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**K D Tripathi appointed Secretary to the President of India on April 20**

**(WE  SAID THIS ON FEB 20, 2020)**

**Bala Prasad to be new Secretary to the President?**

In all probability, E L S N Bala Prasad will be new Secretary to the President of India. 1986 batch Bihar cadre IAS officer Prasad is Special Secretary in the Rashtrapati Bhawan. One source however said that either PESB Chairman K D Tripathi  or Secretary Finance Rajeev Kumar may

move to Rashtrapati Bhawan as Secretary to the President.

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Opposition provides choices, and choices bring consequences - good or bad.

**Union cabinet expansion after RS polls**

Long awaited Union Cabinet expansion is likely to take place after the Rajya Sabha polls. As per available indication, in all probability, deferred RS polls are likely to be held when nation wide lock down is lifted.

**Will Rahul Gandhi return as Party President ?**

Appointment of  Rahul Gandhi as  member of the11-member Consultative Group  has, fuelled speculations  of his imminent return as President of the beleaguered Grand Old Party.

BUREAUCRACY

**PESB Chairman, K D Tripathi is now Secretary to President of India**

Kapil Dev Tripathi, Chairman, Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB), has been appointed as new Secretary to the President of India on contract basis for a term co-terminus with the tenure of the President or until further orders. He is a 1980 batch retired IAS officer of Assam-Meghalaya cadre.

**(We said this on Feb 20, 2020)**

**M K Gupta likely to get an additional charge of Chairman, PESB?**

M K Gupta, Member, PESB, is expected to be entrusted with an additional charge of Chairman, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). He is a 1979 batch retired IRSE officer.

**Why did E L S N Bala Prasad miss the bus ?**

Trusted IAS officer of the President Ram Nath Kovind, E L S N Bala Prasad missed the bus of his posting as Secretary and K D Tripathi was brought in as new Secretary .In fact, Bala Prasad was Principal Secretary to the President Ram Nath Kovind when he was Governor of Bihar. 1986 batch Bihar cadre IAS officer was recently empanelled  as Secretary and it was almost certain that he would succeed Sanjay Kothari as Secretary to the President. What is the mystery ?

**B R Sharma re-appointed SSC Chairman**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has re-appointed Brij Raj Sharma as Chairman, Staff Selection Commission, New Delhi for a period of two years. He is an IAS officer of J&K cadre of 1984 batch.

**No empanelment at Secretary level from eight Cadres**

No IAS officer of 1988 batch from eight Cadres has been empanelled for Secretary and Secretary equivalent posts in Government of India. However, no IAS officer of 1988 batch was from two States: Chhattisgarh and Orissa to claim for the empanelment. Names of six Cadres are missing in the list include: AGMUT, Bihar, Manipur, Sikkim, Telangana and Tripura.

**PMO in videoconf mode; no meetings missed**

Whispers are that COVID-19 has resulted in a technology driven work culture in PMO as meetings go on as usual on videoconference mode.

**Sudhanshu Pandey only officer of 1987 batch empanelled as Secretary**

Sudhanshu Pandey is the only officer of 1987 batch IAS officers, whose name has been included in the empanelled list which was released on April 13 this year. His name was not figured in the last empanelled list which was released on October 9, 2019. He is a J&K cadre IAS officer.

**ICD tenure of Mrs M Sudha Devi ending soon**

A three-year inter cadre deputation tenure of Mrs M Sudha Devi from Himachal Pradesh to Tamil Nadu is coming to an end in June this year.  She is a 2003 batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre.

**Inter cadre deputation of R Sudhan to Tamil Nadu ending soon**

A three-year inter cadre deputation tenure of R Sudhan, from Manipur to Tamil Nadu, is coming to an end in June this year. He is a 2006 batch IAS officer.

**Repositioning of 11 WTDs of merged PSBs awaiting Govt clearance**

The Banks Board Bureau has recommended repositioning of 11 Whole-time Directors of Public Sector banks which merged with larger banks.The recommendations are with the Central Govt for clearance.

**Goa becomes Covind 19 free state**

Goa has become the first zero COVID-19 State in the country. This makes Goa the first green State in the country with no case of CoronaVirus being reported since April 3. Goa Chief Secretary  Parimal Rai who is known  as  a performer  led the “fight against corona”  by active monitoring, coordination and ruthless containment.

**Holistic approach to COVID-19 yields positive result in Kerala**

Taking a holistic approach to COVID-19, a team led by Dr Vishwas Mehta, Additional Chief Secretary, Home, has yielded a positive result in containing the disease in Kerala. Dr Mehta, is a 1986 batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre. The team constituted by Chief Minister in the charge of Dr Mehta comprises of Health Minister, Mrs K K Shailaja; Chief Secretary, Tom Jose; Health Principal Secretary, Dr Rajan N Khobragad and other senior officers and medical experts, nursing staff, is extending its unflagging energy and support to contain this deadly virus. The efforts of Kerala are being appreciated in the country.

**Sikkim -no case of Covid 19 state**

Sikkim is the only state in the country which has reported no Covid 19 case so far. The Chief Minister in a letter has applauded the brilliant management of the situation by the  administration. It is widely believed that a proactive approach and timely measures have saved the state. S C Gupta of 1986 batch is the present Chief Secretary of the state.

**Offices in GoI start functioning**

After a long lap, Govt of India offices have started functioning in Delhi. Social distancing norms are being followed in the offices. Parking in all premises were seen full because maximum officers and staff reached by their own vehicles. Due to lockdown in Delhi, Noida, Ghaziabad and other NCR areas, public transport, DTC buses and Metro trains are off.

**Two IAS officers shifted in MP**

Mahesh Chandra Chaudhary has been appointed as Commissioner, Jabalpur division while Ravindra Kumar Mishra is Secretary, Secretariat in Madhya Pradesh.

**Three IPS officers get new postings in MP**

Upon return from central deputation, A Sai Manohar has been appointed as IG, Vigilance, PHQ with additional charge of CID, while Amit Singh, SP Jabalpur, was shifted to Bhopal as Assistant IG, PHQ, Bhopal and Siddharth Bahuguna will now be SP, Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh.

**AP High Court to get three Judges**

Boppudi Krishna Mohan, K Suresh Reddy and K Lalitha Kumar have been recommended as Judges of Andhra Pradesh High Court.

**Three Addl judges recommended for Calcutta HC judges**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended appointment of three Additional Judges of Calcutta High Court as Permanent Judges of that High Court: They are Justice Bibek Chaudhuri, Justice Subhasis Dasgupta and Mrs Justice Suvra Ghosh.

**Five judicial officers recommended for Karnataka HC judges**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended elevation of five Judicial Officers as Judges of the Karnataka High Court. They are Shivashankar Amarannavar, Mrs M. Ganeshaiah Uma, Vedavyasachar Srishananda, Hanchate Sanjeevkumar and Padmaraj Nemachandra Desai.

**B Vijaysen Reddy recommended for Telangana HC Judge**

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended elevation of B. Vijaysen Reddy, Advocate as Judge of the Telangana High Court.

Praveen Kumar posted with SER (UPDATED)

Praveen Kumar, presently posted with Eastern Railway has been posted in South Eastern Railway. He is an IRSSE officer.

Chandan Adhikari posted with ER (UPDATED)

Chandan Adhikari presently posted with South Eastern Railway has been transferred and posted with Eastern Railway. He is an IRSSE officer.

Ashish Srivastava being sent on deputation to DFCCIL (UPDATED)

The posting of Ashish Srivastava, Chief Engineer (TP), Northern Railway has been approved for deputation to DFCCIL as General Manager (Civil), for a period of three years. He is an IRSE officer.

PM lauds civil servants for their COVID-19 fight ; extends greetings for Civil Services Day

Due to COVID-19 outbreak Civil Services Day could not be observed this year. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has greeted all civil servants and their families on the occasion of Civil Services Day. In his tweets, he appreciated their efforts in ensuring India successfully defeats COVID-19. He said they are working round-the-clock, assisting those in need and ensuring everyone is safe and healthy.

**NHRC DG Prabhat Singh granted Apex Scale (UPDATED)**

Prabhat Singh, Director General (Investigation), National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), has been granted Apex Scale. He is a 1985 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

**K S Sreenivas Raju goes on inter cadre deputation to Telangana (UPDATED)**

K S Sreenivas Raju is joining Telangana cadre for a period of three years on inter cadre deputation. He is a 2001 batch IAS officer of AP cadre.

**Dr Brahmneet Kaur goes on inter cadre deputation to Punjab (UPDATED)**

Dr Brahmneet Kaur is joining Punjab cadre for a period of three years. She is a 2012 batch IAS officer of Tripura cadre.

Mrs Justice Madhumati Mitra elevated as Permanent Judge of Calcutta HC (UPDATED)

Mrs Justice Madhumati Mitra, Additional Judge of the Calcutta High Court has been elevated as a Permanent Judge of the Calcutta High Court with effect from the date she assumes charge of her office.

Abhijit Gangopadhyay appointed Addl Judge of Calcutta HC (UPDATED)

Abhijit Gangopadhyay has been appointed an Additional Judge of the Calcutta High Court for a period of six months with effect from May 2, 2020.

3 Addl judges elevated as Permanent judges in Chhattisgarh HC (UPDATED)

Justice Parth Prateem Sahu, Justice Gautam Chourdiya and Mrs Justice Rajani Dubey, Additional Judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court have been elevated as Permanent Judges of the Chhattisgarh High Court with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices.

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Mrs Vimla Singh Kapoor appointed Addl Judge of Chhattisgarh HC (UPDATED)

Mrs Vimla Singh Kapoor has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court for a period of one year with effect from June 18 , 2020.

**Deputation tenure of Ashwini Kumar Mishra extended (UPDATED)**

The deputation tenure of Ashwini Kumar Mishra working as Joint Secretary at Director level in UPSC has been extended upto June 21, 2020. He is a 2000 batch IOFS officer.

**Deputation tenure of Ram Sajiwan Singh extended (UPDATED)**

The deputation tenure of Ram Sajiwan Singh working as Director in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has been extended upto March 31, 2021. He is a 1996 batch ITS officer.

**Vijay Sharma returns to parent cadre (UPDATED)**

Vijay Sharma, Director in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, has been repatriated to his parent cadre with immediate effect. He is a 2002 batch IRAS officer.

**Master database of health professionals collected (UPDATED)**

The Government of India is believed to have collected a master database of health professionals and volunteers and till now, details of 1.24 crore human resources of various kinds have been added to it. Details of corona warriors in 20 categories and 49 sub-categories, who can contribute to COVID-19 management efforts, are available to states and union territories on the portal [covidwarriors.gov.in](http://covidwarriors.gov.in/).

**SAIL becomes largest domestic crude steel producer in FY’20 (UPDATED)**

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), the Maharatna Steel PSU, has become the leader of crude steel production in India in FY 2019-20. SAIL produced 16.15 Million Tonnes of crude steel during the financial year 2019-20 and it was the highest among all other steel producers in the country. Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman, SAIL has commented, “SAIL has been continuously focussing on ramping up its steel production from the new units, which came up under modernization along with optimally utilizing the older units. The concerted efforts to increase volumes have resulted in the Company becoming the largest domestic steel producer in FY'20. The Company’s well-coordinated production strategies leveraging augmented production capacities, which were installed under the modernization  have started to fructify. In the near future, as the Nation comes out victorious in the fight against Corona virus, the market will definitely show green shoots of steel consumption and SAIL is fully geared up to cater to the steel demands of the Nation”. During the FY 2019-20, SAIL has also achieved the best ever annual sales of 14.5 Million Tonnes (MT) with a growth of 2.8% over the corresponding period last year (FY 2018-19). The Company’s  strategies to expand its market portfolio also yielded the highest ever exports of 1.18 Million Tonnes during FY 2019-20 which is an astounding 54% growth over CPLY. Commenting on this, Chaudhary said “The Company has been building this sales momentum through its continued thrust on the marketing initiatives and activities. SAIL focused on developing and introducing a wider range of valued-added and market-oriented products. During FY’20, SAIL launched its branded “SAIL SeQR” TMT bars, a product which is a notch higher in its class in terms of various quality and safety aspects. We also have been gradually increasing our share of exports and went for deeper penetration of the market with our world class products including railway products.” SAIL has continued the streak of sales growth consistently, especially from the third quarter onwards where the Company registered a growth of 26% in sales in the Q3FY’20. The Company posted increase in sales during November, December, January’20 by 36%, 47% and 35% respectively over CPLY. In the first year of launch itself, around 2 lakh tonnes of branded SAIL SeQR TMT has already been sold and it has evoked excellent response from the market.  Among other notable achievements, SAIL recorded the best ever despatch of 12,994 numbers of WAG9 Wheels for electric locomotives, a product which is an import substitution. The Company has also supplied 7295 Tonnes of DMR plates to critical defence projects of the Nation, a quantity which is also highest in the last 5 years. SAIL has also recorded the highest ever rail production of 12.85 Lakh Tonnes of UTS 90 prime rails in FY’20 with a 30% growth over CPLY. The Company also witnessed a whopping 52% growth in production of 260 metres rails, a part of the UTS 90 prime rails productions, over CPLY for the Indian Railways.

CORPORATE

**BMW India Group President & CEO Rudratej Singh passes away**

BMW India Group President & CEO Rudratej Singh has passed away following a cardiac arrest. He was 46.

**Purohit appointed CS of Aadi Industries**

Aadi Industries Limited has appointed Rajendra Purohit as Company Secretary of the company.

**Chaudhari quits as Independent Director of Sayaji Hotels**

Abhay Chintaman Chaudhari has quit as an Independent Director of Sayaji Hotels due to personal reasons.

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**India always emerges stronger**

India has always emerged stronger after every crisis. COVID-19 will prove another such opportunity. It is an opportunity to review and re-set our agriculture, industry, trade and tax policies and laws. Let us unbound the Prometheus in us. The potential of India has not been fully realised for several historical reasons but it has been proved beneficial during every crisis- in war or peace. COVID-19 is a crisis not suited for the terminology of “war”. The duration of the lockdown required quality food. People were heavily dependent on bread and other packaged foods. But quality upgradation and variety is needed if the spread of diseases like diabetes is to be controlled. Food adulteration is rampant in the market, which affects public health and strains public and private health budgets and, therefore, it should be a thing of the past once the lockdown is fully lifted. Can the governments at the centre & states declare a war on food adulteration? The scope for modernisation of agriculture, industry and trade holds the greatest potential for fast economic growth of the economy: more than 10% that doomsayers predict. Waste of precious agricultural produce needs to be reduced to less than 2% by washing, cleaning, preparing ready to cook vegetables at the farm. It will reduce garbage generation and add to compost making. Industry can give ten times better results than in the early phase of industrialisation in India as our skill levels have improved vastly Trade and tax laws need to be drastically re-done to achieve these goals. Waste of human resources by giving deplorably poor education to children in schools must end so that they learn skills for making contribution to the GDP. All it needs is sincerity of purpose and integrity. The people’s support and response to the hardships caused by the long lockdown validates the claim of the untapped Indian potential.

M L Gupta

**No promotions in CSS ?**

There are no promotions in the CSS since more than a year while all other services are regularly issuing promotion orders of its members. This has demotivated all eligible officers and is adversely affecting the benefits of those who are retiring.

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