

‘ECONOMIC PACKAGE WILL BOOST HEALTH, EDUCATION & REVITALIZE VILLAGE ECONOMY’



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said measures and reforms announced by the FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman will have a transformative impact on our health and education sectors.

- In a twitter message on 17 May, 2020 PM Shri @narendramodi said, “Measures and reforms announced by the FM will have a transformative impact on our health and education sectors. They will boost entrepreneurship, help public sector units and revitalize the village economy. Reform trajectories of the states will also get an impetus”.
- Noteworthy, the FM announced a number of measures and reforms on 13 May onwards under different economic packages to fight COVID-19, to revitalize economy, to help the poor - needy migrants, strengthened the health & other infrastructure in the country under the ‘Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan’ laid out by PM Shri Narendra Modi in his address to the Nation on 12 May, 2020.

Opposition ruled state machinery unfairly targets BJP workers & independent voices: JP NADDA



BJP National President Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda in series of twitter messages on 18 May said, “In the last few days, it has been observed that in opposition ruled states, the state machinery has been used unfairly to target BJP workers and independent voices on social media, critical of the local government's handling of Covid. In a vibrant democracy, this is unacceptable”.

- He said, “I want to assure every BJP worker, supporter & well wisher, who is being targeted by those scared of their unprincipled politics getting exposed, that the BJP stands with you. We will defend your right to free speech and resist these tyrannical forces in the democratic framework”.
- Shri Nadda said, “Culture of debate and criticism of those in public life is an integral part of our democratic process but using state agencies at your disposal to silence dissent is unbecoming of those in power. Opposition should adhere to political arguments, when questioned on their failing”.

Lockdown extends till May 31; MHA issues guidelines



Lockdown measures in place since March 24, 2020 have helped considerably in containing the spread of COVID-19. It has therefore been decided to further extend the lockdown till May 31, 2020.

Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order, under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, in this regard. The salient features of the new guidelines are as follows:

- Under the new guidelines, States and Union Territories (UTs) will now delineate Red, Green and Orange zones taking into consideration the parameters shared by the Health Ministry.
- All domestic and international air travel, Metro rail services, Running of schools, colleges, educational and training institutions, Hotels, restaurants, Social, political, cultural and similar gatherings and access to religious places are not permitted.
- However, online/ distance learning shall be permitted and encouraged; and, restaurants will be allowed to operate kitchens for home delivery of food items.

HUGE PACKAGE AND NEW MSME DEFINITION WILL GIVE BIG BOOST TO INDUSTRY: GADKARI



Union Minister for MSME and Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari on 17 May said that the relief package announced by the Union Government for different sectors including MSME, labour, agriculture etc. and the new definition of MSMEs will give huge boost to industry.

- He called for exploring the rating of MSMEs and asked the participants to give suggestions for effective implementation of Fund of Funds announced as part of the package for MSMEs.
- Shri Gadkari said that there is need to explore Agro MSME and Fishing MSME sector.
- He urged the industry to maintain a positive attitude during these times to tide over the present crisis as negativity is not in anybody's interest.
- Recalling that Government of Japan has offered special package to its industries for taking out Japanese investments from China and move elsewhere, he opined that it is a good opportunity for India which should be grabbed.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND BEHAVIOR ETIQUETTES ARE POTENT 'SOCIAL VACCINES' AGAINST COVID-19

Union Minister of Health Dr. Harsh Vardhan stated that “Our policy perseverance coupled with aggressive and early measures through a strong leadership have shown encouraging results”.

- He added that the fatality rate has fallen to 3.1% and the recovery rate has improved to 37.5%.
- There are 3.1% active COVID-19 patients in ICU, 0.45% on ventilators and 2.7% on oxygen support”.
- As on 17th May, a total of 90,927 cases have been reported from the country in which 34,109 persons have been cured and 2,872 deaths had occurred.
- The testing capacity has increased in the country to 1,00,000 tests per day through 373 Government laboratories and 152 private laboratories.
- As of now 916 dedicated COVID hospitals with 1,80,473 beds and 2,044 dedicated COVID Health Centres with 1,28,304 beds along with 9,536 quarantine centres and 6,309 COVID Care Centres with 5,64,632 beds are now available to combat COVID-19 in the country.

TDB approves technologies to augment India's efforts to combat COVID 19

Technology Development Board, a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), is proactively supporting the efforts of the scientists, technologists, entrepreneurs, and industrialists towards preventing and containing the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic by providing financial support for commercialization of these technologies.

- In the last few weeks, TDB has processed a large number of applications and approved six projects towards commercialization, which include thermal scanners, medical devices, masks, and diagnostic kits.
- TDB approved financial assistance to Latome Electric India, Coimbatore to produce battery-powered portable X-ray machines with digital display as standalone medical radiography equipment suitable for ICU & Isolation Wards.
- Financial support has been provided to Thincr Technologies India Pvt. Ltd, Pune, which is providing coating and 3D printing of anti-viral agents on the masks as a preventive measure against COVID-19. Kits
- Medzome Life Sciencez, New Delhi got support to manufacture fluorescence-based Rapid COVID-19 Detection Kit.

‘One nation, one digital platform’ & ‘one class one channel’ will boost education sector

Union Human Resource Development Minister ‘Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank’ expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving priority to education sector. He also thanked Union Finance Minister for the initiatives and hoped that they will transform the education system and bring out holistic development of students of the country.

- **FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has announced several initiatives to boost education sector. She said investing in the human capital is equivalent to an investment in productivity and prosperity of the nation.**
- **Education sector has taken this opportunity to plan several interventions, particularly in the area of adopting innovative curriculum and pedagogies, to usher in a new era of focussed investment in the human capital.**
- **Govt is committed to ensuring learning for all, with equity, so as to cover all students at all levels of education and in all geographical locations, even in the remotest parts of the country.**

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The FDI limit in the defence manufacturing under automatic route has now been raised from 49% to 74%. This decision will unleash the true potential of Indian defence production capabilities through 'Make in India'. The announcements made today will prove to be a Game Changer.



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Yesterday's 4900+ had Ahmedabad backlog nos & today's 5200+ has Mumbai backlog nos which usually no one mentions .. No need to panic . But caution is the word to follow . #IndiaFightsCOVID19

AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT PACKAGE

TOWARDS A SELF-RELIANT INDIA

DESCRIPTION	COST (IN CRORE)
RBI Measures	8,01,603
Tax concessions from March 22, 2020	7,800
Prime Minister's Poor Welfare Package (PMGKP)	170,000
PM Announcement for Health Sector	15,000
Emergency W/C facility for businesses including MSMEs	3,00,000
Subordinate debt for stressed MSMEs	20,000
Fund of Funds for MSMEs	50,000
EPF Support for Business & Workers	2,800
Reduction in EPF rates	6,750
Special Liquidity Scheme for NBFC/HFC/MFI	30,000
Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme 2.0 for the liabilities of NBFCs/MFIs	45,000
Liquidity injection for DISCOMs	90,000
Reduction in TDS / TCS rates	50,000
Free food grain supply to stranded migrant workers for 2 months	3,500
Interest subvention for MUDRA Shishu loans	1,500
Special credit facility to street vendors	5,000
Housing CLSS-MIG	70,000
Additional Emergency Working Capital through NABARD	30,000
Additional Credit through KCC	2,00,000
Food Micro Enterprises	10,000
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana	20,000
TOP to Total: Operation Greens	500
Agri Infrastructure Fund	1,00,000
Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund	15,000
Promotion of herbal cultivation	4,000
Beekeeping Initiative	500
Viability gap funding	8,100
Additional MGNREGS Allocation	40,000
Total	20,97,053

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as on : 18 May 2020, 17:00 GMT+5:30



56316

Active Cases



36823

Cured / Discharged



3029

Deaths



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The details of 20 lakh crore package of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi have further enthused the people with a sense of hope and trust about a safe and secure future. The package is so comprehensive that every section of society finds its interest taken care of and every sector of economy can dream of a bright future ahead.

The Finance Minister has announced huge relief to the poorest of the poor of the society through various schemes. The allocation of money to farmers, women Jan-Dhan A/c holders, labourers, senior citizens and others through DBT in addressing the immediate cash problem to this most vulnerable section of the society has been appreciated all over the world. The free supply of food grains including pulses and channa is helping in reducing distress among the poor in the period of lockdown making food available to them. The free gas cylinder for three months has also eased the pressure of the pandemic on the poor's kitchen. At the same time the additional allocation of Rs. 40,000 crore to MNREGA will definitely help secure jobs for the migrant labourers who have returned to their villages. The massive village centric support extended to agriculture and allied activities, agricultural loans and extension of Kisan Credit Card scheme will transform the rural economy in the days to come.

The Modi government has taken unprecedented steps from the beginning to support the vulnerable sections of the society through various schemes. The poorest of the poor being on top priority, the principle of 'Antyodaya' can be seen in operation on full scale during these challenging times.

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