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# COVID 19

## Updates, Notifications and Advisories

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### News Update

#### **Aatma Nirbhar Bharat implies a confident, self-reliant and caring nation, and not an inward-looking one: Shri Piyush Goyal**

Commerce and Industry Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal held a meeting with the industry and trade associations and said that Aatma Nirbhar Bharat implies a confident, self-reliant and caring nation, and not an inward-looking one. He called upon the industry to make efforts by thinking about sustainable, out-of-the-box ideas. He said the fight against Covid-19 cannot be undertaken by the Government alone, it is the nation's fight and all stakeholders must play an important positive role. The Minister assured the associations that their suggestions are duly examined, and timely action is taken on the rational and genuine demands.

#### **Smt Nirmala Sitharaman attends Special Board of Governors meeting of New Development Bank through video-conference**

Smt Nirmala Sitharaman Finance Minister commended the contribution of the New Development Bank in funding infrastructure development which has positively impacted the development agenda of the member countries, including India. The Finance Minister appreciated Mr K V Kamath, the outgoing President of the bank for stellar stewardship undertaken to give shape to the vision stated by the BRICS Leaders in 2014, as well as the swift response to COVID-19, through launch of the COVID-19 Emergency Programme Loan product.

#### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare – COVID Update**

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare summed up the positives of the nation in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry highlighted achievements of the country for development of COVID-19 specific health infrastructure; capacity development of human resource; increased testing capacity; increase in supplies, equipment, oxygen; issuing of relevant guidelines, standards prepared, circulated, adopted,



practiced; development of diagnostics, drug trials and vaccine research. On the technical side surveillance systems strengthened with more contact tracing, house to house surveys along with tools like Aarogya Setu was achieved.

### **Power Finance Corporation to provide lunch to Doctors and other Medical Staff engaged in treatment of COVID-19 patients**

Power Finance Corporation Ltd (PFC), central PSU under Ministry of Power and India's leading NBFC, has tied up with TajSats, one of Asia's largest food companies, to provide hygienic and nutritious food to frontline COVID warriors. As part of this endeavour, PFC will provide packed lunch boxes to Doctors and other Health Medical Staff engaged in treatment of COVID-19 patients at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi.

### **DST-SERB supports study for identification of structure-based potential antivirals against COVID**

The Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) under Department of Science & Technology (DST) has recently supported a proposed study from IIT- Roorkee for identification of structure-based potential antivirals against SARS-CoV2.

### **Ministry of Science and Technology: NCSTC brings out popular COVID Katha in Hindi**

Ministry of Science and Technology through The National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC), Department of Science & Technology brought out the Hindi version of the Popular Multimedia Guide for Mass Awareness carrying important information on A-to-Z of COVID-19 pandemic. The English version has already been released early this month.

### **Industrial profits in China improve as sales, output recover**

China's industrial profits improved in April as output and sales rebounded amid nationwide efforts to balance the epidemic battle with economic development, as per the data from the National Bureau of Statistics.

### **European Union, Japan call for solidarity, cooperation and multilateralism to defeat corona virus**

The leaders of the European Union and Japan said that global solidarity, cooperation, and effective multilateralism are required to defeat the corona virus.



### **China 2020 GDP forecasts left unchanged as size of Beijing stimulus disappoints**

China's second quarter economic performance will be crucial to a full-year growth forecast. Most economists expect further stimulus measures this year if economic output remains weak amid fallout from Covid-19.

### **The Economic Ministry of Latvia proposed to provide EUR 2.2 billion worth of public and private investments**

The Ministry will provide EUR 2.2 billion worth of public and private investments to various infrastructure projects until 2023. The Economic Ministry indicated that the goal is to develop a complex package of measures that would help deal with the crisis impact and focus not only on the stabilization of the economy but also to ensure renewed growth.

### **The Government of Sweden is investing to assist the green industries in the absence of foreign seasonal workers**

The Government is investing to assist the green industries in the absence of foreign seasonal workers. SEK 11 million is being invested to facilitate the matching of unemployed people to the green industries. The horticulture and forestry industries are experiencing acute difficulties recruiting seasonal staff for work such as planting, greenhouse work and harvesting

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## Central Advisories and Notifications

### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has issued an advisory on re-processing and reuse of eye-protection goggles**

As per the advisory reprocessing must be done after every use before using the goggles again and done only when it is dedicated to each individual. The eye gear should be disinfected properly and to be discarded if damaged /rendered optically non clear repeated usage.

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## State Advisories and Notifications

### **Punjab Government has issued consolidated and comprehensive guidelines for all International as well as Domestic travellers coming by Air, Rail and Road**

As per the State Government, aggressive testing, tracing and isolation is the only way to restrict the spread of virus. For general surveillance purpose, the Government may test more domestic inbound persons on random basis, for example at Amritsar and Mohali airports few domestic passengers have been tested on random basis.



**Government of Nagaland arranged special trains from Goa, Andhra Pradesh, Bengaluru, Rajasthan and special buses from West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Daman & Diu and Lucknow to transport stranded citizens**

As per the order all those who have already applied for the extended one time assistance and wish to return to Nagaland by Government arranged transportation, including buses, to cancel their applications on the iamstranded.nagaland.gov.in portal by utilizing the withdrawal form

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