

# PIB Summary

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## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS' WELFARE

- **Rs.11crore cheque was contributed by NCDC and Indian potash ltd.** towards PM Cares fund to Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar.
- **Ministry has launched new features of e-NAM** which will reduce the need to come to wholesale mandis for selling the harvested produce.
- Ministry has launched **All India Agri transport call centre number-18001804200 and 14488** in order to facilitate inter-state movement of perishable items.
- **Pusa decontamination and sanitizing tunnel** has been developed by division of Agricultural engineering-ICAR.
- **Kisan Rath** mobile app has been launched to facilitate transport of foodgrains and perishables during lockdown.
- **Rs.17793crore has been released under PM-KISAN** for 8.89crore farmers.
- **G-20 Extraordinary agriculture minister meeting** through video conferencing was held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Theme-Impact of COVID-19 on food security, safety and nutrition.

## MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

- National pharmaceuticals pricing authority (NPAA) has set up **Price monitoring & resource unit (PMRU)** in J& K.
- Under **Pradhan mantra Bhartiya Janasudhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** Swasth ke sipahi are delivering medicines and essential services at the doorstep of patients and elderly.

## MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

- **Lifeline UDAN flights covered 70000km of aerial distance** and was operated by air India force on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020.

## MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

- Competition commission of India (CCI) has approved **joint venture between Adani Green energy ltd. and Tosal S.A. for power generation** through solar energy in India.
- **Trishikher ventures have proposed acquisition of 18.95% of the Religre health insurance Co. ltd.**through CCI green channel.
- CCI has approved the proposal of **Hitachi's acquisition of 80.5% in Power greed business of ABB ltd.**
- CCI has approved the acquisition of **9.93% stake by Emerald sage investment Ltd. in Apollo tyres Ltd.**

- CCI has approved the acquisition of BMM Ispat Ltd. shares by JSW Project Ltd.

## MINISTRY OF FINANCE

- Security printing and minting corporation of India Ltd. (SPMCIL) has contributed Rs.19867680 to AIIMS, New Delhi to fight COVID-19.
- RBI has allowed all banks to declare a moratorium for three months on all term loans.
- Development committee meeting of World Bank-IMF was held on 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- India has signed \$1.5billion loan agreement with Asian Development Bank in order to supply COVID-19 immediate response.

## MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

- J & K Reorganisation (Adaptation of state laws) order, 2020 has been issued on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020.
- Home ministry has approved the release of Rs.11092crore under state disaster risk management fund for all states.
- Ministry has issued order to make domicile of J& K eligible for all Government posts.

## MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

- CBSE has directed all affiliated schools to promote all the students of Class-1 to 8 to the next class without examination.
- Ministry has launched a mega online challenge-SAMADHAN in order to test the ability of students to innovate.
- Bharat Padhe online campaign has been launched by the ministry for improving online education ecosystems in India.
- Ministry has launched YUKTI (young India combating COVID with knowledge, technology and innovation) portal to record and monitor various initiatives to fight COVID-19.

## MINISTRY OF STEEL

- Under Vivad se Vishwas scheme, several central public sector enterprises made payment of due taxes.

## MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- Naval dockyard Mumbai has designed a low cost temperature gun for the screening of large number of personnel at the entry gate.
- Under Ex-NCC Yogdan, NCC has offered National duty to its volunteer to fight against COVID-19.
- Border Roads organization (BRO) has constructed a new permanent bridge on the Ravi river which will connect Kasowal enclave in Punjab with the rest part of the country.

## MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND IT

- Government of India has launched **Aarogya setu app** which will enable people to assess the risk of catching corona virus infection.
- Ministry has launched **Hack the crisis –India** which is an online hackathon in order to find working solutions to overcome COVID-19 pandemic.

## MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **Sree Chitra tirunal institute for medical sciences and technology (SCTIMST) has tied up with Wipro 3D** to manufacture automated ventilators.
- **A bio-fortified carrot-Madhuban gajar** has been developed by a farmer of Junagadh in Gujarat. It is rich in beta carotene and iron.
- **CSIR-National chemicals laboratory, Pune has collaborated with Bharat electronics Ltd. (BEL)** to promote medical devices.
- National institute of Pharmaceutical education and research, Guwahati (NIPER-G) has developed various 3D products to fight COVID-19.
- **CovidGyan**, a science based website on COVID-19 has been launched by the ministry to create on-campus awareness about COVID-19.
- Centre for Nano and soft matter sciences (CeNS) developed a compact solid-state sensor in order to detect heavy metal in water.
- **A robotic device-HCARD** has been developed to assist frontline COVID-19 healthcare warriors.

## MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Ministry has started releasing an amount of Rs.500/month/ women to **Pradhan Mantri Jan dhan yojana** accountholders for next three months as a relief package in trhe wake of COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Under National Rural Livelihood Mission, mass production of masks have been initiated in the wake of COVID-19 Pandemic.

## MINISTRY OF TOURISM

- Ministry has launched **Stranded in India portal** for assisting stranded foreign tourists in various parts of the country.
- Ministry has launched **Dekho apna Desh webinar series** on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. First webinar series theme-City of cities-Delhi's personal Diary.
- **World Heritage Day** was observed on 18<sup>th</sup> april, 2020.

## NITI AAYOG

- NITI Aayog has collaborated with Atal Innovation Mission and National Informatics center (NIC) to launch **CollabCAD** in ATL Schools in order to create 3D computer aided designs.

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## CABINET

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- Cabinet has approved the non-operation of **Member of Parliament local area development scheme (MPLADS)** for two years (2020-21 and 2021-22) so that these funds can be utilized by the Government of India to fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

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## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORTS AND HIGHWAYS

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- NHA has achieved the highest ever construction of National highways in FY 2019-2020 by constructing 3979km of national Highways.

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## MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS

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- First of its kind **i-GOT e-learning platform** on DEEKSHA will be launched by Department of Personnel and training in order to empower frontline COVID-19 warriors.

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## MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS

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- In order to promote a digital campaign for SHGs, **TRIFED has collaborated with UNICEF** to develop a digital communication strategy.

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## MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

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- **Government of India has allocated Rs.15000crore for India COVID-19 emergency response** and health system preparedness package.

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## MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

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- **G20 extraordinary energy minister virtual meeting** was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020. Meeting was called by Saudi Arabia.

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## AYUSH

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- Ministry has inaugurated **International webinar on world homeopath day** on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 on the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemane.

## MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

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- In order to curb opportunistic takeover of Indian companies due to COVID-19 pandemic, **Government of India has amended the extent of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy** according to which citizen of Bangladesh and Pakistan can invest only under Government route.

## MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

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- Pune municipal corporation has developed **Saiyam** mobile app for tracking of home quarantined citizens.

## MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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- **Government has launched online date pool for critical human resources** to control COVID-19.

## MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

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- **SVAMITVA scheme** is a new initiative of the ministry which will help in streamlining planning and revenue collection in rural areas, and it will also ensure clarity of property rights.

## MINISTRY OF POWER

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- NTPC Ltd. has launched hydrogen fuel bus and car projects for Leh and New Delhi.