MEDIA REPORTS DURING COUPLE OF DAYS

**Pakistan Pushing Coronavirus Infected Terrorists Into Kashmir**

(SEE SIMILAR REPORT- WE SAID THIS ON NOV 4, 2016)

**Who are the Pak Terrorists?**

It is heard that in Pakistan, AIDS patients are approached to become terrorists. They are told that ultimately they have to die and if they die for the country, the Government will take care of their family. And they agree to it.

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What people say about us !

Wonderful Dr Saheb ! You are keeping up the great work even in these difficult times !

Ashok Joshi

This is History (2107)

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

**Corona virus re-emerges in China- is it retaliation ?**

All of a sudden 100 CoronaVirus cases  have been reported in China during the past 24 hrs. Is it an act of retaliation by US and European countries ?

**BJP ruled states to decide after PM's announcement**

BJP ruled states are yet to take decision about the continuance of lockdown. According to sources, these states are waiting for the centre's move, especially PM’s announcement,  in this regard. Non- BJP ruled states - Punjab, Maharashtra, Odisha, Telangana and West Bengal have already announced about the extension of lockdown till April 30.

**Has IPS officer opened his mouth ?**

There are strong rumours that one senior IPS officer who was penalised in Wadhavan case has opened his mouth  about taking orders from a powerful person –a higher up. Who can that be ? Will the public ever know his/her identity ?

BUREAUCRACY

**Secretaries retiring in April likely to get extension**

The union govt is likely to give 2 to 3 months extension to those Secretaries who are scheduled to retire in April. Decision in this regard is likely to be taken this week. If such a decision is taken then more than half a dozen IAS officers, who are working as Secretaries in different ministries/departments will be benefited. According to sources, since the govt is fighting a tough battle to control CoronaVirus and almost all ministries and departments are involved in this fight therefore the govt does not want to leave any important functionary in the midway.

**ACC meetings taking place with less attendees**

Whispers are that some of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet meetings are taking place without the usual number of attendees due to current COVID-19 situation and approvals are being intimated to officers and ministries internally.

**Name of Ms Meera Swarup as next CMD of SPMCIL in circulation**

The name of Ms Meera Swarup presently posted as Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser (Finance) in the Ministry of Finance, Government of India and Part-time Director on the Board of Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL) is in circulation as the next probable CMD of SPMCIL. She is IA&AS officer of 1988 batch.

**Rlys may resume routine transfer of sr. officials from April 21**

Whispers are that the Railway Board is likely to resume routine transfer of Indian Railway Service officers from April 21, 2020 onwards.

**Health Ministry working 24x7**

Entire Health Ministry including Secretary Preeti Sudan and Special Secretary Sanjeeva Kumar are working 24 x 7 to fight this global crisis.

**Two names must for MD & CEO proposals in pvt & foreign banks**

The RBI has directed all private and foreign banks in India to henceforth prepare proposals for appointment of a new MD & CEO/ CEO containing a panel of at least two names in the order of preference.

**IIS officers likely to be promoted to SAG**

More than half a dozen IIS officers of different batches are likely to be promoted to SAG.

**Subhani unlikely to join GoI**

Amir Subhani, a 1987 batch officer and topper of his batch, is unlikely to join the centre . He has been empanelled as Secretary in GoI in October last year. According to sources, his movement for deputation totally depends upon CM, Nitish Kumar and he reportedly wants his services in Bihar.

**Dev likely to join GoI**

Delhi Chief Secretary Vijay Kumar Dev is likely to join the GoI as Secretary. He is 1987 batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer.

**Sr Executives of smaller merged banks may not get promotion for a long time**

Whispers are that Senior Executives of smaller merged public sector banks at GM and above level are not expected to get promotions for a long time till consolidation gets complete.

**CAT to conduct courts only after GoI’s decision on lockdown**

The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has decided to conduct courts depending on the steps which the Government would take in respect of lockdown due to CoronaVirus from April 15, 2020 onwards. Even if there exists the slightest possibility to conduct the Courts, the same would be availed.

**Five IPS officers get new postings in Jharkhand**

Ajay Kumar Singh has been appointed as ADG, Communication & Technical Services while Anil Palta was made ADG, CID with additional charge of Training and R K Mallik is ADG, Special Branch. Besides, Anjani Kumar Jha has been appointed as SP, CID and H P Janardanan will now be SP, Gumla with additional charge of Commandant, IRB 5th Gumla Camp in Jharkhand.

**Officers only above Joint Secretary level to work in GoI offices**

The officers above the rank of Joint Secretary are attending the offices in the Government of India while remaining staff is one third only as per functional requirements from Monday.

**Vacancy of Director Finance arising in BVFCL soon**

A vacancy of Director Finance is arising in Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) on July 1, 2020.

**BPRL goes headless after retirement of Ajay Kumar**

Bharat Petro Resources Limited (BPRL) has gone headless with the retirement of incumbent Ajay Kumar V as Managing Director on March 31, 2020.

**Rakesh Chopra yet to get orders for MD, REIL**

The Government of India is yet to issue orders of Rakesh Chopra, GM, Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL), for the appointment as Managing Director, Rajasthan Electronics & Instruments Limited (REIL).

 180 IAS officers being trained to enforce Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 & Disaster Mgt Act, 2005 (UPDATED)

A new batch of 180 IAS officers are gearing up for deployment in various districts for the first time and are being trained in LBSNAA for enforcing the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Presently Sanjeev Chopra is the Director of the Academy.

**Lockdown-2 starts from April 15** (UPDATED)

- To beat the COVID-19 the second phase of nationwide lockdown-2 is set to start from April 15. According to sources in the second round chances are there that some restrictions will be lifted and govt offices  are likely to start function. Public transport - buses, trains, metro trains and flights unlikely to get permission to run in Lockdown-2 till April 30. Final picture will emerge after the PM's address to the nation at 10.. a m on april 14.

**Mrs Nirmala Devi inducted as SP, CBI (UPDATED)**

Mrs Nirmala Devi has been inducted as Superintendent of Police (SP) in Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an initial period of years. She is a 2009 batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

Ms Anuradha Prasad is DG, ESIC till May 14 (UPDATED)

Ms Anuradha Prasad has been assigned an additional charge of Director General, Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) till May 14, 2020. She is a 1986 batch IDAS officer.

Hira Ballabh appointed as Director (Fin), DFCCIL (UPDATED)

Hira Ballabh presently Financial Advisor & Chief Accounts officer, Northern Railway, has been appointed as Director (Finance), Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL). He is a 1992 batch IRAS officer. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Sanjeeb Kumar appointed as Director (Fin), RVNL (UPDATED)

Sanjeeb Kumar, ED, Finance, Railway Board, has been appointed as Director (Finance), Railway Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

K Vinayak Rao appointed as Member (Fin), AAI (UPDATED)

K Vinayak Rao has been appointed as Member (Finance), Airport Authority of India (AAI). He is an IRAS officer. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Ajoy Choudhury appointed as Director (Fin), REC (UPDATED)

Ajoy Choudhury, ED, REC, has been appointed as Director (Finance), Rural Electrification Corporation (REC). The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

Arun Kumar Agrawal appointed as Director (Tech), MECON (UPDATED)

Arun Kumar Agrawal, GM MECON, has been appointed as Director (Technical), MECON Limited. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

P V V Patnaik appointed as Director (Comm), MOIL (UPDATED)

P V V Patnaik, ED, MOIL, has been appointed as Director (Commercial), MOIL Limited. The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has approved his appointment to the post.

**24 IAS officers of 1988 batch empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

As many as 24 IAS officers of 1988 batch of various cadres have been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India.

**Six IAS officers of 1987 &1988 batch empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

As many as six IAS officers of 1987 and 1988 batch of various cadres have been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India.

**Ramesh Parasad Gupta empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Rameshwar Prasad Gupta has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Sudhanshu Pandey empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Sudhanshu Pandey has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of  J&K cadre.

**Ajay Tirkey empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ajay Tirkey has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

**Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

**Praveen Kumar Srivastava empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Praveen Kumar Srivastava has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

**Jishnu Barua empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Jishnu Barua has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

**Aramane Giridhar empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Aramane  Giridhar has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of AP cadre.

**Arvind Kumar Sharma empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Arvind Kumar Sharma has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Ms Anita Karwal empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Anita Karwal has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Ms S Aparna empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms S Aparna has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Bidyut Bihari Swain empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Bidyut Bihari Swain has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Mukesh Puri empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Mukesh Puri has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre.

**Ali Raza Rizvi empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ali Raza Rizvi has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of HP cadre.

**Tarun Bajaj empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Tarun Bajaj has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre.

**Arun Kumar Mehta empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Arun Kumar Mehta has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of J&K cadre.

**T K Jose empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

T K Jose has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre.

**Anil Kumar Jha empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Anil Kumar Jha has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Karnataka cadre.

**Apurva Chandra empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Apurva Chandra has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

**Arvind Singh empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Arvind Singh has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

**Sanjay A Chahande empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Sanjay A Chahande has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre.

**Rajiv Bansal empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Rajiv Bansal has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre.

**Ms Anjali Bhawara empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Anjali Bhawara has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Punjab cadre.

**Jatindera Nath Swain empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Jatindera Nath Swain has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.

**Sukhbir Singh Sandhu empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Sukhbir Singh Sandhu has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttarakhand cadre.

**Alok Kumar empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Alok Kumar has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

**Arvind Kumar empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Arvind Kumar has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

**Ms S Radha Chauhan empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms S Radha Chauhan has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

**Indevar Pandey empanelled as Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Indevar Pandey has been empanelled for holding Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of West Bengal cadre.

**Ms Jyoti Arora empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Jyoti Arora has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Haryana cadre.

**Ms Neel Kamal Darbari empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Neel Kamal Darabari has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre.

**B Anand empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

B Anand has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.

**Manoj Kumar empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

Manoj Kumar has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of HP cadre.

**Ms Alka Tiwari empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Alka Tiwari has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. She is a 1988 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre.

**Praveen Garg empanelled for Secretary equivalent posts in GoI (UPDATED)**

Praveen Garg has been empanelled for holding Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IAS officer of MP cadre.

**Ms Aradhana Patnaik empanelled as Joint Secretary in GoI (UPDATED)**

Ms Aradhana Patnaik has been empanelled for holding Joint Secretary and Joint Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. He is a 1998 batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre.

**J Packirisamy appointed as OSD, Union Bank of India (UPDATED)**

J Packirisamy, MD & CEO, Andhra Bank, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty on supernumerary basis in Union Bank of India with effect from April 1, 2020.

**Mrutyunjay Mahapatra appointed as OSD, Canara Bank (UPDATED)**

Mrutyunjay Mahapatra, MD &CEO, Syndicate Bank, has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty on supernumerary basis in Canara Bank with effect from April 1, 2020.

**RINL CVO Vijayakumar returns to parent cadre (UPDATED)**

P J Vijayakumar, Chief Vigilance Officer, Rashtriya Ispta Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam, has been given premature repatriation to his parent cadre, with immediate effect, with the condition of extended cooling off. He is a 1983 batch IFS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

**Tenure of Dinesh Kumar Gupta extended (UPDATED)**

The deputation tenure of Dinesh Kumar Gupta working as Director in the Department of Food and Public Distribution has been extended for a period of one year beyond April 26, 2020. He is a 2000 batch ITS officer.

**M K Malviya promoted as Deputy DG, Mines Safety (UPDATED)**

M K Malviya has been promoted to the grade of Deputy DG, Mines Safety (Electrical) in the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), Dhanbad.

**Ramakrishnan promoted to PrCIT grade (UPDATED)**

S Ramakrishnan has been promoted to the grade of Principal Commissioner of Income Tax. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**Tenure of Maneesh Garg extended (UPDATED)**

The deputation tenure of Maneesh Garg working as Joint Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy has been extended for a period of one year beyond May 18, 2020. He is a 1996 batch IAS officer of HP cadre.

**Manvendra Singh promoted to SAG (UPDATED)**

Manvendra Singh has been promoted to the Senior Administrative Grade (as Additional Director General Foreign Trade). He is an officer of Indian Trade Service officer.

**Vishwakarma C S promoted to DGOF/Chairman, OFB grade (UPDATED)**

Vishwakarma C S has been promoted to the grade of DGOF/Chairman, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). He is an officer of Indian Ordnance Factories Service.

**M Srinivasulu Reddy appointed as Controller in Satish Dhawan Space Centre (UPDATED)**

M Srinivasulu Reddy, ITS, GM, Enterprises Business, office of Principal General Manager, Bangalore Telecom, has been appointed as Controller in Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC SHAR), Sriharikota.

Mritunjay Mahapatra appointed OSD, Canara Bank; assumes charge **(UPDATED)**

**Mritunjay Mahapatra has been appointed OSD of Canara Bank till May 31, 2020.He assumed charge on April 13, 2020.**

CORPORATE

**Mahabaleshwara re-appointed MD & CEO of Karnataka Bank**

Mahabaleshwara MS has been re-appointed as MD & CEO of The Karnataka Bank.

**PJ Bhat re-appointed Karnataka Bank Non-exec Chairman**

The Karnataka Bank has re-appointed P Jayarama Bhat as Part-time Non-Executive Chairman of the Bank.

**Nadar quits as COO of Hitech Corporation**

Baskaran Nadar has quit as Chief Operating Officer of Hitech Corporation.

**Ms Prasad quits as Non-Exec Director** **of Mahindra EPC Irrigation**

Ms Sangeeta Prasad has quit as Non-Executive Director of Mahindra EPC Irrigation w.e.f. June 30, 2020.

**Garg appointed Independent Director** **of Indian Sucrose Ltd**

Indian Sucrose Ltd has appointed Parag Garg as a Non Executive Independent Director of  the company.

FORUM

**Reality of life**

It is actually a reality of life. The purpose of setting up of CAT has been defeated by the existing set of bureaucrats in the Government of India. They have the tendency of passing the buck and are more interested in peacefully passing of their tenure in a particular office. I had one case in the CAT way back in the year 2002 based on a Supreme Court verdict that reservation cannot be applied in case of temporary financial upgradation of posts. The Department of Personnel & Training filed an appeal in the Delhi High Court in the year 2002. The case was disposed off by the Delhi High Court in my favour again after 17 years on 27.01.2019. The Government have now filed an SLP in the Hon'ble Supreme Court against the Delhi High Court verdict, which is pending for more than an year. If you type in the Google Engine the subject 'applicability of reservation in upgradation of posts' you will find that there an umpteen number of judgements of the various courts and Supreme Court that reservation cannot be applied in temporary upgradation of posts done in order to remove stagnation in posts. God help the current crop of bureaucrats.

Anurag Srivastava

**To Lockdown or Not**: **A Difficult Choice**

Containing Corona is undoubtedly a priority but so is the National Food Security. It is not about farmers alone but the people of India as the country draws economic strength from the agriculture sector. Harvesting has to be completed in the next 15 weeks without extension. It provides food for the citizens as well as the animals and others getting their share in the process naturally. The country can’t afford to compromise food security under any circumstance- the stocks may not suffice and even the figures might not be genuine if strict audit is carried out. Then, April, May & June are the months when vegetables arrive in the market as July, August and September consume other foods like dal etc. and vegetable prices simply skyrocket during this period. Potato and onion price, supply and distribution go out of control. Wasn’t onion sold at Rs. 140/kg only last year or tomato 100/kg ? Dal prices are likely to break all past records and mustard oil may create problems if extension of lockdown affects harvesting. Shortages are likely by November and discredited Inspector Raj may get revived. Economy and food security need to be separately studied by the PM/Cabinet. Expressions like social emergency are better avoided. Eccentricity of prices and erratic supplies may create problems for the government.

M L Gupta