

## **Union Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Shri Narendra Singh Tomar asks States to proactively implement Rural Development Schemes relating to employment generation, rural housing, infrastructure development and strengthening of rural livelihoods while taking all necessary COVID-19 related precautions**

In the light of relaxations extended to Non-Containment Areas in the country from 20th April 2020, and initiation of works under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) in such Non-Containment Areas, Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for Rural Development Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti held a two-hour long Video Conference with Rural Development Ministers and concerned officers of States and Union Territories today.

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## **411 Lifeline Udan flights operated to strengthen the fight against Covid-19 by delivering essential and medical supplies**

411 flights have been operated under Lifeline Udan by Air India, Alliance Air, IAF and private carriers. 237 of these flights have been operated by Air India and Alliance Air. Cargo transported by Lifeline Udan flights till date is around 776.73 tons covering over 4,04,224 km. Cargo load carried on 28th April 2020 was 28.05 Tons.

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## **Telephone conversation between PM and Prime Minister of Canada**

Prime Minister spoke on phone today with H.E. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

The two leaders discussed the prevailing global situation regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. They agreed on the importance of global solidarity and coordination, the maintenance of supply chains, and collaborative research activities.

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## **Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad appreciated the efforts of all States and UT in the fight against Covid19**

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, held a meeting with State IT Ministers on 28 April 2020 through video conferencing. The meeting was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Ministers of Haryana and Sikkim, Deputy Chief Ministers of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka, who are also in charge of the IT Department in their respective states.

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## **Union Ministry of Labour requested All**

# [Chief Secretaries to advise Employers to not terminate or reduce wages due to COVID-19: PIB Fact Check confirms the News](#)

The Fact Check Unit of the Press Information Bureau has today confirmed a tweet which claimed that the Labour Ministry was requesting all chief secretaries to advise Employers of all establishments to not terminate or reduce wages of their employees amid COVID-19.

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