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1. PM Modi's Virtual meeting with Chief Ministers.

- The centre on Friday extended the nationwide coronavirus lockdown by two weeks till May 17.
- While some curbs will apply across the country, there will be considerable relaxation in green and orange zones to revive the economic activity.
- PM Modi said that the lockdown in India has yielded positive results and saved many lives.
- He said the states of the country should focus on converting all the red zones into green zones.
 - Red zones are areas with a high number of coronavirus infected people.
 - Green Zones are corona free zones.
- The lockdown restriction will be lifted in the green zones first.
- Prime Minister emphasized on the importance of ensuring that more people should download the AarogyaSetu App to booster the efforts of the country in the battle against Covid -19

→ The Chief of Defence staff General Bipin Rawat on Friday addressed a press conference on behalf of the Army, Navy and Airforce. He thanked all covid-19 warriors and said that on May 3rd amongst some special goodwill gestures helicopters will shower flower petals on hospitals treating Covid-19 patients. Ships will be lit along the sea shores, Army bands will be playing in the hospitals and the armed forces will lay wreath at Police memorial as a mark of respect.

→ Facebook bought 9.99% equity stakes of Reliance Jio, one of India's largest telecommunication company owned by Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani. Facebook made this purchase with a whopping amount of 5.7 billion dollars. Facebook said that it would focus on collaborating WhatsApp with Reliance's JioMart.

2. Schools in China to re-open

Schools in China are gradually re-opening after a long interval due to the coronavirus Outbreak. Social distancing rules and other preventive measures are still being followed in schools to prevent the highly infectious disease from spreading.

One school in the city Hangzhou found an innovative way to enforce social distancing by letting the students wear hats with three foot long horizontal plumes extending on either sides. The students with their faces covered with masks were seen wearing colourful headgear with extended plumes made out of cardboards and even balloons.

3. Online Nations cup begins on chess.com

FIDE to host an online chess competition called the Online Nations Cup on chess.com from 5th May - 10th May. Six teams will be playing and the list included countries like India, Russia and China. Legendary players like Vishwanathan Anand, Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik will all be participating in this online event which has a total prize pool of 1.3 Crore Rupees.

A recent report by chess.com showed that the number of active users increased by over 250% in March due to Covid.

- Virat Kohli and Ab De Villiers. Two cricket legends and among the greatest batsmen ever announced last week that they would be auctioning their cricket gear from the special IPL match in 2016. Auctioning means that they sell their gear to the person willing to pay the most for it. This gear is from Kohli and De Villiers record breaking partnership in 2016 edition of the IPL. The money raised from the same will be donated to charities battling the coronavirus pandemic.

4. Dolphins spotted in River Ganga.

After flamingo in Mumbai, and Nilgai in Noida now rare sighted dolphins were found in Uttar Pradesh's Meerut city with nature reclaiming its space amidst the nationwide lockdown. The Ganges River dolphins is India's national aquatic animal. Ganga water is now clean enough to drink. In the phase of this pandemic, our national aquatic animal has once again emerged to the River Ganga adding to a long list of such unusual sightings.

5. Human trails of Covid-19 vaccination

India is playing a pivotal role in developing a probable vaccine for coronavirus. Vaccine major the Serum Institute of India plans to start the production of coronavirus vaccine developed by Oxford University. The institute hopes to release into the market by October if all the human clinical trials are successful.

→ New research and evidence claims plasma therapy can help cure Coronavirus Patients. Plasma therapy uses blood donated by already recovered patients to introduce antibodies into those under treatment. The King George Medical University at Lucknow has begun using plasma therapy to treat Covid-19 patients.

6. Humanity in the times of Corona.

In an act of heartfelt gratitude, the migrant workers in Rajasthan who were given food and shelter by the villagers during the ongoing corona crises, decided to paint the walls and verandas of the government school giving it a complete facelift. The worker said it was their way of giving back for all the help extended by the villagers.

An 8 year old Australian boy named "Corona" was being bullied. He wrote a letter to Tom hanks (Toystory Actor) - saying he felt sad and angry when everyone teased him.

Tom Hank responded to the boy with extremely encouraging words, Appreciating his name and the letter sent by him, the actor also sent a corona brand typewriter gift to “Corona” and asked him to write to him again.

7. F2 Segment

The Indian entertainment industry lost two of its legendary icons this week, Rishi Kapoor and Irfan Khan. Both actors were unwell and were getting treated for cancer. It's a great loss for the cinema lovers and Bollywood.

Can You Guess?

- 1) This English Poet and playwright is known as the greatest dramatist in the world.

He contributed 3000 to OED (Oxford English Dictionary) including bedazzled, fashionable and eventful.

He is the second most quoted english writer after The Bible.

Ans. William Shakespeare

His Famous quotation - “To be or not to be” is among the most quoted lines in the world.

- 2) What is the only edible food that is said to never spoil?

Ans - HONEY

The only food that will never rot, it can last 3000 years.

Honey bees must gather nectar from two million flowers to make one pound of honey.

Book of the week

Charlie and the glass elevator

Author- Roald Dahl

Genre- Children's Fantasy

Published in -1972

What's Special - Sequel to Charlie and the chocolate factory

Space adventure

Science Fiction

Word of the day

Asymptomatic - showing or presenting no symptoms of a particular disease or infection.