**DA to employees & DR to Pensioners not to be paid –GoI decides on April 23**

**(WE SAID THIS ON APRIL 7)**

DA likely to be differed

As per available indications govt  is likely to defer DA and some other Allowances of Central staff for one year. If this  happens DA won't be announced during the current FY in July and January. Sources said that the way the PM has taken bold decision out cut about VIPs to meet the corona crisis, possibility of other steps can not be ruled out.

DEBATE:

US used to be super-power till now but with CoronaVirus inciting new power game and COVID -19 pandemic becoming a testing ground, where do the four big countries viz. US, China, Russia and India stand.
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**What people say about us !**

Whispers in Corridors is doing great work keeping people fully informed of latest developments with regard to bureaucracy and corporate affairs etc. even during this most difficult time. Keep doing the good work !

D V Singh

This is History (2116)

Years of happiness can be lost in the foolish gratification of a momentary desire for pleasure.

**Shiv Sena develops love for Rahul Gandhi**

All of a sudden, Shiv Sena has developed love for Rahul Gandhi. This is evident from the fact that the Sena praised him for taking positive stand over the CoronaVirus pandemic in the country and showing how a responsible opposition party should behave during a crisis.

**Is Maharashtra heading towards political instability ?**

All is not well in Maharashtra. Political observers say that after the fall of Madhya Pradesh Government, Maharashtra is the next target of the BJP. One can wait and watch.

**Will there be movement in Corporate Affairs in Reliance ?**

Rumours are rife of a movement in the Department of the Corporate Affairs of the Reliance Industries.

BUREAUCRACY

**Will Deepak get short extension ?**

Tenure of J.S. Deepak (IAS:1982:UP) as Ambassador/Permanent Representative of India to World Trade Organisation, Geneva  is likely to be extended  for a short period beginning June 1. Whispers are also there that the next appointment for the post could be from Indian Foreign Service (IFS) --possibly with IIM background again.

**Will Syed Akbaruddin get special service extension ?**

There are innumerable speculations being made in the Indian diplomatic circles in the United States that India’s permanent representative to UN, Syed Akbaruddin who is retiring this month (April) could get extension as a special case in the current COVID19 situation. He is an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 batch.

**IRS officer to join Ministry of Minority Affairs**

Charan Preet Singh Bakshi will join the Ministry of Minority Affairs as JS under Central Staffing Scheme on deputation for five years. He is a 1992 batch IRS(C&CE) officer.

**IRS officer Ms Sheetal joins CG Govt on deputation**

Ms Sheetal Shashwat Verma has been appointed as Special Secretary, Finance in Government of Chhattisgarh on deputation. She is an IRS-IT officer.

**IRS officer Sonam Chombay appointed Commissioner & Secretary to AP CM**

Sonam Chombay has been appointed as Commissioner-cum-Secretary to the Chief Minister, of Arunachal Pradesh on deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**IRS officer S Ravi Shankar joins AP Govt on deputation**

S Ravi Shankar has been appointed as Director (Drugs) in Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department in the State Government of Andhra Pradesh on deputation. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**Manish Gupta appointed Director, CBDT**

Manish Gupta has been appointed Director, Inv-III Division, CBDT. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**Ravinder Maini appointed as Director, CBDT**

Ravinder Maini has been appointed as Director, ITA-II Division, CBDT. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**Mrs Rashmita Jha promoted as CIT**

Mrs Rashmita Jha has been promoted to the grade of Commissioner of Income Tax (CIT). She is an IRS-IT officer.

**J Krishna Kishore appointed PCIT in PrCCIT, New Delhi**

J Krishna Kishore has been appointed as PCIT (OSD) in the office of Principal CCIT, New Delhi. He is an IRS-IT officer.

**Benchmark grading prior to 2008-09 won't  be disclosed**

DoPT has categorically said that the below benchmark grading in the ACRs for the period prior to 2008-09 need not to be disclosed to the officer reported upon if the same is not reckonable for future DPCs. The OM further clarified that if such request is acceded than it will open flood gates and large number of employees , both serving and retired, may come up for disclosure of their ACRs of old periods, resulting into administrative difficulties and chaos.

**Dr S S Sandhu to get Secretary level posting or remain upgraded ?**

After the empanelment to Secretary level, whisper has it that Dr Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), is expected to be appointed as Secretary in Government of India. The posting of Dr Sandhu, who is a 1988 batch Uttarakhand cadre officer, is also expected to be upgraded to the Secretary level.

**Three IAS officers of UP cadre empanelled as Secretary in GoI**

Three 1988 batch IAS officers of UP cadre have been empanelled as Secretary in Government of India. They are; Alok Kumar-I, Arvind Kumar and Ms S Radha Chauhan.

**Significant jump in number of pvt sector candidates applying for top PSB slots**

During the past six months (October 2019 to March 2020), there had been a significant rise in the number of candidates (30 ) from private sector who applied to the Banks Board Bureau for the three vacant posts of (MD & CEO) (now filled).The number of candidates from PSBs and financial institutions stood at 32.

**Master database of health professionals collected**

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/).

**Sanjay Kumar Jha to take over as CMD, MIDHANI on May 1**

Sanjay Kumar Jha, Director, MIDHANI, whose appointment as Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD), Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI), has been approved by the Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC), will be taking over the charge on May 1, 2020 as tenure of incumbent Dr D K Likhi is ending on April 30, 2020.

**CGM level officer assigns jobs to NHAI Members ?**

For the first time in the history of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), instead of Chairman, Chief General Manager (CGM) level officer allocated works among the Members of NHAI.

**Sandip Das to join as Director (Fin), Balmer Lawrie on May 1**

Sandip Das, GM, BLC, will be succeeding present incumbent S S Khuntia as Director (Finance), Balmer Lawrie & Co. Limited on May 1, 2020. The tenure of Khuntia is ending in April this year.

**COVID-19 and "Bhilwara model"**

"Bhilwara model" in containing  COVID-19 is being discussed throughout the country and across the Globe. It is said that ACS Health in Rajasthan Rohit Kumar Singh who is 1989 batch IAS officer is the author of this model.

**One more Medical Sciences Institute in Delhi**

Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences (ABVIMS) is being set up in Delhi . The Institute sets up in the premises of Dr RML Hospital . According to sources hospital remains RML abut Medical College will be ABVIMS. Govt has started posting administrative and other staff. ABVIMS will be the second IMS after AIIMS in the national capital.

**EXIM Bank recommends 20 officers for LDP at IIM, Bangalore**

EXIM Bank has recommended 20 officers for the Leadership Development Programe at IIM, Bangalore and their assessment is underway by Banks Board Bureau. The Second Batch of executives from various banks will start their training in July 2020.

**Chhattisgarh Govt starts holding video press conferenc using hi-tech App**

Chhattisgarh Govt has started holding video press conference using CISCO WebEX Meeting App in the current COVID-19 situation.

Dr G C Das posted in SER (UPDATED)

Dr Gopal Chandra Das presently posted with East Coast Railway has been transferred and posted with South Eastern Railway. He is an IRMS officer.

Vijay Sharma being posted in NFR (UPDATED)

Vijay Sharma on his return from deputation to Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will be posted in Northeast Frontier Railway.He is an IRAS officer.

**DA to employees & DR to Pensioners not to be paid (UPDATED)**

The Government of India has reportedly decided not to pay additional installments of DA to Central Government employees and DR to Pensioners, due from January 1, 2020. DA & DR at current rate will continue to be paid.

**(We said this on April 7, 2020)**

Vijay Yadav bereaved

B R Luthra former 1960 batch IPS officer has passed away in Bhopal. He was father-in-law of 1987 batch IPS officer Vijay Yadav.

**Prannoy Sharma is also Secretary, Postal Service Board (UPDATED)**

Prannoy Sharma, DDG (IR&GB), Postal Directorate, has been assigned an additional charge of Secretary, Postal Services Board until further orders. He is a 1998 batch officer of Indian Postal Service.

**V Saravana Kumar to redress grievances of Rajathan residents in Tamil Nadu (UPDATED)**

V Saravana Kumar presently Commissioner, Horticulure Department in Rajasthan, has been appointed as Additional Nodal Officer for redressal of various grievances of the residents of Rajasthan staying in Tamil Nadu and vice versa.

 **IPS officer Shivanand Jha gets extension in service (UPDATED)**

The Indian Police Service (IPS) of Shivanand Jha has been extended for a period of three months beyond April 30, 2020. He is a 1983 batch IPS officer.

**Abhishek Singh continues as CEO, NeGD (UPDATED)**

Abhishek Singh, CEO, MyGov, will continue holding an additional charge of Chief Executive Officer at Joint Secretary level, National e-Governance Division (NeGD) until further orders. He is a 1995 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre.

Savanur Vishwajith Shetty appointed Addl Judge of Karnataka HC

Savanur Vishwajith Shetty has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Karnataka High Court, for a period of two years with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office.

Justice Biswanath Somadder appointed CJ of Meghalaya HC

Justice Biswanath Somadder, Judge of the Allahabad High Court has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office.

Justice Dipankar Datta appointed CJ of Bombay HC

Justice Dipankar Datta, Judge of the Calcutta High Court has been appointed as the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office

Justice Mohammad Rafiq transferred as CJ of Orissa HC

Justice Mohammad Rafiq, Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court has been transferred as Chief Justice of the Orissa High Court.

CORPORATE

**Bhise appointed Add ED of Nucleus Software Exports**

Nucleus Software Exports Ltd has appointed Parag Bhise as an Additional Executive Director of the company.

**Sardar quits as Independent Director of Wall Street Finance**

Madhukar Raghunath Sardar has quit as Independent Director of Wall Street Finance Ltd.

**Mathur inducted on RICS Board**

RICS has inducted Savills India CEO Anurag Mathur on its Board of Directors.

FORUM

**Attention Finance Minister**

Attention Finance Minister. We are passing thru a challenging period of Covid-19. ITR forms for AY 2020-21 are likely to be issued shortly. Finance Minister must consider that the form Sahaj (Saral) remains Sahaj and not becomes complex as it is being filed by most of the salaried class and pensioners. Govt. has brought a scheme of " Vivad se Vishwas" or building trust between tax payers and tax administration. Let the scheme becomes vision and Brand TRUST is created and Govt. gets its long term benefits. To create brand Trust if some expenditure is required Govt. should not hesitate in meeting those obligations. Let the ITR1 remains the same as it was in AY 2018-19 where LTCG on transfer of equity and equity oriented MF was tax exempt but in 2018 budget it was made taxable if LTCG more than 1 lakh but filing of return was made complex and complicated even LTCG is less than taxable limit asking the salaried class and pensioners to file ITR2 giving unnecessary details of equity and mf even there are no tax liabilities. Let the ITR filing remains simpler asking the LTCG income under sec 112A in the income for reporting purpose in ITR1 from pulldown menu. If LTCG exceeds 1 lakh then tax payers automatically will switch to ITR2. This will be first step towards creating trust between tax payers and tax administration. Govt, has to take considerate view in these matters not fully depending on CBDT which requires each and every details to put tax payers moving from Vishwas se vivad ki aur. Let us create a good model of TRUST so the people pay tax honestly and correctly. CBDT has to work extra miles to develop tools and methodologies for assessing the income of professionals, traders, contractors etc. by their innovative approach not beaurocratic way. Many things depend on CBDT working and approach for developing ITR forms. Let us follow the time tested forms of AY 2018-19 or FY 2017-18 and making some necessary changes as per approved Budget proposals without making it complex and seeking details which are not required when there is no tax liability. Good luck for simple and sahaj forms. When ITR1 can meet the requirement why force salaried class and pensioners to file ITR2 having no tax liability on account of LTCG.

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**CSS & CSSS most neglected**

It's true that the most neglected case is CSS & CSSS in GoI. No promotion whatsoever is happening. Whereas Ellie services are enjoying the fruits as usual, in fact more. Nothing is moving for these two deleted cadres but when it relates to work ethics etc, these two cadres are the most vulnerable and they toil. Even during Covid 19, only these two cadres are supporting the whole Government of India. But promotions will not happen at all. Government should ensure that these cadres should get their deserved promotions soon. The more they wait, the less enthusiastic they become. Hope something happens quickly.

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