

## Farmers' body urges CM to relax lockdown for cultivators

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Manipur Progressive Farmers Association (AMPFA) has urged the Chief Minister of Manipur to initiate measures for purchase and procurement of the products from the farmer of the state by formulating arrangement for concern authority to collect the product from the

cultivation spot. A memorandum drawing the attention of the Chief Minister in connection with the problem being face has been submitted today by the Manipur Progressive Farmers Association (AMPFA). The memorandum urged the government to allow farmers to continue their work in the field, by relaxing certain guidelines which is being enforced to fight the spread of COVID-19.

The memorandum highlighted the problems being face by the farmers not only after the lockdown after the outbreak of COVID-19 but also the problems that they had faced due to scarcity of rainfalls. After the outbreak of Covid-19 and the consequent lockdown in the State, the people of Manipur, particularly the poor farmers who has been the producer class of the State faces a multi-dimensional issues and problems.

The memorandum stated that the farmers have been prevented to come out of their home to work at the field due

to lockdown. The meager supply of rice by the government and other supplies from the individuals, voluntary groups (majority of the farmers could not receive sufficiently the benefits) could not meet the requirement for survival. On the other hand, non-plying of public / private transport has all the more gave a huge burden to the farmers and the people of the State at large, however the organization support the Lockdown saying that saving of life from the Covid-19 pandemic is more important.

The memorandum urged the Chief Minister to make available High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds, Necessary fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, etc. It also urged to provide Irrigation facilities be renovated and water be made available to the field using lift irrigation system and other favourable means.

The organization urged to provide all necessary items to farmer to continue the cultivations.

## Covid-19 positive woman commits suicide in Mumbai; first casualty in Meghalaya

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More sad news of COVID-19 case hit the country with a doctor who is the first COVID-19 patient in Meghalaya of NE India died in Shillong early today morning. Our correspondent from Mumbai added that a 29 year old woman who had tested positive for coronavirus also committed suicide today morning at B Y L Nair Hospital, Mumbai, by hanging herself inside the bathroom of the hospital.

While the first patient from Meghalaya Dr John L Sailo Rynthiang died due to COVID-19, within twenty four hours after being diagnosed with the contagious disease at around 3 am today morning at Bethany Hospital, the 29 years old woman at B Y L Nair Hospital, Mumbai was found dead at 3.45 am today morning. She was suffering from asthma. The hospital staff broke open the bathroom door when she did not respond for a long time. They found her hanging from

the ceiling with her dupatta. She was admitted to Nair hospital on Monday, following which she tested positive on Tuesday," an officer from Aripada police station said. On Monday a 24-year-old nurse from Manipur was tested positive for COVID-19 in Delhi. According to reports, she is a staff of Max Lab, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Saket (West Block), New Delhi. First casualty of COVID 19 was reported from Assam. Meghalaya case is the second death due to COVID -19 in north East India.

Total casualty of COVID-19 case in India today reached 398. As per report from the COVID19 India trackers, total positive case of COVID-19 reached 11,637 out of this 9,873 are active. The number of positive case recovered and discharged so far is 1,366

people. As for the North East states there are 32 confirmed case with 31 active case after the death of the first positive case from Silchar area. Manipur still have a positive patient after the recovery of the first positive case. Mizoram have one confirmed case and Nagaland too have one confirmed case which both are active. Tripura have two positive case and both are active while Arunachal Pradesh do have a positive COVID-19 patient. As per input from other source, a total of 107 new positive COVID-19 case have been reported, with 2 casualty in Gujarat. Of the total, 41 new positive COVID-19 case has been reported from Rajasthan alone, 17 new case in Karnataka, 41 new case in Rajasthan and 45 new case in Gujarat.

## Forest dept bans entry of livestock inside Keibul Lamjao Natl. Park

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Forest department has banned the entry of livestock inside the premises of the Keibul Lamjao National Park to prevent the wild animals in the National Park from contacting with livestock infected by a highly contagious viral disease. A notification in the regard has been issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forests / Park & Sanctuary Government of Manipur, to all the range Forest Officers and related beat Officers of the Keibul Lamjao National Park to take take immediate necessary actions to prevent entry of livestock inside the keibul Lamjao national park to avert any undesirable eventualities. The notification is issued in the aftermath of report about the spread of foot and mouth disease (FMD) a highly contagious viral disease to cattle at Thual and Churanchandpur district.

## Pave way for alternate arrangement if government feels it is not capable: NPF targets CM Neiphiu Rio

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Where will Covid-19 patients of Nagaland go if tested positive, leave alone the first State's Covid case; Will hospitals in other states admit later too if any such patients are referred to? The way present state government under the leadership of Neiphiu Rio is handling the situation, embarrassingly reflects its ineptness, lack of knowledge, lethargy and wavering political leadership even though it received cooperation from various quarters and huge funds from

Delhi to fight against Covid menace.

A press release issued by the NPF alleged that despite claims by the PDA government of its preparedness to fight the Covid-19, frontliners are at risk due to inferior quality of protective materials. The release further states that the Covid doctors have resolved not to attend patients without quality PPE kits. H&FW has also not identified lodging place for doctors and staffs. This shows a real mess and incompetency of the government and demands that the health minister must step down on moral ground. The

directive for renovation of hospital purportedly given by Chief Minister during his visit was just in verbal and there has been no seriousness on his part. The release also demands that if Neiphiu Rio feels not capable enough to tackle the situation, his government must immediately pave way for alternate arrangement of government instead of clinging on to his seats but failing in their jobs. It further mentioned that Nagaland received from the Centre its first installment of Rs 20.50 crore under the State Disaster Response and Mitigation Fund (SDRMF) for

the year 2020-21. The State government had said it would use 25 percent of the total amount for Covid-19 crisis. On April 3, the Ministry of Finance has also released Rs 32641.66 lakhs as grants-in-aid. The release further added that the government must also set up a control room to monitor supply of essential commodities. Alleging that that government is apparently outsourcing responsibilities and duties to non-state actors, the press release urge the government to make certain arrangement to let stranded students and travelers reach their villages.

## One PLA cadre arrested

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One cadres of the proscribed militant outfit People's Liberation Army (PLA)/ RPF identified as Mayanglambam Rajiv Singh @ Ibohcha @ Angam (32)s/o (L) M. Amaba Singh of Kakching Khunou Hjam Maning Leikai has been arrested by a team of Thoubal

Police CDO team from Langthabal Khunou at around 5:40 am today.

Police source said that Rajiv joined RPF/PLA on June 28, 2002 through one Leishemba and he got 45 days basic military training under army No. 2473 at Khonglath Training Centre. He has been handed over to Khonglath Police station for further necessary action.

## ACOAM-Lup appreciates Medical department for introducing telemedicine treatment facilities to non-COVID-19 patients

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ACOAM-Lup Kangleipak has appreciated the State Medical department initiative to provide health care facilities to non-COVID-19 related patient through telemedicine. The organization appealed the Medical department to make sure that patient in need but cannot attend the hospital due to restrictions imposed in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic be treated with sincerity. On the other hand, the ACOAM-Lup also appealed

the truck drivers and other vehicle to stop transportation of outsiders to the state as issuance of ILPS has been suspended for time being until the issue of Coronavirus / COVID-19 issue has been resolved. The organization also supported the government measures to contain the spread of the virus and appealed people to stay at home. Meanwhile, the ACOAM-Lup in hands with the Laishram Leikai Development Committee today distributed edible items to people of Naoremthong Laishram Leikai in Imphal West.

## New lockdown guidelines: list of economic activities that will be allowed after April 20

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The central government has come out with a list of economic activities that will be permitted after April 20, 2020 in certain areas keeping in view the interests of farmers and daily wage earners. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued an order delineating a list of activities that will be allowed after April 20, 2020 and those which are prohibited. "The activities prohibited across the country include travel by air, rail and road; operation of educational and training institutions; industrial and commercial activities; hospitality services; all cinema halls, shopping complexes, theatres, etc.; all social, political and other events; and opening of all religious places/ places of worship for members of public, including religious congregations based on relaxations granted to areas after scrutinising their performance in containing the Covid-19 disease," read the order. The following economic activities will be permitted as they are critical for agricultural sector and job creation while strictly adhering to protocols in those areas where safety is paramount to contain the spread of Covid-19. These will be operationalised by state/UTs/district authorities based on compliance with existing guidelines. These will not be applicable to containment zones demarcated by respective states and UTs. Here's a list of activities which will be allowed after April 20, 2020:

1. Transportation of goods will be permitted without any distinction of essential or non essential.
2. Farming operations:

- \* the field.
- \* Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations.
- \* Mandis operated by APMC or as notified by state/UT government. Direct marketing operations by the state/UT government or by industry, directly from farmers or group of farmers, FPOs' co-operatives etc. States/UTs may promote decentralised marketing and procurement at village level.
- \* Shops of agriculture machinery, its spare parts (including its supply chain) and repairs to remain open.
- \* Custom hiring Centres related to farm machinery.
- \* Manufacturing, distribution and retail of fertilizers, pesticides and seeds.
- \* Movement (inter and intra state) of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture/horticulture implements.
- Fisheries:
  - \* Operations of the fishing (marine and inland)/ aquaculture industry, including feeding and maintenance, harvesting, processing, packaging, cold chain, sale and marketing.
  - \* Hatcheries, feed plants, commercial aquaria.
  - \* Movement of fish/shrimp and fish products, fish seed/ feed and workers for all these activities.
- Plantations:
  - \* Operations of tea, coffee and rubber plantations, with maximum of 50% of workers.
  - \* Processing, packaging, sale and marketing of tea, coffee, rubber and cashew, with maximum 50% workers.
- Animal Husbandry:
  - \* Collection, processing, distribution and sale of milk and milk products by milk processing plants, including

- transport and supply chain.
- \* Operation of animal husbandry farms including poultry farms and hatcheries and livestock farming activity.
- \* Animal feed manufacturing and feed plants, including supply of raw materials, such as maize and soya.
- \* Operation of animal shelter homes including Gausshalas.
- 3. To provide an impetus to the rural economy, industries operating in rural areas, including food processing industries; construction of roads, irrigation projects, buildings and industrial projects in rural areas; works under MNREGA, with priority to irrigation and water conservation works; and operation of rural Common Service Centres (CSCs) have all been allowed. These activities will create job opportunities for rural labor, including the migrant labor force.
- 4. Manufacturing and other industrial establishments with access control have been permitted in SEZs, EoUs, industrial estates and industrial townships after implementation of SOP for social distancing. Manufacture of IT hardware and of essential goods and packaging are also allowed. Coal, mineral and oil production are permitted activities. It is expected that the industrial and manufacturing sectors will see a revival with these measures, and will create job opportunities while maintaining safety protocols and social distancing. At the same time, the important components of the financial sector, e.g., RBI, banks, ATMs, capital and debt markets as notified by SEBI and insurance companies will also remain functional, with a view to provide enough liquidity and credit support to the industrial sectors.
- 5. Digital economy is critical to the services sector and is important for national growth. Accordingly, e-commerce operations, operations of IT and IT enabled services,

- and online teaching and distance learning are all permitted. Commercial and private establishments:
  - \* Print and electronic media including broadcasting, DTH and cable services.
  - \* IT and IT enabled services with up to 50% strength
  - \* Data and call centres for government activities only
  - \* Govt approved Common Services Centres at Gram Panchayat level.
  - \* E-commerce companies. Vehicles used by e-commerce operators will be allowed to ply with necessary permissions.
  - \* Courier services
  - \* Cold storage and warehousing services, including at ports, airports, railway stations, container depots, individual units and other links in logistics chain.
  - \* Private security services and facilities management services for maintenance and upkeep of office and residential complexes.
  - \* Hotels, homestays, lodges and motels which are accommodating tourists and persons stranded due to lockdown, medical and emergency staff air and sea crew.
  - \* Establishments used/ earmarked for quarantine facilities.
  - \* Services provided by self employed persons like electrician, IT, repairs, plumbers, motor mechanics and carpenters.
- 6. The revised guidelines also permit all health services and the social sector to remain functional; public utilities to function without any hindrance; the supply chain of essential goods to operate without any hindrance; and, important offices of Central and State Governments and local bodies to remain open with required strength.

# ★ Editorial

## Message from Nature

The world is going through an existential crisis unprecedented in the recent past even though there are accounts and records of the Spanish Flu and a few other pandemic outbreaks. Economies are tumbling like the dominoes and countries are sanctioning unheard of amounts of money to fight the present pandemic situation and despite the best efforts of the most brilliant minds and cutting edge technology, a definite cure still eludes humankind.

The present developments also show that despite the lack of proper personal healthcare system, the Community Healthcare model implemented by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in India even with the limited resources at its disposal have so far managed to contain and prevent the present crisis from spiraling out of control unlike those in the developed countries like the USA, Spain, Italy and other European countries where personal healthcare system has been perceived to be the best in the world.

Back home, the state authorities are doing a brilliant job of providing, containment and treatment of the dreaded COVID-19 outbreak. Rapid urbanization and rising global connections has been a major attribute to the spread of infectious diseases, and with the world becoming a global village, almost everybody is at risk, although those at the periphery or away from the metropolis have a lower incidence which might explain the very low incidence of infection in the North eastern states of the country, helped, in no small measure by the strict lockdown imposed throughout the country. This development brings up an interesting point, one which should be looked into more closely - that of the possibility of self-sustenance and the necessity for re-prioritizing our collective lives. Although the people in the state has been inconvenienced by the ongoing lockdown imposed by the central government to curb the spread of infection, instances of acute hunger and other related tragedy due to unavailability of essential items have been almost negligible. Add to it the long standing custom of social organizations, groups and individuals volunteering for relief materials to the needy and less fortunate both in the valley and hill areas have kept any potential tragedy at bay.

Manipur has a history of producing in excess of its own requirements, and till today, migrant workers are risking a lot to sneak into the state in the conviction that the land will provide them a livelihood. It is the social convention of providing for a pond and a kitchen garden for every household which is helping in supplementing with the basic necessities regarding food and water. While the world is immersed in the gloom and doom of the present pandemic, perhaps it is time to try and grasp with the undeniable fact that the epidemic will run its course given its present condition. What has so far been perceived as the top priorities of our developing or developed lives will definitely take a rethink. The wisdom and foresight of our forefathers need to be reviewed and reexamined in the light of the present situation. The future should be one which complements nature and not one that competes. We should strive for self sustenance for our whole state not only as a means of livelihood but as a way of appreciating and conserving nature. We should take this unfortunate development as nature's way of hitting the Restore Point and trying to save the planet. Our development and technical advancements need to work in tandem with nature. This will be the only way for mankind's continued existence. Any other way forward will certainly spell doom for humanity.

## “Count Every Drop-Every Drop Counts” Slogans of World Meteorological Day- 2020

By-Sanjenbam Jugeshwor Singh

**World Meteorological Day** is observed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March every year; the day was established at the first International Meteorological Congress in Vienna, Austria in 1873 and on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1950 International meteorological Organization became the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO). It is an Intergovernmental Organization with membership of 193 Member states and territories. Every year 23<sup>rd</sup> March is Celebrated as “WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY” (WMD). The day plays a crucial role in contributing to people's safety and welfare. Its work is important in providing food security, water resources and transport. This day has been observed on 23<sup>rd</sup> March every year since 1961. The WMO announces a slogan and the theme for WMD which is different each year. The theme of the World Meteorological Day this year (2020) is “CLIMATE & WATER”. It will align with the theme of the World Water Day 2020 which is on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. The main focus will be on climate change and water concerns around the Globe. The slogan for WMD 2020 is “Count Every Drop, Every Drop Counts”.

We feel the effects of climate change mostly through water: more floods, more droughts, and more pollution. Just like viruses, these climate and water-related shocks respect no natural boundaries. The World needs to demonstrate the same unity and commitment to climate action and cutting greenhouse gas emissions as to containing the Coronavirus pandemic. In the global distribution of rainfall are having a major impact in many countries. Sea levels are rising at an increasing pace, driven by melting of the largest glacier like in Greenland and Antarctica. This is exposing coastal areas and island to a greater risk of flooding and submersion of low-lying areas. With the increasingly unpredictable weather patterns can lead to more water stress which in turn will affect sustainable development and security. World Meteorological Day press release highlights the importance of water. “Amid the COVID-19 pandemic”, an estimated 3 billion

people worldwide lack basic hand washing facilities. Over two billion people live in countries experiencing high water stress, while around four billion people face severe water scarcity for at least one month every year. By 2050, the world's demand for fresh water will be 20 to 30% higher than today. The official World Meteorological day 2020 website has stated the theme as “fresh water is vital for life”. On an average a human being cannot survive more than three days without it. Water is essential for the production of food, virtually all of our goods and services and for the environment. The world now faces increasing challenges posed by water crisis, floods and droughts and lack of access to clean water supplies. There is an urgent need to improve forecasting, monitoring and management of water supplies and to tackle the problems of “too much, too little or too polluted water”. The theme will focus on frozen water, drought, floods and more. Climate change is causing the hydrological cycle to speed up as rising temperatures increases the rate of evaporation. More evaporation is causing more precipitation on average. Higher evaporation and precipitation rates are not evenly distributed around the world. Some areas may experience heavier than normal precipitation and other areas may become prone to droughts as the traditional locations of rain belts and deserts shift in response to a changing climate. Water related

hazards like drought and flooding are thus becoming more serious and a much greater proportion of annual precipitation events rather than spread more evenly throughout the year. In many parts of the world, seasonal rainfall patterns are becoming more erratic, affecting agriculture and food security and livelihood of millions of people who work on the land. According to the Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC), rural areas are expected to experience major impacts on water availability and supply, food security, infrastructure and agricultural incomes including shifts in production areas of food and non-food crops as a result of climate change. In urban areas, climate change is projected to increase risks for people assets, economies and ecosystem including risk from storms and extreme precipitation in land and coastal flooding, landslides, droughts, water scarcity, sea level rise and storm surges most river and fresh water bodies are trans-boundary and decision by one country on water resource management often have implications for other boundaries thus making water potential source for both peace and conflict. Yet many countries lack the Capacity to monitor and analyse relevant data. This means that decision on major infrastructure projects like dams or hydro-electric plants as well as urban planning are often made on the basis of outdated or incomplete information. Climate data and information underpin the management of surface water

supplies and disaster risk reduction. This includes calculation of the frequency and duration heavy rainfall, the probable maximum precipitation and flood forecasting. Such data on weekly, seasonal and annual time scale and at national, regional and local levels are now more essential than ever. The WMO - spearheaded Global Framework for Climate Services, thus has water as one of its top priorities and seeks to promote a holistic integrated water Resources Management approach as the best way forward for efficient, equitable and sustainable development and management of the World's limited water resources and coping with conflicting demands. WMO and Global Water Partnership build on existing initiatives, including integrated programmes on flood and drought management. An integrated, cross-sector approach to water resource management is vital because water investments are spread across many institutions and different levels of government. Sustainable development Goal-6 sets ambitious 2030 targets for clean water and sanitation, including integrated water resources management at all levels. As part of efforts to drive forward the sustainable development goals, a high level panel was set up. In March 2018, it issued a report entitled “Making Every Drop Count “with recommendations.

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## COVID-19: Malady Outside, Remedy Inside



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The novel coronavirus or SARS-CoV-2 is clever enough in its arrival into the human existence. It came at the end-month of the year so as to make way through the New Year, because December, the last month, is a festive time when people across the world are hoping to enjoy in revelry. This will pave way for it to sneak into other regions of the world while the people are in their celebratory mood.

SARS-Cov-2 is a virus that is derived from Latin ‘corona’, meaning a ‘crown’ or a ‘wreath’, hence the name Coronavirus. SARS-Cov-2 and Coronavirus can be used interchangeably. The disease caused by this novel viral strain (nCoV) is called COVID-19 (WHO), which first appeared in Wuhan, China in late December, 2019. Concealing its identity, it disguised in the appearance of a Crown and put itself in the head of King-like Xi Jinping.

**The Great Wall**  
Xi Jinping failed to instantly identify that it was a wrong crown. Literally, it was more than the Crown of Thorns. Before feeling the pain in the head, the crowning virus had had made a tragic foray into the Hubei Province. Only when his Subject-like citizens died in droves that he realised that it was an invading enemy. Consequent upon this realisation, history came to his rescue reminding him of his preceding forefather-kings over thousand years ago who had been defensive in their strategy to deal with invaders. Therefore, taking clue of the “Great Wall of China”, built by Qin Shi Huang in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC, Mr. Xi at the eleventh (XI) hour was in his conviction of “better late than never”. That he braced up to protect the people of China from any further spread of the novel Virus by building novel walls: a two-month long lockdown, disruption of flight services (both domestic and international) and most importantly, the construction of an entirely emergency hospital in just 10 days, to name few. The ironical comparison is that unlike

during the peak times of the Great Wall, this time around they don't need arms and ammunition. Rather, administrative machineries played paramount roles. Hence, the China's idiosyncratic Bureaucracy was seamlessly proven as also holds true of its saying, “You do not waste good iron to make nails” - meaning, really talented people join the civil bureaucracy, not the Army. Bureaucracy traces its origin in imperial China. However, unfortunately, the spill over effect is being felt beyond its boundaries across the continents. Though they claim victory over the Virus, yet they cannot bury it not to resurrect again. The fears and rumours about the Coronavirus are most conspicuous in its neighbouring countries like India. This psychological infection was exacerbated by the declaration of the Virus as a pandemic by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

**Imitating Prophylaxis**  
In India, the first reported confirmed case of the novel Coronavirus was reported in the southern state of Kerala in January this year. Toeing the lines of China, India began to take several robust prophylactic measures to combat COVID-19. Similarly, India also began to build imagined protective Walls: a nation-wide Janata Curfew, 21-day lockdown, flight services cut, etc. So defensive was the people that there were many scenes witnessing even physical Walls being constructed: physical barriers were constructed between inter-state, district, towns and village boundaries.

Of late, Government of India put a blanket ban on the export of Hydroxychloroquine, touted by Mr. Donald Trump as a game-changer in the fight against COVID-19. However, following a threat of retaliation by the US President Mr. Trump, India has decided to relax the export ban and thus, supply of the anti-malarial drug resumes, but partially.

**Solitary Confinement**  
COVID-19 has tremendously disrupted social life of humankind. Among the protective measures include lockdown restrictions and social distancing. Lockdown restriction is one of the most effective measures to throttle the spread of the deadly disease. To get yourself locked inside is to be bereft of outside mingling with fellow human beings and other social elements so that you can break the transmission chain of the novel Coronavirus. In this situation, one may argue that lockdown has proved Aristotle wrong of his famous aphorism, “Man is by nature a social animal....”. Yes, this

home isolation, indeed, cannot carry for long, because human's chain of sustenance would be disturbed to starvation. Even in this extreme situation, Aristotle's statement is still irrefutable. To continue with their sustenance, human beings have to, to a certain degree, social and mingle each other. Hence, Adam Smith has observed, “The propensity to truck, barter and exchange one thing for another is common to all men, and to be found in no other race of animals”. Therefore, human beings are trading animals, according to the Scottish economist. So much so that WHO in its guidelines has prescribed for maintaining Social Distancing, that means not a complete ban of being social. A complete absence of socialness of human beings could lead to a complete ‘Social recession’. Even a partial social restriction (i.e., Social Distance) could lead to ‘Economic recession’ which is now being anticipated to inevitably happen post-COVID-19.

**Lockdown 2.0**  
India is struggling hard to arrest the fast rising confirmed cases. An all-out lockdown is likely to continue, but with certain modifications and exceptions. This is a step in the right direction as it strikes a balance between containment measures and livelihoods. To stay indoor is not only to save your life, but also lives of the people. This will help us enormously to flatten the curve. Citizens should abide by the stringent order of the Government. This is called “co-operation”. Co-operation is a unique attribute of humankind, unlike animals. Biologically, Co-operation of human beings thus, gives way to reproduction. Whereas, in case of animal this attribute is absent and, that's why Dinosaurs are extinct today both in the wild and the zoo. Pessimists are afraid that COVID-19 is bringing humankind to the cusp of extinction or end of the world. In contrast, Yuval Noah Harari, a renowned Philosopher-Historian in his article titled “The World After Coronavirus” in Financial Times dated 20 March says, “Yes, the storm will pass, humankind will survive, most of us will still be alive-but we will inhabit a different world”. He means to say that, evolution of organism human will continue and the present *Homo Sapiens* will be replaced by Artificial Intelligence (AI) or automation technology. Therefore, let's stay home until and unless the novel Coronavirus is defeated, so that the chain of humanity or evolution continues in the next generations to come. Remember, the virus is lurking you at your doorstep outside.

## Lockdown Repairs Environment

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All the living beings are inextricably associated with the Nature and resourcefully dependent on it. It is a natural phenomenon administering creation to production for the survival of all living beings. At the wake of the greatest civilisation among the countries, its resourcefulness and need have been intruded. As a result, modernisation, globalisation and industrialisation have been mushroomed in the interest of prosperous future. Extravagant human made civilisation relating to modernisation piously threatened the sustainable behaviour of the earth. On the shoulder of Science and technology, human has almost reached its optimum level. Unquestionably, it optimises human life agreeable to meet the best needs. At the successful peak of the civilisation as well as advancement of medical science, low mortality rate emerged population growth.

The recent growth of population irked environmentalists, naturalists and authority as enormous population demand access to take shelter. Unjudged distortion between developing and developed countries called on elephantine trouble to the future of human society. It fuels the advent of poverty, unemployment, stagnation, food crisis, international conflicts etc. The present world population is estimated to be 7.8 billion. Every four days the world population increases by one Million. The population of India is estimated to be 1,

The establishment for human sanctuary is the outcome of deforestation, loss of important animals, endangered animals, climatic changing etc. Scientists have catalogued about 14 Million living species with which mankind shares the earth. Estimates vary widely as regards the still uncatalogued living species, biologists reckon that about three to a hundred million other living species still languish unnamed in ignominious darkness. Here the saying of Mr.L.K.Jha, the honourable member of the world Brandt Commission receives relevancy at the current context. “Are we to leave our successors a scorched planet of advancing deserts, improvised landscapes and ailing environment?”

Optimum utilization of natural resources and its future potentials can never be disregarded but at the same time we must develop a transcending concern denoting the survival not just of the people but of the planet. At the dawn of Science and technology, machines are powered to keep down human labour. Natural habitat is lost at high rate. New multinational companies trace their feet and countless avenues start over the marketing of the goods. Raw commodities, the best use of electronic gadgets, telecommunication, computers, convenient transportation, trading all have disrupted the sustainability of the earth. Many European countries mainly England dramatically announced their Industrial Revolution, science progressed so rapidly.

The thought of environmental consciousness and it's protect has been thriving since ancient civilisations. Rousseau, Aristotle, Sophocles, Buddha, Socrates, Sankaradeva etc influenced human community through their writings, sermons and teachings. It is a prime appeal to all of us irrespective of caste, creed to aid our cooperation in making awareness for the earth and our environment. During the days of lockdown around the most of the countries for infectious COVID 19, the earth along with the inertia is restarting in the interest of human worldly strength. A few happy landscapes of the recent world have captivated us e.g the clear water bodies of exquisite Venice city influx in a natural way which was never seen before. All the crowded and rich cities of the world have abruptly changed. The roadways, clean sky, filled oxygen released some amount of old dirt of the environment. The intoning of unseen birds in the edge of the roads and their merrily tour are extraordinary. Actually this overwhelming natural change is required for the wholesome future of mankind. The dominance of the animals over the earth is another sight of attraction during these days. It seems that global aristocracy tires at naturalization. It's a journey of return to the nature. The question of human survival and succeeding enlightenment of human society is to be depended on the nature. My literary oeuvre is to impart our loving attitude toward environment and the earth. We should change our mental makeup and cruel cognition toward the earth. We must proceed to contrive a democratic, scientific and long termed global policy to arrest natural degradation in the coming days with same treatment of the lockdown days.

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