OUR PREDICTION CAME TRUE

**S K Gupta and K M Prasad   appointed Members of the CBDT on March 25**

(WE  SAID THIS ON MARCH 23, 2020)

**Gupta and Prasad to be Members of CBDT?**

Names of S K Gupta and K M Prasad are believed to have been cleared for the post of Member in the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). Both are 1984 batch IRS (IT) officers.

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Great achievement ! A milestone to recall nostalgically later ! Great , Sir. Keep up to 100cr.

B P Pandey

**Whispersinthecorridors asks editorial staff to work from home (colour)**

Whispersinthecorridors has asked its editorial staff to work from home as an effective step towards Coronavirus prevention. All its editors and desk staff are working from home. Whispersinthecorridors is the only media in  the country which is keeping its surfers informed about the latest developments in bureaucracy and corporate world while others are engrossed with the news flooded on Corona virus alone. It is our endeavour to keep every one informed about the happenings related to governance and we are fulfilling it in the most difficult of times.

This is History (2092)

If the blanket of man’s fate has been woven black, even the waters of Zam Zam and Kausar cannot wash it white.

**Has Congress many voice?**

Congress leaders are not on the same page when it comes to oppose or criticize the Modi led NDA govt. The difference in their views on every issue is a clear indication that these  leaders do not like each other's opinion. As Observers put it, the party has three voices on almost all issue- Rahul- Priyanka has one voice, Party high command and coterie has second voice and young Turks and regional leaders raise their own voice(views).

**Post retirement assignments of CJIs becoming a norm ?**

Post retirement political assignments of CJIs have been happening with regularity - First it was Mohammed Hidayatullah as Vice President of India as Congress candidate, then Ranganath Misra entered Rajya Sabha as Congress MP, then P Sathasivam as Kerala Governor and now Ranjan Gogoi.

**Will Shivraj Singh be dominated by the ex-Congress leaders ?**

In the new regime it is widely believed that Shivraj Singh will be dominated by the former Congress MLA’s who owe allegiance to Jyotiraditya Scindia.

BUREAUCRACY

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**Secretary level postings in April**

As per available indications, Secretary level postings and reshuffle is likely to take place in April, probably after Parliament session is over on April 3. Four Secretaries- Health, Expenditure, MSME and Border Management- are retiring in April. 6 posts of secretaries are already vacant. These are- Culture, School Education & Literacy, PMO, Secretary (Security), President Secretariat and NIITI Aayog.

**Sukhdeo Singh to be new Chief Secretary of Jharkhand ?**

If all goes well, 1987 batch IAS officer Sukhdeo Singh will succeed Dr D K Tiwari as Chief Secretary of Jharkhand on April 1.

**20 IAS officers retiring in March**

As many as 20 IAS officers of various cadres and batches are retiring in March 2020. The officers include:  Silvester Kharlyngdoh, Debeswar Malakar, Ranjan Kr Chakraborty, Dr Chandrima Baruah,  Madan Chandra Deka,  Nazrul Islam of Assam-Meghalaya cadre;  C P Nema of Gujarat; Manzoor Ahmad Lone of Jammu & Kashmir; Dr Devendra Kumar Tiwari of Jharkhand; Sudhi Ranjan Mohanty, Pati Ram Katroliya and Ajay Kumar Sharma of Madhya Pradesh; Bishwanath Acharya of Odisha; Gurloveleen Singh Sidhu of Punjab; Dr Satya Pal Singh Bharia of Rajasthan; M Jagadeeswar and Dr A Ashok of Telangana; Rajeev Rautela of UP; Dorjee Eden Gyamtso and Himangshujyoti C of West Bengal.

**Banking appointments of top brass unlikely to be impacted**

Banking world at the highest level positions has shifted to video conferencing mode for now to manage operations. The appointments of top executives in both private and public sector banks is unlikely to be affected by lock downs.

**Lok Sabha TV CEO’s tenure ends**

Term of  Lok Sabha TV CEO Ashish Joshi  is reportedly coming to an end this month end. In view of the proposed merger of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha TV new CEO is unlikely to be appointed.

**Amarendra Kumar Dubey gets posting as Admn Member of CAT’s Principal Bench**

Amarendra Kumar Dubey, former Union Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, has been given posting as Administrative Member, Principal Bench of CAT. He is a 1982 batch retired IAS officer of Kerala cadre.

**NHAI orders opening of Toll Plazas despite protest by operators ?**

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has ordered opening of Toll Plazas. Toll Operating Agencies have, however,  expressed their inability in continuing tolling operations due to fear of spread of COVID-29, financial viability and new toll operating agencies are unable to sign contract agreement and commence tolling.

**Dr Renu Swarup continues as Secretary, Biotechnology till April 30**

Dr Renu Swarup will continue as Secretary, Department of Biotechnology till April 30, 2020, the date of her superannuation.

**Rajesh Aggarwal appointed Govt Nominee on ONGC Board**

Rajesh Aggarwal  Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) has been nominated as a Government Nominee Director on the Board of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation . He is a 1989 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

**First phase of Census postponed**

Due to outbreak of Corona virus pandemic and declaration of lockdown, the first phase of Census-2021 and update of NPR has been postponed till further orders. This was to begin from April 1 this year.

**Cabinet approves recapitalization of RRB**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, has given its approval for continuation of the process of recapitalization of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) by providing minimum regulatory capital to RRBs for another year beyond 2019-20, that is, up to 2020-21 for those RRBs which are unable to maintain minimum Capital to Risk weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of 9%, as per the regulatory norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank of India.

**Passenger trains to remain cancelled till April 14**

Ministry of Railways has extended the cancellation of all Mail/Express trains, including premium trains, passenger trains, suburban trains and metro trains shall till April 14, 2020. Freight trains operations will continue.

**Around one dozen IAS officers from MP yet to file IPR**

Around one dozen IAS officers from Madhya Pradesh have not filed Immovable Property Return (IPR).

**Sanjeev Shrivastava granted Non-Functional Upgradation to HAG**

Sanjeev Shrivastava, Joint Controller General of Accounts, CGA office, New Delhi, has been granted Non-Functional Upgradation (NFU) to Higher Administrative Grade (HAG). He is a 1990 batch ICAS officer.

**Varghese transferred along with post**

Prasar Bharati Secretariat has transferred Raju Varghese DDG, (B&R) South Zone, Thiruvanathapuram to AIR, Thiruvananthapuram along with the post. He will continue to look after his earlier charge also. He is an IBES officer.

**Last date extended**

Deptt of Telecommunication has extended the last date of submission of application for the post of Director (Finance) for Indian Telephone Industries (ITI). Now interested can apply till April 30, 2020.

**Toll collection suspended**

Govt has ordered the suspension of Toll collection at NHAI toll plazas. This step has taken to ease essential services.

 Satyendra Kumar gets addl charge of CM Helpline in UP for Coronavirus prevention

Satyendra Kumar, Special Secretary, Primary Education Department , Uttar Pradesh has been handed over additional charge of CM Helpline for Coronavirus prevention and treatment. He is an IAS officer of UP cadre of 2013 batch.

Ramesh Ranjan gets addl charge of CM Helpline in UP for Coronavirus prevention

Ramesh Ranjan, Joint MD, Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam has been handed over additional charge of CM Helpline for Coronavirus prevention and treatment.He is an IAS officer of UP cadre of 2013 batch.

CORPORATE

**Ms Kamat appointed Independent Director** **of Indoco Remedies**

Indoco Remedies Limited has appointed Ms Vasudha V Kamat as Independent Director of the company w.e.f. March 27, 2020.

**Batra quits as Non Exec. Director of Cravatex Ltd.**

Rajiv Batra has quit as a Non-Executive Director of Cravatex Ltd. due to his preoccupation.

FORUM

**Highly commendable**

At the time of this COVID crisis all extraordinary efforts done by Central and State Govts. are highly commendable and any word of praise will be less, Yes I would express my gratitude by expressing that first time in the independent history of India such an expression and resolve of the state for welfare measure has been demonstrated. May i add that this is the situation where today India have more than 2-3 lakh MBBS qualified students are sitting idle at home for furthering their progression for higher studies but are at home without gainful employment and the irony is at this time of crisis their services could have been utilized to tackle this menace. I hope concerned authorities will take notice of this and make use of them.

Arun Sharma