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D V Singh

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If a man does not control his temper, it is a sad admission that he is not in control of his thoughts.

**A new “Avtar” of BJP**

Never heard in the cadre based well disciplined party BJP. Entire media in Madhya Pradesh  says “Two from Scindia camp” in Shivraj Singh cabinet. Nowhere in the country “Camp” word has been used in the BJP ruled states. Has the Congress “Virus” now entered the BJP ?.

**Union Cabinet meeting today**

Union Cabinet is meeting today and likely to take decision that DA won't be given in the current FY to centra govt employees & pensioners.

**Crude price fall even affecting gold prices**

May NY Crude Futures fall 88% to – US dollar 4.5 . Brent which is more relevant for India is touching US Dollar 20-- lowest in many years. Entire commodities sector is getting hammered, including Gold.

BUREAUCRACY

**CVC appointment order likely this week ?**

PM Modi led govt is in action mode to clear all long time pending cases. After the appointment of new Secretary to the President, order regarding the appointment of new CVC and VC are likely to be issued this week. Sanjay Kothari had been selected new CVC about two months ago and former  CMD of Andhra Bank Suresh Patel  as a Vigilance Commissioner  by the panel headed by PM Narendra Modi.

**BSF likely to get new Chief this month end**

BSF is likely to get new Head by the end of this month. It is said that 3-5 IPS officers of 1984 to 1986 batches are in the race. The Force is without a regular Chief since March 9, 2020.

**Will Rajiv Kumar be part-time ED of UBI ?**

Whispers are that the Central Govt may soon call for a list of former finance secretaries for selecting the next Part-time Non Executive Director of Union Bank of India. In this connection name of outgoing Secretary Finance Rajiv Kumar is in circulation.

**Organizational shake-up in anchor PSBs on cards**

Whispers are that organizational shake-up seems inevitable in anchor public sector banks which have absorbed smaller banks this year. The organizations could be much leaner at the top.

**Ashish Srivastava being sent on deputation to DFCCIL**

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.

**NHRC DG Prabhat Singh granted Apex Scale**

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**

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**

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

**Deputation of Ashwini Kumar Mishra extended**

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 of Ram Sajiwan Singh extended**

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**

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.

**Luckiest empanelled batch**

Seven IAS officers of 1985 and 1986 batches who were empanelled as Secretary in GoI are the luckiest. These officers were empanelled on May 6, 2019. Presently among these seven IAS officers four officers- Brij Kisore Agrawal, Pawan Kumar Agrawal, Anil Jain and Ravi Capoor-are Secretaries in GoI while ELSN Bala Prasad and Amta Prasad are Spl Secretaries and Asit Kumar Tripathy is the CS of Odisha.

**Major empanelment at Secretary level from Gujarat**

As many as six IAS officers of 1988 batch and one of 1987 batch, who have been empanelled as Secretary in Government of India, are from Gujarat. They are Rameshwar Prasad Gupta (1987) ; Arvind Kumar Sharma, Ms Anita Karwal, Ms S Aparna, Bidyut Bihari Swain and Mukesh Puri.

**PMO, MEA watching: Diplomats putting their best foot forward**

This is the time when diplomats in India’s foreign missions are doing their best with their teams to be in the eye of PMO and External Affairs Ministry for some praise for their call of duty. And they are being praised.

**Temp deputation freeze in Rlys completes a month**

The temporary deputation freeze is continuing in the Railways for its All India Services officers for the past one month since March 20, 2020 due to COVID-19.

**SCOPE organises webinar on ‘Economic Impact of COVID – CPSEs Perspective’**

Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) organised the 3rd webinar of the SCOPE Webinar Series 2020 titled ‘Economic Impact of COVID- CPSEs Perspective’ with Deloitte as knowledge partner. SCOPE has recently introduced live webinars on relevant topics imperative for capacity building of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs). Based on the overwhelming response, SCOPE will continue to host webinars to enhance competitiveness in PSEs. Kishore Rungta, CMD, FACT and Vice Chairman, SCOPE and Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE also addressed the webinar that was attended by over 250 participants including several senior members of PSEs. Deloitte team comprised of Romal Shetty, President, Consulting and Nitin Kini, Partner who addressed implications, opportunities and Issues for PSEs with regard to COVID, how to strengthen India’s position as a strategic export, supply chain partner and shared practices adopted by SOEs around the world. Kishor Rungta said that organisations need to adopt the latest trends to stay adrift in times of crisis and PSEs always formulate strategies to face any crisis which has helped them in playing a major role in the economy. He also encouraged the attendees to take maximum benefit of these webinars as they provide a great learning opportunity.

**Meena reports to his parent office DoT**

Budhdhi Prakash Meena, after repatriation from BSNL,has reported back to his parent office DoT. He ia JAG level ITS officer.

**PB takes major decisions about transfers/postings**

Prasar Bharati has taken some important decisions about transfers/ postings. Now no such orders will be issued till further orders. However, transfers related to difficult stations and essentials and unavoidable be send to PB Secretariat for CEO approval. Existing transfer orders kept in abeyance shall be referred to PB Secretariat for review, if required.

**Ashwani Sondhi likely to get additional charge of MMTC ?**

Ashwani Sondhi, Director (Marketing), MMTC, is expected to be assigned an additional charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MMTC Limited if incumbent CMD gets Secretary level posting to other department.

**Chandan Adhikari posted with Eastern Railway**

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

**Praveen Kumar posted with South Eastern Railway**

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

**Shah appointed DS, ABVIMS**

S L Shah has been posted as Dy Secretary to Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences (ABVIMS) in Delhi. The Institute is located at Dr RML Hospital.

**Mrs Vimla Singh Kapoor appointed Addl Judge of** **Chhattisgarh HC**

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.

**Three Addl Judges elevated as permanent judges in** **Calcutta HC**

Justice Biswajit Basu,  Mrs Justice Amrita Sinha and Justice Jay Sengupta, Additional Judges of the Calcutta High Court have been elevated as Permanent Judges of the Calcutta High Court with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices.

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**Mrs Justice Madhumati Mitra elevated as Permanent** **Judge of Calcutta HC**

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**Abhijit Gangopadhyay appointed Addl Judge of**  **Calcutta HC**

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.

**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.

**RailTel contributes Rs 10 Cr to PM CARES fund to fight COVID 19 (UPDATED)**

RailTel has further contributed 10 crore in the Prime Minister’s Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation fund (PM- CARES fund) to support India’s fight against COVID19. Out of this amount, Rs. 7 crore is the company contribution and Rs. 3 crore is from CSR fund of FY 2020- 21. Previously, RailTel contributed Rs. 2.15 crores to PM CARES fund (Rs. 2 crore from the CSR fund of FY 2019-20 and Rs. 15.5 lakh from voluntary contribution of one day’s salary of employees of RailTel). Talking about the current situation, Puneet Chawla, CMD/RailTel said,” Our country, along with the entire world, is going through a crisis and we all need to stand by our government in this fight. Apart from our humble contribution of Rs. 12.15 Crore to the PM-CARES fund, RailTel is following all Govt. advisories and majority of our workforce is working from Home using e-office, ERP, HD video conference platform with skeletal workforce on essential ground support. We are determined to keep providing our best of service to Indian Railways and our other clients in all situation. Team RailTel stand in solidarity with its countrymen in this fight and pledges to implement all precautionary measure to stop the spread of COVID 19.”

**Centre asks all States/UTs to ensure protection to health and frontline workers (UPDATED)**

Abiding by the Supreme Court's direction, the Government of India has asked all the State Governments and UT Administration to ensure adequate protection to health care professionals and frontline workers and to prevent any incident of violence against them by taking strict penal action against the offenders.

CORPORATE

**Vinayak appointed GCOO of Fortis Healthcare**

Fortis Healthcare has appointed Anil Vinayak as Group Chief Operating Officer of the company.

**Ms Singh appointed CS of GSS Infotech**

GSS Infotech Ltd has appointed Ms Amrita Singh as Company Secretary of the company.

**Ms Khandelwal quits as CS of Vegepro Foods & Feeds**

Ms Aakansha Khandelwal has quit as Company Secretary of Vegepro Foods & Feeds Ltd due to personal reasons.

FORUM

**Why is LG Delhi not taking interest ?**

Why LG Delhi is not taking interest in eradicating Corona from Delhi ? All departments in Delhi come under LG Delhi but his participation in fighting against Corona is negligible. During recent Delhi riots as well,  Dhobhal managed the show which otherwise was the role of LG. All this is due to his old age or something else. Where has the dynamism of Baijal gone. Is it due to the action taken by home ministry against the IAS officers very close to his heart ? The general public has very much right to know the back seat role and giving the front seat to Kejriwal.

Mehak Mathur

**All the best !**

Respected Tripathi ji is a very sincere person for his assignment and all time dedicated for best performance of his duties. He deserves it. Moreover, he is a very nice person with kind nature of human behaviour. All the best for excellent success of his new assignment.

Sukhvir Singh