What people say about us!

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

D P Devgan

This is History (2100)

I respect only those who resist me, but I cannot tolerate them.

**New virus emerges from China every year?**

It is said that in the recent times every year new virus has emerged only from China ? Is it not significant and subject of research ?

**Many world leaders praise PM Modi**

According to reports, many world leaders have praised PM Narendra Modi the way he dealt with CoronaVirus crisis in India. Reports say that leaders from SAARC , UK and Australia Prime Ministers and France President have reportedly lauded Indian leadership .

**Opposition to encash anger of public**

Opposition has seen the anger of the people because of long lock out and this time  opposition leaders would like to take political mileage  saying the country doesn't need an event, it needs hospitals, ventilators and testing labs to fight Covid-19, a livelihood package for daily wagers and migrant workers.

BUREAUCRACY

**Indian diplomats may not visit HQ for some time now**

The Ministry of External Affairs is on a full video conferencing mode as diplomats have been asked to stay put in their respective stations as a precautionary measure and take care of staff posted in Indian missions.

**CPSEs leading in dealing with COVID-19**

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 Rs. 2500 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 .

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

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.

**PSUs under disinvestment plan come forward to finance GoI**

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

**SC still has one vacancy of Judge**

The Supreme Court still has one vacancy of a Judge out of the total sanctioned strength of 34 as on April 1, 2020.

**Andhra Bank MD & CEO J Packirisamy to be OSD, UBI ?**

There are whispers that J Packirisamy, MD & CEO of Andhra Bank, may be appointed 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**

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.

**One Secretary in MoD to retire in April**

Ms Sanjeevani Kutty, Secretary, Deptt of Ex- servicemen Welfare under Ministry of Defence (MoD), is scheduled to superannuate in April this year. She is Maharashtra cadre 1983 batch IAS officer.

**Rajesh Khurana gets addl charge as Spl. CP, Intelligence, Delhi**

Rajesh Khurana, Special Commissioner of Police, Central Range, Delhi has been handed over additional charge as Special Commissioner of Police, Intelligence.He is an IPS officer of  1994 batch of UT cadre.

**Suvashish Choudhary given addl charge as Jt CP, Central Range, Delhi**

Suvashish Choudhary, Joint CP , Licencing , Delhi, has been handed over additional charge as Joint CP, Central Range, Delhi.He is an IPS officer of 2002 batch of UT cadre.

**Three Judicial officers elevated as Judges of HC for UT of J&K and Ladakh**

The Central Government has notified the elevation of three judicial officers as judges of the Common High Court for Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir & Ladakh. They are:  Vinod Chatterji Koul, Chairman of the J&K Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal Sanjay Dhar, Registrar General of J&K High Court and Puneet Gupta, Member of J&K Special Tribunal.

**Allahabad Bank’s full IT integration with Indian Bank by Dec 2020 !**

Allahabad Bank’s full IT integration with Indian Bank (which is the Anchor bank) in the merger process is expected to be complete by December 2020.

**Gross GST revenue collected - Rs 97,597 Crore**

The gross GST revenue collected in March, 2020 is Rs 97, 597 Crore of which CGST is Rs 19,183 crore and  SGST is Rs 25,601 crore and IGST is Rs 44,508 crore. This collection is being seen a big achievement because despite reported slowdown and lockdpwn ,GST collection around one lakh crore is said to be a satisfactory figure.

**Telephone connections & Teledensity decreased**

During October to December, 2019 , DoT registered 22.81 million . Tele density also registered 88.49% decrease during the same period.

**Justice Oswal - first Judge of J&K HC under Indian Constitution**

 Justice Rajnesh Oswal is the first judge   permanent Judge of the common High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.He was administered oath of office by Chief Justice Jammu and Kashmir High Court,  He is the first Judge of the High Court to take oath under the Indian Constitution. All previous Judges of High Court had taken oath under the constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, which ceases to exist since August 5, 2019.

**Singhal reports back to DoT**

Consequent upon his repatriation from NITI Aayog, Neeraj Singhal has reported back tto his parent DoT. He is a JAG level ITS officer and was Director in NITI Aayog.

**Three Members posts vacant in UP PSC**

As many as three Members posts are vacant in UP PSC. Process for selection has been started.

**Services of GMs, Sr. Court Managers & Court Managers extended in Maharashtra**

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.

**Army earmarks 28 service hospitals, and more, to deal with Covid-29 cases**

The armed forces are said to have earmarked 28 service hospitals for managing Covid-29 cases. Besides five hospitals of the armed forces equipped to carry out Covid-19 tests, six more are likely to come up soon.

**RBI nod for R V Verma as Part-time Chairman of AU Small Finance Bank  awaited**

AU Small Finance Bank  has applied to RBI for approval of appointment of Raj Vikash Verma as Part-time Chairman of the Bank.

**NCC cadets may be called for assistance**

Around 25,000 National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets are reportedly being mobilised to provide necessary local assistance.

**Army alerts retired health professionals**

The army may recall the services of retired health professionals in the wake of situation arising out of Corona Virus outbreak.  It has asked them to stay prepared in this time of crisis.

**C’garh Govt seeks services of Ex-servicemen for CoronaVirus Control**

The Chhattisgarh government has taken services of some Ex-servicemen to assist the police in CoronaVirus Control measures.

**DPE listing PSUs hospitals & guest house for emergency**

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.

**Six more Armed Forces hospitals to start COVID-19 testing**

Six more Armed forces hospitals are being equipped shortly with the resources to begin COVID-19 testing.

**Five Armed Forces viral testing labs included in national grid**

Five viral testing labs at Armed Forces hospitals which can carry out COVID-19 test have been made part of national grid. These include Army Hospital (Research & Referral), Delhi Cantt; Air Force Command Hospital, Bangalore and Armed Forces Medical College, Pune; Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow and Command Hospital (Northern Command), Udhampur.

**Sanjiv Kumar Singhal is also DG, Civil Defence, Fire in Bihar**

Sanjiv Kumar Singhal has been assigned an additional charge of DG, Civil Defence and Fire Services in Patna. He is a 1988 batch IPS officer.

**MHA officers & staff to contribute one-day salary**

The officers and staff of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) have resolved to contribute a one-day salary to PM Cares Fund.

 **CWC contributes Rs.565.42 lakhs & Rs 65.42 lakhs by employees to PM Cares Fund (UPDATED)**

Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), a PSU under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, has contributed Rs.565.42 lakhs (Rs 500 lakhs from CSR fund and employees’ voluntarily contribution of one day salary, Rs.65.42 lakhs) to the PM CARES Fund, created following the Covid-19 pandemic, for combating, containment and relief efforts against the coronavirus outbreak and similar pandemic like situations in the future. CWC has also deferred the storage tariff revision by three months, i.e. till June 30, 2020, to provide economic relief to its valued depositors, who are suffering from the financial stress caused by COVID-19.  In the process, CWC will bear the financial impact of about Rs.7.50 crores on this account. CWC has kept its Central Warehouses (CWs), open for distribution of food grain and other essential commodities, at about 400 locations, PAN India level and its employees are working against all odds for ensuring uninterrupted supply of essential commodities from / to CWs. During the 10 days of Covid-19 lockdown, CWC has handled 161 rakes, in 11 states and 6.51 lakh MT food grain to the demand via Public Distribution System (PDS).

**Announcement of PM to blackout puts Power Ministry into tizzy (UPDATED)**

The announcement of Prime Minister to blackout for nine minutes at 9pm on Sunday as solidarity with field workers has put the Ministry of Power into a tizzy to maintain power generation and transmission at the lowest demand of supply and smooth functioning of power grid.

CORPORATE

**Just 3 to 4 company Board meetings in a week !!**

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.

**More services exempted**

The GoI has exempted more services from restrictions under the 21-day countrywide lockdown. Services involved in direct marketing of agricultural produce, Aanganwadi workers and AYUSH related health facilities are now listed as exempt from restrictions.

**DoT to organize 5G Hackathon**

DoT is schedule to organize a 5G Hackathon to identify and promote promote 5G products and solution relevant o India. Interested can submit their application till April 30.

**Jain appointed CS of Fortis Malar Hospital**

Fortis Malar Hospital has appointed Mayank Jain as Company Secretary of the company.

**Sen appointed Non Executive Director of Castrol India**

Castrol India Limited has appointed Udayan Sen as Non- Executive Director of the company.

 FORUM

**High Powered Groups No Solution**

It is no sign of excellence of administration in the country if the Prime Minister has to personally supervise management of crises whenever they occur: floods, famine, excess/deficit rains, epidemics like the Wuhan Virus or war. The very fact that the country’s top management did not know how to tackle crises of such magnitudes is evident from the constitution of so many high-powered groups. It means the training given to these bureaucrats does not cover management of crises of any kind. What will they do? Issue strict orders only? Who will implement these orders? Are they at the same wave length? I am afraid, no; no, they are not at the same wave length. There is no SOP visible to handle a crisis of the nature of COVID-19 induced lockdown and its effect. To illustrate the point consider this: most families depend on supply of essentials both in rural as well as urban habitats on a daily basis; millions living in small flats in cities can not store provisions for more than a fortnight because of space constraint (where do they get space for home quarantine?), senior citizens can’t go out to the market obeying government’s good advice and can’t get essentials delivered to the door as practiced in cities where home delivery has become the norm and must remain hungry, there is no short distance transport to go to the local market and bring essentials and carrying them on a back pack is impossible, more people will die in India if they live like this than any epidemic can cause, visiting a doctor is now impossible, mass dislocation/disruption and loss of livelihood/employment means death due to starvation, nobody can feed 130 crore population for a month or more if managing the affairs in such difficult circumstances is not well thought and well worked out. The high-powered groups will use only their common sense, experience, imagination and sentimentality. The traumatic experiences of 1962 Chinese war, 1965 Pakistan war, 1971 Pakistan war still revive chilling experiences of suffering of the people. Smart citizens started hoarding 3 months ration just after the Janata Lockdown, only those who believed the government are finding things bad. Now, the rumours/genuine news of extension of the lockdown are frightening. Better lift the lockdown or announce how people will get the essential supplies home delivered by ordering on phone. If chaos is created by unimaginative administrative conduct, it will prove very costly to the nation.

M L Gupta

**“Travails of Delhi’s Residents Welfare Societies”**

While  fully endorsing S. Gopal’s views ( WIC dt March 27,2020),I would like to carry out a reality check. The truth of the matter is that the guidelines  laid down by the office of  Registrar General of co-operative societies (RG) are seldom followed by the office bearers  of Residential Welfare Societies/ Associations .

 RG’s office is a den of  corruption - both collusive and coercive . And, I say this with all emphasis at my command.  Raids conducted  by anti-graft agencies  vindicate the position. It merely  revealed total absence of  Accountability. There is no practice of conducting  suo moto surprise checks into the accounts of co-operative societies by RG’s office . I am not aware whether  rules provide for it. But, the ground realities are alarming. The whole system is flawed. RG’s office runs on the basis of discretionary powers vested in the hands of its officers and staff. Doctrine of Quid pro quo decides  grievances of hapless residents. The annual accounts of  Societies’ AGMs are audited by private chartered accountants ,who are empanelled by RG’s office. Due diligence is never followed.

Appointment of private security agencies for providing security guards to gated societies, is a matter of grave concern. The credentials of a majority of security guards are never vetted by the local police. The beat constables are kept satisfied. The contractors take their cuts, share it with the local police and the matter is allowed to rest .Govt of NCT, Delhi turns a blind eye to the widespread corruption, despite tall claims by CM Kejriwal. The situation is equally deplorable in all societies  of  national capital

A K Saxena (A former civil servant)