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If there was a time to make a bet on India, there may not be a better time than now. - Gautam Adani, Adani Gas Ltd.

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Editorial

Numerous articles by whistleblowers from China have been making rounds on the internet since last year including scientists, doctors and media persons. The genesis of SARS corona virus in their laboratories took place through targeted funding by Chinese Govt and Military. As per the sources, weaponizing the Chinese virus was strategically done as a means of biological warfare without having to fire a single bullet. The second wave strategically hitting India at a time when Indian economy was sure of bouncing back after the announcement of a very promising Union Budget 2021 by Hon'ble Sitharaman Ji. All these incidents point us in one direction- Time for Military and Economic Sanctions against China. Time for India to invest heavily in Virology R&D Sector and scaling up of our military defence.



FII EVENTS AT GLANCE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**EXPERT
TALKS**



13TH MAY | 20TH MAY | 27TH MAY | 3RD JUNE 2021



Talk with and Experts Show with Sh. Sanjay Srivastava, CEO, AI Ticks, Africa in which team discussed about the business opportunities in African countries.

The real GDP of Africa has grown more than twice its rate in 1980s. Interestingly, the current gross profit projection for businesses in Africa is upto 50%!!

Talk with and Experts Show with Dr. Sunil Dutta Purohit, Scientist in which team discussed about the COVID 19- Reality Check

This was nice and fruitful interaction with a reputed scientist of the country. We learned the facts, got our myths busted and got our answers for the mystery that corona virus is.



Talk with and Experts Show with Dr. Angela Sharma, Director, Soul Gaurds LLP in which team discussed about the importance to create safe workplaces.

As we know that creating an environment with safety and confidence in the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is no easy task so for that this session was very informative to get the resources from our experts to help our industrialist for developing and implementing a plan.



Talk with and Experts Show with Mr. Daksh Sethi, Founder, Guby Rogers in which team discussed about the importance of soft skills.

This was very useful session to understand as we know that soft skills are non-technical skills that relate to how you work and also things included in this session about how you interact with colleagues, how you solve problems, and how you manage your work.



FII MEDIA COVERAGE

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गुरुग्राम सहित रेवाड़ी, नूंह और महेंद्रगढ़ का भी है बोझ

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बजट से उद्योगों को प्रोत्साहन मिलेगा, रोजगार के नये अवसर पैदा होंगे : दीपक जैन

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"Individual commitment to a group effort--that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." --Vince Lombardi.

DEFENCE



US Senate committee approves China strategic competition bill; backs enhanced security ties with India

An incredible Senate board of trustees has overwhelmingly affirmed the key China vital rivalry charge which in addition to other things upholds the QUAD gathering and upgrades security organization with India. Known as the "Quadrilateral Security Dialog, the Quad gathering includes the US, India, Australia and Japan. The delegates for the four-part countries have met occasionally since its foundation in 2007. The top heads of the four nations held a memorable virtual highest point facilitated by President Joe Biden a month ago.

Tata Motors completes sale of defence business to Tata Advanced Systems

TATA Motors NSE 1.22 % Ltd (TML) has finished the exchange of its guard business to Tata Advanced Systems Ltd (TASL) for a forthright thought of Rs 227.7 crore. The exchange has been finished through a droop deal according to plan of course of action endorsed by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) at Mumbai and Hyderabad. TML has been in the guard area for a very long while and presently has a wide arrangement of coordinations, battle support and protected vehicles for the safeguard, paramilitary and state police powers.

Forces get emergency funds power, retired personnel likely to be roped in

The military have been given crisis obtainment forces offices and have been advised to chip away at a conflict balance to help common organization all through the country in the fight against Covid-19. Minster of Defence Rajnath Singh, who held a virtual gathering on the general population well-being emergency with high ranking representatives has additionally recommended that resigned military work force, who have been inoculated, be roped in to help state governments to manage the circumstance.



POLITICAL



India has been elected by acclamation to three bodies of the UN Economic and Social Council.

India was chosen by approval to the Commission on Wrongdoing Counteraction and Criminal Equity for a three-year term starting January 1, 2022. The nation was additionally chosen by acclaim to the Leader Leading group of the UN Element for Sex Balance and the Strengthening of Ladies (UN Ladies) for a three-year term starting on January 1, 2022

7500 MT oxygen being produced in India daily, 6,600 MT allocated to states for medical use: Government

In the midst of reports of oxygen lack in the country, the Middle on Wednesday said of the all out 7,500 metric huge loads of oxygen being created in India each day, 6,600 metric tons, as on date, is being assigned to states for clinical use and guaranteed that endeavors are being made to build its provisions in the coming days.

Over 72% polling recorded in Phase-6 of West Bengal assembly polls amid stray violence

Stage six of the Bengal decisions, hung on Thursday in Uttar Dinajpur, Nadia, North 24 Parganas and Purba Bardhaman, were set apart by irregular viciousness in which a few ideological group laborers were harmed. The state recorded 72% democratic till 5 pm, with Purba Bardhaman, the biggest paddy developing locale of the state, recording a practically 76% elector turnout.

Congratulations on taking oath as Chief Minister of West Bengal (Late Press)



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30TH MAY 2021

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

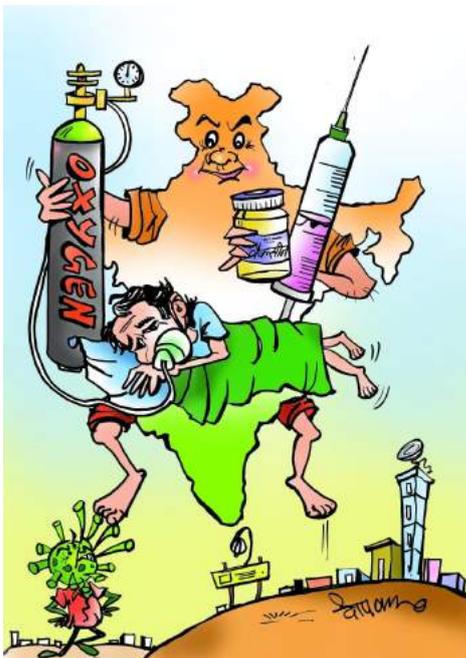


Salman Khan revives his food donation drive, distributes food packets between Worli and Juhu to COVID Warriors

Salman Khan, during the most recent year's lockdown had ended up being a savior for the less advantaged. From appropriating proportion parcels to the penniless to helping the forefront laborers with food parcels, Salman Khan's group had left no stone unturned to help however many individuals as could reasonably be expected. While the nation has been hit with the second flood of COVID-19, the state has been put under a lockdown once more with just a four-hour window for basics like food supplies.

SSR's father files plea in HC to restrain use of actor's name in films; court asks film-makers helming projects to respond

The Delhi High Court Tuesday requested the makers from different proposed and forthcoming movies on the existence of late Bollywood entertainer Sushant Singh Rajput to react to a supplication by his dad looking to control anybody from utilizing his child's name or resemblance in motion pictures. Equity Manoj Kumar Ohri gave notice to the producers and looked for their reserve May 24 on the suit documented by Rajput's dad - Krishna Kishore Singh.





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-  The gift of **78595 more vials of Remdesivir** from the **Gilead Sciences, USA** has arrived.
-  **Luxembourg** has supported in the form of **58 ventilators**.
-  **The UAE** has donated over **5 lakh Favipiravir Tablets**.
-  Shipment of **10 oxygen concentrators** and **141 ventilators** has arrived from **Spain**.

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INDUSTRY NEWS



Vedanta's Sterlite Copper offers to supply oxygen from its closed unit in Tuticorin

Amid a severe shortage of medical oxygen in some parts of the country, officials from Vedanta, NSE 0.66 %'s Sterlite Copper has written to the government offering to supply oxygen from its facility in Tuticorin, Tamilnadu if it is allowed to reopen. "We wish to state that Sterlite Copper operates an Oxygen Plant of capacity 1050 MT per day, within the main copper smelter unit. One Oxygen Plant of 500 TPD can be operated to meet the critical demand of oxygen in this hour of peril," said the company's CEO, Pankaj Kumar in a letter to Tamil Nadu's chief minister, Edappadi K. Palaniswami.

Government approves subsidy policy for urea produced through coal gasification

The cabinet, on Tuesday, approved an exclusive subsidy policy for urea produced through coal gasification route by Talcher Fertiliser Limited. The decision will pave the way for using country's vast coal reserve to produce urea.

"The project would improve availability of urea to farmers thereby reducing urea imports to the tune of 12.7 lakh tonnes per annum leading to savings in foreign exchange," commerce minister Piyush Goyal said after cabinet meeting.

Dealers could lose up to Rs 6,000 crore: Retail auto sales may skid in April on COVID-19 curbs

Automobile sales are expected to fall by a third to half in April compared with the estimates for the month, as the surge in Covid-19 cases has put a brake on sales that were witnessing a spectacular uptrend until two weeks ago.

Automobile dealers expect much of the demand to return when the pandemic situation improves, but still estimate they would not be able to recover a revenue loss of as much ₹6,000 crore.

AGRICULTURE



Agriculture Ministry inks pack with Microsoft for a pilot project to boost farmers' income

The Union Agriculture Ministry has marked a reminder of comprehension with Microsoft to run a test case program for 100 towns in six states to help ranchers in diminishing info cost and lift pay. Farming Minister Narendra Singh Tomar was available at the marking function, an authority articulation said.

The priest said current innovation will help in making the horticulture area productive and furthermore drawing in youth towards cultivating.

India allows additional 3,675 tonnes of sugar export to UK under concessional duty quota

The public authority has allowed fare of an extra 3,675 tons of crude/refined sugar under levy rate amount to the United Kingdom. TRQ (Tariff-Rate Quota) is for a volume of fares that enter the UK at generally low levies. After the portion is reached, a higher levy applies to the fares.

"The extra amount of 3,675.13 ton of crude/refined sugar to be sent out to UK under TRQ up to September 30 this year is informed," Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a public notification.

Deutsche Bank to lend Rs 600 crore to NCDC

Driving German Bank Deutsche Bank has gone into an agreement with National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) for conceding an advance of Rs 600 crore. The cash will be utilized to support cooperatives the nation over for improvement work. The NCDC additionally marked a MoU with Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) for industry investment in homestead and agreeable area.

Horticulture serve Narendra Singh Tomar, who managed the function, said that relationship with the German bank will go far in advancing ranch area advancements in the country

INTERNATIONAL



Sri Lanka asks Chinese ship to leave Hambantota port after radioactive material found on it

Sri Lanka has requested a Chinese boat to depart the southern port from Hambantota after it was discovered to convey radioactive material, authorities said on Wednesday.

Anil Ranjith, the high ranking representative of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Authority (SLAEA), said that the boat was en route to China from the port of Rotterdam when it created specialized troubles and entered the Hambantota Port.

UAE central bank extends stimulus measures until mid-2022

The United Arab Emirates financial institution said on Tuesday it's extended until mid-2022 stimulus measures launched last year to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus crisis on the economy.

As a part of that, banks will still be eligible to access a collateralised 50 billion dirhams (\$13.61 billion) zero-cost liquidity facility until June 30 next year to supply loans to individuals and companies affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Encrypted chat app Signal alleges flaws in Cellebrite equipment

Signal creator and CEO Moxie Marlinspike said in his blog post on Wednesday he had inherit possession of a bag of Cellebrite equipment and examined the gear inside. He was "surprised to seek out that little or no care seems to possess been given to Cellebrite's own software security," Marlinspike said.

Encrypted chat app Signal suggested during a blog post published on Wednesday that products sold to enforcement from Israeli surveillance provider Cellebrite can easily be sabotaged.



SPORTS

World's largest stadium in Gujarat Inaugurated by the President

President Ramnath Kovind inaugurated the World's largest stadium in Gujarat made over 63 acres of land and having a sitting capacity of 1.10 lakhs people. Originally named as Motera stadium was later renamed as the Narendra Modi Stadium. This stadium is even bigger than the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The second home pink-ball test match between India and England was also hosted here.

Sports ministry restores recognition of Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) as the National Sports Federation (NSF)

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to restore the recognition of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI) as a National Sports Federation (NSF). The elections of two office bearers — Sudhir Mittal (President) and Kaushik Bidiwala (Treasurer) — for the term 2019- 2023 was also taken on record. However, it will be required that the constitution of GFI should be aligned with provisions of the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 (Sports Code).



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FOREST DEPT CHANGED AS 'FOREST, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE'

PNS ■ BHUBNAESWAR

A State Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday took ten important decisions relating to the Departments of Water Resources, Industries, Commerce and Transport, General Administration and Public Grievance and Home.

These are Rules to regulate the method of recruitment and service conditions of the persons appointed in the Odisha Nursing College Education Service, the Command Area Development and Water Management activities in irrigated commands, utilisation of groundwater resources through deep borewells with solar pump systems

in remote areas under the Biju Krushak Vikash Yojana and Deep Bore-Well Secha Yojana. Apart from these, approval was given for tenders for construction of sports infrastructure facilities at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar and construction of an International Hockey Stadium in Rourkela for Hockey World Cup.

Besides, amendment of Odisha Transport-Traffic and Enforcement Rules, 2013, change of the nomenclature of the Forest and Environment Department as 'Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department', amendment of Odisha Ex-Servicemen (Recruitment to State Civil Services and Posts) Rules, the Annual Report on activities of the Odisha Public Service Commission for the year 2017-18 and framing of the Rules for accommodation and other services in Bhawans owned and maintained by the Home Department outside the State-2021 were approved by the Cabinet.

BANKING & FINANCE



FirstRand Bank, South Africa's second largest bank, to exit India after 12 years

FirstRand Bank, South Africa's second biggest keep money with \$118 billion in resources is the furthest down the line unfamiliar bank to totally leave India finishing right around 12 years of attempting to fabricate a nearby establishment in the country.

The news was broken to FirstRand staff through a video meeting on Tuesday. Because of an inquiry from ET India CEO Rohit Wahi shared an articulation affirming the shut down of its solitary branch in Mumbai and a retreat into a restricted delegate office

HDB Financial Services reports 17% drop in net profit in March quarter

HDB Financial Services (HDB) the non-banking money organization (NBFC) auxiliary of HDFC Bank revealed a 17% drop in net benefit in the quarter finished March 2021 because of higher arrangements demonstrating the difficult monetary climate confronting the organization which centers around the hazardous unstable individual advances, new to credit advances purchaser strong advances, utilized vehicle advances, charge card balance move and advances to little undertakings.

Local lenders lead race to buy parts of Citi's India business DBS Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank

NSE - 0.11 % and HDFC Bank might be among the top admirers to purchase the retail establishment of Citibank in India, which is probably going to be esteemed at around \$2 billion if the whole business is sold in one coalition, said individuals acquainted with the turns of events.

Goodbye Capital, Axis Bank, IDFC First and ICICI Bank may likewise be keen on purchasing the establishment that is supposed to produce an income of near a billion US dollars, as they might want to acquire portion of the overall industry in perhaps the most aggressive fragments of Indian banking,

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



IIT Kharagpur launches COVIRAP diagnostic technology

IIT Kharagpur has effectively popularized its lead medical care item COVIRAP the novel indicative innovation to zero on irresistible sicknesses including COVID-19, the establishment said Wednesday. The item, created by lead scientists Professor Suman Chakraborty, Dr Arindam Mondal and their examination bunch, has been authorized for commercialisation to the Rapid Diagnostic Group of Companies, India and Bramerton Holdings LLC, USA

IIT Guwahati researchers develop hollow fiber membrane to remove microplastics from seawater

Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati specialists have built up a microfiltration cycle to eliminate microplastics from seawater to forestall the incorporation of plastic deposits in consumable salt separated from it.

IIT Kharagpur researchers develop essential oil extractor to economize betel leaf production

Scientists from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-Kgp) reported that they have tracked down a novel betel leaf oil extraction innovation that they guarantee is more productive.

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IAF AND INDIAN NAVY
STEP UP TO FIGHT COVID-19
SECOND WAVE



As on the early hours of May 10, 2021, IAF aircraft carried out 534 sorties from various parts of the country, airlifting 336 oxygen containers of the total capacity of 6,420 MT and other medical supplies and equipment.

As part of operation 'Samudra Setu II', INS Talwar Indian Naval Ships INS Airavat, INS Trikand and INS Kolkata have arrived back home with critical COVID-19 medical stores from friendly foreign countries on May 10, 2021, carrying 148 MT oxygen containers, 4,298 oxygen cylinders, 8 cryogenic oxygen tanks and other supplies.

IAF aircraft also carried out 84 international sorties, airlifting 81 cryogenic oxygen storage containers of the total capacity of 1,407 MT along with 1,252 empty oxygen cylinders, 705 oxygen concentrators and Zeolite (respiratory oxygen raw material).

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Cooperation with the **Republic of Korea** continues as another consignment of medical equipment that includes **200 oxygen concentrators** has arrived.

2 ISO tanks of liquid medical oxygen of **20 MT each** and **600 oxygen cylinders** have arrived from **Kuwait**. A total of **100 MT** of LMO and **1400 O2 cylinders** have been delivered within a day.

Total shipment of **300 oxygen cylinders**, **50 oxygen concentrators**, **20 ventilators**, **8000 vials of Remdesivir** and other medical equipment has arrived from **Egypt**.

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Needochemistry for Public Wellbeing in Pandemic Era



Professor M.M. Goel

Former Vice Chancellor &
optimist Needonomist Professor

Being an optimistic needonomist interested in public wellbeing, I wish to cultivate a philosophy of life with positive mind-set in present times of covid when positive has become the most negative word. I am floating the concept of 'Needochemistry' as chemistry of needs for public wellbeing with full sense of responsibility required for needolove.

Although I learnt little chemistry in dance show 'Nach Baliya' when the judge used to say that the dancing partners had excellent chemistry, yet I understand chemistry plays a role in our lives and touches almost every aspect of existence in some way. Chemistry is essential for meeting our basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health, energy, and clean air, water, and soil. It is pertinent to mention that our leaders in post-independence era including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru did not know chemistry of compound and given mixed economy character to my beloved Bharat called India as independent, non-violent, democracy with integrity and amity. If the compound character of the Indian economy with policy-mix was done the story of development could have been different.

I have been given to understand by my friends in chemistry that they study matter and change and the types of systems that are studied varies dramatically. Traditionally, chemistry has been broken into five main sub disciplines: Organic, Analytical, Physical, Inorganic and Biochemistry. When I coined the word Needochemistry and tried to search in Google, I came to know about neurochemistry too. Neurochemistry is the study of chemicals, including neurotransmitters and other molecules such as psycho-pharmaceuticals and neuropeptides, that control and influence the physiology of the nervous system.

Being consumers of food, we require digestion which relies on chemical reactions between food and acids and enzymes to break down molecules into nutrients the body can absorb and use. Soaps and detergents act as emulsifiers to surround dirt and grime so it can be washed away from clothing, dishes, and our bodies. Drugs work because of chemistry.

It has been observed that the research is constantly deepening our understanding of chemistry, and leading to new inventions and innovations. To my mind, Needochemistry will help us solve many future problems, including sustainable energy and food production, managing our environment, providing safe drinking water and promoting human and environmental health in present times of covid and thereafter.

To my mind, the subject of chemistry is the study of matter, its properties, how and why substances combine or separate to form other substances, and how substances interact with energy. To understand, analyse, interpret the prevailing problem of covid, we require Needochemistry as part and parcel of everything in our lives. Every material in existence is made up of matter — even our own bodies require Needochemistry. Some of the core components of chemistry include non-judgment, similarity, mystery, attraction, mutual trust, and effortless communication. Needochemistry can be described as the combination of love, lust, infatuation, and a desire to be involved intimately with someone in the society which has many complex and complicated issues.

To produce oxytocin with immunity for enhancing resistance, we need to use brain chemistry for altruism as Needochemistry which falls in the domain of needonomics justifying needoeducation of all the subjects and disciplines taught in the world of today. We require needolaw as law of the land with changed looks, action and words (LAW) for the principle of needonomics including Needochemistry.

My friend, Dr. Pawan Sharma ,Professor of Chemistry, Kurukshetra University says that brain chemistry of a positive mind-set releases tons of endorphins which are responsible for a strong sense of well-being and euphoria. Dr. Neera Raghav, Chairperson, Dept. of Chemistry Kurukshetra University says that oxytocin is related with altruism. Mrs Rita Goyal Principal, Agarsen Public School, Kurukshetra says "oxytocin is undoubtedly a feel-good or happy hormone which enhances positivity, bonding & makes one empathetic or vice-versa. So to trigger the release of oxytocin which in turn will make people realise Needonomics & Needochemistry, I believe the moral fabric of the society needs to be strengthened. We as parents, as teachers or as a responsible citizens need to be role models for our children who are really confounded & misled at the moment. We elders say one thing but do exactly the opposite. We need to embody all those concepts which we wish to see to be imbibed by all. Of course all those positive emotions will trigger oxytocin resulting in more positivity around us. After all this is a full circle of Karma as described in Bhagavad Gita."

To make people more trustworthy and empathetic (not sympathetic), we need the medicine for morality that leads to prosperity. It is oxytocin. The mother loves her child because her brain and blood produces the chemical called oxytocin. Oxytocin, it is said, is at the core of all our virtues, from trust to empathy to cooperation and support.

Dr Love Paul J. Zak , professor of economic psychology and founding director of the Center for Neuroeconomics Studies at Claremont Graduate University an economist and neuroscientist has spent the last decade running experiments to understand the proclivity for good or evil in human beings. In 2004 he discovered a key role for the neurochemical oxytocin in motivating us to behave in moral or pro-social ways. That is, when the brain makes oxytocin, people are demonstrably more generous, trustworthy, compassionate and so on. Dr Love called oxytocin the "moral molecule" (see www.moralmolecule.com) and he wrote a book about this in late 2012 which focused, in part, on this discovery but mostly on how people can use this knowledge to improve their relationships, be more productive at work, understand and treat psychiatric and neurologic disorders, improve negotiations, and stimulate prosperity. Dr. Love tells about using the moral molecule to effect change, both change in individuals as well as to improve organisational performance, productivity, and employee engagement and happiness. The organisational work was a direct outgrowth of his work on the neuroscience of morality and leverages his cross-disciplinary approach.

To my mind, we have to live an enlightened life with skills, values, wisdom and vision to align and harmonize new connectivity among various socio- economic sectors in the present society with sermons from the epics such as Gita and Anu Gita. All those who are interested in exploring such a journey to life, living and providing leadership driven by ambitious goals and nobler objectives in life have to imbibe human values with spiritual bent of mind full of oxytocin for altruism needed today.

Let the needonomists (the breed of economists who believe in needonomics as economics of needs and no to greed) and Needochemists (the breed of chemists who understands needonomics too) join hands to develop new school of thought for public wellbeing. The issues are open for healthy discussions by the likeminded scholars, researchers and academicians.

(The views of the article are the personal views of the author)

COVID 19- Reality Check with Dr. Purohit



Dr. Dravya Jain
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COVID 19 has left the world crippled. From the global economy, healthcare system, our businesses and even our faith in the Almighty- everything stretched to its last limit. It is almost like the human race were stripped off of its freedom.

In view of the current worsening situation in the country, Federation of Indian Industry through its weekly talk show "Talk with an Expert" had the opportunity to have on panel Dr. Sunil Dutta Purohit who is a renowned scientist. He has been in the field for over 35 years and has recently published a paper on Treatment Strategies for COVID 19. Dr. Purohit had some crucial points to share. His vision is clear- the plan of action, future preparedness, vaccines, synergy between medical and scientific fraternities and scopes of public health management systems.

He said that starting from the basics, virus of any kind cannot be killed. It is only the viral infection that can be managed or slowed down. In order to protect ourselves, the options primarily revolve around prevention. With recent developments happening in the country and around the world, vaccination, another method of prevention, is also an option. In fact, vaccination is the only answer to prevent the spread of the disease.

Dr. Purohit pointed out several inadequacies of the system.

- The doctors in ratio to the patients are very low. Hence, during emergencies such as COVID 19, doctors are overburdened with work. As a result, research which is essentially required to continuously study the pathogen remains highly compromised and neglected.

- Doctors who are at managerial/administrative posts may not be updated with the newest developments happening in medical science. Since the nature of administrative work requires the doctors to focus on delivery of healthcare to masses than clinical practice, a certain gap in terms of study and research of novel pathogens emerges.

- There is a lack of strong healthcare infrastructure in the country.

- Public health management system, which forms an integral component of data collection, socio-economic distribution of people, how people respond to different diseases, their behaviour, the status of hygienic conditions prevailing etc, is inadequate.

- A doctor's responsibility is to provide suitable treatment to the patient based on correct diagnosis. This becomes possible when the diagnostic work has been done accurately.

A major failure seen today is incorrect diagnosis of COVID resulting in false test results. This can be reasoned back to our technicians and laboratory staff being trained according to outdated protocols.

COVID 19 has affected the world including the developed nations such as US, Canada, UK who have responded fast to the pandemic. It was a blessing in disguise for India that we were able to extrapolate those findings and studies to Indian population.

While he discussed the gaps in the system, he also talked about action points.

·There needs to be a development of research aptitude in doctors. Doctors should be provided with a strong back up support of research team at central, state, district, zonal levels.

·There are multiple R&D centres across the country backed by the Central Govt. A major boost in R&D sector would come from such centres being run by the State Govts. Such a research centre in association with doctors in that state would investigate and research about the pathogens causing epidemics.

·Development of a TASK FORCE. There should be a task force ready to handle the first line of defence in such bio-calamities before the calamity hits. This would be similar to the one active during natural disasters.

·With the introduction of more sophisticated techniques, the staff that handles these equipment should be trained according to newer updated standards. These techniques require better skills and precision with chemicals. Accurate diagnosis leads to better treatment plans.

A dream team working for this cause would consist of the following:

- Ø Public Health Managers (working at the primary level)
- Ø Epidemiologists
- Ø Researchers

The above team should be working in synergy with doctors. The doctors should also be backed by trained technicians.

Public Health Managers are the primary level workers who are responsible for conducting studies and collecting data from extensive surveys hand in hand with epidemiologists especially during pandemic like situations.

At a time like this, we all owe it to our healthcare professionals who are working relentlessly to fight this battle. We also should congratulate the research fraternity with whose efforts we have vaccines in over a year which are nothing short of a miracle.

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