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News Updates

Finance Minister announces Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus

The Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman today announced Rs 1.70 Lakh Crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against Corona Virus.

G20 nations to inject \$5 trillion to combat COVID-19

The G20 nations have agreed to collectively inject \$5 trillion into the world economy to counteract the social, economic and financial effects of the Covid-19 pandemic

DPIIT sets up a Control Room

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has set up a control room to monitor in real time the status of transportation and delivery of goods, manufacturing, delivery of essential commodities to common man and the difficulties being faced by various stakeholders during the lockdown period from 25.3.2020 to 14.4.2020.

India's Response To COVID-19 Will Define Its Future Global Role

Dr. Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director, World Health Organisation has said that the future of COVID-19 to a greater extent, will be determined by what happens in densely populated large countries. But it is more than just that. How India tackles this public health crisis will not just determine the future of COVID-19, it will reshape our world.

India readies massive COVID-19 testing plan

In a move that indicates India is readying for massive novel coronavirus (COVID-19) testing, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has sought price quotes for the supply of 10 lakh antibody kits (serological test) for diagnosis of COVID-19. The decision marks a clear shift in India's approach towards COVID-19 testing as ICMR, which is spearheading the coronavirus diagnosis efforts, has till March 25 tested only 25,144 samples from 24,254 individuals.

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- In order to assure steady and quick medical services as movement of people has been restricted in the 21-day coronavirus lockdown, the government of India has issued a set of guidelines for telemedicine or remote delivery of medical services.
- Further, the government is likely to launch a smartphone application to help users check if they crossed paths with patients who tested positive for coronavirus. Both apps – the one developed by MeitY, and the other, by the Niti Aayog, were being beta-tested and examined.
- A new series of clinical trials is set to begin this week with the Bacillus Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine — the 100-year-old tuberculosis vaccine — to help fight Covid-19.

Chinese factories are beginning to buzz again while rest of the world comes to a halt

A recovery in the world's second-largest economy provides some relief for global manufacturers in the months ahead as the outbreak continues to wreak havoc in Europe, U.S., India and Latin America.

Joint statement by UK banks and the Bank of England on Covid-19

The Bank of England and the Government have worked closely with the major banks to put in place a range of measures which give enormous scope to the financial system to provide help to both businesses and households during these extraordinary times. The UK's banks are in a strong position to provide further support to the economy and are ready and willing to do so.

The Supreme Committee for Dealing with COVID-19, Sultanate of Oman issues new decisions to combat the spread of Corona virus.

All domestic and international flights to and from the Sultanate's airports will be suspended, starting from March 29, 2020. Ministry of Health has announced the "Special Bank Account" for those who wish to contribute to help reduce the burden of the SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) pandemic. The Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry also announced that it would contribute USD 2.6 million to the job safety fund with an additional approval of another USD 2.6 million to support the government in its fight against COVID-19.

Tunisian Prime Minister Elyes Fakhfakh announces creation of a National COVID-19 Monitoring Authority

The Tunisian Prime Minister has announced a series of exceptional measures costing 2.5 billion dinars (\$850 million) to protect Tunisians and preserve the country's economy, to alleviate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. These include measures to preserve jobs guarantee incomes for workers, employees, civil servants and measures for businesses, especially small and medium enterprises (SMEs)

Medical fitness test waived, residency visas to be automatically renewed for labourers, domestic helpers in the UAE

Labourers and domestic workers whose residency visas and labour permits has expired will be exempted from medical fitness tests and their visas will be renewed automatically. The automatic renewal applies only to those working for establishments as well as domestic service workers, according to the announcement.

United Kingdom Government sets up Ministerial structures to coordinate response to coronavirus

The Prime Minister has set up new ministerial structures to coordinate, prioritise and respond to the coronavirus pandemic across government. Four new implementation committees focusing on health, public sector preparedness, economy and international response, will feed into a new daily C-19 meeting, which will be chaired by the Prime Minister.

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

The Government of Canada is taking significant and decisive action to help Canadians facing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Coronavirus death toll passes 1,000 in US. \$2 trillion measure to aid workers, businesses, and the healthcare system.

The United States has registered more than 1,000 COVID-19 deaths as the country confirmed more than 69,000 cases. The US Senate passed a sweeping \$2 trillion measure to aid workers, businesses, and the healthcare system.

China ready to boost global coordination, confidence against COVID-19

China is willing to share prevention, control and treatment experience with Germany, strengthen cooperation in vaccine and drug research and development, and contribute to the health and wellbeing of both peoples and global public health security.

China Government seeking to stabilize employment

The Chinese Central Government is seeking to stabilize employment and help companies to minimize losses caused by novel coronavirus.

Chinese state-owned telecom companies remain reluctant on big 5G investments

China's three largest mobile telecom companies are approaching the country's 5G expansion with caution in a sign of how government ambitions for a swift rollout are clashing with industry's desire to keep a tight rein on spending and reward investors.

Coronavirus forces Asian airlines to ground over 1,000 planes

The air space above Asia is quickly becoming jetliner-free now that airline operators are grounding most of their planes, and in some cases entire fleets, as the coronavirus crisis rages and demand plunges. In seven economies that have imposed lockdowns or border control measures, over 1,000 airplanes are now parked on tarmacs.

World Bank Group increases COVID-19 response to \$14 Billion to help sustain economies, protect jobs

The World Bank and its member International Finance Corporation approved today an increased \$14 billion package of fast-track financing to assist companies and countries in their efforts to prevent, detect and respond to the rapid spread of COVID-19. The package will strengthen national systems for public health preparedness, including for disease containment, diagnosis, and treatment, and support the private sector.

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issues circular on further relaxation of compliance with certain provisions.

SEBI issued circular on further relaxations from compliance with certain provisions of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 (LODR) and the SEBI circular dated January 22, 2020 relating to Standard Operating Procedure due to the CoVID - 19 virus pandemic.

Cabinet approves extension of Rebate in Taxes on Export of Garments and Made-ups

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has given its approval for continuation of Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) from 1 April, 2020 onward until such time that the scheme is merged with Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP).

Central Advisories and Notifications

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) gives extension of time to all Renewable Energy projects under implementation.

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy tweeted extension of time to all Renewable Energy projects under implementation in consideration of lockdown period.

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare notifies retail selling of drug to the doorstep of consumers to meet the requirements of emergency arising due to pandemic COVID-19

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has notified retail selling of drugs by licensee to the doorstep of consumers by licensee subject to the condition that any such sale of a drug specified in Schedule H and shall be based on receipt of prescription physically or through e-mail and such sale of drugs, subject to certain conditions.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology issues advisory to curb false news/misinformation on Coronavirus.

Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology in its advisory has requested all social media platforms intermediaries to initiate awareness campaign for their users not to upload any false or misleading news on COVID-19 and to promote authentic information only.

State Advisories and Notifications

Government of West Bengal creates “West Bengal State Emergency Relief Fund” for emergencies.

The State Government has created a “West Bengal Emergency Relief Fund” for emergencies like COVID-19 and has made an appeal to all to contribute and assist the State.

Government of West Bengal’s notification on exceptions and exemptions provided in the State during the lockdown period.

The State Government notifies through its order on exceptions and exemptions of services in the State during the lockdown period in view of the epidemic of the coronavirus.

Government of Punjab designates Rajindra Hospital, Patiala, as treatment-cum-isolation facility for COVID-10 patients.

MCH Wing of Rajinder Hospital, Patiala has been designated as treatment-cum-isolation facility for COVID-19 patients.

Government of Punjab notification on list of hospitals and isolation facilities in State for COVID-19 patients.

The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Punjab notifies of the list of hospitals and isolation facilities for the COVID-19 patients in the State.

Government of Andhra Pradesh to release INR 5 lakhs to seven Medical colleges of the State, for testing of COVID-19 samples and directs them to engage appropriate Manpower for next six months.

The State Government has identified seven Medical Colleges for testing of COVID-19 samples. These colleges have been directed to have adequate staffing for next six months. An amount of INR 5 lakhs shall also be released to these colleges for purchasing of Lab consumables and other safety utilities.

Government of Tamil Nadu forms nine coordination teams along with senior IAS officers to address issues arising out of measures taken in view of COVID-19.

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International Advisories and Notifications

Singapore announces Supplementary “Resilience Budget” in response to COVID-19 pandemic.

Singapore’s Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mr Heng Swee Keat announced the Supplementary “Resilience” Budget. This is further to the Unity budget that was announced 5 weeks ago to support workers, businesses and households in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To meet these challenging times, Singapore has provided a \$48 BILLION RESILIENCE BUDGET to support Singaporeans and businesses.

US Embassy in Delhi issues Health alert and requests all US citizens in India to comply with Indian law and obey directions from law enforcement officers, in view of the nationwide lockdown to prevent spread of COVID-19.

The US Mission to India has requested all its citizens in India to comply with the law in view of the nationwide lockdown to contain spread of Corona virus. Further it has also informed that US Embassy is working with US Department of State and airline companies to arrange flights from to India to US for its citizens.

European Commission- Press Release: Commission presents practical guidance to ensure continuous flow of goods across EU via green lanes.

The coronavirus pandemic is having a major disruptive impact on European transport and mobility. The European supply chain is maintained through an extensive network of freight transport services, including all modes of transport. In order to keep the EU-wide supply chains to operate during the COVID-19 pandemic, Commission issued guidelines on how to implement border management.

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