OUR PREDICTION CAME TRUE

US-based Marketwatch.com on March 25, 2020 citing experts said China will emerge from the Corona virus stronger than the US.

**(WE SAID THIS ON MARCH 20, 2020)**

**China and Corona Virus**

Corona Virus it is said, is creation of China- reason China is going to buy High Tech US company shares at a cheap price. It means this world crisis is China versus US.

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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**

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 (2093)

Men have many faults, women only two: Everything they say, and everything they do.

**Coronvirus: new war of words between US-China**

Coronavirus pandemic has increased the war of word between two powers- China and US. Both countries are accusing each other for the spread of this pandemic. Who is real culprit behind this, will be known to the world at an appropriate time.

**Pl do not call it "China Virus" China requests India ?**

Outbreak of Coronavirus has dented/ defamed China's image world wide, it seems. And it is now on an image building mode. According to sources, during a telephonic conversation with Foreign Minister of India this week, the Chinese counter part has reportedly requested him not to call Coronavirus a "China virus". Will such PR exercise work ?

BUREAUCRACY

**Will Mohapatra be new Secretary Petroleum ?**

Guru Prasad Mohapatra is likely to succeed M M Kutty as Secretary Petroleum on May 1. He is 1986 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Will Ajoy Mehta continue or Sanjay Kumar be CS of Maharashtra ?**

There are chances of Maharashtra Chief Secretary Ajoy Mehta’s extension on March 31 till Corona crisis is over. If no extension then 1984 batch IAS officer Sanjay Kumar  will take over as Chief Secretary  on April 1. One can wait and watch.

**Exercise is on for Repealing of Pension Act-1871**

Deptt of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare under the Ministry of Pers has started exercise to repeal the Pension Act-1871. According to information the govt thinks that the present pension act is an old Act promulgated in 1871. While some sections of this Act are related to Pension but some other provisions of the Act are related to land revenue etc. Ministry has requested all stake holders to send their comment so that a meeting could be convened with all the stakeholders to finalize the issue at the earliest.

**12 IPS officers retiring in March**

As many as 12 IPS officers of various cadres and batches are retiring in March 2020. The officers include:  Ajay Kashyap of AGMUT cadre; Rakesh Kumar Mishra of Bihar; M Sulaiman Salaria of J&K cadre; Jamaludheen A K of Kerala; K N Tiwari and R K Arusia of MP; Aloka Prabhakar, T Krishna Prasad of Sikkim;  S Javeed Ahmad, Virendra Kumar, Bhawesh Kumar Singh, Duli Lukaratnam of UP cadre.

**IRS-C&CE officer, Sadhu Narasimha Reddy joins AP Govt on deputation**

Sadhu Narasimha Reddy, Additional Commissioner of GST and Central Excise, Visakhapatnam, has joined the Government of Andhra Pradesh on deputation initially for a period of three years. Reddy, who belongs to a 2006 batch IRS-C&CE officer, has been posted as Special Secretary Finance Department with additional charge of Special Commissioner, Commercial Taxes.

**Ex-IAS officers have better chance to be Non Exec Chairman of pvt banks**

RBI seems very firm on not allowing any retiring top executive of private banks at the age of 70 to be considered for post of Non Executive Chairman. This means the only eligible candidates could be former IAS officers who have held significant posts in the Finance Ministry before retirement.

**Dr Navneet Mohan Kothari appointed Govt Nominee on IOCL Board**

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has nominated Dr Navneet Mohan Kothari as Government Nominee Director on the Board of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd on co-terminus basis .He is an IAS officer of 2001 Batch of Madhya Pradesh Cadre.

**Women officers in IAF can also assume administrative roles**

All officers in the Indian Air Force including women are combatants by definition, who may also hold administrative positions at various stages in their career.

**EPS Pensioners to get pension by March 30**

Central Provident Fund Commissioner (CPFC) has directed to process pension payments in all 135 offices of EPFO in advance so that 65 lakh pensioners have no inconvenience on account of nationwide lock down for containing Covid-19 outbreak.

**Rakesh Gupta gets posting as Admn Member, CAT, Bengaluru Bench**

Rakesh Kumar Gupta, former Secretary, UPSC retired has been given posting as Administrative Member at Bengaluru Bench of CAT. He is a 1986 batch IAS officer of Jammu & Kashmir cadre.

**IPS Assn all praise for officers helping the needy**

IPS Association is all praise for officers who are committed to helping the needy in the current COVID-19 scenario.

**IAS Assn praises DMs across country for maintaining essential supplies & services**

IAS Association has all praise for district magistrates across the country leading from the front to ensure maintenance of essential supplies and services.

**Deputation tenure of Kumar Vaibhav Gaur extended**

The central deputation tenure of Kumar Vaibhav Gaur - presently working as Director, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) - has been extended for a period of two years upto March 29, 2022. He is a 2002 batch IOFS officer.

**Mrs Esha Srivastava appointed Govt Nominee on GAIL (India) Ltd Board**

The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas has nominated Mrs Esha Srivastava, Director (Independent Charge),  Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas  as a Government Nominee Director on the Board of GAIL (India) Ltd. She is an Indian Foreign Service Officer of 2004 batch.

**Prashant Kumar is MD & CEO, YES Bank**

Prashant Kumar has been nominated as Managing Director and CEO of YES Bank after re-constitution of Board.

**Board of YES Bank re-constituted**

Board of YES Bank has been re-constituted comprising following persons with effect from March 26, 2020. Sunil Mehta has been nominated as Non-Executive Chairman, while Mahesh Krishnamurti and Atul Bheda will be Non-Executive Directors and R Gandhi Additional Director appointed by RBI; Ananth Narayan Gopalkrishnan as Additional Director, appointed by RBI; Partha Pratim Sengupta as Director, nominated by SBI; Swaminathan Janakiraman as Director nominated by SBI.

**MP Govt assigns new duties to eight senior IPS officers**

The Madhya Pradesh Government has assigned new duties to eight senior Indian Police Service officers. Accordingly, Rajiv Tandon has been posted as In-charge DG, EOW, Sushobhan Banerjee  posted as ADG J.N.P.A, Sagar, Dr S W Naqvi  posted as ADG PHQ, Bhopal, Upendra Kumar Jain posted as ADG, Bhopal Zone, Mrs Pragya Richa Srivastava  posted as ADG, AJAK, PHQ, Bhopal, Adarsh Katiyar posted as ADG, Intelligence, PHQ, Bhopal, D C Sagar has been posted as ADG, Disaster Management and Home Guard and Makrand Deuskar has been posted as OSD to Chief Minister.

**Hardly any Board meetings of companies scheduled for now**

Hardly any Board meetings are happening in the corporate world for now as most companies are busy safeguarding staff from Coronavirus.

**Two state govts abolished SAT**

Two state govts- Odisha and Andhra Pradesh- have abolished State Administrative Tribunals (SAT) in their respective states. SAT , Odisha was wind up in August last year while Andhra Pradesh SAT was abolished in January this year.

**Ex-servicemen Rules amended**

Govt has amended Ex-servicemen(Re-employment in central civil services  and posts) Rules - 1979  and has been renamed as Ex-servicemen Rules-2020. According to this now "Short Service Commissioned Officers released from service after completing initial terms of engagement otherwise than by way of dismissal or discharge on account of misconduct or inefficiency and have been given gratuity shall be eligible to the status of Ex-servicemen". DoPT has already issue notification in this regard. Before this Ex-servicemen Rules was amended in October 2012.

**No GCC countries Consulate in Kerala as no proposals received**

The Central Government has informed that the Ministry of External Affairs is not in receipt of any proposal for the establishment of Consulate in Kerala by any of the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries.

**Over two dozen IAS officers from Bihar yet to file IPR**

More than two dozen IAS officers from Bihar have not filed Immovable Property Return (IPR).

**S S Dubey granted Non-Functional Upgradation to HAG**

S S Dubey, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs, New Delhi, has been granted Non-Functional Upgradation (NFU) to Higher Administrative Grade (HAG). He is a 1989 batch ICAS officer.

**J B Mahapatra appointed as PCCIT, AP& Telangana**

J B Mahapatra has been appointed as PCCIT, AP & Telengana. He is an IRS-IT officer.

 Will Raghubir Lal be new Joint Secretary (Security) Lok Sabha ?(UPDATED)

Raghubir is likely to be appointed new Joint Secretary(Security) Lok Sabha. He is 1997 batch IPS officer of UP cadre.

CORPORATE

**Ajay D Biyani appointed MD of Damodar Industries**

Damodar Industries Ltd has appointed Ajay D. Biyani as Managing Director of the company w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Munj quits as CS of Sumit Woods**

Ms. Sayli Munj has quit as Company Secretary of Sumit Woods.

**Ms. Chitturi appointed Addl Dir of Centum Electronics**

Centum Electronics Limited has appointed Ms Kavitha Dutt Chitturi  as an Additional Director of the company.

**Sivaraman quits as CS of Indrayani Biotech Ltd.**

Sankaranarayan Sivaraman has quit as Company Secretary of Indrayani Biotech Ltd.

FORUM

**Urgent Need for Guidelines for Resident Welfare Associations**

Recently it was reported in News Papers that some RWA office bearers were not allowing Airline crews, Doctors etc to return to their own home. At some places tenants were asked to vacate their flats. Do the RWAs have power to take such decisions? Do they enjoy statutory powers?? In many private colonies (including DDA flats) RWAs have constructed gates on lanes/bylanes (these belong to MCD) and keep them Locked even DURING DAY TIME. This is against the guidelines/rules issued by MCD on the direction of High Court. They also collect money from Fruit/Vegetable moving Vendors for allowing them inside the colony!! Added to this, RWAs collect money from owners/builders while carrying out repair or rebuilding. Who has given them this authority? This is within the purview of MCD.

In multi storied apartments  all over the country, as reported in News Papers, the associations prevents owners from letting their apartment on rent to Students, Bachelors, single woman or persons from certain religion/caste. Their plea is that such rules have been incorporated in their byelaws and approved by AGM. But the Basic question is whether such byelaws which are violative of our CONSTITUTION be legal not withstanding the fact that it has been approved by AGM? Unfortunately Registrar of Societies/Cooperative Societies do not scrutinise the bye laws thoroughly.

The recent Lockdown has also brought out the High handedness of RWAs (as reported in Papers).

In view of this I would request Government of India to issue fresh Guidelines for RWAs indicating what they can do and what they can not do immediately.

S Gopal