

Yes Bank: ED summons Anil Ambani, Subhash Chandra, Naresh Goyal, 3 others

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WITH FORMER MD and CEO of Yes Bank Rana Kapoor under its custody for alleged money laundering and quid pro quo deals with various business groups, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has summoned promoters of at least six leading corporates — Anil Ambani (ADA Reliance Group), Subhash Chandra (Essel Group), Kapil Wadhawan (DHFL/Wadhawan Group), Naresh Goyal (Jet Airways), Gautam Thapar (Avantha Group) and Peter Kerkar (Cox & Kings Group) — for questioning over the next five days.

Anil Ambani, who was called by the agency on Monday, sought more time citing personal reasons. He has now been asked to appear before the agency on March 19. ED sources said Yes Bank had extended loans to the tune of Rs 12,800 crore to nine companies of Anil Ambani.

"We are summoning representatives of all such companies that have taken big loans from Yes Bank, but defaulted on

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SOCIAL DISTANCING GETS PUSH ACROSS STATES

Ban on flights from Europe, UK: Lockdown & shutdown tighten

Govt says put off exams, advises closure of gyms, theatres, pools

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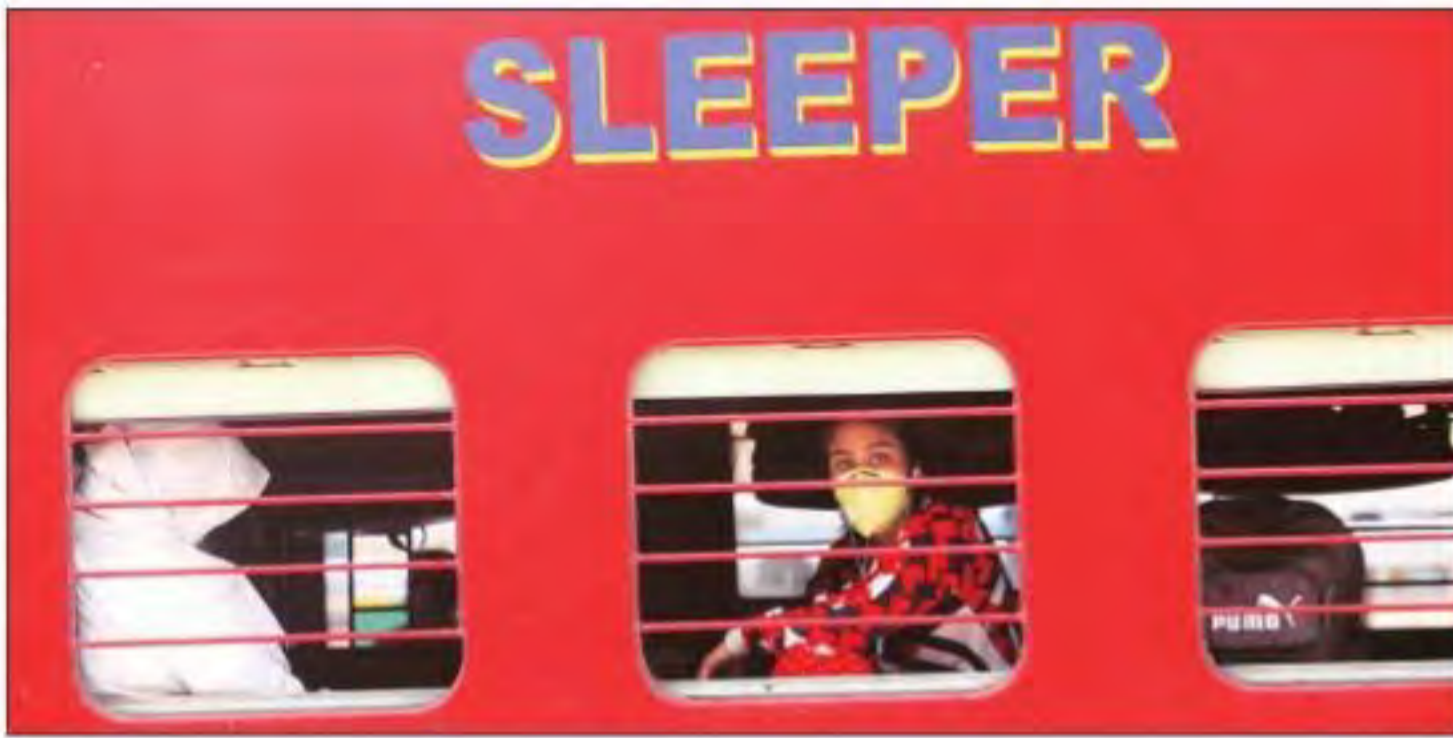
TIGHTENING THE lockdown to check the spread of novel coronavirus cases (Covid-19), the government Monday imposed fresh travel restrictions, prohibiting the entry of all passengers from "the European Union, the European Free Trade Association, Turkey and United Kingdom" and extending compulsory quarantine for passengers from Qatar, the UAE, Oman and Kuwait too.

As the number of Covid-positive cases touched 114 (including 13 who have recovered and two deaths), with four new cases being confirmed — one each from Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Kerala — the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also issued a detailed advisory on measures to enforce social distancing, including closure of all educational institutions.

The Railway Ministry has empowered its zonal units to suspend trains with low occupancy and on not-so-important routes.

In its latest travel advisory, the government said: "Expanding compulsory quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days for passengers coming from/ transiting through UAE, Qatar, Oman, and Kuwait. This will come into

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At Vadodara Station on Monday. Trains with low occupancy may be suspended. Bhupendra Rana

Why ICMR will not expand tests: Not rational given India size

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AS EACH country debates own testing strategy to combat Covid-19, the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has decided to

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This decision has been taken to avoid "futile testing" as well as hospitalisation for mildly

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Delhi bans gathering of more than 50, CM hints at Shaheen Bagh as well

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MOVING TO tighten measures aimed at checking the spread of coronavirus, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Monday announced that any gathering — be it religious, family, social, political or cultural — of more than 50 people will not be allowed in the national capital.

The ban on gatherings, Kejriwal indicated, will cover the Shaheen Bagh protest as well. "It will be applicable to everyone, be it protest or any other gathering,"

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Ex-CJI Gogoi's post-retirement benefit courtesy Govt: RS seat

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FORMER CHIEF Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi, who headed benches that heard important and sensitive cases such as the Ayodhya land title dispute, the Rafale case, the Assam NRC issue and the Sabarimala matter, was nominated to Rajya Sabha by the government Monday.

The nomination comes four months after his retirement on November 17, 2019. His tenure as CJJ was marred by allegations of sexual harassment levelled by a Supreme Court woman employee — he was cleared of the charge by an in-house panel before he demitted office.



Nominated to Upper House 4 months after retirement

In a notification, the Ministry of Home Affairs announced his nomination to Rajya Sabha: "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (a) of clause (1) of article 80 of the Constitution of India, read with clause (3) of that article, the President is pleased

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Has last bastion fallen, asks Justice Lokur

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REACTING SHARPLY to the nomination of former CJJ Ranjan Gogoi as a Rajya Sabha member by the government, his former colleague Justice (retired) Madan B Lokur told *The Indian Express*: "There has been speculation for sometime now about what honorific would Justice Gogoi get. So, in that sense the nomination is not surprising, but what is surprising is that it came so soon."

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Let telcos pay in instalments over 20 years: Govt to SC on AGR dues

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THE DEPARTMENT of Telecommunications (DoT) Monday approached the Supreme Court with a plea that the telcos impacted by the court's judgment on adjusted gross revenue (AGR) be given up to 20 years to complete the payment of pending dues as calculated by the Telecom ministry. These dues, the DoT suggested, could be paid by the telcos in annual instalments.

In its plea before the SC, the DoT has also suggested that the interest on the past unpaid amount, penalty and the interest on penalty with respect to past dues, may be frozen as of October 24, 2019.

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BJP goes to SC as Speaker defies Governor, cites virus to adjourn MP House

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THE BJP turned to the Supreme Court on Monday for a floor test in Madhya Pradesh after Governor Lalji Tandon's directive on this was ignored by Speaker N P Prajapati, who adjourned the Assembly till March 26 citing the coronavirus scare.

The BJP also paraded 106 of its MLAs before Tandon, barring Maihar legislator Narayan Tripathi, who was seen with the Congress.

In a late-night letter to Kamal Nath Saturday, Tandon had said that prima facie he was convinced that the Congress government

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