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News Update

Life in the era of COVID-19: PM Modi

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi shared few thoughts on LinkedIn about the disruptions during the COVID-19 lockdown and how coronavirus has significantly changed the contours of professional life. He also made a mention of the transformational impact of Technology and said that it is technology that demolishes bureaucratic hierarchies, eliminates middlemen and accelerates welfare measures. [Read more](#)

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

CBDT, in order to facilitate taxpayer to avail full benefits with various timeline extension up to 30th June 2020 granted by the government, has initiated necessary changes in the return forms so that taxpayers could take benefits of their transactions carried out during the period from 1st April 2020 to 30th June 2020 in the return forms for FY 2019-20. CBDT explained that the necessary modifications in the return forms are being made to allow taxpayers to avail the benefits of their investments/transactions made for the Apr-to-Jun 2020 period. [Read more](#)

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

Government of India, under Essential Commodities Act has allowed operation of Fertilizers plant in the country so that agriculture sector may not feel the heat of lockdown. Despite movement restrictions due to 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 to meet demand of the farmers. [Read more](#)



Army Extends Support to Narela Quarantine Centre

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 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. The Army Team comprising of 40 personnel which includes six Medical Officers along with 18 Paramedical Staff have volunteered to stay within the premises only. [Read more](#)

Indian Railways ensures seamless transportation of medical items on priority during the nationwide lock down; Timetabled Parcel trains operated by Zonal Railways provides boost to transportation of essential medicines and other medical equipments during the lockdown

Indian Railways is ensuring seamless transportation of medical items on priority during the nationwide lock down due to COVID-19. It 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. [Read more](#)

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

The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan visited 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. [Read more](#)

Government launches online data pool of critical human resource for combating and containing Covid-19; Dashboard contains State wise and District wise availability of the large pool of human resources for various activities to fight Coronavirus

Union Government has created an online data pool of doctors including AYUSH doctors, nurses and other health care professionals, volunteers from NYKs, NCC NSS, PMGKVY, ex Servicemen 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. [Read more](#)



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No proposal for reduction of pension, says Government

Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare of the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension has clarified that there is no 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 wellbeing of the pensioners during the current pandemic, Covid-19 and the ensuing economic scenario. [Read more](#)

North East operations of FCI during lockdown

Ever since the announcement of countrywide lockdown on 24.03.2020, one of the focus areas of operations for Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been North Eastern states. FCI has worked consistently to ensure uninterrupted supply of rice and wheat to North Eastern states considering the high dependence on Public Distribution System (PDS) in the region. In tune with this priority, FCI has 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 supplemented by large scale road movement to reach remote NER areas. [Read more](#)

Strengthening the fight against Covid-19, Lifeline Udan flights cover 2,87,061 km Helicopter services including Pawan Hans transport critical medical cargo and patients in NE, J&K, Ladakh and islands

288 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. 180 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. 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. [Read more](#)



The true warriors of corona virus serving from the fields; Minimal disruption to harvesting of Rabi crop and sowing of summer crops during lockdown of Rabi crops

Amidst the uncertainty prevailing, the one activity giving hope is agricultural activity, which is also providing the reassurance of food security. Numerous farmers and agriculture labour across India 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. While the Ministry of Home Affairs issued the consolidated guidelines on the measures to be taken for containment of COVID-19, it also ensured smooth functioning of agricultural operations. Timely interventions and exemptions have resulted in optimistic results. The Standard Operations Procedures (SOPs) have been communicated to farmers for their safety and keeping social distancing while undertaking farm related activities. [Read more](#)

Central Advisories and Notifications

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

The 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, Home Minister said that while certain activities are being permitted in those areas which do not fall within hotspots/clusters/containment zones, due caution has to be exercised to ensure that only genuine exemptions/relaxations are given. [Read more](#)

States must ensure Smooth Movement of the entire Supply Chain of Essential Goods, including by e-Commerce: Supply of Non-Essential Items through e-Commerce prohibited under Lockdown Restrictions to fight COVID-19

Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had earlier 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 has been 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. In line with the above provision of



consolidated revised guidelines on lockdown restrictions, Government has prohibited supply of non-essential items through e-commerce under lockdown restrictions to fight COVID-19. [Read more](#)

SOPs for Movement of stranded Migrant Labourers, within States/UTs where they are currently located, in wake of COVID-19 epidemic: No movement of labour to be permitted outside the State/UT where they are currently located

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 continuation of Ministry of Home Affairs earlier Orders dated 29th March, 2020, 15th April, 2020 and 16th April 2020, a Standard Operating Protocol (SOP), for movement of stranded labour within the State/UTs has been issued to Ministries/Departments of Government of India, State/Union Territory Governments and State /Union Territory Authorities, with the directions for its strict implementation. [Read more](#)

State Advisories and Notifications

Government of Assam: Commencing operations of Industrial Units.

The Chief Secretary in his letter to Deputy Commissioners of all Districts in the State has stated that exempted industries which can operate during lockdown from 20 April 2020 are not required to seek permission from Deputy Commissioners separately, to start operations. Industries shall rather submit an undertaking to them that they have made all requisite arrangements as prescribed in the guidelines and would strictly adhere to it. [Read more](#)

Government of Andhra Pradesh: shifting of symptomatic and asymptomatic (above 60 and above) to State COVID Hospitals

The State Government has issued orders that all symptomatic and asymptomatic patients who are 60 and above, will be shifted to State COVID Hospitals to provide them with appropriate treatment. [Read more](#)

Government of Andhra Pradesh: Instructions for resuming of limited operations from 20 April 2020 and defining “Red, Orange and Green Zones”.

The State Government in its order has mentioned that there are a total 676 Zones, both in the urban and rural areas out of which 97 are Red Zone and rest others are categorized as Green Zones, which may become Red as and when new cases are detected. There are 158 Containment clusters within the affected Zones and cities, which may increase as new cases get detected outside the existing clusters. Therefore, for the purpose of containment, the entire adjoining areas of Red Zones will fall under Red Zones and all these areas will be under extended lockdown till 3 May 2020, and no exemptions will apply. [Read more](#)

Government of Karnataka: Definition of Containment Zone, Cluster and their management SOPs.

The State Government has issued circular for revised definitions of Containment Zone, Buffer Zone and Cluster and have detailed out strategies for their management which includes role of Police, Incident commander details, responsibilities of Health Department, Essential supplies management, etc. [Read more](#)

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