



In video interaction with Rahul, ex-RBI guv **Raghuram Rajan** says India will need to spend ₹65,000cr to help the poor with food and cash

Russian PM Mikhail Mishustin tests +ve for Covid-19, US outbreak soon to be **deadlier than any flu** since 1967 as deaths top 60,000

EU economy shrank 3.5% in the first quarter of 2020 — the worst quarterly drop since the EU started collecting the data in 1995



Australian PM **Scott Morrison** holds talks with his New Zealand counterpart **Jacinda Ardern** about creating a 'travel bubble' that would let people move between two countries



Facebook CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** endorses restrictive measures while Tesla head **Elon Musk** calls them anti-democratic & fascist

Relief for Maha CM: EC to hold council polls

A day after Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray dialled PM Narendra Modi over the delay in his appointment to the legislative council, governor B S Koshyari on Thursday wrote to the EC urging it to declare elections to the nine vacant council seats at the earliest. **P 6**

Chuni Goswami, soccer star, dead

Ironic former footballer Chuni Goswami, 82, who captained the 1962 Asian Games gold-winning team & represented Bengal in first-class cricket games, died in Kolkata after a cardiac arrest. **P 14**

LOCKDOWN DAY 37

Treat non-Covid patients or face action: City govt

Delhi government has issued an order to city hospitals, directing them to ensure treatment of non-Covid-19 and critical patients or be ready to face action. **P 3**

Gzb moves from red to orange

Ghaziabad moved from the red into the orange zone, as the UP government revised its list of Covid-19 hotspots late on Thursday. The NCR city is the first in Delhi's neighbourhood to turn orange.

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States face daunting task of evacuating millions of migrants

Bihar And UP Alone Have To Handle 42 Lakh

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A day after the Union home ministry opened the floodgates for the return of stranded migrant workers and others to their native places, the herculean challenge of handling the logistics of registering, screening, transporting and quarantining lakhs of returnees appeared to weigh down states like Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which between them have close to 42 lakh people waiting to return.

Bihar deputy CM Sushil Kumar Modi on Thursday demanded that the Centre run

45,000 Indians abroad register to return

Around 45,000 Indian nationals abroad have registered with Indian missions across the globe for return to the country, with the number likely to rise in the next few days. Many of those who have registered are in Gulf countries. Close to 25,000 registered in Dubai alone with the Indian consulate. **P 10**

► City nodal officers, trains for shifting stranded, P 4 & 6

special trains to ferry migrant workers and students, saying the state government couldn't arrange transport on its own to bring back 27 lakh migrants all the way from Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra.

► UP braces for 15L, P 11

Aarogya app, rapid tests at Ggn border from today

Trying to restart Noida, Gzb but safety first: Yogi



UP can now be considered safe "but the corona chain must be broken at all levels," UP CM Yogi Adityanath told **TOI**. "My team is working on plans to gradually start economic activities in red zone districts like Noida and Ghaziabad. But safety can't be compromised." **P 10**

Gurgaon will also stop allowing those holding Delhi government passes to commute. Essential service providers in Delhi would be told to arrange stay in the capital. Those coming from Delhi to Gurgaon for work would be asked to stay back. **P 2**

Share of under-60 age group in India's Covid deaths rises

60+ Account For 51% Deaths, 45-60 Yrs 34%

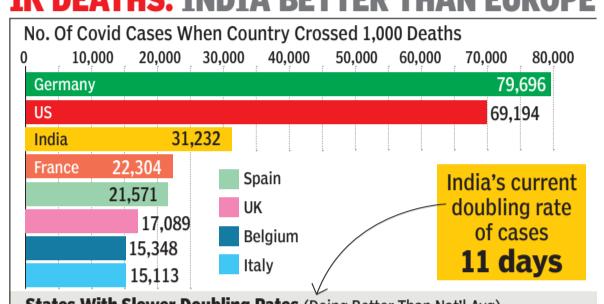
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New Delhi: More than half of India's Covid-19 deaths — 51.2% — are among those aged above 60 years; of them, 42% were in the 60-75 age group, according to the latest data from the health ministry. Though less at risk, those between 45 and 60 years accounted for 34% deaths due to the disease, while 14% of those who died were younger than 45.

Since April 6, when the ministry disclosed age-wise data on Covid deaths, the share of deaths in 60+ group has fallen by 12 percentage points from 63% and consequently risen among the younger lot.

► 8,300 cured, P 7

IK DEATHS: INDIA BETTER THAN EUROPE



States With Slower Doubling Rates (Doing Better Than Nat'l Avg)

Delhi 11.3, UP 12, Raj 17.8, K'taka 21.6, Haryana 24.4, Kerala 37.5

2nd biggest spike in a day, Maha tally crosses 10,000

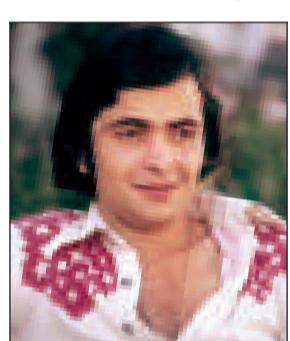
Covid-19 cases in India spiked again on Thursday, crossing 1,800 for only the second time and falling just eight short of Tuesday's peak of 1,840, while the day's death toll stayed above 70 for the second day at 74.

With 583 fresh cases, Maharashtra has now recorded over 10,000 coronavirus infections. At 10,498, the state's Covid cases equal the next three states put together — Gujarat (4,395), Delhi (3,515) and Rajasthan (2,625). **P 8**

RISHI KAPOOR | Sept 1952 – April 2020

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Rishi Kapoor, who stormed into young hearts and stardom with the bubblegum blockbuster *Booby* (1973), and who reinvented himself in the new millennium, deftly navigating fluctuating popular trends and fickle public taste, passed away in a Mumbai hospital on Thursday.

The actor, who was battling leukemia, was 67. "He remained jovial and determined to live to the fullest right

through two years of treatment across two continents," his family said in a statement. Rishi, the second son of Indian cinema's legendary

showman Raj Kapoor, arrived at a time when Rajesh Khanna's reign of romance was fast on the fade. Amitabh Bachchan and action were the new box-office currency. With his chocolate looks and red lips, he appeared to be on the wrong side of vogue. But Rishi didn't fight the tide; rather he found ways to survive and thrive.

In a career spanning nearly five decades, he starred in over 150 films, forming a trendy romantic pair with Neetu Singh, who later became his wife. He was also part of many hits with Bachchan.

PM signals push to attract firms that exit China to India

Cabinet Likely To OK Strategy Paper Soon

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday signalled a major push to boost investments in the country and capture a part of the supply chain that is expected to move out of China as global corporations look to diversify their production base in the aftermath of Covid-19.

Modi discussed strategies with his top ministerial colleagues, paving the way for a comprehensive strategy paper to be formally cleared by the cabinet in the coming weeks. The meeting comes days after the PM spoke about the need to make India self-dependent following supply lines for crucial drugs, electronic goods and chemicals getting affected in February when production around Wuhan was disrupted.

► Plug-&-play model, P 8

At 1:15 ratio, RIL plans India's largest rights offer

Reeba Zachariah & Partha Sinha

Q4 profit down 37%

Mumbai: Reliance Industries' profit fell 37% to Rs 6,546 crore in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, when the outbreak slammed the brakes on the economy. This is the first time in many years that the nation's largest private sector company reported a decline in profit. **P 13**

► RIL to hive off oil and chemicals business, P 13

► After FB, more global cos eyeing Jio stake: RIL, P 13

day close on the BSE at Rs 1,467. This is RIL's first fundraise from the public in three decades and the largest rights offering by an Indian company. Last year, Vodafone Idea and Airtel had come out with rights offerings of Rs 25,000 crore each.

RIL shareholders can buy one share for every 15 shares held, the company said.

► Ambani family, P 13

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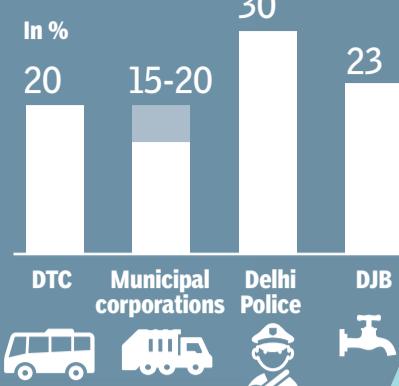
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BEYOND BORDERS

A chunk of employees in Delhi's various agencies resides in Haryana, or Noida/Ghaziabad

**Problematic border points**

Smaller border points along Najafgarh, such as Isherheri village and Kair village, have been dug up or roadblocks set up

Steps being taken by Delhi departments

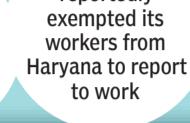
SDMC has announced lodgings reimbursements for employees ₹2,000 to ₹1,100 per day depending on Grade



Reallocation of work taking place to tide over staff shortage



DTC has reportedly exempted its workers from Haryana to report to work



DJB has made staying arrangements in some of its quarters and on premises in plants



Enemy At The Gates? Gurgaon Thinks So

From Today, Aarogya Setu App Your Bridge Across Border

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Gurgaon: It's not just Google Maps that will get you to Gurgaon, should you happen to be driving there. You'll also need Aarogya Setu. From Friday, policemen at the border will ask to see your phone to specifically check for the app.

The phone screening will be the only additional check at the border. The Gurgaon administration announced on Thursday it will tighten curbs on movement to and from Delhi from 10am on Friday as part of extra measures to check the spread of Covid-19. Anyone entering Gurgaon will also have to undergo thermal screening. The city is the first in NCR to recommend rapid antibody tests on those who exhibit flu-like symptoms at the border.

Like Faridabad did a couple of days ago, Gurgaon will also stop allowing those holding Delhi government passes to commute. The order issued by the Gurgaon administration specifies that only those with Haryana government passes or passes issued by the central government can continue as usual while the rest who need to travel between Gurgaon and Delhi for work must look for accommodation in their city of work.

Officials said doctors and others associated with essential services in Delhi would be told to arrange for accommodations in the city itself. Likewise, those coming from Delhi to Gurgaon for work would be asked to stay back in the NCR city.

"We have restricted cross-border movement. This is not sealing the borders, but just adding restrictions on public movement. Similar orders have been issued in Faridabad, Sonipat and Jhajjar," said Amit Khatri, the deputy commissioner of Gurgaon.

Asked if doctors on Covid duty would be exempted, Khatri said, "They would be advised to stay in their place of work."

The stringent checks, however, raise the possibility of snags at the border points. Even though traffic has reduced considerably because of the lockdown, cops need to devote at least five minutes to each person

crossing the border. Officials said they will have one lane each at the border points for entry and exit of vehicles. At least 20 policemen will be deployed at each entry points. Results for the antibody tests take half an hour.

For those entering the city body temperature needs to be less than 100F. If anyone shows flu-like symptoms, they will have to undergo rapid antibody tests with kits made in India before they are allowed to enter. The Gurgaon health department currently has 1,500 kits for rapid antibody tests.

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The administrations of Faridabad, Nuh and Jhajjar have also imposed restrictions at their borders with Delhi. Faridabad has now changed its sealing protocol to bring it on a par with Gurgaon.

EVEN DELHI GOVT PASSES WON'T DO

Order issued in: Gurgaon, Faridabad, Sonipat and Jhajjar

Who will be allowed?

- Staff of government offices providing essential services
- Officials from the PMO, Union ministries of home, finance and defence; department of post; disaster management agencies; National Informatics Centre and Food Corporation of India
- Those issued a restricted movement pass by the Centre and Haryana government
- Ambulances, ATM cash vans and tankers with LPG, oil
- Vehicle carrying essential items, medical equipment, raw material for manufacturing



enters Gurgaon:

1. Check to see if Aarogya Setu app has been installed in the person's phone
2. Thermal scanning and screening of symptoms
3. Rapid test to be conducted if symptoms are seen

Checking at Gurgaon-Delhi borders from Friday, 10am

What documents will be valid?

► Only authorisation passes issued by the Centre and state government

► 3-level checking to be carried out when someone

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Treat non-Covid patients or face action: Govt

Non-Compliance May Even Lead To Loss Of Registration

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi government on Thursday issued an order for hospitals and clinics in the national capital, directing them to remain functional and ensure treatment of non-coronavirus and critical patients. Non-compliance will attract serious action, the state government order stated.

The order was issued for all hospitals and clinics, especially those in the private sector. They were directed to keep the institutions open and ensure that anyone needing

any essential critical services, including dialysis, blood transfusion, chemotherapy and institutional deliveries, is not denied such service.

"Non-compliance will be viewed seriously and action as per provisions of law, including cancellation of the registration of the defaulter hospital or nursing home, will be initiated without further notice," states the order.

It follows a guidance note issued by the Union health ministry recently with regard to continuity of essential services. The health ministry order said priority needs to be accorded

EX-IMA CHIEF SAYS
The authorities should re-think the policy of sealing the nursing home if a patient admitted there tests positive for Covid-19

ded to the care of pregnant women, infants and children under five, those on treatment for chronic diseases and those requiring treatment for dialysis among others.

Dr Vinay Aggarwal, past national president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), said he supported the state government's move.

"Hospitals and nursing

home must continue functioning. However, I must add that the authorities should re-think the policy of sealing the nursing home if a patient admitted there tests positive for Covid-19," he added.

Many patients have been complaining about denial of treatment by private hospitals and their insistence on getting Covid-19 testing done. But both the state and the Centre have stated Covid-19 testing shouldn't be a pre-requisite to seeking treatment, especially when the patient is seriously ill.

Many patients suffering from Covid-19 have also complained about denial of admission by private hospitals. "Covid-19 designated hospitals cannot deny treat-

ment to the severely ill patients. Government is on its toes to ensure speedy resolution to all such complaints," said a health official.

He added that in-house dialysis facility exclusively for Covid-19 patients has been started at Lok Nayak hospital and it will remain operational 24x7.

In the wake of rising number of Covid-19 cases, Delhi government on Thursday notified two private hospitals, 120-bedded Sir Ganga Ram City Hospital and 100-bedded Maha Durga Charitable Trust Hospital, as Covid-19 hospitals where confirmed and suspected coronavirus patients can be admitted.

With this, the number of designated hospitals for Covid-19 in the state has now reached six.

After death of kidney patient, HC seeks answers from govt

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A bench of Justices Siddhartha Mridul and Talwanti Singh issued notice to both the governments and the disaster management authorities seeking their stand on the petition, which has sought that all the medical facilities be made available to non-Covid patients as well.

The court also directed the hospital, which was waiting for the patient's corona test results, to immediately hand over the woman's body to the family. The court, which heard the matter through video conferencing,

list it for hearing on May 6.

The petitioner, Nayee Soch Society, submitted that the woman died outside the emergency ward of the hospital on April 26 as she was denied treatment at the hospital. It also claimed that there were insufficient ambulances available in Delhi for non-Covid patients and argued that no one should be denied treatment on the ground of lack of personnel or infrastructure.

The plea alleged that the woman — a mother of four children — was also denied dialysis at other hospitals too.

Home isolation: What you need to know

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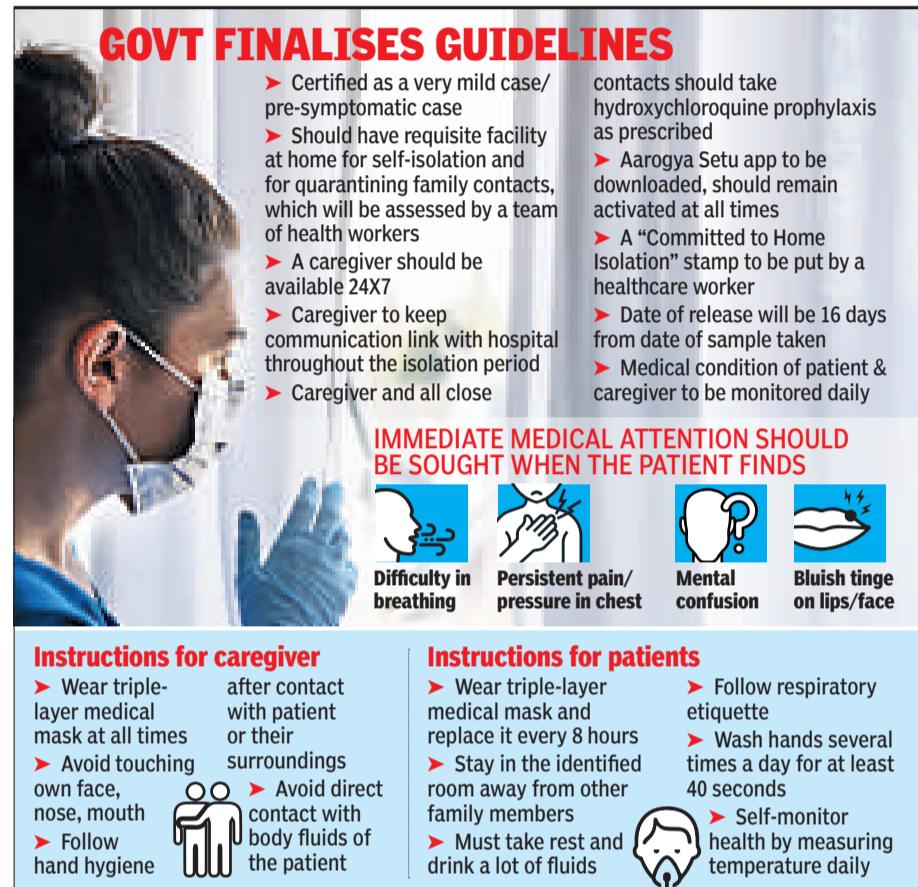
New Delhi: Following guidelines from the central government that mild or pre-symptomatic Covid-19 cases can be kept in home isolation, the health and family welfare department of Delhi government on Thursday issued a detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) that the patient and the caregiver will have to follow during the period.

The decision to keep patients with mild symptoms in home isolation was taken to take load off hospitals designated for patients infected with novel coronavirus and covid care centres. Officials said the move will also take care of a common problem of loneliness that patients feel when they are admitted to a hospital or a centre.

According to the data provided by the AAP government, there were 2,291 active novel coronavirus cases in the capital on Wednesday, of which 1,871 were admitted in various hospitals and care centres, while the remaining 420 were in home isolation.

As per the SOP, a health team comprising anganwadi and Aasha workers under the supervision of the in-charge of a public health facility will first assess the appropriateness of the facility of a mild symptomatic Covid patient before allowing home isolation.

Apart from a separate ro-



on for the patient and other family members, who have been home quarantined, there should be a caregiver to take care of the patient 24x7. "The SOP contains a detailed list of instructions for both

the patient and the caregiver, which have to be followed strictly by both. The instructions largely include the precautions the two are required to take during the 14-day period (16 days from the date of sam-

ple taken) of home isolation," a Delhi government's health department official said.

During home isolation, the patient must download the Aarogya Setu mobile application and able to measure his

temperature on a regular basis and inform the health status to the district surveillance officer for further follow up.

The surveillance team will actively monitor the health condition of the patient and the caregiver either telephonically or by making regular visits to their house. "In case serious symptoms such as difficulty in breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, mental confusion or inability to arouse or bluish discolouration of lips or face develop immediate medical attention will have to be sought by calling up the helpline numbers," said an official.

The SOP also includes the precautions both the patient and the caregiver are required to take including wearing of three-layered medical masks and gloves, maintaining personal hygiene, regular washing of hands among others.

Officials said the home isolation will be over in 14 days if two consecutive test reports are found to be negative but will have to be increased as per the protocol if the patient is tested positive. "Passive surveillance as mentioned in containment plan will continue around the patient even after the home isolation is over," the official added.

Delhi govt opens dedicated testing centre for cops

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a government official said.

"The sampling of the suspect cases shall happen from 8am to 4pm everyday. An allopathic doctor, along with three Ayush doctors, lab technicians and nursing orderlies, has been posted in the CTC to ensure round-the-clock medical care of the suspect police patients," the official added.

The government has made arrangements for sufficient personal protective equipment kits and other medical equipment to ensure that the requisite standard protocols are followed at the centre.

"KG Tyagi, ACP, Shalimar Bagh (8750870206) and Rajender, SHO, Shalimar Bagh (8750870226) are the point of contact for any information regarding this facility. The policemen may contact them and avail the facility," said Vijayanta Arya, DCP (northwest).

"The unique endeavour of Delhi government shall go a long way in boosting the morale of police in battling the Covid-19 outbreak."

As many as 13 rooms have been allotted for cops, while the rest for doctors. The facility will have all sorts of tests related to the novel coronavirus.

"Keeping in view the yeoman service rendered by Delhi Police in managing the pandemic, we have started the testing centre to cater to police personnel only,"

6 CRPF men test +ve

Six more CRPF personnel deployed in Delhi were declared coronavirus positive on Thursday, taking the number of infected CRPF personnel to 52 across India. All the six belong to the 31st Battalion and are deputed in Mayur Vihar. IANS

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SI. No.	Particulars	Date and time
1.	Date & time of release of bid	01/05/2020
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3.	Date & time of sample submission as per section-IV of tender documents.	From 02/05/20, 10 AM to 16/05/2020, 5 PM
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Sealed tenders in prescribed format are invited by the Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd (OSMCL) from intended bidders for **Outsourcing of RT-PCR COVID-19 tests** as detailed in the enclosure "**Annexure-A**". The same can be downloaded from the "Tenders" section of OSMCL's the official website, i.e. <http://osmcl.nic.in> free of cost.

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Delhi readies plan to bring its own back

Govt Appoints Nodal Officers To End Ordeal Of Stranded People

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New Delhi: Delhi government on Thursday appointed nodal officers to coordinate the efforts of sending and bringing back stranded students, pilgrims, tourists and other people from different states. The Union ministry of home affairs on Wednesday had allowed interstate movement of stranded people.

While DMs will be nodal officers for their district, one official has been tasked with being in touch with the resident commissioners of other states. Another official has been asked to facilitate transportation and a special commissioner of police has been given the responsibility to maintain law and order during transportation, government sources said.

The detailed order was being prepared till late on Thursday. An official said that an online application system is being created to gather information about Delhiites stranded in other states. "The stranded people or their friends and family members can upload the details to enable the government to trace them," added the official.

"A detailed protocol is being developed because the process of bringing people back is an extensive exercise involving multiple states, health screening, arrangement of transportation and



LYING IN WAIT: Worried about kin back home, migrants at Yamuna Sports Complex are restless to leave

travel with social distancing," said the official. The government is in touch with private bus operators to bring back around 800 students stranded in Kota district of Rajasthan.

Meanwhile, a survey has been started in shelter homes and schools where migrant workers have been lodged to identify those who want to go to their hometowns. Around 16,000 people are staying in 506 shelters. The migrant workers belonging to Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and other states are be-

ing given good and other facilities at the shelters.

Many of the migrants want to go back to their hometowns to unite with their family members. They are drowning in anxiety over the condition of their family members," an official said.

After noting the basic details of the migrants willing to return to their hometowns, a consolidated list will be submitted to chief secretary Vijay Dev, who will direct nodal officers to coordinate with the states concerned.

All stranded people will be screened before travelling. Only those found asymptomatic will be allowed to proceed. On arrival, they will be assessed by authorities and kept in home quarantine, unless their health requires institutional quarantine.

Corpn teachers to go on mass leave on Monday

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New Delhi: Teachers of all three municipal corporation schools in Delhi will go on mass leave on Monday. North Delhi Municipal Corporation teachers, who have not received salary for three months, will be leading the protest.

Other issues highlighted by the teachers were deduction of travel allowance and "threatened to be marked absent" if they failed to report for Covid-19 duties.

"How could the department expect us to work without pay? It had been three months since we received any salary. And the government was expecting us to do multiple jobs," said Kuldeep Khatri, president of Shikshak Nyay Manch Nagar Niigam.

"Teachers were supposed to take online classes, distribution and food at shelter homes or corporations. On top of this, recently they were also asked to help in identifying Covid-19 suspects," he added.

North corporation standing committee chairman Jai Prakash said that teachers had approached them and they would come out with a solution in a day or two. "I told them that salaries were likely to be released next week and regarding difficulty in commuting from across border; we were looking for alternative arrangement such as deploying more staff who stay in Delhi," he said.

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was assigned to teachers after gap of two-three days," said Sanjay Chauhan, a teacher in a South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) school.

Teachers claimed that senior officials were asking them to attend Covid-19 duties or get marked absent on following days. "That meant even if we took online classes, we would be marked absent," said Deepak Pant, secretary of Akhil Delhi Prathmik Sikshak Sangh.

Delhi recorded more days below the 'normal' mark this April compared with the days where the temperature was 'above' normal. As many as 19 out of 30 days were below the normal mark, with the maximum falling as low as 31.4 degrees Celsius on April 27—seven degrees below normal.

Met officials say a spell of western disturbances, gusty winds and rain have kept Del-

Students stuck in Kota to be brought home: CM

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New Delhi: Sharka Uruz, a student preparing for NEET at a coaching institute in Kota, was caught unawares when the anti-Covid19 lockdown was announced for the first time. As advised by the government, Uruz decided to stay back in Rajasthan.

She and many other students like her who got stuck in the coaching city due to the corona crisis have been facing several challenges since then, ranging from arranging food for themselves to battling depression.

Since April 28, the students from Delhi have taken to social media with the hashtag "Kejriwal Help Kota". Claiming that other states have lent support to their students stranded in Kota, they have also sought the AAP government's intervention.

The photos of the students holding placards reading "Dear Kejriwal, if UP, MP and other states can, then why not Delhi?" and "Send us back home; it is making us mentally sick" have been doing the rounds for the past couple of days.

On Thursday, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Twitter: "Delhi government is making arrangements to bring Delhi students back home from Kota." However, no further details were shared. The central government had recently issued a circular asking the state governments to get their stranded students back.

Uruz, a resident of Mandawali in east Delhi, told TOI over phone, "Students from Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and other states have already gone back home. Our government was not doing anything. So, we had to post our requests online. Thankfully, the government has finally woken up to our plight."



URGENT PLEA: Students have taken to social media with the hashtag 'Kejriwal Help Kota'

Only five other students from Bihar and Jharkhand are left in the Uruz's hostel.

"The open mess was closed long back. Those staying in the hostel were only getting lunch and dinner; but no breakfast. The quality of the food was also poor. However, the coaching centre supported us a lot," said Uruz.

"Living away from family in these uncertain times has been tough. I am not even able to concentrate on my studies," said Aditya Kumar.

Kumar had earlier posted on Twitter, "Before the condition gets worse, please take us back home. Our parents are worried. We the students of Delhi request you to please arrange some means for us so that we can be with our parents soon."

1077 to serve as helpline for senior citizens

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi chief secretary Vijay Dev on Thursday directed the revenue department to use its existing number 1077 as a helpline for senior citizens to provide them help related to Covid-19.

In his order, the chief secretary also issued directions for an online application that can register grievances of senior citizens.

Delhi high court last week had observed that Delhi government did not have a dedicated helpline for senior citizens like the one Delhi police was running. Asking the department to run 1077 as a helpline for senior citizens, Dev appointed deputy commissioner (headquarters) to ensure its efficient running.

"The principal secretary is directed to give adequate publicity to the said helpline number in the newspapers and on social media," said the order.

The new online app, said Dev, will capture the grievances of senior citizens and send them to the district magistrates of the respective area for immediate redressal. The complainant will immediately get a text message as an acknowledgement of the registration of the grievance. The district magistrates will also appoint a nodal officer in their respective areas, who will ensure that grievances are attended by the department concerned, the order said.

TEACHERS SAY
We are supposed to take online classes, distribute ration and identify Covid suspects, all without pay

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HC refuses to intervene in PIL on meat supply

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi high court has refused to issue any directions on a PIL urging it to intervene with authorities to ensure uninterrupted supply of meat as an essential item during the anti-coronavirus lockdown.

The plea, which was later withdrawn, sought direction to the state government and East Delhi Municipal Corporation to take steps including opening of the Ghazipur abattoir in a time-bound manner and facilitate the supply of meat by complying social distancing norms and other guidelines issued by the Centre.

The high court, however, indicated that an affected person should approach the court and allowed the petitioner to withdraw his plea, after hearing some submissions.

The petitioner had filed the plea through advocate Arpit Bhargava.

Summer Action Plan: How Delhi plans to tackle the heat while battling a pandemic

DJB'S PLAN FOR UPCOMING MONTHS

254 additional water extraction points to be operationalised to use groundwater to increase water production	Water treatment plants to be upgraded to tackle continuous levels of 0.9ppm of ammonia in raw water	1,077 water tankers to be deployed at 8,738 vulnerable points
86 MGD to be sourced from groundwater	117 Water ATMs and e-Piaos at strategic locations	

Water storage capacity to go up by 12 million gallons by operationalising 4 new underground reservoirs

CHALLENGES BEFORE DJB

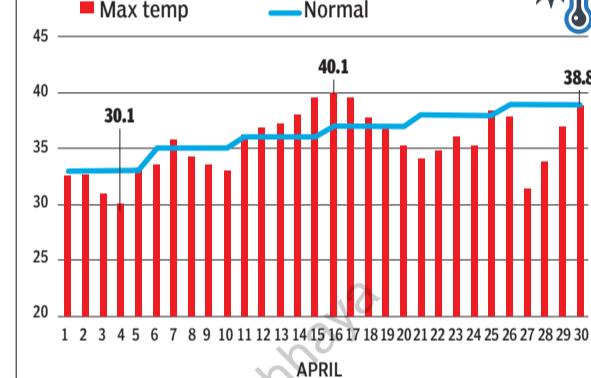
- Tackling demand-supply gap of 300MGD
- Maintaining social distancing while distributing water with tankers
- Ensuring constant supply in containment zones
- Additional demand due to hand washing (Estimated 3,100 litres of water used by per family every month, according to CSE)



3 reasons why this April wasn't as warm as usual

19/30 DAYS THIS MONTH BELOW 'NORMAL'

Delhi's April temperature (in °C)



Met officials say a spell of western disturbances, gusty winds and rain have kept Del-

hi's temperature under check, not allowing it to rise too rapidly. The month also

witnessed more western disturbances than normal — six, as compared to four gene-

rally seen in April.

The monthly average at 35.5 degrees Celsius is also nearly one degree below the 'normal' monthly average mark of 36.3 degrees Celsius. Forecasts show the early part of May may record similar temperatures, with the maximum dropping to around 35 degrees by Tuesday due to another western disturbance bringing rain. The IMD has forecast light showers on both Monday and Tuesday, with temperature forecast to not touch 40 degrees until Wednesday.

Kuldeep Srivastava, scientist at IMD, told TOI that a spell of western disturbances in April did not allow the temperature to rise too rapidly. This could continue in the early part of May as well.

"We've received more

western disturbances than usual and while only 3-4 brought rain, each western disturbance made the skies overcast and brought down the temperature," said Srivastava. The temperatures were lower only in April 2012, when the capital recorded no days in April above the 40-degree mark.

RK Jenamani, scientist at the regional weather forecasting centre, says this trend is likely to continue, owing to another western disturbance influencing the region, meaning temperatures are unlikely to rise until May 10.

Delhi recorded light showers on Thursday as well in some areas, making it six rainy days in the month of April. This was accompanied with gusty winds ranging from 30-40 km/hr in parts of the capital.

Faiths come together at Tihar this Ramzan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The Tihar authorities have arranged for more than 100 kg of dates and other dry fruits for over 2,500 inmates observing roza (fasting) during Ramzan. Jail officers say that as many as 2,449 Muslims and 124 Hindu inmates are keeping roza this year.

The arrangements have been made for sehri and iftaar since the family members of the inmates are not allowed to meet them due to the lockdown.

Usually, the family members are allowed to meet them twice in a week during Ramzan. They are sometimes also permitted to give the inmates food brought from home.

"However, since the inmates are not able to meet their families in the lockdown, jail staffers have been providing them with fruits, a sweet drink and dates for iftaar," said a jail staff member.

Food is provided to the inmates at 4am and they are allowed to offer prayers. Social distancing is ensured.

"Nutritious food is served for sehri. Even jail staffers wake up with the inmates to prepare the food," said a jail officer.

For the inmates kept in the quarantine wards, the food is served from a safe distance. A space near the cells has been sanitised by the jail staff so that the inmates can offer namaz there. They are allowed to sit at a distance from each other.

The elderly inmates, whose wards are near the jail hospital, have been kept under observation. They have been asked to offer their namaz inside their cells, where a separate space has been cleared for them.

The cells of the high profile inmates, especially foreigners who had earlier claimed that they were not adequately protected, have been sanitised.

In recent times, Tihar Jail has granted parole or interim bail to 2,500 convicts serving less than seven years of jail term to enforce the social distancing norms since the beginning of the lockdown.

How DJB is ensuring your taps don't run dry

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New Delhi: Amid the novel coronavirus pandemic and the

Baby born after 7 failed IVFs can't meet her parents

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New Delhi: A couple from Bihar, who went through seven failed IVF procedures before they could get their first child through surrogacy on April 1, hasn't been able to hold their baby as yet due to the lockdown.

The girl was born a little prematurely at a hospital in west Delhi while the parents were in Patna. Due to the lock-



DR MANIKA KHANNA
This is the first time a child has had to spend so much time at the hospital waiting for the parents. Our nurses and doctors have become very fond of Alaya and are taking care of her

down, they haven't been able to visit the baby as yet.

Every day, the doctors and nurses at the hospital make video calls to the couple through which they are able to see their bundle of joy.

Dr Manika Khanna, founder and CEO of Gaudium IVF hospital in Janakpuri, where the child was born, told TOI they plan to cut a cake to celebrate the baby's birthday on May 1 — the day the baby will turn a month-old — albeit without

Court extends Sharjeel's period of investigation

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New Delhi: A Delhi court has extended the period of investigation against Jawaharlal Nehru University student Sharjeel Imam, who was booked for "unlawful activities" under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, from 90 days to 180 days.

The extension effectively means that the detention of Imam (who is currently lodged in Guwahati Jail) gets extended till the period of investigation. Delhi Police's Crime Branch had urged for more time on the ground that the anti-coronavirus lockdown had "seriously disrupted the pace of the investigation".

Allowing further 90 days to the investigating agency on April 25, judge Gurvinder Pal Singh referred to a report filed by the public prosecutor on behalf of the Crime Branch. According to UAPA, the time available with the investigating agency for completion of investigation is 90 days. However, Section 43-D(2) of the same law provides for an extension by the court for a further 90 days.

This extension, however, is subject to the public prosecutor's report indicating the progress of investigation and the court, after being satisfied with "specific reasons for the detention of the accused beyond 90 days may extend the said period up to 180 days".

The court, after considering the prosecutor's report in this case, noted: "In view of the submission and the report indicating the progress of investigation and the elicited specific reasons for detention of the accused beyond the period of 90

days, the period of investigation for further 90 days i.e. totalling to 180 days is accordingly extended to the conclude the investigation, as prayed for."

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Sharjeel Imam, accused of abetting riots by giving a "seditious" speech at Jamia Millia Islamia, has already been charged with charges of "sedition and promoting enmity between two groups".

The court's order reflected that the police wanted to interrogate Imam's friends, including the person who recorded the video of him giving the speech in question. "Members of a WhatsApp group are to be interrogated... Persons who provided their accounts (sic) to arrange for money to get pamphlets printed are yet to be interrogated," the cops reasoned.

Besides, the court was also informed that forensic results and subsequent analysis of a hard-disk, laptop and cellphone, were yet to be done. "Result with respect to the alleged video is yet to be received from CFSL, CBI. Reply from Facebook, Twitter and Cert-In are yet to be received and analysed. Requisite sanctions are also to be obtained and conspiracy is to be unearthed," police said.

Man stabbed to death over price of chicken

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 35-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death by four men over the price of chicken on Wednesday evening at G block area in Jhangipuri. Shiraz was a native of Midnapore in West Bengal.

Police said that the main accused is one Shah Alam, who stabbed Shiraz with the help of his three brothers as he was selling chicken at Rs 160 instead of Rs 120. Alam has been arrested and the cops are looking for his brothers who are absconding.

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took place in the slums near the containment zone in Jhangipuri. Shiraz was a native of Midnapore in West Bengal.

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In colony of artisans, fate hangs by thread

Residents In Transit Camp Find It Tough To Make Ends Meet, Plead With Govt For Help

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the presence of her parents.

"We have had instances where a child had to be kept for a day or two before he or she could be handed over to parents in the past. But this is the first time a child has had to spend so much time at the hospital waiting for the parents. Our nurses and doctors have become very fond of her. They are taking care of her as their own child," she said.

The child, named Alaya by doctors, was born in 36th week of pregnancy, about two weeks before the expected time.

Dr Khanna said when she shared the news of Alaya's birth with her parents they were both ecstatic and sad. "Doctor we want to thank you for the successful delivery of my child. But this distance between our baby and us is more unbearable than when we were struggling to make our parenthood dreams come true," the girl's mother said. "She was crying incessantly and kept thanking us for helping them get their baby," the Gaudium CEO said.

As Alaya was born little prematurely there were some feeding difficulties and mild infection initially. Dr Peeyush Khanna, chief of paediatrics at the hospital, said the girl's condition improved soon.

"Due to the lockdown, we haven't had too many deliveries taking place at the hospital over the past month. Sometimes she is the only child in the nursery. And I often find the nurses acting like doting mothers to her," the doctor said, adding that the baby seems to be relishing the attention too.

Recently, a doctor in the hospital got the baby new clothes which she would wear on Friday, when she turns one-month-old. "Even though her parents can't be here with her during these trying times, we are still trying to keep them updated with the progress of Alaya through photos and video calls," said a nursing officer at the hospital.

The petition was filed by Rajeev Suri seeking the court's direction to quash the Centre's notification for change in land use to allow construction for the project.

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The petitioner alleged that the project violates the Delhi Master Plan 2021 which seeks to decentralise government offices in the NCR region. He said the government had issued notification for change in land use when the matter was pending in the court.

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AFTER MHA NOD, LJP CHIEF CHIRAG PASWAN ASKS BIHAR GOVT TO BRING BACK MIGRANTS



ALLOW LOW-KEY RATH YATRA, PURI JAGANNATH TEMPLE SERVITORS URGE ODISHA CM PATNAIK

Day after Uddhav call to PM, Maha guv writes to EC

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POLL TIME: Uddhav Thackeray

EC likely to hold polls at the earliest

Mumbai: Amid growing speculation over whether Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari would nominate CM Uddhav Thackeray to the state legislative council on the basis of the state cabinet's recommendations, the governor on Thursday wrote to the Election Commission of India urging it to declare polls to nine vacant council seats at the earliest to end the political uncertainty in the state.

Koshyari's letter to the EC came after Thackeray sent the governor a letter requesting him to write to the poll commission asking it to hold early elections. The CM's letter was handed over to Koshyari on Thursday by urban development minister Ek Nath Shinde and Shiv Sena secretary Milind Narvekar. "Since CM Uddhav Thackeray is not a member of either house of the state legislature, he needs to get elected to the council before May 27, 2020," Koshyari said in the letter.

The governor's letter also came a day after Thackeray dialled PM Narendra Modi over the delay in his appointment to the Upper House.

Opposition leader Devendra Fadnavis welcomed Koshyari's move, saying this would prevent the state from going into political instability in these testing times.

Full report on [www.toi.in](#)

Haryana Medical Services Corporation Limited (A Government of Haryana Undertaking)
Bays No 59-62, Sector 2, Panchkula,
Phone : 01723587945

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

Tender Enquiry No. : 101-102/Tend/COR/2020-21/3/4-A

Online Short Term Tender of Medical consumables for a period of six months procurement of Logistics for Corona virus Haryana of "Group C" and documents can be downloaded from 30-04-2020 onwards on e-procurement portal [www.tenders.hryslc.in](#).

For Managing Director
HMSCL, Panchkula.

CENTRAL RAILWAY

NAGPUR DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO.

06-2020-NGP-SNT-LHS-NRTH dt: 30.04.2020

Name of Work: Signalling work for

elimination of different LC gates with LHS in

ADSTE (North) Section of Nagpur

Division 1. Tender cost:- Rs.

1516048.59/-, 2. Earnest Money:- Rs.

225800/- 3. Cost of tender booklet:-

Rs.5000/-, Date & time of closing of

tender:- 25.05.2020 at 15.00 hrs.

Complete details and instructions for E-

Tendering and online participation for the

above work is available on Railway

Website [www.irps.gov.in](#)

DRM (S&T)

ANJ-20 Central Railway, Nagpur

RPF Security HelpLine 162

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR TENDERS

Website - <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Email- jawhar.ee@mahapwd.com

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 03 for 2020-21

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B1" form for the following works is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Jawhar, (Phone No. 02520-222226) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the **Registered Contractors** in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.

This tender notice contains 2 (Two) work and their details can also be viewed on [www.mahapwd.com](#) and also downloaded from Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal [http://mahatenders.gov.in](#) and sub portal.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest money (Rs)	Class of Contractor	E-Tender form Fee (non refundable)	Time limit in (Calendar Months)	Head of Account
1	Repairs to Wada Bhiwandi Road SH-35 Km 49/000 to 69/000, Tal -Wada Dist- Palghar (Potholes filling before monsoon)	2,89,32,102/-	1,50,000/-	Eligible & Competent Contractor	3000/- + 18% GST Rs.540/ Total - 3540/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	
2	Repairs to Manor to Wada Road SH-34 Km 29/550 to 53/800, Tal-Wada Dist- Palghar (Potholes filling before monsoon)	2,83,51,438/-	1,50,000/-	Eligible & Competent Contractor	3000/- + 18% GST Rs.540/ Total - 3540/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	

1) Period of E-Tenders : Date-30 /04/2020 to Date-08 /05/2020

2) Date of Opening : Date-11 /05/2020 after 11.00 hrs. (If possible)

3) Date of Pre bid : Date-05/05/2020 at Chief Engineer Office (P.W.) Region, Konkan Mumbai, by 3.00 pm.

The Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Jawhar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.

Note:-

- All eligible/interested tenders are required to be enrolled on portal enrolled on ports <http://mahatenders.gov.in> before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
- The Electronic tendering system for Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra will be available on separate Sub Portal with URL <http://mahatenders.gov.in> as part of the Electronic Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal <http://maharashtra.etenders.in>.
- There is a provision of "Post Qualification Criteria" for 1 crore and above cost works.

E-Tender/O. No./P.W./JWR/1280

Office Of the Executive Engineer,
Public Works Division, Jawhar
Dist. Palghar. Pin-401603

Date :29/04/2020

D.G.I.P.R. 2020/2021/59

No PLA invite, says Army, border meet off

New Delhi: Covid-19 seems to have derailed the customary border personnel meeting (BPM) between the Indian and Chinese armies along the line of actual control on International Labour Day every year.

"The People's Liberation Army (PLA) hosts our soldiers at five BPM points along the LAC on May 1 every year. But there has been no invite by PLA this time, probably due to the pandemic. We will wish them over the hotline between local commanders," said an Army officer on Thursday.

The BPMs are held on several occasions every year at Daulat Beg Oldi and Chushul (Ladakh), Bum La and Kibithu (Arunachal Pradesh), and Nathu La (Sikkim) as a confidence-building measure. TNN

Pak spies use Aarogya clone to target Army

New Delhi: The Army has issued a warning to its personnel against Pakistani agencies' nefarious designs to hack phones of Indian military personnel through a malicious app similar to AarogyaSetu. "Inimical intelligence agencies have developed a malicious app by the name Aarogya Setu.apk. Such apps were found to be sent by Pakistan-based operatives to WhatsApp groups of Army personnel," the Army's warning said. Sources said the agencies are using social media accounts with Indian names to target Indian personnel. ANI

States clamour for special trains to bring stranded migrants home

'Transporting Them By Bus Not Feasible'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



Migrant workers from MP who were stranded in Allahabad board a bus to return to their respective hometowns on Thursday

for their transportation would not work. "Estimates indicate that nearly one million workers will need transport to go back to their states," he observed, adding that the only feasible option in these circumstances was to arrange "special trains, which the Railways may run from point to point, keeping in view the number of persons to be transported to a given destination."

Bihar deputy CM Sushil Modi also echoed Amarinder's views. "The numbers are huge and many are stranded

in faraway places like Chennai, Bengaluru and Mumbai. A bus will take six to seven days to go and come back and practically it is not feasible to bring so many people by buses. It'll take more than a month," Modi said, pointing to the "logistical nightmare" in transporting workers in buses.

Telangana minister Tala-sani Srinivas Yadav also felt it was not appropriate on the part of the Centre to just allow movement of workers by arranging special buses by

respective states and "wash

its hands of the issue".

However, the Centre does not seem to be considering this as an option for now. When asked on the possibility of running special trains, MHA joint secretary Punya Salila Srivastava told journalists in Delhi that the orders issued at present were for using buses.

Earlier, Maharashtra CM Uddhav Thackeray had demanded special trains.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan, too, reiterated on Thursday his demand for running special non-stop trains. "The

are 3.6 lakh guest workers staying in 20,826 camps across Kerala and most of them want to go back. A large percentage of the guest workers in Kerala are from Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Bihar and UP. It would not be practical or feasible to transport such a large number of people over such long distances by bus," he said.

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel has also demanded special trains to bring back 90,000-plus workers from his state who are stranded across 21 states.

Starmer also pledged to work closely with Labour Friends of India to encourage more people from an Indian background to stand for elected positions in government.

On Thursday he held teleconference calls with Hindu Council UK and Hindu Forum Britain after coming under fire for not inviting Hindu representatives to the launch of Labour's review into the impact of Covid-19 on ethnic minorities. He vowed to deal with any instance of Hindophobia within the party "robustly".

Full report on [www.toi.in](#)

Starmer repositions Labour's J&K stand

Naomi Cantor

outside the Indian high commission in London last year and delegates at the Labour Conference had unanimously passed a motion calling for the people of J&K to be granted the right to self-determination under him would build "even stronger links with India, like we saw under previous Labour governments", and cooperate on the global stage on issues like climate change.

He added he looked forward to meeting the Indian high commissioner to the UK.

The current envoy, Ruchi Ghanashyam, retired on Thursday, though she will stay

tan to resolve peacefully."

He said he would ensure Labour did not use the dispute on the subcontinent to "divide our communities in the UK" and that a Labour government under him would build "even stronger links with India, like we saw under previous Labour governments", and cooperate on the global stage on issues like climate change.

Starmer, who took over from Corbyn on April 4, declared on Thursday: "Any constitutional issues in India are a matter for the Indian Parliament, and Kashmir is a bilateral issue for India and Pakistan to resolve peacefully

in the UK until flights resume.

"The meeting with Keir was set up but now we have no high commissioner for some time," an Indian diplomat said.



NEW TACK: Starmer said J&K is a bilateral issue for India and Pakistan to resolve peacefully

MP gang of 7 rapes teen after throwing brother into well

Bhopal: A group of seven men gang-raped an 18-year-old girl after throwing her brother into a well in Madhya Pradesh's Betul district on Wednesday night. Five suspects have been arrested, three of whom are minors. This is the fourth rape in MP during the lockdown. The sexual assault went on for over four hours, while the brother — a 21-year-old — kept shouting for help. With roads deserted these days, there was no one to hear their cries.

The siblings were returning on a motorcycle from Padhar town, where they had gone to fill petrol, when they were waylaid by the gang around 8pm, Betul SP D S Bhadoria told TOI. All of them are from Kappa — which is somewhere between the siblings' village and Padhar.

Five of the accused have been arrested. Police said that the siblings were injured but out of danger. TNN

J&K BJP sarpanch held for Hizb, ex-DSP links

Srinagar: The National Investigation Agency on Thursday formally arrested Tariq Ahmed Mir, the BJP sarpanch from Malda in Shopian, for links with disgraced ex-DSP Davinder Singh and Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists. Mir, who had unsuccessfully contested the assembly poll from Wanchi on a BJP ticket, had been detained two months ago, reports M Saleem Pandit.

According to top intelligence sources, Mir was involved in providing logistical support to Hizb terrorists and, therefore, had solid links with the ex-DSP, who was caught on Jammu-Srinagar NH along with three Hizb terrorists whom he was transporting to Jammu in a car on January 11. Mir himself was a Hizb terrorist, who had surrendered in 2008.

The NIA started looking for Mir after the arrested DSP and the three Hizb terrorists revealed that the BJP sarpanch was a conduit of terrorists and was providing logistical support to them.

West Central Railway, Kota Division

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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

CORRIDOR NUMBER: DATED: 28.04.2020

TO TENDER NOTICE NO. 1 For Tender

No.: KOTA /S & T /Tele /2019/07,

KOTA /S & T /Tele /2019/09. Following

tender, which was invited vide

(NIT) of Telecom Tenders-

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Chinese kit row: Import licences of cos cancelled

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New Delhi: The country's drug regulator has issued showcause notices to and cancelled all import licences of companies sourcing rapid antibody testing kits from the two Chinese firms — Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech and Zhuhai Livzon Diagnostics — after the kits showed wide variation in their "sensitivity in the field".

"It is to communicate for your information and necessary action that the import licence holders of Covid-19 Rapid Diagnostic kits from the sites Guangzhou Wondfo Biotech, China and Zhuhai Livzon Diagnostics, China have been asked to stop import of the said kits in public interest and issued show cause notices in light of information of ICMR that these kits have shown wide

1,075 have died from Covid, over 8,300 recovered: Govt

78% Of Covid Victims Had Comorbidities

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The total number of Covid cases since April 6 in India has grown from around 5,000 to close to 35,000, and deaths from about 130 to over a thousand.

The health ministry on Thursday placed the share of deaths on account of co-morbidities like diabetes, heart disorders and chronic kidney ailments at 78% — compared to 86% in its April 6 briefing.

More patients were being cured of the infectious disease as compared to a fortnight ago — 25.2% on Thursday from 13.1% — the ministry said.



A municipal worker sprays disinfectant solution on the body of a person who died of Covid-19 in Ahmedabad on Thursday

So far, 1,075 people have died of the disease, according to central government data, whereas 8,372 have been cured. The total case fatality rate stands at 3.2%, and 65% of deaths were of males and 35% females. The health min-

istry has recorded 33,610 confirmed Covid-19 cases, of which 24,162 were active cases till 5pm on Thursday. While a sizeable share of deaths was among people between 45 and 60 years of age, 14% deaths were reported among those

less than 45 years. Those above 75 years accounted for 9.2% of total deaths. Though geriatric patients are at high risk, the percentage may reflect lesser number of patients in this age group.

While the government did not share the latest age profile analysis for positive cases, the data put out on April 6 showed that the infection rate was higher among younger people with almost 42% cases reported among 21-40 years old, while another 32.8% was in people 41-60 years of age.

However, the low case fatality among younger people was indicative that most of them were cured of the infection, whereas those above 60 and with co-morbidities were more vulnerable to infection even as the number of cases remained low among the elderly.

Full report on www.toi.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NATIONAL CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION

Uphokta Nyay Bhawan, F Block, General Post Office Complex, INA, NEW DELHI-110023 Telephone No. 24608760, Fax No. 24651519, Website: <http://ncdr.nic.in>

CONSUMER COMPLAINT NO. 1317 of 2017 VINAI RAI SINGH HUDDA & ORS.

...Complainant(s)

Versus OMAXE BUILD HOME PVT. LTD.

....Opp. Party(s)

To THE PURCHASERS/ALLOTTES OF THE RESIDENTIAL FLATS IN "THE FOREST SPA" SITUATED AT PLOT NO. GH-01, GH-02 AT SECTOR-93 B, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH DEVELOPED BY OMAXE BUILD HOME PVT.LTD.

Whereas the above Complainants have, through Mr. ARJUN DEWAN & ARJUN MUKHERJEE, ADVOCATES, D-251 2ND FLOOR, DEFENCE COLONY NEW DELHI-110024, Ph. 9810700027, filed the captioned Consumer Complaint before the Hon'ble National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, New Delhi on behalf and/or for the benefit of all the consumers who have either booked or have been allotted a flat, in the project namely "THE FOREST SPA" SITUATED AT PLOT NO. GH-01, GH-02 AT SECTOR-93 B, NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH being developed by the Opposite Parties named above for redressal of their common grievances, and seeking the following reliefs:-

A] Pass an Order granting leave to the Complainants under Section 21(1)(c) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 to file the present Complaint Jointly on behalf of and for the benefit of themselves and all other allottees/ purchasers/ owners of apartments in the Society having same interest, some grievances and seeking common relief against the Opposite Party;

B] Pass an Order for issuing a Public Notice by advertisement in a Newspaper at the Cost of the Complainants in accordance with Section 13 (6) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 under Order 1 Rule 8(2) of the Civil Procedure Code, 1908;

C] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to restore the total area of the society to 8 acres;

D] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to take all necessary steps to execute and register the Ownership/ Title/ Transfer documents immediately;

E] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to immediately obtain the Completion Certificate and hand over Legal Possession to the Complainants/allottees/ purchasers and pay Compensation/Penalty for delayed possession as per their Allotment Agreements;

F] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to rectify all defects and deficiencies pertaining to the Common areas and facilities of the Society as mentioned in the aforesaid Para 33 of the present Complaint and to provide all common specifications, facilities and amenities as stated in their Brochures marked as ANNEXURE-2(Coly);

G] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to refund the surplus lease rent money illegally charged for 2 additional acres from the Complainants/allottees/ purchasers;

H] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants & all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party that during the pendency of the Complaint not to create any third party rights by way of construction, alienation, sale of land etc. on the 8 acres originally allocated for the Society;

I] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to pay the difference of amount in case of increase in registration charges for Ownership/ Title/Transfer Documents;

J] Pass an Order in the favour of the Complainants and all other allottees/purchasers of apartments in the Society by directing the Opposite Party to pay each of Complainants/

To be continued...

allottees/ purchasers Rs. 3,00,000/- as compensation towards harassment and mental agony;

K] Pass any Order(s) as this Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and necessary in the interest of justice.

And whereas the Hon'ble Commission vide its order dated 05.03.2020 is pleased to direct issue of notice of the institution of the above captioned complaint to all the consumers having same interest in the matter. Accordingly all allottees of the above referred Project having the same grievance against the Opposite Parties, may appear before the Commission in-person or through an Advocate/Authorized Representative on 31.07.2020 at 10:30 a.m. They can inspect the file of the aforementioned complaint in the office of the Counsel for the Complainant(s) and apply for being impleaded as a party to the complaint.

They may also note that the decision of the Commission in the captioned complaint will be binding on all the consumers on whose behalf and/or for whose benefit the complaint is instituted.

Dated, this 20 day of March, 2020 Seal of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission

By Order
(S. Hanumantha Rao)
Joint Registrar



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TENDERS

India adds 1,832 cases, 74 more to toll

Punjab Tally Shoots Up As 142 Nanded Pilgrims Test Positive

4 Assam cases sans known contact

Asam recorded a surge in Covid-19 cases in India spiked again on Thursday, crossing 1,800 for the second time in the week and falling just eight short of Tuesday's peak of 1,840, while the day's death toll stayed above 70 for the second day at 74.

With 583 fresh cases, Maharashtra now has recorded over 10,000 coronavirus infections. The state's tally stand at 10,498, roughly equal to the next three states put together — Gujarat (4,395), Delhi (3,515) and Rajasthan (2,625).

While Maharashtra and Gujarat (313 new cases) reported nearly the same number of fresh coronavirus infections as Wednesday, numbers surged in Punjab (162), Tamil Nadu (161) and Rajasthan

(146). While both Punjab and Tamil Nadu reported their highest daily numbers, the change was most dramatic in Punjab, which had reported just 34 cases on Wednesday. The spike was due to as many as 142 pilgrims, who had returned from Nanded, testing positive.

Maharashtra recorded

the maximum 27 Covid deaths on Thursday followed by Gujarat (17), West Bengal (11) and Madhya Pradesh (7). Delhi recorded three deaths while UP and Rajasthan had two each.

With 1,832 new cases, the number of Covid-19 infections in the country now stands just short of the 35,000-mark at 34,866.

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Delhi's tally now stands at 3515 and 59 deaths. Gujarat's toll reached 214 as 17 more deaths were recorded in 24 hours.

Madhya Pradesh recorded 65 new Covid-19 cases taking its tally to 2,625. Seven more deaths were reported, taking the toll to 137. Rajasthan also recorded three new Covid-19 deaths, taking the death toll in the state to 58. Kerala has now reported 497 cases of which 111 persons are under treatment.

Jharkhand recorded four fresh cases. The state's coronavirus tally now stands at 110, of which 88 are active, with two deaths.

Bihar's Covid-19 count reached 422 with 19 new cases. Thirty three more persons tested positive for Covid-19 in Kashmir, taking the tally of J&K to 614.

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Covid-19 HAS BECOME AN INFODEMIC OF FAKE NEWS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. TOI HELPS YOU ZAP THE TRENDING LIES

No Covid link with HIV

Early in February, Indian researchers published a study showing similarities between the new coronavirus and HIV. They had found a genetic sequence common to both. Then, a French scientist who won the Nobel prize for medicine in 2008, used CORONA

HIV

“Another Nobel winner in controversy

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Tasuku Honjo, who won the 2018 Nobel for medicine, finds his name in the news because

of the rumour mill. Social media posts quote him as saying the coronavirus isn't natural,

because if it was, “it would adversely affect only those countries having the same temperature as China”. Honjo denies writing the post.



Plug-and-play model on cards to woo cos

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Although the government had been working on a “China plus One” strategy for the past few months, it has gathered momentum amid signals that countries will also encourage their companies to look at manufacturing facilities outside the Asian giant.

In fact, countries such as the US are already working to accelerate this drive, with secretary of state Mike Pompeo stating on Thursday that the Trump administration was trying to “mesh the supply chains that both countries (India and the US) have access to”, especially in areas crucial for national security (See accompanying story).

A sharp increase in wages in China had already prompted many MNCs to look at alternative bases for production and India was seeking to tap into the rush. The global rethink about China being the dominant source of supply in the wake of outrage over its links to the virus has expanded the potential opportunity.

A key theme of the plan will be a plug-and-play model in industrial estates that has been in the works for several months, a facility that will allow investors to identify potential sites and quickly set up plants. The department for promotion of industry and internal trade is putting in place a GIS-based platform, which currently covers around a dozen states, allowing investors to decide their location.

A single-window platform is being put in place to allow for all central as well as state clearances with an electronic tracking and monitoring system. “While portals are already in place, the technology issues are being sorted out,” an official said. In the Budget, the government had also announced an investment clearance cell, which is a step in this direction.

In addition, the government is looking to provide additional financing, an official statement said, with officials suggesting that the money will be utilized to create newestates and economic zones on the lines of Dholera and Greater Noida, which are part of the industrial corridor.

Further, sources said, the PM and ministers discussed the possibility of leveraging the comparative advantage that states have and a renewed attempt



LOOKING FOR FRESH CATCH

Pompeo: In talks with India & 'friends' to rejig global supply chains

The US is in talks with its “friends”, including India, for restructuring the global supply chains, secretary of state Mike Pompeo has said, as he praised New Delhi for lifting the export ban on critical medical supplies to combat the global coronavirus pandemic.

Addressing the media in Washington on Wednesday, Pompeo said, “We’re working with our friends in Australia, India and Japan, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, and Vietnam to share information and best practices as we begin to move the global economy forward.”

“Our conversation certainly involved global supply chains, keeping them running smoothly, getting our economies back to full strength and thinking about how we restructure the supply chain to prevent something like this from ever happening again,” he said.

“One example of our work together is with India. It has lifted export bans on critical medical supplies, including pharmaceuticals, used to treat some Covid-19 patients,” Pompeo said. PTI

at Centre-states partnership. So Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Gujarat, which have a pharma base, can be leveraged to attract more investment in the sector. Similarly, UP, which has emerged as a base for electronics, can also be used for agro-based industries.

Eye on investments & jobs, PM pushes coal, mining reforms

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New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi on Thursday asked coal and mines ministries to roll out the next wave of reforms for attracting big-ticket investments, domestic processing of minerals and substituting imported thermal coal with inventory of domestic output for building self-reliance in these areas.

A government statement said the PM asked the top brass from both the ministries to reform the structure for auctioning mines and put in place efficient institutional arrangements to ensure wider participation from the private sector in exploration and mining.

The PM's stress on moving towards self-reliance and investments comes in the backdrop of the government drawing up a blueprint to kickstart economic activities and generate employment once the country comes out of the anti-coronavirus lockdown.

Ways to turn the public sector more competitive as well as broad-basing community development activities through the Mineral Development Fund were also discussed. Use of sea routes for domestic supplies was also considered.



Labourers work at a brick kiln during the lockdown in Patna

national standards, the PM exhorted using modern technologies for efficient mining. He also directed that delays in obtaining clearances should be reduced and partnership with states must be established to facilitate increase in private investments.

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There was discussion on auctioning additional blocks to attract fresh investments and inducing technology to reduce the cost of mining and transportation. Asking the mines ministry

Cops attacked during sealing drive in Godhra

Vadodara: Situation turned tense during a drive to seal containment areas in Godhra on Thursday evening after some locals resorted to stone pelting at police personnel. Police had to use teargas shells to bring the situation under control.

Sources said that the process of sealing entry and exits of containment zones with tin sheets was started considering the spike in Covid cases. Residents of the Gohya Mohalla in the town objected to this drive and even pelted stones. Sources said that despite a significant police force in the locality, the mob was not relenting.

Panchmahal district superintendent of police Leena Patil said that around five teargas shells were lobbed and two persons who were part of the mob were also nabbed. Godhra has witnessed a steady increase in the number of Covid-19 cases. So far, 38 have tested positive in the town. TN

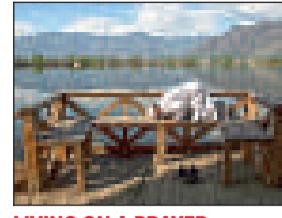
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Games working couple play

No strain in relations with Gulf countries, says MEA

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LIVING ON A PRAYER

New Delhi: India's relations with the Gulf countries remain unimpaired, the government said, responding to concerns that allegations of Islamophobia in the country could adversely affect ties with this region.

MEA spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said on Thursday that PM Narendra Modi and external affairs minister S Jaishankar have been constantly in touch with the leaders of these countries.

"Much of what you see is propaganda by a third party. Stray tweets cannot be used to portray relationship," Sri-

vastava said. A social media storm last week alleging widespread mistreatment of Muslim minorities in India has been attributed to trolls and bots run out of Pakistan.

Srivastava said India has committed to the Gulf leaders that food and other commodities would be seamlessly sup-

plied to these countries, particularly during the Ramzan. He said requests have also been made by some of these nations for rapid response teams (RRTs) to help them deal with the coronavirus outbreak. India has sent RRTs to Kuwait and the Maldives.

On reports that Oman wanted to move out foreigners out and give jobs to locals, Srivastava said this has been a long-standing policy, but there is recognition that the role of Indian diaspora has been to create prosperity. "The policy of moving jobs to Omanis is not new, and doesn't target Indians in any way," he said.

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CORPORATE BUZZ

ITPO's relief package for exhibition industry

Considering the constraints being faced by the third party fair organisers during the lockdown, ITPO, the nodal trade fair organisation under Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced relief package to third party organisers who organize exhibitions at Pragati Maidan. ITPO will not levy any penalty for cancellation/re-schedule/reduction in space booked by third party fair organisers up to March, 2021. The re-scheduled event in FY 2020-21 will need to pay the originally booked rentals or the published/approved rentals of the relevant business period, whichever is lower. The present payment plans for ITPO rentals i.e. "Eight months before start of tenancy" has been revised as "Four months before start of tenancy".

SAIL's COVID-19 testing lab functioning at Rourkela

Under the guidance of Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, SAIL collaborated with Odisha government and played a crucial role in setting up the COVID-19 Testing Lab at SAIL-Rourkela Steel Plant's Ispat General Hospital (IGH) and made ready for



sample testing. While all the major equipment for the testing facility have been provided by Odisha government, the infrastructure has been provided by SAIL-RSP. Doctor and paramedics of Ispat General Hospital trained at RMRC,

Bhubaneswar and AIIMS, Bhubaneswar will carry out the testing. This facility at IGH will be of great help in quick identification of corona virus patients and containment of the disease. Earlier, SAIL-RSP had supplied five ventilators to the Odisha government.

GAIL in readiness to quick start project execution

GAIL is in readiness to resume construction of various hydrocarbon infrastructure projects of national importance, post lifting of the COVID-19 led lockdown. To kick start the crucial projects to enable expansion of gas-based economy, GAIL along with its subsidiary and JV companies has chalked out catch-up plans for various locations and work fronts to ensure timely completion and avoid any slippages. The company has in the meanwhile facilitated arrangements for stay of the migrant labourers working at various sites/camps during the lockdown. Detailed SOPs/ protocols have also been devised for ensuring hygiene and social distancing norms, promoting use of masks, etc at the project sites. GAIL has also maintained uninterrupted supplies of LPG to OMCs and natural gas to the crucial downstream utilities. Besides ensuring operational commitments, GAIL and its employees have contributed about Rs 54 crore to the PM CARES Fund.

NR achieves record in supplying food grains

Northern Railway, in its endeavor to ensure transportation of essential items during the lockdown due to COVID-19, continues to deliver essential commodities through its freight services. The government has been focusing to ensure that the supply chains of essential goods are maintained, besides ensuring that farm produce is transported within the state and inter-state. Since lockdown, NR is at the forefront in supplying food grains to states. Its team worked 24x7 to ensure unloading/loading at terminals despite shortage of labour/trucks and restrictions on movements. As a result, all-time highest record single day loading of 51 rakes of food grain was achieved on April 9, 2020. About 53 per cent of the food grain loading has been done alone by NR during the lockdown period. It

has loaded rakes 573 of food grain which is 0.90 million tons higher than previous financial year.

NHPC celebrates BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary

NHPC, India's premier hydropower company, organized a special programme on the occasion of 129th birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad on April 14, 2020. The celebrations were held following the norms of social distancing in view of the ongoing



COVID-19 crisis. On this occasion, the chief guest, Mr. A.K. Singh, Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC along with Mr. N.K. Jain, Director (Personnel) and office-bearers of NHPC Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe Employees Welfare Association and NHPC OBC Employees Welfare Association paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. Ambedkar.

POWERGRID's CSR activities combating pandemic

While the entire nation is under lock down, POWERGRID, a central PSU under Ministry of Power, has not just been ensuring uninterrupted 24x7 transmission of power but also acting proactively by taking up humanitarian relief activities to aid those impacted by the pandemic in India. As a Responsible Corporate Citizen, POWERGRID was among the first to take up CSR activities related to COVID-19 pandemic. It has contributed Rs 200 crore to PM CARES Fund.

Trucks need no separate inter-state passes: Govt

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'After 1.5 months of lockdown, we can say we are safe in UP'

Chief minister **Yogi Adityanath** says his government is working on an extensive plan to open up red and orange zones but emphasises that the Covid-19 chain has to be broken at every level for it to materialise. Excerpts from an interview with TOI's **Pravin Kumar**

Q. After one and half months of lockdown and nearly 2,150 cases, where does UP stand? Are we past the peak? Or are we still approaching it?

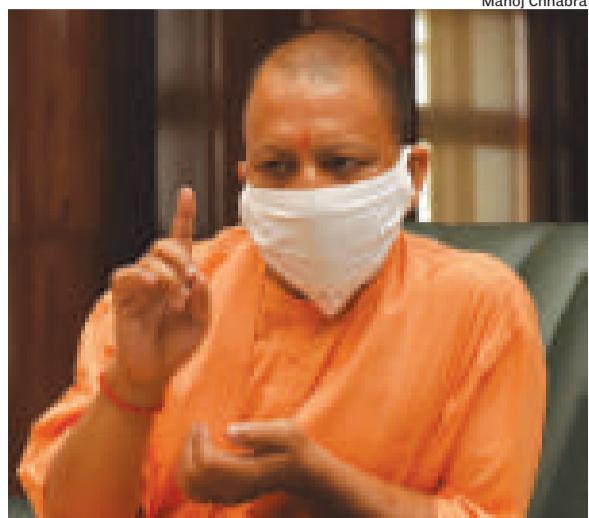
■ Right now, we have 1,600 active cases and after one and a half months of social distancing and lockdown, we can say we are safe. But the corona chain has to be broken at every level. We started taking action to tackle corona in early March when the first case was reported. On March 22, when the PM announced 'Janta Curfew', 16-17 districts of UP were already in lockdown. Others followed after March 25. It was an unprecedented occasion and needed unprecedented steps in a state like UP that is so densely populated. Secondly, we had to work out a plan to protect daily wagers of all kinds, the section that would be hit the hardest. Now, I can vouch for the fact that all my teams have performed exceptionally. It is the result of their team work that UP finds itself safe. The challenge in the third phase is reopening and handling a large influx of migrants.

Q. You expect 10 lakh migrants in this phase? What are your plans for them? Do you think they will stay or go back when things normalise?

■ This is an opportunity for us. I have discussed with my ministers and officers. We assume that the workers who are coming back have skill in different works. We can use their skills in UP. I have formed committees, both at cabinet and of officers, to work on this.

Q. Is creating 15 lakh jobs as announced by you a realistic target?

■ We have 90 lakh MSME units and barring hotspots,



Manoj Chhabra

Ghaziabad are in the red zone. Does the state have a strategy to open up red zones?

■ We don't want to take any risk. We are working on an extensive plan on red and orange zones. First task is to properly define them. We will give phase-wise relaxation

Q. What's the strategy for hotspots going to be? Will it shift from sealing to testing and screening?

■ Of course, testing and screening is the way forward. When the crisis started, we had just one lab with capacity to test 50 samples per day. Now, we have 17 labs performing approximately 5,000 tests per day. We were the first to introduce pool testing to increase the number.

Q. What was your toughest moment in this fight?

■ Tackling challenges is our habit now. So, there is no difficulty as such. This is also because we work under the guidance of the. But there are occasions of emotional stress. When suddenly over 4 lakh migrants from UP defied the lockdown and started on foot from Delhi on

Q. Has any action been taken against them?

■ The party has served show-cause notices on them. I think one becomes laughing stock by making statements without knowing facts.

Q. What's the new timeline for the Ram Mandir?

■ The trust formed for this is working on a detailed plan.

Q. There has been some relaxation in green zones. But UP's major industrial and commercial centres like Noida and

An evolving
CAREER GRAPH

Jeena Yahan, Marna Yahan

Mera Naam Joker | He made a fleeting appearance in his father's Shree 420 as a three-year-old, but a formal debut came later in the 1970 home production. The film, a sentimental look at showbiz, was a flop, but he got a National Award for best child artist

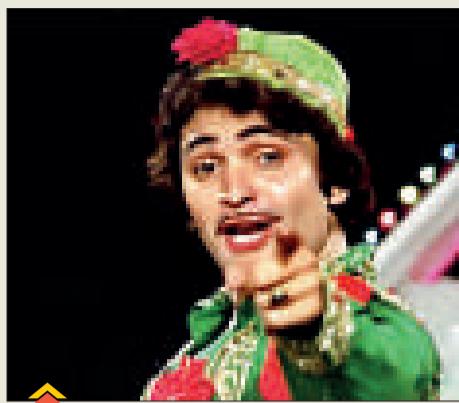
Hum Tum Ek Kamre Mein Bandh Ho

Bobby | His first lead role opposite Dimple Kapadia in 1973 in a RK Films teen romance; the movie was a hit and won him Filmfare award for best actor



Chandni, O Meri Chandni

Chandni | Playing a mature lover through the 80's, he helmed a series of big-budget romantic dramas, Prem Rog, Saagar and Chandni



Parda Hai Parda

Amar Akbar Anthony | In the 70's, he was a gregarious showboat in Khel Khel Mein, Hum Kisii Se Kum Nahin, and the Manmohan Desai entertainers

Pyaar Kaise Saabit Kiya
Jaata Hai? Pyaar Karke
Hi Na?

In the 2000s, he played a range of cameos to critical acclaim in Love Aaj Kal (2009), Agneepath (2012), Kapoor and Sons (2017), and Mulk (2018); He was honoured with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008

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CHINTU to RISHI

With his bride and parents at his wedding in 1980

MESSAGE FROM THE FAMILY

"Our dear Rishi Kapoor passed away peacefully at 8:45 am IST in hospital today after a two-year battle with leukemia. The doctors and medical staff at the hospital said he kept them entertained to the last."

"He remained jovial and determined to live to the fullest right through two years of treatment across two continents. Family, friends, food and films remained his focus and everyone who met him during this time was amazed at how he did not let his illness get the better of him."

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Narendra Modi: Multifaceted, endearing and lively...this was Rishi Kapoor Ji. He was a power-house of talent. I will always recall our interactions, even on social media. He was passionate about films and India's progress...

Amitabh Bachchan: He's GONE..! Rishi Kapoor .. gone .. just passed away .. I am destroyed!"

Tina Ambani: Devastated that you're gone Chintu. Thank you for the movies, the memories, the sheer joy of knowing you for a lifetime.

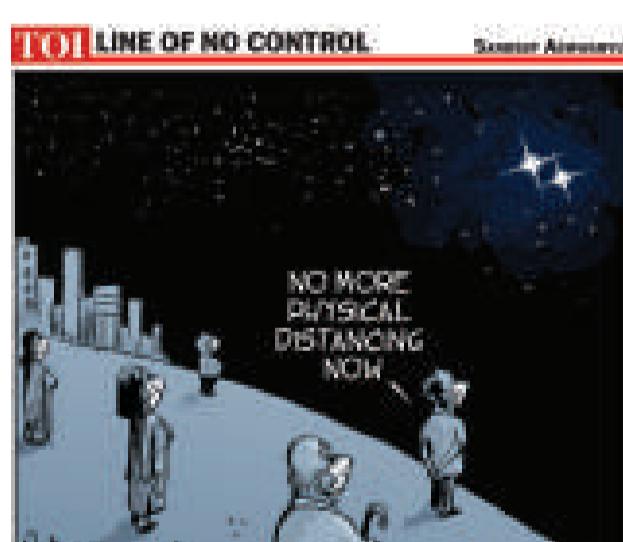
Jeetendra: Don't have words right now to express the shock and intensity of emotion in my heart... I've lost a friend, more a brother to me! Even though we met less frequently in the last few years, our friendship stood the test of time

Anil Kapoor: To my dear James... from growing up to living our dreams on screen, we were together through it all... you were like an elder brother to me, a shoulder when I needed the support, a mentor when I needed that push and a friend always



Protest forces body to be buried secretly in AP dumpyard

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Virus transmission in womb unlikely'

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Chennai: Can a Covid-19-infected expectant mother pass on the virus to the baby? Most experts say the chances are minuscule.

The coronavirus is known to attack the respiratory tract and blood-borne transmission to the womb is unknown. Moreover, the cells in the placenta do not allow transmission of the virus from the mother to the baby, experts say. Around 25 pregnant women in TN, who constitute a little more than 1% of the 2,323

confirmed cases in the state, have tested positive for Covid-19 and at least five of them have delivered healthy babies. "The novel coronavirus remains in the respiratory tract - throat, nasal cavity or the lungs. There is no connection between these organs of the mother and the fetus. Placental cells do not have receptors for the virus to attach itself. It is unlike HIV that infects the blood cells and can be passed on to the fetus," says Shahid Jameel, virologist and chief executive officer of Wellcome Trust DBT India Alliances.

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Did UIDAI cite 'force majeure' clause to not pay vendors?

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Bengaluru: Aadhaar issuing body UIDAI is alleged to have invoked the force majeure clause to not pay some BPM (business process management) providers for services they rendered in April.

A force majeure clause provides temporary reprieve to a party from performing its obligations under a contract when an event occurs which the parties could not have anticipated and controlled. The force majeure in this case is the Covid-19 pandemic. Some employees of Conneqt Business Solutions, formerly Tata Business Support Services, have taken to Twitter to express their anguish over not getting their April salary and have tagged the PMOIndia and UIDAI CEO Twitter handles. An employee, Kumar Samrat Mukherjee, tweeted: "In this critical situation our company CBSL (conneqt business solution limited) is unable to provide salary due to (UIDAI) clients denied to pay." Conneqt spokesperson told TOI that they are in discussion with the client. "We are hopeful that we will have a favourable response from them." An email sent to UIDAI did not elicit a response till the time of going to press.

UP braces for return of 15 lakh migrant workers

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In Bihar, principal secretary (health) Sanjay Kumar said in Patna that all returnees would be screened on arrival, but there was no clarity on the scale of infrastructure required to quarantine the teeming masses who are set to return.

Rajasthan started moving out around 40,000 of the nearly 3 lakh stranded migrant workers from various states who have registered for evacuation even as it braced for the return of more than five times that figure over the next few weeks. Till Thursday evening, six lakh migrants had registered through a central helpline and other platforms created by the state government.

"We have readied 1,400 odd isolation centres across the state to quarantine anyone who returns with symptoms of influenza-like illnesses," additional chief secretary Subodh Agarwal said.

In UP, which is expecting between 10 and 15 lakh migrant workers to return, CM Yogi Adityanath appealed to those stranded in various states not to start walking back. "Continue demonstrating the patience that you have shown till now — do not start walking. Contact



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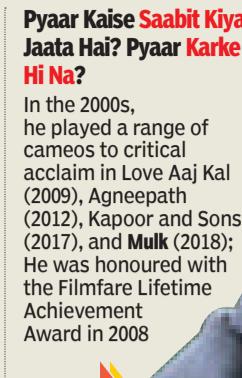
Glenmark gets nod for trials of anti-retroviral, others too in fray

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Mumbai: Even as Glenmark Pharma received a regulatory nod to initiate clinical trials of anti-retroviral drug Favipiravir on Covid-19 patients, other Mumbai-based firms are also readying plans to manufacture the product to cater to the demand. These include BDR Pharma and API (active pharmaceutical ingredient) manufacturer Lasa Supergenerics.

Favipiravir is an anti-viral drug approved in Japan for treating influenza and has shown promise as a potential treatment for coronavirus. Anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine, or anti-retrovirals/anti-virals like Favipiravir and Lopinavir, are increasingly being used worldwide for Covid treatment. Glenmark has received approval from the country's Drugs Controller General to start clinical trials in May on 150 mild-to-moderate patients of Covid-19, the first such firm, sources say. Further, Strides Pharma said it has developed and commercialised Favipiravir tablets, a generic version of Avigan of Toyama Chemical, Japan. Strides is the first domestic firm to have commenced the export of Favipiravir.

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Pyaar Kaise Saabit Kiya
Jaata Hai? Pyaar Karke
Hi Na?

In the 2000s, he played a range of cameos to critical acclaim in Love Aaj Kal (2009), Agneepath (2012), Kapoor and Sons (2017), and Mulk (2018); He was honoured with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008

Rishi Kapoor | 1952-2020

Mulk Mourns As Kapoors Lose A Son

April has been a cruel month. Now the first family of Bollywood has lost its biggest star. Son of a legendary showman, Rishi Kapoor never allowed the illustrious record of his elders to weigh him down. He was a versatile artiste with a nearly 50-year career

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In a long, glittering career, Rishi Kapoor acted in romantic thrillers (Khel Khel Mein) and love yarns of different shades (Kabhi Kabhie, Laila Majnu, Sargam, Prem Rog, Tawaif, Saagar, Henna). He danced better (Hum Kisii Se Kum Nahi, Karz) than most contemporaries. A lesser actor would have got lost in masala multi-starrers (Amar Akbar Anthony, Naseeb) but Rishi's easy charm and comic timing helped him sail through. And yes, his movies were synonymous with chartbusting tracks, generally composed by RD Burman and Laxmikant Pyarelal.

With passing time, he abandoned the mannerisms that came in the way of his growth as an actor. In the coda of his career, when character actor parts were more etched out, Rishi Kapoor found a second wind. A garrulous Bollywood producer (Luck By Chance), a gay dean (Student of the Year), a loathsome trafficker (Agneepath), a spirited grandfather (Kapoor & Sons) and an aging Muslim lawyer battling for honour (Mulk) – he invested each part with a sense of the real.

"My second phase as a character artiste is particularly gratifying because I could disprove certain misconceptions that people have about senior actors," Rishi wrote in Khullam Khulla, the autobiography he co-authored with Meena Iyer.

tro asked for work late in his career.

Kapoor was born on Sept 4, 1952 in Bombay's no. 1 film family. "I have a vault filled with priceless memories, and a unique vantage point since birth. I have seen four generations of Kapoors at work – from my grandfather, my father, uncles and brothers, to Karisma, Kareena and Ranbir (his son)," he said in his autobiography.

He was a natural. In his debut role as a boy besotted by his school teacher in his father's Mera Naam Joker, Rishi projected the right degree of infatuation with heartbreak. Bobby was made primarily by Raj Kapoor to tide over the losses suffered after Joker flopped. The love story oozing with teen glamour became a monster hit. Songs such as Hum tum ek kamre

The Ones He Turned Down

PYAR JHUKTA NAHIN | The superhit bolstered Mithun Chakraborty's career instead

DARR | Refused SSShah Rukh Khan's part saying it didn't suit him

TANDOORI NIGHTS | Said no to the BBC serial because he was too busy

Half-Forgotten Classics

LAILA MAJNU | Once they showered coins in theatres for the melodies. Kapoor at his intense best

EK CHADAR MAILI SI | Based on Urdu litterateur Rajinder Singh Bedi's Sahitya Akademi award-winning novel, the film was a flop

DOOSARA ADMI | When a happily-married young man is drawn to an older woman. Movie ahead of its time

'He himself tied a rakhi on behalf of my wife'



MEN IN BLACK: Randhir & Rishi Kapoor, Jeetendra & Rakesh Roshan

Rakesh Roshan

It's a sad day today. I've lost a very dear friend. I had dinner with him on March 18, a few days before the lockdown. We both got cancer around the same time—he was diagnosed in August and I in December. He was vibrant when I met him last. He spoke about having gone to Delhi the previous month and how the pollution there had probably caused a relapse but he insisted he was fine. Two weeks later he was hospitalised.

We go back a long way. We got close during the making of Khel Khel Mein (1975). We went on so many holidays ab-

oad together as couples—he, Neetu and their children (Riddhima and Ranbir) and me with my wife (Pinky) and kids (Hrithik and Sunaina). We did many films together as co-actors and later, he made a special appearance in a song in my first directorial venture and featured in Aap Ke Deewane, the first film I produced.

He was very frank but never cunning or manipulative. He was a rakhi brother to my wife and when he was in New York for his treatment, he called to tell us that he had tied a rakhi on his own hand, on her behalf. That's how sensitive he really was.

(As told to Mohua Das)

'When I met him, he was his amusing, happy self'

Actor Juhi Chawla took to Twitter on learning of actor Rishi Kapoor's death. Here are some excerpts from her Twitter notes.

"Shocked, saddened beyond words... I have many many memories of him... I started working with him soon after Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak in Kalpataru's film Ghar Ghar Ki Kahanji, Ghar Ki Izzat was another of our films... I can't remember seeing any temper tantrum, he was super efficient with work and effortless.

"In September 2017, a most charming script about a middle-aged gentleman called Sharmaji, was narrated to me. I was so happy Chintuji was going to play the lead.

"In January I joined the



With 1st co-star Dimple Kapadia, receiving the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008

crew in Delhi for the shooting. It was wonderful... Chintuji was his amusing, happy, sometimes grumpy, often chatty self. The last time I met Chintuji was at the hospital, he had gone for some routine treatment, early March.

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for inter and intra-state movement of stranded people wanting to return home. Nobody will be allowed to enter or leave the state without a permit from the respective district collector. All registered vehicles will be issued a transit pass each for a fixed route with specific validity, mentioning the names of the passengers. A control room has been set up at the Mantralaya to coordinate the effort. In Himachal's Kangra district, there was unrest among the local population over nearly 15,000 people arriving over the past three days and allegedly refusing to be quarantined. Strides Pharma said it has developed and commercialised Favipiravir tablets, a generic version of Avigan of Toyama Chemical, Japan. Strides is the first domestic firm to have commenced the export of Favipiravir.

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**A thought for today**

History is a relentless master. It has no present, only the past rushing into the future

JOHN F KENNEDY

Faster Exit Needed

Restoration of transport and fiscal package to kickstart the economy are essential

The initial 21-day lockdown was extended by another 19 days, and major relief was expected by May 3. Government has now promised some guidelines to dilute the current lockdown architecture. In this context, it would be wise to heed the observation of technology entrepreneur NR Narayana Murthy, that India could see more deaths due to hunger than to the pandemic if it persists with the lockdown. It's time to accept the virus as the new normal, while realising that the Covid situation confronting India has two legs: a health crisis and an economic crisis. Dealing with the former alone is not enough.

The need of the hour is to move on from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's older "lakshman rekha" exhortation to his more recent one of "do gaj doori hai bahut zaroori". Thus, it's necessary to deal with overreactions by states and the executive in their containment strategy. States sometimes barricade themselves through the construction of walls and arbitrary blocks to interstate movement, including of essential services personnel. Their approach has to change to facilitate economic activity. Cities and states must begin to restore public transport. Trains and flights must start up. Economic activity cannot revive without mobility.

The lockdown began with a fiscal package to cushion the immediate fallout on vulnerable sections. But the cost of one of the most stringent lockdowns anywhere has encompassed every section. It is precisely this aspect which catalysed a call from the government to private firms to avoid job cuts or salary reductions. If firms have to actualise the government's wish, they need fiscal support. The support so far has come through monetary packages. But that has barely moved the needle because of the inherent limitations of that tool. India needs a large fiscal package to supplement the monetary measures.

Banks are frozen as they don't have a clear idea when activity will resume. The longer the restrictions on activity, the greater the adverse impact on economic growth. UBS forecast that output will shrink by 3.1% this year if mobility restrictions stay till end-June. This will be catastrophic as it will push back millions of Indians below the poverty line and also prevent firms from taking advantage of the changes in global supply chains anticipated by government. The need now is for a clear and comprehensive road map for easing of restrictions accompanied by a big fiscal package.

Alvida Dear Actors

April was the cruellest month. Still Irrfan Khan and Rishi Kapoor continue to brighten our lives

Rishi Kapoor debuted as a child in the 1955 film Shri 420 long before Irrfan Khan was born. As part of Bollywood royalty Rishi's career was golden from the start, while as an NSD outsider Irrfan made his way to the movies through more than a decade of TV. Despite countless other differences in their craft and biographies, this they had in common: Their performances worked magic among audiences. Because we have laughed and cried and romanced and danced and toiled with the characters they played, their passing feels like a personal loss.

One day we lost Irrfan and next day Rishi passed away. Every life is precious. Every death hurts. But for public figures who are widely appreciated, the grieving spans generations and continents. This was a very cruel April anyway and these two deaths tail ending it seem metaphorical of a larger darkness. Yet, they will be with us forever. For light, we can still look to them. That is the magic of movies.

Consider just some of the previous century's offerings of the Rishi bouquet: Bobby, Amar Akbar Anthony, Karz, Prem Rog, Saagar, Chandni, Henna and Damini. These are all iconic films and his roles unforgettable. The qawwali of Akbar Ilhabadi, the disco of Monty, the room-bound frolics of Raj, they continue to be surefire mood lifters. More recently Rishi had refashioned the impish charm that defined the first half of his career, to reveal a greyer self with greater acting range. He did not fall behind as the film industry evolved. On social media, he now chiselled a stinging persona: "As it is pee to rahe hain legalise kar do." The actor was a foodie. So to put it as he might have liked, Rishi you have served us gulab jamuns, chicken lollipop and caviar. Cheers to you.

Sum of all fears

Because of coronavirus, we are no longer worried about many things which frightened us before

Jug Suraiya

The world used to be a fearful place, with no end of things in it to worry and frighten us. There was man-made climate change, and its far-reaching consequences which a lot of people, and not just environmentalists and activists like Greta Thunberg, were increasingly alarmed about. And the more the naysayers like President Donald Trump denied it, the more frightening climate change became.

The media were full of news about climate change. About how the polar ice caps and glaciers were melting, how global temperatures were rising, how entire species of flora and fauna were being wiped out.

Then there was pollution. People, particularly those living in urban India, obsessed about pollution, and what caused it. Stubble burning by farmers? Industrial emissions? Motor vehicle exhaust fumes? All of the above?

When people weren't worrying about pollution, they worried about food inflation. What did you pay for 1 kg of onions? Inflation was a scary thing, as scary as pollution.

Parents with small children faced the fearsome prospect of getting their kids into nursery schools. Older children, and their parents, were terrified of looming board exams, and feared for the poor souls who didn't score 99.99% in them.

The world was full of lots of frightening things and then, like a thunderbolt from cloudless skies, coronavirus struck, and all the other things we'd previously been afraid of – climate change, pollution, inflation, school admissions, board exams – became subsumed under the sum of all fears, which is the viral pandemic.

The virus, and everything related to it – the number of global cases, fatalities, recoveries, job losses, economic meltdowns – have dominated the headlines, pushing all else into the background, including terror attacks.

Coronavirus has filled us with so much fear that we have no space left for any other fears. In that the pandemic has caused us to fear fewer bogeys, it has made us not fearless, but merely fear-less.

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**Humpty Dumpty's Had A Great Fall**

WHO crisis raises deeper questions on multilateralism. Needed: New post-corona world order

Nalin Mehta



Few remember the SS Tuscania today. In April 1929, when smallpox broke on this large passenger ship sailing from Mumbai to Liverpool via Marseilles, it triggered a European health and travel crisis that had some eerie resemblances to the global shutdown we have now with the coronavirus. Worried at the prospect of smallpox, France banned travel from the UK for those without vaccinations.

The British saw the European smallpox lockdown as an unnecessary exaggeration and the dispute threatened the global movement of people and goods at a time of severe economic crisis. Nothing the British health ministry said would convince the French. The crisis was only defused, as information historian Heidi Tworek has documented, when the League of Nations Health Organisation (LNHO) – the precursor of WHO – issued a reassuring epidemiological bulletin that was seen by all to be impartial and credible.

At a time when President Donald Trump has wrongly suspended US funding for WHO, accusing it of a pro-China bias in handling the coronavirus, the SS Tuscania episode underscores just how critical the flow of credible, impartial and scientifically sound medical information is at a time of global crisis. The LNHO officials seized on the Tuscania incident. Tworek has shown, as "an opportunity: they could defuse the dispute and simultaneously showcase the League as a new and indispensable broker of information."

Much like our present day crisis, the inter-war period is largely remembered for the retreat of globalisation. Yet countries even then agreed to honest data sharing with the LNHO, because they saw the benefits of having what one official called "a central fire-station in a municipal system of fire prevention", overseeing "the world's alarm system". So, Germany continued to send out medical data even after Hitler withdrew in 1933 from the League. The need to keep data flowing also helped investments in wireless infrastruc-



Arundhati Das Basu

ture, which later became the centrepiece of our modern telecom network.

There is no question that the world needs a neutral arbiter of medical data. This is why Trump is wrong to suspend funding to the WHO, an organisation he accuses of "severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus" by kowtowing to the Chinese view. His bellicosity, of course, helps deflect attention from his own delays in dealing with the virus as a national emergency. The Americans must restore WHO funding.

Second, the crisis at WHO represents a deeper malaise at its heart, one that plagues almost all multilateral organisations. Make no mistake, Covid-19 has brought to the fore what many who work in global institutions have known for years: without strong and independent leadership, many have been hostage to politicisation and manipulation, lacking legitimacy for years. Credible international organisations work only when they are seen to be neutral and impartial.

In reality, many of our global institutions are so dependent on their donors

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for funding that they often become pawns for their political agendas. This has contributed to what Shashi Tharoor and Samir Saran have termed the "new world disorder", with countries slipping back into 19th century style spheres of influence. This decline of the post World War II global order has been fast forwarded by the retreat of the US and the West from globalisation, with China trying to fill the vacuum.

As international organisations become more dependent on China, their bureaucrats will be more reverential to Beijing. WHO director general Tedros

Adhanom Ghebreyesus was praising China for its efforts till mid-February. Similarly, strategic affairs scholar C Raja Mohan has pointed out how UN secretary general Antonio Guterres was quick to jump into Indo-Pak arguments over Kashmir in 2019, and raised concerns over CAA and NRC, and was making offers to mediate between Delhi and Islamabad as late as February. "But when it comes to China's role in the spread of the coronavirus, Guterres can't seem to find the words." All his appeals so far "consciously avoid getting into anything specific," as Raja Mohan has pointed out.

Without credible independent leadership and secure funding, the legitimacy of many international organisations is broken at precisely the moment they are needed the most. The UN system, the World Bank, the IMF and many other international institutions were all created after World War II as tools to reconstruct the post-war world. That system is now facing its greatest crisis ever with war-style falls in GDP globally, and what the IMF calls the "biggest economic downturn since the Great Depression" of 1929.

IMF's latest World Economic Outlook notes that for the "first time since the Great Depression, both advanced economies and emerging market and developing economies are in recession." This is precisely the time we need our multilateral institutions to work optimally. Without them, the task of recovery will be more difficult. IMF's Gita Gopinath has rightly argued that "multilateral cooperation is vital to the health of the global recovery" and "collaborative effort is needed to ensure that the world does not de-globalise, so the recovery is not damaged by further losses to productivity."

Multilateralism is crucial to fighting this crisis and maintaining the global commons is vital to get through this. Yet, on the other side of this crisis lies a drastic restructuring of the world order with Washington retreating into isolationism and China's credibility dented. Covid-19 is accelerating many existing fissures in the international system. How we go about addressing them will be fundamental to our political and economic futures.

'Covid crisis shows India's science capacity but some issues need to be addressed ... quality of research can improve'

Much of the Covid-19 focus in India, just like around the world, may appear to be centred around passive responses like the lockdown. But the science and technology fraternity too has responded well to the challenges. Chethan Kumar speaks to Ashutosh Sharma, secretary, Department of Science and Technology, on the way Indian science has contributed:

■ Any pandemic looks to science for solutions, where do we stand in that regard?

Right now, because there's no cure or vaccine yet globally, the focus is on testing, tagging, tracking, significantly cutting down the transmission, planning for the post-lockdown scenarios and managing the Covid-19 cases. In all of these, the role of science is paramount. Whether it is in the understanding of virus behaviour, its impact on the human body or its modes of transmission, it is science that has given us the answers, enabling us to formulate meaningful strategies. Now, the next steps are to connect strongly globally to search for vaccines and drugs. Work on all of these fronts has begun actively in India with several labs, academia, startups and companies working in tandem on hospital supplies, therapies, vaccines and on inexpensive, rapid diagnostics for large scale testing.

■ Do you think the Indian S&T fraternity has responded well to Covid-19?

Our scientific fraternity has responded well in the area of managing the infected people. Several new and inexpensive designs of ventilators and other respiratory support systems have come

up rapidly, some of which are designed for non-ICU use including home care. A plethora of effective PPEs, masks, sanitisers and novel disinfecting systems have been developed and begun to be manufactured at scale. The experimental trials for alternative therapies like convalescent plasma therapy in critical cases have begun.

On another front inexpensive, fast and accurate methods of diagnosis, driven by cutting edge science, have evolved in India within the past month. These include detection systems and kits based on the nucleic acid, and antibody and antigen recognitions, R&D labs, academia and startups are providing an array of solutions, bringing to the fore the ability of our researchers and scientists to quickly respond to a crisis.

■ Does Indian science have answers to challenges faced, and the ability to



handle crises?

India has a very deep scientific knowledge base and infrastructure across the country in various institutions and R&D labs. We are number three in the world in number of scientific and engineering publications, and also at number three in many cutting edge fields like nanosciences and materials science. We shouldn't underestimate the brilliance of our scientific human resources, who are among the best in the world. Given a challenge, we can rise to meet it. Some areas do need improvement. While our quantity of research is adequate, the quality of research can further improve by shifting from incremental research to research that is profound, disruptive where needed, cutting edge and relevant.

■ How does India compare with other countries? Poorly, in some aspects?

We don't compare poorly in research with other nations. I think the point you make is given all our strengths, why don't we see enough technology solutions and commercial activity based on them on the scale seen in some other countries.

The point we often miss is that

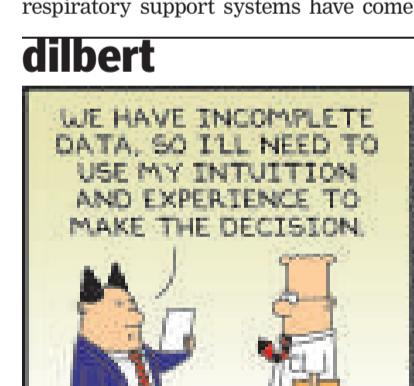
there are two distinct systems that need to seamlessly collaborate to make this possible – systems that generate knowledge (academia, R&D labs) and systems that consume knowledge

(industry, startups ...). The knowledge generated needs a push, which combined with an equally effective pull of the knowledge consuming system, allows societal and commercial translation of knowledge. The pull factor becomes stronger in knowledge-based economy that aspires to be globally competitive. It is in this push-pull connect and the strength of pull that we have been historically weak.

Covid-19 has helped us see these forces at work very clearly. If there is a clear and present challenge and a clear resulting opportunity, then our knowledge ecosystem can work holistically from research to development to translation to prototyping to scale up to commercialisation. Then, both the goddess of wealth, Laxmi, and the goddess of knowledge, Saraswati, see the value of mutual collaboration for the fulfilment of each.

■ What should be the roles of private industry and government?

As in many knowledge-based economies, industries should create a strong pull factor for knowledge, for example, by attracting the bright young minds and creating knowledge-based culture which can interface strongly with academia, labs and startups to translate research into scalable technological solutions. Government through its policies and direct support, creates an enabling environment for R&D, innovation and its connections to industry. Our education and academic research should also bring the elements of innovation, relevance and critical independent thinking to produce the best of scientists.



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Uncommon Man

I am a believer of all religions. I will happily visit a temple, mosque, church. I do not differentiate between religions...

Every one has the right to express his views on any subject, and I am a common man, a taxpayer and part of society.

Rishi Kapoor

Keep Your Sanity Despite All The Uncertainty?

Swami Swaroopananda

Change is the unchanging law of life, Swami Chinmayananda would observe. If we are prepared for the unexpected and the unknown, then we can turn any calamity into an opportunity and any failure into success.

Normally, life just passes us by... we are so stuck in the rut of routine and mundane, that there is no time to pause, to reflect. What, why and for whom am I doing what I am doing? With this global Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdowns, we have, it seems, been forced by Mother Nature to take a step back and reflect on life. It is not a time for dejection, frustration or unproductive worry.

Amidst this uncertainty, the one thing that we should not lose, is our mind. Our mind is our best friend, and it can also be our deadliest foe. It is that which can support us, bolster us

through the toughest of situations and therefore, it is important to ensure that our mind is in sound condition.

It is time now to reset, rethink, even reboot – to strengthen ourselves from within by inquiry and right thinking. Use it positively to make constructive inner changes in our thinking, our beliefs. Resolve firmly to act on these changes immediately. Let's not slide back into our old unproductive ways of thinking, once this crisis is over. Mother Nature has given us a call to awaken us from our slumber.

'Moha Mudgara' by Adi Shankaracharya shakes us up from our very roots and forces us to rethink what we are doing with our life, what the purpose is, behind whatever we are doing. The sage reveals the temporary, fleeting and fragile nature of

life. If we have to leave behind all that we strived and struggled to gain, can that truly called a 'gain'? If we have not aspired in this ephemeral world to do something meaningful, to attain something permanent or even long-lasting then, have we not in all our struggles and strife wasted our life?

Only the gain of the permanent, the Eternal is a true gain. To face this world of change and uncertainty, we must seek and know the Changeless. Therefore, Adi Shankara's clarion call to humanity, "Bhaja Govindam, Bhaja Govindam" – Seek Govinda, Seek Govinda.

Who is Govinda? Scriptures reveal that the substratum of this world of plurality is the changeless cause for this world – which is in a constant state of flux – is Govinda, Divinity Advaita Vedanta



asserts that this cause of the universe is beyond space, time and objects. It is infinite, eternal and all-pervading. Reality is one without a second. There is nothing apart from It. It is the Self of everyone, the essence of everything and every being. Go within and discover that this supreme reality is your very own Self and know the Self in you is the same Self in everyone. Revel in this all-encompassing vision of oneness and all-embracing love. This is the real message of Advaita, the oneness of all, of unity amidst all the diversity.

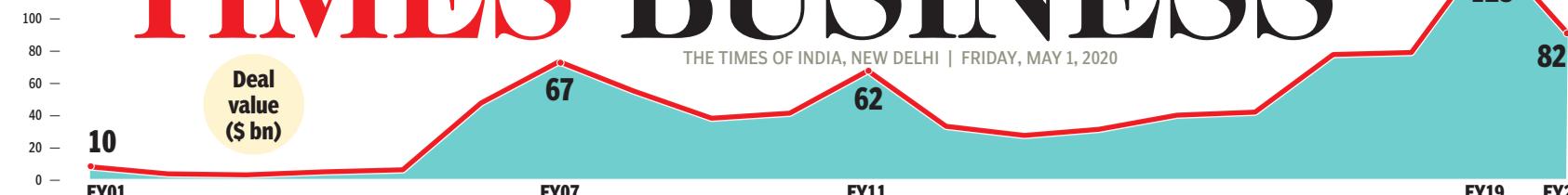
The present situation like never before has shown us how interconnected we are, how one we are in every aspect of our life. It is the time to ponder over this staggering truth, make it our conviction and realise it ourselves. Therefore, 'Seek Govinda, Seek Govinda.' (The writer is global head, Chinmaya Mission)

Merger & Acquisition Deal Activity To Reduce Further
Global tensions, slowdown, debt distress and the Covid-19 pandemic caused merger and acquisition deal's value in India to fall 36% in FY20 to \$82bn from FY19, when it had crossed \$100bn for the first time. Industry observers see a downward trend in deals this fiscal too

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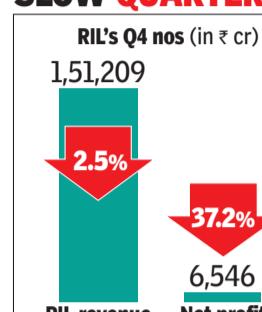


In a first, RIL reports 37% drop in Q4 profit at ₹6,546cr

Analysts Fear For Q1 Too As Covid-19 Shuts Fuels Biz

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SLOW QUARTER



Mumbai: Reliance Industries' profit fell 37% to Rs 6,546 crore in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2020, when the coronavirus outbreak slammed the brakes on the Indian economy. This is the first time in the past many years that the nation's largest private sector company reported a decline in profit. Analysts forecast a high impact on the explorations-to-e-tailer's run rate in the first quarter of fiscal 2021 when mobility restrictions to control the spread of the virus reached a peak, throttling consumption of transportation fuels.

Debt climbed to Rs 3.36 lakh crore, but RIL declared a dividend of Rs 6.5 per share despite the business disruptions caused by the health crisis. Cash increased to Rs 1.75 lakh crore, compared with Rs 1.53 lakh crore in the previous quarter.

Revenue slightly dipped by 2.5% to Rs 1.51 lakh crore, compared with Rs 1.55 lakh crore a

RIL to hive off oil, chemicals business

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Mumbai: Reliance Industries will be transferring the oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business to a new entity, called Reliance O2C, a precursor to induct Saudi Aramco as a minority partner in the unit. The transfer is subject to the company law tribunal's approval.

RIL said on Thursday that Saudi Aramco's proposed purchase of a 20% stake in the O2C unit for \$15 billion is on track, after it missed the deadline to close the transaction by March. There have been concerns among investors and analysts on the future of the RIL-Aramco deal following the crash in oil prices triggered by Covid-19.

RIL will transfer the O2C business, consisting of refining, petrochemicals, fuel retail and aviation fuel together with its assets and liabilities on a lump sum basis. A lump sale refers to the transfer of a division of a company for a lump sum without assigning any values to individual assets and liabilities of the entity.

HUL Q4 net slips 3% on lockdown

Mumbai: Even the short beginning of the Covid-19 induced lockdown within FY20 managed to dent Hindustan Unilever's (HUL's) March quarter performance with net profit down by around 3% and underlying volume growth decelerating by 7%.

The fast-moving consumer goods major reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 1,520 crore in the quarter ended March 31, while product sales declined 9.6% to Rs 9,055 crore. Sales of its out-of-home ice cream business and beauty & cosmetics business came to a halt since mid-March. The only other time when HUL reported a decline in volume growth in recent years was during demonetisation when it was negative 4%. TNN

FMCG growth forecast halved

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FEELING THE HEAT

FMCG Growth Projections Q1, FY 2020

Forecast 8-9%

Actual 6.3%

FY 2020

Initial Forecast 9-10%

Revised 5-6%

Nielsen follows calendar year as FY

Source: Nielsen

growth down to 4%, leading to slowing down of overall growth for the quarter," the report said.

According to Siddhartha

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PANDEMIC IS ALSO A CHILD RIGHTS CRISIS: GRETA THUNBERG GIVES \$100K SHE GOT FROM A DANISH FOUNDATION TO UNICEF

Top US spy agency says coronavirus 'not man-made'

Washington: The top US spy agency said for the first time on Thursday the American intelligence community believes that the Covid-19 virus that originated in China was not man-made or genetically modified.

The office of director of National Intelligence statement contradicted conspiracy theories floated by anti-China activists and some supporters of President Trump suggesting the coronavirus was developed by Chinese scientists in a biological weapons lab from which it then escaped. It also echoed comments by the WHO, which has said all available evidence suggests the virus originated in animals in China late last year.

"The Intelligence Community (IC) also concurs with the wide scientific consensus that the Covid-19 virus was not man-made or genetically modified," the statement said. "The IC will continue to rigorously examine emerging information and intelligence to determine whether the outbreak began through contact with infected animals or if it was the result of an accident at a lab in Wuhan." **REUTERS**

US toll passes Trump's 60,000 marker

Grim Milestone Comes As US Unemployment Claims Surge To Over 30m In 6 Weeks

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An April 25 photo shows a crowd at Huntington Beach, California. Governor Gavin Newsom will order all beaches closed on May 1, US media reported, after tens of thousands of Californians flocked to beaches despite calls for social distancing

Washington: The deceased were in body bags stacked on top of each other in a rental truck and a tractor-trailer parked in front of a funeral home. The stench from the bodies was so strong that those living nearby called authorities to complain. Police arrived to find some of the nearly 100 bodies in various stages of decomposition. The funeral home's freezer had stopped working and it was forced to use unrefrigerated trucks for storage while bodies awaited burial or cremation.

This happened in Brooklyn, New York, a city so overwhelmed by death from coronavirus that unclaimed bodies have been buried in mass graves on the uninhabited Hart Island. Yet across much of the country, states are rushing to reopen for business even as there is an uptick in the daily death count — with the toll crossing 2,500 in the past 24 hours after it had dipped below 1,500 per day for much of the previous week.

Some states and counties

are rethinking the reopening drive even as states such as Georgia, among the first to rush out of a lockdown, are being exonerated for what one commentator called its "experiment in human sacrifice". The US toll on Thursday crept past 60,000, a figure that President Trump in recent weeks had suggested might be the total death count. He had cited the estimate as a sign of relative success after the White House previously warned US could suffer 1,00,000 to 2,40,000 deaths. The grim

milestone came amid news that the federal government has ordered 1,00,000 new body bags costing \$5.1 million to prepare for the worst case scenario.

Meanwhile, underscoring just how dire economic conditions remain in the US, Thursday's weekly 'labour' figures showed that 3.8 million unemployment claims were filed during the past week, taking the number of Americans who have lost jobs after the coronavirus pandemic broke to more than 30 million in 6 weeks. Ef-

China will do anything to make me lose re-election, says Trump

US President Donald Trump on Thursday continued to target China as well as Democrats, reports Chidanand Rajghatta. In an interview to Reuters, he claimed that Beijing "will do anything they can" to make him lose his re-election bid in November and have his Democratic rival Joe Biden win. The president's remarks came amid reports earlier this week that he erupted at a White House aide who brought him poll data showing him losing to Biden in November. "I don't believe the polls. I believe the people of this country are smart. And I don't think that they will put a man in who's incompetent," Trump told the wire service, one of whose polls showed him losing to Biden in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, three battleground states that pitched him into the White House in 2016.

fectively, one out of five Americans in the 162.5 million workforce is now out of job, and the initial reopening reports are not encouraging. People are not flocking back to restaurants, bars, gyms etc., suggesting that full re-employment is out of question right now. Most experts have said the 4.8% contraction of the US economy in the first quarter ending March 31 that was revealed on Tuesday is just the beginning. Since the mass layoffs from jobs really picked in April, the second

quarter rout, to be revealed in July, is likely to be staggering.

Trump though is unveiling an optimistic picture, predicting that the third quarter (July, August, September) will see the economy roaring back, just in time to propel him for the November polls. Trump made the astonishing assertion that he wanted to return to big campaign rallies. "I hope that we're going to be able to do some good old fashioned 25,000-person rallies," he said, revealing he may travel to Arizona next week.

A STORY YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

Desi, his pregnant wife found dead in New Jersey in 'murder-suicide' case



New York: A 35-year old Indian woman, who was five months pregnant, was found murdered in her apartment and her husband was found dead in an apparent suicide in the Hudson River near here, authorities said.

Garima Kothari was found unresponsive with trauma to her upper body on April 26 by police officers, the Hudson County prosecutor's office said. Following an autopsy, Kothari's death was ruled homicide. She suffered multiple injuries in her upper body. The medical examiner determined that Kothari was approximately five months pregnant.

Kothari's husband Man Mohan Mall, 37, was found dead in the Hudson River in Jersey City. Police officers was responding to a report of the possible suicide attempt in the Hudson River. They fo-

und an unresponsive Mall in the river. Mall was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause and manner of Mall's death is still pending with the medical examiner.

According to a report in Daily Voice, Kothari was a talented chef and Mall was an alumnus of IIT and Garima Kothari was a talented chef. The couple owned an Indian restaurant 'Nukkad'

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Zuckerberg backs corona lockdowns; Musk sees 'fascism'

Silicon Valley billionaires Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg offered duelling views on lockdown measures designed to slow the spread of the coronavirus on Wednesday, with Facebook's Zuckerberg endorsing the steps while Tesla's Musk condemned them as anti-democratic.

Musk said in comments to analysts on Tesla Inc's earnings call that it was "fascist" to say people cannot leave their homes. "This is not democratic, this is not freedom. Give people back their goddamn freedom."

Zuckerberg, on the other hand, in comments on Facebook's own earnings calls, expressed concerns about easing lockdown measures and said the economic fallout from the pandemic would last longer than people are currently anticipating. "I worry that reopening

which was out front in trying to slow the virus' spread.

Electric carmaker Tesla and social media network Facebo-

ok have had different experiences under the lockdown. Tesla had initially resisted efforts by California authorities to shut its plant, until agreeing on March 19 to suspend production. Even so, Tesla on Wednesday reported its third profitable quarter in a row.

Facebook on Wednesday said usage rose during the first quarter amid the widespread lockdowns, although ad revenue plunged in March. **AP**

No new local infections in S Korea; Russia PM tests +ve as cases cross 1L



Countries	Infected	Death	185 countries/regions hit
United States	1,053,036	61,547	
Spain	239,639	24,543	
Italy	205,463	27,967	
United Kingdom	172,478	26,842	
France	166,628	24,121	
Germany	162,123	6,518	
Turkey	120,204	3,174	
Russia	106,498	1,073	3,247,648+ infected globally
Iran	94,640	6,028	230,615+ have died
China	83,944	4,637	1,005,832+ have recovered

Source: Johns Hopkins University

Switzerland is letting its youngest residents do something they needed no permission for before the pandemic: hug their grandparents. With older people considered at higher risk from the coronavirus, officials have spent weeks advising grandparents the world against coming into contact with their grandchildren.

So when the Swiss authorities said on Wednesday that it was safe for children under 10 to hug their grandparents because scientists concluded that kids do not transmit the virus, the advice carried a caveat: Hugs should be brief. The WHO also chimed in on the debate, saying that it would explore whether such hugs were safe. Maria Van Kerckhove, the technical lead for the WHO's emergencies program, cautioned that more research was required to better understand what role children play in spread of Covid-19. "This is one of the living reviews we are currently working on." **NYT**

AROUND THE WORLD

Britain on Thursday organised a flypast and 140,000 people sent cards to mark the 100th birthday of WWII veteran Tom Moore who grabbed his walker and took laps around his garden to hold a fundraising campaign for medical workers on the frontlines of the outbreak. **On Wednesday, PM Boris Johnson said that UK is past the peak of Covid-19. He also promised to set out a lockdown exit strategy next week**

Ford was piloting plane that wrongly crossed runway

The US Federal Aviation Administration is investigating an incident in which actor Harrison Ford was piloting a small plane that wrongly crossed a runway where another aircraft was landing, media reported on Wednesday. The incident occurred last week in California. A publicist for Ford said the actor misheard a radio instruction from the air traffic controller. "He acknowledged the mistake and apologised to ATC," Ford's publicist, said. The planes had come within 1,100 metres of each other.

GALLERY

Coronavirus won't affect women's sport: Perry

Melbourne: Star Australia all-rounder Elyse Perry believes that women sport will emerge unscathed from the Covid-19 pandemic. "Sport in general is resilient and I can't actually see it having a long-lasting negative effect," Perry said. "It's certainly made organisations rethink how they run their sports and their codes and potentially strip it back to what is really important. That's not necessarily a bad thing. I don't think it's going to affect women's sport."

Khawaja misses out on Australia contract: Top-order batsman Usman Khawaja has been omitted from Australia's annual list of 20 contracted players in 2020 after falling out of favour with selectors midway through last year's Ashes.

Contracted players: Ashton Agar, Joe Burns, Alex Carey, Pat Cummins, Aaron Finch, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Tim Paine, James Pattinson, Jhye Richardson, Kane Richardson, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Matthew Wade, David Warner, Adam Zampa.

Virus forces delay of English cricket's Hundred until 2021: English cricket's controversial new Hundred competition has been delayed until 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The new 100-balls-per-side format had been due to start in July.

PSG crowned champions as Ligue 1 season ends amid coronavirus crisis: Paris St Germain have been awarded their seventh Ligue 1 title in eight years after the season was ended amid the Covid-19 crisis, the French League (LFP) said on Thursday. PSG had a comfortable 12-point lead over second-placed Olympique de Marseille when the season was suspended with 10 games left.

FC Goa appoint Ferrando as new head coach: FC Goa on Thursday appointed Spaniard Juan Ferrando as the club's new head coach for the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season and AFC Champions League campaign. A UEFA Pro License holder, Ferrando will replace Sergio Lobera, another Spaniard, who was sacked in January midway last season. **AGENCIES**

FINAL WHISTLE FOR CHUNI

Legend Of Indian Football Passes Away, A Month After PK's Demise

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If one personality in Indian sports has to be marked out, who had a painter's eye for the football canvas and mixed his finicky perfectionism on the field with a playboy image off it during his playing career, Subimal 'Chuni' Goswami would stand out as that only one.

The legendary forward, who led the Indian football team to gold in the 1962 Jakarta Asian Games, breathed his last in Kolkata on Thursday, after a prolonged illness. He was 82 and is survived by wife and son Sudipto. "He was home-bound for quite some time, suffering from various ailments. He passed away after following a cardiac arrest in the afternoon," a family source said.

Born on January 15 in 1938, Chuni was a nature athlete. He soon caught everyone's eye thanks to his exceptional balance, dribbling skill and alacrity which eventually moulded him into a star striker in the 1950s and 60s.

No wonder it was a debut to perfection in Indian colour when he scored a goal against Burma in the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo. Four years later, he established his legend, leading the national team to next Asian Games glory, which is still regarded as the country's best performance on international stage.

It was during this time, his stardom reached extraordinary heights when he used to hobnob with the likes of tinsel stars Uttam Kumar, Dilip Kumar and who's who of other fields.

Yet, football was his predominant field where he created his magic and myth. One legend has it that, in 1967, a year before hanging up his boots as a professional footballer, he helped Mohun Bagan beat East Bengal with his strike in the second leg of the Calcutta Football League. That win also paved the way for Mohammedan Sporting's march to the title.

When he went back home after the match, he saw several packets of biryani sent to him by Mohammedan Sporting as a mark of gratitude.

"There would be no Pradip Kumar Banerjee in Indian football. There would be no Chuni Goswami in Indian football, either," former India striker and renowned coach Subhas Bhownick said.

Yet, the legend of Chuni could not be confined to football alone. He was a



CHUNI WITH FOOTBALL LEGEND PELE

Today is a truly depressing day. First Rishi (Kapoor) and now Chuni da have left us. Both champions and legends in their craft. The world will be the poorer for their departure to the Heavens. RIP.

-Sunil Gavaskar

Subimal 'Chuni' Goswami
(15/1/1938-30/04/2020)

CHUNI FACTFILE

Position: Forward

State awards: Arjuna (1963)

and Padma Shri (1983).

FOR INDIA

Debut: May 26, 1958 Vs Burma

at Tokyo Asian Games

Matches: 36 (16 as captain)

Goals: 13 goals

ACHIEVEMENTS

Captain of India's gold medal-winning team in Jakarta Asian.

FOR STATE/SANTOSH TROPHY

Bengal: 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958,

1959, 1960 (champions thrice)

Goals: 25 goals

CLUB

Mohun Bagan: 1954-1968

Goals: 200

CRICKET (ALL ROUNDER)

First-class matches: 46

Runs: 1592

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"We also must realize that we are now living in the most uncertain times of our lives. Things are changing at a very rapid pace and we do not have much control on what is going on around us. Probably the only thing we can still control is our mind and thoughts."

Overhead in LA
"What's wrong?"
"I know it sucks to say but I'm starting to get stressed about society starting up again."

Smart tips for newbie cooks this lockdown

If you are a first-time cook, here are some hacks to make your life easier

While many foodies and home cooks have been taking lockdown as an opportunity for culinary innovation, there are many who are dealing with the struggle that comes with entering the kitchen for the first time. From choosing a recipe to finding the ingredients, as well as cooking the food, it can seem like a lot to handle. But it doesn't have to be! Cooking can be easy and therapeutic by adopting some smart tricks.

START WITH FUSS-FREE, SIMPLE DISHES

Keep it simple, that is key to mastering the art of cooking. "Start with simple and fuss-free dishes. For healthy options, try making simple salads with vinaigrette, stews or one-bowl meals," says chef Ashish Joshi. Moreover, try recipes with lesser as well as known ingredients. How about stir-frying your choice of vegetables?

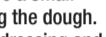
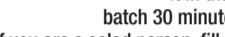
QUICK TIPS

- Use thick bottom pans
- Keep all your ingredients handy before you start cooking
- Add 1 tsp salt when boiling potatoes
- After kneading dough for *roti*, rest it for 1 hour
- Marinate meat for 4-6 hours
- To keep pasta from sticking together, add oil to hot water. After it cools, place it under running water

PREPARE & STORE

Don't wish to enter the kitchen every day? Prepare a few things and stock them in your pantry. "Marinate meat in small batches and freeze it. If you are making *rotis* every day, make a big batch of dough and keep it in the refrigerator. Just remove a small batch 30 minutes before you start rolling the dough. If you are a salad person, fill a jar with your favourite dressing and store it in the fridge," says Maharaj Jodharam Choudhary.

— Shikha Shah



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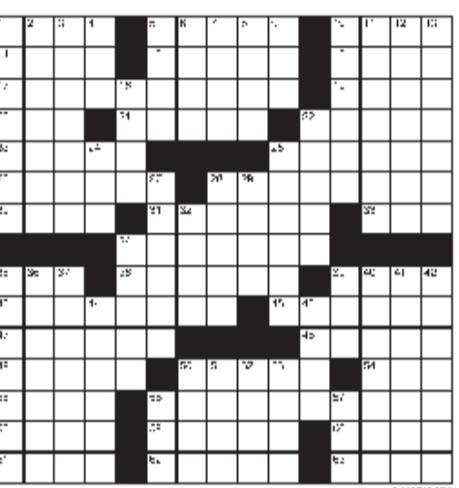
BUZZSTOP

BRITNEY'S BURNT HER HOME GYM

Fans are now sure that Taylor Swift and Joe Alwyn are quarantining together, as the British actor recently posted a picture of Taylor's cat Benjamin Button on his Insta stories. The two have stayed tight-lipped about their relationship.



THE DAILY CROSSWORD



By Robin Stevens

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God has
taught me that
patience is the
mother of all virtues.
Life teaches you to slow
down sometimes.
God takes the
decisions for you
that you don't

— Rishi Kapoor, in an interview
with us in July 2019

RISHI KAPOOR: BOLLYWOOD'S ULTIMATE ROMANTIC HERO TAKES HIS FINAL BOW



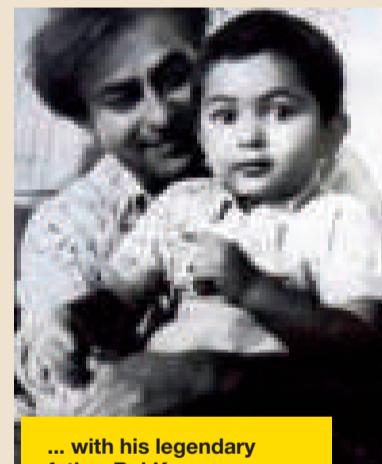
A FRIENDSHIP SPANNING MANY DECADES: Rishi Kapoor, Jeetendra, Rakesh Roshan and Prem Chopra

I've lost a friend, he was more like a brother to me. I don't have words to express my shock at this point. Our friendship has always stood the test of time. The moments we shared together shall live on forever in our hearts

— Jeetendra



The actor with son Ranbir Kapoor at a show



... with his legendary father Raj Kapoor

I MET CHINTU JUST ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND WE HAD DRINKS TOGETHER, RELIVING OUR OLD TIMES. THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM AND NOW, I WILL NEVER GET TO SEE MY FRIEND. IT'S AN IRREPARABLE LOSS. HE'S LEFT A VACUUM THAT CAN NEVER BE FILLED. WAKING UP TO THE NEWS OF CHINTU'S DEMISE HAS SHAKEN ME UP COMPLETELY

— Rakesh Roshan

I FIRST MET HIM WHILE SHOOTING FOR SATYAM SHIVAM SUNDARAM (1978). LATER, WE WERE CAST IN PREM ROG (1982). I WAS A BUNDLE OF NERVES ON DAY ONE OF THE SHOOT, BUT HE COMFORTED ME AND SLOWLY, WE BECAME FRIENDS. WORKING WITH HIM WAS A DREAM COME TRUE FOR ME

— Padmini Kolhapure

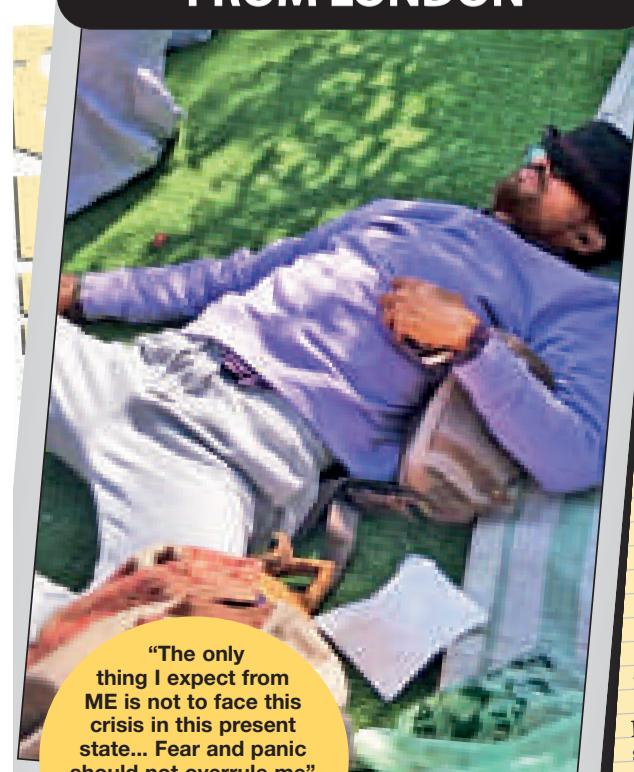
I WAS VERY MUCH IN TOUCH WITH HIM. THE LAST TIME I MET HIM WAS AT A FRIEND'S PARTY EARLIER THIS YEAR. I TOLD HIM THAT WE LOOKED SO GOOD ON SCREEN THAT WE SHOULD DO A FILM TOGETHER. HE SAID, 'KOI ACHCHI FILM AATI HAI TOH ZAROOR KARTE HAIN'. IT IS PAINFUL TO TALK ABOUT HIM IN THE PAST TENSE

— Poonam Dhillon

Irrfan's 2018 note, after diagnosis: I trust, I've surrendered

As our thoughts collectively go to Irrfan, various versions of what is described as "Irrfan's last letter" have circulated on social media and on WhatsApp. What is being referred to is this note printed here on June 19, 2018. We are reprinting the original, unabridged text of what he had conveyed as he struggled with his illness in a London hospital. It brings alive his infectious optimism, his grace under pressure, and his incredibly mature, trusting reflex in the forces of nature. Rest in peace, valiant Warrior. Your words remind us even more deeply of what we all will miss hereon

#THROWBACK: A NOTE FROM LONDON



"The only thing I expect from ME is not to face this crisis in this present state... Fear and panic should not overrule me"

I t's been quite some time now since I have been diagnosed with a high-grade neuroendocrine cancer. This new name in my vocabulary, I got to know, was rare, and due to fewer study cases, and less information comparatively, the unpredictability of the treatment was more. I was part of a trial-and-error game.

I had been in a different game, I was travelling on a speedy train, had dreams, plans, aspirations, goals, was fully engaged in them. And suddenly someone taps on my shoulder and I turn to see. It's the TC: "Your destination is about to come. Please get down." I am confused: "No, no. My destination hasn't come." "No, this is it. This is how it is sometimes."

The suddenness made me realise how you are just a cork floating in the ocean with UNPREDICTABLE currents! And you are desperately trying to control it.

In this chaos, shocked, afraid and in panic, while on one of the terrifying hospital visits, I blabber to my son, "The only thing I expect from ME is not to face this crisis in this present state. I desperately need my feet. Fear and panic should not overrule me and make me miserable."

That was my INTENTION.

AND THEN PAIN HIT. As if all this while, you were just getting to know pain, and now you know his nature and his intensity. Nothing was working; NO consolation, no motivation. The entire cosmos becomes one at that moment—just PAIN, and pain felt more enormous than GOD.

As I was entering the hospital, drained, exhausted, listless, I hardly realised my hospital was on the opposite side of Lord's, the stadium. The Mecca of my childhood dream. Amidst the pain, I saw a poster of a smiling

Vivian Richards. Nothing happened, as if that world didn't ever belong to me.

This hospital also had a coma ward right above me. Once, while standing on the balcony of my hospital room, the peculiarity jolted me. Between the game of life and the game of death, there is just a road. On one side, a hospital, on the other; a stadium. As if one isn't part of anything which might claim certainty—neither the hospital, nor the stadium. That hit me hard.

I was left with this immense effect of the enormous power and intelligence of the cosmos. The peculiarity of MY hospital's location—it HIT me. The only thing certain was the uncertainty. All I could do was to realise my strength and play my game better.

This realisation made me submit, surrender and trust, irrespective of the outcome, irrespective of where this takes me, eight months from now, or four months from now, or two years. The concerns took a back seat and started to fade and kind of went out of my mindspace. My confidence in the intelligence of the cosmos became absolute. I feel as if it has entered every cell of mine.

Time will tell if it stays, but that is how I feel as of now.

Throughout my journey, people have been wishing me well, praying for me, from all over the world. People I know, people I don't even know. They were praying from different places, different time zones, and I feel all their prayers become ONE. One big force, like a force of current, which got inside me through the end of my spine and has germinated through the crown of my head.

It's germinating—sometimes a bud, a leaf, a twig, a shoot. I keep relishing and looking at it. Each flower, each twig, each leaf, which has come from the cumulative prayers, each fills me with wonder, happiness and curiosity.

A realisation that the cork doesn't need to control the current.

— As told to Anshul Chaturvedi



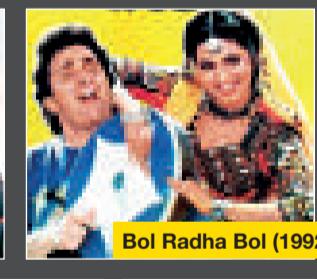
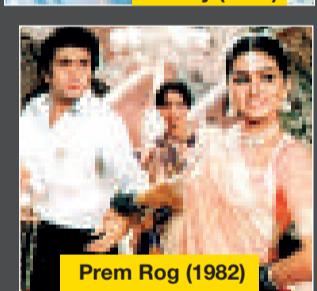
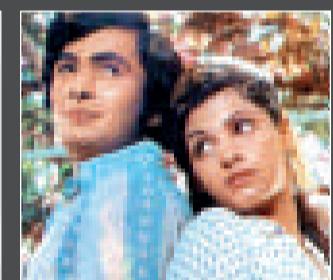
Jeevan ke din chhote sahi,
Hum bhi bade dilwale.
Kal ki hume fursat kahan,
Soche jo hum matwale.

— Bade Dilwala, 1983



FAMILY PORTRAIT: Bharat Sahni, Riddhima Kapoor Kapoor, Samara Sahni and Rishi Kapoor

SOME OF RISHI KAPOOR'S UNFORGETTABLE FILMS



Stuck in Delhi, Riddhima misses dad Rishi's funeral

R iddhima Kapoor Sahni, Rishi Kapoor's daughter, had applied for a pass on Wednesday night, when she heard of her father's deteriorating health. She was given permission to travel to Mumbai by the Delhi Police to attend her father's funeral on Thursday morning, when the police heard of the actor's demise. RP Meena, DCP Southeast, Delhi Police, said, "We gave permission around 10.45am to five people to travel to Mumbai."

Soon, rumours of Riddhima travelling to Mumbai via a chartered plane started doing the rounds, but Meena informed, "We have only approved movement passes. It is understood that as train and flights are not operating, they will travel by road."

A source close to the family told us, "Riddhima was trying to get permission to travel since Wednesday night, when she learnt that her father was hospitalised. We sent her messages in the morning when we got to know that Rishi Kapoor passed away, but did not hear from her. Some friends told us that she got permission to travel by road, but she was also trying to get permission to fly to reach Mumbai at the earliest."

Riddhima will be travelling to Mumbai today via road, as was confirmed by her friend, businessman Riju Jhunjhunwala, who tweeted, "Just came back from her (Riddhima's) house where we all saw the cremation on video including her. Permission for flight was declined and they are travelling by car from Delhi to Mumbai in the morning."

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