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# **COVID-19 effect:** MP's salaries cut by 30%; MPLAD funds suspended for 2 years

IT Desk Imphal, April 6

In order to make sure that the country successfully fight the unseen enemy the Union government has resolved to cut down salary of MPs and Ministers.

Union minister Prakash Javdekar today said that the Union cabinet on today approved an ordinance to cut the salaries of members of parliament (MPs) by 30

percent for a year.
The decision has been made in view of the country's fight against the coronavirus

pandemic.
The cabinet has approved the ordinance amending the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954, reducing allowances and pension by 30 percent with effect form April 1, 2020 for a year.

Further, the president, vice-

president and state governors have also expressed a willingness to take a salary cut of 30 percent, Javadekar said.

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### Guv' 30% of her salary for one year to PM CARE Fund

IT News Imphal, April 6

Meanwhile, Governor of Manipur Dr Najma Heptulla has donated 30 % of her salary for one year starting from April 2020 in the Prime Minister's citizen Assistance & Relief in Emergency situation Fund (PM CARES Fund) the total amount of which is Rs. 12,60,000/-. She expressed that relentlessly endeavouring to follow the instruction of the

media experts and also follow the appealed of the prime Minister to remain at home and maintain social distancing which is for safety and security of our peoples and the country. And she request of few Indian social activities in USA. She made an appeal to our Indian community in USA to contribute generously for the PM (CARES Fund). Lastly she appealed to stand together we will survive and successfully overcome the pandemic.

of two years. Rs 10 crore from each MPLAD fund will now go to the Consolidated Fund of India. The overall amount for the consolidated fund adds up to Rs 7,900 crore.

The period for MPLAD fund diversion to the Consolidated Fund of India applies for FY21 and FY22. The PMLADS funds are used to take up developmental work in an MP's constituency.

The decisions come a day after the country answered Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to observe a nineminute switch-off at 9 pm on Sunday in a unique attempt to fight coronavirus.

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Coronavirus cases in India have crossed the 4,000 mark and 109 deaths have been recorded so far. Globally, total number of cases is inching close to 1.3 million mark, while the death tally has soared past 70,000.

#### 3 shops and a house gutted

IT News Imphal, April 6

At a time when the whole country is struggling to fight the invasion of COVID-19, at a time when the state of Manipur is in complete lockdown, at a time when people are worried of getting day today needs, three shops attached to a house were gutted in accidental fire at Khurai Sajor Leikai in Imphal East at around 9 am today.

Fire fighter of the Manipur Fire service which rushed the spot along with local volunteers extinguished the fire but after burning almost all the valuable items in the shops as well as in the house. Total lost in the fire is yet to be estimated however first hand report said that property worth around 7/8 lakhs may have been destroyed in the arson. The root of the fire is also not known as of now.

The house belongs to one Ningobam Medhapati Devi w/ o late Ningombam Biro Singh and the three (3) shops were rented and run by Ningombam Medhapati , Takhelmayum Ongbi Uma Devi w/o Babalu and Yambam ongbi Mangal, W/ O Y Jashobanta Singh. All three shopkeepers are from Khurai Sagor Leikai .

## Ex-MLAs Association condole the demise of Dr. L. Chandramani

IT News Imphal, April 6

The Manipur Ex-MLA welfare Association expressed heartfelt condolence to the sudden demise of former Deputy Chief Minister Dr L. Chandramani Singh at around midnight of April 4.

A press statement by BD Behring, president of the The Manipur Ex-MLA Welfare Association while sharing the pain of the bereaved families of (L) Dr L. Chandramani singh , said that he was elected (6) six six time from Patsoi Assembly constituency during 1972, 1974, 1980, 1984 ,1995, 2000 state assembly election . He also served as President of Federal party, Manipur and Manipur Peoples party. He passed away at the age of 85 years at his residence Patsoi part – IV in the evening of 4th April 2020.

Late Dr. L.Chandramani singh was one of the distinguished Historian and parliamentarian in Manipur .it will be a great challange to replenish the gap due to his lost. He left his beloved wife and a daughter, the statement said.

The Manipur Ex-MLAs

welfare association, observed one minute silence as respect to the departed soul, and at the same time the Association presented a sum of Rs 10,000/ -(Rupee ten thousand) only and lastly we prayed that his soul may rest in peace.

#### MSPDCL clarifies on hoax message; says no free recharge ITNews Imphal,April 6

A hoax message which went viral on social media about giving free recharge to MSPDCL consumers has compelled the MSPDCL authority to clarify on the matter. A clarification from the MSPDCL said that there is no provision of Free electricity to the consumers and appealed the people to not fall as victim to such Hoax message and audio clip, being circulated by

unknown miscreants

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It may be mentioned that

followed the haoxed message spread through

social networking site

### "Covid 19"-DRDO designs special face masks, sanitisation chamber

By Raju Vernekar Mumbai, April 6

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)'s laboratory- Vehicle Research and Development Establishment (VRDE), located at Ahmednagar in Maharashtra, has designed a full-body disinfection chamber called Personnel Sanitization Enclosure, for personnel decontamination.

decontamination.
This walkthrough enclosure is designed for personnel decontamination, one person at a time. This is a portable

system equipped with sanitizers and soap dispense. The decontamination is started using a foot pedal at the entry. Upon entering the chamber, an electrically operated pump creates a disinfectant mist of hypo sodium chloride for disinfecting.

## BJP observes $40^{\text{th}}$ Foundation Day , but without mass gathering

IT News Imphal, April 6

BJP Manipur Pradesh today observed the 40th Foundation Day od the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at its office premises which is under construction at Nityapat Chuthek here in Imphal. Unlike other years only few member of the party attended the ceremony as the nation is restricting any form of mass gathering in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

Members of the BJP Manipur Pradesh and its karyakartas had a simple but meaningful flag hoisting ceremony and paid floral tributes to Dr.Syama Prasad Mukherjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the old party head office, Nityaipak Chuthek. In these unfortunate and testing circumstances, it was unanimously decided by the party to refrain from organising any form of extravagant ceremony/ mass gathering or function for the occasion. Also, each and every karyakarta of BJP Manipur Pradesh hoisted the party flag in their houses.

State Vice President of BJP Manipur Pradesh, M.Asnikumar Singh while speaking on the occasion said that in these 40 years, BJP has had an eventful journey full of highs and lows but always stuck true to its fundamentals of creating a united, prosperous and strong India, enlightened in outlook. Today, we are the largest party in the world in terms of primary membership.

"This itself is a testament to

"This itself is a testament to the faith people have in the originality of this great party's beliefs and ideology", he said.

## Relief Vegetables donated to the denizen of Tamenglong

IT News Tml, April 6

Chiuluan, Khangchiuluan, Duigailong & Dailong villages of Tamenglong district today carried out the Samaritans act of providing free Relief Vegetables to the residents of Tamenglong hill town.

The vegetables were distributed today during the relaxed hours (1:30 pm - 4:30pm) at the the following 5 points of Tamenglong town Medical Gate, IB Bazzar, Old Market, TBC junction & Council junction.

The energetic Women Societies from Taudai Fellowship and Tamenglong Baptist Church(s) volunteers help in distributing the vegetables to the residents of Tamenglong town. For this act of kindness the District Administration of Tamenglong convey the deepest gratitude to all individuals for making this possible in time of this pandemic.

And as a measures to make the precaution more stringent in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic the district magistrate of Tamenglong district today issued an order to the public of Tamenglong that there will be no relaxation for market including the groceries till next Sunday ie 12/04/2020 with immediate effect. Only medical shops, milk booths and newspapers hawker will be allowed to open and function during this lockdown.

Meanwhile, Tamenglong

Meanwhile, Tamenglong Autonomous District Council Member Mr. Charles Liangdiyang also donated vegetables and essential food items to the Rapid Response Medical Team of Covid-19.

## RPF unhappy with betel leaf traders; appeals them not to ferry during time of crisis

ITNews Imphal,April 6

Proscribed group Revolutionary People's Front (RPF), which is waging war against the government of India today showed serious concern to some individuals who always think of making profit even during time of crisis. A statement by Roben Khuman, Secretary Publicity, RPF, said that at a time when the people of the state are confined to their hometo make sure that the chain of the dreaded coronavirus is contain, Manipur government

has been doing extraordinary work to make sure that people do not suffer during lockdown period. Health workers, Manipur Police, CSOs, Students bodies etc. has been rendering service to help the government in containing the spread of the COVID-19.

spread of the COVID-19. The RPF salute medical staffs for bringing back to normalcy to the first COVID-19 affected 23 year old girl and the party expressed full faith to the medical fraternity in curing the second positive patient. The outfit however said that when all the people have been working hard to contain the

virus and when the state is in need of medicines and equipments (PPEs), masks and other essential daily needs some individuals who only think of making money are transporting betel leafs by hiring Cargo flight.

The RPF taking the matter with

extreme seriousness appealed the traders not to repeat such act in future. The outfit also appealed the truck drivers who are transporting non-indigenous people from outside the state to immediately stop bringing them to Manipur. Issuing of ILPS has been suspended and that those non-

local whom they smuggled may create catastrophe in the state as they army turn out to e carrier of the virus.

The state also appreciated the government in its effort to protect the state from the dreaded virus when most developed countries are facing extreme difficulties in controlling the disease. When country like Spain, Italy

When country like Spain, Italy USA have rise the number of positive case, the state of Manipur have reported only two case at which one had been cured. The RPF thank the government for taking up such precautionary measures.

### ZP member Niken Seram distributes relief material to around 11,000 household

Imphal, April 6

As part of continued provision of relief services to the people during the Covid-19 Lockdown period, Imphal East Zilla Parishad Member Seram Neken today distributed edible items to the people of Bashikhong Gram Panchayat through the local clubs. The local clubs complied the Social Distancing norms during the distribution of relief materials. Edible items like salt, dal and potato were distributed to the people as a part of the relief

Volunteers of local clubs namely Mangaal Club, Bashikhong Mamang Leikai; Meira Association, Bashikhong; Bashikhong Panthoibi Youth Club; Naharol Yaipha Thourand Club, Okram Chuthek; and Community Recreation Centre cum Library, Ningomthong were actively involved in the distribution service.

So far, around 11,000 households under the jurisdiction of Uchekon Nongchup Gram Panchayat, Uchekon Nongongok Gram Panchayat, Khongman Gram Panchayat, Torban Kshetri Leikai Gram Panchayat and Bashikhong Gram Panchayat have been covered.

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Seram Neken, while speaking
during the distribution of
materials, thanked the local
clubs and ward members for
their active involvement in
distribution of edible items to
the lockdown affected people.

As a representative of the that people, he appealed to the well-to-do members of the society to help the poor in their localities during the prevailing crisis.

He also appealed to the people to stay at home and observe social distancing norms prescribed by World Health Organisation, Government of India and Government of Manipur, so as to protect ourselves from the Said that people everywhere are now encountering two types of challenges - to protect ourselves from the spread of COVID-19 or Corona Virus and also so avail the basic day to day needs of the family during the long Lockdown period.

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### \*Editorial

#### Betel leafs traders at time of crisis should not be let free

May be it is not illegal. But the question that is being asked from sections of people is – Why at this time? Everybody knows betel May be it is not inegal. So the decision that is being issued noin.

Mascetions of people is – Why at this time? Everybody knows betel leafs are not essential commodities. Saying so some people are addicted to Tobacco pan which are prepared using betel leaves. Unofficial data collected from various sources said that nearly 80% of the total population of Manipur consumed Tobacco mixed pan. But then, this people even though felt that they can't live without pan suffer nothing when it is not available in the market. To be precise consuming Tobacco pan is is simply a habit and not addiction. For drug users it's a different story, until they are properly treated with detoxification or other medication they are dependent to the intoxicant, authorized.

treated with detoxification or other medication they are dependent to the intoxicant substances that they used.

On the other hand, a person cannot survive without food. Manipuris live on rice as their food. May be food habit varies from community to community. But people need food and are essential items. At a time when people across the globed is fighting COVID -19, y locking down almost all the countries across the world, medicine is essential items. Even fuel which have considered as expendicitizens are now, exempted for each few freedtline. was considered as essential items are now essential for only few frontline

was considered as essential items are now essential for only few frontline worrier of COVID-19 like Doctors, nurses and other health workers and Security forces which are controlling the spread of the virus.

The unfortunate part is that when the state is also in crisis fighting the unseen enemy coronavirus then is invading to human spices locking down all movement and gathering and putting people inside their home, some vested interested personhired a cargo flight and loaded betel leafs for trading it to Manipur. And what is more shocking is that among those bundles which have landed at Imphal Airport on April 4, a huge quantity is reported missing.

This is stated by People's Action For National Democratic Movement I'ms is stated by People's Action For National Democratic Movement (PANDM), which is a major component of the United Committee Manipur. According to this civil society organization, the cargo flight transported 300 bundles of beltel leafs from Kolkatta. Of these 70 bundles of the betel leafs has been kept in the custody of Kakwa Police station. That means 230

nas been kept in the custory of Nakwa Police station. I rain means 250 bundles of the betel leafs should be at the airport, but the matter has not been let to the public, the PANDM statement said.

Police reportedly picked up some persons who are involved in the transportation of the betel leafs at time of crisis. But as per source, those arrested in connection are contract labour of the Airport authority. It does not seems that those arrested have the capacity to hire a cargo flight to ferry leafs leafs of the time when the country calls on rectification of all betel leafs at a time when the country calls on restrictions of all non oceanital items. There are possibility that some influential persons which have high contact with top government authority may have involved. State police which is often control by politician may be helpless to book those involved if in case the assumption by Imphal Times turns correct. Imphal Times suggest that the case be handed over to independent investigation agency like the CBI to make sure that those crooks who attempted to suck the blood of the people at time of crisis be punished.

#### Challenges in responding to COVID-19 pandemic and taking care of our Mental Health in the time of a pandemic

By- Dr. Gobin Chabungbam MD, FRANZCP

The current pandemic of COVID- 19 has The current pandemic of COVID-19 has resulted in varied responses and reactions by both governments and general public all over the world. From initial indifference and dismissal as 'just another flu' by many, including some world leaders and even health professionals, we are at a stage where majority of the world population are in some kind of lockdown situation India is no different and is currently in

such a situation.

For a country like India, of 1.3 billion population with poor healthcare infrastructure and limited resources, it is infrastructure and limited resources, it is a disaster in waiting if it cannot be prevented or slow down with early intervention and restrictions. That's the reason why social restrictions and social distancing is so important at this time. Although there may be many legitimate questions on both Government of India and Government of Manipur's responses to this crisis some of the responses semto this crisis, some of the responses seem to this crisis, some of the responses seem to be proactive and sensible. In such an unprecedented situation, it is very important that the general population follow the advices and instructions of not only the experts but also the government. It appears that doctors and health care workers in Manipur face some unique workers in Manipur face some unique challenges in facing this crisis. Some of these are the 'usual' but serious issues like lack of personal protective equipment, inadequate training and preparedness (especially among the junior medical staffs and other healthcare workers) and shortage of beds and ventilators. These are more of hospital educitients and bureaugustic series. administrative and bureaucratic issues where the doctors have very little control where the doctors have very little control over. If someone has to take responsibility for such a poor state of affairs of our healthcare system, it has to be the bureaucratic and political class. The doctors and other healthcare workers who



re in the frontline of patient care are the ast responsible.

There were reports of some incidents of doctors and healthcare workers being ostracised or prevented attending to their work. If it is true then it is really unfortunate. There is already a lack of trust between the doctors and the public in general. It is understandable that people react apparently 'irrationally' in such a situation out of fear and anxiety and to have some control over the situation nave some control over the stuation. However, we have to recognise that such actions against the doctors and healthcare workers is like shooting at our own feet and have to be condemned strongly and to be prevented from happening again. It is just a common sense that we take care of the front line 'soldiers' who are fighting of the front line 'soldiers' who are righting this 'war'. They are the ones who will have a high risk of exposer to the virus and some may die from it. It is highly likely that the hospitals and doctors and healthzare workers will be overburdened, overwhelmed and emotionally exhausted. It is also highly likely that doctor and healthzare workers shortage will only ext healthcare worker shortage will only get worse because of their own illnesses and need to care for their sick families Managing such a situation and providing supports to them will be a significant challenge. The last thing they would expect in such a situation is the negative attitude towards them from the public.

Another challenge is likely to be in enforcing the restrictions and social distancing rules especially in a society like ours where there is very little regard for following rules or laws. There is the tendency for our people to take law into our own hands e.g. putting barriers on the roads. It will be hard to manage this when the restrictions continue further. There are also quite a lot of misinformation and ignorance among the general public. It will be critical to educate general public. If will be critical to educate the public and provide clear and simple messages to them. This should include, for example, the reasons for the restrictions and social distancing to protect the vulnerable people, the meaning and importance of 'flattening the curve' addressing myths and superstitions related to the COVID-19 quickly (e.g. role of homeopathic treatment, group

role of homeopathic treatment, group religious prayers).

How to take care of our mental health during a pandemic it is inevitable that this pandemic will cause a significant toll on the mental health of the people affected especially in the later stages of the pandemic, not only because of the direct effects of death and because of the direct effects of death and illnesses but also because of the social and economic consequences. Even at this early stage, there are lots of fear and amxiety among the people. This is only going to get worse with the continued

and prolonged restrictions and lockdowns. So it is very important to take care of our mental health as remaining mentally healthy will help in fighting the

There are some basic self-care you can practice while we are in such a situation: Try to have a regular routine even if you are not going for work or study. Engage in some activities or hobbies that can be done at home e.g. gardening. Continue to access nature and sunlight wherever

possible.
Try to get enough quality sleep as it's good for your immune system.
Avoid using alcohol or illicit drugs to cope with boredom or stress.
Regular physical exercise will help

Regular physical exercise will nelpy you in calming down and may boost your immune function. Try some relaxation, meditation and mindfulness activities as well. Being physically isolated doesn't have to mean that we're cut off socially too and you can use video chatting, phone email, text or instant me calls, email, text or instant messaging, social media, hobby chat to talk to friends and relatives. This will help you in reducing the negative psychological effects from isolation. You can stay informed by accessing only reliable source of information, but try to limit media exposure as this may have more negative

exposure as this may have more negative impact and increase your anxiety. In conclusion, some people may say that we are overreacting and Indian condition can be quite different from a country like Italy or USA. This may turn out to be true. Dr. Anthony Fauci, the director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in US said, 'I like it when people set briefy in Provergencing because that Diseases in US said, "like it when people are thinking I'm overreacting because that means we're doing it just right." It is better to err by overreacting than underpreparing because the consequences of not preparing will be a human disaster. It is a matter of life

#### To be or not to be?: Looking straight into the eyes of SARS-CoV-2

Ry- Dr Aniruddha Rahar Tetso College, Dimapur

"You will live to see man-made horrors beyond your comprehension. ~ Nikola Tesla

With a bowl full of hot Szechwan Soup With a bowl full of hot Szechwan Soup, i am sitting at my desk in the middle of the night thinking about the 'deadly gravitational force' of a newly discovered Virus that crippled humanity so miserably. Just a moment back I have imagined this Virus to be a back I have imagined this Virus to be a Blackhole that suddenly appeared out of nowhere to succumb an entire humanity into its deepest core. I want to be scared of this unknown entity, I want to get restless like everyone else around me. I am trying to understand around me. 1 am trying to understand the fear; am trying to understand chaos in which the mighty world of mighty men has been trapped. However, what I am seeing is a strange 'order' in chaos, a reflection of strange 'pattern' in which this universe has been eternally

functioning. With a first sip of Soup, first thing that with a first sip of soup, first timig that comes to my mind is Michel Foucault's book 'Discipline and Punish'. The French historian and crazy yet super-genius philosopher who in his time was known for tracing the development of Western civilization, particularly in its attitudes towards sexuality, madness, attitudes towards sexuality, manness, illness and knowledge, studied the plague at the beginning of the 17th century in great detail and believe that the fight against infection is more than just a medical measure. To continue the hypothesis of Prof. Foucault, I believe, the fight general Cevil 10.1 metals. that fight against Covid-19 is much more what we think it is. This than what we think it is. This demonically complex yet stunningly beautiful, heartless yet compassionate, destructive yet constructive Virus has been on killing spree since past few months. The entire world has become one in the battle against Covid-19 however, the time has also come to open nowever, the time has also come to open our eyes and understand that this Covid-19 is truly more than just a disease, more than suffering, more than deaths, more than destructions, more than repenting and redemption. Covid-19 has changed the way we

has come closer more than ever as humanity revived in the darkest days the world has been going through. Not only Medical professionals; but also nmon man and government common man and government machineries has courageously been fighting this deadly disease from the front. The journey of Covid-19 which allegedly started taking its baby steps from the exotic meat market from Wuhan has now reached in every corner of the world. There is not a single country which is free from its impact. country which is free from its impact.

World is on fire. In this communication with the people of the world, I am not at all going in details as to how they should protect themselves. I want to believe that each one of us is absolutely aware as to what one of us is absolutely aware as to what is required to be done to protect ourselves from the 'Wrath' of Covid-19. We are absolutely well informed as to why do we need to use santizers to wash hands, why should we wear masks, why should we not join gatherings, why should we secure ourselves safely in our homes and why chould we follow exercise from the product we follow the safely one of the product we follow the safely well as should we follow every order from government authorities unconditionally. government authorities unconditionally. I believe we are civilized people and we do understand the gravity of pandemic that we are experiencing in

our time. With 12,37,420 infections Covid-19 has taken toll of more than 67,260 human earthlings all over the world, at the same time it has caused complete lockdown of the Earthly affairs. This virus has not only installed fear in our mind but also compelled us to change our life style and ideas about world. We speak about 'Vasudhaiya Kutumbakam', the meaning of this ancient Sanskrit verse which is - 'World is One Family', have which is — world is One Family, nave been finally revealed by Covid-19. This virus has also been instrumental in 'levelling' the ego of mankind. It has also locked all of us inside our houses which compelled us to introspect and retrospect the life that we have been retrospect the file that we have been living so far. This virus locked down Fast Food centres, Restaurants, Hotels, Discotheques, Beer Bars and Red light areas too to make humanity understand the broader meaning of life beyond

'material aspirations' and 'sensual pleasures'. Covid-19 has also made this world so crippled that once powerful countries are now humbled down on their knees. Birds, Animals and insects their knees. Birds, Animals and insects are rejoicing with happiness. Ozone layer is healing. Pollution has disappeared. Sky has become clearer and brighter. Except mankind, every visible and invisible entity on this Earth Is celebrating this new transformation that Coronavirus has brought on Earth. Can you imagine Blackbucks and Deers. Can you imagine Blackbucks and Deers roaming freely on the roads? Dolphins roaming freely on the roads? Dolphins jumping and playing at the shores of Mumbai? Mighty Dhauladhar Mountain Range of Himalayas starting to be visible from Jalandhar, Punjab? Gathering of Oliveridley Turtles at Orissa Coast to lay-down their eggs? Orissa Coast to lay-down tierl eggs: Birds of all kinds are fearlessly flying in the sky? Can you see that royal flight of Albatross? A wild Pigeon? A poor, innocent parrot? Are you able to listen to the early morning songs of sparrows? Coronavirus has brought serious sons for us-the humans-the paragor of Animals to learn, to understand and of Animas to learn, to understand and to act. Mankind has become very selfish since the dawn of its kingdom and the price that we are paying in the name of Ebola, H1N1, Plague, Bird Flu, Covid-19 etc, could possibly be a result of our utter disregard to the welfare of Mother Earth and other Earthlings like Animals. Trees Birds Fisbes, Inseets. Animals, Trees, Birds, Fishes, Insects, Animals, Irees, Birds, Fishes, Insects. We thought we are King of the Earth, we believed that the Earth and other Earthlings have been created by almighty for the 'demonic' consumption of mankind, but it is not true, we humans are just a necessary part of ecosystem like any other living part of ecosystem like any other living creature on this planet. However, to understand the complex lessons that Covid19 brought, to be a part of new world, to be an architect of new socio-ecostructure, and to repent; man must survive its wrath. Man must survive darker days brought by Coronavirus

Coronavirus.

People are dying in Covid19 epidemic due to multiple concurrent factors like old age, weak immunity system, presence of concurrent disease in body; however, another major reason behind the deaths is utter 'ignorance' about the importance of following necessary safety measures. Government agencies have been shouting from the bottom of their throat to follow their directions but it seems some people are not serious enough to understand the gravity of this unique and unparalleled situation. Sanitary Workers, Doctors, Nurses,

Government officials Police officials NGOs and concern citizens are working on the front to protect masses from the disease however, it has been observed that in many parts of the country people have utterly disregarded the safety instructions of Government of India which resulted in the sudden rise of infection and consequently the deaths. Whether it is an incident at Markaz of Nizamuddin, Delhi, or stone pelting attacks on Doctors who went testing in Indoore, MP or people jumping regulations imposed under Sec. 144 of CrPc or unfortunate incidents of Racial discrimination and Xenophobia rising during the darkest hours of Coronavirus all must be dealt with the harshest force of law. Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 secures our tribal people from racial attacks and discrimination. Sec. 269 and 270 of IPC has enough legal powers to book all those who have been accused of violating the law by 'allegedly' facilitated/facilitating the spread of this deadly virus. Under Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 a provision Epidemic Disease Act, 189/ a provision to book a person under Sec. 188 of IPC has been made who has been disobeying any regulation or order made under this Act. Moreover, under Disaster Management Act, 2005 from Sec. 51 to 60 various offences and punishments has been prescribed for violating the provisions of the said Act during disaster which include present disaster which include presen 'Covid19' Pandemic. However, a present I think it is not important to discuss as to how to punish those violators of the law; however, authorities first need to search them, authorities first need to search them, identify them, quarantine them, test them and in ease found positive with Covid-19 then put them on the best possible medical care. Law will take its own course to deal with alleged violators however, with 3,577 infected people and 83 deaths at present what people and 83 deaths at present what we need is to put gigantic efforts to stop the Virus to reach the stage of community spreading. While humanity is living in the shadow of a fear of Corona, there are large

numbers of people on the streets of different parts of India. It has been officerent parts of indua. It has been observed that the plight of those people has largely been ignored by elite population in country. Who are those people? They are the same people who serve us food when we are hungry, who built the bungalows and tall skyscrapers where we have quarantined ourselves they are the ones, who work ourselves, they are the ones who work

as mains and servants in our nouses, they are those who polish our shoes-wash our cars, make our furniture, they are the ones who built roads for our luxury cars. They are the ones who give us life. They are the ones who are the crutches of our luxury and necessary foundation of our survival. Why are When they are in so much of need, writhing in pain, how can we afford to ignore them and their rights to survive and live with dignity like human beings? Do they deserve our apathy just because our sophisticated English because our sophisticated English speaking educated white collared background thinks they are poor, illiterate, smelly individuals who live on our money? Is it the right way to think about another human being who's life is as valuable as ours? Time has come to seriously introspect. In time of darkness those who are blessed with abundance are duty bound to help those who are helpless. In this time of Covid-19 many individuals and organizations have been working day and night to keep humanity alive. Hundreds and humanity alive. Hundreds and thousands of people who are living in inhuman conditions on streets without inhuman conditions on streets without shelter, money, food, water and basic sanitary facilities are scared not of Covid-19 but hunger, thirst and depression. What they need is a hand of help. 'Unconditional Service to of help. 'Unconditional Service to mankind' is the basic doctrine of Bible, let us not forget that. No matter what, man must survive, man must live. In this time of chaos we all can be a helping hand of government machinaries which has been fighting this complex battle against a virus. Our fear should not against a virus. Our fear should not deter us from strengthening the hands of government, organizations and individuals who are fighting or willing to fight this war from front. Also, government should openly support all those who are willing to contribute in the fight against Covid-19, after all, it is not just a responsibility of the tight against covid-19, are an, it is not just a responsibility of government but also all of us who are still alive and strong.

I am trying to visualize as to how will the future be like? Sooner or later humanity will win over Covid-19 as we have allowed when one of the covid-19 as we

have always won over every natural calamity and pandemic in the past. All the questions and conspiracy theories as to the origin of virus will be settled. as to the origin of virus will be settled. However, the questions arises as to whether mankind will go back to its old well accustomed life style which was full of ego, materialism, sensual madness, political insanity, power mongering, money

mongering, selfishness, lies and arrogance? Will we start polluting environment once again? Will we start once again drilling hole in Ozone layer? Will we start destroying Flora and Fauna? Will we start slaughtering poor birds and animals in the jungles for birds and animals in the jungles for our lust for meat and manly ego? Will we start cutting trees, stealing soil, poisoning rivers? Will we keep on conducting military drills and nuclear weapon tests? Will countries keep on attacking each other? Will people again cut foliation; the area of Salicies? attacking each other? Will people again start fighting in the name of 'religion'? Will people be killed in the name of easte, race, colour, and creed? Will faith kill reason? Will humanity survive on the 'corpse' of Mother Earth? Human being has a supreme potential to make the corpse of earth of the reach killer stores of earths and the corpse of the corpse of the corpse of earths of earths of the corpse of earths of earths.

Human being has a supreme potential to reach higher stages of sensory and psychological development through natural or artificially accelerated evolution of his consciousness. I hope that the property of th evolution of his consciousness. I hope one day mankind will evolve enough to realize the gravity of mistakes that it has committed since last many years in the sweet name of 'progress'. However, Material progress and development should not detach man from his own truth and divine destiny Let us see that industrial and economi development, economic justice, material growth and survival of mankind not to be fuelled by the destruction of our planet. The coronavirus may not, in planet. The coronavirus may not, in retrospect, prove to be the tipping point that upends human civilization as we know it, however, it should serve as a warning that we will experience ever more such events in the future if mankind do not obey to the universal laws of nature. The only way to avert such a catastrophe and assure ourselves such a catastrophe and assure ourselves that Earth will not become an avenger planet is to heed Mother Nature's warning and cease the further desceration of essential ecosystems. Remember, our creator has always been kind; he has been giving multiple opportunities for us to repent. Let us opportunities for us to repent. Let us be kind, humble and walk the path of purity, righteousness and wisdom. Let us see Covid-19 as not just a medical emergency but also an opportunity to take a break, sit silently in solitude and reflect on how the sixty of the control of t our ties with our creator and the Mother Nature that has been broken Mother Nature that has been broken long back could be renewed, revived and healed. Let us be human, let us fight Covid-19 together and also open up our senses to understand the 'timeless wisdom' of the universe that the SARS-COV-2 has brought with it.

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