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PIB SUMMARY-APRIL 2020

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 20th 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 Janausadhi 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 1st 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 17th 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 1st 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 the 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 14th April, 2020. First webinar series theme-City of cities-Delhi’s personal Diary.
- **World Heritage Day** was observed on 18th April, 2020.
• 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.

**CABINET**

• 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.

**MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORTS AND HIGHWAYS**

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

**MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVENCES AND PENSIONS**

• 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.

**MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS**

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

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

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

**MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS**

• **G20 extraordinary energy minister virtual meeting** was held on 10th April, 2020. Meeting was called by Saudi Arabia.

**AYUSH**

• Ministry has inaugurated **International webinar on world homeopath day** on 10th April, 2020 on the birth anniversary of Dr. Samuel Hahnemane.
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

- 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

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

MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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

MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ

- 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

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