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## Updates, Notifications and Advisories

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### News Update

#### **Shri Narendra Modi holds telephonic conversation with President Donald Trump**

President Trump invited Shri Modi to attend the next G-7 Summit to be held in USA and conveyed his desire to expand the ambit of the member countries to include India. Shri Modi commended the US President and acknowledged that an expanded forum would be in keeping with the emerging realities of the post-COVID world. The Prime Minister assured that India would be pro-active with USA to ensure the success of the proposed Summit.

#### **Shri Narendra Modi delivers the inaugural address at the 125<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Confederation of Indian Industry: displays confidence for Indian economic growth and recovery; states that intent, inclusion, investment, infrastructure and innovation will drive India to self-reliance and build an Aatmanirbhar Bharat**

Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister praised the Indian industry for initiating discussion on India's economic recovery and national growth from this crisis point of COVID-19. He urged the industry to go beyond negativity and believed that India will get its growth back. The PM reiterated that his trust in India's entrepreneurial capabilities in various sectors of the economy and resilience to fight and evolve from it, was very positive and credit-worthy. The PM stated that with the Government's support to mitigate the national COVID-19 crisis and through financial stimulus package, India's industrial and corporate talent combined with technology, innovation and entrepreneurship will overcome challenges seen presently. Shri Modi asserted that with heightened intent, inclusion, investment, innovation and infrastructure, India will get the growth back, while Micro Small Medium Enterprises and the Farm Sector will prosper and benefit.



### **Shri Narendra Modi writes letter to all citizens of India**

Sri. Narendra Modi stated that during this COVID-19 pandemic, there is a widespread debate on how the economies of various countries, including India's, will recover. However, given the way India has surprised the world with its unity and resolve in the fight against Coronavirus, there is a firm belief that we will set an example in economic revival. In the economic domain, through the country's strength, 130 crore Indians can not only surprise the world, but also inspire it.

### **Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister addresses the 25th Foundation Day of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences; hails Doctors and Health Care Workers as the invincible force in the fight against COVID-19**

Shri Modi said the world is facing one of the biggest crises since the two World Wars. He said that the world will change in a similar fashion like the way it did pre and post-World Wars. Shri Modi lauded India's brave fight against Covid-19 and complimented the hard-work of the medical community. Prime Minister said that the virus was an invisible enemy but the country's corona warriors are invincible and in the battle against the pandemic, the medical workers would finally win.

### **Shri Narendra Modi PM addresses SPIC MACAY's International Convention; says when 130 crore people come together it becomes music**

Shri Narendra Modi addressed Spic Macay's International Convention through a video conference. The Prime Minister appreciated the fact that even under trying circumstances, the spirits of the musicians remained undeterred and the theme of the convention on how to alleviate the stress amongst the youth owing to the COVID -19 pandemic was credit-worthy. He recalled how historically music played an inspiring and cohesive role in times of war and crisis and asserted that poets, singers and artists always scripted songs and music to bring out the valor of the people.

### **Shri Rajnath Singh speaks with French Minister of Armed Forces; Agrees to strengthen bilateral defence cooperation between India and France**

Shri Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister, Ministry of Defence held telephonic conversation with French Minister of Armed Forces and discussed matters of mutual concern including COVID-19 situation and regional security. Both countries agreed to strengthen their Bilateral Defence Cooperation and appreciated the efforts made by armed forces of India and France to fight COVID-19 pandemic. France reaffirmed its



commitment to ensure timely delivery of 'Rafale' Aircraft despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Shri Rajnath Singh speaks with US Defence Secretary over phone; reviews progress on bilateral defence cooperation arrangements**

Shri Rajnath Singh Union Defence Minister held telephonic conversation with US Secretary of Defence at the latter's request. The two Ministers briefed each other on the respective experience of fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and vowed to continue the excellent bilateral cooperation in this regard. They reviewed progress on various bilateral defence cooperation arrangements and expressed their commitment to further promote defence partnership.

### **Ministry of Science and Technology: Five tips on how to live with novel coronavirus**

Ministry of Science and Technology announced 5 tips on how to live with the corona-virus going forward. The Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India stated that the unlock 1.0 presently in force from June 2020 is the first step towards instilling normalcy in economy and life in a controlled and phased manner. With vaccine still months away, India should live in a new normal. By adopting five tips like use of mask, practice vigilant hand hygiene, maintain social distance, undertake test and tracking and isolation.

### **Ministry of Science and Technology through DST initiates COVID-19 India National Supermodel; to monitor infection transmission - aid decision-making by policymakers**

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) initiated a COVID -19 Indian National Supermodel to help monitor the future transmission of infection, to aid decisions involving health system readiness and other mitigation measures. It is imperative to bring in a robust forecasting models to predict the spread and enhance disease surveillance. Numerous mathematical models for Covid-19 forecasting and surveillance are being worked out by investigators funded by DST-SERB (Science and Engineering Research Board) and other agencies.

### **Ministry of Finance: Holds Meeting of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities**

Meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS countries- Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa was held recently. Finance Secretary shared with BRICS nations various measures taken by India to mitigate the effect of the pandemic on the taxpayers, deferment of compliance requirements, reduced rate of interest on delayed payments and reduction in withholding tax rates. He urged the BRICS nations to



share COVID-19 related tax measures taken by respective tax administrations from time to time in order to enhance understanding of the fiscal and economic impact of the pandemic and encourage further expedited recovery from impact of the pandemic.

### **Shri Piyush Goyal meets representatives of Traders Associations**

Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, met representatives of traders' association and assured that the nation had geared itself to fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and built capacities. The Minister referred to indicators of economic recovery that are on the anvil and emphasized that the Aatmanirbhar package of the Union Government provided for Rs 3 lakh Crore credit guarantee for MSME and also covered traders.

### **Ministry of Commerce and Industry announces Index of eight Core Industries for April, 2020**

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced the Index of Eight Core Industries for April 2020 that declined by 38.1% (provisional) compared to decline of 9 percent (provisional) from previous month of March 2020. In view of nationwide lockdown during April 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic, core industries of Coal, Cement, Steel, Natural Gas, Refinery, and Crude Oil experienced substantial loss of production.

### **Indian Railways: appeals to passengers**

Indian Railways ran 'Shramik' special trains throughout the country to ensure migrant movement to their respective States. It was observed that some people who availed this service had pre-existing medical conditions that aggravated health risks. In order to protect the vulnerable persons from COVID-19, Railways appealed that persons with co-morbidities like - hypertension, diabetes, cardio-vascular diseases, cancer, immune deficiency conditions, pregnancy, took special care or avoided travel by such trains, except in critical emergencies.

### **Tribal Affairs Ministry announces inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest produce items in Minimum Support Price List**

Ministry of Tribal Affairs announced inclusion of 23 additional Minor Forest Produce (MFP) items and stipulation of their Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Centrally sponsored Scheme. This decision enhanced coverage from 50 to 73 items in view of the exceptional and difficult circumstances currently prevailing in the country on account of COVID-19 pandemic. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs centrally sponsored scheme offers the much-needed support to the tribal MFP gatherers.



**Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution addresses the Media on the special achievements of the ministry in the last one year**

Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Union Minister lauded the work and performance of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution at the time of COVID-19 crisis and appreciated the focus of the Ministry in providing food grains and pulses to all PDS and Non-PDS card holders, migrant laborers and those who are not covered under any food grain scheme of the Central or the State Governments.

**Ministry of Defence: Mission Sagar continues; INS Kesari reaches and assists people of Madagascar**

The Ministry of Defence deployed Indian Naval ship Kesari that entered Port Antsiranana, Madagascar during end of May 2020 and continued the Indian Government's mission to provide essential medical and health assistance to friendly foreign countries in the COVID-19 pandemic. Indian Defence continued to run Indian Government's Mission Sagar in various destinations by sea.

**Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs: Surat Smart City takes key IT initiatives in COVID -19 management and containment**

Surat Municipal Corporation took various IT initiatives to fight COVID-19. Surat Municipal Corporation developed SMC COVID-19 Tracker System that includes a web portal and Mobile application named "SMC COVID-19 Tracker" to track people who have abroad or interstate travel history and persons who have come in direct contact with positive COVID-19 individuals.

**Delegation of leading Online Travel Agents (OTAs) meets Union Minister of State (I/C) for Tourism & Culture Shri Prahlad Singh Patel in New Delhi today. Discussions center around calibrated opening up of hotels and hygiene/safety issues**

A delegation of leading Online Travel Agents (OTAs) called upon Union Minister of State (I/C) Tourism & Culture, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel and discussed on calibrated opening of hotels and accommodation units under post lockdown protocols, related to safety and hygiene for accommodation units and other travel related activities.

**Government of India approves Rs 445 Crore for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Chhattisgarh during 2020-21**

Jal-Jeevan Mission is in implementation phase in various states of India. Government of India will fund Chhattisgarh Government to provide tap connections in rural households on priority during prevailing CoVid-19



situation, to reduce hardships of fetching water from public stand-posts and avoid formation of long queues. Government intends that the poor and marginalized sections of the society get water through tap connections inside their house premises.

### **Ministry of Food Processing Industry: Grievance cell of MoFPI resolves 581 out of 585 issues received from industry amid Covid-19 situation**

The grievance cell of Ministry of Food Processing Industries has resolved 581 issues out of 585 received, with proactive approach and timely redress. The MOFPI task force handled these issues with respective State governments and other relevant authorities including Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Home Affairs. The task force is assigned to remain connected with leading industry associations and food processors across the country to ensure industrial health and production.

### **Ministry of Science and Technology: Scales up COVID testing centres; uses hub and spoke model in National Research Laboratories and Universities**

The Science and Technology Ministry set up a Hub and Spoke Model to scale-up testing of COVID-19 samples and enhance national outreach. City and Regional clusters are established in government institutions across the country. Institutes and Laboratories which have the capacity and expertise for both sample collection, handling, processing and testing serve as the hubs and involve laboratories which have RT PCR machines and requisite manpower as their extended testing facilities.

### **Shri Piyush Goyal interacts with the Pharmaceutical industry and Associations; Lauds the Industry for rising to the occasion during the Covid crisis**

Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister Commerce and Industry interacted with the captains of the Pharmaceutical industry and office-bearers of the Pharma Associations, through a Video Conference. Shri Goyal lauded the pharma industry for support during the COVID-19 crisis. He said that India has been recognized as the 'Pharmacy of the World', as over 120 countries got essential medicines in the last two months that included 40 countries which were catered free of cost.

### **Ministry of Defence: DRDO develops Ultra Swachh for disinfection of PPEs and other materials**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a disinfection unit named Ultra Swachh to disinfect a wide range of materials, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs),



electronics items, fabrics, etc. The system uses an advanced oxidative process comprising of multiple barrier disruption approach using ozone-based Space Technology for disinfection.

**Ministry of Defence: Mission SAGAR: INS KESARI at Port of Moroni in Comoros**

As part of Mission Sagar, Indian Naval Ship Kesari entered Port of Moroni in Comoros. The Government of India in these difficult times stands to help friendly foreign Countries in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and towards the same INS Kesari carried a consignment of COVID related essential medicines for the people of Comoros.

**Indian Railways operationalizes 4155 “Shramik Special” trains till 2nd June, 2020 and transports more than 57 lacs passengers to their home states**

Indian Railways has run a total of 4155 “Shramik Special” trains from various states across the country. More than 57 lakh migrants have been transported to their home states in last 33 days. Trains have originated from various states. The top five States and Union Territories from where maximum trains originated are Gujarat (1027), Maharashtra (802), Punjab (416), Uttar Pradesh (288) and Bihar (294). Trains running presently are free from any congestion.

**Ministry of Rural Development: All-time high amount of Rs. 61,500 crore allocated under MGNREGA for the FY 2020-21; additional provision of Rs. 40,000 crore made for this programme under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to provide employment during COVID-19**

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister for Ministry of Rural Development announced that with a view to achieve transparency and accountability, the Government has taken all steps to achieve 100% payment of wages in the bank account of Mahatma Gandhi NREGA workers. He stated that for the Financial Year 2020-21, Rs.61,500/- crore has been allocated with an additional provision of Rs.40,000 crore under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan to provide employment to the needy workers, during COVID-19 scenario. A sum of Rs.28,000 crore is already released to the States and Union Territories.

**Ministry of Tribal Affairs: TRIFED extends all out support to Tribal Artisans in distress due to circumstances of Covid-19**

Ministry of Tribal Affairs through the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) launched all-out effort to support the tribal artisans in distress due to circumstances arising out of



Covid-19. It has announced an aggressive plan through its TRIBES India retail and e-Com platforms ([www.tribesindia.com](http://www.tribesindia.com)) to help artisans kick-start production and sales operations.

### **Ministry of Science and Technology: COVID-19 testing laboratory inaugurated in CSIR-NEIST, Jorhat**

Ministry of Science and Technology established a COVID-19 testing laboratory in Jorhat campus of the North East Institute of Science and Technology (NEIST).

### **Economists predict downward trend for Brazil's GDP 2020**

Brazil's financial analysts downgraded their economic growth forecast for 2020 by marking the 16th downward adjustment in a row said the Central Bank of Brazil

### **Telephonic conversation between Russian President Vladimir Putin and United States President Donald Trump**

Russian President Vladimir Putin had a phone conversation with his US counterpart President Trump at the initiative of the US side, discussing issues related to the Group of Seven (G7) Summit and oil markets.

### **President Xi Jinping hints Beijing may claim victory in doubling economy in 2020, despite pandemic**

President Xi Jinping said China has essentially doubled the size of its economy between 2010 and 2020. Its publication hints that China is giving itself leeway to declare victory on one of its key development goals this year

### **In Australia, stalled migration is bad news as faltering economy heads for first recession in 30 years**

Immigration in Australia is expected to fall 85 per cent in the financial year, June 2021, curbing demand for everything from cars, property, education and other items. Immigration is a politically divisive topic in Australia but there is a broad consensus that the country needs 200,000 to 300,000 annual intake to grow consumption demand and fill skills shortages.

### **China small factory activity rises in May as coronavirus lockdown ends**

Caixin manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rises to 50.7 in May from 49.4 in April. Manufacturers record fastest growth in nine years, but demand subdued due to continued decline in export orders.



### **Quality infrastructure more crucial than ever for Asia Pacific regions**

Infrastructure development has been a cornerstone of the Asia-Pacific region's successful growth and development strategy. A preview of what will follow the COVID-19 relief and recovery efforts can locate opportunities out of the crisis.

### **US consumption plunged 13.6% in April amid virus lockdowns**

US personal consumption plunged a record 13.6 percent in April, the first full month where businesses closed their doors and shoppers stayed home to stop the coronavirus, as per the Commerce Department.

### **Sweden will reopen universities and upper secondary schools from mid-June**

The universities and upper secondary schools will reopen from mid – June. Most students in upper secondary education will soon leave for their summer break, so the new recommendation will mostly have an impact on the autumn semester.

### **Bankruptcies in Sweden are back to normal levels**

New statistics from business and credit reference agency show that the sharp bankruptcy wave that the country experienced in recent months has now subsided. Bankruptcies are back to normal levels. In May, the number of bankruptcies increased by 5% compared to May last year.

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## **Central Advisories and Notifications**

### **Ministry of Home Affairs issued order to all Chief Secretaries and Administrators regarding extension of lockdown in containment zones upto 30 June 2020**

As per the order the lockdown is extended for the containment zones up to 30 June 2020. There will be phased reopening of activities in areas outside containment zones with stipulated procedures defined by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The states and UT's cannot dilute restrictions imposed vide the aforesaid guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs.

### **Ministry of Home Affairs has issued guidelines regarding extension of lockdown in containment zones up to 30 June 2020**

As per the order, all the activities are permitted outside the containment zone as the standard operating protocols prescribed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The activities will resume in three phases. Religious places /places for worship for public, hotels, restaurants and shopping malls will be allowed from 8 June 2020. In phase 2, the



opening of schools, colleges, educational institutes will be opened after consultation with States and UT's. In the last phase, based on the assessment of the situation, dates of re-starting of the following activities will be decided on international air travel of passengers, Metro Rail, Cinema halls, gymnasiums, theme parks etc.

### **Ministry of Home Affairs: Issues New Guidelines to fight COVID-19; effective from 1st June 2020**

Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued new guidelines to fight COVID-19 and for phased re-opening of areas outside the Containment Zones, today. The guidelines would come into effect from June 1, 2020 and would be effective till June 30, 2020. The current phase of re-opening, Unlock-1, will have an economic focus. The new guidelines have been issued based on extensive consultations held with States and UTs.

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## State Advisories and Notifications

### **Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has released an order regarding extension of lockdown in containment zones up to 30 June 2020**

As per the order, the lockdown is extended for the containment zones up to 30 June 2020. There will be a phased reopening of activities in areas outside containment zone with stipulated procedures defined by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. All the activities are permitted outside the containment zone as per the standard operating protocols prescribed by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Religious places /places for worship for public, hotels, restaurants and shopping malls will be allowed from 8 June 2020. Industrial activities are also permitted. Limited social gathering is permitted for marriages and funerals. There will no restriction on movement of goods and services within National Capital Territory of Delhi. The movement of individuals shall remain strictly prohibited between 9 pm to 5 am

### **Government of Himachal Pradesh has issued an order regarding constitution of a committee for giving Advisory for managing health work**

As per the order issued by the Government, a separate committee will be constituted for giving advisory for managing health work in COVID and non COVID areas. The committee will be headed by Director, medical education.



**Government of Himachal Pradesh has issued revised guidelines on preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID -19 in workplace**

As per the order issued, basic preventive measures include simple public measures that are to be followed to reduce the risk of infection. This includes social distancing, usage of face masks, sanitization etc. All offices must follow strict social distancing norms and guidelines issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

**Government of Tamil Nadu issued additional guidelines for COVID -19 Management, Testing and Quarantine strategy**

As per the guidelines issued no e pass is required for the movement of people within a zone if the person is moving from one zone to another zone. E-passes are mandatory. The registration is mandatory for all passengers travelling by train. Testing will done for all passengers coming from hotspots states like Maharashtra, Gujarat and Delhi. Home quarantine of 14 days is mandatory for all passengers.

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