in the power projects outside Municipal limits during nation-wide lockdown for COVID-19 outbreak as per the guidelines issued Union Ministry of Home Affairs on 15.04.2020. These activities may be permitted after observing necessary health protocols to curb COVID-19.

For details:

HRD Minister releases Alternative Academic Calendar for the upper primary stage

In order to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19 through educational activities at home with the help of their parents and teachers, the alternative academic calendars at primary and upper primary stage (Classes VI to VIII) have been developed by the NCERT under the guidance of the MHRD.

For details:

Pharma Secretary asks State Drug Controllers to help Pharmaceutical firms in augmenting production of medicines in the country

State Drugs Controllers (SDCs) have been requested to ensure the availability of essential medicines and medical devices required in the management of COVID-19 treatment. They were also requested to ensure the utilization of manufacturing capacity to full extent so that sufficient stocks without any hindrance can be made available at all levels.

For details:

On 22nd April 2020, Indian Railways did record foodgrain loading of 112 rakes equivalent to 3.13 Lakh Tonnes

Indian Railways continues with its efforts to ensure that farm products like foodgrains are picked up on time and transported nationwide. From 01.04.2020 to 22.04.2020, the total food grains loaded and transported by Indian Railways was 4.58 million tonnes as compared to 1.82 million tonnes in the corresponding period last year

For details:

Corona warriors of Lifeline Udan continue to work with endless energy to support India's fight against Covid-19

330 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. **200 of these flights** have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is around **551.79 tons**. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over **3,27,623km**.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 6th webinar of DekhoApnaDesh Series on 'Making India an Inclusive Travel Destination For All'

The objective of these Webinars is to create awareness about and promote various tourism destinations of India – including the lesser known destinations and lesser known facets of popular destinations. In addition, thematic Webinars are also being organised on subjects such as Accessible Tourism. The 6th Webinar of the series was organised on 22nd April 2020 on the subject ‘Making India an Inclusive Travel Destination For All’.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises 7th Webinar of DekhoApnaDesh Webinar Series- ‘Photowalking@ Varanasi: A Visual Treat, विरासत, संस्कृति और व्यंजन’

For details:

No provision of free internet by Department of Telecom

Fact Check Unit of Press Information Bureau has clarified in a tweet that Department of Telecom is not giving free internet to all users till 3rd May, 2020. The fake information in circulation has claimed that free internet is being provided to all by the Department to enable them to work from home, and can be availed by clicking on a given link.

For details:

IIFPT supports the battle against COVID-19 by manufacturing and supplying nutrient-rich foods to Covid-19 patients

Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology has been manufacturing nutrient-rich foods for COVID-19 patients under medical examination and those who recently recovered from pandemic after treatment at Thanjavur Medical College, Tamil Nadu.

For details:

KVIC Comes To The Rescue of Cocoon Farmers In Tamil Nadu

When the country was struggling hard with deadly Corona virus, Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), an autonomous body under Ministry of MSME, in collaboration with its Khadi Institutions (KIs) in Tamil Nadu has discharged its responsibility once again by purchasing cocoons from cocoon farmers.

For details:

Faridabad District Administration takes various initiatives to fight COVID-19; uses technology to monitor and spread awareness

For details:

Scientists working on anti COVID drugs using garlic essential oil

Department of Biotechnology’s Center of Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing (DBT-CIAB) at Mohali, has planned a bouquet of research projects aimed at generating products that could be used for prevention, diagnosis or cure of for the deadly COVID 19 infection that is currently sweeping over the entire world.

For details:

CSIR decides to develop/repurpose an approved immunomodulator, Sepsivac®, to enhance innate immunity of the body to limit the spread of COVID-19 and fasten the recovery of the patients of COVID-19

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- **Kerala:** Three more Keralites died of Covid19 in US, UK and Gulf. Over 40 Keralites have so far succumbed to the pandemic abroad. No chances of community transmission in Kulathupuzha village of Kollam as all the 36 contacts are strictly quarantined. 11 new cases reported yesterday. Total cases: 437, Active cases: 127.
- **Tamil Nadu:** No new Covid19 cases reported in Puducherry in last 10 days. First positive case reported in Dharmapuri. Hundreds of foreign nationals fly back home in 30 rescue flights from Chennai. Chennai Corporation's tele-counselling service gets around 300 calls daily. 33 new cases yesterday. Total cases: 1629, Deaths: 18, Discharged: 662.
- **Karnataka:** State decides to hike doctors salary in the wake of Covid-19. State brings ordinance to protect health workers. Lockdown restrictions eased: clinics, IT companies to operate with essential staff. 16 new cases confirmed today. Bengaluru-9, Mandya-2, Vijayapura-2, Total cases-443, Cured-141, deaths-17.
- **Andhra Pradesh:** Governor appeals to Muslims to stay indoors and offer prayers at home during the Holy Month of Ramzan. 80 new cases found in the last 24 hours with increased testing. Total Positive Cases: 893, Active Cases: 725, Recovered: 141, Deaths: 27. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (234), Guntur (195), Krishna (88), Chittoor (73), Nellore (67), Kadapa (51), Prakasam (50).
- **Telangana :** Number of new cases from all districts has reduced drastically, only Old City in Hyderabad is showing increasing trend. Over 5 lakh white ration card holders yet to receive the Rs 1,500 financial aid; issues with bank account numbers of 5.26 lakh card holders; State trying to reach them through the postal department. Total cases reach 943; active cases 725.
- **Arunachal Pradesh:** State Government announces that quarantine facilities are being prepared for returnees to the state whenever it is permitted.
- **Assam:** Higher Secondary Education Council announced that the students of HS 1st year 2019-2020 academic year will be promoted to HS 2nd year 2020-2021 academic session.
- **Manipur:** In Manipur, fencing on Indo-Myanmar intensified and vigil increased in the wake of COVID19.
- **Mizoram:** Police Wives Association donated Rs.5 crore towards CM Relief Fund for Covid-19 and also 600 masks for duty personnel in Aizawl.
- **Nagaland:** State Home Commissioner said that there is proper availability of food stocks, fuel and medicines in all districts of the state.
- **Nagaland:** Bio Safety Lab 3 (BSL-3) being set up in Kohima.
- **Sikkim:** State government to carry out a drive to make it necessary to download ArogyaSetu Mobile App for every citizen in the state and also for everyone travelling to the State.
- **Tripura:** CM, Biplab Kumar Deb visited the relief camps for the people affected by hailstorm and assured them for all possible help at the earliest.

- Chandigarh: Decides to enhance the stipend being received by interns of medical college from Rs 300 per day to Rs 600 per day. Thus, the students who are presently playing a major role in fight against COVID19 will get Rs 18,000/- per month w.e.f 1st April, 2020. 24,000 families have already been distributed wheat and pulses under PMGKAY. 1,43,694 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitute and needy persons in various parts of the city. 1.77 lacs Aarogyasetu applications have been downloaded in the UT.
- Punjab: Punjab dispatched 1.25 lakh metric tonnes of rice and wheat to other states through 50 special Trains. The Government agencies and private traders have procured 4,36,406 metric tonnes of wheat in Punjab on seventh day of procurement. 1,797 MT has been procured by the private traders (arhtias). Underlining the stringent lockdown measures initiated by Punjab, the Indian Medical Association (IMA) has lauded state health department for aggressively tackling Covid-19 threat with prompt identification, testing and containment strategy.
- Haryana: Workshops relating to farm equipment open up in Haryana as the government further relaxes lockdown norms in order to facilitate smooth harvesting. Haryana CM Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar launched a website to facilitate bank customers to avail services and at the same time maintain the norms of social distancing.
- Himachal Pradesh: The CM urged the Deputy Commissioners to create awareness among farmers to maintain social distancing while harvesting their produce. He also instructed the officers to give priority in dealing with the corona epidemic and ensure the convenience of the public.
- Maharashtra: With 431 new coronavirus positive cases in Maharashtra, the total number of confirmed Covid-19 count in the state increased to 5,652 today. Among the total people infected as on date, 789 have recovered and 269 have died. Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said that the coronavirus hotspots in Maharashtra have come down from 14 to 5 and the rate of doubling of cases in the state has improved to 7.01 days from 3.1 days earlier this month.
- Gujarat: 135 new coronavirus cases were reported in Gujarat, taking the total reported cases to 2,407. Compared to 19 per cent recovery rate of Covid-19 patients in the country, Gujarat has the lowest recovery rate at 6.3 per cent. Along with Maharashtra, the mortality rate in Gujarat is also high.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, total cases of Covid 19 have climbed to 1,935 with 47 new cases reported today. Of all the new cases, 20 cases are from Jodhpur, 12 in Jaipur and 10 in Nagaur.

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- 19,984 confirmed positive cases of Covid-19 in India as of now; Almost 20% people recovered.
- ICMR forwards a protocol for using Rapid Antibody Test to States.
- Government to conduct a telephonic survey from number 1921 to get feedback on Covid-19.
- Cabinet approves Rs 15,000 Crore for “India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Preparedness Package”
- More Agricultural and Forestry items, Shops of Educational Books for Students and Shops of Electric Fans exempted from lockdown restrictions.
- In-house Care-givers of Senior Citizens, Prepaid mobile recharge utilities, Food processing units in urban areas also exempt.
- Home Minister assures doctors of Security in the fight against Covid-19.
- I&B Ministry advises journalists covering Covid-19 to take due precautions.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 3870 people have been cured with a recovery rate of 19.36%. Since yesterday, an increase of 1383 new cases has been reported. Also, a total of 19,984 people have been confirmed positive as of now for COVID-19 in India. In the last 24 hours, 50 new deaths have been reported. The Cabinet has recommended promulgating an Ordinance to ensure the safety of the doctors under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897. ICMR has forwarded a protocol for using Rapid Antibody Test to all States. It is reiterated that antibody rapid tests are largely to be used as a tool for surveillance. The Government of India will be conducting a Telephonic Survey where citizens shall be contacted through their mobile phone from the number 1921, through NIC. This is a genuine survey. All citizens are requested to participate to help get proper feedback on the prevalence and distribution of COVID-19 symptoms.

For details:

Government exempts additional Agricultural and Forestry items, Shops of Educational Books for Students and Shops of Electric Fans from Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID19

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines. *Relaxations under the above mentioned items would not be applicable to Hotspots/containment zones. These activities would not be permitted in these zones.*

For details:

In-house Care-givers of Senior Citizens, Prepaid mobile recharge utilities, Food processing units in urban areas exempt from Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs had issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines regarding the Nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19. Some queries have been received with regard to exemptions of specific services/activities within the categories already allowed in the guidelines issued under the above referred orders. MHA has now issued clarification, and included certain services in the exempt category.

For details:

Union Home Minister interacts with Doctors and Senior representatives of IMA; assures them of their Security in the fight against COVID-19

The Home Minister appreciated the role of doctors in general and particularly in the fight against Coronavirus and expressed confidence that doctors would continue to work dedicatedly in this fight, as they have been doing till now. He saluted the sacrifices made by doctors to keep the people safe from deadly diseases like COVID-19.

For details:

Ensure adequate security to Healthcare Professionals, Medical Staff and Frontline Workers to prevent violence against them: Union Home Minister

MHA has again directed all States/UTs today to ensure adequate security to healthcare professionals, medical staff & frontline workers to prevent violence against them. Strict action must be taken against those who obstruct performance of last rites of medical professionals or frontline healthcare workers succumbing to COVID19, while discharging their services.

For details:

Cabinet approves Rs. 15,000 Crore for "India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package"

Union Cabinet has approved significant investments to the tune of Rs. 15,000 crore for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'. The funds sanctioned will be utilized in 3 Phases and for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response (an amount of Rs. 7,774 Crore) has been provisioned and rest for medium-term support (1-4 years) to be provided under mission mode approach.

For details:

Keep sufficient blood stock for transfusion by mobilising voluntary blood donors and providing various facilities like mobile blood collection vans and pick & drop facility

Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan welcomed and greeted dedicated Red Cross warriors from all over India at the Video conference. He exhorted them to keep sufficient blood stock for transfusion by promoting voluntary blood donation and providing facilities of pick up and drop to donors. He also called upon the IRCS to contact recovered COVID-19 patients to come forward for blood donation, from which convalescent plasma could be used for transfusion to the Corona affected patients for their early recovery.

For details:

PM expresses gratitude to Mother Earth

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed gratitude to Mother Earth on International Earth Day. "On International Day of Mother Earth, we all express gratitude to our planet for the abundance of care & compassion. Let us pledge to work towards a cleaner, healthier & more prosperous planet. A shout out to all those working at the forefront to defeat COVID-19", the PM said.

For details:

Indian Railways announces slew of Incentives for Freight Traffic during COVID pandemic

No Haulage Charge for movement of empty containers and empty flat wagons from 24.03.2020 till 30.04.2020. More Customers can register their demands and also receive Railway Receipt for goods electronically instead of having to visit the goods sheds physically. In case customer does not avail electronic Receipt, they can take delivery of goods without submitting Railway Invoice at destination point by using alternate procedure. Minimum number of BCNHL required to be loaded in order to avail train load rates has been reduced from 57 to 42 wagons now. The distance related conditions governing mini rake, two point rake etc have been relaxed to encourage industry.

For details:

Railways offers to supply 2.6 lakh meals daily from various Railway kitchens across the country to States

Ministry of Railways has offered to supply 2.6 lakh meals daily from various Railway kitchens wherever the district administration is willing and able to pick up cooked meals and distribute among the needy. The offer of 2.6 lacs meals/ day is based on the kitchen capacities of the earmarked initial locations. If the need arises, more such locations can be ramped up to boost the supply. These meals will be available at just cost basis at Rs 15/ meal.

For details:

SOPs issued for sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports and their movement

Union Minister of State for Shipping (I/C) Shri Mansukh Mandaviya has welcomed the issuance of SOPs for sign-on and sign-off of Indian Seafarers at Indian Ports. In a Tweet, he thanked the Home Minister for the order which will make it possible now for the crew change at sea ports. He said that this will put an end to hardships faced by thousands of seafarers.

For details:

Advisory to Print and Electronic Media

Ministry of Information and broadcasting has advised that media persons including reporters, cameramen, photographers etc., who are covering incidents relating to COVID-19 in various parts of the country and are involved in travel to, among other places, containment zones, hotspots and other COVID affected areas, may take due health and related precautions while performing their duties. The Ministry has also requested the Management of media houses to take necessary care of their field staff as well as office staff.

For details:

EPFO Settles 10.02 Lakh Claims Including 6.06 Lakh COVID-19 Claims Under PMGKY In 15 Working Days

This involve disbursement of a total amount of Rs. 3600.85 Crore which includes Rs. 1954 crore COVID claims under PMGKY package. Despite only one-third staff being able to work due to lockdown, 90% of COVID-19 claims have been settled in 3 working days, setting new standards of service delivery through special software designed for speedy disposal.

For details:

No Government order to close Ministries, PIB Fact Check calls out fake news; No video conferencing app by the name of 'Say Namaste' being launched/ endorsed by Government

For details:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan interacts with LPG distributors through VC; Asks them to maximise free Ujjwala refills for benefit of poor

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan interacted with over 1000 LPG distributors from across the country through video conferencing. While lauding their good work in ensuring doorstep delivery of LPG cylinders during the lockdown, he appealed to them to proactively reach out and maximise the delivery of three free LPG cylinders to PMUY beneficiaries under PradhanMantriGaribKalyanYojana announced for the poor.

For details:

Information Regarding Detection of a COVID-19 Positive Case in the President's Estate

In view of the media reports and speculation about detection of a COVID-19 positive case in the President's Estate, the facts about the situation have been issued.

For details:

HRD Minister launches national program VidyaDaan 2.0 for inviting e-learning Content contributions

Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' e-launched VidyaDaan 2.0 program for inviting e-learning content contributions. The programme has been launched due to the increasing requirement for e-learning content for students (both school and higher education) especially in the backdrop of situation arising out of Covid-19 and also due to the urgent need to integrate digital education with schooling to augment learning.

For details:

Vice President calls for building a greener, cleaner planet

The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has called upon all citizens to collectively strive for building a greener and cleaner planet saying environmental protection is a pious civic duty of all. In a message on the eve of World Earth Day, he said: "Let us accord prime importance to protect Mother Nature, re-orient the development models and consumerism-driven lifestyles". He said that in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have to revisit and reinvent our development and economic strategies.

For details:

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar participates in the G-20 Extraordinary Agriculture Ministers Meeting on the issue of COVID-19 impacts on food security, safety and nutrition

Union Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar participated in an Extraordinary virtual meeting of G-20 Agriculture Ministers to address the issue of COVID-19 impacts on food security, safety and nutrition. He shared the decision of Government of India to exempt all agriculture operations during lockdown period and ensuring continued availability of essential agriculture produce and supply, while adhering to protocol of social distancing, health and hygiene.

For details:

Timely intervention by the Government for uninterrupted supply of essential commodities across the country during lockdown period due to COVID-19 pandemic

Ministry of Agriculture has initiated several steps to decongest wholesale markets & to boost the supply chains during the prevailing lockdown situation occurred due to COVID-19 pandemic. The National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) portal has been revamped by adding two new modules viz., (a) warehouse based trading module and (b) Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) module.

For details:

To fight COVID 19 pandemic all efforts are being channelized to improve the availability of chemicals, fertilizers and medicines in the country: Gowda

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri DV Sadananda Gowda has said that to tide over challenges arising due to COVID-19 pandemic, his ministry is taking all necessary steps to ensure adequate supply of medicines, fertilizers and disinfectant chemicals.

For details:

Skill India provides list of 900 certified plumbers to address needs under essential services during Pandemic while following guidelines

Taking cognizance of the need for essential services like plumbing during the on-going COVID 19 crisis, the Indian Plumbing Skills Council, under the aegis of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, has prepared a database of over 900 plumbers who are ready to provide their services during the lockdown period, across the country. The IPSC has also requested its affiliated training partners to conduct distribution drives of food and essential supplies to the needy and extended necessary support in the preparation and distribution activities.

For details:

Ministry of tourism has not issued any letter on closing of hotels/restaurants till 15th October 2020 due to Coronavirus outbreak

For details:

Proactive Initiatives of TRIFED Due To Covid-19

The actions relating to protecting tribal interests during Covid-19 Lockdown (and the staggered period thereafter) as required can be classified under three heads - Publicity and Awareness Generation; Personal Protective Healthcare; NTFP Procurement.

For details:

DST supported NGO network tackle COVID-19 at community level through S&T interventions

The network of S&T enabled NGOs spread across 22 states of India, supported by the Science for Equity Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) have demonstrated capabilities in containing COVID-19 through various S&T interventions and complimented the efforts of the Government at different States and below levels.

For details:

Comprehensive steps taken by North DMC to safeguard staff during Covid-19 pandemic

In these testing times of the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Delhi Municipal Corporation has taken a series of comprehensive steps to ensure full safety and all possible protection for its staff. The North DMC has established a docking station outside every containment zone. Every staff member whether from sanitation, engineering, public health or any department starts their duty from these docking stations. They report here and are provided with suitable PPE Kits.

For details:



INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: The number of Covid 19 cases in Maharashtra rose to 5,218 with 552 new patients being detected on Tuesday. Mumbai reported 355 new cases, with its tally rising to 3,445, the highest for any city in India. 779 people have been cured so far. In the light of 53 journalists from Mumbai testing positive for Covid 19, the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has issued an advisory to print and electronic media calling on journalists to take precautions and asking their managements to take care of the field as well as office staff. The Inter-Ministerial Central Team (IMCT) led by Additional Secretary Manoj Joshi today visited Dharavi area and inspected the transit camp, quarantine facilities etc. They were accompanied by the State Health Minister Rajesh Tope. The IMCT he team had held extensive discussions with the Chief Minister, Municipal Commissioner, Commissioner of Police and other senior Maharashtra Government officials.
- Gujarat: 112 new coronavirus cases were reported from Gujarat, taking the state tally to 2,178. Among the total people infected as on date, 139 have recovered and 90 have passed away. Gujarat's tally puts the state at number 2 position behind Maharashtra in terms of number of cases among all states and union territories in India.



- Rajasthan: The state recorded 64 fresh coronavirus cases on Wednesday, taking the state's virus tally to 1,799. According to Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Rohit Kumar Singh, test results of the backlog 4000 samples sent to a private lab in Delhi have started coming, resulting in higher number of cases reported.
- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administrator emphasized that those areas, which are being specifically sealed due to corona outbreak should be provided with door step delivery of vegetables and ration, so that people do not have to come out of their residential areas. For the convenience of the residents a list of plumbers, electricians and AC mechanics has been drawn up and publicized. People can avail their services on payment.
- Punjab: In order to ensure hassle-free procurement of wheat amid #COVID19 restrictions, the Punjab Mandi Board has converted 409 additional rice shellers as Sub Mandi Yards during Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21. Efficient arrangements of procurement amid #Covid19 have led to the arrival of 8.95 LMT of wheat till date, of which 7.54 LMT procured by the different government agencies. The industrial units which want to start operations subject to compliance of Standard Operating Procedure mentioned under guidelines issued by MHA& Government of Punjab last week can apply online on Industries and Commerce Department's site and start operations.
- Haryana: Industry and other establishments can apply for pass from portal – “saralharyana.gov.in” to start their operations in view of relaxations provided under the lockdown in the state. E-pass for inter-state movement of vehicles can be applied at “covidpass.egovernments.org/requester-dashboard”.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Chief Minister stated that the ongoing curfew in the state will continue till 3rd May, 2020. This is being done to ensure that corona virus does not reach those areas in the state which are currently free from it. CM expressed his gratitude towards the Hon’ble President of India for giving N-95 surgical masks to the state. He said that this gesture will increase the confidence of Corona Warriors working in the state.
- J&K: 27 new cases reported today. All from Kashmir Division. Total now 407. Jammu-56 and Kashmir-351. The Army is setting up two COVID-19 hospitals, one each in Srinagar and Jammu, as it assured full cooperation to the civil administration in combating the pandemic.
- Arunachal Pradesh: 12,366 consumers have received free LPG cylinders in Arunachal Pradesh so far. IAF choppers carried out 4 sorties so far to supply essential items and medical equipment to remote areas of Changlang district in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Assam: Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that private schools of Assam to waive 50% of school fees for the month of April to give relief to parents amid lockdown. Department of Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam has released financial assistance of Rs.500 each to 8,51,642 beneficiaries through DBT under PMGKY.
- Mizoram: DGP orders an enquiry into the case of physical assault of 2 policemen who were on border sealing duty at Mamit district by a group of people from Mizoram-Tripura border.
- Nagaland: State Health Minister says 2 committees have set up to look after the purchase and quality control of PPEs in the state.
- Sikkim: North district administration in Sikkim informed that Rice and Dal under PMGKY will be distributed from 23rd April, 2020 through Fair Price Shop as per norms.
- Tripura: Khowai district administration in Tripura gave Rs.1000 each to brick kiln workers as part of COVID -19 package announced by the state government for migrant labourers. Total 157 such migrants labourers benefitted.

- Kerala: 62/F in Pathanamthitta tests negative for Covid after 43 days. 2 House Surgeons of Kozhikode MC confirmed +ve; likely contact with Delhi TJ attendees in train. Increased vigil at border village of Kollam as more contacts of the +ve patient are being traced; border check posts with TN strengthened. State decides to cut 6 days' salary for 5 months from Govt employees towards CMDRF. Total confirmed cases: 426, Active cases: 117.
- Tamil Nadu: CM announces Rs 50 lakh & job for the kin of the frontline workers who die of Covid. 69 more booked for attack at funeral of doctor who died of Covid.
- Puducherry CM, ministers, MLAs to be tested Covid as a safety measure. Total cases till now in TN 1596, Active cases:940, Deaths:18, Discharged:635, Max cases from Chennai 358 & Coimbatore 134.
- Karnataka : Total cases 425. Today 7 new cases confirmed. Kalburgi5, and Bangalore 2. So far 129 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: 56 new cases in the last 24 hours; Total +ve cases 813. Deaths :24, Discharged:120, Active cases:669. State appoints special officers in each red zone. State government launches domestic violence helpline numbers across all districts to attend to the complaints of women in distress. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (203), Guntur (177), Krishna (86), Nellore (67), Chittoor (59), Kadapa (51).
- Telangana : Health authorities in State worried about the rapid spread of Covid in Suryapet, about 135 km from Hyderabad, after 26 new cases were reported on Tuesday, pushing Monday's tally to 56 cases. Total positive cases till now 928.





Fact Check on #Covid19

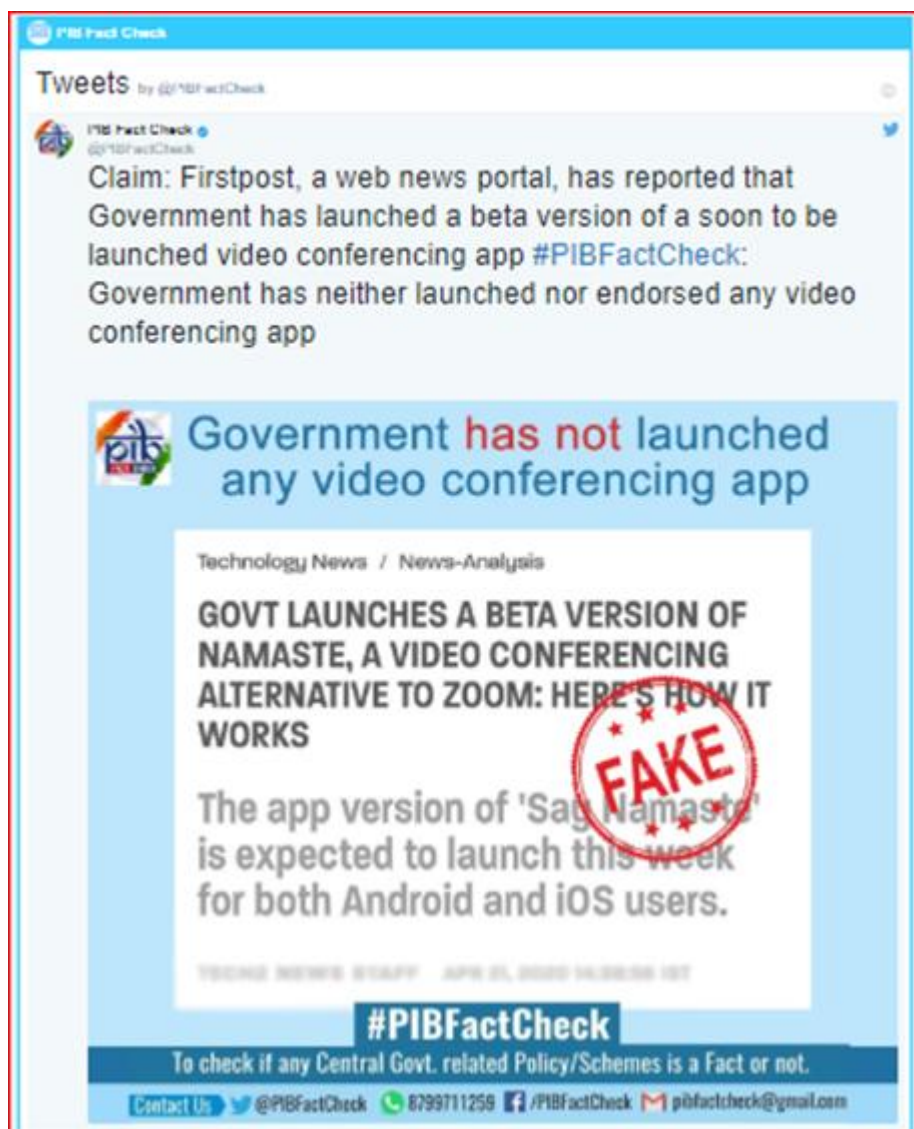
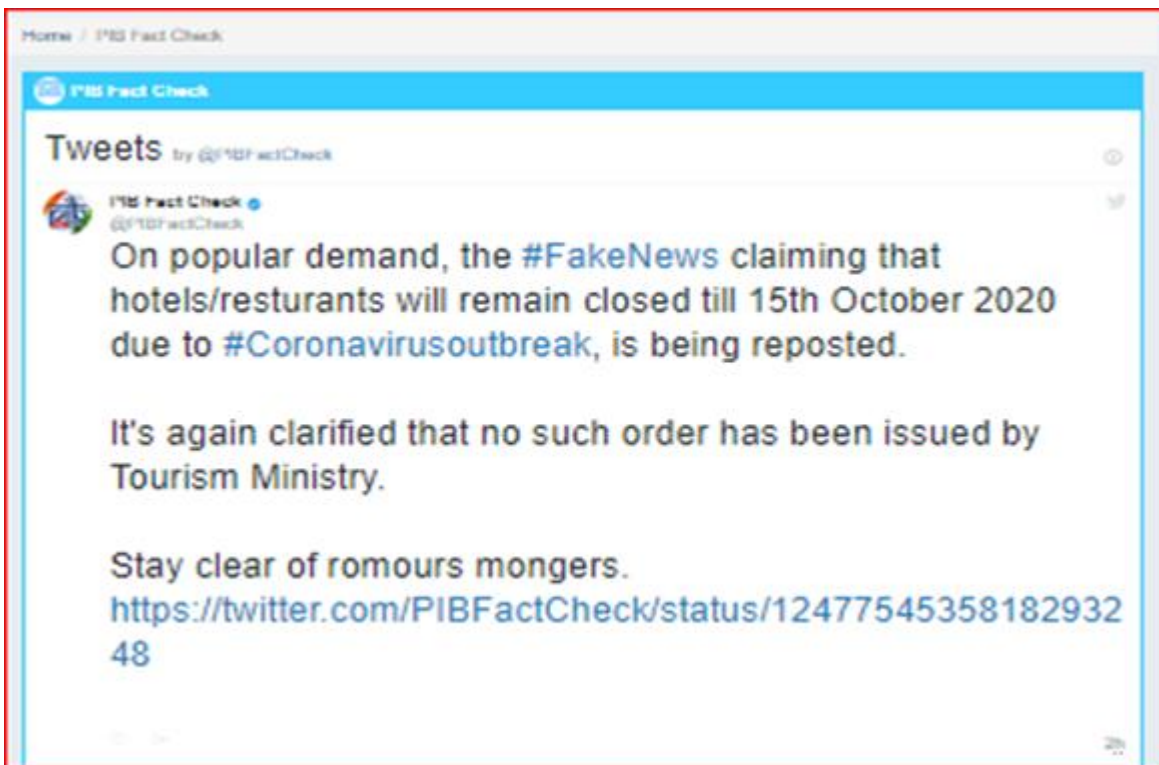

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 Claim: MHA Guidelines prescribe penal action against company directors & management, if employees test positive for [#COVID_19](#)


 Fact: MHA Guidelines misinterpreted. Penalties under DM Act'05 applicable if offence occurs with consent, cognisance or negligence of employer


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Claim: Study on Immunity of Indigenous Assamese by ICMR as not a single case of #COVID19

Fact Check: DG, @ICMRDELHI says "No studies on this aspect at the moment".

Information contained in the said tweet is **#FakeNews**
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A senior specialist in WHO, India told me a striking fact about Covid19 in Assam:

Not a single positive case of Covid19 has occurred in any indigenous Assamese person in entire India

So, am told ICMR may do a study on immunity etc of indigenous Assamese @himantabiswa @JPNadda

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Guwahati, 22.4.2020

No studies on immunity of any ethnic group against COVID-19: ICMR

Fact Check team of PIB Guwahati busts fake news

A tweet has been circulating in the Social Media today stating that not a single positive case of COVID-19 has occurred in any indigenous Assamese in entire India. The tweet also states that the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) may conduct study on the immunity etc. of indigenous Assamese people.

In response to this tweet, Prof. Balram Bhargava, DG, ICMR says "There are no such studies on this aspect at this moment by ICMR".

While urging unity and brotherhood in fight against Covid-19, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on LinkedIn said that COVID-19 does not see race, religion, colour, caste, creed, language or border before striking.

All concerned are advised to refrain from spreading such false information.



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दावा : भारतीय दूरसंचार विभाग ने सभी मोबाइल यूजर को 3 मई 2020 तक फ्री इंटरनेट देने का ऐलान किया है जिसे प्राप्त करने के लिए दिए गए लिंक पर क्लिक करना होगा

तथ्य : यह दावा बिल्कुल झूठ है, व दिया गया लिंक फर्जी है।

कृपया अफवाहों और जालसाजों से दूर रहें।

Covid-19: भारतीय दूरसंचार विभाग का ऐलान

कोरोना महामारी के कारण 03 मई 2020 तक लॉकडाउन के वजह से भारतीय दूरसंचार विभाग ने सभी मोबाइल यूजर को फ्री इंटरनेट देने का ऐलान किया है ताकि आप घर बैठे अपना काम कर सकें।

कृपया घर में रहकर कोरोना वायरस (Covid-19) को फैलने से रोकें।

नोट:- नीचे दी गई लिंक पर क्लिक करके अपना फ्री इंटरनेट प्राप्त करें।

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दावा : लोकडाउन के कारण, रेल मंत्रालय के द्वारा 13 लाख से ज्यादा अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के वेतन और भत्ते में कटौती करने की योजना बनाई जा रही है।

तथ्य : यह दावा झूठ है। रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा ऐसी कोई भी योजना नहीं बनाई जा रही।

नहीं! रेल मंत्रालय कर्मचारियों के वेतन और भत्ते में कटौती करने की कोई योजना नहीं बना रही

रेलवे में भरपाई को भत्ते पर रोक लगोगी

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रेल मंत्रालय लोकडाउन के चलते होने वाले खर्च को घटाने के लिए 13 लाख से अधिक कर्मचारियों के वेतन और भत्ते में कटौती करने की योजना बनाई जा रही है। यह दावा झूठ है। रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा ऐसी कोई भी योजना नहीं बनाई जा रही है।

50% याई कटौती संभव
काच, मरीज टेक्नाल, क्लिपिंग और समेकित निरीक्षण भाग में एक वर्ष तक 50% कटौती होने वाली। कर्मचारी एक महीने अधिकतम 50% अलग है तो निरीक्षण भाग में 50% कटौती के बाद के चरम भाग के लिए 20% इजाजत मिलती है। इसकी सीमा 50% है।

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 21 APR 2020 6:53PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 18,601 confirmed cases reported for COVID-19 in the country so far of which 3252 have been cured/discharged after recovery. Death toll is 590.
- 61 more districts from 23 States/UT have not reported any fresh cases during the last 14 Days.
- Dr Harsh Vardhan launches 'COVID India Seva', an interactive platform for citizen engagement on COVID-19
- Rs 17,793 Crore released under PM-KISAN scheme to 8.89 crore families during the lockdown.
- Prime Minister appreciates the efforts of Civil Servants in ensuring that India defeats Covid-19
- Extension granted for Renewable Energy projects for a period of 30 days beyond lockdown.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

A total of 18,601 confirmed cases are reported for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 3252 persons i.e. 17.48% of total cases have been cured/discharged after recovery. A total of 590 deaths have been reported so far due to COVID-19. There are now 61 additional districts from 23 States/UT that have not reported any fresh cases during the last 14 Days. CSIR is launching a randomized, blinded, two arms, active comparator-controlled clinical trial to evaluate drug efficacy to reduce mortality in critically ill COVID-19 patients. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has written to the Health Departments of all States/UTs to ensure adequate availability of blood in blood banks.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616753>

Dr Harsh Vardhan launches 'COVID India Seva', an interactive platform for citizen engagement on COVID-19

This initiative is aimed at enabling transparent e-governance delivery in real-time and answering citizen queries swiftly, at scale, especially in crisis situations like the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Through this, people can pose queries @CovidIndiaSeva and get them responded to in almost real time. @CovidIndiaSeva works off a dashboard at the backend that helps process large volumes of tweets, converts them into resolvable tickets, and assigns them to the relevant authority for real-time resolution.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616667>

Union Government directs West Bengal not to obstruct working of Central Teams regarding review and on-spot assessment of implementation of Lockdown measures to fight COVID19 in the State

The Union Government has directed Government of West Bengal not to obstruct working of Central Teams reg. review and on-spot assessment of implementation of Lockdown measures to fight COVID19 in the State. It had been brought to the notice of MHA that both the Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), at Kolkata and Jalpaiguri respectively, have not been provided with the requisite co-operation by the State and local authorities. It was informed that they have been specifically restrained from making any visits, interacting with health professionals, and assessing the ground level situation.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616755>

Under PM-KISAN Scheme, Rs. 17,793 crores released for 8.89 crore farmer families during the lockdown

Under the PradhanMantriKisanSammanNidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme during the lockdown period from 24.3.2020 till date, about 8.89 crore farmer families have been benefitted and an amount of Rs. 17,793 crore has been released so far. In order to provide food security during the prevailing situation due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Government has decided to distribute pulses to the eligible households under PradhanMantriGaribKalyanYojana (PM-GKY). About 107,077.85 MT pulses have so far been issued to the States/UTs.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616501>

Rs. 481.63 Crores disbursed to 40,826 members by exempted PF trusts under PMGKY

The provision for a special withdrawal from the EPF Scheme to tide over the COVID -19 pandemic is part of the PradhanMantriGareebKalyan Yojna (PMGKY) Scheme announced by Government. Exempted PF trusts have risen to the occasion amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. As on the forenoon of 17.04.2020, Rs. 481.63 crores (Rs. 481,63,76,714) have been disbursed to 40,826 PF Members as advance.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616455>

PM greets Civil Servants and pays tributes to Sardar Patel on Civil Services Day.

On the occasion of the Civil Services Day, Prime Minister said “Today, on Civil Services Day I convey greetings to all Civil Servants and their families. I appreciate their efforts in ensuring India successfully defeats COVID-19. They are working round the clock, assisting those in need and ensuring everyone is healthy.”

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616611>

Dr. Jitendra Singh commends the yeomen services rendered by Civil Servants in India's fight against COVID-19 on Civil Services Day.

Calling for greater inter-service camaraderie, citing the successful example of the CARUNA platform which brings together 29 service associations in an endeavour to support natural disasters, Dr. Singh in a video interaction complemented the civil servants for their support to Government's COVID 19 relief operations by offering one day salary to the Prime Minister's Cares Fund. He said that District Collectors have been leading the fight against the COVID 19 pandemic and India's prospects to contain the pandemic rested on the broad shoulders of civil servants.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616694>

India and Afghanistan will combat COVID-19 together, with solidarity and shared resolve says PM

The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today said India and Afghanistan will combat COVID-19 together, with solidarity and shared resolve. PM Modi was responding to a tweet from Afghanistan President Dr. Ashraf Ghani, who expressed his gratitude towards India for providing essential medicines hydroxychloroquine, paracetamol and other items to Afghanistan.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616486>

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 5th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank

Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs attended the 5th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank through video-conference in New Delhi. On the discussion of COVID-19, Smt. Sitharaman appreciated NDB's effort on fast tracking of financial assistance of about \$5 billion to BRICS countries including Emergency Assistance of \$1 billion India to combat COVID-19 pandemic. She also suggested that, assistance under this facility to be enhanced to \$10 billion.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616547>

Surplus rice to be converted to ethanol for utilization in making alcohol-based hand-sanitizers and for blending in Petrol

A meeting of NBCC was held today under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, wherein it was approved that the surplus rice available with Food Corporation of India (FCI) may be converted to ethanol for utilization in making alcohol-based hand-sanitizers and in blending for Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) programme.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616437>

Effective date for implementation of Approved Lists of Models and Manufacturers of Solar PV Modules and Solar PV Cells extended to 30.09-2020

Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) has recently issued office memorandum extending the effective dates for implementation of **Approved Lists of Models & Manufacturers (ALMM) for Solar PV modules and Solar PV cells** to 30th September 2020, which was earlier 31.03.2020, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616662>

MNRE Grants Extension for RE Projects considering disruption on account of lockdown due to COVID-19 for a period of 30 Days beyond lockdown

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has said that the Renewable Energy implementing agencies may grant extension of time for RE projects, on account of lockdown due to COVID-19, equivalent to the period of lockdown and additional 30 (thirty) days for normalisation after end of such lockdown.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616670>

Functioning of the Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal will remain suspended till 03.05.2020.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616665>

Lifeline Udan flights support Covid-19 fight by delivering over 541 tons of medical cargo across the country

316 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers during Covid-19 lockdown, carrying around 541.33 tons of cargo. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 3,14,965 km. Helicopter services including Pawan Hans Ltd have been operating in J&K, Ladakh, Islands and North East region transporting critical medical cargo and patients. Till 20 April 2020 it has carried 1.90 tons of cargo covering a distance of 6537 kms.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616657>

E-mails for facilitating faster refund cannot be misconstrued as harassment: CBDT

The Central Board of Direct Taxes responding to some observations being circulated on social media alleging that the Income Tax Department is pursuing recovery proceedings and using arm-twisting methods by adjusting outstanding demands of the start-ups, has stated that these observations are completely unfounded and are total misrepresentation of facts.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616620>

Local administrations at district and village levels continue taking various measures to check the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country.

Measures include preliminary testing of local people; creating checkpoints for medical screening of persons entering and leaving the area; regular sanitization of public places and creating quarantine centres; regular inspection of procurement centres

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616633>

FCI moved 2 vessels to Andaman & Nicobar Islands and 7 smaller vessels to Lakshadweep Islands to maintain food grain supply during the lockdown

Maintaining continuous supply of food grains to the islands of Andaman & Nicobar as well as Lakshadweep during the lockdown period is being handled by Food Corporation of India with full vigor over the last 27 days. In last 27 days, about 6500 MT food grains moved to Andaman & Nicobar, more than double the monthly average, and 1750 MT to Lakshadweep, almost thrice the monthly average

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616697>

Ministry of Tribal Affairs takes up various proactive measures in view of Pandemic COVID-19

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has taken up various proactive measures for implementation as part of the process to **save tribal persons from Pandemic Corona Virus (Covid-19) and to restore growth in the economy after the Covid-19 pandemic and resultant movement restrictions.**

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616632>

Union HRD Minister chairs review meeting on SWAYAM and SWAYAM Prabha

Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' held a detailed review of the National online education platform SWAYAM and the 32 DTH Television Education Channels SWAYAM PRABHA. 1902 courses are available currently in SWAYAM, which have been offered to 1.56 cr. students since launch. SWAYAM PRABHA is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616474>

PIBFactCheck tweets five items today carrying the official version

In order to check the spread of fake news on social media and following observations of the Supreme Court, PIB set up a dedicated unit to bust rumours getting viral on the social media. 'PIBFactCheck' is a verified handle on Twitter that continuously monitors trending messages on social media platforms and conducts comprehensive review of its contents to bust fake news.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616527>

"Let Rotarians come forward to assist in involving more people in the fight against COVID-19" – Dr. Harsh Vardhan

"I really value Rotarians having given a great contribution in our fight against COVID-19. In fact the contribution is appreciable in terms of PM CARES contribution, equipment, sanitizers food, PPE kits and N95 masks etc. for hospitals." Union Health Minister stated this while interacting with the Rotarians across the country through Video Conferencing (VC) with an aim to involve them to assist in involving more and more concerned people in the fight against COVID-19.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616691>

Over 25,000 COVID 19 related Portal Grievances have been redressed in the last 20 days, beginning from 1st of April: Dr.Jitendra Singh

On the National Monitoring Dashboard (<https://darpg.gov.in>) in the grievance portal, an exclusive window was introduced for COVID related grievances as a result of which, any grievance related to COVID got directly registered, to be accordingly followed up by the concerned.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616507>

Standing by Delhi Police, Railways make arrangements to provide 10000 water bottles per day to Delhi Police personnel on COVID duty

As the summer heat increases, Indian Railways with the help of its PSU IRCTC starts providing Rail Neer water bottles to Policemen stationed at Road Naakas and other places in war against COVID. Till now more than 50000 bottles have been distributed; Arrangements to continue till May 3

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616676>

Pune's mobile App Saiyam tracks Home Quarantined Citizens

In order to effectively track the home-quarantines citizens and ensure they are actually staying in the home, a mobile application named Saiyam has been developed by the Pune Municipal Corporation under Smart Cities Mission (SCM).

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616686>

Central PSU of Power Ministry REC steps up relief work amidst lockdown to curb Covid-19 Pandemic

REC Limited, a Navratna CPSE is distributing cooked food, ration, utility packets, masks, sanitizers and even providing shelter during the lockdown benefiting 76,000 daily wagers and their families till date. REC Foundation has already sanctioned funds totalling ₹ 7 crores for these activities and more such funds are already in the pipeline.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1616614>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Chandigarh: The Chandigarh Administration has decided to provide 6670 registered construction workers an amount of Rs.3000/- as a special relief, keeping in view their present unemployment during the lockdown period. This amount will be in addition to Rs.3000/- already sanctioned earlier out of Construction Labour Welfare Fund. The amount will be transferred to the accounts of the workers directly. The Chandigarh Administrator has directed that a special camp be held exclusively for testing of the media personnel to prevent any chance of infection.
- Punjab: To make people aware of detailed information related to COVID-19, the Information and Public Relations Department Punjab has launched whatsapp bot and chatbot on Facebook. In line with his decision not to ease the state-wide curfew despite the relaxations allowed by the Centre, Punjab Chief Minister clarified that industrial units being permitted to function in non-containment zones would be required to align to the state government's earlier orders, as also the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Haryana: Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal said that it is the aim of State Government to ensure each eligible beneficiary in the State gets the benefits of all welfare policies and programmes of the government. 8,693 farmers reported at the 163 Procurement Centres for procurement of mustard in the State and 9,729 Wheat farmers reported at the Wheat Procurement Centres.
- Himachal Pradesh: The state government started a unique initiative called "eSanjeevaniOPD" where people sitting at their homes can get Health-related guidance from doctors. The URL of the portal is – "esanjeevaniopd.in".
- Kerala: Triple lockdown is being implemented from today in Kannur (Red Zone) due to increased traffic on road. Some of the lockdown relaxations rolled back in two Green Zone districts- Kottayam & Idukki. A 62 year old woman in Pathanamthitta not cured even after 42 days; 19 tests done till now have come positive.
- Tamil Nadu: Following local residents violently opposing burial of a doctor who died of Covid in Chennai, CM issues statement assuring all governmental support to front-line staff in the fight against the pandemic. 26 colleagues of Covid +ve journalist of a Tamil TV Channel test positive. Total cases till yesterday: 1520, Deaths: 17, Discharged: 457, Active cases: 1043. Chennai (290) & Coimbatore (133) report maximum cases.
- Karnataka: Today 7 new cases confirmed: Vijayapura 3, Kalburgi 3 & Dakshin Kannada 1. Total confirmed Covid cases: 415, Deaths: 17, Cured and discharged: 117.

- Andhra Pradesh: 35 new cases in the last 24 hours; total cases reach 757. Total Deaths: 22, Cured: 96 Active cases: 639. State on high alert over rapid increase in +ve cases in Kurnool, Guntur, Krishna & Nellore districts. CM announces financial aid of Rs 5000 each to temple priests, imams & pastors. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (184), Guntur (158), Krishna (83), Nellore (67), Chittoor (53).
- Telangana: Two Rohingya refugees from Telangana who attended the Delhi TJ meeting test positive for Covid. Total number of cases reach 874. Health authorities in State decide not to take samples from the bodies of those suspected to have died of Covid-19. A research proposal from an NIT, Warangal Academic, to study effect of temperature & humidity on Corona virus, has made it to a public private effort led by the White House Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) to understand the virus and help develop vaccines.
- Arunachal Pradesh: DC Itanagar bans bringing and selling of vegetables from Red and Orange zones in the state.
- Assam: Health Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that the state government will begin Rapid Antibody tests starting from Spanish Garden- a containment zone in Guwahati from April 22nd.
- Manipur: Government issues order for maximum attendance of 33 percent of staff upto the rank of Under Secretaries.
- Mizoram: Over 40,000 beneficiaries of Mizoram Building & Other Constitution Workers Welfare Board have received Rs.3000 each during lockdown through DBT system.
- Nagaland: CISF personnel of DHEP, Doyang distributed ration & essential items to needy people of Doyang Village under Wokha district.
- Sikkim: State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Ltd (SIMFED) launched Mobile Ration Van in Gangtok to deliver essential items to each household amid lockdown.
- Tripura: In Tripura, evaluation of answer sheets of class 10th and 12th Board examination to start from 24th April.
- Maharashtra: Coronavirus cases in Maharashtra have surged to 4,676 with 472 new cases reported till now. Two Inter-Ministerial Central Teams are on visit to make on-spot assessment of situation and issue necessary directions to State Authorities for its redressal. Meanwhile, 53 journalists who have tested positive in Mumbai have been placed under isolation in a suburban hotel.
- Gujarat: In Gujarat, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Institute in Ahmedabad has signed an MoU with the Indian Council of Medical Research to carry out study on the safety and efficacy of convalescent plasma to limit coronavirus-associated complications in a patient.
- Rajasthan: The Rajasthan government has stopped using the Made in China rapid testing kits for coronavirus, after they delivered inaccurate results. The state's Health Minister Raghu Sharma said the kits gave only 5.4 per cent accurate results against the expectation of 90 per cent accuracy. 83 new Covid 19 cases have been reported in Rajasthan today, taking total number of positive cases in the state to 1659 now.

Fact Check on #Covid19



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दावा : लॉकडाउन के कारण, रेल मंत्रालय के द्वारा 13 लाख से ज्यादा अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के वेतन में कटौती करने की योजना बनाई जा रही है।

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Total Deaths
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दावा : केंद्र का तत्काल प्रभाव से सभी मंत्रालय बंद करने का निर्देश।

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PIB Fact Check, Hosharpur

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(1/2) DM Una (HP) responds to News Item published in @thewire_in - Hoshiarpur's Muslim Gujjars denied entry into HP to supply milk.

DM Una has clarified that there is no restriction on supply of milk by milkmen from Punjab in district Una, milk being an essential commodity.

From
The District Magistrate,
Una, District Una(H.P.)

To
The Editor,
The Wire, F-44-45,
Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg,
Lane Opposite Jain Bhawan,
Gole Market, New Delhi-110001

No.MA/MC-1-6389 Dated 20th April,2020

Subject:- Reference regarding news item published in the Wire- Hoshiarpur's Muslim Gujjars denied Entry into H.P.

Sir,

This is to clarify that there is no restriction on supply of milk by milkmen from Punjab in the jurisdiction of district Una, it being an essential commodity. There is curfew imposed in the district Una and relaxation to the general public for sale and purchase is granted from 7.00am to 10.00am daily. Also there is restriction on use of private vehicles for supply of essential goods without valid passes. Milkmen entering the borders of district Una from Punjab for selling milk using their private vehicle should get passes for the inter-state movement of their vehicles from the authorized officer in Punjab. There was similar kind of issue when SDM Nangal (Punjab) stopped the lifting of milk from Haroli sub-division of this district, but the matter was resolved by issuing passes to the daily commuting milkmen.

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On popular demand, the **#FakeNews** claiming that hotels/restaurants will remain closed till 15th October 2020 due to **#Coronavirusoutbreak**, is being reposted.

It's again clarified that no such order has been issued by Tourism Ministry.

Stay clear of rumours mongers.

<https://twitter.com/PIBFactCheck/status/1247754535818293248>

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 17,265 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the country so far, 2547 persons cured/discharged after recovery, 543 deaths so far due to pandemic.
- India's doubling rate has improved to 7.5 as compared to 3.4 for the week before the lockdown
- Prime Minister says that India, a youthful nation known for its innovative zeal, can take the lead in providing a new work culture.
- MHA asks states to ensure smooth movement of the entire Supply Chain of Essential Goods.
- Centre constitutes 6 Inter-ministerial teams to make assessment of situation & augment states' efforts to fight & contain spread of Covid-19 effectively
- Online data pool of doctors, health professionals and volunteers created for use by ground level administration.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

A total of 17,265 confirmed cases are reported for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 2547 persons i.e. 14.75 % of total cases have been cured/discharged after recovery. A total of 543 deaths have been reported so far due to COVID-19. The doubling rate of COVID-19 cases calculated using growth over the past seven days indicates that India's doubling rate for the week before lockdown was 3.4 and has improved to 7.5 as on 19th April, 2020 (for the last seven days).

For details:

Life in the era of COVID-19

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has shared a few thoughts on LinkedIn, which would interest youngsters and professionals. He said “Today, the world is in pursuit of new business models. India, a youthful nation known for its innovative zeal can take the lead in providing a new work culture.” Prime Minister further added that he envisions this new business and work culture being redefined on the following vowels- **Adaptability, Efficiency, Inclusivity, Opportunity, and Universalism.**

For details:

Central Government constitutes 6 Inter-Ministerial Teams to make assessment of situation & augment State efforts to fight & contain spread of COVID-19 effectively.

The Centre has constituted 6 Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), two each for West Bengal and Maharashtra and one each for Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, to make on-spot assessment of situation and issue necessary directions to State Authorities for its redressal and submit their report to Central Government in larger interest of general public.

For details:

States must ensure Smooth Movement of the entire Supply Chain of Essential Goods, including by e-Commerce

MHA has communicated to all States/UTs and requested them to clarify to all the field agencies and also adequately disseminate directions amongst the general public so as to ensure smooth movement of the entire supply chain of essential goods, including by e-commerce. It has also been communicated that the guidelines/ Orders issued by the State Governments/ UT Administration in pursuance to MHA Orders may be suitably modified to reflect the correct position.

For details,

Government launches online data pool of critical human resource for combating and containing Covid-19

Union Government has created an online data pool on <https://covidwarriors.gov.in> of doctors including AYUSH doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, volunteers from NYKs, NCC NSS, PMGKVY, ex Servicemen etc for use by the ground level administration at state, district or municipal levels. The information has been uploaded on a dashboard which is regularly updated. Informing about this very critical human resource for combating and containing Covid-19.

For details,

G20 Health Ministers Meeting deliberates on steps to control COVID-19

Forge cooperation and mutually respectful and useful collaborations to deal with COVID-19 disease, stressed Dr. Harsh Vardhan during the Video Conference of the Health Ministers of G20 countries, an international forum for the governments of 19 countries and the European Union (EU). Dr. Harsh Vardhan reiterated India's support to the global health agenda, and said, “India looks forward towards working with G20 member countries to pursue unified efforts towards mitigation of COVID-19.”

For details,

Despite COVID -19 lockdown, Production and Movement of Fertilizers going on to meet the demand of farmers

On 17th April, 41 highest number of Fertilizer Rakes moved from plants & ports, the highest movement during lockdown period in a day

For details,

North East operations of FCI during lockdown

FCI moved 158 train loads carrying about 4,42,000 MT food grains during 25 days of lockdown to North Eastern states at double its average of about 80 Train loads per month. Rail movement was supplemented by large scale road movement to reach remote NER areas

For details,

Telephone Conversation between PM and President of the Maldives

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Maldives. The leaders updated each other about the current state of COVID-19 infections in their countries. They expressed satisfaction that the coordination modalities agreed between SAARC countries were being implemented actively.

For details,

Army Extends Support to Narela Quarantine Centre

Narela Quarantine Centre in Delhi is amongst the largest centres in the country for managing the COVID suspects at Delhi. The centre was established by the Delhi Government in mid of March 2020. A team of Army Doctors and Nursing staff have been assisting the Civil administration at Narela Quarantine Centre since 01 April 20. From 16 April 20, the Army has taken the initiative to manage the facility from morning 8:00 am to evening 8:00 pm relieving the Delhi Government Doctors and medical staff to manage the facility only during the night.

For details

Road Ministry launched dashboard containing list of Dhabas and Truck Repair Shops on its website

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has created a dashboard link on its website for providing list and details of Dhabas and Truck repair shops available across the country by various organisations like NHAI, States, Oil Marketing companies. This is intended to facilitate the truck / cargo drivers and cleaners in their movement while traveling between different places of the country for delivering required goods in the present challenging times of lockdown announced to curb Covid-19 pandemic.

For details:

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has taken various steps to contribute in the on-going fight against COVID-19

As on date, 80 Kendriya Vidyalayas have been assigned to various competent authorities for using them as Quarantine Centres. 32,247 teachers are taking online classes of 7,07,312 students through various online platforms

For details:

District administrations and Gram Panchayats all across the country responding with various activities to check the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic

Various actions being taken include formation of advisory committees; wall paintings to create awareness about the disease; local stitching and distribution of masks; free distribution of cooked meals/rations to the needy; and sanitization of public spaces

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital to review status of COVID-19 management

Keeping in view the emerging requirements for hospital preparedness, Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital is functioning as dedicated 450-bedded COVID-19 hospital, consisting of adequate isolation wards and beds. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also stated that the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in the country is being monitored regularly at highest levels in collaboration with the States.

For details,

Indian Railways provides over 20 lakh free meals to needy people

Distribution of free hot cooked meals by Indian Railways during the national lockdown due to COVID-19 crossed the two million mark today, with a total of more than 20.5 lacs. Indian Railways staff from a number of Railway organizations have worked tirelessly since 28th March 2020 to provide hot cooked meals to needy people after the lockdown due to COVID-19. Railways has been providing bulk cooked food with paper plates for lunch and food packets for dinner through IRCTC base kitchens, RPF resources and contribution of NGOs. While delivering the food to needy persons, social distancing and hygiene is being observed.

For details:

Coal and Mines PSUs extending best possible support in fighting Covid-19: Shri Pralhad Joshi

National Aluminum Company (NALCO) and Coal India subsidiary Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) will fully fund two dedicated COVID-19 hospitals in Odisha inaugurated by Shri Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister, Odisha along with Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Minister of Coal & Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi through Video Conferencing today. The hospitals started by Government of Odisha will be run with the help of different medical hospitals of the state.

For details:

Chandigarh city uses Vehicle tracking applications and GPS enabled smart watches for waste collection drivers in its fight against Covid-19

As soon as the first COVID positive case was reported in Chandigarh, the City started quarantine of all the persons who came in contact with the positive case. The quarantined persons are also being tracked through CVD Tracker App. Special provisions were made for serving Essential items to quarantined families.

For details:

Lifeline Udan flights cover over 3 lakh km to deliver essential medical cargo to various part of India

Lifeline Udan flights have covered over 3 lakh km of aerial distance to transport around 507.85 tons of essential medical cargo. 301 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers.

For details:

CSIR supports efforts to develop a drug to save lives of critically ill patients suffering from Gram-negative sepsis

CSIR, is now initiating a randomized, blinded, two arms, active comparator-controlled clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy of the drug for reducing mortality (deaths) in critically ill COVID-19 patients

For details:

India Post delivers medicines urgently to child suffering from cancer in Una

India Post delivered medicines to an 8 year old girl Shalini(name changed) from Una in Himachal Pradesh who was suffering from Cancer.

For details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Punjab : The Punjab Mandi Board has made elaborate arrangements to strictly observe health protocol by providing 1.50 lakh masks and 15,000 bottles of sanitizers to its 5,600 officers/officials so as to ensure smooth and hassle-free procurement of wheat in wake of difficult phase due to COVID19 pandemic. The Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab has provided three lac masks to the Government departments which were made by the women self-help groups under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Himachal Pradesh government has urged the citizens to follow the advisory issued by Ministry of AYUSH which recommends some self-care guidelines for preventive health measures and boosting immunity with special reference to respiratory health.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In the state lockdown, 1669 violators booked, 492 people arrested, 750 vehicles seized, total 161 FIRs registered & Rs 6.5 lakhs collected as fine.
- Assam: Health Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that the state government has released Rs.2000 each for 86,000 people stranded outside the state.
- Manipur: CM hands over 12 newly acquired patrol cars to newly created Special Patrol Units of Imphal East and West Districts.
- Mizoram: State Board of School Education has postponed the class 12th examination which was scheduled to take place from 22 April due to nationwide lockdown.
- Nagaland: Undertrials' Review Committee meetings conducted in different districts. So far 109 undertrials and 8 juveniles released on parole to reduce congestion in jails amidst COVID-19 pandemic.
- Nagaland: Kohima & Dimapur observe Sabbath Day amid lockdown. As Church Deacons read out the scriptures through loudspeakers, residents came out on terraces, balconies, doors & windows of their homes and prayed.
- Sikkim: In Sikkim, Powergrid has provided a monetary contribution of Rs 7.85 Lakhs for 10 ventilators to DC WEST, Rs 7 Lakhs each to DC East and DC North for rations and PPE kits and

Rs 3 Lakhs to DC South for the same to fight against NCOVID-19.

- Tripura: StateGovt has brought out a memorandum today permitting 16 different Industries & Industrial Establishments (Govt& Private) which will be allowed to operate, subject to compliance of the Government guidelines.
- Kerala: Following directive from the Centre, Govt corrects lockdown relaxations in the State. An Italian citizen after being cured of Corona virus, bids good bye to the state after expressing gratitude. 13 recoveries & 2 new cases yesterday. 129 are undergoing treatment.
- Tamil Nadu: State to maintain lockdown till May 3rd. Locals at Kilpauk deny burial of doctor who died of Covid19; later buried in another place. Total cases till now 1477; deaths 16; discharged 411. Chennai (290), Coimbatore(133) & Tirupur(108) report maximum cases.
- Karnataka : 5 new cases confirmed today, all from Kalburgi district. Total cases till now 395; Deaths:16, Discharged:112. Attack on Asha workers & Police in Bengaluru city prompts State to bring ordinance to protect corona warriors, on the lines of Kerala & UP.
- Andhra Pradesh: 75 new cases in the last 24 hours; total cases reach 722. Death toll rises to 20. 92 patients so far. State's initiative to distribute 3 free masks to every individual by making 16 crore masks through SHGs is providing employment to around 40K women who are earning Rs 500 per day. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (174), Guntur (149), Krishna (80), Nellore (67), Chittoor (53).
- Telangana : Hyderabad-based T-Works in collaboration with multiple startups develops bag-valve-mask (BVM) based ventilator for emergency use under the guidance of NIMS. Lockdown extended till May 7 in the State. Total number of cases reach 858. Active cases: 651, Deaths: 21, Discharged: 186.
- Maharashtra: The number of Covid 19 positive cases in Maharashtra has crossed 4,000 to reach 4,203. The state has witnessed 223 deaths, while 507 people have been cured so far. Nearly two-thirds of the people who have tested positive in Maharashtra were asymptomatic and showed no signs of infection at the time of the test.
- Goa: 265 British nationals took off for the UK in a special flight from the Goa International Airport today. This was the 27th special flight flying foreign tourists out of the Goa International Airport. In all, more than 5,000 foreign tourists, including those from Russia, France, US, Canada, have been repatriated since the announcement of Covid 19 lockdown on 24th March.
- Gujarat: 139 new coronavirus cases were reported from Gujarat taking the state tally to 1,743. Among the total people infected as on date, 105 have recovered and 63 have passed away. Meanwhile, in view of surge in demand for the anti-malarial Hydroxyl Chloroquine (HCQ), pharmaceutical companies based in Gujarat have ramped up production to meet domestic as well as global demand. The Food & Drug Control Administration, Gujarat has granted 20 product licenses to 13 pharma companies in the state.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, the number of Covid 19 positive cases has increased to 1,478 with 14 fatalities till date. In a bid to control the cases of Coronavirus, the Rajasthan Government has partnered with healthcare start-up MedCords to provide 24 x 7 online consultation and medicine delivery to the people through its integrated solution – Aayu and SehatSathi App.
- Madhya Pradesh: In the state, the number of corona infected people has increased to 1,407. 131 people have completely recovered from this disease while 72 have died so far. Indore has the highest number of 890 patients and Bhopal has 214 patients.

Fact Check on #Covid19

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- 15,712 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported in the country so far; 2231 persons cured/ discharged after recovery
- Restrictions will ease in non-containment areas from tomorrow
- Supply of non-essential goods by e-commerce companies will remain prohibited during lockdown.
- SOPs issued for Movement of Stranded Migrant Labourers within the state.
- Over Rs 36,659 Crore transferred by using DBT in the bank accounts of 16.01 crore beneficiaries during the lockdown
- No decision as yet on resumption of domestic passenger flights.
- Denying rumours, Government says there is no proposal for reduction of pension
- Indian Navy says so far there has not been a single case of Covid-19 onboard any ship, submarine or air station.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

A total of 15,712 confirmed cases are reported for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 2231 persons i.e. 14.19% of total cases have been cured/discharged after recovery. 2144 dedicated COVID-19 hospitals have been identified at both Centre and State levels. From tomorrow, restrictions will be eased in non-containment areas, but containment areas in HOTSPOT districts will not be given any relaxation. States / UTs may impose further additional measures according to local requirements. A high-level Task Force has been formed to work on the frontiers of science related to drug testing and vaccines.

For details:

Government prohibits supply of Non-Essential Items through e-Commerce under Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines to all Ministries/Departments, regarding the Nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19. Under the above consolidated revised guidelines, it is clarified that, e-commerce companies supplying essential goods have been exempted from lockdown restrictions. Further, vehicles used by e-commerce companies, engaged in supply of only essential goods, would be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.

For details:

SOPs issued for Movement of stranded Migrant Labourers, within States/UTs where they are currently located, in wake of COVID-19 epidemic

Due to the spread of COVID-19 virus, workers employed in industry, agriculture, construction and other sectors have moved from their respective places of work, and are housed in relief/ shelter camps being run by State/ UT Governments. Since additional new activities, outside the containment zones, have been permitted in the consolidated revised guidelines with effect from 20th April 2020, these workers could be engaged in industrial, manufacturing, construction, farming and MNREGA works. In order to facilitate their movement within the State/UT, MHA has issued guidelines

For details:

Union Home Minister directs to discuss with States, the Relaxations in Lockdown Restrictions to be applicable from 20th April and control COVID-19

Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah, yesterday reviewed the situation of the COVID-19 epidemic in the country, with senior officers of the Ministry. The Home Minister directed to discuss with States, the relaxations in lockdown restrictions to be applicable from 20th April and control COVID-19 epidemic. While reviewing the situation, HM said that while certain activities are being permitted in those areas which do not fall within hot-spots/clusters/containment zones, due caution has to be exercised to ensure that only genuine exemptions/relaxations are given.

For details,

No decision on domestic passenger flights

The Central Government has clarified that there is no decision as yet on resumption of domestic passenger flights.

No proposal for reduction of pension, says the Government

It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension that in the wake of the current pandemic, Covid-19 and the ensuing economic scenario, many rumours are afloat that the Government is contemplating a reduction/stoppage of Pension which has become a source of worry for the Pensioners. It is reiterated that there is no such proposal for reduction of pension and no action is contemplated by the Government in this respect. Instead, the Government is committed for the welfare and well-being of the pensioners.

ShriAmit Shah reviews MHA Control Room operations, set up to fight the COVID-19 epidemic

Union Minister for Home Affairs, ShriAmit Shah chaired a review meeting on MHA Control Room operations set up to fight the COVID-19 epidemic. The MHA control room is working 24*7 and not only coordinating with States but also with various ministries of the central government, to fight the epidemic.

For details,

Indian Navy Continues to be Mission Deployed and Combat Ready

The twenty six sailors who were placed in isolation after testing positive for Covid-19 at Mumbai, belong to INS Angre, a shore establishment. There has so far not been a single case of Covid-19 onboard any ship, submarine or air station of the Indian Navy. Our naval assets continue to be mission-deployed in three dimensions, with all the networks and space assets functioning optimally. The Navy remains combat-ready, mission-capable and is in full readiness to partake in the national mission to fight the pandemic as well as to provide support to our friendly neighbours in the IOR.

For details,

More than Rs 36,659 crore transferred by using DBT through PFMS in the Bank accounts of 16.01 crore beneficiaries during COVID 2019 lockdown

Cash Benefits announced under Prime Minister GaribKalyan Package also being transferred by using DBT Digital Payment Infrastructure. PFMS usage for DBT Payments increased over last 3 FYs. Total DBT amount disbursed increased from 22% in FY 2018-19 to 45% in FY 2019-20. DBT ensures Cash benefit directly credited into the account of the beneficiary, eliminates leakage and improves efficiency.

For details,

CBDT revising return forms to enable taxpayers avail benefits of timeline extension due to Covid-19

In order to enable income taxpayers to avail full benefits of various timeline extensions granted by the Government of India due to Covid-19 pandemic situations, the CBDT is revising the return forms for FY 2019-20 (Assessment Year 2020-21) which shall be notified by the end of this month.

For details,

Minimal or no disruption to harvesting of Rabi crop and sowing of summer crops during lockdown

Amidst the uncertainty prevailing today, the one activity giving hope is agricultural activity, which is also providing the reassurance of food security. All throughout India numerous farmers and agriculture labour are sweating and toiling against all adversities. Their silent efforts, coupled with timely intervention by the Central and State Governments, have ensured that there is minimal or no disruption to harvesting activities and the continued sowing of summer crops.

For details,

Strengthening the fight against Covid-19, Lifeline Udan flights cover 2,87,061 km

288 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. Cargo transported till date is around **479.55 tons**. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over **2,87,061km**. 'Lifeline Udan' flights are being operated by MoCA to transport essential

medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India's war against COVID-19.

For details,

Railways transports 1150 Tonnes of medical items during lockdown across the country

Indian Railways is ensuring seamless transportation of medical items on priority during the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. Indian Railways continues to deliver medicines, masks, hospital items and other medical commodities through its timetabled parcel services to strengthen Government's efforts in managing the challenges and adverse impact of corona virus in the country. As on 18.04.2020, Indian Railways has transported 1150 Tonnes medical items in various parts of the country.

For details,

ShriNitinGadkari Assures All Possible Support to Representatives of Footwear Industry

Union Minister for MSME and RT&H, ShriNitinGadkari has assured the Footwear Industry all possible support from the government to tide over the challenges created by the lockdown imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19.

For details,

Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare holds Video Conference with State Rural Development Ministers in the light of the relaxation in Non-Containment Areas from 20th April 2020

ShriNarendra Singh Tomar stressed on the observance of all safety precautions while carrying out works under PMAY(G), PMGSY, NRLM and MGNREGS. The Minister appreciated that women SHGs under NRLM are making protective face covers, sanitisers, soaps and are running community kitchens in large numbers

For details,

Red Fort, QutubMinar and Humayun's Tomb get illuminated in a special way in respect of Corona Warriors

Archaeological Survey of India's Delhi circle expressed gratitude for Corona Warriors by illuminating historical sites like Red Fort, QutubMinar&Humayun's Tomb in a special way on the occasion of World Heritage Day in New Delhi. Along with this ASI Delhi circle also administered oath to school students through video conferencing to safeguard and respect the monuments and their heritage.

For details,

Indian Naval Hospital Ship Patanjali at the Forefront of Fight Against Covid-19 at Karwar

For details,

CeNS develops TriboE masks that can hold electric charges to restrict the entry of infections but interestingly, without any external power

For details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES



- Arunachal Pradesh: Itanagar admin says relief camps providing all facilities like bedding, food and medical help to stranded labourers.
- Assam: In Assam, electricians, plumbers, motor mechanics, carpenter, computer/mobile phone repair mechanic can deliver their service at the customer's doorstep maintaining strict protocols from 21st April, 2020.. In Assam, Commissioner, Guwahati Municipal Corporation has issued a public notice that there should not be any spitting/urinating in public places in order to contain the spread of COVID19. Violators will be charged with a fine of Rs 1000.
- Manipur: To strengthen the home delivery service for essential items, Manipur govt starts Home Delivery Supplies Management Control Room in Imphal today.
- Manipur: State reports zero positive case of COVID-19 on date as the two cases have tested negative.
- Mizoram: 9 Boxes of medical consignment from ICMR-NIMR flown in by the IAF arrives at Aizawl, Mizoram today.
- Nagaland: StateGovt says its ready with 15,340 PPEs, 23,115 N95 masks, 49 ventilators and 432 beds.
- Tripura: 8666 street vendors getting financial assistance of Rs 1000 each from Tripura CMRF apart from free rationing.
- Kerala: Law minister says that there was no lapse from the part of the IT department in handing over Covid health data to a US firm Sprinkl. CM says the Opposition is trying to defame the government's reputation in managing Covid19 in the State. 4 new cases & 2 recoveries yesterday. Total active cases 140; cured & discharged 257; under observation 67190.
- Tamil Nadu: All fresh cases in State are contacts of +ve patients, says State Health Minister. State to monitor asymptomatic, high risk patients in high dependency units. 21-member expert committee to submit its report to the CM on Monday. Total cases till now 1372; deaths 15; discharged 365.
- Karnataka: 4 new cases till now today; all cases are in Mysore. Total cases confirmed till now 388; deaths 14; 104 discharged. CM holds meeting with opposition parties regarding steps taken to contain covid; announces that another 10 testing facilities will begin by month end.
- Andhra Pradesh: 44 new cases reported in the last 24 hours; total +ve cases reach 647. Total deaths 17; discharged 65. State to test 17,500 samples a day. State to adopt Centre's relaxation procedure of lockdown to come out from economic crisis. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (158), Guntur (129), Krishna (75), Nellore (67).
- Telangana: Bumper paddy harvest in Telangana amid Covid19 pandemic. Total positive cases reported till now 809; deaths 18.
- Chandigarh: Outsiders entering the city will be quarantined for 14 days either in homes or in Government Facilities to prevent spread of infection from outside. The Chandigarh administration appealed to the residents to download AarogyaSetu Application. The administration also requested the citizens to wear masks in public places and to follow hand hygiene and stay indoors to restrict spread of COVID-19 in the city.
- Punjab: The Punjab Government has ordered strict enforcement with regard to the compulsory wearing of masks in public, and asked the police to take stringent action, including imposition of challans, against violators. To ensure uninterrupted supply of food articles to citizens of country during the #Covid19 lockdown, Punjab has dispatched 1 lakh Metric Tonnes (MTs) of wheat and rice to different states through record 40 special trains.

In the state, Gram Panchayats have encouraged the village youth to come forward and provide free service regarding fumigating the villages. Circles have been marked with white/red color at the distance of 2 meters at all the public places to avoid the close contact of the people thereby encouraging Social Distancing. The WhatsApp Group with all Sarpanches has been created and various videos and instructions regarding the role of Gram Panchayats in preventing Corona Virus and managing migrant workers reaching villages are being shared on regular basis. Self Help Groups (SHGs) are being encouraged to manufacture masks.

- Haryana: Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal today urged the students to follow the 3S Mantras, 'Stay at Home, School at Home and Study at Home. On the directions of Haryana Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, special duties have been assigned to the officers working under National Horticulture Mission, Haryana to ensure availability of fruits, flowers, vegetables, mushrooms, strawberries etc. in the market for consumers during the lockdown implemented due to COVID-19.
- Himachal Pradesh: The Himachal Pradesh government has urged the citizens to contribute generously towards the PM CARES fund and requested the citizens of Himachal Pradesh to download the AarogyaSetu app.
- Maharashtra: The State government is allowing the industries from green and orange zones to start production and processing activities in a restricted manner. The industries will have to arrange the accommodation for their workers to prevent long distance travel for work. Maharashtra has reported 3,648 cases and 211 deaths. However, at 66,896, the state has also conducted the highest number of tests in the country.
- Goa: As on Sunday, Goa has no active Covid case in the state. 7 people who had tested positive have since recovered and discharged from the hospital. Goa has not reported any Covid positive case since April 3.
- Gujarat: 104 new cases were reported in Gujarat, taking the state tally to 1,376. Among the total people infected as on date, 93 have recovered and 53 have passed away.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan, 122 new cases were reported taking the total number of Covid positive cases in the state to 1,351. Among the total people infected as on date, 183 have recovered and 11 have passed away.
- MP: In Madhya Pradesh, 26 districts have reported Covid positive cases with the state tally increasing to 1,407. Indore continues to be the hotspot with 707 reported cases.
- Chattisgarh: With 23 out of the 28 districts falling in the Green Zone as mapped by the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Chhattisgarh tops the list of Covid-19 free clusters. Selective economic activity will resume in green zone districts from Monday.

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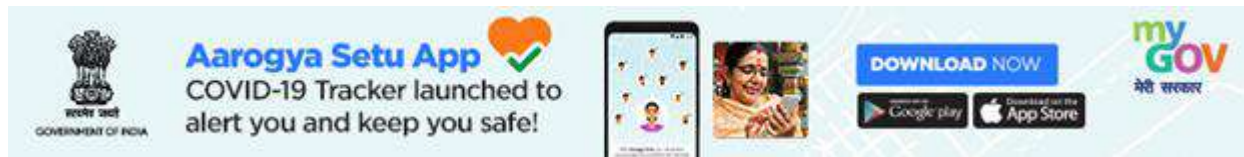
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- A total of 14378 confirmed Covid-19 cases reported in the country.
- Implementation of the Action plan is yielding good results, with increase in number of districts with no Covid case in last 28 days and 14 days.
- All visas granted to foreigners to visit India remain suspended till May 3.
- Payment of compensation of Rs 10 lakh extended to all postal employees including GraminDakSevaks for Covid-19.
- Income tax refunds to about 8.2 lakh small businesses worth Rs 5204 Crore issued since April 8.
- FDI policy amended to curb opportunistic takeovers/acquisitions of Indian companies due to current Covid-19 pandemic.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

A total of 14,378 confirmed cases are reported for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 1992 persons i.e. is 13.82% of total cases have been cured/discharged after recovery. The implementation of the Action Plan is yielding good results in 23 States/UTs across 47 districts. Kodaggu (Karnataka) is a new district that has been added to this list along with Mahe (Puducherry) that has not reported any fresh cases during the last 28 days. 22 new districts in 12 States have not reported any fresh cases during the last 14 days

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan holds VC with LG Delhi, Health Minister of Delhi, Medical Superintendents of various hospitals in Delhi and health officials of Union and Delhi Government

Union Health Minister has urged hospitals to attend to critical non-COVID-19 patients with equal compassion in a resolute fight against sickness. He said keep sufficient blood stock for transfusion by promoting voluntary blood donors and utilising various services like mobile blood collection vans with the help of Indian Red Cross Society. He said that action would be taken against erring health care personnel if any patient needing immediate attention is turned away from hospitals without treatment.

For details:

All existing Visas granted to Foreigners and all Incoming Passenger Traffic into India through Immigration Check Posts, except certain categories, to remain suspended till 3rd May, 2020

In the wake of continuing COVID-19 outbreak in the country, MHA has decided to extend the suspension of all existing visas granted to foreigners, except to those belonging to diplomatic, official, UN/international organizations, employment and project categories, till 3rd May, 2020. MHA has further directed that all incoming passenger traffic into India through any of the 107 Immigration Check Posts shall remain suspended till 3rd May, 2020. However, no such restriction would apply to vehicles, planes, ships, conveyance, trains etc. carrying any goods and supplies whether essential or non-essential.

For details:

Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals, presently residing in India due to travel restrictions in the context of COVID-19 outbreak, till 3rd May, 2020

MHA, on 28.03.2020, had granted consular services on gratis basis to foreign nationals, presently residing in India due to travel restrictions in the context of COVID-19 outbreak, till 30th April, 2020. After considering the matter, it has been decided to extend the period of providing the following consular services by the Office of Foreigners Regional Registration Officers/ Foreigners Registration Officers to foreign nationals, presently stranded in India.

For details:

Compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to all Postal employees

In the context of COVID -19 situation, it has been decided to extend payment of compensation of Rs.10 lakhs to all Postal employees including GraminDakSevaks(GDS) succumbing to the disease while being on duty. The guidelines will come into effect immediately and continue for the entire period till the crises of COVID-19 is over.

For details:

Committed to help GST taxpayers in COVID-19 situations: CBIC

Since 30th March 2020, CBIC has processed 12,923 refund applications involving claims worth Rs 5,575 Crore, while in the last week itself, CBIC has processed 7,873 claims worth Rs 3854 Crore. CBIC has said that a trade and business friendly measure taken by CBIC vide its Circular No. 133 dated 31.03.2020 to help GST returns filers to facilitate early ITC refunds and to ensure that the wrong ITC claims are not processed in the absence of relevant information, is misconstrued in certain section of social media and other media as troubling the taxpayers in COVID -19 like situation.

For details:

As a relief to MSMEs, I-T refunds worth Rs 5,204 Crore issued in last 10 days

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) today said that Income tax refunds to nearly 8.2 lakh small businesses (proprietors, firms, corporate and trusts) worth Rs 5,204 Crore have been issued since 8th April 2020. These income tax refunds would help MSMEs to carry on their business activities without pay cuts and layoffs in Covid-19 pandemic situations.

For details:

Government amends the extant FDI policy for curbing opportunistic takeovers/acquisitions of Indian companies due to the current COVID-19 pandemic

Government has reviewed the extant Foreign Direct Investment policy for curbing opportunistic takeovers/acquisitions of Indian companies due to the current COVID-19 pandemic and amended extant FDI policy as contained in Consolidated FDI Policy, 2017. Now, an entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where the beneficial owner of an investment into India is situated in or is a citizen of any such country, can invest only under the Government route.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and President of Republic of South Africa

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa. The two leaders exchanged views about the domestic, regional and global challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister assured that India would provide all possible support to South Africa for ensuring supplies of essential medicines during this challenging time.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and President of Egypt

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of Egypt. The leaders discussed the evolving global situation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and exchanged information about the steps being taken by their respective governments to protect their populations. Prime Minister assured the Egyptian President that India would provide all possible support to ensure availability of pharmaceutical supplies during these difficult times.

For details:

Agriculture Minister discusses various business continuity measures to facilitate farming activities during the lockdown

Government defers testing of samples and updating approvals for tractors, tillers, harvesters and 51 agricultural machinery till year-end; license validity of Seed dealers and import permissions extended till September 2020, besides validity of pack-houses, processing units and treatment facilities expiring on 30th June extended by a year

For details:

Procurement operations of Pulses and Oilseeds directly from Farmers at MSP

Government of India through Central Nodal Agencies like NAFED and FCI has been striving to assure better returns for the farmers. Procurement of notified commodities at Minimum Support Price (MSP) from the farmers in several States in the Rabi 2020-21 season has started. Farmers are being given timely

marketing support in the time of lockdown. Maximum numbers of farmers are being catered to by observing the guidelines issued to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

For details:

ShriSantoshGangwar writes to States/UTs to designate Nodal Officers for coordinated efforts for resolving Grievances of Workers in the country.

Union Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment has requested various State/UT Governments to designate a nodal officer from Labour Department to coordinate with 20 Control Rooms set up by Union Government for addressing issues of the labour/workers in the country in view of the lockdown announced to combat COVID-19 pandemic.

For details:

Webinar on manufacturing PPEs and other products for Combating COVID-19

Domestic industry needs to gear up their manufacturing capabilities to meet the rising demand of COVID-19 combat products for both Government and non-Government sectors. In this regard a webinar was organised by Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) in collaboration with the DRDO.

For details:

ShriGadkari Calls Upon Industry to Work Upon Import Substitution and Adopting Innovative Technology to Remain Competitive

Minister Interacted with Industry Associations to Discuss Revival of Economic Activity As Lockdown Eases from 20th April in Some Areas. Regarding revival of MSME sector, Minister mentioned that industry should lay special focus towards export enhancement and necessary practices be adopted to reduce Power cost, Logistics cost and Production cost to become competitive in the global market.

For details:

274 flights operated under Lifeline Udan to transport essential medical supplies across the country.

‘Lifeline Udan’ flights are being operated by MoCA to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India’s war against COVID-19. **274 flights** have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. **175 of these flights** have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is around **463.15 tons**. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over **2,73,275km**.

For details:

Indian Railways introduces innovative ideas and registers record landmarks freight movement during COVID-19 lockdown

Annapoorna Trains from North and Jai Kisan Special from South mark the beginning of long distance super heavy fast special Freight trains. Almost 5000 tons and more than 80 rakes long long haul loaded foodgrain trains run fast to connect the nation. More than 3.2 Million Tonnes of food grains have been loaded between 1st April - 16th April this year, as compared to 1.29 Million Tonnes in the same corresponding period last year.

For details:

To ensure enough availability of foodgrains for Public Distribution system (PDS), Railways loads food grains double the amount what was done last year

More than 1500 rakes and more than 4.2 Million Tonnes of foodgrains loaded during the lockdown period from 25th March to 17th April 2020 compared to 2.31 million tonnes last year in same period. Indian Railways making all efforts to ensure that farm products like foodgrains are picked up on time and also to ensure uninterrupted supply chain.

For details:

Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad instructs postal department to focus on those in urgent need of food items

The Postal Department during this time of Covid-19 crisis, has risen to the occasion in helping people of the country through its vast network of post offices across the country. Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad has issued instructions to specially focus on helping the downtrodden and needy people in urgent need of food items. The employees of DoP have pooled their savings to distribute food, dry rations and even masks to the needy in slums, migrant labourers and daily wage earners. In last few days, around 1 lakh food / dry ration packets have been distributed.

For details:

50,000 Reusable Face Masks supplied by RCD, Delhi
Masks made by Work from Home during Lockdown Period

For details:

Defence PSUs, OFB ramp up their resources to fight COVID-19 pandemic

Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) have played their part in assisting civilian administration in fight against COVID-19 pandemic. These vital institutions have channelised all their resources, technical knowhow and manpower to help the nation mitigate the deadly virus.

For details:

CSIR-NAL develop Personal Protective Coverall Suit to Combat COVID-19

CSIR constituent Lab in Bengaluru, CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL), has developed and certified the overall protective coverall suit. The polypropylene spun laminated multi-layered non-woven fabric based coverall can be used to ensure the safety of Doctors, Nurses, Paramedical staff and Health Care workers working round the clock on COVID-19 mitigation.

For details:

National Fertilizers Ltd taking active part in distributing essential items like food and medicines to support government's efforts to fight COVID-19

A leading Fertilizer company, National Fertilizers Ltd.(NFL) under the Union Department of Fertilizers , is taking active part in distributing essential items like food, medicines and masks to support Government in its effort to combat COVID-19. NFL Bathinda unit has provided 3,000 Masks to District Administration, Bathinda to fight Corona Pandemic.

For details:

Tourism Ministry observes World Heritage Day today through a webinar series on 'DekhoApnaDesh'

Ministry of Tourism celebrated the World Heritage Day 2020 today through a webinar series. Speaking on the occasion Minister of Tourism and Culture (I/C) ShriPrahlaad Singh Patel highlighted how our tradition and culture is not only ancient but also invaluable. He further said that in the present crisis where the world and our country also is dealing with COVID-19, it is the values of humanity and warm hospitality of our heritage which define us and makes us what we are.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Maharashtra: The number of Covid-19 cases has reached 3,323 in Maharashtra, the most affected state both in terms of infections and deaths. At least 20 Indian Navy personnel in Mumbai have tested positive for the viral infection. The personnel are part of the INS Angre, a logistics and support facility of the Western Naval Command.
- Gujarat: The number of coronavirus positive cases in Gujarat rose to 1,272 after 176 new cases were reported on Saturday, according to the State Health Department. Ahmedabad reported 142 new COVID-19 cases, taking the total number of cases in the city to 765. In all, 48 people have died of the infection.
- Rajasthan: 98 new coronavirus cases were reported in Rajasthan taking the state tally of affected people to 1229. Among the total people infected as on date, 183 have recovered and 11 have passed away.
- Kerala: State Health Minister K.K.Shylaja has stated that the death of a Malappuram native who was under observation was not of Covid-19; he tested negative on last 3 tests. Yesterday, the state reported only one COVID-19 positive case and 10 patients recovered from the disease.
- Tamil Nadu: 36,000 rapid test kits distributed across TN for use in hotspots. Hyundai ties up with Air Liquide Medical Systems to produce of ICU ventilators in Tamil Nadu & other states. Centre gives nod for plasma therapy in the state. Total +ve cases till now 1323; deaths 15; discharged 283.
- Karnataka: CM conducted review meeting with senior ministers to review Covid-19 situation in the state, and steps to be taken after April 20. Total confirmed cases 371. Today 12 new cases added. Total deaths 13 and 92 people discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: 31 new cases reported in the last 24 hours; One more death reported from Krishna district taking the toll to 15. Total +ve cases till now 603; discharged 42. Door to door survey and tests being done in Red Zones. Districts leading in +ve cases: Kurnool (129), Guntur (126), Krishna (70), Nellore (67).
- Telangana: One more cop in Hyderabad and an infant without any contact history tests positive in Narayanpet. 'Hotspot' Telangana may not go for lockdown relaxations; State to take a final call on Sunday. Total +ve cases till yesterday 766; deaths 18. Arunachal Pradesh CM visits the Banderdewa check gate at the Assam-Arunachal border near Itanagar and reviews measures taken to screen those entering the state.
- Assam: Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma tweeted that 1 more COVID-19 patient discharged from Silchar Medical College & Hospital; total 12 cured in the state.
- Meghalaya: NIC Meghalaya in collaboration with Artificial Intelligence Resource Division, NIC has developed 'VANI-COVID19', a multilingual Chatbot to address COVID19 related queries for the people of Meghalaya, in English, Khasi & Garo languages.

- Manipur: Education deptt launches electronic format of comic textbooks that can be downloaded from the website - manipureducation.gov.in to help children study at home.
- Mizoram: Chief Minister thanks Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister ShriGovind M Kajrol for providing relief aid to Mizos stranded in Bengaluru.
- Chandigarh: 68,525 cooked food packets have been distributed among the destitutes and needy persons in various parts of the city. 17,000 workers out of 20,000 workers have received their wages for March, 2020 by the respective industries.
- Punjab: PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Ann Yojana was launched in the state by Punjab Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister. Under this scheme, wheat and pulses would be provided to all beneficiaries of the smart card scheme totally free of cost. The Cabinet Minister has also assured the farmers that every single food grain would be procured.

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दावा

एक समुदाय के लोगों को Covid19 के बहाने जबरन क्वारनटीन में ले जाया जा रहा है जो वास्तव में डिटेक्शन केंद्र हैं

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

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(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours, inputs from field offices, social media activities and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

- 1007 new Covid-19 cases and 23 new deaths reported in the country since yesterday, with total number of confirmed cases going up to 13,387.
- India's doubling rate was about 3 days before the lockdown which has become 6.2 days for the past seven days.
- RBI announces measures to preserve financial stability and help put money in the hands of the needy; States allowed to borrow more to manage Covid-19.
- Cabinet Secretary asks States/UTs to ensure safety, shelter and food security of migrant labourers
- MHA exempts certain activities regarding Minor Forest Produce, Plantations, NBFCs, Cooperative Credit Societies and Construction in Rural Areas from Lockdown Restrictions
- Over 1.51 crore free LPG cylinders distributed so far to PMUY beneficiaries under the PMGKY

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 1007 new cases and 23 new deaths has been reported since yesterday, with a total of 13,387 confirmed cases for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 1749 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. Before the lockdown, India's doubling rate was about 3 days. For the past seven days, the doubling rate is 6.2 days. a total of 1919 facilities having 1,73,746 isolation beds and total ICU beds 21,806 are available.

For details:

GoM reviews current status, and actions for management of COVID-19

The Group of Ministers had detailed deliberation on containment and management of COVID-19. The GoM also discussed the actions taken so far, current status of social distancing measures as a preventive strategy and the stringent actions taken by the Centre as well as the States to contain the spread of COVID-19. Several other measures about strengthening capacity of states including devoting adequate resources for creating dedicated COVID-19 hospitals, equipping the medical institutes with PPEs, ventilators and other essential equipment etc., were also discussed in details.

For details:

RBI announces measures to preserve financial stability and help put money in the hands of the needy and disadvantaged; States and UTs allowed to borrow more to manage COVID-19

Governor, Reserve Bank of India Shri Shaktikanta Das today announced a set of nine measures to revive the struggling domestic economy. This follows the earlier set of measures announced by RBI on March 27, 2020. The RBI Governor said that the additional measures are aimed to maintain adequate liquidity in the system and its constituents in the face of COVID-19 related dislocations, facilitate and incentivize bank credit flows, ease financial stress, and enable the normal functioning of markets. The Governor said that the central bank will use all its instruments to address the daunting challenges posed by the epidemic.

For details:

PM lauds measures announced by RBI today; will enhance liquidity and improve credit supply, says PM

For details:

Cabinet Secretary writes to all States/ UTs to ensure Safety, Shelter and Food Security of Migrant Labourers

Government of India has been giving a great deal of importance to the welfare of migrant labourers and stranded persons during the implementation of lock down measures for containment of COVID-19 in the country. Cabinet Secretary has written to all States/UTs to ensure effective implementation of detailed guidelines issued by MHA for ensuring safety, shelter and food security of migrant labourers. The Communication urges States to direct all District Collectors to immediately undertake a review of the situation.

For details:

MHA issues order to exempt certain activities regarding Minor Forest Produce, Plantations, NBFCs, Cooperative Credit Societies and Construction in Rural Areas from Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has issued an order to exempt certain activities under the consolidated revised guidelines to all Ministries/Departments, regarding the Nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19.

For details:

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) of the IMF through video-conference

Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attended through video-conference the Plenary Meeting of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, the Ministerial-level committee of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The discussions at the meeting were based on IMF Managing Director's Global Policy Agenda titled, "Exceptional Times – Exceptional Action". The members of the IMFC updated the committee on the actions and measures taken by member countries to combat COVID-19, and also remarked on IMF's crisis-response package to address global liquidity and members' financing needs.

For details:

Over 1.51 Crore free LPG cylinders distributed so far to the PMUY beneficiaries under the PradhanMantriGaribKalyanYojana

More than 1.51 Crore free LPG cylinders have been distributed so far to the PMUY beneficiaries under the PradhanMantriGaribKalyanYojana in this month. Under the PMKGY, several relief measures have been announced by the central Government for the welfare of poor, and one of the important component of the Yojana is to provide 3 LPG cylinders (14.2 kg) free to over 8 crore beneficiaries of the PradhanMantriUjjawalaYojana(PMUY) over the period of April to June 2020.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Bhutan

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone with H.E. Dr. Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister (Lyonchhen) of the Kingdom of Bhutan. The two Prime Ministers discussed the regional situation in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, and updated each other about the steps being taken by their governments to control its effects.

For details:

Telephone Conversation between PM and King of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with His Majesty King Abdullah II of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The two leaders discussed the challenges posed to the world by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the steps being taken in their respective countries to limit its impact. They agreed to support each other's efforts to the maximum possible extent, by sharing information and best practices and by facilitating needed supplies.

For details:

Agriculture Minister launches "KisanRath" Mobile App to facilitate transportation of foodgrains and perishables during lockdown

Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched a farmer friendly mobile application today, developed by the National Informatics Centre, to facilitate farmers & traders in searching transport vehicles for Primary and Secondary transportation for movement of Agriculture & Horticulture produce. Primary transportation would include movement from Farm to Mandis, FPO Collection Centre and Warehouses etc. Secondary Transportation would include movement from Mandis to Intra-state & Inter-state mandis, Processing units, Railway station, Warehouses and Wholesalers etc.

For details:

247 Lifeline Udan flights operated during lockdown to transport 418 tons of medical supplies across the country

247 flights have been operated under **Lifeline Udan** by ir India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. **154 of these flights** have been operated by ir India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported till date is more than **418 tons**. Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is more than **2.45 lakh kms**.

For details:

FCI moved more than double of its average food grains across the country during the lockdown

FCI has been able to move a record 3.74 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) food grains stocks using 1335 train loads from the surplus states during the lockdown period at an average of 1.7 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) per day. This is more than double its normal average movement of about 0.8 LMT per day. During the same period, a quantity of 3.34 MMT stocks was unloaded in the consuming states to cater to the needs of beneficiaries under the Targeted Public Distribution System (PDS).

For details:

As Part of PMGKY Package EPFO Settles 3.31 Lakh COVID-19 Claims in 15 Days

In just 15 days, Employees' Provident Fund Organization has processed 3.31 lakh claims disbursing an amount of Rs. 946.49 crores. In addition, Rs. 284 crore have been distributed by the exempted PF Trusts under this scheme, notable among them being TCS. Under this provision, non-refundable withdrawal to the extent of the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75% of the amount standing to member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less, is admissible. The member can apply for lesser amount also.

For details:

RakshaMantri reviews work of Armed Forces Medical Services to contain COVID-19

RakshaMantri Shri Rajnath Singh today reviewed the functioning of Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) and their assistance to civilian authorities to contain spread of COVID-19. RakshaMantri was briefed about various actions taken in terms of issuing advisories to Armed Forces personnel, providing assistance to civilian authorities in respect of quarantine facilities, provisioning of hospitals and healthcare in the prevailing situation.

For details:

DRDO Introduces two new products to enable COVID-19 disinfection process

Defence Research and Development Organisation in its continuous quest to contribute towards fight against COVID-19, has been developing several solutions from its existing arsenal of technologies and experience. These consist of innovations and quickly configuring the products for present requirements. Today DRDO introduced two products which can enhance the operations at public places during the pandemic.

For details

4 Months' Rental Waiver given to the IT Companies Operating from Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Centers

The Government has taken a major decision to provide relief from payment of rental to the small IT units operating out of the Software Technology Parks of India (STPI). Most of these units are either Tech MSMEs or startups. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has decided to provide rental waiver to these units housed in STPI premises in the country from 01.03.2020 till 30.06.2020 i.e. for 4 months period as of now.

For details:

ShriNarendra Singh Tomar conducts detailed review meeting of all flagship schemes of Ministry of Rural Development

ShriTomar advised that around 40 lakh beneficiaries of PMAY(G) who have received second and third instalment of funds must be assisted for quick completion of their housing units. Rs.7300 crores released to States and UTs under MGNREGS to liquidate pending dues of FY 2019-2020 and wage dues for the first fortnight of 2020-2021.

For details:

DD and AIR broadcast Educational content/Virtual Classes

India's Public Broadcaster has been helping students with their studies amidst ongoing lockdown. In collaboration with various State Government institutions, Doordarshan and All India Radio are broadcasting virtual classes and other educational content through their regional channels across the country on TV, Radio and YouTube.

For details:

Road Transport sector helping the common man during the lock-down period

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has taken up the social responsibility of helping people on the roads during the nationwide lockdown due to COVID-19. Soon after the announcement by the Prime Minister on the 24th last month, field units of the Ministry across the length and breadth of the country were urged to extend necessary help to their workers/ labours and the common people.

For details:

ChitraGeneLAMP-N makes confirmatory tests results of COVID 19 possible in 2 hours

The confirmatory diagnostic test, which detects the N Gene of SARS- COV2 using reverse transcriptase loop-mediated amplification of viral nucleic acid (RT-LAMP), will be one of the world's first few if not the first of its kinds in the world.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: CM says arrangements will be made for patients stranded in capital Itanagar to reach their home districts within the state.
- Assam: Helpline number for people stranded in other parts of the country registered calls from more than 4 lakh families, informs Assam Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma.
- Meghalaya: The Army Recruitment Rally at Shillong postponed to 5th-8th October, 2020 due to COVID19 outbreak.

- Manipur: Deputy Commissioner permits opening of shops for essential items in Tamenglong district from 1:30 pm till 4:30pm.
- Nagaland: 100 out of 140 samples of persons connected to first COVID-19 case are negative. Results of 40 are awaited.
- Tripura: Rs. 2.85 crore is provisioned for providing financial support to 25,025 people for 19 days during lockdown.
- Kerala: Chief Election Officer says by-polls in Kuttanad & Chavara assembly constituencies in the State may not be held due to lockdown. Sree Chitra Institute, Tvm, develops Rapid test kits; ICMR approval awaited. 7 new cases & 27 recoveries yesterday. Total cases now 394; recoveries 245; active cases 147.
- Tamil Nadu 32 patients cured & discharged from MGM Govt Hospital, Trichy. State gets 24,000 rapid test kits. Road maintenance likely to resume in rural areas. State sets up committee to work out exit strategy. Total cases 1267; deaths 15; discharged 180.
- Karnataka: Today, 38 new cases confirmed; maximum cases reported from Mysore 12, Mandya 3, Bellari 7, Bangalore 9, Dakshin Kannada 1, Chikkaballapur 3, Bidar 1 & Vijayapura 2. Total deaths reached 13. 82 people discharged. Total confirmed cases 353; deaths 13; discharged 82.
- Andhra Pradesh: 38 new cases in the last 24 hours; total rise to 572. Total cured & discharged 35; deaths 14. State purchases 1 lakh Rapid Test Kits from South Korea. Extensive testing being done in containment zones. Maximum cases from Guntur (126), Kurnool (126), Nellore (64), Krishna (52).
- Telangana: A man from Nizamabad town dies of Covid in Saudi Arabia. 5 more cases reported in Suryapet. Around 600 sample test results expected today. State seeks ICMR nod to use plasma therapy for Covid treatment.
- Maharashtra: The tally of positive cases in Maharashtra has now increased to 3,236, with 34 more cases reported till this afternoon. Yesterday, Maharashtra became the first state to cross the 3,000 mark. Even as the number of people testing positive is increasing in the state, the number of people recovering is also steadily rising. A total of 295 people, including 166 from Mumbai alone have recovered and discharged. However, the state has also reported 194 deaths, accounting for almost 40% of all deaths in the country.
- Gujarat: On Friday morning, Gujarat crossed 1,000 positive cases with 92 new cases recorded, taking the state tally to 1,021. Among the new cases, 45 are from Ahmedabad, 14 from Surat and 9 from Vadodara among others. The death toll in Gujarat is 38. Meanwhile, the state government has sought permission from Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to start Convalescent Plasma therapy clinical trials for Covid-19 patients in the state.
- Rajasthan: With 34 fresh positive cases reported today, the Covid 19 positive tally in Rajasthan has now reached 1,169. Of the new cases, as many as 18 were from Jodhpur. 16 deaths have occurred in the state so far.
- Madhya Pradesh: With 226 persons testing positive, the number of coronavirus positive cases in Madhya Pradesh has risen to 1,164. The virus has now expanded its footprint to 26 out of 52 districts of the state. Indore has reported the highest 707 positive cases in the state with 163 new cases being reported in the last 24 hours.
- Chandigarh: The UT Administrator stressed on the need for universal downloading of the AarogyaSetu App by all Government Officials and the public in general. Mid-day meal facilities

in UT schools have also been activated for preparing food packets to be distributed to the needy persons.

- Punjab: To effectively address and resolve medical and stress-related issues during lockdown, the Government of Punjab has launched a special helpline 1800 180 4104 for citizens to connect with a network of senior doctors over tele-conference and get medical advice.

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Claim : ACs should not be used to cool off in the heat, as they spread #Covid_19

Fact : It's a little complicated. Window ACs are ok, but not central air-conditioning. Let's listen to this segment from @DDNewslive 📺



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1.	PIB India	0	2.9M	0	0	0	(+)2.1K

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1.	PIB India	4	1	1	6	41,921	45,966	753	15,046
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- As of today, 12,380 confirmed cases and 414 deaths for COVID-19 have been reported in the country. As of now, 325 districts have not reported any case.
- Health and Third Party Motor insurance policyholders allowed making premium payments till May 15th, which are due for renewal during lockdown.
- Smt Nirmala Sitharaman tells at G-20 meeting that India, within a couple of weeks, has disbursed USD 3.9 billion financial assistance to more than 32 crore people.
- Key amendment made to Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2006 to ramp up availability/production of bulk drugs within short span of time.
- State Waqf boards asked to ensure strict implementation of lockdown during Ramadan period

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of today, 12,380 confirmed cases and 414 deaths for COVID-19 have been reported in the country. As many as 1489 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. Case Fatality Rate (CFR) of COVID-19 cases in India is 3.3%. The percentage of people recovered, so far, is 12.02%. As of now, 325 districts have not reported any case. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued a detailed guideline to all the States / UTs on enabling delivery of essential health care services to meet the unprecedented demand on the current healthcare system during the outbreak.

For details:

Health and Motor (Third Party) insurance policyholders allowed to make premium payments till May 15th which are due for renewal during lockdown

With a view to mitigate hardship to the policyholders whose Health and Motor (Third Party) insurance policies are due for renewal during COVID-19 lockdown, the Central Government issued Notifications allowing such policyholders to make premium payments till May 15th. **This will ensure a continued cover and hassle-free claims payment during the grace period.**

For details:

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attends the 2nd G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting

Today in her intervention, Finance Minister focused upon the role of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in safeguarding the lives and livelihood of people while maintaining macroeconomic stability in a sustainable manner. She shared with her G20 counterparts the measures taken by Government of India to provide the vulnerable sections with swift, timely and targeted assistance. She added that so far, within a couple of weeks, India has disbursed financial assistance amounting to USD 3.9 billion to more than 320 million people, with a special focus on direct benefit transfer through digital technology so that the exposure of beneficiaries to public places is minimised.

For details:

Key amendment to Environment Impact Assessment(EIA) Notification 2006,to ramp up availability/production of bulk drugs within short span of time.

To address unprecedented situation arising from global outbreak of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), and to ramp up availability or production of various drugs, Ministry of Environment,Forest and Climate Change on 27th March 2020, made an amendment to EIA Notification 2006. All projects or activities in respect of bulk drugs and intermediates, manufactured for addressing various ailments, have been re-categorized from the existing Category 'A' to 'B2' category.

For details:

“We can and we will defeat this Virus” – Dr. Harsh Vardhan

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan held an interactive session through Video Conferencing with senior officials and field officers of the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as key central and state government health functionaries on the measures being taken for containment of COVID-19 in India.

For details:

Date of Filing Electronic Challan Cum Return (ECR) for Wage Month March, 2020 Extended Up to 15.04.2020

Considering the unprecedented situation created by COVID-19 and lockdown announced by the Central Government from 24.03.2020 midnight onwards to prevent the spread of Covid-19, the due date for filing of Electronic Challan Cum Return (ECR) for wage month March, 2020 is extended up to 15.05.2020 for employers who have paid wages to their employees for March, 2020.

For details:

RakshaMantri reviews efforts of Cantonment Boards in fight against COVID-19

RakshaMantriShriRajnath Singh today reviewed the preventive measures undertaken by 62 Cantonment Boards situated in all over the country to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).ShriRajnath Singh stressed that Cantonment Boards should ensure highest standards of sanitation and hygiene and fumigation specifically in the populated Civil Areas. He stressed that special care should be taken to provide food and shelter for the vulnerable sections of migrants/daily wagers.

For details:

Agriculture Minister chairs the National Conference on Kharif crops 2020

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has said that all States should aim to achieve the kharif target and doubling of farmers' income should be taken up in mission mode. Addressing the National Conference on Kharif crops 2020, he assured the States that the Government of India will remove any obstacles that the States are facing. The main aim of the National Kharif Conference was to discuss various issues and list out steps in consultation with the States about preparedness for Kharif cultivation in view of the lockdown situation.

For details:

Updated status of Initiatives of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare to promote farming and allied sectors during lockdown

All India Agri Transport Call Centre launched; under PMFBY insurance claims worth Rs.2424 crores disbursed to farmers in 12 States; 18.26 lakh applications sanctioned for loan amount of Rs. 17,800 cr under KCC saturation drive

For details:

Department of Fertilizers is closely monitoring the production, movement and availability of Fertilizers in the country

To deal with the situation arising out of COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers Shri D V SadanandaGowda, MoSShriMansukhMandaviya and Secretary, Department of Fertilizers ShriChhabilendra Raul are closely monitoring and reviewing the production and distribution activities of fertilizers in the country. The interventions at highest level in Department is ensuring required availability of fertilisers to the farmers across India. The real time monitoring by the Department is being done to tide over any issue in the production and supply chain.

For details:

ShriMukhtar Abbas Naqvi directs state waqf boards to ensure strict and honest implementation of lockdown, curfew and social distancing during the holy month of Ramadan in view of Corona pandemic

Minister for Minority Affairs & Chairman, Central Waqf Council, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today interacted with senior officials of more than 30 state waqf boards and directed them to ensure strict and honest implementation of lockdown, curfew and social distancing in view of Corona pandemic during the holy month of Ramadan, which will begin from 24th April. More than 7 lakh registered Mosques, Eidgah, Imambada, Dargah and other religious, social institutions come under the state waqf boards across the country. Central Waqf Council is the regulatory body of state waqf boards in India.

For details:MoS Agriculture, ShriKailashChoudhary inaugurates Pusa Decontamination & Sanitizing Tunnel

Pusa Decontamination and Sanitizing Tunnel, developed by Division of Agricultural Engineering, ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, ShriKailashChoudhary today.

For details:Union HRD Minister releases alternative Academic Calendar of NCERT for schools

In order to engage students meaningfully during their stay at home due to COVID-19 through educational activities at home with the help of their parents and teachers, the alternative academic calendar has been developed by the NCERT under the guidance of the MHRD.

For details:AICTE gives instructions to colleges/institutions to ensure safety and academic welfare of students

AICTE has issued some instructions to colleges/institutions and has directed them that ensuring safety precautions during the threat posed by COVID-19 would be fundamental responsibility of all citizens of India. During this hour of crisis, colleges/ Institutions should not insist on payment of fees till the ongoing lockdown is lifted and normalcy is restored.

For details:Exam Schedule announcements by SSC

In view of the prevailing lockdown restrictions, including social distancing norms, SSC has decided that dates for all examinations, where candidates are required to travel from all parts of the country, will be reviewed from time to time. The rescheduled dates of these examinations will be notified on the websites of the Commission and its Regional / Sub-Regional Offices of the Commission. Annual Calendar of Examinations notified by the Commission will also be reviewed in respect of the schedules of other examinations. Further, it was decided that all Officers and Staff Members of the SSC will contribute one day's salary to PM CARES Fund.

For details:Advisory for Senior Citizens and their Caregivers during Lockdown Period due to Covid-19**For details:**Gram Panchayats in all parts of the country actively taking measures to check the spread of COVID-19 in rural areas

Various actions being taken at the district and village levels include daily sanitization of public places; establishing shelters and quarantine centres for destitute persons and migrant populations; providing protective gear, financial assistance and food/ration to the needy; and spreading awareness about the disease

For details:Integrated geospatial platform to help area-specific strategies & decisions in COVID-19 outbreak

Department of Science and Technology has created an Integrated Geospatial Platform out of available geospatial datasets, standards-based services, and analytic tools to help decision making during the current COVID-19 outbreak and aid devising area-specific strategies to handle the socio-economic impact in the recovery phase.

For details:

DRDO shifts PPE testing facility from DRDE Gwalior to INMAS Delhi

To overcome the time delays and swift delivery of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and masks, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has shifted testing facility from Defence Research Development Establishment (DRDE), Gwalior to Institute of Nuclear Medicine & Allied Sciences (INMAS), Delhi.

For details:

Ministry of Tourism organises its second webinar under "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series today.

The Ministry of Tourism is currently organizing a series of Webinars under the overall theme of 'DekhoApnaDesh' with a view to encourage Indians to explore their own country and to enrich the knowledge of stakeholders in the tourism industry, students, general public, etc. on various aspect of tourism sector.

For details:

Power CPSU NTPC Utilising all its 45 hospitals/health units for treating Covid-19 Patients

The PSU dedicates two hospitals to state governments to tackle COVID cases in Delhi & Odisha. M. Ahiratna PSU undertakes Extensive works to provide relief during Covid-19 pandemic 168 isolation beds created; geared to make available 122 more

For details:

MHA issues Advisory on Secure use of ZOOM Meeting Platform

The Cyber Coordination Centre (CyCord), under the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), has issued an advisory on secure use of ZOOM Meeting Platform by private individuals. This advisory states that the platform is not for use by Government officers/officials for official purposes.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal Pradesh receives about 12,361 MT rice from union government for distribution under PMGKAY.
- Assam: Gauhati University withdraws coming summer vacation for the university and other affiliated colleges to compensate loss of classes amid lockdown.
- Manipur: CM informs 3771 stranded people outside the State provided Rs 2000/- each through DBT. Remaining around 11,000 to receive within 2 to 3 days.
- Nagaland: State Government makes it mandatory to ensure thermal screening and availability of sanitizers at work places throughout the state.
- Tripura: Total 16 high-risk close contacts of the second patient have been tested negative.
- Maharashtra: Maharashtra has become the first state in India to cross the 3,000 mark of Covid 19 positive cases. With 165 new Coronavirus cases reported today, Covid-19 tally has increased to

3081. Out of the new cases, 107 were reported from Mumbai and 19 from Pune. Meanwhile, the state government has launched a five pronged action plan covering health, migrants, economy, agriculture and day-to-day administration to fight the Coronavirus challenge.

- Gujarat: The total number of coronavirus cases in Gujarat rose to 871 after 105 more people tested positive for the infection. Among the new cases, 42 were reported from Ahmedabad and 35 from Surat. The state's death toll stands at 36.
- Rajasthan: 18 new cases were reported in Rajasthan, according to data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This brings the total reported cases of Coronavirus in Rajasthan to 1,023. The fourth highest after Maharashtra, Delhi and Tamilnadu.
- Madhya Pradesh: The total number of Covid 19 cases in Madhya Pradesh rose to 980, with 42 more people testing positive in Indore alone. The city has reported 586 positive cases so far, and also accounts for 39 out of 55 deaths in the state.
- Goa: With no new Covid 19 cases reported in Goa since April 4th, the west coast state is hoping to become Corona free soon. Out of the two districts in the state, South Goa has already been declared as a "green zone" by the Health & Family Welfare Ministry. Out of the 7 positive cases in North Goa, five patients have recovered while two are undergoing treatment.
- Kerala: State to relax lockdown norms for agricultural sector & traditional industries like coir, cashew, handicraft & beedi from April 20. State to ask Centre to change zoning as follows: Red Zone- Kasaragod, Kannur, Malappuram & Kozhikode; to shift Wayanad and Kottayam to Green zone & remaining 8 districts in Orange Zone. Only 1 case reported yesterday. 218 of the 387 +ve cases have recovered.
- Tamil Nadu: 32 Covid patients discharged from Tiruchy hospital after testing negative. State tops with 22 districts in the 170 hot spots list. Total cases 1242; cases related to 'single source' Delhi event 1113; deaths 12; discharged 118.
- Karnataka: BBMP to conduct health survey in Bangalore city. Media reports 34 new cases & one death today. Belagavi with 17 accounts for half of the cases today. Total confirmed +ve cases till now 313; deaths 13; active cases 187; cured 80.
- Andhra Pradesh: 9 new cases reported today. Total cases rise to 534; discharged 20; deaths 14; active cases 500. High no. of cases from Guntur (122) & Kurnool (113) districts. State issues notification for special recruitment drive to hire doctors on contract basis. To ensure availability of essentials to consumers & protect interest of farmers, State starts 471 temporary Rythu Bazaars apart from the existing 100.
- Telangana: Telangana HC asks State to reply within five days whether it was able to reach the lakhs of unreachable poor with rice, money and other essentials. HC directs State to take instant penal action against those who assault medical staff. Total +ve cases till now 650; active cases 514; deaths 18; discharged 118.
- Jammu and Kashmir: 14 new cases have been reported from the UT, taking the number of positive Covid cases to 314.

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Use Secure network for accessing office systems.

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- Increase of 1076 new cases since yesterday reported, with a total of 11,439 confirmed cases and 377 deaths for COVID-19 in the country.
- Every district of the country divided into Hotspot districts, Non-Hotspot districts with reported cases, and Green zone districts
- MHA issues consolidated revised guidelines for the lockdown period, delineating prohibited activities, activities not allowed in containment zones, and select activities permitted from April 20.
- Over 10.2 lakh refunds worth Rs 4250 Crore issued in a week by CBDT to help taxpayers in Covid-19 situation.
- All India Agri Transport Call centre launched to facilitate inter-state movement of perishables.
- Free meals for 1.27 crore beggars/destitutes/ homeless persons arranged by Social Justice Ministry during the lockdown so far.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 1076 new cases since yesterday has been reported, with a total of 11,439 confirmed cases and 377 deaths for COVID-19 in the country. As many as 1306 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. With a view to managing COVID-19, every district of the country has been divided into Hotspot districts, Non-Hotspot districts with reported cases, and Green zone districts. The Cabinet Secretary held a high level review meeting today. Special teams have been setup to trace all contacts as well as conduct house to house surveys. These teams will include the health staff, local revenue staff, corporation staff, Red Cross, NSS, NYK and other volunteers.

For details:**MHA issues Consolidated Revised Guidelines for the Containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the Country**

MHA has issued consolidated revised guidelines regarding lockdown measures to be taken by Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/UT Governments for containment of COVID-19 epidemic in the country. The guidelines also prescribe National Directives for COVID-19 management; SOPs for Social Distancing at offices, workplaces, factories and establishments; and, penalties for offences regarding violation of lockdown measures under relevant sections of Disaster Management Act 2005 and IPC, 1860.

For details:**Revised Consolidated Guidelines of Ministry of Home Affairs**

In pursuance of the announcements of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order dated April 14, 2020, extending the lockdown in India till May 3, 2020. MHA issued another Order, dated April 15, 2020, to allow select additional activities in areas not demarcated as containment zones by States/ UTs/ District Administrations. Along with the Order dated April 15, 2020, consolidated revised guidelines have been issued, delineating the prohibited activities across the country, activities not allowed in containment zones, and select permitted activities allowed from April 20, 2020 in the rest of the country.

For details:**Lockdown Measures for containment of COVID-19 pandemic in the country to continue to remain in force up to May 3, 2020**

Government of India has issued directions to all the Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and Authorities, that the lockdown measures stipulated in the Consolidated Guidelines of MHA, for containment of COVID-19 pandemic in the country, will continue to remain in force up to May 3, 2020.

For details:**Over 10.2 lakh Refunds worth Rs 4,250 crore issued in a week by CBDT to help taxpayers in COVID-19 pandemic situation**

In pursuance to the Government's decision to issue pending income tax refunds up to Rs 5 lakh in order to help taxpayers in a COVID-19 pandemic situations, the Central Board of Direct taxes today said that it has already issued over 10.2 lakh refunds totalling to around Rs. 4,250 crore as on 14th April 2020. These refunds are over and above the 2.50 crore refunds already issued in FY 19-20 till 31st March 2020 totalling Rs 1.84 lakh crore.

For details:**All India Agri Transport Call Centre numbers 18001804200 and 14488 launched to facilitate inter-state movement of perishables during lockdown**

Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the All India Agri Transport Call Centre at a function in KrishiBhavan today to facilitate inter-state movement of perishables in the current situation of lockdown due to the COVID-19 threat.

For details:Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment arranges free meals for more than 1.27 Crore Destitutes/Beggars/Homeless persons since lockdown started

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment working with major Municipal Corporations has arranged for feeding of more than 1.27 crore destitutes/beggars/homeless persons since lockdown started (till 10.04.2020).

For details:Telephone Conversation between PM and President of the State of Palestine

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on phone today with H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Abbas, President of the State of Palestine. The two leaders discussed the challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and apprised each other of the steps being taken in their respective countries to control the situation.

For details:Accord top priority to farmers and agriculture during the lockdown – Vice President to Center and States

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today asked the Centre and State Governments to accord top priority to farmers and agriculture during the lockdown and advised them to facilitate the smooth conduct of farming activities and transportation of agri-produce during this period. During an interaction with the Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Vice President appreciated various measures taken by the Agriculture Ministry to protect the farm sector. He wanted the interests of both producers and consumers to be safeguarded.

For details:Initiatives of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare to promote farming and allied sectors during lockdown

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India is taking several measures to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during the lock down period.

For details:Government and aviation industry committed to provide Essential medical supplies to people across the country

Ministry of Civil Aviation and the aviation industry is determined to support India's war against COVID-19 by transporting medical air-cargo within India and abroad in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. 'Lifeline Udan' flights are being operated by MoCA to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India's war against COVID-19.

For details:Dr. Harsh Vardhan interacts with bigwigs of Confederation of Indian Industries

The Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan held an interactive session through Video Conferencing today with over 50 Indian Industry leaders. He allayed their concerns with respect to measures being taken for revival of economy, availability of testing facilities, quarantine facilities, raw

materials for Pharmaceutical industry, disease surveillance, use of telemedicine facilities, preventive healthcare etc. during the fight against COVID-19.

For details:

Exam Schedule Announcements by UPSC following Lockdown

UPSC has decided that dates for all interviews, Examinations and Recruitment Boards, where candidates and advisers are required to travel from all parts of the country, will be reviewed from time to time. A decision on fresh dates for the remaining Civil Services-2019 Personality Tests will be taken after May, 3, 2020, following the second phase of the lockdown. The Chairman and Members of the Union Public Service Commission have decided to voluntarily forego 30% of the basic pay received by them from the Commission for a period of one year,

For details:

VC and Members of NITI Aayog and Chairman, EAC-PM contribute to PM CARES by voluntarily taking a salary cut of 30% for a year

In the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and to shore up the government's efforts to battle the national crisis, Vice Chairman and Members of NITI Aayog and Chairman, EAC-PM have voluntarily decided to take a salary cut of 30% for a year. The money will be contributed to the PM Citizens' Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation (PM Cares) fund.

For details:

Indian Railways plans to produce over 30,000 coveralls (PPEs) in April 2020

Indian Railways Production Units, Workshops and field units have started manufacturing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Coveralls for medical and health-care personnel who get directly exposed to the COVID-19 disease when working amongst infected patients. Indian Railways will produce over 30,000 such coveralls in April 2020 and plan to manufacture 1,00,000 of the same in May 2020. The prototype coveralls have already cleared the prescribed tests with the highest grades at the authorised DRDO laboratory at Gwalior.

For details:

Parcel Trains beginning to bring revenue for Railways; Over 20400 tonnes of consignments loaded since Lockdown period and the earnings are about Rs 7.54 crores

Transportation of essential items like medical supplies, medical equipment, food, etc in small parcel sizes is going to be very important during the lockdown in the wake of COVID-19. In order to fill in this vital need, Indian Railways has made railway parcel vans available for quick mass transportation by E-Commerce entities and other customers including State governments. Railways have decided to run time-tabled Parcel Special trains on select routes, to ensure uninterrupted supply of essential items.

For details:

Special mail arrangements made for far flung areas of J& K and Ladakh

Post offices across J&K and Ladakh UTs are being opened with the primary objective of facilitating financial transactions- easy withdrawals and deposits of funds so that the people can have sufficient cash flow to fulfil their day to day requirements of basic needs. In this regard, Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) has also been enabled at the post offices so that the people having bank account with any bank can withdraw upto Rs 10000/- per month from any Post office.

For details:

Know about Kolkata's great history and culture in the second webinar series of "DekhoApnaDesh" tomorrow

Ministry of Tourism's "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series is getting a good response during lockdown. After Delhi's success, the second "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series will be held tomorrow (16th April) between 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The webinar will provide people to get a chance to know about 'Calcutta - A Confluence of Culture'.

For details:

Smart cities use latest technology for Covid-19 awareness and safety of people

For details:

POWERGRID carrying out CSR activities to combat COVID-19 pandemic

While the whole nation is under lock down, POWERGRID, a central PSU under Ministry of Power, has not just been ensuring uninterrupted 24x7 transmission of power but also acting proactively by taking up humanitarian relief activities to aid those impacted by the pandemic in India.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: The only pregnant Covid patient in the State, and 2nd in India, was cured & discharged today from Kollam MC. 2 more Malayalees die of Covid in New York and Dubai, taking the toll of Keralites deaths abroad to 30. Thrissur Pooram festival cancelled for the first time in history.
- Tamil Nadu: Chennai Corp to check 40,000 samples by May 3. Safe quarantine spaces created to accommodate 10,000 across the city. Total cases till yesterday 1204; discharged 81; Total samples tested 1955. Chennai (211) & Coimbatore (126) lead.
- Karnataka: State's wait for one lakh Rapid test kits gets longer due to policy changes by the Chinese govt. and Center's order for centralised procurement. Total Covid cases reported 260; deaths 10; cured 71. High no. of cases in Bangalore 69, Mysore 48 & Belagavi 18.
- Telangana : State planning to ease lockdown restrictions in a phased manner after April 20 in non-affected areas. DRDL in Hyderabad develops 'COVSACK - Covid Sample Collection Kiosk' - for taking samples. Total cases reported till now is 644.
- Andhra Pradesh : 19 new cases reported taking the total confirmed cases to 502. Deaths till now 11; cured 16. Most of the cases from Guntur (118), Kurnool (97), Nellore (56), Krishna (45), Prakasam (42), Kadapa (33), West Godavari (31). State to distribute free ration to poor from tomorrow, following social distancing norms.
- Arunachal Pradesh: The only Covid-19 patient of Arunachal Pradesh tests negative in the 3rd test.
- Assam: Liquor shops in Assam to be shut down immediately till 3rd May.

- Manipur: 11 family members (residing in Manipur) of the pilot, whose father-in-law tested COVID19 positive in Meghalaya, will also be tested .
- Meghalaya: 50 samples from primary contact of the first COVID19 case in Meghalaya tested today in Guwahati Medical College & Hospital, and all tested negative.
- Mizoram: Mizoram receives 1800 novel Corona testing kits from Indian Council of Medical Research.
- Nagaland: National Disaster Management Force conducts fumigation drive in Kohima, Nagaland.
- Tripura: CM urges people to download "ArogyaSetu" app to be safe during corona pandemic.

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- Prime Minister announces extension of nationwide lockdown till May 3; Requests people to continue maintaining vigil and adhering to social distancing during the lockdown.
- An increase of 1211 new Covid-19 cases and 31 deaths reported since yesterday
- All passenger train services cancelled till 3rd May.
- Labour Ministry sets up 20 control rooms to deal with the wage related grievances of workers.
- Indian Pharma industry is producing enough stock of essential medicines

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 1211 new Covid-19 cases and 31 deaths has been reported for COVID-19 since yesterday. As many as 1036 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. As of now, a total of 602 dedicated COVID-19 hospitals with 1,06,719 isolation beds and 12,024 ICU beds have been developed.

For details:

Prime Minister announces extension of nationwide lockdown till 3rd may.

Prime Minister addressed the nation today about India's fight against COVID-19. He announced extension of lockdown till 3rd May, and ease of certain restrictions in low risk areas from 20 April. The PM said that High Risk Areas and Hotspots will be under constant vigil. He sought support for seven things including taking care of elderly and adhering to social distancing and lockdown. Prime Minister said India has benefitted from Lockdown. He said notwithstanding the economic travails being faced, it is clearly the correct path as it protected so many lives in the country.

For details:Text of PM's address to the Nation**For details:**All passenger train services cancelled till 3rd May in view of COVID 19 lockdown

All ticket counters for bookings including UTS & PRS , will remain suspended till further orders. No advance reservation of train tickets, including E tickets, till further advice, however, facility of online cancellation will remain functional. Full refund for reservation made for the trains cancelled. Full refund will also be there for those cancelling the advance bookings of tickets for trains not yet cancelled

For details:The decision to extend the Nation-wide lockdown to fight COVID-19 till 3rd May taken to protect lives of the People: ShriAmit Shah

Union Home Minister ShriAmit Shah has expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Prime Minister for the decision and said that the decision by the Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi to extend the lockdown, put in place to fight and end COVID-19, till 3rd May, has been taken to protect lives of the people of the country.

For details:FCI transports 1,000 train loads in 20 days during lockdown

Food Corporation of India has achieved a rare distinction of transporting more than 1,000 train loads (rakes) carrying about 3 Million Metric Tonnes of food grains during the lockdown period since 24.03.2020. It has also been able to unload about 950 rakes (about 2.7 MMT) during the same period. On an average, FCI is loading and unloading about 3 Lakh Metric Tonnes (about 60 Lakhs bags of 50 Kg each) every day since the start of lockdown, which is almost double its normal average.

For details:20 control rooms set up to address wage related grievances of workers

Ministry of Labour and Employment has set up 20 control rooms under the Office of Chief Labour Commissioner (CLC) (C) on pan India basis due to issues arising in the backdrop of Covid-19.

For details:ESIC Further Extends Period for Filing ESI Contribution

The country is dealing with a very challenging situation due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Many establishments are temporarily closed and workers are unable to work. In line with the relief measures being extended by Government to business entities and workers, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has undertaken relief measures for its stakeholders specially Employers and Insured Persons, besides strengthening its medical resources to fight COVID-19.

For details:ShriGadkari assures industry representatives of full government support for restarting enterprises after COVID-19 lockdown

Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and MSMEs ShriNitinGadkari has assured the industry of full cooperation from the government in restarting their enterprises after the lockdown is lifted post COVID-19. Interacting with FICCI representatives on a web based seminar today, the Minister informed them about the various financial decisions taken by the government in this direction.

For details:Press Statement from Central Administrative Tribunal**For details:**Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry takes multiple steps to help the nation fight Covid-19

1,75,000 health sector professionals trained under MSDE Skill ecosystem provided to States. States offered the facilities of 33 Field institutes for the purpose of Quarantine Centres /Isolation Wards. About 5 lakh masks prepared by Jan ShikshanSansthan.

All the establishments asked to pay full stipend to apprentices engaged with them during the period of lockdown

For details:Government initiates dialogue to resurrect agri sector exports in the aftermath of current COVID-19 crisis

Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare, held a video conference to gain a first- hand account of the problems being faced by the exporters of Agri and Allied commodities and initiate necessary steps by making meaningful interventions for early redressal of their problems to help them sustain though the current Covid-19 crisis.

For details:Indian Navy ensures 24 x 7 operations from Visakhapatnam airfield in support of air operations during COVID-19 lockdown

With the nationwide lockdown to prevent spread of virus during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, INS Dega of Eastern Naval Command (ENC) ensured that the joint-user airfield at Visakhapatnam remains open round the clock.

For details:Agriculture Minister reviews ICAR activities during lockdown

ShriNarendra Singh Tomar reviewed activities of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in helping farmers overcome the problems arising due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and the nationwide lockdown. While three ICAR institutes are engaged in COVID-19 testing on humans, ICAR has undertaken several efforts to help farmers during lockdown and given advisories to crores of farmers across the country.

For details:

Several steps initiated during current Covid-19 lockdown to decongest wholesale markets & to make supply chain agile under e-NAM: Shri Narendra Singh Tomar

The Minister said that e-NAM is being expanded to cover additional 415 mandis which will take the total number of e-NAM mandis to 1000 soon. He also added that this online platform will prove to be a giant leap in reforming the agriculture market in India. He further said that we have more than 1.66 crore farmers and 1.28 Lakh traders registered on e-NAM platform.

For details:

Several Steps taken to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during the lock down period

Rs. 16,621 crores released under PM-KISAN Scheme to 8.31 crore farmer families. 3,985 MT of pulses dispatched for delivery to the States/UTs under PM-GKY

For details:

Pharma Secretary Holds VC with representatives of Drugs and Pharma Industry and their Associations.

Indian Pharma industry is producing enough stocks of essential medicines particularly HCQ to meet both domestic demand and to meet export obligations. The production and transportation is being ensured throughout the country by the Department with help of State/UT administrations. This position emerged after a Video Conference held under chairmanship of Secretary of Department of Pharmaceuticals, Dr P D Vaghela to review the operations and issues of the pharmaceutical and Medical Devices industry.

For details:

Delivery of Medicines through Speed Post

Minister of Communications, Law & IT Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad has instructed Secretary Posts to ensure that delivery of medicines through Speed Post is given the highest priority during lockdown. He has further directed that all employees of Department of Posts are sensitised so that no one should face difficulty in receiving or sending medicines during lockdown.

For details:

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan holds video conference with Food Ministers of States and UTs to review foodgrains distribution during lockdown

Centre asks States/UTs to check hoarding and ensure fair prices of essential commodities during the lockdown. Wheat procurement for RMS 2020-21 to commence from 15th April, 2020

For details:

Clarification on passing of ordinary and special resolutions by companies under the Companies Act, 2013 and rules made thereunder on account of the threat posed by COVID-19

For details:

Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India issues simple guidelines, for controlling spread of COVID-19 in densely populated areas

The guidelines propose swift installation of do-it-yourself hand-washing stations that have been used world-wide to contain epidemics. The manual, put together by the team at the PSA's office, brings out

how frugal but effective tools can have disproportionate positive impact. Prof Raghavan urges Community leaders, NGOs, corporates etc. to implement these and other measures. The key goal of the proposed measures is to emphasize sanitation and hygienic practices and suggest key interventions

For details:

DRDO develops kiosk for COVID-19 sample collection

The unit has been developed by DRDL in consultation with the doctors of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Hyderabad. The COVSACK is a kiosk for use by healthcare workers for taking COVID-19 samples from suspected infected patients. Patient under test walks into the Kiosk and a nasal or oral swab is taken by health care professional from outside through the built in gloves.

For details:

Village Panchayats undertake various measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

Best practices include spreading awareness by websites, social media, posters and wall writings, spray of disinfectants, distribution of locally produced protective gear to villagers, giving free rations and monetary assistance to the needy and doorstep delivery of essential commodities

For details:

Strategies and Solutions employed by PCMC to counter the COVID-19 pandemic

PimpriChinchwad Municipal Corporation has performed incredibly well in waste management and sanitation services. **More recently, PCMC has caught the eye for being swift and vigilant in their response to fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic.** CMC has initiated several innovative and important initiatives to counter the spread of the virus.

For details:

Fit India and CBSE organise first-ever live fitness sessions for school students in the second phase of lockdown,

After the massive response to the live fitness sessions under Fit India Active Day programme launched by Fit India, the Government of India's flagship fitness movement is yet again set to start a new series of fitness sessions. This time it will be organised in partnership with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) for school children from across the country. During the programme guidelines of Ministry of AYUSH to stay healthy will be shared with students.

For details:

NIOS of HRD Ministry initiates a unique method to ensure effective schooling to reach the unreachable directly at door step

In wake of COVID-19, innovations by NIOS in telecast of Live sessions through Skype in association with KVS, NVS and CBSE & NCERT through SwayamPrabha DTH Channels

For details:

OFB to manufacture 1.10 lakh ISO Class 3 coveralls

Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) has started supply of coveralls conforming to ISO Class 3 exposure standards. Manufacture of initial order of 1.10 lakh from HLL Lifecare Limited (HLL) is in full swing. This order will be completed in 40 days.

For details:Ministry of Tourism launches its "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series from today

The Ministry of Tourism has launched its "DekhoApnaDesh" webinar series from today to provide information on the many destinations and the sheer depth and expanse of the culture and heritage of our Incredible India.

For details:NFL making available urea fertilisers to farmers unhindered

Despite National level COVID -19 lockdown National Fertilizers limited- NFL is ensuring adequate supply of fertilizers to farmer community working at over 100 per cent capacity

For details:**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Arunachal Pradesh: A person who illegally entered through Hollongi Check post area in Arunachal Pradesh was sent for medical check up and later quarantined.
- Assam: In Assam, a team from IIT Guwahati have developed an antimicrobial spray based coating for PPE kits to kill and prevent the spread of microbes once they come in contact with the coated PPE surface.
- Manipur: CM reviews distribution of rice to the public under PMGKY in all districts.
- Mizoram: 32 Kgs of ICMR Testing Kits arrived by IAF Dornier Aircraft today and sent to Zoram Medical College, Aizawl, Mizoram.
- Nagaland: Nine Opposition party MLAs have been made part of COVID-19 monitoring team in Nagaland. State govt clarifies revealing identity of first COVID-19 patient of Nagaland was necessary to facilitate contact tracing.
- Sikkim: Govt decides to extend the lockdown till 3rd May, 2020, may consider relaxation after 20th April.
- Tripura: CM receives 6000 suggestions when he asked people to share the work government should do after withdrawal of lockdown.
- Kerala: State Finance Minister urges Centre to take steps to resolve the financial needs of the State govts& sanction loans to States through RBI. State to continue current restrictions until new guidelines are issued. Till yesterday evening, total recoveries 197; undergoing treatment 178; under observation 1,12,183.
- Tamil Nadu: Nellore doctor's body who died of Covid cremated in Chennai amidst tight security after locals protest. Chennai Corp. to start testing residents from Wednesday. Chennai Police book & seize vehicles of those not wearing masks. Total +ve cases till now 1173; cured 58; deaths 11.
- Karnataka: 11 new cases so far today. Total Covid confirmed cases till now 258; death toll reach 9; number of patients cured and discharged 65.
- Andhra Pradesh: State cancels Class X exams; students advised to listen to online classes. Migrant workers at a quarantine center at Gooty in Anantapur clash with Police. Total +ve cases in the State reach 473; death toll 9; cured 14. Districts leading in +ve cases: Guntur (109), Kurnool (91), Nellore (56), Prakasam (42), Krishna (44), Kadapa (31).

- Telangana: State marks 126 localities in the city as containment clusters. Migrant labourers try to leave Hyderabad city after lockdown gets extended. Total cases in the State rise to 592 of which 103 have been cured, while 472 are undergoing treatment.
- Maharashtra: 121 new coronavirus cases in Maharashtra; state tally surges to 2,455. Among the new cases that were reported on Tuesday, 92 were from Mumbai, 13 from Navi Mumbai, 10 from Thane city, five from Vasai-Virar and one from Raigad.
- Gujarat: State recorded 45 new Covid-19 positive cases, taking the total tally to 617. The cases include 31 from Ahmedabad, Surat 9, Mehsana 2 and one each from Bhavnagar, Dahod and Gandhinagar. (Principal Secretary, Health)
- Rajasthan: 72 new cases have been reported today in Rajasthan so far, including 71 in Jaipur and 1 in Jhunjhunu. The total number of positive cases in the state has risen to 969, according to Rajasthan Health Department
- MP: In Madhya Pradesh 1171 samples were tested and 126 new positive cases were found marking the highest single day tally. 98 of these are from Indore, 20 are from Bhopal. The total tally in the state is 730.
- Goa: No new cases were reported as of this morning in Goa keeping the tally of active cases at 2. Out of 7 positive cases reported, five have already recovered.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 13 APR 2020 7:06PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours and

Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- Prime Minister to address the nation tomorrow at 10 am
- Increase of 796 confirmed Covid-19 cases since yesterday; death toll goes up to 308.
- Implementation of the action plan has started yielding results in 25 districts across 15 States which reported cases earlier, but no case reported for the last 14 days.
- MHA directs States to ensure smooth movement of Inter and Intra-state Cargo, trucks, Workers and functioning of Warehouse/cold storages
- Robust Digital Payment Infrastructure enabling Prompt Transfer of Cash Payment; More than 32 Crore poor people have received financial assistance of Rs 29,352 crore under the PradhanMantriGaribKalyan package

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 796 cases has been reported since yesterday, with a total of 9152 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the country. As many as 857 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery and total 308 deaths have been reported, as of today. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is using cutting edge technology at all levels for timely response at district administration level to COVID-19. The implementation of the action plan has started yielding appreciable results in 25 districts across 15 States which reported cases earlier. These districts have no case reported since the last 14 days and constant vigil is being maintained to ensure that no new cases may occur in future.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1614031>

PM to address the nation on 14th April 2020

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will address the nation tomorrow i.e. 14th April 2020 at 10 AM.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613919>

MHA directs States to implement Lockdown Guidelines in letter & spirit to ensure smooth movement of Inter & Intrastate Cargo, Trucks, Workers and functioning of Warehouse/Cold Storages

MHA has directed States to implement lockdown guidelines in letter & spirit to ensure smooth movement of inter & intrastate cargo, trucks, workers and functioning of warehouse/cold storages, as it has come to the notice of the Ministry that in some parts of the country, the aforesaid guidelines and clarifications are not being implemented in letter and spirit.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613775>

Telephone conversation between Prime Ministers of India and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with H.E. Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. The two leaders discussed the situation arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic and the steps being taken to address this challenge.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613914>

Robust Digital Payment Infrastructure Enables Prompt Transfer of Cash Payment under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package.

A digital pipeline has been laid through linking of Jan-Dhan accounts as well as other accounts with the account holders' mobile numbers and Aadhaar [Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM)]. This infrastructure pipeline is providing the necessary backbone for DBT flows, adoption of social security/pension schemes, etc. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) was launched in August, 2014 with an aim to provide bank accounts to unbanked persons. Out of around 126 crore operative CASA accounts as on 20th March 2020, more than 38 crore have been opened under PMJDY.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613686>

Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Progress so far

More than 32 crore poor people received financial assistance of Rs29,352 crore under the PradhanMantriGaribKalyan Package. 5.29 Crore beneficiaries distributed free ration of food grains under PradhanMantriGaribKalyan AnnYojana. 97.8 Lakh free Ujjwala cylinders delivered. 2.1 Lakh members of EPFO taken benefit of online withdrawal of non-refundable advance from EPFO account amounting to Rs 510 crore. First instalment of PM-KISAN :Rs14,946 crore transferred to 7.47 crore farmers. Rs 9930 crore disbursed to 19.86 crore to Women Jan Dhan account holders. Rs 1400 crore disbursed to about 2.82 crore old age persons, widows and disabled persons. 2.17 crore Building & Construction workers received financial support amounting to Rs 3071 crore.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613949>

Grant of Consular Services to Foreign Nationals, presently residing in India due to travel restrictions in the context of COVID-19 outbreak, till 30th April, 2020

Regular visa, e-visa or stay stipulation, of such foreign nationals who have been stranded in India because of spread of COVID-19 in many parts of the world and due to consequent travel restrictions imposed by Indian Authorities and whose Visas have expired or would be expiring during 01.02.2020 (Midnight) to 30.04.2020 (Midnight), would be extended till 30th April 2020 (Midnight) on GRATIS basis, after making online application by the Foreigner.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613898>

44 Evacuees Return Home from Naval Quarantine Camp at Ghatkopar, Mumbai

The Indian Navy Quarantine Facility at Material Organisation, Ghatkopar, Mumbai has silently and successfully completed the task of quarantining 44 evacuees (including 24 women) from Iran.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=16138362>

Medical cargo flights under Operation Lifeline UDAN transport 108 tons of essential supplies for the nation in a single day

Over 214 Lifeline Udan flights have been operated by MoCA to transport essential medical cargo to remote parts of the country to support India's war against COVID-19.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613689>

Vice President asks universities to ensure continuity of academic calendar during lockdown

The Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu today asked Universities and other educational institutions to harness fully the power of technology to ensure continuity of academic calendar during the lock-down period. Interacting with Vice Chancellors of various Universities and Director of the

Indian Institute of Public Administration through a video conference, the Vice President observed that it might take some more time for normalcy to return and enquired about their plans to cope with the disruption caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613872>

Indian Railways continues feeding the infrastructure sector and ramps up the supply chain during the COVID-19 lockdown

During last 11 days from 1st April to 11th April 2020, Railways loaded and carried 192165 wagons of coal, and 13276 wagons of petroleum products (One wagon contains 58-60 ton consignment).

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613731>

CEC & ECs to contribute to Covid Funding in the form of voluntary reduction of thirty per cent of their basic salary from ECI for one year

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613836>

Surat evolves Rapid Crisis Management Plan under SBM-Urban

Description automatically generated with clear objectives of reducing human to human transmission by breaking the chain of transmission concentrating on epidemiological triad (Agent-Host-Environment Factors), early detection of suspected cases and providing optimum care to the confirmed cases of COVID-19, Surat Municipality has adopted three-pronged approach which they call “3-T Strategy” - Track, Test and Treat to fight against COVID-19.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613926>

SHG women working as Business Correspondents for banks (BC Sakhis) and Bank Sakhis playing a vital role in disbursement of first tranche of ex-gratia of Rs.500/- to women PMJDY accounts amidst COVID-19 Lockdown

Out of around 8800 BC Sakhi and 21600 Bank Sakhi, around 50% of both cadre voluntarily started working amidst Lockdown across the country in many states. Bank Sakhis are supporting Bank Branch Managers in managing rush at branches during DBT payment and ensuring social distancing of customers by creating awareness among rural community.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613916>

Community Kitchens run by SHG Women provide food to the most poor and vulnerable in Rural Areas during the COVID-19 lockdown

Self Help Groups across the country have responded with various initiatives to ensure continued access to essential services; Women collectives are also supporting front line health workers in the delivery of essential child, adolescent & maternal health and nutrition-related entitlements.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613866>

Rural Women from Assam prepare products like hand sanitizer, homemade mask to combat COVID19

Rural Women Technology Park (RWTP) under CSIR-North East Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, Supported by SEED Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST), have engaged rural women to prepare various products such as hand sanitizer, homemade mask, and liquid disinfectant to be distributed freely among family members and poor people in the nearby village to help combat COVID 19 in the area.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613818>

Minority Affairs Minister appeals to Indian Muslims to strictly follow the guidelines of lockdown and social distancing, during the holy month of Ramadan in view of challenges of Corona pandemic

ShriMukhtar Abbas Naqvihas appealed that in view of challenges of Corona pandemic, Indian Muslims should strictly and honestly follow the guidelines of lockdown and social distancing during the holy month of Ramadan, likely to start from 24th April, by offering prayers and performing other religious rituals staying inside their homes.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613919>

More than 3700 suggestions received for 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign in just 3 days

HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' had launched a week long 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign for Crowd sourcing of Ideas for Improving Online Education ecosystem of India on 10th April 2020. The campaign is gaining popularity among social media users and the HRD Ministry has received more than 3700 suggestions for 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign in just 3 dayson Twitter and e-mail.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613993>

Dr.Jitendra Singh reviews the work done by DoPT, DARPG &DoPPW in the wake of COVID-19.

Apart from reviewing the readiness of the departments to fight the Pandemic, the Minister has asked the officers and staff that work should not suffer at all during this period. By April 12, 2020, Government had redressed 7000 COVID 19 Public Grievances with an average disposal time of 1.57 days.

For details: <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1613978>

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Arunachal Pradesh: 138 Bn CRPF is organizing door-to-door awareness campaign about COVID19 in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh.

- Assam: To help Assamese people stranded in other states, Assam govt launches Assam COVID helpline number 96-1547-1547, tweets Assam Health Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.
- Manipur: Directorate of Health Services, Manipur asks people not to buy Hydroxychloroquine over the counter without doctor's prescription.
- Meghalaya: Wearing of face mask made mandatory in all public places in South West Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya.
- Mizoram: CM Mizoram meets representatives from churches, NGOs, political parties and important officials regarding actions to be taken for COVID19 pandemic today.
- Nagaland: State Govt says first COVID-19 patient from state travelled from Kolkata to Dimapur in Air India flight 709 (Seat no. 5B). Starts contact tracing of all co-passengers.
- Sikkim: DG, Health hopeful with 70 negative cases so far, Sikkim could safely presume itself to be in the green zone.
- Tripura: State Govt decides that manufacturing units of essential commodities will remain functional during the lockdown period.
- Kerala: State decides to ease the lockdown restrictions only after knowing Central Govt's decision. 4 nurses from Kerala test +ve in Mumbai and Pune. Because of Vishu festival tomorrow, Police having tough time enforcing lockdown on streets. 36 patients recovered while 2 new cases were confirmed yesterday. Total cases till now 375; Death rate of 0.53 % better than world average.
- Tamil Nadu: Experts' panel recommends mass testing & making mask use mandatory; 2 PG doctors at Coimbatore ESI Hospital who treated Covid patients isolated after showing symptoms. State to bear expenses of Covid testing in pvt labs. 106 new +ve cases reported yesterday. Total +ve cases till now 1075; discharged 50; deaths 11. Chennai (181) & Coimbatore (97) lead.
- Karnataka: 15 new cases till now today. Belgavi 3, Bidar 2, Mandya 3, Dharwad 4, 1 each in Bagalkote, Bengaluru Rural & Bengaluru Urban. Total confirmed cases 247. So far 6 dead and 59 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: State sets up mobile Walk-in Sample Kiosk (WISK) in Srikakulam for testing & sample collection. Govt. launches DrYSR telemedicine pgm with toll free no. 14410 for Covid assistance. State to intensify sample testing using PCR technique. 12 new cases reported today taking the total number of +ve cases to 432; recovered and discharged 12; deaths 7. Guntur (90) & Kurnool (84) lead in +ve cases.
- Telangana: State reports 1 more +ve case; total +ve cases till now stand at 532. Hyderabad Police book local Tablighi Jamaat leader after foreigners were given shelter at the local office. In view of the lockdown being extended till April 30, the govt has postponed all the common entrance tests.
- Maharashtra: In Mumbai, even as the Municipal authorities are battling to contain Covid-19 outbreak in Dharavi, other slum areas in the city like Worli Koliwada and Govandi have emerged as new hotbeds. Social distancing is difficult to practice in these densely populated clusters and health experts believe Mumbai's biggest challenge is to prevent the virus from breaking loose in these slums.
- Gujarat: 22 new Covid 19 cases were reported in Gujarat today, taking the total number of positive cases in the state to 538. Among the new cases, 13 were reported from Ahmedabad, five from Surat, two from Banaskantha, and one each from Anand and Vadodara.
- Rajasthan: In Rajasthan 11 more cases of coronavirus on Monday, taking the state's tally to 815. 10 of the 11 positive cases are from Bharatpur. Meanwhile, the state government has postponed all University exams indefinitely and also declared summer holidays from April 16th – May 30th.

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- An increase of 909 COVID-19 confirmed cases noted in in the country since yesterday
- Government is also focussing on increasing the capacity of primary medical infrastructure which includes dedicated hospitals, isolation beds, ICU beds, and quarantine facilities.
- States/UTs asked to ensure compliance to the Supreme Court directions on welfare of migrant labourers housed at relief shelters/camps
- MHA directs states/UTs to provide necessary police security to Doctors and medical staff fighting Covid-19
- 85 lakh PMUY beneficiaries have got LPG cylinder in last 11 days; Delivery boys, braving the odds, are supplying cylinders in every part of the country.
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Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 909 cases has been noted in COVID-19 confirmed cases in the country since yesterday. As many as 716 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery and total 273 deaths have been reported, as of today. Government is also focussing on increasing the capacity of primary medical infrastructure which includes dedicated hospitals, isolation beds, ICU beds, and quarantine facilities. Dedicated hospitals for management of COVID-19 patients have increasingly been set up across the country. Along with Government hospitals, various private sector hospitals, Public Sector Units, Military hospitals, Indian Railways are contributing in these efforts.

For details:

MHA writes to all States/ UTs to ensure compliance of Supreme Court directions on Welfare of Migrant Labourers housed at Relief Shelters/Camps

In view of the Supreme Court of India directions regarding welfare of migrant labourers housed at relief shelters/camps in different parts of country, Union Ministry of Home Affairs has written to all States/UTs to take necessary action in compliance of the directions of the Court, while implementing lockdown measures to fight COVID-19 effectively.

For details:

MHA directs all States/UTs to provide necessary Police Security to Doctors and Medical Staff fighting COVID-19

In view of reported incidents of harassment of Doctors and Medical Staff, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed all States/UTs and respective Police authorities to provide necessary Police Security to them in hospitals and at places where patients who have been diagnosed COVID-19 positive or where suspected cases are quarantined.

For details:

About 85 lakh PMUY beneficiaries have got the LPG cylinder this month;

Personnel in supply chain of delivery of cylinders working tirelessly to support the nation's fight against covid-19

Government of India has announced pro-poor initiatives under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, as part of economic response to Covid-19. As per this Yojana, free LPG Refills are to be provided to Ujjwala beneficiaries over the period of 3 months, from April to June 2020. As on date, booking of 1.26 Crore cylinders has been done by the beneficiaries, out of which about 85 lakh cylinders have been delivered to PMUY beneficiaries.

For details:

Initiatives of Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare to promote farming and allied sectors during lockdown

Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is taking several measures to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during the lockdown period.

For details:

MCA's Frequently Asked Questions on eligibility of CSR expenditure related to COVID-19 activities

For details:

IAF's Support Towards Fight Against Coronavirus

All efforts are being made to ensure timely delivery of the essential medical supplies and ration to the nodal points of various States, thereby equipping the State governments and supporting agencies to combat the contagion effectively and efficiently.

For details:Indian Navy Supports Fight against Covid19 In Port Blair

Reaching out to those in need during the Covid-19 crisis, Naval Air Station (NAS) Utkrosh and Material Organisation (Port Blair) carried out food distribution in Port Blair.

For details:PM Janaushadhi Kendra people are working as Corona Warriors: ShMandaviya

Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers ShriMansukhMandaviya has said that even in the current difficult circumstances the PradhanMantriJanaushadhi Kendra (PMJK) people are working as CoronaWarriors and serving the nation.

For details:Union HRD Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal “Nishank” launches a web-portal YUKTI (Young India Combating COVID with Knowledge, Technology and Innovation)

The portal aims to monitor and record the efforts and initiatives of MHRD which have been taken in the wake of COVID-19. The portal will also establish a two-way communication channel between the Ministry of HRD and the institutions so that the Ministry can provide the necessary support system to the institutions.

For details:KendriyaVidyalayaSangathan- Delhi Region takes several initiatives for taking learning to the students in Covid-19 situation

While online live classes for classes VI to VIII will start from Monday, KVS Delhi Region has already started the online live classes for IX to XII on Facebook and YouTube.

For details:

KVIC Develops Double Layered Khadi Masks

Khadi and Village Industries Commission has successfully developed a double layered Khadi mask and has procured orders for supplying it in large quantities. To add to its success, KVIC has recently bagged an order to supply 7.5 lakh pieces of Khadi Masks to Jammu & Kashmir Government alone.

For details:NRLM Self Help Group women emerge as community warriors to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country

About 2 crore masks have been produced by around 78,000 SHG members of 27 State Rural Livelihood Missions (SRLMs). More than 5000 PPE kits manufactured by SHGs in various states; Around 900 SHG enterprises in 9 States have produced more than 1 lakh litres of hand sanitizer. Some SHGs have also produced liquid soaps to guarantee hand hygiene

For details:

NRLM Self Help Group network rises to the challenge of COVID-19 situation in the country

During the on-going crisis also, SHG members have emerged as community warriors by contributing in every possible way to contain the spread of COVID-19. Approximately 690 lakh women members of around 63 lakh Self Help Groups (SHGs) across the country formed under the DeendayalAntyodayaYojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development are working in committed manner.

For details:

CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad engaged in the Fight Against COVID-19 on Multiple Fronts

CSIR's constituent leading biology lab CCMB based in Hyderabad is employing several tools and approaches in the countries fight against COVID-19.

For details:

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

- Kerala: In Kasargod- a hotspot in the State- 26 Covid patients have been cured & will be discharged today; 60 already recovered & 105 active cases in the district. State Finance Minister criticizes Centre for not giving due financial assistance to the state. Police seals all by-routes, bordering Tamil Nadu following movement of illegal vehicles.
- Tamilnadu: State reports 12th death; 45/F was admitted to Govt MC in Chennai. 8 doctors in the State test +ve. Total confirmed cases till now is 969. Nationwide alert issued on a Covid +ve Delhi native who went missing from Villupuram. State facing shortfall of Rs 10,000 crore in revenue due to lockdown.
- Karnataka: State records 11 new cases till afternoon today taking the tally to 226. Four cases confirmed in Belagavi. Vijayapura now 19th district in the State affected by Covid; 60/F tests +ve. Door-to-door Covid survey in Bengaluru Urban district being done from today.
- Andhra Pradesh: 12 new cases reported today; total +ve cases rise to 417. State makes spitting -of paan, tobacco or non-tobacco products and sputum- in public places a punishable offence. CM orders distribution of 3 masks to every individual. State completes 3rd phase of survey of 1.43 crore families out of 1.47 crore families.
- Telangana: 2 more positive cases reported from Nirmal of Telangana. Total positive cases rise to 505. Drones deployed for spraying disinfectants in public areas across State to contain Covid19 spread.
- Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, NSS volunteers from JN College, Pasighat distribute masks to frontline warriors against COVID-19, like police and healthcare staff.
- Assam: Health Minister HimantaBiswaSarma tweeted that no COVID19 patient has died in Gauhati Medical College &Hospitals (GMCH) as reported in a local daily newspaper.
- Manipur: Chief Secretary directs health deptt to check availability of (piped or bedside cylinder) oxygen supply in the State.
- Mizoram: Expressing concern over safety of drivers and other workers involved in the supply of essential commodities in Mizoram, Transport Minister instructs officials to give them utmost care.
- Meghalaya: DCs of East and West Jaintia Hills districts, Meghalaya have directed all NGOs, agencies and individuals from outside the state and district intending to help the people of the

district to register their names with the concerned authorities.

- Nagaland: State Government says that 3 relief camps sheltering 363 persons are functioning in Dimapur, another 2000 persons are being provided food grains and dry ration by district administration & NGOs.
- Sikkim: CM informed that a cabinet meeting will be held on 15th April 2020 for taking further decision on the challenges being faced because of the COVID19.
- Tripura: Govt has decided to give Rs.3.58 Cr relief to 21,899 brick kiln migrant. Every migrant worker will get Rs. 1000 each & 20 days ration.
- Maharashtra Police has registered over 35,000 offences across the state against those violating prohibitory orders and quarantine guidelines during the lockdown. Meanwhile, 134 more have tested positive, taking the State's tally to 1,895.
- Madhya Pradesh: After Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh has recorded the second highest number of Covid-19 deaths in India so far. According to latest figures released by the union health ministry, Maharashtra reported 127 deaths while 36 coronavirus patients have died so far in Madhya Pradesh.
- Rajasthan: 151 new coronavirus cases were reported in Rajasthan bringing the total Covid 19 cases to 751. Among the total people infected as on date, 21 have recovered and 3 have passed away.
- Gujarat: 67 new coronavirus cases were reported in Gujarat bringing the total reported cases of Covid 19 in Gujarat to 308. Among the total people infected as on date, 31 have recovered and 19 have passed away.
- Jammu and Kashmir: 21 new cases of Covid-19 reported in J&K today. 17 from Kashmir Division and 4 from Jammu Division. Total number of positive cases now 245.

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*(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours and
Fact checks undertaken by PIB).*

- Increase of 1035 Covid-19 confirmed cases noted since yesterday; Total number of deaths goes up to 239.
- Government ensuring that there is no shortage of supplies of critical items with states
- Prime Minister interacts with Chief Ministers to strategize ahead for tackling COVID-19
- MHA exempts Operations of marine fishing/aquaculture industry and its workers from lockdown restrictions.
- Sowing of Summer crops progresses satisfactorily despite difficulties.
- Ex-gratia monetary compensation approved for employees of FCI and labour working for it in supply of foodgrains.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

An increase of 1035 cases has been noted in COVID-19 confirmed cases in India since yesterday and an increase of 855 has been reported in Active Cases. Total deaths that have occurred as of today is 239. As many as 642 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. As of now total 7447 confirmed cases have been reported. Government of India in its continual efforts, following a graded response approach, is ensuring that there is no shortage of supplies of critical items which includes PPEs, N95 masks, testing kits, medicines and ventilators with each State across the country.

For details:

PM interacts with CMs to strategize ahead for tackling COVID-19

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today interacted with Chief Ministers of all states via video conferencing to strategize ahead for tackling COVID-19. Prime Minister observed that the combined effort of the Centre and the States has definitely helped reduce the impact of COVID-19 but since the situation is rapidly evolving, constant vigilance is paramount. Talking about the Exit Plan from Lockdown, Prime Minister said that there seems to be a consensus amongst the states on extension of Lockdown by another two weeks.

For details:

MHA issues 5th Addendum to exempt Operations of Marine Fishing/Aquaculture Industry and its Workers from Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an addendum to the consolidated guidelines to all Ministries/Departments, regarding the Nationwide lockdown to fight COVID-19. The 5th addendum exempts from lockdown restrictions the operations of the Fishing (Marine)/Aquaculture Industry, including feeding and maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing; hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria, movement of fish/ shrimp and fish products, fish seed/feed and workers for all these activities.

For details:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan chairs a video conference with States regarding the steps taken on COVID-19

Pointing to the critical importance of the next few weeks to break the chain of transmission of the disease, Dr Harsh Vardhan urged all to ensure social distancing and spread awareness about personal hygiene, which shall help in a resolute and collective fight against COVID-19. He urged States to promote mobile app ArogyaSetu to bring the people of India together in a resolute fight against COVID-19.

For details:

Government approves ex-gratia compensation for more than one lakh FCI employees in case of death due to COVID-19

The Government has approved the proposal for grant of ex-gratia monetary compensation to 1,08,714 workers and officers of the Food Corporation of India, including 80,000 labour who are working 24x7 to supply food grains across the country amidst the outbreak of Coronavirus pandemic.

For details:

Action taken by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare during lockdown

In order to facilitate the farmers and farming activities at field level during the lockdown period, the Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, is taking several measures.

For details:

Overcoming lockdown restrictions, sowing of Summer Crops continues uninterrupted

Sowing of the Summer Crops has progressed satisfactorily despite the difficulties experienced due to the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic and the 21-day lockdown. total area under the Summer Crops (including Rice, Pulses, Coarse Cereals and Oil Seeds) cultivation has jumped significantly, registering 11.64% increase over last year.

For details,

Department of Commerce has Provided a number of Relaxations / Extensions of various Compliance Deadlines etc. to address Corona Pandemic Related Hardships of Exporters

In order to give relief to businesses and affected individuals amidst the stress caused by the novel coronavirus pandemic, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has introduced several relaxations and extensions in deadlines etc. with regard to compliances mandated under its schemes and activities.

For details,

Around 2,000 NCC cadets employed and 50,000 more volunteered to contribute in fight against COVID-19

National Cadet Corps (NCC) volunteer cadets are helping civil administration by working shoulder to shoulder with civil, defence and police personnel under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan' in fight against Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic since April 01, 2020.

For details:

More than 1 million free hot cooked meals distributed to needy persons by Indian Railways

Indian Railways staff from a number of Railway organizations like IRCTC, RPF, Zonal Railways and others have worked tirelessly to keep alive the Railways' commitment of social service by selflessly and voluntarily providing hot cooked meals to needy people after the lockdown due to COVID-19.

For details,

AYUSH reiterates immunity boosting measures for self-care during COVID 19 crises

Ministry of AYUSH had issued an advisory on various immunity enhancing steps from the time tested approaches of Ayurveda. The advisory has again been reiterated in these testing times to support the efforts of all as a measure towards enhancing ones immunity.

COVID-19 Crisis

Ministry of AYUSH recommendations, based on Ayurvedic literature and scientific publications, for preventive health measures and boosting immunity with special reference to respiratory health.

Measures for Enhancing Immunity

- Drink warm water throughout the day.
- Daily practice of Yogasana, Pranayama and Meditation for at least 30 minutes.
- Spices like Haldi (Turmeric), Jeera (Cumin), Dhaniya (Coriander) and Lahsun (Garlic) recommended in cooking.

Ayurvedic Immunity Enhancing Tips

- Take Chyavanprash 10gm (1tsf) in the morning. Diabetics should take sugar free Chyavanprash.
- Drink Herbal Tea/Decoction (Kadha) made from Tulsi (Basil), Dalchini (Cinnamon), Kalimirch (Black Pepper), Shunthi (Dry Ginger) and Munakka (Raisin) - once or twice a day. Add jaggery (Natural Sugar) and/or fresh Lemon Juice to your taste, if needed.
- Golden Milk- half tea spoon Haldi (Turmeric) powder in 150 ml Hot Milk - once or twice a day.

Simple Ayurvedic Procedures

- Nasal Application**– Apply Sesame Oil/Coconut oil or Ghee in both the nostrils (Pratimarsh Nasya) in morning and evening.
- Oil Pulling Therapy**– Take 1 table spoon Sesame or Coconut Oil in mouth. Do not drink, swish in the mouth for 2 to 3 minutes and spit it off followed by warm water rinse. This can be done once or twice a day.

Immunity Boosting Measures for Self-Care

Actions During Dry Cough/Sore Throat

- Steam inhalation with fresh Pudina (Mint) leaves or Ajwain (Caraway Seeds) can be practiced once in a day.
- Lavang (Clove) powder mixed with Natural Sugar/Honey can be taken 2-3 times a day in case of cough or throat irritation.
- These measures generally treat normal dry cough and sore throat. However, it is best to consult doctors if these symptoms persist.

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For more details:

[Railway personnel respond to over 2,05,000 queries in first two weeks of lockdown on Helplines \(138 & 139\), Social Media & Email](#)

In order to assist railway passengers, other citizens and help resolve issues in freight operations, Indian Railways has upscaled the helpline facilities after declaration of Lockdown.

For details,

[EPFO puts in place Online Mechanism to credit EPF and EPS Accounts of Subscribers as per PM GareebKalyanYojana](#)

Employees Provident Fund Organization has put in place an electronic mechanism for crediting EPF and EPS accounts of its subscribers as per the package announced by the Union Government under PM GareebKalyan Yojana on 26.3.2020 for helping the poor to fight Corona pandemic.

For details,

Railways identifies 67 routes for Parcel Special Trains to supply perishable commodities including fruits, vegetables, milk and dairy products and seeds

Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare asks Mission Directors of Horticulture and Concerned Secretaries of States/UTs to mobilize all their resources to take advantage of these special trains

For details,

TRIFED offers Supply of Masks made by TRIFED Artisans/SHGs, Van Dhan Beneficiaries & NGOs for basic safety from Corona Virus

Supply of masks made by these suppliers would help establish a model for creating livelihoods with safety for them.

For details,

Press Statement from Central Administrative Tribunal

For details,

Telemedicine Guidelines Approved for Homoeopathic Practitioners

AYUSH Minister ShriShripadNaik inaugurated International Webinar on World. Homoeopathy Day. Most of the speakers spoke about potentials of Homoeopathy which can be harnessed in the containment of COVID 19 and presented facts about use of adjuvant homoeopathy along with standard care for COVID patients.

For details,

1194 tourists assisted till 9th April through 'Stranded in India' portal

The StrandedinIndia portal of the Ministry of Tourism continues to provide support to the tourists. Till 9th April, the number of tourists who have been assisted are 1194. In addition, the regular toll free helpline 1363 which the MoT runs has had 779 calls from 22 March to 9th April.

For details,

OFB comes up with two-bed tents for screening, isolation & quarantine

Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) is playing an important role in the fight against Coronavirus (COVID-19). They have come up with **Two-Bed Tents, Hand sanitisers and face masks, Fumigation Chamber, and Handwashing System.**

For details,

OFB units in UP and Tamil Nadu get NABL nod to test fabric for manufacturing of coveralls in fight against COVID-19

In a significant development, two units of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) namely the Small Arms Factory (SAF) Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and the Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF) Avadi in Tamil Nadu (TN) have been granted accreditation by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for conducting the 'Test for Blood Penetration Resistance' today as the test equipment manufactured by them met the ASTM F 1670:2003 and ISO 16603:2004 standards.

For details,

IIT, BHU's innovation center makes full body Sanitization Device

The device can be mounted anywhere and it works in an automated manner. The device is sensor based which can be installed outside any premises. The sensor based installed machine will automatically detect a person coming in front of the device and will spray 10-15 ml of sanitizer for 15 seconds and this will sanitize the person's entire body, clothes, shoes, etc.

For details:

Amidst COVID-19 lockdown, Income Tax Appellate Tribunal holds interactive session with COVID-19 with renowned preacher Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

For details:

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Madhya Pradesh: The number of positive cases in Madhya Pradesh has risen to 435. Meanwhile, the state government has allowed MLAs to utilize Local Area Development Fund to fight Covid 19

Chhattisgarh: 8 new Covid 19 cases were reported in Chhattisgarh, taking the total positive cases to 18. Nine of them have since recovered.

Rajasthan: Rajasthan has banned photography during volunteer distribution of food and ration among the needy, in a bid to maintain dignity of the distressed and to prevent publicity of the event.

Maharashtra: Following Odisha and Punjab, Maharashtra has also decided to continue lockdown in the state till April 30th. Chief Minister has indicated there would be some concessions in less affected areas while more stringent measures will be introduced in hotspots like Mumbai and Pune. A team at the Indian Institute of Technology of Bombay (IIT-B) has developed a "digital stethoscope" that can listen to heart beats from a distance and record them, minimising the risk of healthcare professionals contracting the Covid 19 infection.

Arunachal Pradesh: In Arunachal Pradesh, Pasighat, East Siang based garment and apparel industry Elam now producing PPEs and Masks.

Assam: Assam Health Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma said anyone coming to Assam from other States or Countries will be quarantined for 14 days.

Manipur: Manipur Education Minister urges private schools not to charge fee during lockdown. Online classes being arranged for higher education.

Mizoram: Mizoram School Education Department has come up with an innovative arrangement to conduct Home schooling via television for children.

Meghalaya: Meghalaya CM says lockdown will not be fully lifted, but there will be easing; no movement from outside the state.

Nagaland: In Nagaland, Dimapur district admin asks genuine stranded students to provide details and their problems at Helpline numbers.

Sikkim: During lockdown, Voluntary Blood Donors Association of Sikkim (VBDAS) has organized 12 mini Blood Donation Camps assuring to fulfil requirements of blood in all the Blood Banks of Sikkim.

Tripura: Tripura CM tweeted about taking part in video conference with PM & other CMs, apprised PM about COVID19 situation of Tripura.

Kerala: Based on a petition, Kerala HC today sought report from Union Govt the chances of bringing back Indians stranded abroad. One more death at Govt. MC, Pariyaram in Kannur. 71/M is a native of Mahe-UT of Puducherry, an enclave in Kerala; source of disease unknown. Five areas in Kasargod hotspot placed under triple lockdown. Active cases till yesterday is 238.

Tamilnadu: State may extend the lockdown by 2 more weeks. 8 firms offer to manufacture & supply PPE kits to Tamil Nadu. 77 new cases yesterday; Total cases 911; deaths 20; active cases 858; recovered 44; no. of samples tested 8410; results pending 661.

Karnataka: Today 7 new cases added till afternoon; Mysore 5, Bangalore 1 & Bidar 1. Total confirmed cases 214; deaths 6; recovered 34. After video conference with PM, CM announced extension of lockdown till April 30.

Andhra Pradesh: State Govt. appoints new SEC through an ordinance removing incumbent. TDP Chief objects to decision. 21 new cases reported till afternoon today, total cases rise to 402. Kurnool (82) Guntur (72) Nellore (48) are leading districts with +ve cases. In the last 24 hours, 909 samples tested; 37 proved positive. Active cases 385; cured 11; deaths 6;

Telangana: 6 more +ve cases reported till afternoon; total rise to 493. Five government hospitals notified to treat Covid-19 patients. First railway corona hospital to be functional soon in Telangana. People in State utilising the telemedicine facility introduced in districts to consult doctors and specialists during Lockdown.

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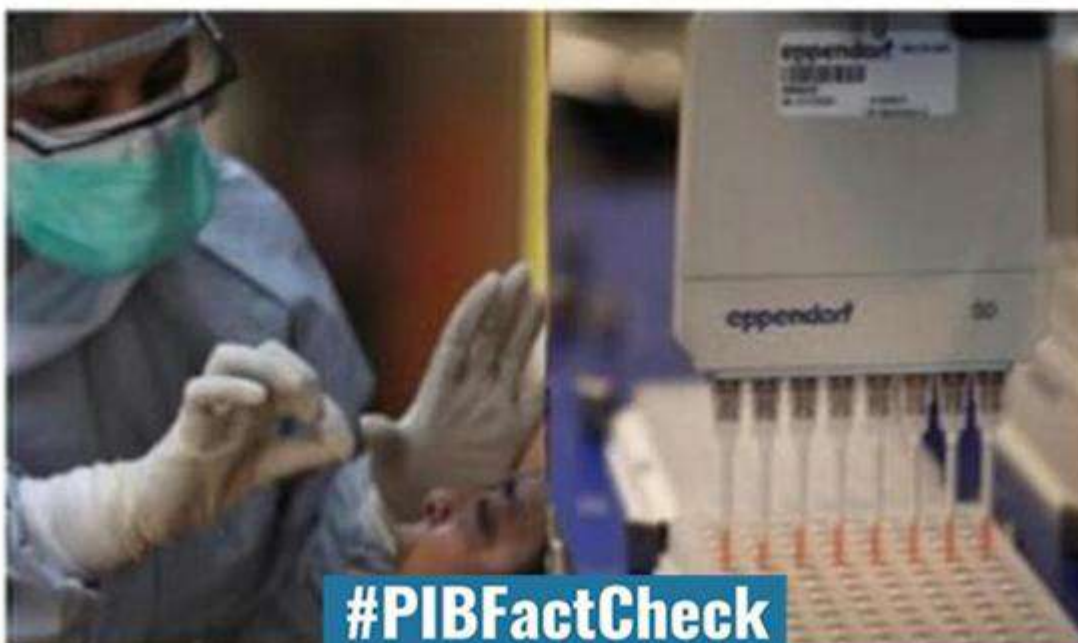
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- As of now, 6412 confirmed cases and 199 deaths have been reported. 503 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery.
- Prime Minister says that India is ready to do whatever possible to help our friends to fight the pandemic.
- MHA directs States/UTs to strictly comply with lockdown measures to fight Covid-19, and not allow social/religious gathering/procession during ensuing festivals.
- PC&PNDT Act has not been suspended, says the Health Ministry.
- Exemption from Basic Custom duty & Health Cess on import of Ventilators, PPE, Test Kits and masks.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 6412 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 199 deaths have been reported in the country. 503 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. The capacity of testing is up-scaled through 146 Government labs, 67 Private labs with more than 16000 collection centres. Further, rapid diagnostic kits have been sanctioned and guidelines for usage have been issued & orders have already been placed.

For more details:

India is ready to do whatever possible to help our friends to fight the pandemic, says PM

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that India is ready to do whatever possible to help its friends to fight against pandemic. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi replied to the tweet from the Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who expressed his gratitude for India's decision to supply Chloroquine to Israel.

For more details:**PMO reviews efforts of eleven Empowered Groups towards tackling COVID-19**

A meeting of the Empowered Groups of Officers, to tackle the challenges emerging as a result of spread of COVID-19, was held today under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary to Prime Minister. The meeting was the latest in a series of periodic reviews at various levels by the Prime Minister's Office to monitor the ongoing efforts to counter the impact of the pandemic.

For more details:**MHA directs all States/UTs to ensure strict compliance of lockdown measures to fight COVID—19 and not allow any social/religious gathering/procession**

In view of the ensuing festivals in the month of April 2020, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has directed all States/UTs to ensure strict compliance of lockdown measures to fight COVID—19 and not allow any social/religious gathering/procession.

For more details:**Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Nepal**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a phone call today with H.E. Shri K P Sharma Oli, Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Nepal. The two leaders shared views on the ongoing Covid-19 crisis and the challenges it poses to health and safety of citizens of both countries and the region. They discussed the steps taken in their respective countries to tackle the pandemic.

For more details:**Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Japan**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on telephone today with H.E. Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan. The two leaders discussed the global health and economic challenges emerging out of the COVID-19 pandemic. They also discussed the steps taken in their respective countries to deal with this crisis.

For more details:**India Brazil partnership is stronger than ever in these challenging times, says PM**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has said that India Brazil partnership is stronger than ever in these challenging times. Shri Narendra Modi replied to the tweet from the President of Brazil Jair M. Bolsonaro, who expressed his gratitude for India's decision to supply Hydroxychloroquine to Brazil.

For more details:**Union Home Minister reviews Border Guarding Arrangements, at India - Pakistan and India - Bangladesh borders, with BSF**

Minister for Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah reviewed border guarding arrangements, at India - Pakistan and India - Bangladesh borders, with BSF Command and Sector Headquarters through video-conferencing yesterday. He directed that farmers in the border areas must be educated about COVID-19 and the preventive measures to be taken to prevent its spread in these areas. Also, in coordination with District administration, BSF must ensure that the people do not venture across the border fence inadvertently.

For more details:

Government Grants exemption from Basic Custom duty & Health Cess on import of Ventilators, PPE, COVID Test Kits & Face & Surgical Masks

In the context of Covid-19 situation, considering the immediate requirement of ventilators and other items, the Central Government has granted exemption from Basic Customs Duty and Health cess, on the import of the following goods, with immediate effect: Ventilators, Face masks, surgical Masks, Personal protection equipment (PPE), Covid-19 test kits, inputs for manufacture of the above items.

For more details:

MSMEs Engaged In Production of Medical Items Related to COVID-19 Should be Facilitated on Priority- Shri Nitin Gadkari

The Minister stated that the country needs to brace for a dual war, one against COVID and the other on the economy front. He mentioned that due to COVID-19, the demand of medical items like Ventilator, PPE kits, mask and sanitizer have increased suddenly over last one month and MSME is playing an important role in filling the gap by increasing the production of these items. He said MSMEs engaged in these activities should be facilitated on priority.

For more details:

Food grains to be provided to non-NFSA beneficiaries with ration cards issued by State governments

Government of India has directed Food Corporation of India to provide food grains @5 Kg per person per month for 3 months at the rates of Rs. 21/Kg for wheat and Rs. 22/Kg for rice uniformly across the country to all beneficiaries, not covered under NFSA to whom ration cards have been issued by state governments under their schemes. States have been given the option to lift these stocks in one go or on monthly basis over 3 months upto June 2020.

For more details:

MoHFW has not suspended the PC&PNDT Act, which prohibits sex selection before or after conception

MoHFW has not suspended the PC&PNDT Act, which prohibits sex selection before or after conception. It is reiterated that each Ultrasound clinic, Genetic Counselling centre, Genetic Laboratory, Genetic Clinic and Imaging Centre would have to maintain all the mandatory records on day to day basis, as prescribed under the Law. It is only the submission deadlines to respective Appropriate Authorities which have been extended till June 30, 2020. There is no exemption (to the diagnostic centres) from compliance to the provisions of the PC&PNDT Act.

For more details:

Government informs States/UTs of a slew of decisions as a follow-up to the Union Agriculture Minister's video conference with State Agriculture Ministers

The Government has decided that start date of procurement of pulses and oilseeds under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) may be decided by the respective States. The procurement shall continue for 90 days from the date of commencement of procurement. The Centre has circulated to all States/UTs the details of Market Intervention Scheme to ensure remunerative prices for the perishable Agriculture and Horticulture Crops. The States have been advised to implement the scheme wherein 50% (75% in case of North-Eastern States) of the cost will be borne by the Government of India.

For more details:Advisory for Media from the Railway Ministry

During the last two days, there have been some reports in media about various protocols etc of prospective travellers by trains. They have also been mentioning about number of trains starting from a given date. It may be brought to the notice of media that final decision regarding above matters is yet to be taken and premature reporting on such matters is leading to unnecessary and avoidable speculation in the minds of public in such extraordinary times.

For more details:Indian Railways continues to deliver essential commodities to all parts of the country during the continuing lockdown

Since 23rd March, 2020 Railways has transported approx. 6.75 lakh wagons of commodities including about 4.50 lakh wagons of essential commodities like foodgrains, salt, sugar, edible oil, coal and petroleum products. During the week 2nd April to 8th April 2020, Railways delivered total 258503 wagons of commodities out of which 155512 wagons contained essential items.

For more details:Over 180 Lifeline UDAN flights cover over 1,66,000kms to deliver essential medical supplies

During Covid-19 lockdown, under Lifeline UDAN, 114 flights were operated by Air India and Alliance Air. 58 flights were operated by IAF. Private airlines transport domestic medical cargo of about 2,675 tons.

For more details:HRD Minister launches a week long 'Bharat Padhe Online' campaign for Crowd sourcing of Ideas for Improving Online Education ecosystem of India

The campaign aims to invite best brains in India to share suggestions/solutions directly with HRD Ministry to overcome constraints of online education while promoting the available digital education platforms. Ideas can be shared on twitter by using #BharatPadheOnline and notifying @HRDMinistry & @DrRPNishank and on bharatpadheonline.mhrd@gmail.com up to 16th April 2020

For more details:EPFO settles 1.37 Lakh EPF withdrawal claims to fight Covid-19 in less than 10 days

Employees Provident Fund Organisation, a statutory body under Union Ministry of Labour & Employment, has processed about 1.37 lakh claims across the country disbursing an amount of Rs 279.65 crore under a new provision especially formulated by amending the EPF Scheme to help subscribers fight Covid-19.

For more details:Closure of JallianwalaBagh memorial for visitors will continue till 15.6.2020

Renovation work of the memorial has been affected due to COVID-19 crisis.

For more details:**ICAI, ICSI and ICMA contribute Rs 28.80 crore towards PM CARES Fund to combat COVID-19 outbreak**

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Institute of Cost Accountants of India, the three Professional Institutes under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, have come forward to donate an **amount of Rs 28.80 crore to PM-CARES Fund** for providing assistance to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more details:**CIPET Institutes/Centres contribute Rs 86.5 lakh to local authorities/governments for COVID-19 relief work**

Central Institutes of Plastics Engineering & Technology under the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers have donated 85.50 Lakhs rupees to various Local bodies, Municipal Corporations and State Governments to support their efforts to fight COVID-19 pandemic.

For more details:**Disinfection Walkway and Road Sanitizer Unit by CSIR-CMERI, Durgapur to fight COVID 19**

In the wake of the Novel Coronavirus wreaking havoc across the World, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has been stepping up efforts to deliver S&T solutions. One of the CSIR's premier engineering lab based in Durgapur, CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute has developed technologies and products, which can help in countering the menacing virus.

For more details:**INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES**

- Kerala: 4 British nationals recovered today; no more foreigners under treatment now. 15 people in Kasargode discharged today. 12 new cases & 13 recoveries reported yesterday. Total of 258 patients are undergoing treatment;
- Tamilnadu: Medical experts' team constituted by the TN Govt has recommended to extend the lock down period for 2 more weeks. 2 +ve cases in Puducherry; total cases in the UT now is 7.
- Karnataka: 10 new cases today; Mysore 5, Bangalore city 2, Bangalore rural 2 and Kalburgi 1. Total confirmed cases 207. So far, 6 dead and 30 discharged.
- Andhra Pradesh: Tata Trust Chairman Ratan Tata writes to CM promising to help the State in fighting COVID-19. State submits proposal to ICMR to set up a Covid19 diagnostic lab in Kurnool. Two cases reported from Anantapur today. Total +ve cases till now 365; recovered 10.
- Telangana: One case reported in Vemulavada; total cases reported till now is 472. State makes wearing of masks compulsory for people whenever they step out of their home.
- Gujarat: 46 new positive cases reported from Gujarat in past 12 hours, taking the state's tally to 308 cases. The city-wise breakup of the 46 new cases reported is - Ahmedabad 11, Vadodara 17, Patan 2, Rajkot 5, Kutch 2, Bharuch 4, Gandhinagar 1, Bhavnagar 4.

- Rajasthan; 26 more Covid-19 positive cases reported in Rajasthan, taking total cases in the state to 489. 25 of the new positive cases have contact history, while details of 1 case are being ascertained says Rajasthan Health Department
- MP: Madhya Pradesh Government has declared a total of 46 Corona hot spots in 15 districts. A total of 75 Corona positive patients have been found in these districts.
- Maharashtra: FIR has been registered against KapilWadhawan of DHFL group and 22 others - family members & domestic helps - at Mahabaleshwar police station in Maharashtra for violating lockdown orders. An inquiry has been ordered. Till date, 16 antibody-based rapid tests have been validated at National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune and 8 of them have been found to be satisfactory.
- Arunachal Pradesh: Arunachal cabinet decides to reduce salaries of all lawmakers of the state by 30%, with effect from 1st April 2020 for one year. The fund to be used in the fight against COVID-19.
- Assam: DGP, Assam urges Bihu committees to have assembly of 5 people only to hoist the flag during RongaliBihu in view of COVID19 pandemic.
- Manipur: Churachandpur girl, who travelled from China to reach Manipur through Myanmar, has been booked for illegally entering the state amid lockdown.
- Mizoram: Mizoram CM sanctions Rs2.33 cr relief amount to all 11 districts from the CM Relief Fund for COVID-19, Aizawl gets more than 62 lakh rupees.
- Meghalaya: Health department has informed that no laboratory will collect and test samples for COVID-19 in Meghalaya without authorisation.
- Nagaland: Nagaland govt issues advisory to people, planning to visit the state when flight services resume to postpone their trip; those coming will be quarantined.
- Sikkim: Sikkim Labourdeptt to transfer Rs. 2000 each to the accounts of those Building and other construction workers (B&OCW) who are registered with the Govt.
- Tripura: Students in Tripura to get classes sitting at home. Different media houses to be roped in, said Tripura CM.

Fact Check on #Covid19

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- As of now, 5734 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 166 deaths have been reported in the country. 473 person cured/discharged.
- Rs 15,000 crores sanctioned for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness package
- GoM reviews current status, and actions for management of COVID-19
- Prime Minister says that India-US partnership is stronger than ever before.
- NGOs allowed to buy food grains directly from FCI for relief purposes.
- Rules relaxed for companies for holding Extraordinary General meetings.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 5734 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 166 deaths have been reported in the country. 473 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has deputed high level multi-disciplinary Central teams to assist the States and State Health Department in activities pertaining to cluster containment plan and hospital preparedness (ICU & Ventilator management for COVID-19 patients).

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Government of India sanctions Rs. 15000 crores for India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package

Government of India (GoI) has announced significant investments to the tune of Rs.15000 crores for 'India COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health System Preparedness Package'. The funds sanctioned will be utilized for immediate COVID-19 Emergency Response (amount of Rs.7774 crores) and rest for

medium-term support (1-4 years) to be provided under mission mode approach.

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GoM reviews current status, and actions for management of COVID-19

The Group of Ministers (GoM) had detailed deliberation on containment and management of COVID-19. The GoM also discussed the actions taken so far, current status of social distancing measures as a preventive strategy and the stringent actions taken by the Centre as well as the States to contain the spread of COVID-19.

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India US Partnership is stronger than ever, says the Prime Minister

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today said that the India US Partnership is stronger than ever. Shri Modi was responding to a tweet from the US President H.E. Donald Trump who expressed his gratitude for India's decision to supply Hydroxychloroquine, in the USA's fight against COVID-19.

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NGOs permitted to buy food grains directly from FCI for Relief operations

NGOs and Charitable Organizations are playing important role in providing cooked food to thousands of poor and needy people during this time of nationwide lockdown. To ensure uninterrupted supply of foodgrain to these organizations, the Government has directed FCI to provide Wheat and Rice to such organizations at the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) rates, without going through the e-auction process.

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MCA allows companies to hold EGM through VC or OAVM complemented with e-Voting facility/simplified voting through registered emails

The General Circular No. 14/2020 dated 08.04.2020 issued by the MCA allows listed companies or companies with 1,000 shareholders or more which are required to provide e-voting facility under the Companies Act, 2013 to conduct EGM through VC/ OAVM and e-Voting. For other companies, a highly simplified mechanism for voting through registered emails has been put in place for easy compliance.

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Shri Narendra Singh Tomar chairs meeting with State Agriculture Ministers to review relief steps for farmers

Union Agriculture Minister appreciates the efforts of States for their proactive role in undertaking agriculture activities even during the challenging time in wake of COVID-19 pandemic. States told to sensitize field agencies about exemptions to farming related activities and allow movement of farm produce, farming products, fertilizers and farm implements & machinery

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Commerce and Industry Minister meets the Industry and traders Association; Assures them that the Ministry is working to solve their problems

ShriPiyushGoyal today held interaction with various Industry and Trade associations of the country to assess the ground situation and problems being faced by them in the wake of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown. He said that the Ministry is already working to solve the logistics and export-import related problems, and is also taking up other concerns of the industry and traders with various ministries.

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ShriPiyushGoyal calls upon the Exporters to think big and be ready for harnessing the potential in the post-Covid era; Says that we are globally responsible citizens

Ministry of Commerce and Industry today held interaction, through Video conferencing, with various Export Promotion Councils of the country to assess the ground situation and problems being faced by them in the wake of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdown.

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Extension of premium payment period for Postal Life Insurance & Rural Postal Life Insurance till 30th June 2020

As a measure of convenience to all the PLI / RPLI customers, Directorate of Postal Life Insurance, Department of Posts has given an extension of period for payment of their due premium of March 2020, April 2020 & May 2020 upto 30th June 2020 without charging any penalty/default fee.

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MoHUA Launches Revised Version of Swachhata App to Handle Queries Specific to COVID 19

The Swachhata-MoHUA App, a highly popular grievance redressal tool for citizens under the ambit of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) already has over **1.7 Crore+ urban users across the country**. This app has now been modified and strengthened further in order to enable citizens to get their COVID-related complaints also redressed by their respective ULBs.

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Indian Railways has produced about 6 lakhs reusable face masks and more than 40000 litres hand sanitizer

In continuation of the measures taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Indian Railways is making all out efforts to supplement the health care initiatives of Government of India. In this direction Indian Railways is producing reusable face masks and sanitizer in-house in all its Zonal Railways, Production Units and PSUs.

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Over 8.5 Lacs cooked meals to needy people distributed by Railways since 28th March in keeping with its social service commitment

Indian Railways which started provide cooked meals to needy people after the lockdown due to COVID-19, continues to provide bulk cooked food with paper plates for lunch and food packets for dinner through IRCTC base kitchens, RPF resources and contribution of NGOs, in keeping with its social service commitment. The food distribution is being done to the poor, destitute, beggars, children, coolies, migrant labourers, stranded persons and whoever else comes in search of food at and near the railway stations, and even at some distances away from the railway stations.

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Telephone Conversation between PM and President of Republic of Korea

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on telephone today with H.E. Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea. The two leaders discussed COVID-19 global pandemic and the challenges it posed to the global health systems and economic situation. They shared information about the steps taken in their countries to tackle the pandemic.

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Telephone Conversation between PM and President of the Republic of Uganda

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with H.E. President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni of the Republic of Uganda. The two leaders discussed the health and economic challenges arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister assured H.E. President Museveni that India stands in solidarity with its friends in Africa during the present health crisis, and would extend all possible support to the Ugandan Government's efforts to control the spread of the virus in its territory.

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Public and private airline operators and related agencies work tirelessly to serve collective purpose of fighting Covid-19

During Covid-19 lockdown period, essential medical supplies including consignments of ICMR, HLL and others are continuously being delivered across the country. Domestic public and private airline operators such as Air India, IAF, Pawan Hans, Indigo and Blue Dart transport medicines, ICMR consignments, HLL consignments and other essential supplies to Srinagar, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar and other regions of the country on 8th April 2020.

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COVID-19: Disinfection of public spaces in Smart Cities

Ever since COVID-19 outbreak was declared as global pandemic, Indian Cities have been making significant efforts in sanitizing the cities, especially the **public spaces** which are considered risk prone areas for local spread of virus. Since the nation-wide lockdown was announced on 25 March 2020, Cities have been adopting numerous approaches to disinfect the public spaces including the bus/railway stations, streets, markets, hospital premises, banks, etc.

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National Testing Agency extends scope for correction in the choice of centre cities in the online application form for JEE (Main) 2020

In the wake of current COVID-19 situation and in view of the hardships faced by the aspirants of JEE (Main) 2020 HRD Minister has advised National Testing Agency to further expand the scope of making corrections in application forms allowing students to include the choice of cities for centres. Accordingly, NTA further has expanded the scope of making corrections in the Application Forms to now also include the choice of cities for centre.

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Training module for management of COVID-19 named 'Integrated Govt. Online training' (iGOT).portal launched on DIKSHA platform of MHRD

Courses on iGOT have been launched for Doctors, Nurses, Paramedics, Hygiene Workers, Technicians, Auxiliary Nursing Midwives (ANMs), State Government Officers, Civil Defence Officers, Various Police Organisations, National Cadet Corps(NCC), NehruYuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), National Service Scheme, Indian Red Cross Society, Bharat Scouts and Guides and other volunteers at the stage.

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DoPT to empower Front Line COVID-19 Warriors with first of its kind iGOT e-learning Platform

Department of Personnel and Training has announced the launch of a learning platform (<https://igot.gov.in>) to combat COVID 19 for all front-line workers to equip them with the training and updates in coping with Pandemic. By giving COVID 19 training to other potential second line workforce, India will be better prepared for the emergent situations.

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Indian Railways introduces 109 Time tabled parcel trains over 58 routes to connect all the important centers.

In a major boost to the supply chain across the country, Indian Railways has introduced unhindered services of Time tabled Parcel Trains for nationwide transportation of essential commodities and other goods. This is expected to boost the availability of vital goods required for ordinary citizens, industry and agriculture.

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Digital Learning sees a big upsurge during COVID-19 lockdown period

Both schools and higher education institutions have started various modes of online classes and sharing of study material depending on the resources available with them and with the students. These range from structured online classes through platforms like Skype, Zoom, Google Classroom, Google Hangout, Piazza to teachers uploading lectures and class notes through YouTube, WhatsApp, sharing links of digital learning resources like SWAYAM, NPTEL, providing access to online journals.

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Several Measures Taken by ESIC to Extend Relief during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The country is dealing with a very challenging situation due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Many parts of the country have been placed under lockdown to enforce social distancing. To deal with the crisis, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) has undertaken multiple steps to provide relief to its Stakeholders and members of public.

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TRIFED to launch a digital campaign in collaboration with UNICEF for self help groups to ensure Tribal Gatherers carry on their work safely.

To ensure tribal gatherers carry on their work safely, TRIFED has collaborated with UNICEF for developing a digital communication strategy for promoting a digital campaign for Self Help Groups (SHGs) involved in this work, highlighting the importance of Social Distancing.

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SCTIMST scientists design super absorbent material for safe management of infected respiratory secretions

The material titled 'ChitraAcrylosorb Secretion Solidification System', is a highly efficient superabsorbent material for liquid respiratory and other body fluid solidification and disinfection.

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- CovidCare App of the state of Arunachal Pradesh launched to help people under quarantine, asymptomatic positive and Covid patients.
- Amid COVID19 crisis, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council decides not to hold HS 1st year exam and promote all the students of the 1st year to 2nd year.
- Manipur CM releases music video to spread awareness on staying indoors, maintaining hygiene & social distancing.
- Vegetables imported from outside Mizoram will be first examined by the COVID-19 Medical Operational Teams of the state.
- Nagaland readies itself to combat COVID-19 with 34 isolation & 43 quarantine centers. 84 govt and 52 private ambulances pressed into service.
- Governor of Sikkim urged the State Govt to expedite setting up of Testing Lab for COVID-19.
- Tripura CM informed that condition of the only positive patient is stable.
- For the last two days, in Kerala, the number of recovery cases is more than the number of new infected cases. Kerala gets ICMR nod to explore plasma therapy for Covid infected patients. In Mumbai, two more Malayalee nurses get infected. Total cases till yesterday 345.
- In Tamil Nadu, the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) along with the traders body has decided to introduce mobile vegetable and grocery shops during the lockdown period, in order to ease the supply to the residents. Total cases at 738.
- Researchers at Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS) Pilani, Hyderabad Campus have developed a reusable 3D printed Face Shield for healthcare professionals fighting Covid-19. Eight more positive cases reported from Nizamabad in Telangana. Total cases rise to 461.
- Andhra Pradesh government is taking all measures to boost immunity of those quarantined by giving nutritious food along with treatment. Junior Doctors working in Anantapur Government Hospital protest for not being provided with N-95 masks and PPE kits. Two doctors and two nurses of the hospital were earlier infected. Total +ve cases stands at 348.


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- As of now, 5194 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 149 deaths reported in the country.
- Prime Minister interacts with the leaders of political parties; says saving each and every life is priority of the Government.
- Home Ministry writes to all states to ensure availability of essential goods.
- All IT refunds up to Rs 5 lakh to be released immediately; All GST and Custom refunds also to be released.
- Tribal Affairs minister writes to States to advise their nodal agencies for undertaking procurement of Minor Forest produce at MSP

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 5194 confirmed cases of Covid-19 and 149 deaths have been reported in the country. 402 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. Government is focussing on ensuring the uniform implementation of effective lockdown measures by the States/UTs & good adherence in practicing social distancing by citizens which will help in successfully battling COVID-19 contagion.

For more details,

PM interacts with leaders of political parties

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in his interaction with floor leaders of political parties in Parliament, said that Priority of the government is saving each and every life. He said that the present situation is an epoch changing event in mankind's history and we must evolve to counter its impact. He praised the efforts of state governments working together with the Centre in this fight against the

pandemic. He noted that the country has witnessed constructive and positive politics through the coming together of all sections of polity to present a united front in this battle. Leaders provided feedback, suggest policy measures, discuss Lockdown and the way forward.

For more details

MHA writes to States to ensure availability of Essential Goods, by invoking provisions of the Essential Commodities Act 1955

As part of maintaining smooth supply of essential items in the country, Union Home Secretary has written to all State Chief Secretaries to take urgent steps to ensure availability of essential goods, by invoking provisions of the Essential Commodities (EC) Act 1955. These measures include fixing of stock limits, capping of prices, enhancing production, inspection of accounts of dealers and other such actions.

For more details,

IT Department to release all pending income tax refunds up to Rs 5 lakhs immediately; All GST & CUSTOM refunds also to be released; to provide benefit to around 1 lakh business entities including MSMEs

Around 14 lakh taxpayers to benefit from IT refund; Rs 18,000 crore of total refund granted immediately

For more details,

Indian Railways to deploy more than 2500 Doctors and 35000 paramedic staff to meet the COVID 19 challenge

Indian Railways is making an all-out effort to supplement the health care efforts of Government of India. The spectrum of steps include equipping the existing Railway Hospitals to meet the needs for COVID-19, earmarking of hospital beds to meet the contingencies, recruitment of additional doctors & paramedics, modification of passenger coaches as isolation coaches, availability of medical equipment, in-house production of PPEs and Ventilators, etc.

For more details,

IAF Continues its Support towards Fight Against Corona virus (COVID-19)

During the last few days, IAF airlifted essential medical supplies and commodities from nodal points to Manipur, Nagaland and Gangtok; and the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh. In addition, An-32 aircraft, on 06 Apr 2020, airlifted personnel and 3500 kg of medical equipment of ICMR from Chennai to Bhubaneswar for setting up of testing labs and facilities in Odisha.

For more details,

Over 39 tons of medical supplies delivered across the country on 7th April 2020 by Lifeline UDAN flights

Lifeline UDAN flights transported 39.3 tons of medical supplies across the country on 7th April 2020. Total cargo transported by these flights is around 240 tons during Covid-19 lockdown. 161 flights have been operated under Lifeline UDAN till date covering 1,41,080Kms.

For more details,

Textiles Ministry extends limit for HDPE/PP bags to tide over crisis of packaging of foodgrains due to closure of jute mills during lockdown

Ministry of Textiles has given dilution to the maximum permissible limit i.e. 1.80 lakh bales on 26th March, 2020 and further for 0.82 lakh bales on 6th April, 2020, for HDPE/PP bags to tide over the emergent crisis of packaging of foodgrains due to closure of jute mills during lockdown and with a view to protect the produce of wheat farmers by providing them alternate packaging bags.

For more details,

Shri Arjun Munda writes to Chief Ministers to advise State Nodal Agencies for undertaking procurement of minor forest produce at MSP in right earnest

Tribal Affairs Minister has written a letter to the Chief Ministers of 15 States to advise the State Nodal Agencies for undertaking procurement of Minor Forest Produce (MFP) at Minimum Support Price (MSP) in right earnest. These States include Uttar Pradesh; Gujarat; Madhya Pradesh; Karnataka; Maharashtra; Assam; Andhra Pradesh; Kerala; Manipur; Nagaland; West Bengal; Rajasthan; Odisha; Chhattisgarh; and Jharkhand.

For more details,

Amidst the COVID-19 lockdown FCI moves 721 rakes carrying about 20.19 Lakh MT food grains across the country in 14 days since 24th March

In last 14 days since 24.03.2020 when the lockdown was announced to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, FCI moved an average of 1.44 Lakh MT food grain per day as against the pre-lockdown daily average of about 0.8 Lakh MT. A total of 658 rakes carrying about 18.42 Lakh MT food grains have been transported across the country till 06.04.2020.

For more details,

Agriculture Minister holds video conference with officials to review steps for facilitating farming activities during lockdown

Shri NS Tomar directs setting up of control rooms for regular monitoring; says transport of farm produce and farming related products should not be hampered.

For more details,

Dr. Jitendra Singh hands over 2200 Essential kits prepared by Kendriya Bhandar for distribution to needy families in Delhi

Dr. Jitendra Singh today handed over a consignment of 2200 Essential Kits for distribution to needy families in the wake of COVID-19. Each such Kit consisting of 9 items is meant to assist one needy family for some time.

For more details,

SCTIMST scientists develop disinfected barrier-examination booth for examining COVID-19 patients

The innovative disinfected examination booth is closed like a telephone booth for examining the patient without direct contact with the doctor to prevent transmission of infection. It is equipped with a lamp, table fan, rack, and Ultraviolet (UV) light.

For more details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

NORTH-EAST REGION

- Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has launched COVIDcare app for people under quarantine.
- Amid COVID19 crisis, several Islamic organisations in Assam urged the entire muslim community in the State to observe Shab-e-Barat from home.
- Manipur CM requested the Prime Minister for an extension of the lockdown to tackle COVID-19.
- Isolation Cells set up in jails to keep inmates safe from pandemic in Meghalaya.
- Anganwadi workers at Kolasib, Mizoram are contributing by stitching protective masks for health and police functionaries.
- Churches in Christian-majority Nagaland have decided to forego Easter celebration, that falls on April 12.
- Schools in Sikkim directed to register with the State Government online portals to initiate e-education for the students.

WEST REGION

- A 14-month-old baby boy, who had tested positive for Covid-19 in Gujarat's Jamnagar district on April 5, died of multiple organ failure to become the youngest Corona victim in India. The toddler, was a son of a migrant labourer couple. 179 people have tested positive in Gujarat so far.
- Madhya Pradesh government has invoked the Essential Services Management Act (ESMA) beginning today. The ESMA helps state governments maintain uniformity by providing minimum conditions of essential services across the state in the backdrop of disruption caused by the Covid-19 outbreak.
- 40 new coronavirus cases were reported in Rajasthan, according to data released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This brings the total reported cases of coronavirus in Rajasthan to 328. Jaipur is the worst affected with 54 positive cases.
- Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray has urges retired Army personnel who worked as part of the medical corps, retired nurses and wards to join the fight against Covid-19 as Corona Yoddhas. He also announced opening of fever clinics across Mumbai, in a bid to reduce pressure on hospitals treating Covid-19 patients.

SOUTH REGION

- Kerala: Slight Relaxation in lockdown in State. Govt issues order for opening Vehicle workshops on Thursday, Sunday. Cabinet approves creation of 273 new posts at the Kasaragod MC.
- Tamilnadu : Govt. announces concessions & subsidies for MSMEs which manufacture medical needs like Invasive Ventilators, N95 Masks, Anti-Viral & Anti- Malarial drugs, RT-PCR Test Kits, PPEs, etc.
- Andhra Pradesh : 15 new cases today. Total cases rise to 329; deaths State identifies 63 hot spots.
- Telangana : State marks 100 hotspots to check virus spread; more restrictions to be imposed in these areas. New Covid hospital to come at the Gachibowli Sports Village in Hyderabad with

about 1,500 beds.

- Karnataka : Today 6 new positive cases till now. Total confirmed cases 181;death 4;recovered 28.

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 07 APR 2020 6:39PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- As of now, 4421 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 117 deaths have been reported in the country.
- Three types of facilities shall be set up for various categories of Covid-19 cases.
- Advisories to Zoos, National Parks, Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves to take precautions in view of Covid-19
- Shipping Ministry playing active role in maintaining smooth operations at ports in the wake of Covid-19
- Lifeline UDAN flights carry medical supplies to several NE areas

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 4421 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 117 deaths have been reported in the country. 326 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. Three types of facilities shall be set up for various categories of COVID-19 cases as a mechanism for triaging and decisions making for identification of the appropriate COVID-19 dedicated facility for providing care to COVID-19 patients

For more details,

Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Sweden

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation today with H.E. Stefan Lofven, Prime Minister of Sweden. The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the steps being taken in their respective countries for controlling its health and economic impacts.

For more details,

PM's message on World Health Day.

For more details,

Telephone Conversation between PM and Sultan of Oman

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi spoke on telephone today with His Majesty Haitham bin Tarik, Sultan of Oman. The two leaders discussed the health and economic challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the steps being taken by their respective countries to respond to them.

For more details,

Telephone Conversation between PM and King of the Kingdom of Bahrain

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with His Majesty Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 health crisis and its consequences, including on logistics chains and financial markets.

For more details,

Advisory regarding containing and management of COVID-19 in National Parks/Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves

In view of the spread of COVID 19 in the country and a recent news report on a Tiger being infected with the COVID 19 in New York, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued an advisory regarding containing and management of COVID-19 in National Parks/Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves as it is felt that there are possibilities of spread of the virus amongst animals in National Parks/Sanctuaries/Tiger Reserves and also transmission of the virus from humans to animals and vice-versa.

For more details,

Central Zoo Authority advises zoos in India to remain on high alert in view of a Tiger found COVID 19 positive in New York.

Central Zoo Authority has advised Zoos in the country to remain on highest alertness, watch animals on 24X7 basis, using CCTV for any abnormal behavior/symptoms, keepers/handlers not to be allowed in the vicinity without safety gear preferably PPE, isolate & quarantine sick animals, and have least contact while providing feed to animals.

For more details,

Ministry of Shipping plays a pro-active role towards ensuring smooth shipping operations in COVID-19 situation and lockdown in the country.

Total traffic handled at Major Ports from April to March 2020 shows 0.82% growth in tonnage. Over 46,000 crew/passenger thermal-scanned at ports. Penalties, demurrage, charges, fee, rentals levied by the Major ports waived off on any port user. Hospitals across the Major Port Trusts are prepared for Covid-19.

DG, Shipping provides reliefs concerning Seafarers, Waivers, Shipping Lines, Sanitization, Safety certificates.

For more details,

Lifeline UDAN flights carry medical supplies to Jorhat, Lengpui, Dimapur, Imphal and other NE regions

152 cargo flights have been operated till date across the country to transport medical cargo to various parts of India including remote and hilly areas.

For more details,

COVID-19: City governments collaborate with medical practitioners in Smart Cities

Smart Cities are ensuring collaborated efforts of District Administration, District Police and City Administration to monitor the suspected cases of COVID-19.

For more details,

Indian Railways in a race against time to make In-house PPE overall

Indian Railways has taken up the in-house production of PPE type overall on a mission mode. An overall produced by Jagadhari workshop was recently cleared by a DRDO lab, authorised for the purpose. Approved design and material will now be used for making this protective overall by other workshops under different zones.

For more details,

Amidst the COVID-19 lockdown, FCI moves 662 rakes carrying about 18.54 Lakh MT food grains across the country in 14 days since 24th March

FCI has sent enough stocks to states throughout the country to implement PM GaribKalyan Ann Yojana (PMGKAY) wherein 5 kg foodgrain per person per month for next three months has to be distributed free to all National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries.

For more details,

HRD Ministry launches "Samadhan", a challenge to fight against covid19 and future challenges

The Innovation Cell of the Ministry of Human Resources Development and All India Council for Technical Education in collaboration with Forge and InnovatioCuris launched a mega online challenge - SAMADHAN - to test the ability of students to innovate.

For more details,

Ex-Servicemen play their part in providing succor to people in their fight against COVID-19

As the nation continues to battle Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Ex-Servicemen (ESM) belonging to Army, Navy and Air Force are assisting the civil administration and providing their services voluntarily and selflessly.

For more details,

Health concerns shall precede over that of economy for post lockdown roadmap, says Vice President

While the country's leadership is seized of the way forward after April 14 when the 3 week national lock down in the wake of Corona virus crisis comes to an end and the basis of such decision is being debated, Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu urged that concerns about the health of the people shall

take precedence over that of stabilization of economy.

For more details,

Pharmacists delivering essential services & medicines at doorstep under PMBJP

Pharmacists, popularly known as "SwaasthkeSipahi", of PradhanMantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, are delivering essential services and medicines at doorstep of patients and elderly

For more details:

MoS (PP) chairs review meeting of Actions for COVID-19 for the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, DrJitendra Singh

took a comprehensive review of DoPT, DARPG and DoPPW through Interactive Video Conferencing today.

For more details,

PM's call to switch off lights gets a " Huge Response", says Union Power Minister

There was a huge response to Prime Minister ShriNarendraModi's call to switch off lights and light a lamp as a show of national solidarity in the fight against COVID-19 on Sunday.

For more details,

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

NORTH-EAST REGION

- In Arunachal Pradesh, several SHGs including Livelihood Mission Project are actively engaged in providing essential need items including Mask to fight COVID-19.
- In Assam, AIUDF MLA from Dhing, Aminul Islam arrested for controversial remarks on COVID19.
- Manipur CM tweeted that state will transfer Rs.2000 from the CM's COVID-19 RELIEF FUND to Bank accounts of each person who are stranded outside the State during the lockdown.
- In Meghalaya, Private hospitals ready to take non-COVID patients. Govt to foot medical bills.
- Mizoram Health Department instructs all doctors to be accessible any time to any person having medical problems.
- Nagaland govt says efforts still on to identify NizamuddinMarkaj suspects. Asks those attended to contact State Control Room.
- In Sikkim, there are 12 facility quarantine centres with 107 people and 4 isolation centres.
- Different organizations came together in distributing relief to needy people in Tripura.

WEST REGION

- 24 new Covid-19 positive cases reported from Rajasthan on Tuesday. Jodhpur reported the maximum number of cases with nine people testing positive. The total number of positive cases in the state has risen to 325, (Rajasthan Public Health Department.)

- The number of Covid-19 cases in Gujarat jumped to 165 on Tuesday, with 19 more people testing positive for the viral infection in the state. Of the new cases, 13 were reported from Ahmedabad. (Source : Principal Secretary -Health)
- 12 more Covid-19 cases have been found in Bhopal, taking the number of such cases in Madhya Pradesh to 268. Among the new patients, 7 are police personnel and their family members, and 5 are health department employees. (Source : Chief Medical Officer. Bhopal)
- The Goa government has announced a community door-to-door survey to be completed in three days. Around 7,000 enumerators will be involved in surveying people across the state for flu-like symptoms and travel histories.
- Maharashtra Police have raided Wada police in Palghar district have raided a chemical factory in Wada, District Palghar and seized raw material and manufactured hand sanitizer being made without FDA approval.

SOUTH REGION

- Kerala: Health Minister says restrictions will continue in the state even after April 14. Mumbai Police identifies Keralites who had stayed with 1st Covid patient from Dharavi; all of them attended Delhi TJ meet. One Keralite died of Covid in US today.
- Tamilnadu: State announces several measures for farmers: toll free nos, free cold storage, mobile veg-fruit shops, credit facility for Farmer Producer Companies etc.
- Andhra Pradesh: Total Covid deaths 4, with 1 in Kurnool today. 900 ventilators available. State decides to start random sampling in hot spots. State directs pvt hospitals to treat Covid cases under Aarogyasri Health care pgm; treatment fee fixed :Rs 16,000-Rs 2.16 lakh.
- Telangana: 11 +ve cases till now, total rise to 375; active cases 317. Telangana HC full court meets through video conference, decides to extend lockdown till April 30. Police using crowd analytics software and drone cameras along with Automatic Number Plate Recognition System (ANPR) to enforce lockdown.

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[Emergency Medical Relief]

New Delhi 4th April 2020

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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 06 APR 2020 6:43PM by PIB Delhi



(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours and Fact checks undertaken by PIB).

- As of now, 4067 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 109 deaths reported in the country.
- Prime Minister interacts with Central ministers; Underlines importance of being motivated, determined and vigilant in the battle against COVID-19
- Cabinet approves non-operation of MPLADS for 2 years for managing Covid-19
- FCI sets all time record in single day transportation of food grains
- Railways convert 2500 coaches into isolation coaches; 40,000 beds ready for contingency

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 4067 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 109 deaths have been reported in the country. 291 persons have been cured/discharged after recovery. As per the present available data, an analysis of total confirmed cases show that 76% are male and 24% female. Regarding age distribution, 47% people are below 40 years age group, 34% people are between 40 to 60 years age group, and 19% people are of the age 60 years and above.

For more details

PM interacts with Central Ministers; underlines importance of being motivated, determined and vigilant in the battle against COVID-19

Prime Minister has urged relevant Ministries to continuously monitor and ensure that benefits of GaribKalyanYojana keep reaching intended beneficiaries in a seamless manner. He said that Ministers should remain in touch with State and District Administration, provide solutions to emergent problems; formulate district level micro plans. Ministries should prepare a Business Continuity Plan and be ready to fight the economic impact of COVID-19 on war footing.

For more details

Cabinet approves Non-operation of MPLADS for two years (2020-21 and 2021-22) for managing COVID 19

As a part of Government's continued efforts to contain spread of COVID 19, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has decided not to operate Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) for two years (2020-21 and 2021-22). These funds will be used to strengthen Government's efforts in managing the challenges and adverse impact of COVID19 in the country.

For more details

Outsourced supplies of PPEs begin landing in India

Supply lines from abroad opened up today with the receipt of 1.70 lakh Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) coveralls from China. Along with domestic supplies of 20,000 coveralls, a total of 1.90 lakh coveralls will now be distributed to hospitals and will add to the 3,87,473 PPEs already available in the country as of now. A total of 2.94 lakh PPE coveralls have been arranged and supplied by Government of India now.

For more details

FCI sets all time record in single day transportation of food grains

FCI has set a new record in single day movement by moving 70 rakes carrying 1.93 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) continuously for two days on 03.04.20 and 04.04.20.

For more details

MHA writes to States to give special attention on keeping the supply of Medical Oxygen smooth and hassle-free across the country

Home Secretary has written to State Chief Secretaries to give special attention on keeping the supply of medical oxygen smooth and hassle-free. It has been emphasized upon as there is a critical need to maintain adequate supply of medical oxygen in the country in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic and as

medical oxygen is also included in the national list and WHO's list of essential medicines.

For more details

2500 Coaches converted as Isolation Coaches by Railways; Railways meet half initial target in a quick time

With the conversion of around 2500 coaches, 40,000 isolation beds are now ready for contingency. On an average, 375 coaches are being converted by Indian Railways in a day. The work is being carried out at 133 locations in the country.

For more details

Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia

The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the domestic response strategies being adopted by their respective Governments. They agreed on the importance of bilateral experience-sharing in the context of this health crisis, including through collaborative research efforts.

For more details

Check urgently the virus of misinformation on COVID-19: Vice President

Cautioning that superstitions and hearsay cannot be allowed to weaken our battle against COVID-19, the Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has described the spread of misinformation, especially on social media, as a “virus” that needs to be checked.

For more details

Coal India's subsidiary MCL to fund COVID-19 hospital in Bhubaneswar

“Mahanadi Coalfields Limited will finance all expenses of the COVID-19 country's second largest COVID-19 hospital in Bhubaneswar including cost of treatment of patients.” said Minister of Coal and Mines Shri Pralhad Joshi during inauguration programme of hospital through Video Conferencing.

For more details

Smart city missions Integrated data dashboards being used at Command and Control Centers to monitor COVID-19

Smart Cities of Pune, Surat, Bengaluru and Tumakuru are using the integrated data dashboards, developed by the data analysts and data experts working with their ICCCs (also functioning as COVID-19 War Rooms in many cities) to provide up-to-date information about status of corona virus in different administrative zones of their cities.

For more details

Newly set up Railways Centralised Control Office delivers results in quick time

Railway control office has been doing 24x7 monitoring of four communication and feedback platforms- Helplines- 139, 138, social media (esp Twitter) and email (railmadad@rb.railnet.gov.in). This is to ensure seamless flow of information and suggestions between Railway Administration and general public during the lockdown.

For more details

UGC issues advisory on Mental Health & Well-Being of Students in wake of COVID-19

In view of the present scenario amidst threat of COVID-19, Union HRD Minister has directed heads of autonomous institutions coming under the Ministry to take necessary steps for *Mental Health & Well-Being* of Students in wake of COVID-19 outbreak. Accordingly, UGC has requested all Universities and Colleges to take measures for the mental health, psychosocial aspects and well-being of the students.

For more details

132 Lifeline UDAN flights operated till date to transport more than 184 tons of medical cargo to various part of the country.

Under Lifeline UDAN initiative of MoCA, 132 cargo flights have been operated till date across the country to transport medical cargo to various parts of India including remote and hilly areas.

For more details

NCC cadets start serving people during COVID-19 pandemic

Civil and police administration have started requisitioning for services of senior division National Cadet Corps cadets in fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

For more details

769 foreign tourists from all over the country register on 'Stranded in India' portal in first five days

Ministry of Tourism has launched portal www.strandedinindia.com on 31st March 2020, with a view to identify, assist and facilitate foreign tourists who are stranded in various parts of India due to the lockdown situation necessitated by the COVID19 global pandemic.

For more details

Employees of Ports and PSUs of Ministry of Shipping contribute over Rs 7 crore towards PM CARES Fund

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Ports and PSUs of Ministry of Shipping contribute Rs. 52 Crore as CSR Fund to PM CARES Fund

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Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has taken various steps for Online Teaching-Learning Process

Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has adopted various Online and Digital modes to impart education to the students. It has directed all of its Regional Offices to explore various available resources that can be utilized and which would keep students in touch with their studies.

For more details

The Vice President and spouse light lamps at Upa-Rashtrapati Bhavan

Stating that the initiative of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was meant to display our unity and collective strength to dispel the gloom and darkness caused by the Novel Coronavirus, the Vice President lauded the people of the country for showing the immense power of teamwork.

For more details

JNCASR develops versatile coating to stop spread of viruses

For more details

INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

NORTH-EAST REGION

- Indian Medical Association Arunachal Chapter in collaboration with state govt is providing Tele medication helpline services which is integrated with 104 & 1075 numbers.
- Assam govt to launch website for voluntary registration of doctors, nurses and paramedics willing to serve in Coronavirus outbreak.
- Manipur's first Covid patient tests negative, confirms Health Minister.
- Meghalaya continues to be COVID19 Free as people in contact with COVID positive patient of Guwahati test negative.
- Role of local task forces during lockdown lauded in Mizoram.
- 11 districts of Nagaland sanctioned Rs 5 lakh each under NSDMA in addition to earlier approved Rs 31 lakh.
- A virus research lab under provisions of ICMR will be set up at Gangtok.
- No COVID positive case reported so far in Tripura

WEST REGION

- Total number of Covid-19 positive cases in Gujarat rose to 144, after 16 new cases were detected, the state's Health and Family Welfare Department said on Monday. Eleven cases have been reported from Ahmedabad, followed by two in Vadodara and one each from Patan, Mehsana and Surat.
- Maharashtra State Health Department on Monday confirmed 33 new coronavirus positive cases in Maharashtra, taking the total number of COVID-19 cases to 781 in the state.
- 42 doctors & 50 other medical staff of D Y Patil Medical College Hospital in Pune put under quarantine after an accident patient being treated here was found positive for Covid -19.
- Eight more people have tested positive for coronavirus in Rajasthan, including six who had attended the Tablighi Jamaat event in Delhi, according to the Health Department of Rajasthan. Meanwhile the state government has launched a Facebook chatbot to give detailed and up-to-date information about Covid-19.
- Chhattisgarh now has only one active Covid 19 positive case. 9 out of 10 patients have since been cured and discharged.
- Goa fisheries Department has allowed sale of fish in the state from today with certain riders, including strict implementation of social distancing guidelines. The fish sale had stopped since the announcement of the lockdown.

SOUTH REGION

- Kerala: 1st Covidcase from Kollam District recovers and leave hospital; a Keralite died in UK due to Covid today.
- Tamilnadu : 86 new cases and 2 deaths yesterday; total deaths 5; total cases 571; Max cases in Chennai(98). Cases in Coimbatore increased by 29 on Sunday to 58.
- Karnataka : 12 new cases yesterday; Mysore 7, Bangalore 2 & Bagalkot 2; total cases 151; deaths 4; recovered
- Andhra Pradesh : Total +ve cases 266 till now; 243 connected to Delhi meet. Verification of primary contacts of Delhi meet attendees almost over. Lockdown made more stringent in Kurnool because of increasing +vecases.
- Telangana : 6 more cases reported from Suryapet; total rises to 340. State deploys automated 'COVID-19 Monitoring System App' to monitor and provide real-time analytics. Whataspp groups of local police and medical staff being created to deal with attacks on healthcare workers.

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No such notification has been issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Directorate General of Health Services
[Emergency Medical Relief]

No. 2020/E(L)/PMNRF/1

New Delhi, Dated 30.03.2020

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

HOSPITALS UNDER MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

Sub.: Contribution to "Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund" (PM CARES Fund); COVID-19 Pandemic.

As you are aware that the pandemic of COVID-19 has engulfed the entire world and has posed serious challenges for the health and economic security of millions of people worldwide. In India too, the spread of coronavirus has been alarming and is posing severe health and economic ramifications for our country.

2. In this connection, Ministry has taken note of PIB's release on the subject. As per the release, the Prime Minister's office has been receiving spontaneous and innumerable requests for making generous donations to support the government in the wake of this emergency. Distress situations, whether natural or otherwise, demand expeditious and collective action for alleviating the suffering of those affected, mitigation/control of damage to infrastructure and capacities etc.

3. Therefore, keeping in mind the need for having a dedicated national fund with the primary objective of dealing with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and to provide relief to the affected, a public charitable trust under the name of "Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund" (PM CARES Fund) has been set up. Hon'ble Prime Minister is the Chairman of this trust and its Members include Defence Minister, Home Minister and Finance Minister. It may be noted that donations to this fund will be exempted from Income Tax under section 80(G) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 for those taxpayers who wish to opt for benefit of deduction(s).

4. Our Hon'ble PM has made an appeal to all citizens to generously donate to this fund. Hence, in partial supersession of the MINISTRY'S referred letter dated 27.03.2020, it has been decided, with ministry's approval, that 5 days salary of employees under MOHFW shall be remitted to aforesaid "PM CARES Fund".

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 - ✗ Pmcare@upi
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Press Note**Fake UPI IDs in the name of PM CARES.**

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of India and all the State Governments are striving hard to prevent the spread of Corona Virus with great commitment and dedication by initiating several pandemic control measures to save the lives of the citizens.

With an object to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation and to provide relief to the affected citizens in COVID-19 pandemic, a public charitable trust under the name of "Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM-CARES) Fund" has been set up by the Government of India.

In order to receive donations from individuals & organizations, the Government of India has shared the following bank account number / UPI Id details.

Details of Bank A/C No and UPI Id:

Name of Account: PM CARES

Account Number : 2121PM20202

IFSC Code : SBIN0000691

State Bank of India,

New Delhi Main Branch.

UPI: pmcares@sbi

As the Cyber fraudsters know that many of the individuals and organizations donate funds into the bank account of "PM CARES and UPI ID," the fraudsters are creating several fictitious bank accounts and UPI IDs so as to mislead the citizens and see that donations are remitted into their accounts by fraudulent means.

Some of the fake UPI IDs which are created similar to the genuine UPI Id used by the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM-CARES) Fund – pmcares@sbi are as follows.

pmcares@pnb

pmcares@hdfcbank

pmcare@yesbank

pmcare@ybl

pmcare@upi

pmcare@sbi

pmcares@icici

In view of the above fake UPI IDs, the Citizens are advised to verify the genuineness of UPI ID and register name before making any donations. For any further details in this regard citizens and organizations are advised to visit the website pmindia.gov.in before remitting amounts.

WHO has **NOT** issued any such protocols or procedures of lockdown



WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION PROTOCOL & PROCEDURE OF LOCKDOWN PERIODS FOR CONTROLLING ON MOST DANGEROUS VIRUS

STEP 1 - 1 DAY.
STEP 2- 21 DAYS.
AFTER 5 DAYS.
STEP 3- 28 DAYS.
AFTER 5 DAYS.
STEP 4 - 15 DAYS.

The same way, our Indian governments schedules are as follows

MAR22-1 DAY (TRIAL LOCKDOWN)

MAR24-APR14 - 21 DAYS(FIRST LOCKDOWN)

APRIL15- APRIL19 - RELAX FROM LOCKDOWN

APR20 - MAY 18 - 28DAYS(SECOND LOCKDOWN)

INCASE, Covid19 patient ratio is Zero

Withdraw the LOCKDOWN.
Otherwise,

May19 - May 24 - Relax from LOCKDOWN.

May 25 - June 10 - 15 days (FINAL LOCKDOWN).



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PIB'S DAILY BULLETIN ON COVID-19

Posted On: 05 APR 2020 7:09PM by PIB Delhi



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- As of now, 3374 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 79 deaths have been reported in the country.
- Cabinet Secretary directs all DMs to ensure that the Pharma units for manufacturing medicines & medical equipment are smoothly run.
- Prime Minister and US President agree to resolutely and effectively combat COVID-19.
- HRD Minister asks Universities to use online digital mediums for academic programmes.
- Employees of Finance Ministry and institutions/banks under it contribute over Rs 430 Crore towards PM CARES Fund.

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 3374 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 79 deaths have been reported in the country. 267 persons have been cured/discharged from the hospitals after recovery. 274 districts have been affected by COVID-19 virus in the country. Cabinet secretary directs all DMs to ensure that the Pharma units for manufacturing medicines & medical equipment are smoothly run.

Read more:-

Telephone Conversation between PM and the President of USA

Stressing the special relationship between the two countries, the Prime Minister reiterated India's solidarity with the USA in overcoming this global crisis together. The two leaders agreed to deploy the full strength of the India – US partnership to resolutely and effectively combat COVID-19.

Read more:-Telephone conversation between PM and President of Brazil

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation today with H.E. Jair Messias Bolsonaro, President of Brazil. The two leaders discussed the global situation in the wake of the spread of COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more:-Telephone Conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Spain

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation today with H.E. Pedro Sanchez Perez-Castejon, President of the Government (equivalent to Prime Minister) of Spain. The two leaders discussed the global challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Read more:-Lifeline UDAN flights transport 161 tons of cargo across the country

Under Lifeline UDAN, 116 flights have been operated and Cargo transported till date is around **161 tons**. On the international front, the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Air India have worked closely with China to establish a cargo air-bridge between the two countries for transfer of critical medical supplies.

Read more:-Officers & staff of Ministry of Finance, Financial Institutions and Public Sector Banks/Enterprises Contributes Rs 430 crore towards PM CARES Fund

Rs228.84 Crore is the estimated salary contribution and Rs201.79 Crore came from CSR and others

Read more:-FAQs on Power Grid operations during light out

For details, visit [_](#)

Read more:-Institutions/ Autonomous Organisations/Departments of HRD Ministry contribute more than 38.91 Crore Rupees to PM CARE Fund to fight against COVID-19

28 different Institutions/ Autonomous Organisations/departments of Ministry of HRD have contributed more than 38.91 Crore Rupees to PM CARES Fund to fight against COVID-19.

Read more:-Southern Naval Command Designs Training Capsule for Non-Medical Personnel

The COVID core working group of Southern Naval Command has prepared a Training Capsule for Battle Field Nursing Assistant (BFNA) to train non- medical personnel who will work as force multipliers in times of emergencies.

Read more:-**HRD Minister interacts with VCs of Central Universities**

HRD Minister has directed all the Vice Chancellors to motivate their faculty and students to use SWAYAM and SWAYAM PRABHA in mission mode and also through other online digital mediums to continue the academic program. To promote online education and give suggestions regarding online examination a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Nageshwar Rao, VC, IGNOU has been constituted.

Read more:-**Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits AIIMS Jhajjar, takes stock of preparedness to overcome COVID-19**

Health Minister stated that the AIIMS Jhajjar will function as dedicated COVID-19 hospital consisting of 300 bed isolation wards which would ensure prompt care for patients in isolation requiring advanced medical support.

Read more:-**Regular Air Cargo supplies, including essential commodities and medical equipment are reaching Northeast: Dr. Jitendra Singh**

Dr. Jitendra Singh has said that soon after the declaration of the Lockdown, decision was taken that Air Cargo flights carrying essential supplies will be operated on priority in the North Eastern Region as well as other distant regions including the Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, and the Island territories.

Read more:-**CSOI contributes Rs 25 lakh to the Prime Minister Cares Relief Fund**

For details,

Read more:-**Empowered Group # 6 on Coordinating with Private Sector, NGOs, and International Organisations for COVID-19-related Response Activities**

Six meetings were conducted between 30 March and 3 April with industry associations, IOs, and CSOs about their contribution to the response, their plans for the coming weeks, and the issues they are facing, and their expectations from the government.

Read more:-**Defence PSUs, OFB pitch in to fight against COVID-19**

Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) of Ministry of Defence (MoD) have pitched in to shore up the national fight against COVID-19.

Read more:-**Food Processing Industry Minister holds 2nd Video Conference with Industry representatives during Covid-19 lockdown**

Grievance Cell formed to resolve the micro issues being faced by the industry, to facilitate supply chain and logistics management for availability of food and medicines, had resolved 50% of queries received while rest were in the pipeline.

Read more:-

MSME Technology Centres Contributing in a Big Way in Fight Against COVID19

Eighteen operational Technology centres, autonomous bodies under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), are also playing their role and contributing in the fight with COVID19.

Read more:-

Indian Railways ensures that supply of sugar, salt and edible oil are fully maintained for consumption of the common man during the COVID-19 lockdown

From 23rd March to 4th April 2020, Railways has transported 1342 wagons of sugar, 958 wagons of salt and 378 wagons/tanks of edible oil.

Read more:-

EPFO Issues Revised Instructions to Facilitate PF Members to Rectify their Birth Records

EPFO has instructed field offices to expedite disposal of online requests, enabling PF members in financial distress, to apply online for availing non- refundable advance from their PF accumulations to tide over the COVID-19 pandemic.

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INPUTS FROM PIB FIELD OFFICES

NORTH-EAST REGION

1. Special 50 bedded COVID-19 hospital designated at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.
2. 105 swabs collected of people who came in contact with Guwahati COVID positive patient.
3. In Manipur, all non- emergency procedures suspended at major hospitals designated for Covid emergency.
4. Meghalaya Electric Corporation assured that adequate arrangement has been made to handle the variation during the 9 minute period from 9pm today.
5. In Mizoram, Deptt of Disaster Management and Rehabilitation has spent Rs. 4.28crore to fight against Covid-19.
6. Nagaland to set up COVID-19 hospitals in all districts; till now only at Kohima, Mokokchung and Dimapur.
7. Weekly haat in Border Town Rangpo, Sikkim was shutdown today for a few hours as people were not following norms.
8. Tripura CM appealed to the people of the state to light a diya, torch or candle today at 9 PM from the balcony or near doors.

SOUTH ZONE**Kerala**

Cab Secy praises Pathanamthitta Dist. Admn& Health Dept for effective tackling of Covid.

A patient died in Kasargod because of closure of Kerala-Karnataka border.

State to set up Covid 19 facility at Kasargod Medical College.

Tamilnadu

2 more deaths in the state, toll rises to five.

6,000 workers to screen Chennai residents from today.

Karnataka

Total cases gone up to 146. Today 2 new cases added, in Bangalore city. So far 4 dead & 11 discharged.

Andhra Pradesh

34 new cases today, total +ve cases now 226.

Max cases reported in Kurnool(23) today.

Fact Check on #Covid19



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- As of now, there are 2902 confirmed Covid-19 cases and 68 deaths reported.
- PM chairs meeting of Empowered groups
- Adequate arrangements and protocols in place to handle grid stability during lights out event tomorrow at 9 p.m
- MHA exempts shops of agricultural machinery, spare parts and repair, Truck repair shops and Tea industry from lockdown
- States asked to ensure smooth harvesting and sowing operations

Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 2902 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 68 deaths have been reported. 183 persons have been cured/discharged from the hospitals after recovery. 1023 cases have been linked to Tablighi Jamaat across 17 States. It has been observed that most of the deaths are being reported from elderly people or people having co-morbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, kidney/ cardiac issues etc.

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PM chairs meeting of Empowered Groups

Prime Minister has reviewed countrywide preparedness regarding availability of hospitals, proper isolation and quarantine facilities as well as disease surveillance, testing and critical care training and also directed the concerned groups and officials to ensure sufficient production, procurement and availability of all essential medical equipment such as PPEs, masks, gloves and ventilators. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1611007>

Adequate arrangements and protocols in place to handle grid stability during lights out event on 5th April at 9:00 PM

The Prime Minister has appealed to the people to voluntarily switch off their lights between 9:00 p.m. to 9:09 p.m. on the 5th of April. Some apprehensions have been expressed that this may cause instability in the grid and fluctuation in voltage which may harm the electrical appliances. These apprehensions are misplaced.

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MHA clarifies on ground level issues being faced by States in ensuring smooth flow of supply chain of Essential Items during National Lockdown

States advised to inform District authorities and field agencies regarding the Clarifications so as to avoid any ambiguity at the ground level

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MHA issues an Addendum to exempt Shops of Agricultural machinery, spare parts & repair; Truck repair shops and Tea industry from Lockdown Restrictions

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MHA writes to States to ensure Smooth Harvesting and Sowing Operations, while maintaining Social Distancing, during 21-day Lockdown to fight COVID-19

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610759>

CBDT issues orders u/s 119 of IT Act, 1961 to mitigate hardships to taxpayers arising out of compliance of TDS/TCS provisions

Due to outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, there is severe disruption in the normal working of almost all sectors. To mitigate the hardships of taxpayers, the CBDT has issued directions/clarifications by exercise of its power u/s 119 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1611042>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits LNJP Hospital to take stock of preparedness to overcome COVID-19; LNJP to function as dedicated COVID-19 hospital

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Home Ministry approves release of Rs 11,092 crores under State Disaster Risk Management Fund

Following the assurance given by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi during his video conference meeting with the Chief Ministers, Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah has approved the release of Rs 11,092 crores under the State Disaster Risk Management Fund (SDRMF), to all States. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610756>

Telephone conversation between Prime Minister and PM of Israel

Prime Minister had a telephone conversation with His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister of Israel. The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the response strategies adopted by their respective Governments to the health crisis.

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ECI further defers Rajya Sabha poll in view of COVID-19; Fresh date to be announced later
<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610801>

Steps being taken for smooth harvesting of Rabi Crop and sowing of summer crop

For ensuring that the farmers do not suffer from any adverse fall out during the lockdown period, Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare is taking several measures for smooth harvesting of Rabi Crop and sowing of summer crop.

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Manual on Home Made Masks to prevent COVID-19

Click here to see PDF of Manual on Home Made Masks to prevent COVID-19

Mask production initiated in wake of COVID-19 Pandemic under NRLM

Face mask production has been initiated by Self Help Groups (SHGs) members in 24 States covering 399 Districts of the country under the Ministry of Rural Development's National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM).

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610981>

CSIR-IMTECH takes up sample testing for Covid-19

CSIR-IMTECH is also supporting healthcare professionals by providing Personal Protection Equipment.
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Indian Railways ensures supply chain fully functional for power, transport and key infrastructure sectors during the COVID-19 lockdown

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Domestic cargo flights strengthen India's fight against Covid-19

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Ministry of Tourism holds a virtual conference with the Industry associations of Tourism and Hospitality sector;
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HRD Minister interacts with heads, teachers and students of several universities, colleges and schools across the country on COVID- 19

ShriNishank expresses gratitude to all the teachers and students for playing an active role in the war against COVID-19. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610814>

MHRD AICTE COVID-19 Student Helpline Portal launched

In view of the outbreak of COVID19 and National lockdown, some students have been facing difficulties due to closure of colleges and hostels. In order to provide help and support to such students, AICTE has come out with a unique MHRD AICTE COVID-19 Student Helpline Portal to address the issues. URL is <https://helpline.aicte-india.org>

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Shipping Minister holds video conference with the stakeholders of Ports to deal with COVID-19 situation;_<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610772>

Goa Naval Area Extends Support to those In Need

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610807>

IAF Continues Its Support Towards Fight Against Coronavirus

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610800>

Hack the Crisis – India, an Online Hackathon to find working solutions for overcoming COVID 19 pandemic launched

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610780>

DST funded startup develops chemical free silver based disinfectant to fight COVID 19 pandemic<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1611066>

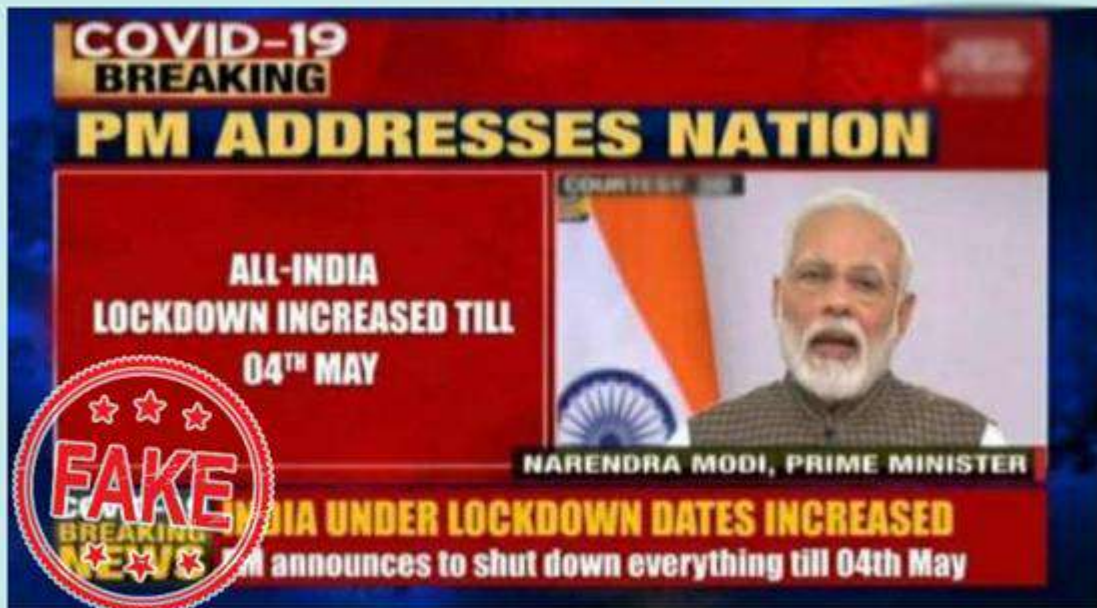
National Innovation Foundation – India invites innovative citizens to participate in its Challenge Covid-19 Competition <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1611069>

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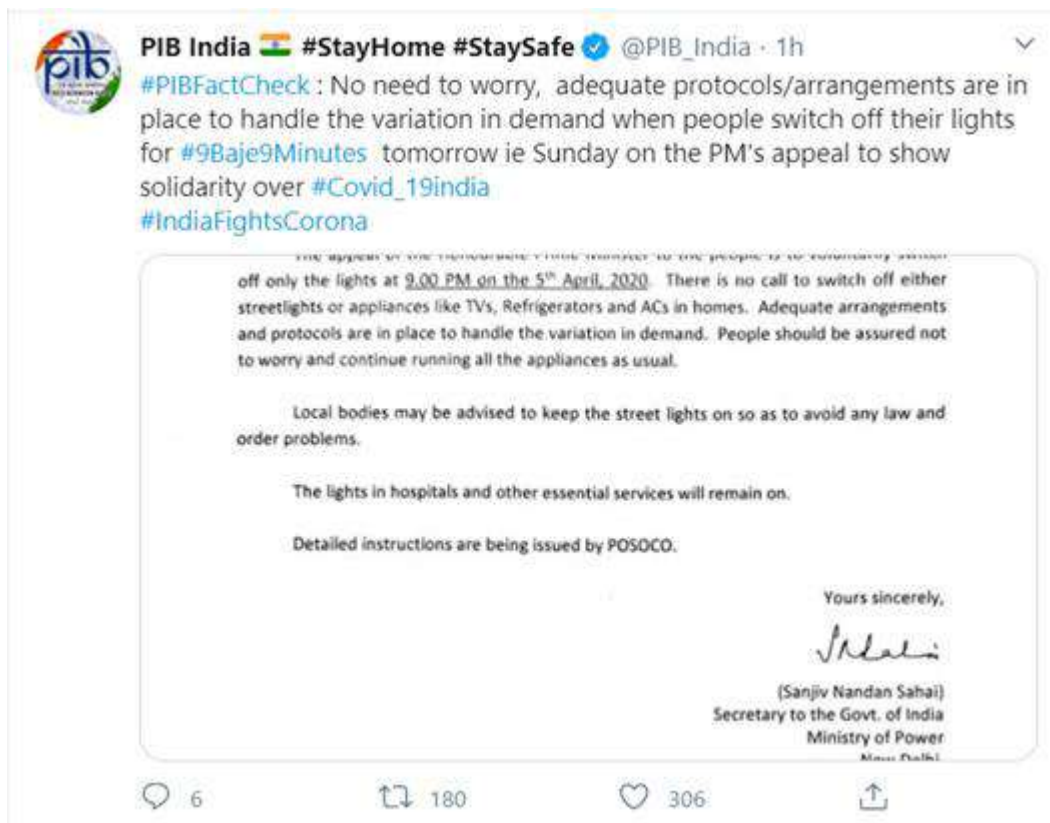
There has been no such announcement of 'extention of lockdown'.



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- As of now, 2301 confirmed cases and 56 deaths have been reported. Health Minister appeals to patients & their families, not to create hurdles in the work of doctors and other health workers.
- Prime Minister urges people to light candles, Diyas on 5th April 9 p.m. for 9 minutes in a show of solidarity
- President and Vice President hold discussions with the Governors, LGs and Administrators of States/UTs on Covid-19 response
- Direct cash transfer to women PMJDY accountholders for April, 2020

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Updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

As of now, 2301 confirmed cases and 56 deaths have been reported. 156 persons have been cured/discharged from the hospitals after recovery. HFW Minister has appealed to the patients and their families, not to create hurdles in the work of doctors and other health workers. He also expressed concern on the misbehaviour towards frontline workers across the country. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has also issued an advisory to all the States/UTs for human resource management for COVID-19.

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PM addresses the nation

Prime Minister, in his address today said that amid the nationwide lockdown to fight coronavirus, no one should feel alone. He urged people across India to switch off their lights and hold candles, lamps and mobile flashlights at 9 pm on Sunday, April 5, for 9 minutes in a nationwide show of solidarity amid a lockdown to fight coronavirus.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610559>

PM interacts with Sportspersons

Prime Minister asks Sportspersons to include five points in their message to people: 'sankalp' to fight the pandemic, 'sanyam' to follow social distancing, 'sakaratomakta' to maintain positivity, 'samman' to respect the frontline soldiers in this battle including the medical fraternity, the police personnel etc and 'sahyog' through contribution to PM-CARES fund. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610612>

President and Vice President Hold Discussions with Governors, LGs and Administrators on COVID-19 Response

Affirming that people of the country have set an example by showing exemplary courage, discipline and solidarity in the fight against Covid-19 pandemic, President Shri Ram Nath Kovind has expressed concern over two incidents - gathering of migrant workers in Anand Vihar and congregation of Tablighi Jamaat in Nizamuddin, that caused a setback to the efforts. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610707>

Vice President urges Governors/ Lt. Governors to advise religious leaders to not hold any congregations/ functions

Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has called upon the Governors and Lt. Governors of States and Union Territories to motivate spiritual and religious leaders to advise their followers to not hold any congregations and observe social distancing norms to prevent the transmission of COVID-19. He also wanted them to focus on the arrangements made to ensure harvesting, storage and procurement of the agriculture produce in their respective States. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610629>

Direct cash transfer to women PMJDY account holders

Ministry of Rural Development has released the lump sum amounts @ Rs. 500/- per woman to PMJDY account holders for April 2020 under the PM Garib Kalyan Package, on 2nd April 2020. In order to maintain social distancing and orderly withdrawal of money by beneficiaries, banks have been directed to stagger the arrival of account-holders at branches for withdrawal of money. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610606>

MHA blacklists 960 foreigners, present in India on tourist visas, for their involvement in Tablighi Jamaat activities; necessary legal action to be taken

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610456>

MHA issues an Addendum to lay down SOPs for transit of foreigners stranded in India and release of quarantined persons after being tested COVID-19 negative

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610509>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan visits Dr. RML and Safdarjung Hospitals to personally take stock of preparedness to overcome COVID-19; also interacts with patients

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610703>

No dearth of medical supplies across the country to fight COVID-19

Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilizers has said that there is no dearth of medical supplies across the country to fight COVID-19 outbreak.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610688>

Armed Forces working hand-in-hand with civilian authorities in fight against COVID-19

Armed Forces are running six quarantine facilities at Mumbai, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Hindon, Manesar and Chennai. 1737 persons have been handled at these centres, of which 403 have been released so far.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610577>

FCI ensures uninterrupted food grain supplies across the country during the lockdown due to COVID-19 outbreak

69 rail rakes loaded today, total 477 rakes moved carrying about 13.36 LMT food grains since lockdown began on 24th March.<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610732>

ShriDharmendraPradhan interacts with DNOs about distribution of LPG cylinders, and supply of free cylinders to the PMUY beneficiaries

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610740>

Agriculture Minister launches new features of e-NAM platform

Agriculture Minister has launched new features of National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) Platform to strengthen agriculture marketing by farmers which will reduce their need to physically come to wholesale mandis for selling their harvested produce, at a time when there is critical need to decongest mandis to effectively fight against COVID-19.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610454>

DRDO develops equipment for effective sanitisation of public spaces

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610736>

ShriPiyushGoyal holds videoconference with Start-up stakeholders

Commerce & Industry Minister held a meeting with the stakeholders of Start-up ecosystem, to assess the impact of COVID-19 and lockdown on them, and solve their problems.<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610453>

DRDO develops bio suit with seam sealing glue to keep health professionals fighting COVID-19 safe<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610429>

Exemption to Specific Services related from Lockdown Restrictions

On the issue of exemption of specific services during the lockdown, the Home Secretary has written to States specifying the details of such services, including direct marketing of agricultural produce, food & nutrition support to children, women, lactating mothers by Anganwadi workers, and medical services & drug manufacturing under AYUSH category. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610513>

Railways ramps up in in-house production of masks and sanitizers

Till 1st April 2020 Indian Railways has produced total 287704 nos. of masks and 25806 liters of sanitizer in its Zonal Railways, Production Units and PSUs.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610695>

DST sets up rapid response centre at SINE, IIT Bombay to combat COVID-19

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610716>

India Watches DD, India Fights Corona

With the re-broadcast of old iconic serials on DD National and DD Bharati during the lockdown, Doordarshan has again reinforced its position in the heart of Indians as the National Broadcaster. .

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610446>

Telephone Conversation between PM & His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephone conversation with His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. The two dignitaries discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610479>

Telephone Conversation between PM and the Federal Chancellor of Germany

Prime Minister had a telephone conversation with Her Excellency Dr. Angela Merkel, Federal Chancellor of Germany. The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, situation in their respective countries, & importance of international collaboration for fighting the health crisis.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610467>

DST-SERB announces first set of approved projects to combat CoVID-19 & related respiratory infections

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610399>

Ministry of Tourism regularly ensuring circulation of all health related and other advisories and guidelines issued by Government to tourists and tourism industry

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610611>

Power & Renewable Energy sector PSUs contributing Rs. 925 Cr. To PM CARES fund;

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610671>

Indian Railways has geared up its entire machinery in a big way to take comprehensive measures on prevention of COVID-19 virus infection.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610692>

Ministry of HRD writes to UGC, AICTE, NCTE, NIOS, NCERT and KVS how to stay safe amid COVID-19 threat; <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610657>

North Eastern Region's international border (Approx 5500 km) has been effectively closed to enforce lockdown: DrJitendra Singh

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610672>

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Please don't believe rumours & unscientific forwards.

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Respected Sir, asking you switch off lights for 5 Mins on 9 PM is extremely interesting. That is the time Moon will be at the centre of the 'nakshatra' called Revati. Switching off the lights will enable the rays of Moon lighten up our homes and kill the virus.

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Corona viruses don't survive at high temperature, as per research by NASA.

If 130 candles are lit together, temperature will increase by 9 degrees - as per IIT professor.

So Corona will die at 9:09pm on Sunday.

Masterstroke by Modi.

1 candle gives 2 Kcal heat energy,
1 Flash light gives 0.5 Kcal heat energy,
1 Oil lamp gives 3 Kcal heat energy,
Means if request followed by 70 Crore people (out of 130 Crore) then

35 cr candle + 20 cr mobile flash + 15 cr oil lamp = 125 cr kcal heat energy will be generated.

Corona Virus will become dead in 10 Kcal heat energy

Hence all corona virus will become dead on 5 April at night .

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PIB's Daily Bulletin on COVID-19

Posted On: 02 APR 2020 6:25PM by PIB Delhi

(Contains Press releases concerning Covid-19, issued in last 24 hours and Fact checks undertaken by PIB)

Updates on COVID-19 from Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Various actions have been initiated by Government of India along with the States/UTs for the prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in the country. As of now, 1965 confirmed cases and 50 deaths have been reported. During the last 24 hours, 328 new confirmed cases and 12 new deaths have been reported. 151 persons have been cured/discharged from the hospitals after recovery.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610353>

PM interacts with CMs to bolster efforts to tackle COVID-19

Prime Minister today interacted with Chief Ministers of states via VC to discuss measures to combat COVID-19. He thanked the States for supporting the decision of lockdown due to which India has achieved some success in limiting the spread of COVID-19. PM however forewarned that the global situation remains far from satisfactory and informed about speculations of a possible second wave of spread of the virus in some countries.<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610246>

Prime Minister will share a video message with the people at 9 AM tomorrow i.e. 3 April 2020.<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610350>

President of India to hold Discussions with Governors, LGs and Administrators of States and UTs on Covid-19 Response Tomorrow

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610249>

AarogyaSetu: A multi-dimensional bridge

A mobile app has been developed to bring the people of India together in fight against COVID-19. App called 'AarogyaSetu' will enable people to assess themselves the risk for their catching Corona Virus infection. It will calculate this based on their interaction with others, using cutting edge Bluetooth technology, algorithms and artificial intelligence.<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610301>

MHA writes to States to widely publicize the Penal Provisions regarding Violations of Lockdown Measures to fight COVID-19

Union Home Secretary has written to all States to widely publicize among the authorities and public, the penal provisions under the DM Act and IPC regarding violations of lockdown measures, to fight COVID-19. It has been stressed that strict action must be taken by authorities on violators of lockdown measures.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1610308>

MHA writes to States/UTs to ensure smooth Disbursal of Money to beneficiaries of PM-GKY during 21-day Lockdown to fight COVID-19

Home secretary has written to all States/UTs requesting them to take all necessary measures to ensure smooth disbursal of money to the beneficiaries of PM-GKY, while observing norms of social distancing.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610329>

Relief for third party Motor Insurance & Health policy holders

The Government has provided relief for third party Motor Insurance & Health policy holders. These policies falling in the period from March 25 to April 14, 2020, can be renewed up till April 21, 2020.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610210>

Railways maintains its freight corridors fully functional for essential commodities

Indian Railways has maintained its freight corridors fully functional. Total 143458 wagons of freight were loaded in the last three days. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610226>

Parcel Trains providing big boost to transportation of essential commodities

10 routes for Time Tabled Parcel Trains and tentative 18 new routes are planned for Special Parcel Trains to keep supply chains running. So far, Indian Railways has loaded 30 Special Parcel Trains. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610205>

Ex-Servicemen mobilised to fight COVID-19 pandemic

Rajya and Zila Sainik Boards are identifying and mobilising maximum Ex-Service Men volunteers to assist State and District Administration in performing public outreach activities such as contact tracing, community surveillance, management of quarantine facilities. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610111>

NCC offers its volunteer cadets for national duty to fight COVID-19

National Cadet Corps has offered a helping hand to civilian authorities in the country's fight against COVID-19 by extending the services of cadets under 'Exercise NCC Yogdan'.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610145>

MHA writes to States/UTs to take measures to fight Fake News

Following up on the Supreme Court's observations, Secretary, MHA has written to States/UTs to take effective measures to fight Fake News. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610146>

PIB sets up COVID19 Fact Check Unit

PIB has set up a portal - COVID 19 Fact Check Unit which will receive messages by email and send its response in quick time. PIB will also release a daily Bulletin every day to inform regarding

Government's decisions and developments and progress on COVID 19.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610111>

FCI ramps up foodgrain supplies

FCI is ensuring uninterrupted supply of wheat and rice throughout the country. 352 rakes have moved carrying about 9.86 LMT foodgrains since the lockdown began.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610089>

Dr. Harsh Vardhan reviews actions taken and further preparedness on COVID 19

Health & FW Minister held a VC with IMA members and reviewed the status of the preparedness in terms of availability of beds, isolation wards, laboratory readiness for high test volumes.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610003>

MHA requests States/UTs to implement Lockdown Measures fully

Home Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries and UT Administrators requesting them to strictly implement lockdown measures in letter and spirit. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610032>

CBSE's directions about promotions and Board Examinations

CBSE directed its affiliated schools to promote all students of classes I-VIII to next class/grade. Students studying in classes IX & XI to be promoted to next class/grade on school-based assessment. Board Examinations to be conducted only for 29 main crucial subjects. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610062>

Railways continues to provide food to needy people

Railways has distributed about 1.4 Lakh cooked meals since 28th March to the needy people. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609963>

Coating developed by JNCASR may prevent transmission of infection

JNCASR has developed a one-step curable anti-microbial coating which when coated on different surfaces such as textile, plastic could kill a range of virus types including COVID 19. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609970>

Cargo flights operate transport medical supplies to remote parts of the country

Aerial distance covered by Lifeline Udan flights till date is over 70,000 km and Cargo transported is around 38 tons. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610065>

National Book Trust, India of MHRD Releases On-Line Questionnaire to Assess Community Perception about the Psycho-Social Impact of COVID-19

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610307>

Ministry of Tourism receives more than 500 queries/requests for help in two days from foreign tourists on 'Stranded in India' portal

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610303>

Transactions through Postal system

During the lockdown period as on 31.03.2020, 34 lakh transactions were effected through Post Office Savings Bank and 6.5 lakh transactions through India Post Payments Bank.
<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609989>

NCDC and Indian Potash Limited have jointly contributed a sum of Rs.11 crore towards the PM CARES Fund in order to tackle the Covid-19 threat.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1610072>

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CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
 (An Autonomous Organisation under the Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Press Release

As per instructions received from Ministry of Human Resource Development, the remaining board examinations of standard 10 and 12 which were postponed due to outbreak of COVID-19 will resume from 22 April, 2020. The corresponding schedule of examinations will be uploaded on website of CBSE (www.cbse.in) on 14.04.2020.

It is decided as follows:

1. All the examinations which were postponed in North East Delhi province; all over India and abroad will be rescheduled.
2. All examination centres previously allotted to schools shall remain same.
3. New admit cards will NOT be issued to the students.
4. The evaluation of answer sheets at all examination centres shall resume from 25 April, 2020.

Date: 1 April, 2020

(Anurag Tripathi)
Secretary

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Mandate To All Residents. Tonight 12 (midnight) onwards Disaster Management Act has been implemented across the country. According to this update, apart from the Govt department no other citizen is allowed to post any update or share any forward related to Coronavirus and it being punishable offence.

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PIB Daily Bulletin for 1.4.2020 on COVID matters

Posted On: 01 APR 2020 6:26PM by PIB Delhi

Updates on COVID-19

Latest updates on COVID-19 from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and various steps being taken for prevention, containment and management of COVID-19 in the country. As of now, 1637 confirmed cases and 38 deaths have been reported. During the last 24 hours, 376 new confirmed cases and 3 new deaths have been reported. 132 persons have been cured /discharged from the hospitals after recovery. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609932>.

Cabinet Secretary's video-conference with Chief Secretaries/DGPs of the States.

- The States were sensitized about the intensive contact tracing of Tablighi Jamat participants as this has increased the risk of containment efforts of COVID-19. The States were asked to complete the contact tracing process on a war footing.
- It has been found that foreigners who had participated in the Tablighi Jamat had violated visa conditions. The States were asked to initiate action for violation of visa condition against the foreigners and the organizers of the event.
- The States were asked to implement the PM Garib Kalyan Yojana within the next week. This will involve large cash transfer to beneficiaries. It should be organized in a manner to ensure social distancing.
- It was noted that lockdown is being implemented effectively all over the country. The States were asked to ensure that intra-state movement of goods is allowed without any hindrance while maintaining social distance.
- The manufacturing of essential goods should be ensured. It should also be ensured that the supply chains of such goods are maintained.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609874>

74 flights for transporting medical cargo

Under Lifeline Udan initiative of Ministry of Civil Aviation, 74 flights have been operated till date for transporting medical cargo across the country. A total of 37.63 tonnes of cargo has been transported till date out of which more than 22 tonnes has been transported on 31st March 2020.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609901>

Supreme Court's directions to media

The Supreme Court of India has directed the Media, including print, electronic and social media, to maintain a strong sense of responsibility and ensure that unverified news capable of causing panic is not disseminated. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609887>

HRD Minister meets IIT Directors

HRD Minister directs Directors of 23 IITs to take care of the students, faculty and staff in the campus. Also directs them to ensure maximum number of students being covered through online courses. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609932>

Price Monitoring & Resource Unit in J&K

Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory has become 12th State where the Price Monitoring & Resource Unit (PMRU) has been set up by National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA). The PMRU shall help NPPA and State Drug Controller in ensuring availability and accessibility of medicines at affordable prices.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609855>

CIPET working against COVID-19

In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology, a Govt. of India Institute, is undertaking noble works for the wellbeing of community through its facilities in different states. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609831>

Fertilizer PSUs donate Rs 27 Crore

PSUs under the Department of Fertilizers, have donated more than Rs 27 crore to PM CARES fund to fight COVID-19 pandemic. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609827>

Raksha Mantri reviews assistance efforts

Raksha Mantri today reviewed through video conference the assistance being extended by various organisations of Ministry of Defence to fight COVID-19. He directed all the organisations to redouble their efforts and work in close coordination with other ministries/organisations of Central Government in this crucial time.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609882>

IAF airlifts essential medical supplies

Indian Air Force continues to provide full support in Nation's efforts to contain the spread of the Novel Coronavirus and the management of COVID-19. IAF has airlifted nearly 25 Tons of essential medical supplies in last three days from Delhi, Surat, Chandigarh to Manipur, Nagaland and the Union Territories of J&K and Laddakh.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609878>

FAQ about RBI Allowing Banks to Declare Moratorium on Term Loans

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609820>

National Monitoring Dashboard on COVID 19 Grievances

DARPG's National Monitoring Dashboard on COVID 19 Grievances was launched today where COVID19 related grievances received in CPGRAMS with all Ministries/ Departments and States/ Union Territories are monitored on priority basis by a technical team of DARPG.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609860>

Preparations of Railways in supplementing national efforts reviewed

Minister of Railways has directed the officials of Indian Railways to reach out to needy people with food and other assistance to the best of their human abilities and resources. IRCTC and RPF are already engaged in distribution of free meals to the needy persons. Railways should widen the outreach of their efforts and go beyond the proximities of railways stations to deeper areas in consultation with district authorities and NGOs etc.

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609850>

Senior Scientist tells about Coronavirus

Many things about Novel Coronavirus are spreading rapidly through social media, WhatsApp and the Internet. A senior scientist in Vigyan Prasar, tells us more about some facts related to this deadly virus. <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseDetail.aspx?PRID=1609842>

Multi-lingual videos by TIFR on Covid-19

Tata Institute of Fundamental Research has come out with a package of engaging and illuminating communication materials containing a set of multi-lingual (9 languages) resources (youtube videos) in explaining why social distancing is helpful for tackling viral outbreaks like COVID-19.

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