

PM Modi-Bill Gates discuss innovation and R&D to combat COVID-19



PM Shri Narendra Modi on 14 May, 2020 interacted with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair, Mr. Bill Gates via video conference. They discussed the global response to COVID-19 and the importance of global coordination on scientific innovation and R&D to combat the pandemic.

- Shri Modi explained how people-centric bottom-up approach has helped win acceptability for physical distancing, respect for front-line workers, wearing of masks, maintaining proper hygiene and respecting lockdown provisions.
- Shri Modi also highlighted how some of the initiatives taken by Govt like financial inclusion, better health services, Swachh Bharat, utilizing Ayurvedic wisdom had helped increase the effectiveness of India's response to Covid crisis.
- PM appreciated the health related work done by Gates Foundation in India and sought suggestions from Mr. Gates on how India's capacities and capabilities could be better leveraged for benefit of the world.

3100 CRORES PMCARES-FUND WILL BE SPENT ON BUYING VENTILATORS AND FOR WELFARE OF MIGRANT LABOURERS: JP NADDA



Bharatiya Janata Party National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Via a video conference meeting with the BJP Mayors of Goa, Maharashtra and Daman-Diu discussed the challenges and response to COVID-19 pandemic in India on 14 May, 2020.

- Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released Rs. 3100 crores from #PMCAresFund.
- The National President said this fund would be spent on buying ventilators, developing vaccines for Covid-19 and for the welfare of migrant laborers.
- He said every Karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party must run the support campaign to defeat COVID-19 in the country.

FM ANNOUNCES SECOND SET OF STIMULUS MEASURES FOR MIGRANT WORKERS, SMALL FARMERS & POOR

Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman announced the short term and long-term measures for supporting the poor, including migrants, farmers, tiny businesses and street vendors on 14 May, 2020 :

- Free food grains supply to Migrants for 2 months.
- Technology system to be used enabling Migrants to access PDS(Ration) from any Fair Price Shops in India by March,2021-One Nation one Ration Card .
- Scheme for Affordable Rental Housing Complexes for Migrant Workers and Urban Poor to be launched
- 2% Interest Subvention for 12 months for Shishu MUDRA loanees- Relief of Rs. 1500 crore
- Rs 5000 crore Credit facility for Street Vendors.
- Rs 70,000 crore boost to housing sector and middle income group through extension of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme for MIG under PMAY(Urban)
- Rs 6,000 crore for Creating employment using CAMPA funds
- Rs 30,000 crore Additional Emergency Working Capital for farmers through NABARD
- Rs 2 lakh crore concessional credit boost to 2.5 crore farmers under Kisan Credit Card Scheme

15th MEETING OF GoM HELD; REVIEWS CURRENT STATUS & MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19

The 15th meeting of the high level Group of Ministers (GoM) on COVID-19 was held at Nirman Bhawan, in New Delhi on 15 May, under the Chairmanship of Union Minister of Health Dr. Harsh Vardhan. Minister of Civil Aviation, External Affairs, Minister of States for Home Affairs, Shipping, Chemical and Fertilizers and Health along with Sh. Bipin Rawat, Chief of Defence Staff were present.

- A detailed presentation on the present status of COVID-19 cases globally and within the country was made.
- GoM had in depth deliberation on containment strategy and management aspects of COVID-19, as well as the measures being taken by the Centre and various States.
- In India, so far, a total of 27,920 people have been cured. This takes the total recovery rate at 34.06%. The Doubling Rate also improved from 3.4 days in the pre-lockdown week to 12.9 days in the last week.

Indian Railways transporting more than 2 lacs migrants in a day



- From 4 trains a day to 145 trains per day, Indian Railways ramps up its mission of "Back Home" in a big way through Shramik Specials.
- It crosses the milestone of transporting more than 2 lacs migrants in 1 single day in endeavor to take all those stranded back their home states
- From around 5000 passengers on May 1st to more than 2.10 lacs on May 14, milestone crossed in less than 2 weeks.
- More than 12 lacs passengers have reached their home states by these "Shramik Special" trains till now.
- More than 1000 Shramik Special trains operationalized so far to take migrants home.
- In a mission mode, Railways ready to run 300 "Shramik Special" trains per day to transport more than 4 lacs stranded persons per day in these trains.

‘Goal’ programme for Digital Skilling of Tribal Youth launched



Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Shri Arjun Munda launched the “GOAL (Going Online As Leaders)” programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in partnership with Facebook at a Webinar in New Delhi on 15 May.

- The GOAL programme is designed to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode.
- The digitally enabled program envisages acting as a catalyst to explore hidden talents of the tribal youth, which will help in their personal development as well as contribute to all-round upliftment of their society.
- Announcing the program, Shri Arjun Munda said MoTA’s partnership with Facebook through GOAL programme has come at the right time to provide a platform to tribal youth and women to move ahead in life.
- The program intends to upskill and empower 5,000 tribal youths in the current phase.

NOW 2 LAKH PPE KITS, 2 LAKH N-95 MASKS MANUFACTURED IN INDIA DAILY

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 12 May said that two lakh PPE kits and two lakh N95 masks were being manufactured in the country on a daily basis as part of fight against the Corona Pandemic.

- PM said when the Covid-19 crisis started, not even a single PPE kit was manufactured in India, and only a few N95 masks were available.
- Today two lakh PPE kits and 2 lakh N95 masks are manufactured in India daily.
- When India speaks of self-reliance, it does not advocate a self-centered system. In India's self-reliance there is a concern for the whole world's happiness, cooperation and peace, the PM said.
- Prime Minister Shri Modi said that the progress of the world has been linked to India's progress.
- The PM also noted that measures needed during the third phase of lockdown will not be needed in the fourth phase.

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Spoke to PM @Statsmin about the COVID-19 pandemic, and how India and Denmark can strengthen cooperation in the post-COVID era. Sectors like medical research, clean energy and climate resilience offer great opportunities to bring Danish and Indian strengths together for creating a Green Strategic Partnership.



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To be guided by the able leadership of Honble PM @narendramodi Ji in these crises gives hope and reassurance. UN economic experts hail India's stimulus package as impressive and useful to revive the economy.



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I am extremely confident that the @IndiaCoastGuard ships commissioned today will add to their strength in responding to the threats of Maritime terrorism, Drug trafficking, smuggling and challenges of maritime law enforcement and Search and Rescue cover to Mariners in distress.

#IndiaFightsCorona

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RELIEF MEASURES**



Rs 2,000 crore earmarked for 50,000
'Make in India' Ventilators



Rs 1,000 crore for **migrant workers'**
relief



Rs 100 crore to support the
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Active Cases



27919

Cured / Discharged



2649

Deaths



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QUICK EDIT

In the second part of relief measures announced on 14 May 2020 as part of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's 20 lakh crore package, the Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has focussed on poor including migrants, farmers, tiny businesses and street vendors.

In a huge relief to the migrant labourers, free food grain supply including 5 kg food grains per migrant labourer and one kg Channa to every family for two months has been announced ensuring that it reaches to even those who are not covered under National Food Security Act or have no ration cards. Along with this, the scheme of extending ration card portability facility to 83% of the PDS population by August 2020 is set to benefit 67 crore migrants in 23 states. The scheme of Affordable Rental Housing Complexes has been launched with the aim of providing social security and quality life to sections including migrant labour, urban poor and students. Interest subvention of 2% to Mudra Shishu loanee will provide succour to this section of the population. At the same time around 50 lakh street vendors have been given Rs. 5,000 crore credit facility. The allocation of Rs. 70,000 crore middle income group through extension of Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme for MIG under PMAY(Urban) will boost the housing sector. Rs 2 lakh crore for 2.5 crore farmers under Kisan credit Card scheme and Rs 30,000 crore Additional Emergency Working Capital for farmers through NABARD will give massive relief to the farmers.

In pursuance to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarion call of 'Self reliant India Movement,' these announcements will bring huge reliefs to migrant labours, street vendors, migrant urban poor, small traders self-employed people, small farmers and housing sector and make the economy vibrant in a big way.

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