What people say about us !

Hats off to you for carrying on your work in adverse conditions.

D P Devgan

This is History (2097)

The great leaders have always stage-managed their effects.

**Will Trump's crusade affect Presidential election in US ?**

In US, President elections are scheduled this year. And President Donald Trump is facing tough challenges on both fronts - inside and out side. American govt has waged a strategical war against China for the spread of Coronavirus in the world. Even ruling party leaders are calling it ‘Wuhan virus’ and ‘China virus’. Now the question is - will such a strategy help Trump ?

**RSS proves again**

In the entire country, RSS Volunteers are doing great service at the time of crisis. What about the frontal organisations of the other political parties ?

**WHO and Chinese contribution ?**

It is said that in the functioning of the WHO, China is the highest contributor as far as finances are concerned. A subject of research.

BUREAUCRACY

**P K Dash is last serving AIS officer**

Member (CBDT) P K Dash  is the last serving 1982 batch All India Service officer. All the 1982 batch AIS officers have retired barring the Cabinet Secretary who is on two years tenure after the superannuation.

**Bonanza for defence top brass if retirement age changed to 62 !**

It could be a major bonanza for the top brass of the three wings of the defence forces if the Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat approves the retirement age of officers to 62 years. The proposal it was learnt is at an initial stage right now.

**Syed Akbaruddin retiring in April ; may get special extension ?**

Whispers are that India’s permanent representative to UN, Syed Akbaruddin who is retiring in April 2020 is likely to get six month's extension as a special case in the current COVID19 situation. He is an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 batch.

**CIC convenes first digital conference**

Central Information Commission (CIC)  headed by Bimal Julka convened its first digital conference that lasted one hour on March 31. Decision was taken to implement digital technology for adjudication of cases without physical presence of the parties. Weekly review shall be undertaken to iron out issues if any.

**Sandeep Bhatnagar is also Member (Customs), CBIC**

Sandeep M Bhatnagar, Member (Investigation), CBIC, has been assigned an additional charge of Member (Customs), CBIC.

**Centre hires services of Sudhanshu Pant for two months**

Sudhanshu Pant, who has served as Joint Secretary, Health in the Government of India, has been deputed to the same Department in Government of India for a period of two months in view of on-going management of COVID-19. Pant, who is a 1991 batch IAS officer, is presently in his Rajasthan cadre.

**Kanungo re-appointed Dy Governor RBI**

B P Kanungo has been re-appointed Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India for a further period of one year with effect from April 3, 2020, or until further orders.

***(We said this on March 12)***

**Justice Sheo Kumar Singh posted at NGT, WZB, Pune**

Justice Sheo Kumar Singh, Judicial Member, National Green Tribunal has been transferred and posted at NGT, WZB, Pune w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Sinha's tenure extended for two years**

The tenure of foreign assignment of Pawan Kumar Sinha has been extended for two years beyond March 28, 2020 up to March 28, 2022. He is a 1988 batch IRS (C&CE) officer presently posted as Director, Academy of Programmes in the International  Anti- Corruption Academy (IACA), Laxenburg, Austria.

**Verma will be new Advisor, Karnataka LSA**

Deptt of DoT has transferred four senior  Group-A ITS officer. Accordingly, Harish Kumar Verma has been promoted and transferred to Advisor, Karnataka LSA, Bengaluru, Bharat Kumar Jog has been transferred from Karnataka to DoT Hq as Advisor, Operation, Tushar Kanti Paul is coming from West Bengal to Delhi LSA as Advisor and K. Ram Chand joins as Advisor , Tarrif, in DoT hq.

**Goyal appointed Member CERC**

Arun Goyal has been appointed as Member, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). He is former 1985 batch IAS officer of UT cadre.

***(We said this on Jan 27 )***

**Rajiv Sharma lost to Arun Goyal**

In the corridors of power people say, Former CMD of PFC Rajiv Sharma was the strongest candidate for the post of Member CERC. It is believed that  he lost  to  Arun Goyal now considered to be  victory of IAS.

**UBI’s HR harmonization complete; meetings continue**

Whispers are that Union Bank of India’s HR harmonization with Corporation Bank and Andhra Bank has been completed before the merger deadline of April 1, 2020. The top management of three banks continue to meet and discuss further moves.

**No extension to Central Govt employees retired on March 31**

The Government of India has retired all its employees attaining the age of superannuation on March 31, 2020 from service on the same date whether they were working from either home or office.

**No 1984 batch IDES officer is in service**

All 1984 batch IDES officers have retired and one each from 1985 and 1986 are working officers. According to the seniority list, no officers from 1987 & 1988 are working. The sole officer of 1986 batch Aalok Gupta is scheduled to retire this year in June while Prachur Goyal, the only 1985 batch IDES officer will retire next year in July. However, Deepa Bajwa,the only 1983 batch serving IDES officer - presently DG,DE and will attain the age of superannuation in May 2021. In such a scenario, the next DG,DE likely to be appointed from 1989 batch because there won't be any officer from 1984 to 1988 batches by that time.

**ITS Officers contribute one-day salary to PM Cares Fund**

The Association of Indian Telecom Service Officers (ITSA) has resolved to contribute a one-day salary to the Prime Minister's Cares Fund towards COVID-19 control.

**Re-employment tenure of Anil Gulati as OSD, Central Agency Section ends**

The tenure of Anil Kumar Gulati, who was re-appointed as Officer on Special Duty in Central Agency Section, Department of Legal Affairs, has come to an end on March 31, 2020. He is a 1984 batch retired IRPS officer.

**Niten Chandra, Secretary is also OSD, Central Agency Section**

Niten Chandra, Secretary, Central Information Commission (CIC), has been assigned an additional charge of Officer on Special Duty, Central Agency Section, Department of Legal Affairs at Additional Secretary level. He is a 1990 batch IAS officer of Orissa cadre.

**BHEL’s Bangalore Unit likely to manufacture ventilators**

The Bangalore Unit of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) is expected to be entrusted with manufacturing ventilators for NOIDA based firm in order to meet the demand of ventilators for medical emergency due to the pandemic of COVID-19. The Unit is expected to be ordered to produce in double-quick time in nation’s interest.

**Reshuffle of IAS officers in MP**

A number of IAS officers have been given new assignments in Madhya Pradesh. Accordingly, Ashok Barnwal has been appointed as Principal Secretary, Forests, while Aniruddha Mukherjee was made Principal Secretary, Small Industries and Rural Industries and Dr Masood Akhtar is Managing Director, SC Finance & Development Corporation. Similarly,  A P Shrivastava has been appointed as DG, RCVP Naronha Academy of Administration and Management; Dr Ashok Kumar Bhargava, Rewa Commissioner, gets additional charge of Shahdol division; B Chandrashekhar as Commissioner, Tribal Development and Commissioner SC Development in addition; Illaiya Raja T as Director, Small Scale Industries and MD, Laghu Nigam & Director, Aviation in addition and Manish Rastogi was given additional charge of Principal Secretary, Public Services Management; Nandkumaram gets additional charge of Executive Director, State Public Service Authority and Mission Director, Integrated Social Security Mission and Dhanraju S is assigned an additional charge of Director, Professional Examination Board, Bhopal;  Lokesh Kumar Jatav as Commissioner, Rajya Siksha Kendra & ex-officio Secretary, School Education; Airin Cynthia J P as Director, Budget and Ashish Vashisth was posted as Additional Collector, Bhopal.

**PESB extends last dates for submission of applications**

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has informed that on account of unprecedented situation of the lockdown due to COVID-19 all vacancies whose last dates for submission of applications are falling during the lockdown period stands extended by the number of days of lockdown respectively.

**Reshuffle of IPS officers in MP**

As many as eight IPS officers have been shifted in Madhya Pradesh. Accordingly, Kailash Makwana has been appointed as ADG, CID, PHQ, Bhopal, while S K Jha was made ADG, Telecommunications, PHQ, Bhopal and Dr S W Naqvi is ADG, Narcotics, PHQ, Bhopal. Similarly, V K Maheshwari has been appointed as ADG, STF, PHQ, Bhopal; Ashok Awasthi as ADG, Grievances, PHQ, Bhopal; Gaurav Rajput as DIG, PHQ, Bhopal; Ms Ruchi Vardhan Mishra as DIG, Ratlam range and Tilak Singh was made DIG, Khargone range.

Corporation Bank MD & CEO P V Bharathi denied extension; retires (UPDATED)

Corporation Bank MD & CEO P V Bharathi has been denied service extension.She retired from service on March 31, 2020.There were speculations earlier that she may get six month's extension as Corporation Bank was merging with Union Bank of India on April 1, 2020 and her services might be required in some other capacity to formalize the merger process.

Dilip Kumar Patel takes over as Director (HR), NTPC (UPDATED)

Dilip Kumar Patel has taken charge as Director (HR) of NTPC on Wednesday. He has been the HR Head in various NTPC projects like NSPCL Bhilai, Sipat, and Tanda for around 12 years. He was also the Regional Head of HR in the Eastern Region-2, before being appointed as the Director (HR).

**Four DG level IPS officers get new assignments in UP (UPDATED)**

Vishwajit Patra has been appointed as DG, CBCID, while Chandra Prakash will now be DG, Special Investigation and Brijraj is DG, PTC Moradabad. Besides, R K Vishwakarma has been assigned an additional charge of DG, Fire Service in Uttar Pradesh.

 N S Rai appointed Director (Tech), NFL **(UPDATED)**

The Central Government has appointed Nirlep Singh Rai as Director (Technical) on the Board of National Fertilizers Ltd w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Syed Raffe designated as GM, HR in BDL (UPDATED)**

Syed Raffe has been designated as General Manager, Human Resources and will report to Director Finance in Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

Y K Chaubey assumes charge as Dir (Tech), NHPC Ltd **(UPDATED)**

Yamuna Kumar Chaubey has assumed the charge of Director (Technical) of NHPC Ltd w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

Krishnan S appointed ED, Canara Bank for 9 months

The Central Govt has appointed Krishnan S., Executive Director, Syndicate Bank as Executive Director of Canara Bank w.e.f. April 1, 2020 till October 31, 2020, or until further orders.He has assumed the charge on April 1,2020.

J&K Bank CMD R K Chhibber gets 3 months tenure extension

The Reserve Bank of India has extended the term of R. K. Chhibber, Chairman and Managing Director of Jammu & Kashmir Bank by a period of three months w.e.f. April 10, 2020.

Pankaj Singh posted in Kolkata

Pankaj Singh has been posted as ADG, Eastern Command , BSF in Kolkata. He is a 1988 batch Rajasthan cadre IPS officer.

Thaosen joins BSf hq

Dr S L Thaosen has been posted as ADG at BHF hq’s. He is a 1988 batch Madhya Pradesh cadre IPS officer.

Tenure of Dr Renu Swaroop extended (UPDATED).

The tenure of Dr Renu Swaroop as Secretary of Department of Biotechnology has been extended till April 1, 2021.

**BEL achieves record turnover in excess of Rs.12,500 Crores**

Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) posted a turnover in excess of Rs.12,500 Crores (Provisional & Unaudited) during the Financial Year 2019-20. The company had a growth of 6% over the previous year's turnover of Rs.11,789 Crores.

BEL's Order Book as on 1.4.2020 is Rs.51,800 Crs. The year saw BEL securing significant orders worth Rs.13,000 Crs. Some of the major orders acquired during the year are Akash (7 Sqdn), Coastal Surveillance Systems (CSS), Upgrade for EW system, Radars, AMCs for Radars & Weapon systems, Software Defined Radio (SDR), Sonars, Advanced Communication Systems, etc.

Some of the flagship projects executed during FY 2019-20 are Command & Control Systems, Thermal Imagers for tanks, Upgrade of communication system, Land Based EW systems, Weapon Repair Facility, Electronic Fuzes, various Radars, Smart City Projects, Delhi CCTV project, Schilka Upgrade, Avionics Package for LCA, Classroom Jammers, Real Time Information System for Railways and LRSAM.

**SAIL - Bhilai Steel Plant registers 42% growth in 260 metre rail panel production**

Maintaining its thrust on meeting Indian Railway’s requirement of 260 metre long rail panels, SAIL- Bhilai Steel Plant has recorded a remarkable growth of 42% in production of prime 260 metre long rail panels in 2019-20 over 2018-19. Shri Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL, commented, "SAIL is committed to fulfil the requirements of Indian Railways. SAIL and Indian Railways share a synergy of more than sixty years which have been moving India swiftly on railways. We are continuously ramping up our production of rails, especially the long rails to cater to the requirements of Indian Railways." 260 metre rail panels provide significant advantage of lesser number of welded joints in the tracks thereby improving safety and increasing speed. During the same period, a substantial growth of 30% has also been achieved in overall production of prime rails.

CORPORATE

**Buddharaju re-appointed Independent Director of Marksans Pharma**

Marksans Pharma Limited has re-appointed Seetharama Raju Buddharaju as an Independent Director of the company w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Iyer quits as Independent Director of Sanofi India**

Rangaswamy R Iyer has quit as Independent Director of Sanofi India.

**Ganguly appointed CS of Berger Paints (I) Ltd**

Berger Paints (I) Limited has appointed Arunito Ganguly as Company Secretary of the company w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Srinath appointed Non Exec Director of Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd.**

Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Limited has appointed N Srinath as Non-Executive Director of the company w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

**Barve appointed Independent Director of Adlabs Entertainment**

Adlabs Entertainment Limited has appointed Dhananjay Barve as Non-Executive Independent Director of the company w.e.f. April 1, 2020.

FORUM

**Really a state of quandary !**

It is really a state of quandary that when the banks are jostling with the humongous NPA’s there still is a rat race in the banks to sell the third party products be it mutual funds, Insurance or any other financial instrument.

It is axiomatic that bankers are not trained and well versed with selling of the third party products and even the fee based income by selling these items is miniscule balance sheet of the banks. Moreover, the most bright employees of the banks be placed in the Loan Recovery Section so that they ruminate for the recovery of the bank dues, out of box to nip the nefarious acts of errant borrowers who are trained to eat away the funds of banks.

Mahendra Kumar Goel

**High level Empowered Groups – a very good move**

High level Empowered Groups constituted; Very good move. They should be given adequate Administrative and Financial Powers

S Gopal

**Sanity required in locked down India**

The PM has correctly asked India to be self disciplined for 21 days . That requires Essential Services to be seamlessly working . These are:- Hospitals , Doctors , Nursing staff , healthcare workers for elderly to be given curfew passes. Logistics is the backbone of Indian Lockdown. That requires Trucks, Drivers, loading staff and more to be given curfew passes. That will ensure food , milk, medicines, and more to be supplied seamlessly to retail outlets across the country. Currently a state of confusion prevails as police at borders are not letting drivers bring in loaded trucks with supplies ! That is ridiculous. Panic and shortages must not be created in India. The Home Ministry must ensure the same and if necessary request our Indian Army to assist. The Indian Armed Forces are very capable in war and peace to ensure logistics are supplied all over the country . Their role can be expanded now to ensure Indian people receive supplies . During demonetisation the IAF flew currency in to banks . The Indian Armed Forces can easily assist trucking companies to supply food , medicines and more. A national effort for next 30 days is required.

Devindra Sethi