

# US to donate ventilators to India to fight Coronavirus: PM Thanks Donald Trump



**PM Shri Narendra Modi in a twitter message thanked US President Mr. Donald Trump and said, “Thank you @POTUS @realDonaldTrump. This pandemic is being fought collectively by all of us. In such times, it’s always important for nations to work together and do as much as possible to make our world healthier and free from COVID-19. More power to Flag of India - Flag of United States friendship!”**

On 15 May, 2020 US President Mr. Donald Trump in a tweet announced, “I am proud to announce that the United States will donate ventilators to our friends in India. We stand with India and @narendramodi during this pandemic. We’re also cooperating on vaccine development. Together we will beat the invisible enemy!” Noteworthy, at Mr. Trump's request last month India sent more than 50 million hydroxychloroquine tablets to US to treat COVID-19 patients.

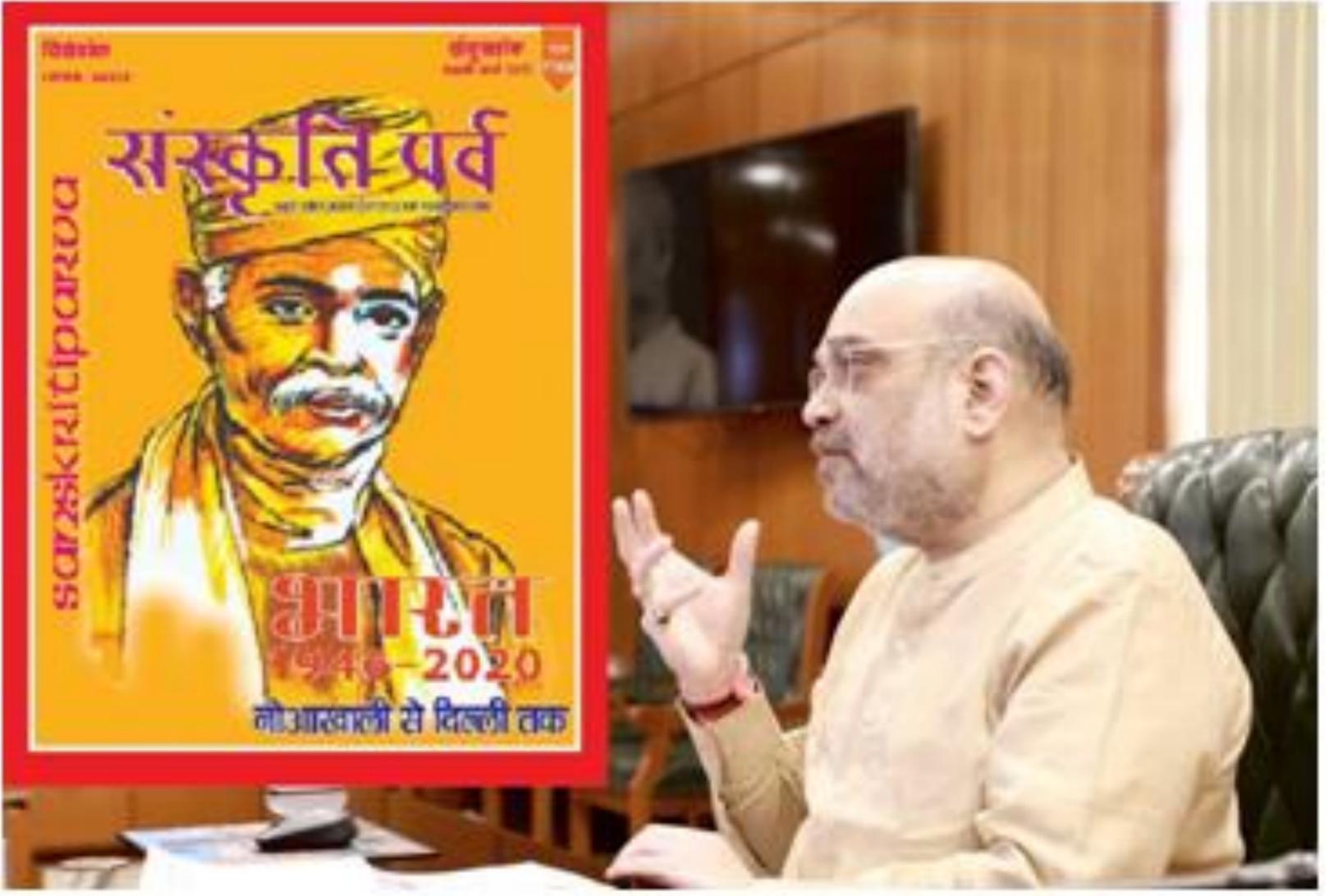
# **WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE 'AATMA NIRBHAR BHARAT' A REALITY: JP NADDA**



**The BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda Via a video conferencing meeting on 15 May, 2020 discussed with BJP District Panchayat Presidents of Tripura and Odisha on the situation arising due to COVID-19 crisis in the country.**

- Shri Nadda said Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has announced a historic 20 lakh crore package for the benefit of the nation and welfare of the people.
- While reviewing the instructions given by the PM, Shri Nadda highlighted how the Karyakartas of the Party running the support campaign to defeat COVID-19 in the country.
- Party National President said #AatmaNirbharBharat is the objective of our Prime Minister and we all have to work together in the same direction to make it a reality.

# UNION HOME MINISTER INAUGURATES SPECIAL E-EDITION OF SANSKRITI PARV MAGAZINE



Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the special E-Edition issue of 'India 1946-2020, Noakhali to Delhi' of Sanskriti Parv magazine through video conferencing on 15 May, 2020.

Shri Shah said, "Sanskriti Parv magazine is doing amazing work in the direction of real history. I believe it will reach more readers through the E-Version".

# **FM announces 3rd Tranche of measures to strengthen Agri Infra, Fisheries and Food Processing**

**Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman on 15 May, 2020 in her press conference announced the 3rd Tranche of measures to strengthen Infrastructure Logistics, Capacity Building, Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Processing Sectors.**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Rs 1 lakh crore Agri Infrastructure Fund for farm-gate infrastructure for farmers.
- Rs 10,000 crore scheme for formalization of Micro Food Enterprises (MFE).
- Rs 20,000 crore for Fishermen through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY).
- Setting up of Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund - Rs. 15,000 crore.
- Promotion of Herbal Cultivation: Outlay of Rs 4,000 crore.
- Beekeeping initiatives –Rs 500 crore.
- From 'TOP' to TOTAL – Rs 500 crore.
- Measures for Governance and Administrative Reforms for Agriculture Sector.
- Amendments to Essential Commodities Act to enable better price realization for farmers.

# **\$1 BILLION FROM WORLD BANK TO PROTECT INDIA'S POOREST FROM COVID-19**

**The Government of India and the World Bank on 15 May signed a \$750 million of \$1 billion proposed for Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Programme to support India's efforts at providing social assistance to the poor and vulnerable households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- This takes the total commitment from the Bank towards emergency COVID-19 response in India to \$2 billion.
- A \$1 billion support was announced last month towards immediate support to India's health sector.
- This new support will be funded in two phases – an immediate allocation of \$750 million for fiscal year 2020 and a \$250 million second tranche that will be made available for fiscal year 2021.
- This programme will expand the impact and coverage of India's social protection system by helping vulnerable groups access more social benefits directly and across the country.
- The first phase will immediately help scale-up cash transfers and food benefits, using the pre-existing platforms such as PDS and DBT.

# **MISSION "BACK HOME" IN FULL STEAM: More than 14 Lakhs transported**

**Subsequent to the Ministry of Home Affairs order regarding movement of migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places by special trains, Indian Railways had decided to operate "Shramik Special" trains from 01 May.**

- As on midnight of 15th May, 2020, a total of 1074 "Shramik Special" trains have been operationalized from various states across the country.
- More than 14 lakh stranded people have been transported back to their State in last 15 days.
- During Last 3 days more than 2 lakh people are being transported per day.
- In days to come, it is expected to be scaled upto 3 lakh passengers per day.
- Passengers are being given free meals and water at the beginning of the journey.
- These Trains being run by Railways only after concurrence is given both by the State which is sending the passengers and the State which is receiving them.

# **Scientists develop mobile indoor disinfection sprayer to combat COVID-19**

**Scientists at CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute (CMERI), Durgapur, have developed two mobile indoor Disinfection Sprayer units.**

- These units can be used for cleaning and disinfecting pathogenic micro-organism effectively, especially in hospitals.
- These Sprayers can also be used to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, and cardboards.
- Mobile indoor Disinfection Sprayer units are also equipped with mopping features and extendable arms to reach hidden area and clean comprehensively.
- Even intermittent usage of these disinfecting units can help minimize the risk of transmitting Coronavirus to people who inadvertently come in contact with those surfaces.
- This technology will have relevance even beyond the current COVID-19 crisis.

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Today's (15 May) announcements by FM @nsitharaman will especially benefit our farmers and migrant workers. The announcements include a series of progressive measures and will boost food security, credit to farmers as well as street vendors. #AatmaNirbharBharatPackage



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Today's (15 May) announcements will hugely benefit farmers & enhance their incomes. 1 lakh crore fund for farmgate infrastructure, a scheme for global marketing of local agri produce, new schemes to benefit herbal cultivators, fruits & vegetable growers, bee keepers, fisheries, dairying etc.



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A financing facility of ₹One Lakh Cr will be provided for funding agriculture infrastructure projects at farm gate & aggregation points. @nsitharaman #AatmaNirbharDesh

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THE PM GAREEB KALYAN YOJANA



Helping beneficiaries during COVID-19 lockdown  
by transferring funds directly via DBT

Beneficiaries	No. of beneficiaries	Total amount (INR)
 Women PMJDY account holders	20.05 crore (1st instalment)	10,025 crore
	20.49 crore* (2nd instalment)	10,243 crore
 Aged widows, Divyangs, Senior citizens	2.82 crore*	1,405 crore (1st instalment)
		1,402 crore (2nd instalment)
 First instalment to farmers under PM-KISAN	8.19 crore*	16,394 crore
 To building and construction workers	2.20 crore*	3,950 crore
 24% contribution to EPFO	49 lakh*	760 crore
 Ujjwala Yojana	7.48 crore* (1st instalment)	8,427 crore
	4.36 crore (2nd instalment)	



\*Total beneficiaries - 41.67 crore

Total amount distributed - 52,606 crore

Data till 13 May  
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The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and BJP National President Shri JP Nadda have offered their deepest condolences to the bereaved families of the labourers who died in a road accident in UP. We offer our condolences to the bereaved families.

In the third instalment of the package, the Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, has announced measures to strengthen the agriculture sector and empower the farmers. The announcement of 'Agri Infrastructure Fund' of Rs. 1 lakh crore will definitely strengthen the farming sector by creating various kinds of logistics and support system. The scheme to provide Rs. 10,000 crore for formalization of 2 lakh MFEs who need technical upgradation to attain FSSAI food standards, build brands and marketing will help in creating local brands in the agricultural sector. The allocation of Rs. 20,000 for fisheries sector with the aim of additional fish production of 70 lakh tonnes over 5 years, employment to over 55 lakh persons and double the exports to Rs 1,00,000 crore shows the long-term vision of the Modi government. The schemes like National Animal Disease Control Programme, Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund, Promotion of Herbal Cultivation, Beekeeping initiatives are set to revolutionise agriculture sector.

The announcements are in line with PM's appeal for becoming 'Vocal for Global' as the schemes aims to prepare global brands out of local products in India. Such initiatives will certainly strengthen the 'Self-reliant India' movement in the country.

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