What people say about us !

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

D P Devgan

This is History (2099)

Treaties are like roses and young girls. They last while they last.

**Only two Ministers were present in PM'S VC with CMs**

There was a significant presence of Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister, in the Video Conferencing with CMs of different states on Thursday in Delhi. The other Minister who was present was Amit Shah, Home Minister. Apart from these two ministers senior officers were also present.

**Rahul Gandhi returns to CWC**

After attending last CWC in August, Rahul Gandhi on Thursday returned to the Congress Working Committee meet to attend the crucial discussion on the Covid-19 situation. Any significance ?

**MHA Secretary asks States/UTs to take action against fake news**

Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), has asked all the States/UTs to take effective measures to fight fake news in order to prevent panic among people and spread of COVID-19.

BUREAUCRACY

**Two 1982 batch IFS officers are still serving**

It is said that two  1982 batch officers from Indian Forest Service, Dr. S. C. Gairola present PCCF and HoFF, Maharashtra Forest Department and  Omkar Singh, Director IGNFA are still serving and not yet retired.

**Govt may transfer six to seven EDs of merged banks in next two weeks**

Whispers are that transfer and appointment of six to seven EDs of merged banks are expected in Anchor banks during the next two weeks.

**Tenure of  three Secretaries in GoI extended**

In GoI, tenure of three Secretaries has been extended during last two months. Parmeshwar Iyer - Secretary - Drinking water and Sanitation, Dr G.Narain Raju – Secretary - Legislative Affairs and Dr. Reu Swaroop – Secretary - Biotechnology have been given 2 years, and one year each extension respectively.

**Why Spl Secretary was stripped off Spokesperson's responsibility**?

In the corridors of power, every one is trying to find out the possible reason why a Special Secretary was withdrawn from the responsibility of the Spokesperson when the country is passing in critical stage to combat CoronaVirus outbreak? Sanjeeva Kumar, Special Secretary, MoH&FW had been declared as spokesperson of the ministry for CoronaVirus related information and he was addressing the media daily in the initial days. But after 10 days or so Lav Agrawal, JS has been given this responsibility.

**Kundra is new Dy EC in Election Commissioner**

Ashish Kundra is new Dy Election Commissioner in the Election Commission of India, He is 1996 batch IAS officer of UT cadre.

**Raju is back to AM cadre**

G H P Raju, IG in CRPF, is back to the parent Assam Meghalaya cadre after completion of  central deputation tenure. He is 1993 batch IPS Officer of AM cadre.

**Tenure of Dr Sunil Gautam as PS to Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi ends today**

The extended tenure of Dr Sunil Gautam as Private Secretary to Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister for Minority Affairs, is ending on April 3, 2020. He is a 1999 batch IRS-IT officer.

**No extension in term of Independent Directors in Rail PSUs**

Govt has also started denying extension of term of Independent Directors of Railway PSUs.

**Birupaksha Mishra appointed ED, Union Bank of India**

The Central Govt has appointed Birupaksha Mishra, erstwhile Executive Director of Corporation Bank, as the Executive Director of Union Bank of India w.e.f. April 1, 2020 till the date of his superannuation i.e. January 31, 2021.

**Vijay Dube appointed ED, PNB**

The Central Govt has appointed Vijay Dube as Executive Director of Punjab National Bank.

**Sanjay Kumar appointed ED, PNB**

The Central Govt has appointed Sanjay Kumar as Executive Director of Punjab National Bank.

**Mritunjay Mahapatra still waiting for relieving orders**

Syndicate Bank MD & CEO Mritunjay Mahapatra till April 1 night had not received any order from Govt whether he is being relieved or posted elsewhere after amalgamation of Syndicate Bank with Canara Bank. His tenure ends on May 31, 2020.

**Board restructuring could happen with PSBs  merging**

The merger of public sector banks is likely to witness significant restructuring of Board strength during the next two years.

**Arvind Deep likely to join central deputation at ADG level ?**

Arvind Deep is expected to join central deputation at Additional Director General (ADG) level in Government of India. He is a 1988 batch IPS officer of AGMUT cadre.

**Raising Day to be decided after Lockdown**

This year's raising day celebrations of CISF likely to give a miss. However, sources maintain that final decision in this regard will be taken after the Lockdown is lifted. CISF raising day falls on March 10 but due Holi this time it was deferred to March 13. But it was Coronavirus threat which again forced deferment.

**NTPC contributes Rs 257.5 cr to PM CARES Fund**

NTPC Ltd, India’s largest power producer, contributed INR 257.5 Crore to the PM CARES Fund to support the government in the fight against COVID-19. While INR 250 crore have been given by the company, NTPC employees have also contributed INR 7.5 crore towards the PM CARES Fund as their one day salary.  NTPC feels honoured to be a part of the contribution from the Public Sector undertakings of the Ministry of Power which has contributed INR 925 Cr to the PM CARES Fund. INR 11 crore is being spent additionally by NTPC for protective measures at various locations as on 31st March 2020 towards awareness and health camps for people in the vicinity. NTPC has also committed INR 25 lakhs to the District Administration of Kawas (Gujrat), Solapur (Maharashtra), Anta (Rajasthan), Mauda (Maharashtra) and Jhanor (Gujarat) to fight the pandemic. Moreover, NTPC is working towards creating extensive awareness drive hoardings, banners in its operational areas along with encouraging the people to stay safe and be at home through announcements on loudspeakers. Further, one Wing of the Sundargarh (Odisha) Medical College & Hospital, consisting of 200 bed has been handed over to the District Administration on March 30, 2020. At various plant locations NTPC has made arrangements for food and medical facilities along with distribution of sanitisers and soaps for contract labourers, workers and to locals. Food packets, daily essentials groceries, milk and vegetables are regularly being supplied at many locations for the family members of workers. Further, NTPC has taken several initiatives to contain the spread of the virus and setting up dedicated Covid-19 units at its hospitals. This has been done utilizing 45 hospitals/health units with 140 beds to make isolation facilities. Along with it, a total of 8 ventilators are being procured at Hazaribagh (Jharkhand) for district administration.

Services of GMs, Sr. court managers & court managers extended in Maharashtra (UPDATED)

On the directives of Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, the services of general managers, senior court managers and court managers in entire State of Maharashtra have been further extended w.e.f. April 1, 2020 on existing terms and conditions pending the decision of the Government regarding continuation of such services.

Just 3 to 4 company Board meetings in a week!! (UPDATED)

Corporate world is holding just 3 to 4 Board meetings in totality considering all private and publicly listed companies taken together in a week due to COVID-19 situation.

**NSIC contributes Rs. 1 Cr towards PM Cares Fund (UPDATED)**

The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC)( A Mini – Ratna PSU under Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India) has joined hands with the Nation in its fight against the Corona Virus by contributing Rs 1 crores to the PM CARES fund. Vijayendra, (IAS), CMD, NSIC and the Management including all the NSIC employees are committed to dedicate themselves in the service of the Nation and MSMEs in every possible way.

***CPSEs leading in dealing with COVID-19* (UPDATED)**

Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)have led from the forefront in not only maintaining the essential services in the country but also in  providing  their medical infrastructure of hospitals / equipments  in dealing with the COVID - 19 pandemic in India . CPSEs have also come forward to contribute nearly Rs2500 cr . towards PM CARES for this cause . Department of Public Enterprises, and the concerned Administrative Ministries are working in close coordination with the CPSEs in the present crises .

Andhra Bank MD & CEO J Packirisamy could be made OSD, UBI **(UPDATED)**

There are whispers that J Packirisamy, MD & CEO of Andhra Bank may be appointed as  Whole-time Director and OSD in Union Bank of India.The file is under discussion in Finance Ministry.

Mritunjay Mahapatra may be appointed OSD in Canara Bank **(UPDATED)**

The Ministry of Finance is reportedly considering to appoint Mritunjay Mahapatra, former MD & CEO of Syndicate Bank as Whole-time Director and OSD in Canara Bank.The file will be forwarded to PMO for final approval.

**All PSUs asked to transfer CSR fund to PM Cares Fund (UPDATED)**

The Government of India is whispered to have asked all the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to transfer Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) fund to PM Cares Fund to combat COVID-19.

**NBCC contributes Rs 6.04 Cr to PM Cares Fund (UPDATED)**

State-owned NBCC and its Subsidiaries contribute Rs.6.04 Crore from CSR Fund to PM Cares Fund for fight against COVID19.

**PSUs under disinvestment plan come forward to finance GoI (UPDATED)**

Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), which are at the target of Government of India to disinvest and sell, have come forward to extending all helps to the combat COVID-19 and financial support to Government of India.

**All PSUs employees & officers to contribute one-day salary to GoI (UPDATED)**

All the State-owned Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs) employees and officers will contribute their one-day salary to the Government of India to fight COVID-19.

**DPE listing PSUs hospitals & guest house for emergency (UPDATED)**

The Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) is whispered to be preparing a list of hospitals and guest houses of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in order to seek support from them in surging cases of COVID-19.

CORPORATE

**Gujarat CS Anil Mukim made GGL Chairman**

Anil Mukim , Chief Secretary, Govt of Gujarat has been appointed as Chairman of Gujarat Gas Limited. He is an IAS officer of Gujarat cadre of 1985 batch.

**Bhasin appointed Independent Director of PNB Housing Finance**

PNB Housing Finance Limited has appointed Rajendra Mohan Bhasin as Independent Director of the company w.e.f. April 2, 2020.

**Mrs. Mirchandani appointed Independent Director of Ador Welding**

Ador Welding Limited has appointed Mrs Nita Dempo Mirchandani as Non-Executive Independent Director of the company.

**Mrs. Ruparel appointed Independent Director of Ester Industries**

Ester Industries Limited has appointed Mrs Padmaja Shailen Ruparel as Independent Director of the company.

**Mrs. Machaiah appointed Independent Director of Bhartiya International**

Bhartiya International Limited has appointed Mrs. Sannovanda Swathi Machaiah as Non- Executive Independent Director of the company.

**Chawla quits as Independent Director of Future Enterprises**

Haresh Chawla has quit as Independent Director of Future Enterprises.

**Mundra quits as Independent Director of Allcargo Logistics**

Hari L Mundra has quit as Non-Executive Independent Director of Allcargo Logistics.

**Singhal appointed Non-Exec Director of CMI Ltd.**

CMI Limited has appointed Kunal Singhal as Non-Executive Director of the company.

FORUM

**Strict regulatory authority required**

Instead of pruning the number of private banks, there is a need of having a regulatory authority with a lot of canine teeth. Banking is a business. It is not the government's job to be in the business of business. Every time a thing goes wrong in both the private (Yes Bank) of public sector (Punjab National Bank) the honest tax payers of the country have to bear the brunt. Their hard earned money is used in settling the unethical practices of certain individuals. The depositors of money in the banks also need to share the burden of risks in a business environment. Like taking back lesser amount of principal, interests etc. in the event of settlement of dues.

Anurag Srivasrava

**Commendable job by govts.**

At the time of this COVID crisis, all extraordinary efforts done by Central and State Govts. are highly commendable and any word of praise will be less. Yes I would express my gratitude by expressing that first time in the history of independent India such an expression and resolve of the state for welfare measure has been demonstrated. May I  add that this is the situation where today India have more than 2-3 lakh MBBS qualified students who are sitting idle at home for furthering their progression for higher studies but are at home without gainful employment. At this time of crisis, their services could be utilized to tackle this menace. I hope concerned authorities will take notice of this and make use of them.

Arun Sharma

**Govt should accept Mallaya’s offer**

Mallaya has offered to again pay the Kingfisher dues. Govt should accept the same. Let the proceedings continue.

**Sreesayee Prasad**