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8th July 2020

To,

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THE NATIONAL STOCK EXCHANGE OF INDIA LIMITED
Exchange Plaza, 5th Floor, Plot No. C/1, G Block
Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)
Mumbai - 400051

Dear Sir,

Sub: Advt relating E-voting & Notice of Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to clause 47 of the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements Regulations, 2015 (LODR) we enclose advertisements given in Economic Times, Business Standard and Maharashtra Times relating publication of add relating to Board Meeting Intimation.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully
For **GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited**

AJAY AVINASH NADKARNI
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Date: 2020.07.08 12:19:12 +05'30'

Ajay Nadkarni
Vice President – Administration, Real Estate
& Company Secretary

Encl: Public Notice

Amazon's Stake a Knot in Potential Rel-Future Deal

Amazon owns 3.5% in Future Retail, the Future Group flagship that Reliance Retail is said to be interested in

Writankar Mukherjee & Sagar Malviya

Intense Competition

Amazon has expanded its grocery service **Amazon Pantry** to **300 cities**

Reliance has unveiled its ecommerce platform for grocery **JioMart**

Future Retail runs over **1,400 Big Bazaar** and Easy Day stores in **450 cities**

₹12,778cr total debt of Future Group

Kolkata | Mumbai: Amid talk of a possible Reliance Retail-Future Group deal, Amazon's stake in a Kishore Biyani holding company has emerged as an issue that needs to be resolved, said people familiar with the development. Reliance Retail and Amazon are competitors.

Amazon owns around 3.5% in Future Retail Ltd (FRL), the flagship Future Group company that Reliance Retail is said to be eyeing. Amazon acquired this stake through an indirect transaction after it bought 49% in Future Coupons, a promoter holding company in August last year. Also, the US ecommerce giant has the first right to buy Biyani's entire holding in this company in three to 10 years from November 2019, when the deal was cleared by the Competition Commission of India (CCI). While this right can only be exercised after November 2022, Biyani is said to be in a hurry to reduce his debt, which stands at Rs 12,778 crore for the Future Group as a whole.

"Amazon had purchased shares in Future Group to block the retail asset and avoid possible takeover in the future. This was not a financial investment but a strategic one that could help expand its business in India, especially in grocery and value fashion," said one of the people cited. Future Retail, the group's flagship, runs more than 1,400 Big Bazaar and EasyDay Stores in 450 cities.

Last year, Amazon had also partnered Samara Capital to buy the More supermarket chain from the Aditya Birla group. While current government guidelines prevent foreign direct investment in retail, Amazon employed a rarely used class of shares to acquire 49% in Witzig Advisory Services, a joint venture company with Samara. Samara Capital is also one of the bidders for Biyani's holding in Future Retail, which further complicates the ongoing negotiations with Reliance Retail.

An industry executive aware of the development said, "While Reliance has progressed with talks quite a bit, Samara Capital and Premji Invest are still not out of the race. It is a dynamic situation," he said.

Another industry executive said, "Biyani has options but time is a huge constraint. Reliance is much ahead and the proposed deal will largely be a share swap deal with some cash component and Amazon will get a minuscule number of shares in parent firm Reliance Industries," the person said.

He added that Reliance has completed due diligence and negotiations on valuation are underway. E&Y and PwC conducted the due diligence on behalf of Reliance. Future Group has hired KPMG for its valuation.

Emails sent to Amazon, Reliance Retail and Future Group remained unanswered till Sunday press time.

With nearly 75% of the family's shareholding pledged to lenders, Biyani is said to have thought of selling out about four months ago when group companies missed loan repayments to banks and the market value of his listed entities dropped to a third.

In March, Future Corporate Resources Ltd (FCRL), Biyani's holding company, defaulted on debt payments resulting in IDBI Trusteeship Services invoking pledged shares in Future Retail. The holding company, FCRL, also has debt repayment obligations of Rs 1,045 crore over the next two years.

A nationwide lockdown imposed on March 25 to stop the spread of the coronavirus led to nearly half of Future's supermarkets downing shutters down since they were in malls, which were ordered to close. A large proportion of department stores also had to close. All this squeezed cash flow.

"Acquiring control in Future Retail would have been ideal for Amazon to expand its grocery play in India. Otherwise it would take 5-10 years to build a presence organically in grocery across the country and involve sizeable investment," said another industry executive.

'JSW won't Import any Materials from China'

ET Q&A

SAJJAN JINDAL
CHAIRMAN, JSW GROUP

JSW Group chairman Sajjan Jindal has been vocal about cutting trade links with China. For example, refractories for his company's blast furnaces will come from Turkey and Brazil, he said in an interview with **Bhavya Dilipkumar** & **Satish John**. Jindal also said he's committed to acquiring Bhushan Power & Steel Ltd but reiterated that the group cannot take on the liabilities of a "tainted and expensive asset". Edited excerpts:

Rural India is showing positive signs, urban India is slowly coming to terms with the pandemic... By Sept-Oct, things should come back to normal

As border tensions flared, your recent tweets mentioned the need to stop trade with those that are not India's friends. How viable is this option?

Of course, it is not an easy route. The auto industry is dependent on (China for) 40% of components. The steel industry's 100% refractories come from China. One approach is to say that war will be fought by our soldiers, and my job is to make steel at a cheaper price by buying from China. But another view is – look at the $100 billion opportunities that Indian companies should tap. There will be some pain in the short run. But see, I respect my country and my army. If they (China) have killed 20 of my soldiers, I'm not going to buy products from them and strengthen their armies more.

What measures has the company taken to lower imports from China?

Directly and indirectly at JSW, there might be over a billion dollars of imports that come from China. And to curb that, we have recently put a clause in all our purchase orders that specify no materials should come from China. Our focus is, no material should be imported from a country that is not friendly to India, specifically China and Pakistan. At JSW, we used to import around 100% of refractories from China and now we have already worked out an alternative supply. We have placed orders from Brazil and Turkey and some from India. Within three-six months, the cost too will neutralise. The new supplies will be coming in by October.

One reason for dependence on China is cost. Will higher costs be transferred to consumers?

When we import equipment (that's) not from China, it will obviously cost around 10-15% more. We negotiate and even sacrifice some cost for the short term, and once the other countries increase their capacities, the cost will come down. It is a narrow-minded approach to think there is no other alternative.

During the pandemic, the company exported most semi-finished steel to China. Will there be any change in exports to China in the coming quarters?

We are not really restricting our exports to China, because that prerogative is with the Chinese to put a stop on Indian imports. But we are prepared if they want to stop Indian imports. As of now, there is no sign of that.

What is your outlook on the demand for FY21?

Rural India is showing positive signs, urban India is slowly coming to terms with the pandemic. There is this gut feeling that on a month-on-month basis, we will see things normalise. In the automobile sector, demand is still very weak. Four-wheelers are now at just 30% of capacity, heavy vehicles around 10%, while tractors are doing well. We are still working primarily on exports – 50% at JSW. By September-October, things should come back to normal. I won't be surprised if this October, we beat last October's number.

Property Registrations in Delhi NCR Dip 68%

NEW DELHI: Property registrations in Delhi-NCR dipped by 68% in May and June from the year-ago period as the Covid-19-induced lockdown brought activities to a halt, reports **Faizan Haidar**. In April, a few properties were registered in Noida and Ghaziabad but none in Delhi, Gurgaon and Faridabad. More property sales were recorded in May, when lockdown measures were eased, but the total number of registrations in Delhi-NCR stood at 85% below the level in the year-ago month. In Ghaziabad, registrations were down by 93%.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29 read with Regulation 47 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, inter alia, to consider and approve the Un-Audited Financial Results of the Company for the first quarter ended June 30, 2020.

This intimation is also available on the website of the Company at **www.gsk-india.com** and on the website of the Stock Exchanges where the shares of the Company are listed at **www.bseindia.com** & **www.nseindia.com.**

For **GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited**
Ajay Nadkarni
Vice President – Administration,
Real Estate & Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai
Dated: July 04, 2020

Hawkins Cookers Limited

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NOTICE

1. The 60th AGM of the Company will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 4:00 pm through Video Conferencing/Other Audio Visual means, in compliance with the Companies Act, 2013, read with the General Circular nos. 20/2020, 14/2020, 17/2020 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and Circular number SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) hereinafter collectively referred to as "Circulars".

2. In compliance with the Circulars, electronic copies of the Notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2019-20 are being sent through emails by July 11, 2020. The same will also be available on the website of the Company and the BSE Ltd. The manner in which Members can cast their vote by remote e-voting or e-voting during the AGM will be provided in the said Notice of the AGM and in the newspaper notice to be published after the emailed notice.

3. Those Members who hold shares in physical form and have not registered their email addresses with the Company are requested to register their email addresses with the Company's Share Transfer Agent, Link Intime India Private Ltd. at https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html. Members holding shares in dematerialized form may update their email addresses with their Depository Participant.

Mumbai
July 4, 2020

For Hawkins Cookers Limited
Hutoxi Bhesania, Company Secretary

BLUE DART EXPRESS LIMITED

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND E-VOTING

Notice is hereby given that 29th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Blue Dart Express Limited ("Company") will be held on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 4.00 p.m. through Video Conferencing (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) in compliance with all the applicable provisions of Companies Act, 2013 and Rules made thereunder and the Securities & Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") (Listing Obligations & Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, read with General Circular No. 1412020 dated April 08, 2020, General Circular No. 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and General Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 and other applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and SEBI (collectively referred to as relevant circulars"), to transact the business set out in the Notice of AGM.

In compliance with the relevant Circulars, the Notice of the AGM and Annual Report for the financial year 2019-2020 shall be sent to the members electronically on their e-mail ids registered by them with the Company/ Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents are also available on the Company's website viz; www.bluedart.com, website of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively and on the website of NSDL viz; https://www.evoting.nsdl.com.

The Company is providing the facility to its Members to exercise their right to vote on the business as set forth in the Notice of 29th AGM by electronic means through both remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM and members attending the AGM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote at the AGM. **The members who have cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting may also attend the AGM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote(s) again at the AGM.**

The remote e-voting period will commence at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020 and will end at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL for voting thereafter.

The cut-off date for determining eligibility of members through remote e-voting and voting at the 29th AGM is Thursday, July 23, 2020. The procedure for electronic voting is available in the Notice of the AGM as well as in the e-mail sent to the Members by NSDL. Please refer e-voting user manual for Shareholders available in the download section at https://www.evoting.nsdl.com.

In case of any difficulty or queries in connection with attending the Meeting through VC or casting vote through e-voting system, Members may contact:

For	Name	E-mail	Contact Number
E-voting	Mr. Amit Vishal	amitv@nsdl.co.in	022- 2499 4360
	Ms. Pallavi Mhatre	pallavid@nsdl.co.in	022-2499 4545
	NSDL	evoting@nsdl.co.in	1800-222-990
Video Conference	Mr. Anubhav Saxena	anubhavs@nsdl.co.in	022- 2499 4835

for **Blue Dart Express Limited**
Sd/-
Tushar Gunderia
Sr. Vice President
Head (Legal & Compliance) &
Company Secretary

Place: Mumbai
Date: July 4, 2020

GROSS PREMIUM
31.03.2020 | ₹51,030
31.03.2019 | ₹44,238

PROFIT / (LOSS)AFTER TAX
31.03.2020 | ₹(359)
31.03.2019 | ₹2,224

TOTAL ASSETS
31.03.2020 | ₹116,196
31.03.2019 | ₹118,884

NET WORTH
(With Fair Value Change Account)
31.03.2020 | ₹35,426
31.03.2019 | ₹52,765

₹ in crore

AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

REVENUE ACCOUNT
₹ in lakhs

Sl No.	Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2020				For the year ended 31.03.2019			
		Fire	Misc	Marine	Life	Fire	Misc	Marine	Life
1	Premiums Earned (net)	905,689	3,269,247	160,431	79,176	803,677	2,794,171	121,460	48,600
2	Profit on sale of investments (net)	60,232	160,348	10,873	2,627	51,091	124,561	9,220	1,722
3	Profit/Loss on Exchange Fluctuation	11,083	28,871	1,973	476	5,572	14,785	1,095	165
4	Interest, Dividend & Rent - Gross	82,799	220,424	14,946	3,612	75,757	184,694	13,670	2,553
	Total (A)	1,059,803	3,678,890	188,223	85,891	936,097	3,118,211	145,445	53,040
1	Claims Incured (net)	811,116	3,298,727	114,320	79,423	829,428	2,403,183	81,971	59,413
2	Commission (net)	293,501	423,729	32,623	982	217,631	364,606	27,543	762
3	Operating Expenses related to Insurance Business	9,128	26,259	1,240	675	6,119	18,362	835	289
4	Premium Deficiency	-	-	-	1,941	-	-	-	529
	Total (B)	1,113,745	3,748,715	148,183	83,021	1,053,179	2,786,151	110,349	60,993
	Operating Profit/- Loss from Business C = (A-B)	(53,942)	(69,825)	40,040	2,870	(117,082)	332,059	35,096	(7,953)
	APPROPRIATIONS Transfer to Shareholders' Account	(53,942)	(69,825)	40,040	2,870	(117,082)	332,059	35,096	(7,953)
	Total (C)	(53,942)	(69,825)	40,040	2,870	(117,082)	332,059	35,096	(7,953)

BALANCE SHEET
₹ in lakhs

Particulars		As on 31.03.2020	As on 31.03.2019
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Share Capital		87,720	87,720
Reserves And Surplus		2,104,576	2,248,386
Fair Value Change Account			
Shareholders Fund		327,569	840,798
Policyholders Fund		1,162,073	2,202,265
	Total	3,681,938	5,379,169
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Investments			
Shareholders Fund		1,570,378	2,253,774
Policyholders Fund		5,282,204	5,707,520
Loans		23,474	25,792
Fixed Assets		18,081	19,669
Deferred Tax Assets		2,079	256
Current Assets			
Cash And Bank Balances		1,585,378	1,284,791
Advances And Other Assets		3,138,026	2,596,555
	Sub-Total (A)	4,723,404	3,881,346
Current Liabilities		6,191,271	5,080,238
Provisions		1,746,411	1,428,949
	Sub-Total (B)	7,937,682	6,509,188
Net Current Assets (C)=(A-B)		(3,214,278)	(2,627,842)
Miscellaneous Expenditure		-	-
	Total	3,681,938	5,379,169
CONTINGENT LIABILITIES		1,470,907	573,071

KEY ANALYTICAL RATIOS FOR NON-LIFE COMPANIES
Ratio / Percentage

Sl No.	Particulars	For the year ended 31.03.2020	For the year ended 31.03.2019
1	Gross Premium Growth Rate	15.35	5.83
2	Gross Premium to Shareholder's fund ratio	248.60	198.10
3	Growth rate of Shareholder's fund	(8.10)	3.80
4	Net Retention Ratio	91.43	88.15
5	Net Commission Ratio	16.09	15.66
6	Expenses of Management to Gross Premium Ratio	0.70	0.60
7	Combined Ratio	114.38	105.86
8	Technical Reserves to Net Premium Ratio	156.10	150.00
9	Underwriting Balance Ratio	(13.65)	(5.67)
10	Operating Profit ratio	(1.70)	6.20
11	Liquid Assets to Liabilities Ratio	30.27	31.85
12	Net Earning Ratio	(0.77)	5.70
13	Return on Net Worth	(1.75)	9.96
14	Available Solvency Margin (ASM) to Required Solvency Margin	1.53	2.06
15	NPA Ratio		
	Gross NPA Ratio	4.42	3.01
	Net NPA Ratio	0.63	1.12

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT
₹ in lakhs

Sl No.	PARTICULARS	For the year ended 31.03.2020	For the year ended 31.03.2019
1.	OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		
	(a) Fire Insurance	(53,942)	(117,082)
	(b) Marine Insurance	40,040	35,096
	(c) Miscellaneous Insurance	(69,825)	332,059
	(d) Life Insurance	2,870	(7,953)
2.	INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS		
	(a) Interest, Dividend & Rent - Gross	90,705	105,629
	(b) Profit on Sale of Investments	65,983	71,238
3.	OTHER INCOME		
	Forex Gain/(Loss)	11,958	8,457
	Miscellaneous Receipts	190	686
	TOTAL (A)	87,979	428,130
4.	Provision for Doubtful Loans & Investment	85,894	47,970
5.	Provision for Doubtful Debts	13,171	10,179
6.	Amortisation of Premium on Investments	3,150	3,047
7.	Diminution in the value of Investments written off	22,563	16,185
8.	OTHER EXPENSES		
	(Profit)/Loss on sale of Assets (Net)	35	2
	Interest & Others	1	836
	Corporate Social Responsibility Expenses	7,762	6,529
	TOTAL (B)	132,576	84,748
	Profit / (Loss) Before Tax (A) - (B)	(44,597)	343,382
	Provision For Taxation:		
	Current Tax	1,100	120,259
	Wealth Tax	-	-
	MAT Credit	-	-
	Deferred Tax	(1,823)	1,184
	Provision for tax in respect of earlier years	(7,965)	-
	MAT Credit of earlier year	-	(492)
	Profit/(Loss) After Tax	(35,909)	222,431
	Appropriations		
	(a) Balance brought forward from last year	403,033	323,367
	(b) Interim Dividend	-	-
	(c) Final Dividend	118,422	118,422
	(d) Dividend Distribution Tax	24,343	24,343
	(e) Transfer to General Reserve	-	-
	Balance carried forward to Balance Sheet	224,359	403,033

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Note :

1. The Public disclosure is made in accordance with the IRDA Circular No. IRDA/F&I/CIR/F&A/012/01/2010 dated 28th January 2010 on Public Disclosure by Insurers.
2. Analytical Ratios have been worked out as per definition of IRDA vide their Master Circular dated 5th October 2012 & Corrigendum dated 3rd July 2013
3. The above Financial Results have been Audited by the Joint Statutory Auditors of the Corporation and were recommended by the Audit committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their meeting held on 24 June, 2020.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Devesh Srivastava
Chairman and Managing Director
DIN: 08646006

Place: Mumbai
Date: 24.06.2020

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सहकारी बँकांचे नियंत्रण

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केवळ व्यापारी बँकांमधील ठेवीदारांना विम्याचे संरक्षण देण्यासाठी स्थापन झालेल्या विमा महामंडळाचा लाभ देशातील सहकारी बँकांनाही देण्याबाबतचा विषय प्रथम सन १९६२ मध्ये चर्चेत आला. या संदर्भात जून १९६२ मध्ये रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या स्थायी सल्लागार समितीच्या बैठकीत या संदर्भात प्रथम चर्चा झाली व रिझर्व्ह बँकेची संलग्न संस्था असलेल्या ठेव विमा महामंडळाचा लाभ सहकारी बँकांच्या ठेवीदारांनाही उपलब्ध करुन देण्यापूर्वी त्यांच्यावर रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या नियंत्रणाची गरज प्रतिपादित करण्यात आली. या संदर्भातील टिपणी प्रथम रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या ॲग्रीकल्चरल क्रेडिट डिपार्टमेंटने ऑगस्ट १९६३मध्ये तयार केली. त्यानुसार सहकारी बँकांना रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या नियंत्रणात आणण्यासाठी केंद्राच्या बँकिंग रेग्युलेशन कायद्यामध्ये सुधारणा करण्याबरोबरच प्रत्येक राज्याच्या सहकार कायद्यातही बदल सुचविण्यात आले. घटनेतील तरतुदींनुसार राज्याच्या सूचीमध्ये सहकार हा विषय येत असल्याने सहकारी बँकांच्या संदर्भात रिझर्व्ह बँकेने घेतलेल्या निर्णयांची अंमलबजावणी करण्याविषयी राज्यांच्या सहकार कायद्यात सुधारणा प्रस्तावित करण्यात आली.

कायद्यातील या सर्व सुधारणांवर रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या स्थायी समिती सभेमध्ये २५ऑक्टोबर १९६३ रोजी सविस्तर चर्चा झाली. सदर सभेस रिझर्व्ह बँकेचे तत्कालीन गव्हर्नर पी. सी. भट्टाचार्य व दोन्ही डेप्युटी गव्हर्नर्स हजर होते. चर्चेअंती कायद्यातील संबंधित बदल हे भारत सरकार, राज्य सरकारे, राज्यांचे सहकार निबंधक, सहकारी संस्थांच्या फेडरेशन्स, राज्य सहकारी बँका इत्यादींचे प्रतिनिधी व रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या स्थायी सल्लागार समितीचे सदस्य यांच्या एकत्र बैठकीसमोर मांडण्याचा निर्णय घेण्यात आला.

ही बैठक १९ नोव्हेंबर १९६३ रोजी पार पडली. यावेळी रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या नियंत्रणामुळे सहकारी बँकांची 'स्वायत्तता' संपुष्टात येईल, अशी भीती व्यक्त करत अनेक राज्य सरकारांनी या प्रस्तावाला विरोध केला. सहकाराचे जास्त जाळे नसलेल्या परंतु पुढील धोका ओळखलेल्या तत्कालीन मद्रास व म्हैसूर राज्यांनी विमा महामंडळाच्या केवळ पंधराशे रुपयांच्या संरक्षणासाठी रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या नियंत्रणाचे भूत अंगावर घेऊ नका, असा स्पष्ट इशारा दिला. यामुळे भविष्यात सहकारी बँकांचे भवितव्य संपूर्णतः केंद्राच्या अखत्यारितील रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या हातात जाणार असल्याने, सहकार हा राज्याच्या अखत्यारितील विषय असूनही सहकारी बँकांच्या बाबतीत राज्यांना कोणतेच अधिकार राहणार नाहीत अशी भीती त्यांच्यासह अनेकांनी व्यक्ती केली.

राज्यांचा विरोध लक्षात घेत त्यावेळी केंद्रीय सहकार मंत्रालयाच्या प्रतिनिधीने सहकारी बँकांच्या विकासासाठी आवश्यक तेवढेच कमीत कमी अधिकार रिझर्व्ह बँक वापरेल असे आश्वासन उपस्थितांना देत केंद्र शासनाचे वजन रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या पारड्यात टाकले. त्यावेळी महाराष्ट्रातील धनंजयराव गाडगीळ, वैकुंठभाई मेहता व उपस्थितांची समजूत काढत रिझर्व्ह बँकेचे तत्कालीन गव्हर्नर पी. सी. भट्टाचार्य यांच्या प्रस्तावास पाठिंबा देत असतानाच रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या व्यापारी दृष्टीकोनातील नियंत्रणामुळे सहकारी बँकिंग चळवळीवर अनिष्ट परिणाम होणार नाही, याबाबत दक्षता घेण्याच्या सूचना रिझर्व्ह बँकेस दिल्या.

सहकार क्षेत्राच्या वरील सर्व शंकांचे निरसन करण्यासाठी तत्कालीन गव्हर्नर भट्टाचार्य यांनी त्यावेळी या क्षेत्राला दिलेले आश्वासन खूप महत्त्वाचे असून, आज रिझर्व्ह बँकेस त्याची आठवण करुन देण्याची वेळ आली आहे. भट्टाचार्य म्हणाले की, सहकारी बँकांचे नियंत्रण रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या अधिकारात आले असले तरी या बँकांची जबाबदारी केवळ ॲग्रीकल्चरल क्रेडिट डिपार्टमेंटकडेच सोपविण्यात येईल. कारण या विभागाला सहकारी बँकांच्या कामकाजाचा अनुभव असून ते त्यांच्या कामकाजाशी जसे सरावलेले आहेत तसेच त्यांना सहकारातील कामकाजाची पूर्ण माहिती आहे. गव्हर्नरांनी असेही आश्वासन दिले की, या सहकारी बँकांवरील नियंत्रणाच्या संदर्भातील निकष ठरविताना सहकाराची ध्येय, धोरणे, हेतु, तत्त्वे याचा सखोलपणे विचार केला जाईल. तसेच या बँकांच्या व्यवस्थापनावरील नियंत्रणात्मक बाबी ठरविताना त्यांच्या स्वायत्ततेला धक्का लागणार नाही, याची पुरेपूर काळजी रिझर्व्ह बँकेकडून घेण्यात येईल.

हे विधेयक लोकसभेत मांडण्यापूर्वी केंद्रीय सहकार मंत्रालयानेच या विधेयकातील 'जनतेच्या हितासाठी' (Public Interest) या कारणाअंतर्गत रिझर्व्ह बँकेस सहकारी बँकांना आदेश देण्याबाबतच्या अमर्याद अधिकारास विरोध केला. त्यावेळी रिझर्व्ह बँकेने असे आश्वासन दिले की, सहकारी बँकांवर कारवाई करण्यापूर्वी राज्य सरकारचे सहकार निबंधक व रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या स्थायी समितीशी सल्लामसलत करण्यात येईल. त्यानुसार रिझर्व्ह बँकेने संबंधित विधेयकाचा सुधारित मसुदा केंद्र शासनास मे १९६४ मध्ये पाठविला. दि. १७ डिसेंबर १९६४रोजी हे विधेयक लोकसभेत मांडण्यात आले. फेब्रुवारी १९६५मध्ये ते चर्चेसाठी पटलावर घेण्यात आले. परंतु अनिश्चित काळासाठी त्यावरील चर्चा पुढे ढकलण्यात आली. त्यावेळी देशातील सर्व सहकार क्षेत्रातून विशेषतः महाराष्ट्रातून या विधेयकावर खूप टीका झाली. त्यांना रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या पूर्वपरवानगीशिवाय शाखा उघडण्याची परवानगी हवी होती. तसेच नॅशनल फेडरेशनने असा मुद्दा उपस्थित केला की, सहकारी बँकांची कार्यपद्धती पूर्णतः वेगळी असल्याने व्यापारी बँकांसाठी तयार केलेल्या निकषांच्या आधारे सहकारी बँकांचे आर्थिक मूल्यमापन करु नये व राज्य सरकारांना विश्वासात घेतल्याशिवाय सहकारी बँकांवर कारवाई करु नये. शेवटी धनंजयराव गाडगीळ व वैकुंठभाई मेहता यांच्यावर या सर्व विरोधकांना विमा संरक्षणाचे महत्त्व पटवून देण्याची जबाबदारी देण्यात आली. परंतु तत्पूर्वीच या सर्व विरोधाला न जुमानता १८ ऑगस्ट १९६५रोजी सदर विधेयक लोकसभेत पुन्हा मांडले गेले व त्याच दिवशी ते आश्चर्यकारकरित्या मंजूरही झाले. नऊ सप्टेंबर १९६५ रोजी ते राज्यसभेत मंजूर झाल्यानंतर २५ सप्टेंबर रोजी त्यास राष्ट्रपतींची अनुमती मिळाली व एक मार्च १९६६पासून हा कायदा सहकारी बँकांना लागू झाल्याने त्या रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या नियंत्रणाखाली आल्या.

या संपूर्ण प्रक्रियेत रिझर्व्ह बँकेचे तत्कालीन गव्हर्नर पी. सी. भट्टाचार्य यांनी सहकारी बँकिंग क्षेत्राचा कारभार ज्या ॲग्रीकल्चरल क्रेडिट डिपार्टमेंटकडे सोपविण्याचे आश्वासन दिले होते त्याचे विलीनीकरण सन १९८२ साली स्थापन झालेल्या नाबार्डमध्ये करण्यात आलेले आहे, हे आवर्जून लक्षात घेतले पाहिजे.

सहकारी बँकांवरील नियंत्रणाच्या विषयावर चर्चा करण्यापूर्वी रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या इतिहासात डोकावणे खूप महत्त्वाचे आहे. सहकारी बँकिंग क्षेत्रातील दिग्गजांनी पूर्वी घेतलेल्या हरकती, मांडलेले विचार यांची आजच्या परिस्थितीशी तुलना गरजेची वाटते. १९६६ मध्ये ४०३ असलेल्या नागरी सहकारी बँकांची संख्या २००३ मध्ये २१०४वर गेली. २००४ मध्ये केंद्र सरकारने आपले पूर्वीचे 'छोट्या परंतु जास्त बँका' हे धोरण बदलून 'मोठ्या परंतु कमी बँका' हे धोरण स्वीकारल्यानंतर सतत कमी होत चाललेल्या नागरी बँकांची संख्या आज १५४४ इतकी आहे. कालच देशातील ४४ नागरी बँका आर.बी.आय.च्या रडारवर, अशी बातमी झळकली आहे. २००४पासून देशात सहकारी बँकिंगचा एकही नवीन परवाना दिला गेला नाही. गेल्या पाच ते सहा वर्षांत नवीन शाखाही मंजूर केलेल्या नाहीत.

सक्षमतेचे निकष दिवसेंदिवस कडक केले जात आहेत. देशपातळीवरील एकूण ठेवींमध्ये पूर्वी सहा टक्के असलेला सहकारी बँकांचा हिस्सा आज तीन टक्क्यांपर्यंत घसरला आहे, याला प्रगती म्हणायचे की अधोगती? देशातील एकूण १५४४ बँकांपैकी महाराष्ट्रात सर्वात जास्त म्हणजे ४९८ बँका असून या क्षेत्राच्या देशपातळीवरील एकूण ठेवींपैकी ६० टक्के ठेवी महाराष्ट्रातील आहेत. त्यामुळे नागरी बँकांच्या संदर्भातील कोणत्याही निर्णयाचा फटका महाराष्ट्राला बसत असल्याने नागरी सहकारी क्षेत्राविषयीची चर्चा प्रथम महाराष्ट्रातच होणार हे साहजिकच आहे. या पार्श्वभूमीवर आपल्या पूर्वीच्या सहकाऱ्यांनी १९६३ मध्ये रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या संदर्भात व्यक्त केलेली भीती खरी होताना दिसत आहे.

रिझर्व्ह बँकेच्या गव्हर्नरांनी पूर्वी दिलेल्या आश्वासनांनुसार नागरी बँकांच्या विकासासाठी स्वतंत्र यंत्रणेच्या निर्मितीचा आग्रह लावून न धरल्यास सहकारी बँकिंग क्षेत्राची पुढची पिढी निश्चितच आपणास माफ करणार नाही.

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मुंबईत करोनाचा संसर्ग झपाट्याने वाढू लागल्याने मुंबईत आता तोंडाला मास्क लावणं सक्तीचं करण्यात आलं असून मास्कशिवाय घराहबाहेर पडणाऱ्यांना एक हजार रुपये दंड ठोठावण्यात येणार आहे.

विषाणू संगे लढताना...

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आरोग्यमंत्र

सर्व जगभर फक्त एकच चर्चा. कारणही तसेच आहे. ज्या पद्धतीने करोना जगभर पसरला आणि फक्त पसरला नाही; तर रुग्ण दगावण्याचे प्रमाणही अपेक्षापेक्षा अधिक आहे. आधुनिकीकरणामुळे जसा संवाद क्षणिक आणि परस्पर दळणवळण अल्पावधीत झाले आहे, त्याप्रमाणे विषाणूचा प्रसारही कमी दिवसांत जगभर झाला आहे.

इतिहास चाळला तर समजेल की करोना हे काही जगावरचे पहिलेच विषाणूसंकट नाही. याआधीही १९१८ मधे स्पॅनिश फ्लूने असाच धुमाकूळ घातला होता. भारतात त्या काळात मुंबई हे प्रमुख ठिकाण होते. त्यानंतर अलीकडे २००९ मधे स्वाइन फ्लू आला. भविष्यात आणखी एखादा विषाणू येणार. अशी टांगती तलवार कायम असणार.

करोना साथरोगादरम्यान एक गोष्ठ प्रकर्षाने जाणवली. ती म्हणजे बेशिस्त. मग ते हॉस्पिटल असो अथवा सार्वजनिक ठिकाण, सुशिक्षित असो अथवा अशिक्षित, तरुण असो अथवा वयस्कर. शिस्तीचा अभाव हा एकमेव घटक करोना प्रसाराला कारणीभूत असावा. सरकारी यंत्रणा जिवाचे रान करत असताना, सर्वसामान्य लोकांमधे संसर्गजन्य रोग प्रसार थांबवण्यासाठी आवश्यक असलेली मानसिकताच अभावाने दिसली. जागतिक साथरोग ही कुठलेही एक सरकार अथवा व्यक्ती नियंत्रित करूच शकत नाही. प्रत्येकाने आपल्या परीने नियमांचे काटेकोरपणे पालन केले, तर साथरोग रौद्ररूप धारण करूच शकत नाही.

भविष्यात आपणा सर्वांना अशा प्रकारच्या विषाणूपासून बचाव करायचा असल्यास, आपणा सर्वांनी आजपासून सुरुवात केली पाहिजे. आपल्या पाल्यांना शिस्तीचे बाळकडू लहानपणापासून पाजावे. राष्ट्रीय संकटकाळात अत्यंत काटेकोरपणे सरकारी आरोग्य यंत्रणेकडून सांगणयात आलेल्या मार्गदर्शक सूचना पाळणे आवश्यक आहे. वैयक्तिक स्वच्छता हे प्राधान्य असले पाहिजे.

सरकारलाही आपली आरोग्य यंत्रणा मजबूत करणे आवश्यक आहे. वार्षिक अर्थसंकल्पामध्ये आरोग्य क्षेत्राला अधिक वाटा असायला हवा. आधुनिक मशिनरीबरोबर चांगले प्रशिक्षित डॉक्टर सरकारी यंत्रणेत सामावून घ्यायला हवेत. करोनाकाळात खासगी अथवा सरकारी यंत्रणेमध्ये जाणवलेली उणीव म्हणजे दूरदृष्टीचा आणि नियोजनाचा अभाव. सुरुवातीच्या काळात विलगीकरण कक्ष ही संकल्पना प्रभावीपणे राबवणे अवघड गेले.

उत्तम नियोजन सहजशक्य आहे. भविष्यात विषाणूविरुद्ध लढण्यासाठी आता आपल्याला सज्ज झाले पाहिजे.

काय करावे?

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- निर्व्यसनी राहावे. आसपास कायमस्वरूपी स्वच्छता ठेवावी.
- जेवणाआधी हात स्वच्छ धुवावेत.
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करोना रुग्णांशी सातत्याने संपर्कात असलेले डॉक्टर तसेच इतर वैद्यकीय कर्मचारी, तृतीय आणि चतुर्थ श्रेणी कर्मचाऱ्यांमध्ये या विषाणूमुळे निर्माण झालेल्या संसर्गाचा प्रादुर्भाव किती प्रमाणामध्ये दिसतो यासाठी आठशे जणांमध्ये सिरो सर्वेक्षण करण्यात आले आहे.

या सर्वेक्षणातून पुढे येणाऱ्या निष्कर्षामुळे करोना संसर्गाच्या उपचार पद्धतीमध्ये निश्चितपणे दिशा मिळेल, असा विश्वास वैद्यकीय तज्ज्ञांनी व्यक्त केला आहे. आयबीट फाऊंडेशनच्या पुढाकाराने जेजे रुग्णालयातील करोना आणि करोना नसलेल्या रूग्णालयांमध्येही हे सर्वेक्षण करण्यात आले आहे. यासंदर्भात अधिक माहिती देताना फाऊंडेशनचे प्रमुख डॉ. निशांत कुमार यांनी सांगितले की, या विषाणूचे वर्तन कसे आहे, त्याचा संसर्ग किती आहे याचे निश्चितपणे ठोकताळे माहित नाही. विविध प्रकारचे अभ्यास सुरू असले तरीही अद्याप अंतिम निष्कर्षापर्यंत आपण आलेलो नाही. या सिरो सर्वेक्षणामध्ये निदान करता येणे शक्य नसले तरीही समूह संसर्ग किती आहे, त्याची व्याप्ती काय आहे, संपर्कामध्ये असलेल्यांच्या रक्तामध्ये प्रतिरोध करणारी शक्ती निर्माण झाली का अशा वेगवेगळ्या पातळ्यांवर याचा अभ्यास करता येईल. त्यामुळे जोपर्यंत करोनाच्या चाचण्यांमध्ये सिरो सर्वेक्षणाचे महत्त्व लक्षात घेणे गरजेचे आहे, असेही त्यांनी सांगितले.

या अभ्यासासाठी आठशे नमुने घेण्यात आले आहेत. प्लाझ्मा सारख्या थेरपीचा वापर करताना सर्वेक्षणातील काही निकष मदतगार ठरणार आहे. जेजे रुग्णालय करोना रुग्णालय नाही तर सेंट जॉर्जेस हे करोना रूग्णालय म्हणून कार्यरत आहे.

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श्री पांडुरंगाचे वर्णन करण्यासाठी संतांची प्रतिभा आषाढातही शब्ददर्शनाचा आणि भावतत्त्वाचा वसंत फुलविते. श्री विठ्ठल हा महाराष्ट्राचा लोकदेव. सारा श्रद्धाभाव त्याच्या ठायी समर्पित करून जेव्हा विठ्ठलाचे दर्शन घ्यावे, तेव्हा बाह्य दृष्टीने त्याचे रूप डोळ्यासमोर उभे राहते तर अंतर्दृष्टीने ते हृदयी ठसवते. नामदेवराय वर्णन करतात

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दोन्ही कर ठेवूनही कटी। प्रसन्न दृष्टी पाहतसे।।

ते अनिर्वाच्य ब्रह्म, निर्गुणीचे वैभव प्रसन्न दृष्टीने पाहू लागते आणि भक्तांना, वैष्णवांना, वारकऱ्यांना त्याच्या सुंदर ते ध्यान स्वरूपाची अनुभूती येते. पांडुरंगाचे वर्णन तत्त्वदर्शी आहे, भावदर्शी आहे, लीलादर्शी आहे, शब्ददर्शी आहे. पण त्याच्याही पलीकडे नेणारे ते अनुभूतीदर्शी आहे. खरं तर अनुभूती शब्दांत मांडता येत नाही. ती शब्दातीत असते; पण तीच पुन्हा शब्दरूप होऊन पांडुरंगाचे गुणसंकीर्तन घडविते. संत एकनाथ महाराजांनी भागवतात त्याचे स्वरूप उभे केले आहे,

मी स्वरूपी सच्चिदानंद।
जगदादि आनंद कंद।
नित्य सिद्ध परम शुद्ध।
माझे स्वरूप विशद जाणती। ना. भा. ११/११२८

तो स्वरूपी सच्चिदानंद आहे. जगद्-रूपी आणि जगद्कारणी आनंदकंद आहे, तर तत्त्वरूपी नित्य सिद्ध आणि शुद्ध परमछंद आहे. तोच अज, आद्य, अचळ, नित्य, निज आणि निर्मळ आहे. त्याच्या स्वरूप दर्शनाने आनंदित होणे हे 'सगुणदर्शन', तर तत्त्वदर्शी अवस्थेतून त्याला जाणणे हे 'निर्गुणदर्शन' होय. खरे तर सगुण-निर्गुण, द्वैत-अद्वैत, व्यक्त-अव्यक्त या द्वंद्वापलीकडचा तो आहे; तरीही अव्यक्त आणि साम्यभावसंपन्न ज्ञान जेव्हा चैतन्यरूप व्यक्तदशेस येते, तेव्हाच पांडुरंगतत्त्व हे विटेवर उभे राहते. प्रश्न उपनिषदात म्हटले आहे -

अविद्यायाः पद पारं तादयति

कटेवर हात ठेवून तो निर्देश करतो आहे, की अविद्या किंवा माया नदी तर मला कमरेऐवढीच आहे. माझ्या भक्तांना मी भवसागराच्या पैलतीरी घेऊन जात आहे आणि अश्रद्धेचे, तर्कांचे, बुद्धीच्या कमकुवतपणाचे, कुबुद्धीचे आणि अज्ञानशक्तीचे आवरण घालवून ते लावण्यगुणनिदान भक्तासमोर उभे राहते. मग त्या दर्शनाने तो तृप्त होतो. कृतार्थ होतो. वारकरी हा एकीकडे भक्त आहे, तर दुसरीकडे कर्मफलत्यागी आहे. पांडुरंगाचे स्मरण म्हणजे जीवन आणि त्याचे विस्मरण हेच मरण; आणि हेच मोठे दुःख होय. पांडुरंगाचे दर्शन झाले. वारीचे फळ मिळाले पण उद्यापासून त्याच्या नामगजरात चालणे नाही, हे वारीच्या वियोगाचे दुःख त्याला जाणवते आहे. म्हणून दर्शनाचे कर्मफलही पांडुरंगाच्याच ठायी समर्पित करून कर्मफलत्यागाच्या भूमिकेतून तो पुढच्या वर्षीच्या वारीसाठी पांडुरंगाला आर्ततेने विनंती करतो आहे -

पंढरीचा वारकरी।
वारी चुको नेदी हरी।

सदाचारी जीवनासाठी कुसंगती टाळावी, विसंगती शोधावी आणि सत्संगती धरावी हीच वारकऱ्याची धारणा होय. शंकराचार्यांनी म्हटल्याप्रमाणे 'सत्संगते निःसंगत्वम्' म्हणजे सत्संगानेच नित्संग होणे हे परिवर्तनाचे वर्म घेऊन तो सत्-धर्माची वाटचाल करीत 'महायोगपीठ' अशा पंढरपुरी येतो. ज्ञान, कर्म, योग, साधना, वैराग्य, तप, मार्दव या सर्वांना भक्तिप्रेमाने जोडणे हाच खरा महायोग. 'भक्त भगवंती अर्पिती' या तत्त्वाप्रमाणे सर्वस्व पांडुरंगाला अर्पण करून, पांडुरंगदर्शनातच या महायोगाची प्रेमानुभूती घेताना तो म्हणत असतो,

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आषाढी एकादशीनिमित्त उद्या, बुधवारी नऊ पालख्यांना पंढरपुरात येण्याची परवानगी प्रशासनाने दिली आहे, अशी माहिती पोलिस अधीक्षक मनोज पाटील यांनी दिली. यात्रेसाठी अन्य वारकरी पंढरपुरात येऊ नयेत, यासाठी पंढरपूरसह परिसरातील १० गावांत आज, मंगळवारी दुपारी दोन वाजल्यापासून २ जुलैच्या मध्यरात्रीपर्यंत संचारबंदी लागू करण्यात आल्याचेही पाटील यांनी सांगितले.

आषाढी वारीनिमित्त मुख्यमंत्री उद्धव ठाकरे यांच्या हस्ते सपत्नीक महापूजा होणार आहे. यंदा महापूजेचा मान विठ्ठल मंदिरातील ८४ वर्षीय वीणेकरी विठ्ठल ज्ञानदेव बडे यांना मिळणार आहे.

आषाढीदिवशी पंढरपुरात येणाऱ्या पाच जिल्ह्यांतील नऊ मानाच्या पालख्यांमध्ये आळंदीहून संत ज्ञानेश्वर महाराज संस्थान, देहूहून संत तुकाराम महाराज संस्थान, मुक्ताईनगर (जि. जळगाव) येथील संत मुक्ताबाई संस्थान, सासवड (जि. पुणे) येथील संत सोपानदेव महाराज संस्थान, पैठण (जि. औरंगाबाद) येथील संत एकनाथ महाराज संस्थान, त्र्यंबकेश्वर (जि. नाशिक) संत निवृत्तीनाथ महाराज संस्थान, अमरावती जिल्ह्यातील विठ्ठल रुक्मिणी देवस्थान आणि सासवड (जि. पुणे) येथील संत चांगावटेश्वर महाराज देवस्थान यांचा समावेश आहे. करोनासंसर्गामुळे यंदा भाविकांना पंढरपुरात येण्यास मनाई करण्यात आली आहे.

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पिंपरी : आषाढी वारीसाठी संत ज्ञानेश्वर महाराज आणि संत तुकाराम महाराज यांच्या पादुकांसोबत पंढरपूरला जाणाऱ्या सर्व व्यक्तींची करोना चाचणी करण्यात आली आहे. या सर्वांची सुरक्षित ने-आण करण्याची जबाबदारी राज्य सरकार आणि संस्थान समितीने घेतली आहे. करोनामुळे यंदा आषाढी पायी पालखी सोहळा रद्द करण्यात आला. तरीही परंपरा खंडित होऊ नये म्हणून निवडक व्यक्तींच्या समवेत आळंदीहून संत ज्ञानेश्वर महाराज आणि देहूहून संत तुकाराम महाराज यांच्या पादुका बसने आज, मंगळवारी पंढरपूरला नेण्यात येणार आहेत.

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राज्य मार्ग परिवहन महामंडळाला (एसटी) अतिरिक्त उत्पन्न प्राप्त करून देण्यासाठी खासगी वाहनांची बांधणी आणि 'टायर रिमोल्डिंग' प्रकल्प कार्यान्वित केले जाणार आहे. एसटीच्या तीन सेंट्रल वर्कशॉप आणि नऊ प्रकल्पात एसटीच्या कामाबरोबरच हे अतिरिक्त काम केले जाणार आहे.

करोनामुळे एसटी महामंडळाचा संचित तोटा सहा हजार कोटी रुपयांवर पोहोचला असून, सध्या लॉकडाउनमुळे दर दिवशी सुमारे २३ कोटी रुपयांचा तोटा सहन करावा लागत आहे. राज्य सरकारने एसटी महामंडळाला दोन हजार कोटी रुपयांचे पॅकेज जाहीर करावे, अशी मागणी कामगार संघटनांनी केली आहे. दुसरीकडे एसटी प्रशासनाने उत्पन्न प्राप्तीसाठी अन्य पर्याय शोधण्यास सुरुवात केली आहे. त्यात मालवाहतूक मोठ्या प्रमाणावर केली जाणार असून, त्याद्वारे उत्पन्नदेखील सुरू झाले आहे.

एसटी प्रशासन आता खासगी बस बांधणीला सुरुवात करणार आहे. एसटीच्या तीन मध्यवर्ती कार्यशाळा असून, या कार्यशाळेमध्ये एसटी बसची पुनर्बांधणी करण्यात येते. भविष्यात व्यावसायिक स्तरावर खासगी बस बांधून त्याद्वारे महसूल मिळविण्याची योजना एसटी महामंडळाने तयार केली आहे.

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Brands look to fix the cover story

With safety and hygiene emerging as primary concerns in a pandemic, brands turn to packaging and presentation to gain consumer trust and confidence

The biscuit brand Parle-G reassured customers with a film about its packaging process, Flipkart has stepped up its advertising around sustainable packaging and Coke Vio promises clean packaging

IN SAFE HANDS

To reassure consumers, advertisers are talking up the hygiene factor in the packaging story

- Coke promises aseptic packaging in its recent campaign for its dairy brand Vio
- Vodafone Idea said it has provided its employees with safety shields at newly reopened retail centres
- A Parle-G ad that focuses on the biscuits being packed by employees wearing masks and gloves
- PepsiCo India has repeatedly emphasised the safety in packaging and delivery of its brands

VINAY UMARJI
Ahmedabad, 29 June

From home grown e-commerce major Flipkart to global cola giants such as Coca-Cola, the brand story during the pandemic is as much about the packaging, as it is about the product. As consumers put safety above all else, packaging innovations that ensure safety and damage-free, clean delivery are emerging as new avenues for brand building. And everything, from safety shields that keep employees and customers safe to the material used to keep the product from spilling over or getting contaminated, is a part of the brand narrative.

For instance, Coca Cola chose to launch its spiced buttermilk brand 'Vio' in a 180 ml 'aseptic' packaging which ensures consumers that the product has been packed in a sterile and hygienic environment. The customer-brand interface is a part of the advertising narrative across categories—Vodafone Idea India, for instance has been advertising about the protective shields it has installed at its newly reopened telecom retail outlets. Grocery retailers, be it chains such as Big Basket and Amazon Pantry or premium retailers such as Nature's Basket, the emphasis is on the way products are sourced and packed.

Brands are promising a safe packaging and delivery facility, with ads for everything from liquid hand wash to clothes reiterating the attention paid to the way the product makes its way from the factory to the customer. Some brands are using the concerns generated by the pandemic to reiterate their commitment to eco-friendly packaging. For example, Flipkart. It set out on a self-proclaimed mission to reduce the use of plastic in its packaging last year has been emphasising the same in its ads promising safe delivery too.

Packaging design service providers such as Tata Elxsi are part of the changing brand narrative. "Covid-19 has thrown newer challenges in consumer behaviour, which has changed considerably and is going to change further. Brands are trying to re-innovate, in terms of safety as well as how to reach the right consumers. One of the big changes we are seeing in all brands is their search for sustainable solutions for their requirements, not just environmentally friendly material but how to reduce overall carbon footprint," says Shyam Sunder BK, chief designer, Packaging and Product Design at Tata Elxsi.

Having worked on certain projects with customers in Europe, Shyam Sunder says that the design team is revisiting the standard industry packaging templates for products such as liquid hand wash that has quickly climbed its way into the essentials list in the pandemic. He warns that while brands are concerned, but the emphasis on safety is more than an advertising or trust-building story.

"Companies and brands may be looking at automation at factory level but at packaging there is human interaction involved and one of the challenges is to prevent contamination. Just communicating that package is not contaminated is not enough," Sunder adds.

Harish Bijoor, CEO of Harish Bijoor Consults and brand strategist says that the pandemic has brought several sensitivities around packaging to the fore, including reusability and carbon footprint, which many brands are yet to attend to. "It is only now that companies are once again looking at packaging as a whole. Even within the distribution chain, packaging has gained significance in terms of how well does it take care of the product. What has begun is a long term movement where lot of brands have begun focusing on R&D around packaging in terms of durability, messaging and innovation," he adds.

Founder director of Left & Right Communications Robinson Varghese believes that while packaging has been an integral part of the brand story in the past, the pandemic may force a systemic transformation. "The packaging innovations have to relate to the consumer habits or lifestyle changes, otherwise it's a short-lived expensive buzz. It involves restructuring of processes right from the manufacturing stage to the supply chain, from shelf-life to communication, the entire cycle has to be rethought," he says.

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NOTICE

Kindly refer to the earlier advertisement published in Business Standard and Mumbai Lakshadeep on June 24, 2020, regarding intimation of date of Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, which was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.
Please note that the meeting of Board of Directors has been postponed to a later date, which will be informed in due course.

For **National Peroxide Limited**
Sd/-
(Chandukumar Parmar)
Company Secretary
Place: Mumbai
Date: June 29, 2020

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 201 of the Companies Act, 2013, that the Company intends to make an application to the Central Government for its approval under sections 196, 197 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, read with part (e) of schedule V thereto and other applicable provisions, if any of the Companies Act, 2013, to the appointment of Mr. Sridhar Venkatesh (Din: 07263117) as Managing Director of the Company with effect from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2022 and payment of remuneration and perquisite to him.

For **GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited**
Ajay Nadkarni
Vice President – Administration,
Real Estate & Company Secretary
Place: Mumbai
Dated: 29th June, 2020

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Tender Number: 2002C00439, **Tender Description:** Lump Sum Turn Key (LSTK) Services For C4 Hydrogenation Unit (C4HU) Project, **Tender sale period:** 30.06.2020 09:00 Hrs to 13.08.2020 14:00 HRS, **Pre-bid conference:** 21.07.2020, **Closing date and time for Bid Submission:** 13.08.2020 14:00 HRS, **Date & Time for opening of pre-qualification bid:** 13.08.2020 15:00 HRS,

The tender document can be downloaded from **www.opalindia.in**. For other details of this tender including corrigendum if any, please logon to OPaL web site. Bidders should regularly visit OPaL website for the latest information in this regard.

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NOTICE OF THE 59th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. **Notice is hereby given that the Fifty Ninth Annual General Meeting (59th AGM) of the Members of the Company will be convened on Thursday, the 30th day of July, 2020 at 10:30 A.M. through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") facility** in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rules framed thereunder and the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020, 17/2020 and 20/2020 dated 8th April, 2020, 13th April, 2020 and 5th May, 2020, respectively issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA Circulars") and Circular No. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated 12th May, 2020 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI Circular"), without the physical presence of the Members at the AGM venue. Pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013, the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from the 24th day of July, 2020 to the 30th day of July, 2020 (both days inclusive).
2. The Notice of the 59th AGM and the Annual Report of the Company including the financial statements for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 ("Annual Report") will be sent only by email to all those Members, whose email addresses are registered with the Company or with the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agent, namely, Link Intime India Private Limited ("RTA") or with their respective Depository Participants ("Depository"), in accordance with the MCA Circular/s and the SEBI Circular. Members can join and participate in the 59th AGM of the Company through VC/OAVM facility only. The instructions for joining the 59th AGM of the Company and the manner of participation in the remote electronic voting system or casting vote through the e-voting system during the 59th AGM of the Company will be provided in the Notice of the 59th AGM. Members participating through the VC/OAVM facility shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013. The Notice of the 59th AGM and the Annual Report of the Company for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 will also be available on the website of the Company, viz. **www.pcblltd.com** and the websites of the Stock Exchanges, namely, National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) at **www.nseindia.com**, Bombay Stock Exchange of India Limited (BSE) at **www.bseindia.com** and Calcutta Stock Exchange of India Limited (CSE) at **www.cse-india.com** respectively as well as on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), the Agency for providing our remote electronic voting, at **www.evoting.nsdl.com** .
3. **Members holding shares in physical form** who have not registered their email addresses with the Company / Company's RTA, can get the same registered and obtain Notice of the 59th AGM of the Company along with the Annual Report for the financial year ended 31st March, 2020 and / or login details for joining the 59th AGM of the Company through VC /OAVM facility including e-voting, by sending scanned copies of the following documents by email to the Company's RTA's email i.d., viz. **kolkata@linkintime.co.in** or Company's email i.d., viz. **pcbl.investor@rpsg.in** :
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   b) self attested scanned copy of the PAN Card;
   c) self attested scanned copy of any document (such as Aadhar Card, Driving License, Voter Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company.
4. **Members holding shares in dematerialized form** are requested to update their email addresses with their respective Depository Participants.

The afore-mentioned information is being issued for the information and benefit of all the Members of the Company and is in compliance with the MCA Circulars and the SEBI Circular.

For Phillips Carbon Black Limited
Kaushik Mukherjee
Company Secretary
Place : Kolkata
Date : 29.06.2020

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No goods from China...

All central and state government departments, as well as related public sector agencies are mandated to directly purchase common-use goods and services solely through the Government e-marketplace (GeM). On this platform, sellers have to register and compete with others in an open-market model. Last week, GeM, a special purpose vehicle under the Minister of Commerce & Industry, was told that any new product on the portal must mention the country of origin. The feature was added to guide a buyer better, officials said.

"Such directives are significant amid growing call to promote local suppliers and boycott Chinese goods," said another source. Even states have been sensitised against Chinese goods and services on the portal, it is learnt. These departments typically purchase stationery, cleaning equipment, daily essentials, appliances and automobiles, among other things.

As of Monday, the portal showcased 1.85 million products and services. With 399,639 sellers and service providers, it has seen ₹55,379-crore worth of transactions till now.

This is among the measures taken by the government recently to not just encourage 'Make in India' but also reduce imports from China.

India Inc sinks...

Combined revenues including other income and lenders' fee income was down 5.1 per cent YoY during Q4 at ₹17.8 trillion. This was the sharpest decline in corporate revenues in at least six years. For comparison, these companies' combined revenue had declined by 4.7 per cent YoY during Q3 FY15 due to a slump in commodity prices that year. Analysts say the unprecedented decline in corporate profitability is largely due to a growing mismatch between revenues and costs. For example, the combined operating expenses for companies excluding finance and IT firms, including salary and wages, raw materials, and overheads, was down just 1.9 per cent YoY during Q4 against a 49 per cent decline in operating profit during the quarter. Fixed costs such as interest and depreciation were up 9.2 per cent and 12.1 per cent, respectively, leading companies to losses.

In all, 442 companies in the entire sample reported pre-tax loss during Q4FY20 while another 453 companies reported YoY dip in PBT during the quarter. The remaining 379 companies, accounting for around 30 per cent of the sample, reported improvement in PBT.

Tata Consultancy Services was the top earner during the quarter with PBT of ₹10,512 crore down 1.8 per cent YoY, followed by Reliance Industries at ₹9,223 crore (down 33.4 per cent) and HDFC Bank at ₹9,174 crore (2.5 per cent). However, eight out of 10 most profitable firms during the quarter reported YoY decline in PBT, indicating the financial challenge for India Inc in the forthcoming quarters when the full impact of Covid-19 lockdown will show.

Govt eyes...

The pandemic, the nationwide lockdown, and the accompanying economic slowdown have severely affected revenues from direct and indirect taxes, including goods and services tax.

Revenue from divestment is also expected to be hit.

In this scenario, the Centre is looking at various non-tax revenue sources, and any surplus from the RBI will help, officials say. As reported earlier, the government is assessing the cash position of state-owned companies and will ask them to ramp up dividend payout and share buyback as much as possible.

The thinking at the Centre is that since economic activity is low, public-sector undertakings are not spending on capital expenditure as much as they had anticipated, and hence are sitting on reserves, which can be used to pay dividend and buy back shares. For 2020-21, the budgeted dividend from state-owned banks, financial institutions, and the RBI has been pegged at ₹89,648.5 crore.

For 2019-20, the Centre had expected ₹1.06 trillion and got ₹1.52 trillion. Of this, a record ₹1.23 trillion was from the RBI following the recommendations of the Bimal Jalan Committee on Economic Capital Framework. In addition to that, the RBI had transferred ₹52,637 crore of excess provisions. That surplus transfer was almost double the previous record of ₹65,896 crore in 2014-15. In 2018-19, the RBI transferred ₹50,000 crore, while in 2016-17, the dividend was only ₹30,659 crore because of demonetisation.

MNCs strike...

Morgan Stanley did not offer any comment for the story. Google has taken 58,000 sq. ft in RMZ's Infinity in Bengaluru. Google also leased 1.4 million sq. ft in Bagmane Rio in Bengaluru, reports said recently.

In other deals, IBM took 280,000 sq. ft from K Raheja Corp in Hyderabad, sources said. An IBM spokesperson, however, termed the information as inaccurate. IBM has more than 10 million sq. ft of leased office across Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Noida, Gurugram, and Kolkata. Another US tech giant Microsoft is looking to lease 1.2 million sq. ft space in Bengaluru, reports said recently. According to the additions to the DRHP filed by Mindspace Business Park REIT, the firm has leased 700,000 sq. ft of space since April 1 this year.

(With inputs from Debasis Mohapatra)

Digital strike...

Waris said the sentiment could hamper the flow of Chinese capital into Indian start-ups. The government had in April amended the foreign direct investment (FDI) policy, saying that an entity of a country, which shared a land border with India, can only invest through the government route.

Blaise Fernandes, director, Gateway House, said there were essentially four types of Chinese apps in India — economic, service oriented, vanity, and strategic. "The Digital India story is globally tracked. Baidu, Alibaba, and Tencent are part of the digital 'Silk Route' of China. The ban of the 59 Chinese apps in India will negatively impact the valuations of these apps and their respective promoters," Fernandes said. The official referred to the upcoming IPO of TikTok and said: "Almost 30 per cent of its user base comes from India. This (ban) will impact TikTok's valuations negatively."

However, most home-grown start-ups and Confederation of All India Traders welcomed the move. The CAIT said it was a "big support" to its "Boycott Chinese Goods" campaign. Berges Malu, director (public policy) at ShareChat, a social media start-up, said: "This is a welcome move against platforms that have had serious privacy, cyber-security and national security risks."

Unlock 2.0...

As for containment zones, only essential activities will be allowed at least until July 31. The guidelines stated that states and Union Territories can prohibit certain activities outside containment zones based on their assessment. However, state governments cannot ban inter-state and intra-state movements of people and goods.

The fresh guidelines said the dates for resuming the remaining prohibited activities would be decided later.

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MR. RAJIV PODAR TO BE PRESIDENT ELECT & MR. JUZAR KHORAKIWALA TO BE VICE PRESIDENT ELECT OF IMC FOR 2020-21 W.E.F. JUNE 15, 2020

Mr Rajiv Podar, Vice-President of IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry has been elected as the Chamber's President for 2020-21. Mr Juzar Khorakiwala, has been elected as Vice-President for the year w.e.f. June 15, 2020.

Mr Rajiv Podar will take over at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Chamber to be held in July 2020 while the current President, Mr. Ashish Vaid will step down from office after completing his distinguished one-year term.

Mr Rajiv K Podar is the Managing Director of the Podar Entreprises – a century old organization with interests in education, skill development, sports, education, investment, housing and advisory services. He has been entrusted by the governments of Belarus and Benin to represent them in enlarging and deepening their economic interest in India in close association with the government of India. He also represents the Economic Promotion Council of the Canton of Zug of Switzerland, in India. He is also a founder of International Business Linkage Forum which aims at promoting trade, joint ventures and investments between the Indian government and private entities. Mr Rajiv K Podar is a Managing Trustee at various social institutes and an advisor at many educational institutes in India and abroad. He heads the International Business Committee of the Chamber and is on board of advisors at the forum of Consumer Fair Business Practises.

Mr Juzar Khorakiwala, the Vice President Elect of the IMC Chamber, is the Chairman and Managing Director of Biostadt India Ltd.

IOCL GUJARAT REFINERY PROVIDES 500 NOs. OF PULSE OXIMETERS AND IR THERMOMETERS TO VADODARA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

To augment Vadodara District Administration's efforts to combat Covid'19 pandemic, IndianOil Gujarat Refinery has procured and handed over to 500 Nos. of Pulse Oximeters and IR thermometers which was required by the District Administration urgently to strengthen their efforts to save lives. The preliminary diagnostic equipment such as Pulse Oximeters and IR thermometers will be given to District Health Workers including personnel of Health Department, Police Department, NDRF and other departmental officers and employees engaged in the covid'19 frontline activities. The Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC) have been also provided with PPEs, Non-Contact Infrared Thermometer, Masks etc., by IOCL as a part of ongoing CER Project. The Pulse Oximeters and IR thermometers were handed over by District Collector Vadodara, Ms. Shalini Agarwal, IAS and Executive Director & Refinery Head, Mr. Sudhir Kumar to the Chief District Health Officer, during a meeting organized while ensuring social distancing, for distribution to various health department recipients of the District.

GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB & ADMINISTRATOR UT-CHANDIGARH AND UNION PETROLEUM MINISTER JOINTLY INAUGURATE BATTERY SWAPPING FACILITY - QUICK INTERCHANGE STATION - AT INDIANOIL RETAIL OUTLET IN CHANDIGARH

Shri VP Singh Badnore, Hon'ble Governor of Punjab & Administrator of UT-Chandigarh, and Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Steel, jointly inaugurated a state-of-the-art battery swapping station for electric vehicles at M/s. Kapoor Service Station, one of Indian Oil Corporation's (IndianOil) leading retail outlets in Chandigarh, through a virtual event held here today. IndianOil has partnered with M/s. SUN Mobility to set up battery-swapping stations at select fuel stations in identified cities. Shri Badnore, in his address, lauded the efforts of MoP&NG and IndianOil towards improving the environment and economic needs through a series of green initiatives., Battery-swapping technology is one such initiative that offers the best alternative among electric mobility solutions, he added.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pradhan commended the efforts of IndianOil and SUN Mobility in pursuing the innovative, clean energy solution, thereby contributing to the Govt. of India objective of reducing vehicular emissions. He hoped that the tie-up would energise the EV markets in India. The EV opportunity is so big that every player in the eco-system will benefit from it, he said.

In line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision, which focusses on reducing carbon footprint, electric mobility can help India meet its Paris Agreement commitment of reducing carbon emission intensity (emission per unit of GDP) by 33 to 35 per cent of 2005 level over 15 years, Shri Pradhan said.

GUJARAT ALKALIES AND CHEMICALS LIMITED

The Board of Directors, at its meeting held at Gandhinagar on 18th June 2020 approved the Audited Financial Results for the fourth quarter and year ended on 31st March 2020 alongwith the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended on 31st March 2020 on standalone as well as consolidated basis.

The Managing Director of the Company informed that, in spite of the stiff competition and unstable market conditions during the year, the Company could achieve the Sales Turnover of Rs. 2,654.20 Crores (Previous year Rs. 3,102.32 Crores). The Company could achieve Profit Before Tax of Rs.491.62 Crores (Previous year Rs.1,015.02 Crores) and Profit After Tax of Rs.332.84 Crores (Previous year Rs.689.65 Crores). The Company has been consistently striving towards the cost reduction. The Company has been able to maintain the production levels and sell its quality products at very competitive rates.

He further informed that, the Board has recommended for approval of the shareholders a Dividend of 80% on equity Shares of Rs.10/- each. i.e. Rs.8.00 per share.

He stated that the Company has during the year 2019-20, also achieved the total production of 16,62,843 MT of various products in its basket as against 15,92,093 MT in the previous year, a 4.44% annual increase.