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## Updates, Notifications and Advisories

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### News Updsate

#### **Shri Narendra Modi has a telephonic conversation with Prime Minister, His Excellency Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of Egypt**

Shri Narendra Modi Prime Minister held a telephone conversation with H.E. Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi, President of Egypt and extended Eid greetings. Shri Modi expressed happiness over bilateral relationship of the two countries and thanked the President for support extended by Egyptian authorities for safety and welfare of Indian nationals in Egypt during COVID-19 crisis.

#### **Shri Narendra Modi holds a phone conversation with His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar**

Shri Narendra Modi Prime Minister spoke with His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar and conveyed Eid-ul-Fitr greetings. Prime Minister appreciated the personal care taken by H.H. the Amir for ensuring the welfare of the Indian citizens in Qatar during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prime Minister highlighted the attention being paid by Indian authorities to avoid any disruption in the supply of essential goods from India to Qatar during the present COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Shri Rajnath Singh holds telephonic meeting with Australian Defence Minister on mitigating COVID-19**

Shri Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister, held a conversation with Australian Minister of Defence, Ms Linda Reynolds and discussed on respective responses against the COVID-19 pandemic. Shri Singh informed Ms Linda Reynolds on India's contribution to international efforts and areas of mutual cooperation, globally, to fight against the pandemic. The Minister asserted regarding taking forward the India-Australia Strategic Partnership, and work to deal with the present and post COVID-19 related challenges.



### **Ministry of Electronics and IT: Aarogya Setu is now open source**

India launched Aarogya Setu mobile App in April 2020 to augment the efforts of limiting the spread of COVID19, with an objective of enabling Bluetooth based contact tracing, mapping of likely hotspots and dissemination of relevant information. The App provides transparency, privacy and security in line with India's policy on Open Source Software.

### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare: Health Secretary interacts with 5 critical States that are seeing upsurge in incoming migrant workers**

Health Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held high-level review meetings with the Chief Secretaries, Health Secretaries and National Health Mission Directors of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. These states are witnessing a surge in COVID-19 cases since the lockdown rules have been eased and inter-state migration has been allowed. It was reiterated that States need to pay focused attention on assessing their available health infrastructure and attend to incoming migrant workers from other parts of India.

### **Indian Railways Latest Update: Operationalizes 3274 "Shramik Special" trains across the country and transports more than 44 lakh passengers to their home states**

A total of 3274 "Shramik" special trains are operationalized from various states across the country. More than 44 lacs passengers have reached their home state by these "Shramik Special" trains. IRCTC has distributed more than 74 lakh free meals and more than one crore water bottles to travelling migrants till date.

### **Ministry of Tourism extends validity period of approval and classification of Hotels and other accommodation units till June 2020**

The Ministry of Tourism extended and allowed time for six months on the scheme of approving Travel Agents, Tour Operators, Adventure Tour Operators, Domestic Tour Operators and Tourist Transport Operators for their affiliation with the Ministry. This was done due to postponement of inspection work and application scrutiny during the lockdown period from March 2020 onward in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh calls on Dr Jitendra Singh and discusses COVID situation & developmental activities in the Union Territory of Ladakh**

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh called on Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh and discussed the COVID situation and revival of developmental activity in the newly created Union Territory of Ladakh. Dr Jitendra Singh shared the Government's appreciation for the consistent diligence and effort of the Union Territory administration to deal with the COVID pandemic and its containment. The Minister lauded the UT administration and civil society that has successfully negated the threat posed earlier by Indian pilgrims who returned from Iran, and

stated that Ladakh is likely to be first to gradually come out from COVID-19 assault.

### **Ministry of Defence: Army Commanders' Conference**

The Ministry of Defence Army Commanders' Conference, that facilitates conceptual level deliberations to evolve important policy decisions was earlier postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. This will now be organized in two phases during end May and June 2020. The apex level leadership of Indian Army will brainstorm on current security and administrative challenges and chart the future course for Indian Army, including COVID-19 scenario and solutions.

### **Ministry of Power: Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC) ties up with TAJSATs to provides nutritious meals to frontline healthcare workers**

Ministry of Power through REC Foundation, the CSR arm of REC Limited, partnered with TAJSATs (a joint venture of IHCL and SATS Ltd) to distribute specially- made nutritious meal packets for medical staff in Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

### **Government of Latvia will consider resuming air travel with other countries based on the cumulative 14-day incidence of recorded cases**

As per the Health Minister, Latvia will consider resuming air travel with other countries based on the cumulative 14-day incidence of recorded cases, which must not exceed 25 cases per 100,000 residents.

### **United Kingdom approves plan to rescue key sectors**

United Kingdom Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rishi Sunak has authorized a bailout plan to rescue companies that are strategically important. The state is expected to buy stakes in crucial businesses that are facing acute financial problems.

### **Tourism industry could benefit from Australian wage subsidy scheme savings**

Australia's treasurer Josh Frydenberg has flagged further support for the nation's tourism industry amid the corona virus crisis. Josh Frydenberg said that the 60 billion Australian dollars (\$39.2 billion) in savings from the Job Keeper wage subsidy scheme, could be redistributed to the struggling tourism industry.

### **President Xi Jinping's call to fuel growth boosts confidence**

President Xi Jinping's call for national efforts to foster new growth drivers and leverage China's economic resilience, to ensure steady development amid rising challenges, has laid out a clear direction for the country's economic and social policies and substantially boosted people's confidence.



### **Supply chain efficiency to boost foreign investment**

China's comparative advantages in areas like policy facilitation, technology accumulation and labor quality will help the country attract high-quality foreign investment that values efficiency, market potential and innovation, said a member of the nation's top political advisory body.

### **New measures coming to promote new-energy vehicle, 5G**

China's new-energy vehicle industry and 5G development have been affected by the corona virus outbreak, and the government is pushing forward new measures to boost the evolution of the two fields, according to Miao Wei, China's Minister for Industry and Information Technology.

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## Central Advisories and Notifications

### **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has released guidance note on provision of Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health Plus Nutrition (RMNCAH+N) services during & post COVID-19 Pandemic**

The guidelines on "Enabling Delivery of Essential Health Services during the COVID 19 Outbreak" makes provision for essential services. Critical services for women, children and adolescent should be provided irrespective of their COVID status. Under no circumstances should there be a denial of essential services. Not for Profit/private sector hospitals can be involved in provision of non COVID essential services, wherever public sector capacity needs to be supported.

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## State Advisories and Notifications

### **Government of Rajasthan has released an addendum to the order released on 18 May 2020 with respect to Lockdown 4.0**

As per the order auto rickshaw and taxis can ply in red zones with passenger restrictions. Parks /Community parks are opened in red zones. Person selling goods on hand carts/kiosks/small shops like food items, juice and tea are permitted to operate.



**Government of West Bengal has released guidelines for domestic travel by air for passengers**

At airport, during boarding and travel, passengers shall use face covers/mask. They will also follow hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and maintain social distancing norms. All passengers shall undergo health screening at the point of departure and only asymptomatic passengers shall be allowed to board the plane.

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