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Updates, Notifications and Advisories

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News Update

The Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister approves modifications in the existing Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved the Sovereign portfolio guarantee of up to 20% of first loss for purchase of Bonds or Commercial Papers (CPs) through an extension of the Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS). The outbreak of COVID-19 along with lockdown of business activity has now necessitated adoption of additional measures to support NBFCs and HFCs.

Cabinet approves Scheme for formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises

The Union Cabinet issued its approval to a new Centrally Sponsored Scheme termed Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (FME) for the Unorganized Sector on All India basis. It has an outlay of Rs.10000 crores. The expenditure will be shared by Government of India and the States in ratio of 60:40. This is part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission announcements.

Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana

The Union Cabinet has approved implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). It is a scheme to bring about Blue Revolution through sustainable and responsible development of fisheries sector in India under two components namely, Central Sector Scheme (CS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS). This is a part of the package announcements made under Atmanirbhar Bharat Mission announcements.

Cabinet approves Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package for allocation of food grains to migrants and stranded migrants

The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval for allocation of food grains from Central Pool to eight crore migrants and stranded migrants at 5 kg per person per month basis for May and June, 2020, free of cost. The expenditure towards intra-state transportation, handling charges and dealer's margins will be



borne fully by Central Government. The allocation will ease the hardships faced by migrant posed by COVID-19 and resultant economic disruption.

Cabinet approves Special Liquidity Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies and Housing Finance Companies to address their Liquidity Stress

The Union Cabinet has approved proposal of the Ministry of Finance to launch a new Special Liquidity Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) to improve their liquidity positions under special guidelines, rules and regulations. The COVID-19 crisis and consequent lockdown restrictions are likely to have a negative impact on both collections and fresh loan disbursements.

Cabinet approves additional funding of up to Rupees Three lakh crore through introduction of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme

The Union Cabinet gave approval to enable additional funding of up to Rs Three lakh crore to eligible Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and interested MUDRA borrowers by way of "Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme." The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) has been formulated as a specific response to the unprecedented situation caused by COVID-19 and the consequent lockdown, which has severely impacted manufacturing and other activities in the MSME sector.

Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Health Ministers' meeting

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare participated in the NAM Health Ministers' meeting through video conference. The NAM Summit was organized at a time when the international community is challenged by COVID-19 pandemic which has disrupted lives and livelihood of millions of people around the world. NAM has expressed concern on the global threat posed by COVID-19 and resolved to continue the fight with proper preparedness, prevention, resilience-building, greater national, regional and international collaboration.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shares National COVID-19 Updates

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stated that India has relatively decelerated the pace of COVID-19 and the impact can be seen from the scientifically monitored data of COVID-19 cases. The Ministry stated that the disease is curable and the clinical management protocols adopted by India are effective.



Shri Nitin Gadkari extends support for technology upgradation and attracting foreign investment to combat post COVID scenario

Shri Nitin Gadkari Union Minister of the Ministry of Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSME) urged entrepreneurs to adopt technology upgradation and look for foreign investment to forge ahead in the post-COVID scenario. He iterated that the relief package announced by the Prime Minister for MSME sector is meant to be utilized by the medium and small scale industry for recovery and revived business.

Indian Railways introduces 200 Time Tabled daily new trains from June 2020; number of Shramik Trains to be doubled

Indian Railways plans to double the number of Shramik Trains to bring more relief to migrants. In addition, Indian Railways is geared up to start 200 new Time Tabled trains from June, 2020. The routes and schedule of these trains will be intimated soon. The booking will be on-line and will commence shortly.

Finance Commission holds the 15th Meeting with its high level groups on Health Sector development

The Finance Commission interacted with its High Level Group (HLG) on Health Sector constituted earlier in May 2018 headed by Director, AIIMS and eminent professionals from the Health Sector. The Group had submitted its final report in August 2019 and some of the key recommendations were incorporated in the first report of the 15th Finance Commission for the year 2020-21. The 15th Finance Commission accorded highest priority to the Health Sector and decided to reconvene this HLG in the light of recent developments due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

Shri Nitin Gadkari approves Coir Geo textiles for Rural Road Construction under Gram Sadak Yojna

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Ministry of MSME lauded the ongoing move to explore alternative usage of coir fiber for rural road construction and announced that Coir Geo textiles, a permeable fabric that is, natural, strong, highly durable, resistant to rots, mould and moisture free from any microbial attack, has finally been accepted as a good material for rural road construction under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojna (PMGSY) – Phase III. The minister informed that this will give a big boost to the coir industry in these difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic and will boost this sector's growth.

China's private sector pitches in with donations to help WHO fight pandemic

A fund that will solicit donations from China's private sector to bolster the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic was launched by the World Health Organization and the China Population Welfare Foundation.



World Health Assembly ends with strong global commitment to COVID-19 response

The 73rd World Health Assembly had a virtual meeting, the first of its kind to be held since the World Health Organization was founded in 1948. The meeting ended with a strong global commitment to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

United States President considers convening G7 summit at Camp David in summer

President Donald Trump said that he was considering convening the Group of Seven Summit at Camp David, which had been rescheduled via video-conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

World Trade Organisation warnings on huge global losses as pandemic wreaks havoc on supply chains

The World Trade Organisation's leading trade index showed that global trade faced unparalleled challenges in the first quarter. Beijing is braced for a demand shock later in the second quarter with job losses and shut down in western markets set to cripple imports from China

The COVID-19 crisis will bring about larger requirements on borrowings of Government of Sweden

The COVID-19 crisis will bring about larger requirements on Government borrowing than previously estimated, resulting in a sharp increase in the National Debt Office borrowings. As the GDP shrinks while the need for support measures grow rapidly, the year's budget deficit is expected to rise to SEK 402 billion, followed by an additional SEK 76 billion in 2021.

Central Advisories and Notifications

Ministry of Home Affairs issues order to Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all States and UT's regarding exemption of opening of schools for conducting board examinations

As per the order released by Ministry of Home Affairs the exemptions will be subject to the some conditions like no examination centre should be in containment zone, wearing face mask is mandatory for all, provision for thermal screening and sanitizers at centres, special buses to be arranged by for transportation of students to examination centres.

State Advisories and Notifications

Government of Andhra Pradesh has released standard operating protocols for opening shops in urban areas

As per the order no shops in containment zone can open. In other zones all the shops to function between 7 AM to 7 PM. Foot ware, Garment and Jewellery



shops are not allowed to open. All shops to function with 50% of their strength of their total workers at a time and multiple billing counter to avoid crowding.

Government of Andhra Pradesh has released an order regarding guidelines on full functioning for all government offices

As per the order released all the government offices can function with 100 % of attendance of all employees other than those in containment areas. Arrangements should be made for thermal screening and sanitizing the entire office premises daily. All the employees should mandatory wear mask. Everyone should abide by social distancing norms. Physical handling of files should be avoided. Pregnant women, aged employees with high risk health conditions are permitted to work from home.

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