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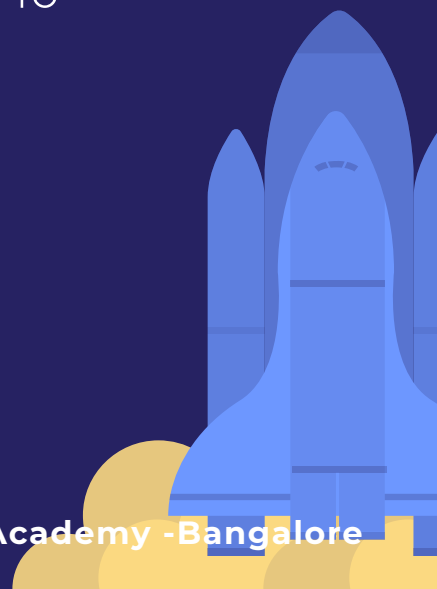
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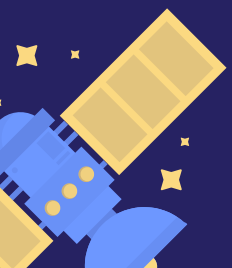
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## VACCINATION



Vaccination could even be a simple , safe, and effective way of protecting people against harmful diseases, before they're available into contact with them. It uses your body's natural defenses to make resistance to specific infections and makes your system stronger. Vaccines train your system to form antibodies, whilst it does when it's exposed to a disease. However, because vaccines contain only killed or weakened kinds of germs like viruses or bacteria, they're doing not cause the disease or put you in peril of its complications.

Most vaccines are given by an injection, but some are given orally (by mouth) or sprayed into the nose. Vaccination is very important to prevent ourselves from any diseases its like blessing in our life ,When we get vaccinated, we aren't just protecting ourselves, but also those around us. Some people, like folks that are seriously ill, are advised to not get certain vaccines – so as that they depend on the rest folks to urge vaccinated and help reduce the spread of disease. Vaccines reduce risks of getting a disease by working in conjunction along side your body's natural defenses to form protection.

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## PRIVATE SECTOR A BIGGER ROLE IN VACCINATION

Large employers, given the influence they wield, can significantly alleviate the situation if not entirely remedy it. In the same survey by the Forum, 61.4% of those polled said they would accept their employer's recommendation to be vaccinated. This means that businesses can play a pivotal role in encouraging vaccine literacy and engendering vaccination trust in the workplace by putting in place structured programmes for knowledge sharing and guidance. A big benefit of driving vaccine literacy also lies in creating widespread appreciation for the fact that the vaccine itself is no silver bullet. The early batches of the vaccine, much like the flu vaccines in the US that are about 40 to 60% effective, will decrease one's risk of exposure but not necessarily eliminate it.

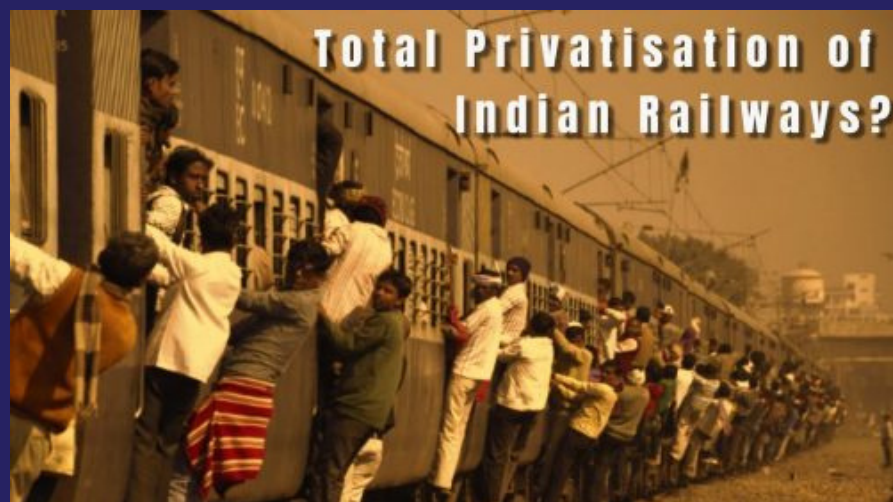
While policy-makers are ramping up investments to bring the vaccine to citizens, it is only practical to assume that not everyone will get a shot when the first vaccines become available. To stop the contagion and deadly virus, it will be necessary to vaccinate at least two-thirds of the world.

Therefore, our communities will become safe only gradually, and in phases.

This also means we cannot all put away our masks and forgo social distancing protocols for some time. Workplace norms and employers that encourage pandemic-time discipline, even after the vaccination programmes kick-off, will play a pivotal role in driving

## PRIVATISATION OF INDIAN RAILWAYS AND ITS IMPACT.

Recently Indian Government has launched a new drive to open up train operations to private entities on 109 origin destination pairs of routes using 151 modern trains. This can be considered as a very bold step taken by the Indian Government as Indian railways in one of the largest railways in the world.



We have seen that the whole process of the Indian Railway's is very time taking whether it booking tickets or a train running on time, by privatization the process will be fast and less time consuming. One of the main agenda of privatizing the railways is that only those people who are suitable and are technically sound will get the job resulting in high and better service quality provided by the railways. And the most important agenda of the privatization is to provide us quality travel with more enhanced safety and security. This drive of privatization will also provide more to reduce "demand supply deficit". There are few points that should be kept in mind:

1. Low internal revenue: The problem of cross subsidization like (money earned through the freight traffic is diverted to meet the short falls in passenger revenue) has severely affected the generation of Indian Railways.
2. Increasing number of accidents: Frequently we have witnessed a number of severe accidents in our railways which have led to severe damage to life and revenue and infrastructure. So this further raises a question on the government ownership of Indian Railways.
3. Low quality of service, catering and punctuality: Indian Railways deserves a credit to serve the passengers of the world's largest democracy but there have been many shortcomings which has led to a continuous criticism in terms of services, catering and punctuality.



## PETROLEUM PRICE BOOM : WAY TO E VEHICLE SURGE



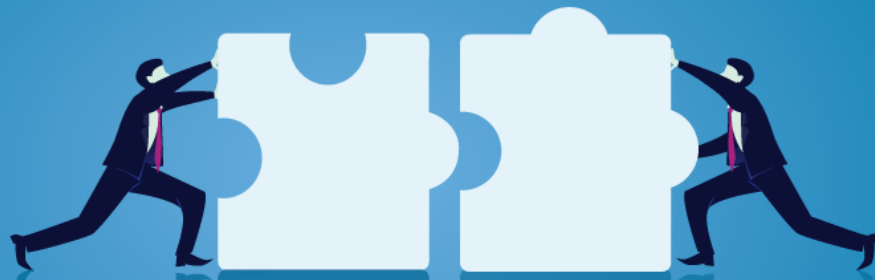
Expenses always act as burning a hole in a pocket for common man. With Consecutive hikes from last few months in petrol prices is drilling a hole in their pockets. There has been raise in excise duty on petrol to Rs 32.98 a litre from Rs 19.98 a litre, during the time of corona pandemic by central government.

Post covid situation deals with the increase in petrol prices, that has affected the market and earnings. Additionally, lead to Rise in Inflation as lock down is making it difficult for people to sustain as jobs are scarce and salaries are cut. Also people got to deem their savings.

This has great impact on Middle class families and who are prompted to think about buying these E- vehicles with the constant surge in petrol price. E- vehicle are now recognized as a viable option for cost-efficient mode of travel, with price based between Rs 60,000 and Rs 1 lakh, reckoning on parameters like motor capacity, vehicle speed and body size.



This clearly indicates E- vehicles are becoming both cost and environmentally friendly. In Following years India is expected to surge towards E- vehicles as in recent Demand for e-vehicles has picked up drastically and it will bright spot in growth in the coming decades. The energy sector is inevitable and will lead to greater innovations and investments in the coming years.



## **BANKS MERGERS & ACQUISITION**

The world is full of competition and is like a jungle where monsters gobble smaller ones therefore one has to be competent enough to win the rivalry. There is evidences that big firm have merged smaller firm in themselves. The history of Indian Banking system shows that the banking system in India started back in the 18th century when General Bank of India and Bank of Hindustan was established in 1786 and 1790 respectively. The discussion on banking sector in India can be done based on two era i.e. pre-liberalization and post liberalization since 1991.

It is seen that most of the work done on mergers and acquisition is on financial & accounting aspect such as performance of banking institutions. The impact of globalization on Banking system has affected in many ways in terms of regulations and structural. With the change in environment, many policy and schemes have been adopted by the sector to remain efficient in the global arena. One such policy is merger and acquisition.

Few of the recent mergers are: Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank is merged with Union Bank of India. United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce is merged with Punjab National Bank. Syndicate Bank has been merged with Canara Bank, while Allahabad Bank with Indian Bank while Dena bank and Vijaya bank was also merged with Bank of Baroda in 2019. With the mergers coming in effect Punjab National Bank became the country's second largest bank, with the business size of Rs 17.94 lakh crore, after SBI which has the business of over Rs 52 lakh crore. Canara Bank become the fourth largest public sector bank in India. After the merger, the combined business is of Rs 15.20 lakh crore.

## **CORPORATE INDIA STEPS UP TO PROVIDE FREE VACCINATION TO EMPLOYEES**

In the wake of the Government's COVID-19 vaccination roll-out process expanding to include eligible citizens above 60 years of age and 45 to 59 years with specified co-morbidities, many corporates are stepping in to provide free vaccination to their employees. Covaxin and Oxford-AstraZeneca's Covishield are the two vaccines that are being administered in the country. Covaxin has been indigenously developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

Global technology companies are leading India Inc's plans to extend support to the government in its second phase of vaccination drive. Leading this brigade are IT and IT services majors like Infosys, Capgemini, and Accenture who announced plans to absorb the vaccination costs for their employees.

At Accenture, for people who are eligible and choose to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, Accenture in India will cover the cost for the employee and their dependents who are part of our medical benefits program. Similarly, Capgemini will also offer free vaccination for all its Indian employees and their dependents in strict accordance with all Government-approved protocols.

Infosys is looking at partnering with healthcare providers to vaccinate employees and their immediate families as eligible under the guidelines given by the Government of India and as per approved procedures and timelines. The company will cover the vaccination cost for the employees and their immediate family members as part of our focus on health and wellness. The readiness of many companies to absorb the vaccination costs for their employees is a welcome move, which will further help the country to fight the pandemic faster and hopefully ensure a return to normal faster. It remains to be seen how does the government partner with willing companies to speed up the process.



## **COSMOS SESSION-2**

**Today I am going to present my views about the cosmos session that happened on 2nd February 2021. Before telling my views on the session, I would like to tell about the “Cosmos Cub” team members. They are very interactive and the way they approach us is very friendly. Attending cosmos sessions will be a stress relief to us because the activities conducted by them are filled with fun as well as knowledge gaining.**

**The club members manage the session very well and they will never make us feel bore during the session. In this session, they conducted an activity called "Dumb Charades" where our batch was made into a team of 10-12 members. From each team, one member will be chosen by the club member and asked him/her to act the given company tagline and the rest of the team should guess the tagline and company name. This activity made us learn new taglines and new company names as well. Everyone enjoyed the session very well and it ended with some good interaction with the club members.**

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## **COSMOS SESSION-3**

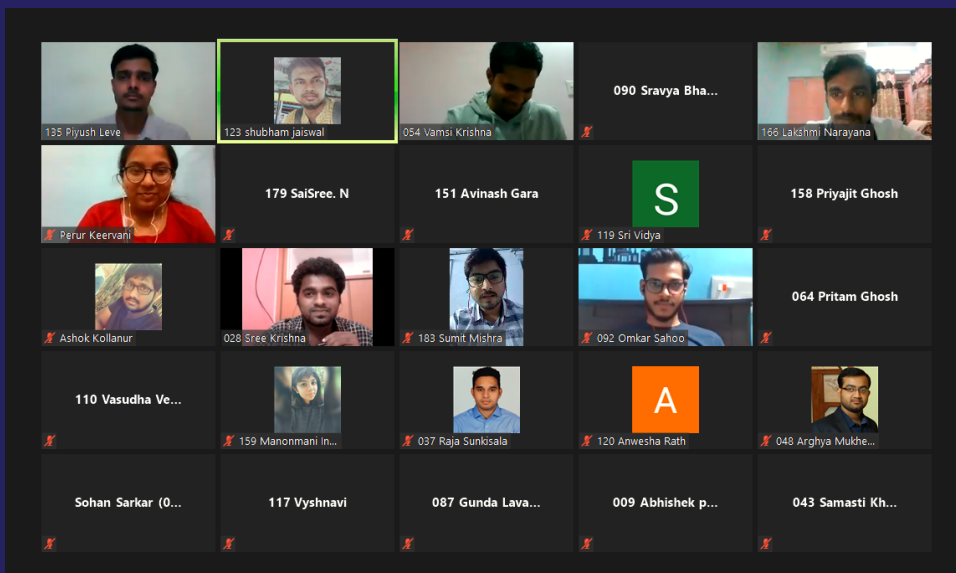
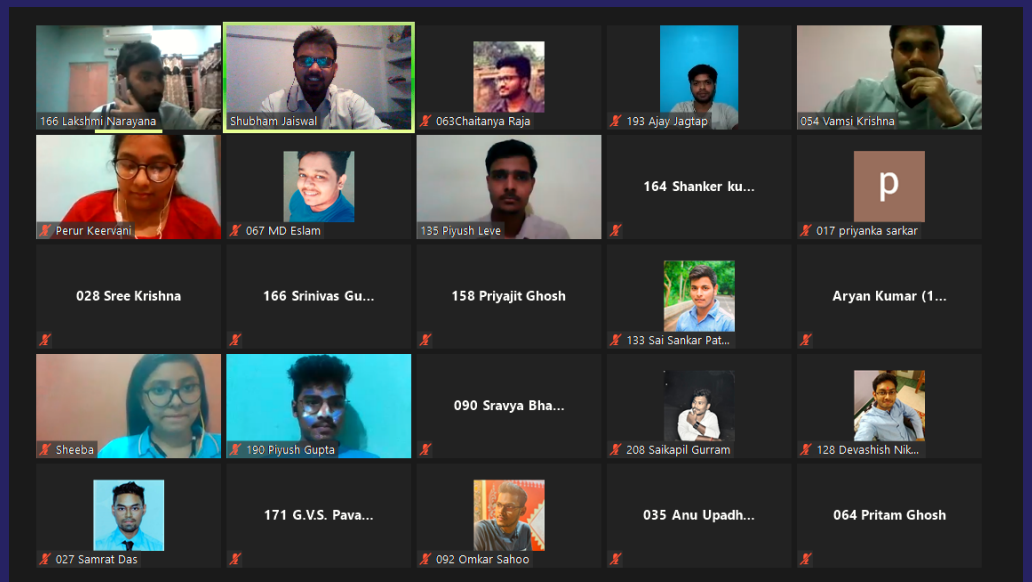
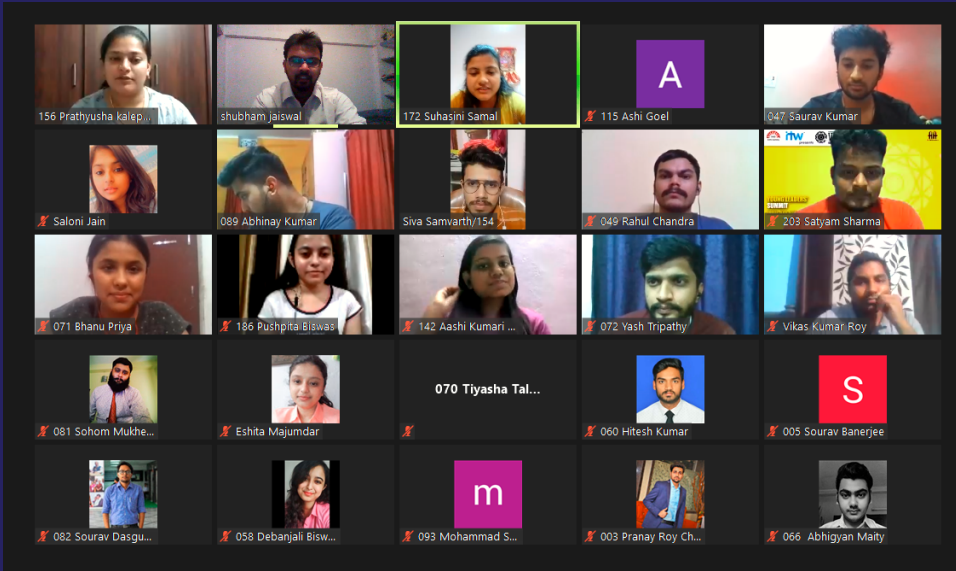
The session was held on 13th April 2021 and started with lot of high energy, by interactions. The meeting started with interaction between senior team member and Batch 20-22. Then session continued by taking attendance of all the batch present over there. After that, we had business quiz round, where we had to perform individually, the questions where supposed to come on our screen and we had to type answers in chat box, whoever will give correct answer first was getting points.

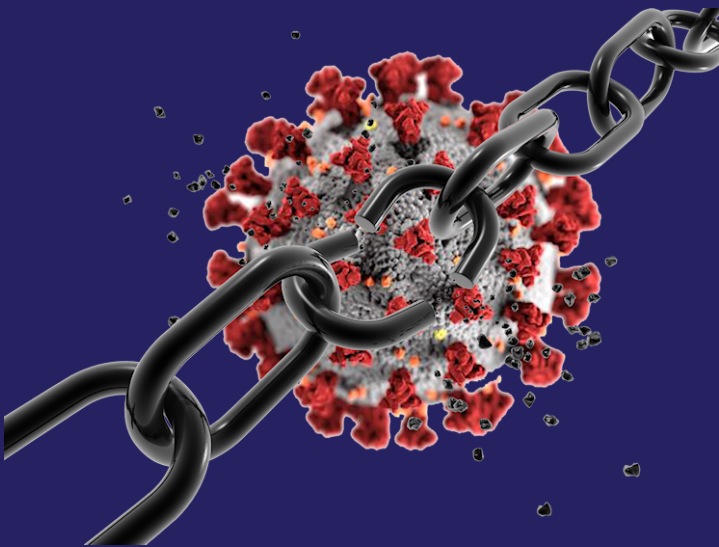
Then after end of business quiz round, the memes made were shared on screen which was made on cosmos club members by the Batch 20-22. The memes were really creative and funny. Overall the Session was fun and interactive. The session helped us to learn and get to know about the current affairs and memes shared by Batch 20-22 was really fun to had. We all are really thankful for the interactive session conducted by them and looking forward for more such activities and interactions.

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# SNAPSHOTS OF COSMOS SESSIONS





**NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE OR  
WHO YOU ARE, EACH OF US CAN  
HELP TO BREAK THE CHAINS OF  
COVID-19 TRANSMISSION.**

**THANK YOU FOR READING.  
STAY HEALTHY AND STAY SAFE.**

**GET VACCINATED**

**THANK YOU!**