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LEADING HEALTH, POPULATION AND FAMILY WELFARE STORIES OF THE DAY

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Covid vaccine drive

Modi takes first dose as age-specific Covid vaccine drive begins (The Tribune: 20210301)

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Narendra Modi receives Covid vaccine. Photot: Twitter/NarendraModi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the first person to receive the indigenous Covid vaccine Covaxin on Monday as India began age-specific inoculation drive after first administering doses to health-care and frontline workers.

The PM tweeted after getting the vaccine, “Took my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at AIIMS. Remarkable how our doctors and scientists have worked in quick time to strengthen the global fight against COVID-19. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Together, let us make India COVID-19 free!”

P Niveda from Puducherry administered Covaxin (made by Bharat BioTech) to Modi.

As the PM arrived at AIIMS to take the vaccine, he was seen wearing the traditional ‘gamcha’ of Assam, which is symbolic of blessings of women from Assam.

He has been seen wearing it on many occasions.

The second nurse who attended to the PM as part of the vaccination team was from Kerala, Rosamma Anil.

The Health Ministry said several other ministers and MPs could also get vaccinated in the current phase that starts with registrations opening at 9 am on Monday.

Ministers earlier indicated that they would want to pay for the vaccine.

In the second phase, vaccine would be administered free at government facilities and for Rs 250 a dose at private hospitals.

The government is hoping to speed up vaccination drive as daily new cases continue to rise.

Active cases have now risen for most of past week with fears of a looming second wave.

Early and widespread inoculation can offset a second surge, say experts but vaccine acceptance remains low with just around 60 per cent even among health-care and frontline workers who were covered in phase one.

Covid-19

Covid-19: No death; 63 +ve in Ludhiana district (The Tribune: 20210301)

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-no-death-63-ve-in-ludhiana-district-218785>

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The total positive cases have now reached 27,116, while 1,029 persons have lost their lives so far.

The students who tested positive today included two students of DPS School and two of BCM School Basant Avenue. The three teachers who tested positive belong to Government Senior Secondary School Maachiwara, BCM School Dugri and Civil Animal Bio Technology College.

A healthcare worker, an AMN from Gill village, an undertrial and a policeman also tested positive.

Today, 2,241 samples were sent for testing and the results of 1,915 are awaited. The active patients in the district today were 554, while 72 persons were home quarantined.

From March 1, restrictions on gatherings would also be strictly enforced. District education officers have been asked to strictly adhere to the safety protocols and appoint nodal officers in the schools to ensure that all safety measures were followed and also share the same during the morning assembly.

Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar Sharma appealed to the residents to adhere to all safety protocols like wearing masks, maintaining social distance and washing hands frequently.

With the third phase of vaccination starting tomorrow, he said, “Vaccination is a powerful weapon against the pandemic and the available vaccine is safe and effective. We all should use it”.

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Health workers arrive to screen passengers at the CSMT railway station, owing to surge in COVID-19 cases in Mumbai. — PTI

India’s total number of active COVID-19 cases has reached 1,64,511, which comprises 1.48 per cent of the country’s total infections, the Union Health Ministry said on Sunday highlighting six states that have shown a surge in new cases in a span of 24 hours.

It said 86.37 per cent of the new cases are from Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

A total of 16,752 new COVID-19 cases were registered in a span of 24 hours. Maharashtra continues to report the highest daily new cases at 8,623, followed by Kerala with 3,792 cases while Punjab reported 593 fresh COVID-19 cases.

Eight states are displaying an upward trajectory in the daily new cases, the ministry said.

“The Centre has been engaging with states and union territories exhibiting higher active number of cases and those reporting a spike in the daily new COVID-19 cases,” the ministry stated.

The cabinet secretary chaired a high-level review meeting on Saturday with states and union territories exhibiting a surge in cases, including Telangana, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir and West Bengal.

The cabinet secretary reiterated that states need to maintain a continued rigorous vigil in terms of containing the spread and not squander away the gains of the collective hardwork of last year.

They were advised not to lower their guard, enforce COVID-19 appropriate behaviour and deal firmly with violations. It was strongly underlined that they need to follow effective surveillance strategies in respect of potential super spreading events, the ministry said.

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The Centre has also deputed high-level multi-disciplinary teams to Kerala, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir to ascertain the reasons for the surge and coordinate with the state health departments in COVID-19 control and containment measures.

On the front of COVID vaccination, a total of 1,43,01,266 doses have been administered through 2,92,312 sessions, as per the provisional report till 7 am.

These include 66,69,985 healthcare workers (first dose), 24,56,191 healthcare workers (second dose) and 51,75,090 frontline workers (first dose).

India is all set to start the second phase of COVID-19 vaccination on March 1 for those who are

To ramp-up the COVID-19 vaccination capacity, around 10,000 private hospitals under the Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY and over 600 private hospitals under the central government health scheme will be utilised.

Other private hospitals empanelled under state government's health insurance scheme can also participate as COVID-19 Vaccination Centres (CVCs).

A total of 1.07 crore (1,07,75,169) people have recovered so far with 11,718 patients having recuperated in a span of 24 hours.

The ministry said 84.19 per cent of the new recovered cases are observed to be concentrated in six states.

Kerala has reported the maximum number of single-day recoveries with 4,650 newly-recovered cases. A total of 3,648 people recovered in Maharashtra in a span of 24 hours, followed by 491 in Tamil Nadu.

Besides, 113 deaths due to COVID-19 were reported in a span of 24 hours.

Six states account for 84.96 per cent of the new deaths.

Maharashtra saw the maximum of 51 casualties. Kerala follows with 18 daily deaths and Punjab reported 11 deaths in a span of 24 hours.

Nineteen states and union territories have not reported any COVID-19 deaths in the last 24 hours.

These are Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Odisha, Goa, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Assam, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Sikkim, Ladakh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Arunachal Pradesh. — PTI

Covid Cases (The Asian Age: 20210301)

<http://onlinepaper.asianage.com/article/detailpage.aspx?id=15439031>

197 new Covid cases recorded in Delhi

New Delhi, Feb. 28: Delhi recorded 197 new Covid cases on Sunday, while one more fatality pushed the death toll to 10,910, according to data shared by the city health department.

On preceding three days, the count of daily cases have stood at 200-mark or beyond.

On Friday, 256 Covid cases were registered, the highest number of single-day incidences in February, while on Thursday and Wednesday the count stood at 220 and 200, respectively.

On Sunday, Delhi recorded 197 fresh Covid cases and a positivity rate of 0.34 per cent, authorities said, adding that the infection tally in the city has risen to 6,39,289.

One more death was recorded on Sunday, taking the toll to 10,910, according to the latest



Dr Ritu Saxena and her team members stand in front of the Covid ward at LNJP Hospital in New Delhi. — PTI

health bulletin issued by the city government.

From February 1-23, count of daily cases had been recorded below 200.

Delhi had recorded 199 fresh Covid cases on January 28.

From January 15-26, the daily figures ranged from 148 on January 25 to 299 on January 16, according to official data.

On Thursday, no fatality was registered, the fourth

time the single-day fatality count stood at zero this month. On February 9, 13 and 17 too, the death count was zero.

On February 9, no fatality from coronavirus infection was registered in the national capital for the first time this month, and after a gap of nearly nine months.

The 197 new cases on Sunday came out of the 57,772 tests conducted the

previous day, according to the health bulletin.

The total number of tests conducted the previous day included 39,070 RT-PCR tests and 18,702 rapid antigen tests, the bulletin said.

The tally of active cases on Sunday rose to 1,335 from 1,307 the previous day, according to the bulletin. The number of people under home isolation as on Sunday rose to 691 from 627 on Saturday, it said, adding over 6.27 lakh people have recovered.

Delhi had recorded 94 fresh Covid cases on February 16, the lowest in over nine months.

Delhi had recorded 96 coronavirus cases on January 27, that time the lowest in over nine months, and the first time the daily incidences count had stood below the 100-mark in that month.

— PTI

Pregnancy (The Asian Age: 20210301)

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London Diary



Britain's spot of schadenfreude; pregnancy triggers definition row

It is only befitting that good news about the vaccination drive is accompanied with good weather too — which for UK means sunny days here again! The mood has definitely begun to lift. There is also much more confidence because the vaccination programme has been so successful. Twenty million have already been vaccinated (30 per cent of population), more than in France, Germany, Italy and Spain put together. There is the joy of revenge, having Brexit-ed, that Europe is doing worse. We are now vaccinating the age group 60 plus with the promise of all by end-June. (I have, too, received my call for the vaccine from NHS). And the best part is that the government has also ordered the single shot Johnson and Johnson vaccine which can be stored in a refrigerator — and thus does not face the challenges of a Pfizer vaccine for storage. This sounds ideal for India — where a single shot that could be stored easily would mean faster vaccination for the entire population. Trials have shown that the Johnson vaccine is over 90 per cent successful against the virus — so definitely things are getting better and better!

The only problem with the hot weather is that all chances of social distancing are gone! The weekend saw people already stripping down and going to the beach, and eventually to the bars. Despite all warnings to be careful — the British always jump back into anarchy with the slightest bit of warm weather. While in India we rush indoors and switch on our air conditioners on warm days, in the UK, they head outdoors and lie down on any available open space — treating parks like green beaches. Except the Desai community of course, who are safely indoors, avoiding the hot sun, and switching on fans, if they have them. Ministers are still being cautious after the earlier mistakes of lockdown. But it looks like schools will reopen early March. Young people bored out of their heads at home will love this break. But even more so their parents. Apparently home teaching has been harder on the older ones than on the children. Teaching fractions and knowing what a gerund is or locating Botswana is trying. So apparently

Google has been working over time answering the parents' inquiries. Once schools reopen, they will have a sigh of relief and promptly forget problems of the past participle.

Wednesday is Budget Day. Normally no one cares much except the business pages of newspapers. But the Chancellor Rishi Sunak (or "Dishy Rishi") retains his popularity, despite the threat of the looming increase in taxes — which he has already begun to warn everyone about. The media is in a quandary about how to tackle him. Normally, a Chancellor belonging to a minority group, Black and Minority Ethnic (BAME) would deserve warm sympathy and several encouraging tweets. But here do you deal with a Chancellor who is public school, Oxford and Stanford educated, successful as a hedge fund manager and sufficiently at home with billions and fractions not to have to go to Google to do his sums? Hmm... could some of the good publicity be due to the special adviser helping him calibrate his image, his clothes, his winning slogans? Why not? I think having good public relations

and communications is half the battle won!

The saga of the pregnant minister came to a climax last week in Parliament (we had mentioned it some time back). Of course, at first, there was a shock that no provision had been made in law for a minister to have maternity leave. But then it was discovered that the word woman (or man) falls foul of equality legislation. So the word "person" was used instead of "woman" in the drafting of the bill. The "person" had to be pregnant, etc.

When the bill came to the House of Lords there were 21 identical amendments from various lords and Baronesses asking that the word "person" be replaced by "woman". But — in these days of political correctness — there was worry about the trans community which takes the view that the word "woman" is discriminatory. Biological sex at birth is different from identity one can choose and what would happen if a "trans person" fell pregnant? This is a tricky issue not to be mocked. But all decided that, for this matter, the word "woman" was appropriate. So

no vote had to be taken on the amendments. The bill has now passed both houses and is law. Phew!

By the way, cricket or Test matches or spin bowling are rare subjects after the inglorious collapse in Ahmedabad. Maybe England will seed a team of 11 players who are Persons of Indian Origin. Then England may win.

On the same note, may I add that the reverse colonisation of Britain may be already taking place — at least in the eyes of some Indian film producers. The film adaptation of the novel, *The Girl On The Train*, has mainly Indian characters, all living in London, speaking Hindi. There are a few white British characters, but all minor. It is as though the White British were suddenly wiped out from the city. For those of us living here — it makes the adaptation quite surreal... as yet...

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कोरोना से जंग: देश तैयार, सुबह नौ बजे से पंजीकरण

बुजुर्गों को आज से दिया जाएगा टीका

नई दिल्ली | विशेष संवाददाता

देशभर में सोमवार से कोरोना टीकाकरण के तीसरे चरण की शुरुआत हो रही है। इस बार 60 साल से ज्यादा उम्र वालों और 45 साल से ज्यादा आयु के उन लोगों को खुराक दी जाएगी जो पहले से किसी बीमारी से ग्रस्त हैं। योग्य लाभार्थी सुबह नौ बजे से 'कोविन 2.0' एप पर पंजीकरण करा सकेंगे। इसके कुछ देर बाद ही टीकाकरण आरंभ हो जाएगा।

तीन बजे तक पंजीकरण : केंद्रीय स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय एवं नेशनल हेल्थ अथॉरिटी ने रविवार को कार्यशाला के जरिए राज्यों को इसकी जानकारी दी। अफसरों ने बताया कि कोविन-2.0 एप पर सुबह नौ बजे से पंजीकरण शुरू हो जाएगा जो दोपहर तीन बजे तक चलेगा। लोग चाहें तो उसी दिन के लिए या किसी अन्य दिन के लिए पंजीकरण करा सकेंगे।

पंजीकरण रद्द कराने की सुविधा होगी: अफसरों ने बताया कि पहली डोज लेने के 29वें दिन दूसरी खुराक के लिए पंजीकरण की सुविधा भी दी गई है। कोविन 2.0 एप पर पंजीकरण को रद्द कराने की सुविधा भी मिलेगी। यदि कोई पहली खुराक का पंजीकरण रद्द करता है तो दूसरी डोज का पंजीकरण स्वतः रद्द हो जाएगा। पंजीकरण के समय ही तिथि और जगह खुद चुन सकते हैं।

केंद्रों की सूची तैयार : टीकाकरण कार्यक्रम सरकारी अस्पतालों, मेडिकल



योग्यता

- जो लोग एक जनवरी 2022 को 60 साल की आयु पूरी कर रहे हैं, वे बुजुर्गों की श्रेणी में पंजीकरण करा सकते हैं।
- जो लोग एक जनवरी 2022 को 45-59 साल के बीच होंगे वे बीमारों की श्रेणी में पंजीकरण करा सकेंगे। बशर्ते की वह सूचीबद्ध 20 बीमारियों से ग्रस्त हों

ऐसे कराएं पंजीकरण

- कोविन 2.0 एप डाउनलोड करें या cowin.gov.in की वेबसाइट पर जाएं।
- अपना मोबाइल नंबर या आधार कार्ड पर मौजूद 'आधार नंबर' डालें।
- आपको एक ओटीपी मिलेगा, इसे भरने के बाद आपका पंजीकरण हो जाएगा।
- चाहें तो इसी से अपने परिवार के सदस्यों का भी पंजीकरण करा सकते हैं।

➤ घर से भी पंजीकरण पेज 02

कॉलेजों, डिस्पेंसरी, स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों, उप केंद्रों के अलावा आयुष्मान भारत योजना में शामिल 10 हजार निजी अस्पतालों, सीजीएचएस पैनल में शामिल 687 निजी अस्पतालों में शुरू किया जा रहा है। राज्यों को कहा गया है कि वह अपनी

स्वास्थ्य बीमा योजना के पैनल में आने वाले अस्पतालों को भी शामिल करें। टीका लगवाते समय आधार कार्ड, वोटर कार्ड, पासपोर्ट, ड्राइविंग लाइसेंस, पैन कार्ड, एनपीआर कार्ड तथा फोटो लगा पेंशन दस्तावेज में से एक दिखाना होगा।

59 निजी और 212 सरकारी केंद्रों पर दिल्ली में होगा टीकाकरण

12 लाख बुजुर्गों को टीका लगाया जाएगा इस बार

एक मोबाइल नंबर से चार पंजीकरण

- एक मोबाइल नंबर से चार व्यक्ति टीकाकरण के लिए पंजीकरण कर सकते हैं।
- एप पर पंजीकरण कराते समय लोगों से पूछा जाएगा कि वह टीका निजी अस्पताल में लगाना चाहते हैं या सरकारी में।

दिल्ली में कोरोना के सक्रिय मरीज बढ़े

नई दिल्ली | कार्यालय संवाददाता

दिल्ली में कोरोना के सक्रिय मरीजों की संख्या बढ़कर 1335 हो गई है। अलग-अलग अस्पतालों में 5285 बेड अभी खाली हैं। वहीं, दूसरी ओर दिल्ली में कंटेनमेंट जोन की संख्या बढ़कर 556 हो गई है। कोरोना के कुल 639289 मामले सामने आ चुके हैं। इसमें 627044 मरीजों ने कोरोना को मात दी और संक्रमण की दर 5.16 फीसदी है। साथ ही 10910 लोगों की कोरोना के चलते मौत हो गई। दिल्ली में कुल मृत्यु दर 1.71 फीसदी है।

बता दें कि होम आइसोलेशन में कोरोना के 691 मरीजों का उपचार जारी है, जबकि अस्पताल में इलाज के

1335 हो गई है दिल्ली में कोरोना के सक्रिय मरीजों की संख्या

5285 कोरोना आरक्षित बेड अस्पतालों में अभी खाली हैं

24 घंटे में 197 नए मरीज मिले, एक की मौत

दिल्ली में रविवार को कोरोना के 197 नए मरीज मिले और ठीक होने वाले मरीजों की संख्या 168 रही। वहीं, कोरोना से एक व्यक्ति की मौत हो गई। स्वास्थ्य विभाग द्वारा जारी बुलेटिन के अनुसार, रविवार को 57772 सैंपल की जांच हुई। इसमें रैपिड एंटीजन टेस्ट से 18702 और आरटीपीसीआर से 39070 लोगों की जांच की गई। जांच संक्रमण की दर 0.34 फीसदी दर्ज हुई। कोरोना को लेकर अब तक 12380699 सैंपल की जांच हो चुकी है।

लिए 446 मरीज भर्ती हैं। इसके अलावा कोविड केयर सेंटर में एक और कोविड हेल्थ सेंटर में एक भी मरीज नहीं है।

कोविड केयर सेंटर में 46 बेड पर वंदे भारत मिशन सहित बबल फ्लाइट से आने वाले यात्री क्वारंटाइन हैं।