

# IIC- MHRD's Innovation Cell

## Twitter Live Session

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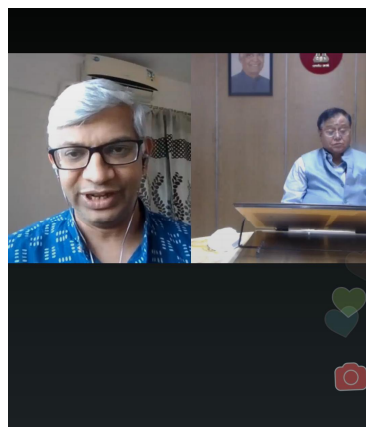
**Date** - 13.04.2020

**Time** - 11.00 AM

**Session** - Leadership Talk with **Padma Bhushan Dr. VK Saraswat**  
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### Snapshots from the Session



TIME STAMP	TOPIC
01:18	India has been fighting COVID-19 past 20 days and we have done reasonably well in terms of controlling its outspread.
01:48	The decisions taken by the authorities and Government of India has turned out well but only time will tell where do we land up.
02:11	Here in Niti Aayog we have been trying out various digital simulations, consulting different agencies and foreign universities to figure out ways to fight this situation.
03:01	We are analysing areas where we still need to work like the healthcare systems and trying to fulfil the gaps.
03:45	One of the major issues is now the supply of the ventilators for which DRDO has made a design which has been sent to Coimbatore for mass production.
04:38	Bajaj and Mahindra are using similar approaches to supply ventilators.
05:10	Niti Aayog is currently working on manufacturing N-95 and N-99 masks and PPEs.
06:20	A Pune based company is using ayurveda to test people for coronavirus and they have been very successful.
07:18	This pandemic is actually helping us revamp our healthcare systems, critical health operations and helping us promote initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhyan.
08:00	India is not exactly a country which can follow this social distancing policy as effectively as Japan.
08:40	This situation is actually a blessing in disguise for us as it helps us in improving the climatic conditions, and upgrading our

	healthcare system .
10:40	Around 1.7 lakh crores has been allocated by Madam Sitharaman for helping the daily wage workers and the poor people to survive this pandemic.
11:10	The cash is being used in various ways like providing healthcare insurances , distributing commodities and some direct bank transfers.
13:28	A large number of self-help groups have come up to support the poor people,migrant labourers and daily wage labourers.
13:44	Niti Aayog is distributing 16000 food packets daily.
14:20	The world is going to shift towards a new 'Normal' post covid-19 crisis.
15:29	There might be economic recessions post this crisis and the bilateral relations of all the countries with China might not be the same as well.
16:24	Many companies might shift their production base to India(like Samsung and Apple) but for that we need to provide them with a friendly and conducive environment to do so by decreasing land rates, labour rates and many other measures.
17:00	This is a great opportunity for India to emerge as a superpower and promote Make In India.
18:42	One of the major drawbacks has been the inability of our industries to scale up their production of commodities,and PPEs .
20:01	Need more investments in Biotech industries so that we can be prepared for any such situations in the future.

20:48	We need to improve our efficiency in terms of making vaccines and scientists think it would be great even if we can make this vaccine within 18 months.
21:10	Niti Aayog has learnt from this situation that it needs to invest more on Medical Development Equipments.
21:50	Scientists must be an active and integral part of the private sector instead of isolating themselves in the National or Government laboratories.
23:11	The call of the hour is that people need to have a more disciplined system of living and functioning.
25:03	We need to focus more on Employment growth rather than GDP growth post COVID-19..
25:38	Lastly we need to remove the barriers between the private and the public sectors to make this pandemic an opportunity for India.