

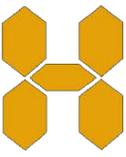


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Coronavirus Lockdown

A 'detox' for Bengaluru



CORONA WARRIORS

Thank
you



The Corona onslaught is something we never imagined. It's a war which is fought both inside and outside our homes. We are in the uncharted territory. But we need to fight this. This battle needs leaders who are selfless and who can innovate as they move ahead.

Every individual is a true warrior in this battle. Here is a small thanks to those true warriors who are struggling day in and out sacrificing their 'everything' for us.

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$\log_{10} 0.1 = 1.9778$
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Mathematical geography

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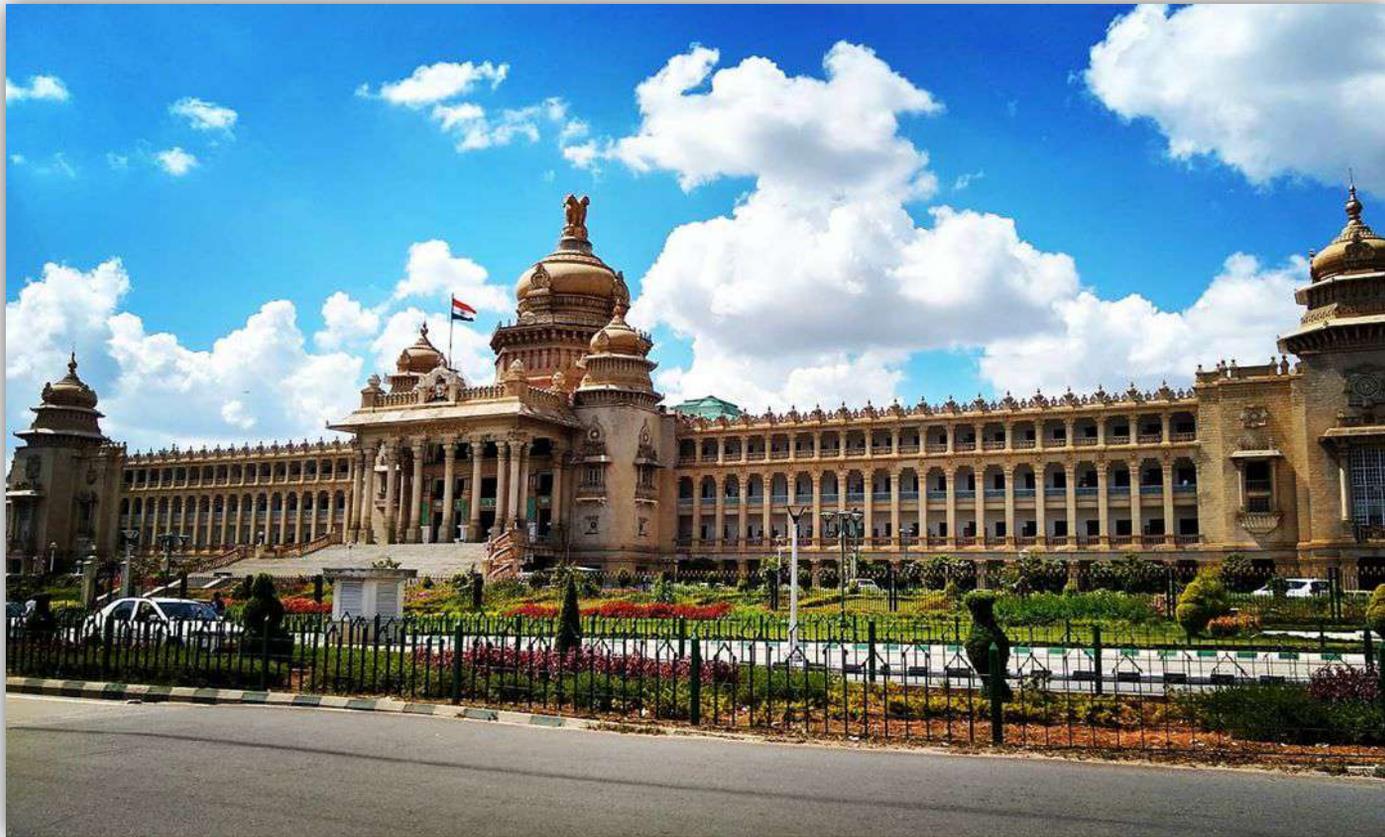
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CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN: A 'DETOX' FOR BENGALURU

True, the COVID-19 lockdown has severely strained the livelihoods of lakhs and played havoc with the economy. But one look beyond the quarantined homes, and you see a city in bloom, a Bengaluru blissfully unpolluted, greener and cleaner, beckoning memories of an era long gone.

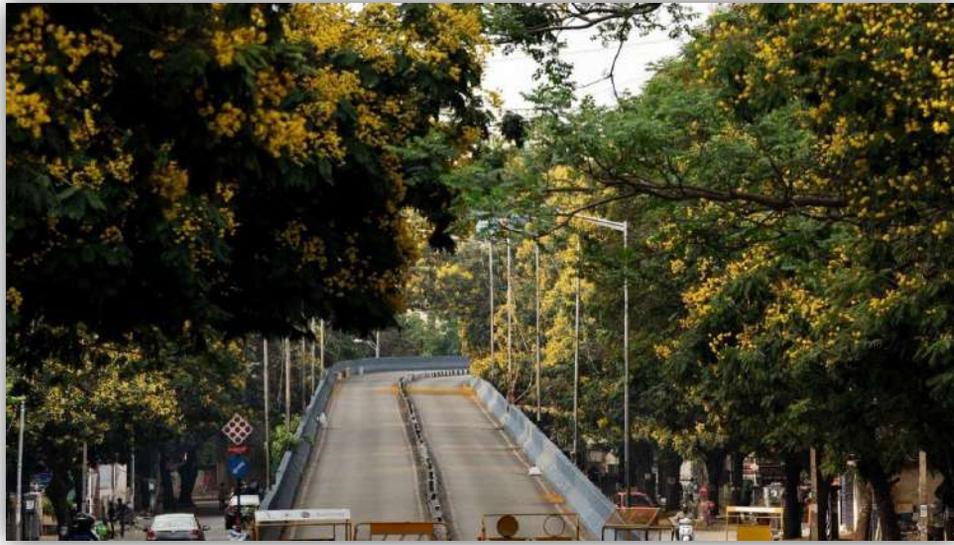
The most dramatic turnaround has been in the air quality. As the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) confirms, the dip in the city Air Quality Index (AQI) has been remarkable, now hovering between 0 and 50. With most polluting industries shut, and roads deserted, this was in the making for weeks. The withdrawal of all public transport and strict enforcement of the ban on private transport reduced vehicular pollution to near zero. The halt to construction activity settled the dust too.

POLLUTION DOWN BY 70%

The overall pollution in the city has reduced by an estimated 55% to 70%, as released by KSPCB.

- ❖ Vehicular emissions account for 42% of the pollution
- ❖ Industrial and construction dust contribute 14% each.
- ❖ Re-suspension of dust is responsible for 20% of the pollutants, with DG sets and smoke from households and hotels making up the rest.

Suppression of dust and last week's rainfall have helped improve visibility, the official notes. The reduction in noise pollution too has been substantial. The dip in pollution has had a perceptible effect on the city's plant and animal lives. Peafowls have been spotted on Bannerghatta Road, Jayanagar, Malleswaram and surrounding areas.



BIRDS FLOCK TO CITY

Turning to bird-watching with avid interest during the lockdown, people have spotted an amazing range of birds hitherto unseen in the city. These are largely found in groups at the Ranganathittu and Kokrebellur bird sanctuaries.

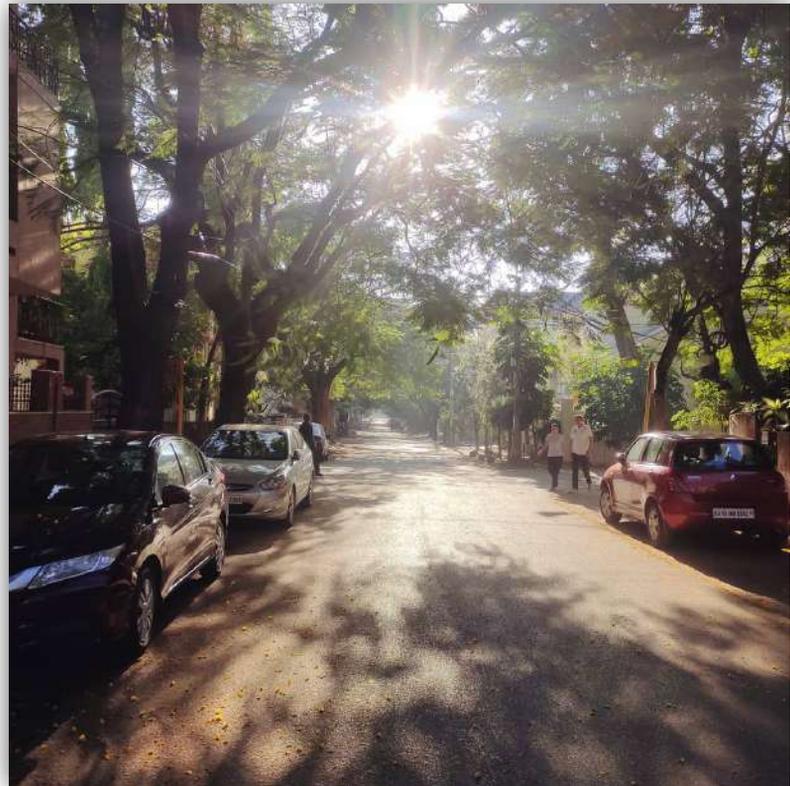
DUST-FREE ENVIRONMENT

Vehicular dust particles settle on roadside trees, making it tough for insects to thrive. With cleaner plants, insects return, and the birds flock in droves to feed on the insects. But a clearer, city-wide impact analysis can emerge only when researchers fan out to test the waters, sample the air at multiple locations and compare the findings across parameters.

WATER BODIES

The lockdown has left several city lakes appear less polluted, and even the Vrushabhavathi river look clean without toxic foam. Images of the lakes and river have surfaced on multiple social media platforms. However, not everyone is convinced as they see no evidence of a reduction in sewage flow.

Vrushabhavathi might look clean from the outside, but the pollution level remains high. Only a thorough composite and grab sampling can prove a reduction in pollutants.



SEWAGE INFLOW

Notorious for foam and fire due to extreme pollution, Bellandur and Varthur lakes appear serene but the sewage inflow has not abated. This has been confirmed by both residents in the vicinity of the lakes and the KSPCB officials. Preferring anonymity, a Board official admits that any change can be gauged only with water sample-testing.

*In the thick of all the gloom and doom, there is a silver lining.
Mother earth seems to have rejuvenated itself*



What?

Most of us always have a slight confusion on the NRO & NRE accounts, which sounds more or less similar to any layman and people who are going abroad for the first time on a long-term employment.



In the first instance, let us understand the expansions and its meaning.

NRO: Non-Resident Ordinary Account : As the name itself suggests us that, it is like an ordinary account, no big difference as compared to any other bank account.

NRE: Non-Resident External Account : As the name itself suggests it is an External account, you can consider this as on par with a bank account maintained outside India.

Now let us drill down on the features and the basic differences between both NRE and NRO accounts.

Points of Difference	Non-Resident External (NRE) Account	Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Account
Currency	Rupee denominated	Rupee denominated
Type	Savings, Current or a Fixed / Term Deposit	Savings, Current or a Fixed / Term Deposit
Who can open?	NRI	NRI and Regular bank accounts of a resident, who becomes an NRI, also get converted into NRO accounts
Is repatriation allowed?	Freely repatriable	Repatriable, subject to conditions
What can be the source of funds?	Funds remitted from abroad, Funds from another NRE / FCNR account and transfer from NRO to NRE account of same person	Funds received from within India only.



Points of Difference	Non-Resident External (NRE) Account	Non-Resident Ordinary (NRO) Account
Can funds be transferred to another account?	Funds can be transferred from an NRE account to an NRO / NRE / Resident account	Funds can be transferred from an NRO account to an NRO / NRE/ Resident account
Can it be opened jointly with an NRI?	Yes	Yes
Can it be opened jointly with a resident?	No	Yes
What is the income tax treatment of the interest earned?	Tax free	Taxed as per applicable slab rate
Can power of attorney holder open the account?	No	No
Can power of attorney holder operate the account?	Yes, can make local rupee payments	Yes, can make local rupee payments
Is nomination allowed?	Yes	Yes
Exchange Rate Risk	Prone to risk	Not prone to risk
What is the status of the account when NRI returns to India for good?	Converted to resident account	Converted to resident account

Transfer of Funds from NRO to NRE

Prior to 2012, the transfer of funds from NRO to NRE account was not permitted by RBI. The only way to transfer the amount into NRE accounts was through release from abroad or another NRE account. In 2012 the proclamation by the Reserve Bank of India is plainly good news for NRIs looking forward to transfer their money to NRE accounts, which are repatriable in foreign currencies. This change has helped NRIs to save transaction cost. However, there are certain conditions that have to be met before transferring the amount.

Conditions that NRI must know about transfer of funds from NRO to NRE

- ❖ An NRI can transfer funds from NRO to NRE account only if the amount is within USD 1 million in a financial year. The amount/ limit is the maximum.
- ❖ Transfer of funds from NRO to NRE account is subject to payment of applicable taxes. Only if the taxes are clear you can move funds
- ❖ The source of funds in the NRO account should be transferable/ repatriable

Document Requirements for Transfer of Funds from NRO to NRE

For transfer of funds from NRO to NRE account, NRIs need to submit Form 15CA an online application form in the Income Tax website after obtaining a Certificate in form 15CB from a practicing Chartered accountant and submit both to Bank for the repatriation.

IT IS NOW POSSIBLE FOR NRIS TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM NRO TO NRE ACCOUNT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES MENTIONED ABOVE. IN ORDER TO AVOID FINANCIAL AMBIGUITIES, ONE MUST CONTACT A FINANCIAL EXPERT TO CLEAR ALL THE DOUBTS.



Thomas Eapen v ITO [Cochin Trib]

Where assessee, a small trader in medicine falling under section 44AD, offered income on presumptive taxation basis, provision of section 69A could not be applied to make addition in respect of undisclosed cash credits found in assessee's bank account

D M Estates (P.) Ltd. v. DCIT [Blr HC]

Where receipts of rents as recorded in books of account was in consonance with agreement between assessee and lessee and no defect whatsoever had been pointed out by revenue authorities in books of account, no addition to income is warranted in hands of assessee owing to difference in income based on Form No. 26AS and income as reflected in books of account maintained by assessee

Alpex International (P.) Ltd. v. ACIT [Mum Trib]

Where assessee had not earned any exempt income during relevant year, no disallowance under section 14A, read with Rule 8D, of 1962 Rules could be made

SVS Oil Mills v. ACIT [Mad HC]

Where there was a clear admission by assessee firm that excess stock found during survey was added in its stock register but no corresponding entry was passed in books of account, it could be considered that investment in such stock was made out of undisclosed source, thus, addition was to be made under section 69B in respect of such excess stock

Lalitkumar Kesarimal Jain v. DCIT [Pun Trib]

Mere fact that assessee was associated with the builder would not disentitle his claim of Sec. 54F exemption : the only contention of the department was that the assessee was one of the associated parties in the concern which was developing the housing project. This didn't sanctify the denial of exemption under section 54F when genuineness of all the transactions were established.

DCIT v. Asian Grantia India Ltd. [Ahem Trib]

The disallowances made u/ s 14A r.w.r. 8D cannot be the subject matter of disallowances while determining the net profit u/ s 115JB

SVS Oil Mills v. ACIT [Mad HC]

Interest received on enhanced compensation under S.28 of Land Acquisition Act, 1894 is eligible for exemption u/s 10(37)





CIT v. KEC International Ltd. [Mad HC]

Interest paid on borrowed funds utilized for investment in group companies for strategic business purpose was allowable as deduction under section 36(1)(iii)

Hitachi High Technologies Singapore PTE Ltd. v. DCIT [Del Trib]

Where assessee, a Singapore based company, opened a Liaison Office (LO) in India, in view of fact that LO was not only involved in preparatory and auxiliary activities but also actively involved in ascertaining customer requirements, price negotiations obtaining of purchase orders, etc., it could be concluded that said LO Constituted assessee's PE in India in terms of articles 5 of India-Singapore DTAA

JCIT v. Karnataka Vikas Gramēena Bank [Blr Trib]

Where depositors give Form No. 15G/ 15H to assessee-bank, law empowers assessee to make payment of interest without deduction of tax at source even though assessee has not furnished those Forms to Commissioner because requirement of filing of Form 15G and 15H with prescribed authority viz., Commissioner, is only procedural and that cannot result in a disallowance under section 40a(ia)

PMT-09

The CBIC has introduced Form PMT-09 (i.e. a challan) for shifting wrongly paid Input Tax Credit. This enables a registered taxpayer to transfer any amount of tax, interest, penalty, etc. that is available in the electronic cash ledger, to the appropriate tax or cess head under IGST, CGST and SGST in the electronic cash ledger.

Applicability:

All taxpayers registered under GST are eligible to shift any balances available in the electronic cash ledger using Form GST PMT-09.

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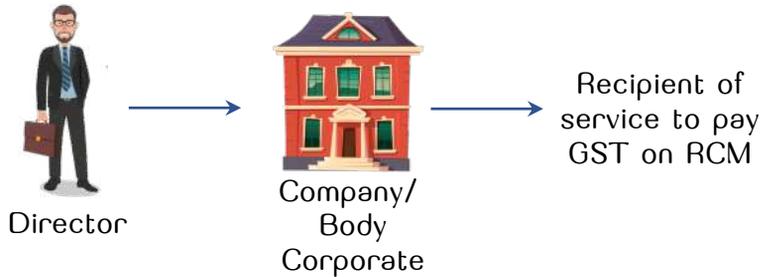
Mr. A. had to pay Rs.100 as Central Tax under the major head and Rs.50 as interest under the minor head and he has wrongly paid Rs.50 under Central tax head and Rs.100 as interest under the minor head.

In this case, he can file PMT-09 to shift the amount from the major head (i.e. Central tax) to the minor head (i.e. interest). This shifting of the amount can be done from minor head to major head as well.



REVERSE CHARGE MECHANISM - 2

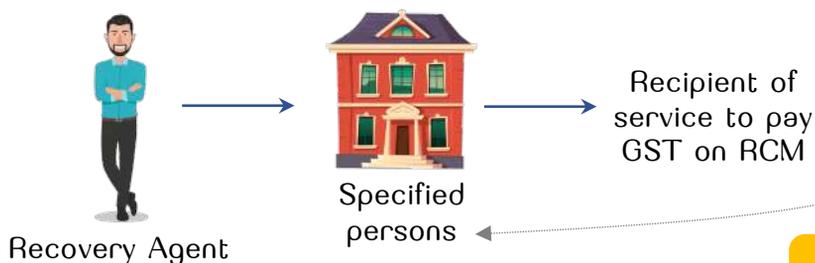
Category of Service	Effective Date	Supplier	Recipient
Services by the Director	01/07/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A director of a company or a body corporate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A company or a body corporate located in the taxable territory



Category of Service	Effective Date	Supplier	Recipient
Insurance Agent Service	01/07/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An Insurance Agent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any person carrying on insurance business, located in the taxable territory.



Category of Service	Effective Date	Supplier	Recipient
Recovery Agent Service	01/07/2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Recovery Agent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Banking company ○ Financial institution ○ NBFC (located in the taxable territory.)





App of the Month -

Arogya Setu



This application is developed by the GOI to connect essential health services with the people of India in our combined fight against COVID-19.

The App is aimed at augmenting the initiatives of the GOI, in proactively reaching out to and informing the users of the app regarding risks, best practices and relevant advisories pertaining to the containment of COVID-19.

Click of the Month



Book of the Month -

The Palace of Illusions

There's a blessing in the storm.

Doctor's Diary Honey



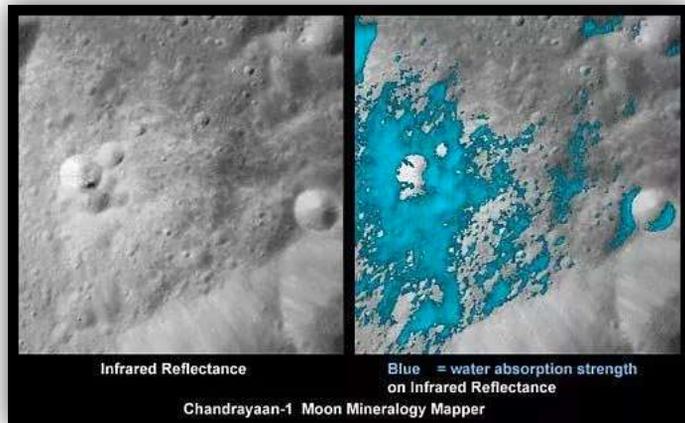
- o 384 pages
- o Published in 2009
- o Anchor

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni, an Indian best selling novelist, has penned an extremely emotional and gripping mythological-cum-historical-fiction

Honey has antibacterial and antimicrobial properties. 10- 15 grams of honey at bed time reduces the severity of cough symptoms in children. Honey taken along with lemon increases one's immunity

Trivia

In Sep '09, ISRO Chandrayaan-1 using its Moon Mineralogy Mapper detected water on the moon for the first time.



novel, The Palace of Illusions that narrates the great epic Indian mythological tale, Mahabharata from the point of view of the most brilliant and fearless female character, Draupadi, who weaves her thoroughly soul touching yet enduring life story starting from the day she was born to the day she left her palace and kingdom to follow behind the footsteps of her husbands to heaven. In modern terms, you call it a fan fiction.