

**KASHMIRI PANDITS IN KASHMIR**

## Those who stayed back have a home — and a roomful of regret

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ANANTNAG, JANUARY 29

IN AN upstairs room of their modest house in Ranipora village, three generations of the Ganjoo family keep the winter cold out with kangris and blankets and ponder if they would have been better or worse off leaving Kashmir in 1990 with most of the others in the Pandit community as they weigh loss



Ashish Ganjoo, 26, with his sisters, Sheetal (left) and Komal, at their home in Anantnag. Shuaib Masoodi

against gain of the last three decades.

The Ganjoos are one of just three Pandit families of their village that stayed on in the Valley as the remaining 60 or so families left fearing for their safety against a background of rising militancy and the killings of several Pandits.

Anantnag had witnessed communal trouble in 1986 and

most Pandit families in the district fled when the government appeared to have lost control over the emerging situation four years later.

"We did not have the resources to leave and start life anew in Jammu. Another factor was that my parents did not want to leave this village and their home. We could not go

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## A SIX IN TIME

Rohit Sharma hits the winning six off the last ball of the Super Over for India to win the T20 series against New Zealand in Hamilton, Wednesday. *AP*

## Anger, anguish as Cong govt stops Emergency pension

**GARGI VERMA**  
RAIPUR, JANUARY 29

FROM A 59-year-old widow who works at a construction site to a 78-year-old who says he may have to go back to an old-age home to a "staunch Congressi" — they are among the 350 people who were until recently beneficiaries of a pension

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MISA pensioners in Pihrid, Chhattisgarh. Gargi Verma

**VIRUS OUTBREAK**

## Exit from China: Govt plans two flights, 28-day isolation in Delhi

IndiGo, AI suspend flights to China

**ABANTIKA GHOSH & SOWMIYA ASHOK**  
NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

THE GOVERNMENT plans to operate two flights to evacuate Indian citizens from China's Hubei province, the epicentre of the coronavirus outbreak, and has decided to isolate them for 28 days instead of the customary 14-day incubation period.

Officials in the Ministry of Health said only "asymptomatic people" or those without symptoms of flu will be airlifted out of Wuhan, the capital of Hubei. This, they said, is to ensure "minimal chances" of the infection spreading to people who have not been exposed to the virus such as those facilitating the evacuation.

On Wednesday evening, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted: "Chinese Government requested for permission to operate two flights to bring back our nationals from Hubei Province of China. @EOI Beijing in touch with Chinese authorities on the ground to work out necessary logistics. We will share regular updates."

On the decision to only airlift those without flu symptoms, a

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## Hong Kong scientist who isolated SARS in 2003 says Wuhan milder

**ANURADHA MASCARENHAS**  
PUNE, JANUARY 29

THE 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) appears to spread more easily than the 2003 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome or SARS, but is less severe in terms of the number of deaths, Hong Kong-based Professor Malik Peiris, who played a critical role in identifying SARS in 2003, told *The Indian Express*. However, the new strain of coronavirus is "more severe" than the 2009 Influenza A (H1N1), he said.

Recognised as one of the 10 'Science stars of East Asia' by scientific journal Nature in 2018, Malik became internationally recognised when his laboratory became the first to isolate SARS, another kind of coronavirus, in 2003. He also developed a rapid diagnostic test for SARS-coronavirus using real-time

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**4 AIRLINES BAN**

## IndiGo bans Kamra for 6 months, rules say 30 days until probe

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NEW DELHI, JANUARY 29

EVEN AS SpiceJet and GoAir Wednesday joined IndiGo and Air India to ban Kunal Kamra from their flights, government officials told *The Indian Express* that IndiGo's move to ban the Mumbai-based stand-up comedian for six months was not in line with laid-down regulations which stipulate that pending a decision by an internal committee of the airline concerned, it "may ban such (an) unruly passenger from flying, but such period may not exceed a period of 30 days".

The Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) issued by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in 2017 to tackle unruly passengers on flights says that whenever an airline receives a complaint of unruly behaviour from the pilot-in-command, the incident may be referred by the airlines to an internal committee

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### CII-S-ILF Join Hands : Commit Industry Action to Mainstream the Leprosy Affected Community

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is announcing a partnership with the Sasakawa India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) to further Mahatma Gandhi's dream of ending leprosy in India and fighting the stigma attached to it.

2020 is a milestone year for CII as it marks 125 years of its partnership with the Nation. Over these years, CII has been a constant and proactive partner in the development journey of India through changing times. With the motto 'Business and Beyond', it looks forward to reinforcing this partnership especially in creating a positive impact on the society.

S-ILF has been working over the last 12 years, towards mainstreaming persons affected by leprosy and their families through socio-economic empowerment, thereby fighting stigma and restoring dignity. Currently S-ILF runs more than 268 projects spanning across 263 colonies, 214 districts and 18 states of India.

Following the philosophy of collaborating for good, CII, in partnership with S-ILF, will drive proactive initiatives towards Awareness, Advocacy, and Economic integration of the leprosy affected community, bringing in the strength of the Indian industry to create positive change in the community.

Leveraging its touchpoints in the industry fraternity, CII will work to educate shop-floor level workforce across the country to sensitize them on the issue. Skilling programs are being envisioned to make the youth affected by leprosy employable and financially independent. CII will also engage and advocate for industry action towards the upliftment of the leprosy affected community through Corporate Social Responsibility and other social projects.



“Eliminating Leprosy is the only work I have not been able to complete in my lifetime.”

Mahatma Gandhi

**Vikram S. Kirloskar**

President, CII and Chairman and MD, Kirloskar Systems Ltd and Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor

"The task of advocacy, awareness, rehabilitation and societal integration is immense and requires collaborative efforts of all stakeholders. As industry, we pledge to come together and make concerted efforts towards ending stigma and discrimination against leprosy."

Vikram Kirloskar

**Chandrajit Banerjee**

Director General Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

"CII looks forward to partnering with S-ILF which will strengthen our engagement with the leprosy impacted community and create a much needed momentum of positive industry action towards upliftment of the community."

Chandrajit Banerjee

**CII-S-ILF Join Hands :**

Commit Industry Action to Mainstream the Leprosy affected Community

"Leprosy currently affects approximately a quarter of a million people throughout the world, with a majority of these cases being reported from India. I am confident that CII and S-ILF will together help bring awareness and acceptance in the society. This would further reduce the prevalent discrimination faced by persons affected by leprosy and their families."

Tarun Das

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Chairman, Board of Trustees, Sasakawa-India Leprosy Foundation (S-ILF) & Former Chief Mentor CII

**Vineeta Shanker**

Executive Director, Sasakawa -India Leprosy Foundation

"Continued discrimination against persons affected by leprosy has deterred early detection and treatment and encouraged cases to remain hidden. On Anti leprosy day let us all come on one platform to spread awareness that leprosy is curable and discrimination has no place. Let us fulfill Mahatma Gandhi's dream of a leprosy free India."

Vineeta Shanker

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