

PASSENGERS HAVE TO SUBMIT SELF-DECLARATION FORMS

All international passenger arrivals on watchlist as coronavirus cases rise

Govt suspends visas to nationals of South Korea, Italy, Iran & Japan

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

WITH ONE confirmed patient of coronavirus in Jaipur and six suspected cases from Agra, apart from the two infections reported Monday in Delhi and Hyderabad, the government Tuesday announced an additional measure to contain the outbreak: All international passengers to India will now have to submit self-declaration forms on arrival.

"Passengers of all international flights entering into India from any port are required to furnish duly filled self declaration form (including personal particulars i.e. phone no. and address in India) and travel history, to health officials and immigration officials at all ports," stated the latest advisory. They will also have to provide details of the countries they visited and possible contact with other people there.

Currently, passengers arriving via flights from 12 countries — Italy, Iran, China, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Nepal, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia — have to undergo compulsory screening at 21 airports.

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has also decided to suspend with immediate effect all regular visas and e-visas issued to nationals of Italy, Iran, South Korea and Japan issued on or before March 3 and have not entered India yet.

Officials confirmed that the Italian tourist in Jaipur, whose

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Policemen outside the Government Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad, Tuesday. PTI

Delhi patient was at a hotel party, kin went to Agra; 2 schools shut

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

TWO LEADING private schools in Noida shut for the week, extensive fumigation of a five-star hotel in south Delhi, 42 people traced and more being tracked down across two states — the measures that have been taken after a coronavirus case was detected in Delhi Monday illustrate the daunting challenge that authorities face in tackling the outbreak.

The 45-year-old patient had visited Italy last month, and returned to Delhi on an Air India flight from Vienna along with

NATIONAL COUNT

Number of confirmed corona cases	6
Number of confirmed cases discharged after treatment	3
*As of March 3, 2020	

two of his family members on February 25. It was only a day later that India started screening for air passengers from Italy, one of the most affected nations with over 2,000 positive cases so far. Over the next four days,

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China shuttered, India curbs exports to stock key drug ingredients

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE DIRECTORATE General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Tuesday restricted the export of key drug ingredients, such as paracetamol, Vitamin B12 and progesterone, in the wake of the ongoing shutdown in Hubei, the Chinese province at the centre of the coronavirus outbreak.

According to the directorate's notification, the export of 13 such active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and medicines made from them, have been restricted. This means that companies would need a no-objection

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CAA raises human rights issues, we will intervene in Supreme Court, says UNHRC

Govt says it's an internal matter, no foreign party has any locus standi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

IN AN unprecedented departure, the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet Jeria, has informed India's Permanent Mission at the UN in Geneva that she "intends to file" an intervention application in the Supreme Court on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act because an "examination of the CAA in the present case raises important issues with respect to international human rights law and its application to migrants, including refugees".

Through the application, the UN High Commissioner "seeks to intervene as amicus curiae (third-party) in this case, by virtue of her mandate to inter alia protect and promote all human rights and to conduct necessary advocacy in that regard, established pursuant to the United Nations General

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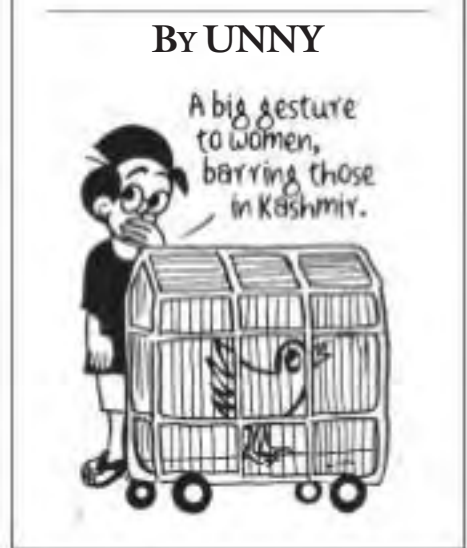
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Assembly resolution 48/141. India reacted sharply and underlined that the CAA was an "internal matter of India" and "no foreign party has any locus standi" on issues pertaining to its sovereignty.

While the Ministry of External Affairs' spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said the Permanent Mission in Geneva

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BUSINESS AS USUAL



It's official: Complaint against any PM will go to Lokpal full bench, no explanation if rejected

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NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

THE LOKPAL Rules notified almost a year after the appointment of the country's first Lokpal, established to inquire into allegations of corruption against public functionaries, state that in case a complaint is filed against a sitting or former Prime Minister, a full bench will decide, at the admission stage, whether an inquiry should be initiated.

The rules also state that if such a complaint is dismissed by the full bench at the admission stage, records of the inquiry shall not be published or made available to anyone.

The notification issued March 2 by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions regarding the Lokpal (Complaint) Rules, 2020 states

EXPLAINED

Probe report in 60 days

THE NOTIFICATION of rules clears the decks for the Lokpal to inquire into allegations of corruption against public servants. The inquiry wing will have to complete its preliminary probe and submit a report to the Lokpal within 60 days. The bench, after giving an opportunity to the accused, will decide whether it should proceed with the investigation.

that a complaint filed against the Prime Minister shall be decided, at the admission stage, by the full

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WhatsApp groups created to spread hate just before surge in Delhi violence: Police probe

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, MARCH 3

AS TENSIONS rose in northeast Delhi on February 23 following a rally by BJP's Kapil Mishra to oppose anti-CAA protesters gathering at Jafraabad Metro station, members of both communities created several WhatsApp groups to circulate inflammatory texts, audio and video messages

Teachers on strike, mid-day meal stops, attendance dips in 45,000 Bihar schools

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PATNA, MARCH 3

AN ONGOING strike by over 3.5 lakh regular contract teachers seeking pay parity with government teachers has led to the discontinuation of the mid-day meal scheme in an estimated 45,000 of 75,000 schools in Bihar

and rally the crowds, a police probe has found.

The bulk of WhatsApp groups were created between February 23 and 24. The Indian Express has learnt that several old videos, not linked to northeast Delhi, were forwarded as those of current incidents to inflame passions.

For instance, one video showed men taking out guns from boxes of ghee for distribution. Police later found that the video was from a press confer-

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ence held by Delhi Police when they had arrested gun-runners last year.

The WhatsApp groups were

also used to give real-time information on where to gather, and which shops and homes to target, it is learnt.

"We are in the process of ascertaining their involvement by checking phone locations when violence broke out. We have got some specific information about local criminals and their alleged role in connection with the murder cases," a senior police officer said.

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The Maracana football turf in Eletttil, Kozhikode. Kerala has about 500 artificial turfs, 150 in Kozhikode district alone.

football and there is a mix of business and passion behind our venture. While in the Middle East, we used to play turf football. We thought about introducing the same back home. There are half-a-dozen turfs in the neighbouring villages. We charge Rs 700 to Rs 1,000 per team for a game. Slots are booked from 7 pm to midnight. Competitions are sponsored by traders or NRIs from the region," said Muhammed Ali, a turf owner.

North Kerala districts of Malappuram, Kozhikode and Kannur, where football legends are demigods, have around 400

Pulwama woman, her father held, NIA says they sheltered bomber

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & ADIL AKHZER
NEW DELHI, SRINAGAR, MARCH 3

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency Tuesday arrested a father-daughter duo from Hakirpora village in Pulwama for allegedly providing shelter to Adil Ahmed Dar, a Jaish-e-Mohammed operative and suicide bomber who was behind the February 2019 attack on a CRPF bus on the Jammu-Srinagar highway, killing 40 personnel.

The central agency arrested Tariq Ahmed Shah, 50, and his daughter Insha Jan, 23, from their home in Hakirpora Tuesday morning. They were produced before a NIA Court in Jammu, which remanded them to 10-day police custody.

According to NIA, the video eulogising Dar as a suicide bomber was shot in Shah's house and later released by JeM.



40 CRPF personnel were killed in the attack. File

Sources said the duo had been sheltering JeM operatives in their house since 2018 and were in contact with Pakistani terrorist Mohammed Umar Farooq, a key Pulwama conspirator, who was later killed in an encounter.

This is the second arrest in the case by NIA. Last week, the agency had arrested Shakir Bashir Magrey, a furniture shop owner at Hajibal in Pulwama, for allegedly helping Dar and other Pulwama conspirators in conducting reconnaissance for

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SHAJU PHILIP
KOZHIKODE, MARCH 3

FROM MAKESHIFT grounds on river beds and harvested paddy fields, Kerala's football craze has entered a new turf in a big way. Artificial turf fields have sprung up in cities as well as villages, mostly in north Kerala, where football players sweat it out night after night under the floodlights.

The state has around 500 artificial turfs, of which 150 are in Kozhikode district, erected and managed by local men, mostly Gulf returnees. Players,

who once used to rush to dusty village grounds, book time slots in the verdant turf and pool money for rent every night. As cities and towns in the countryside have more than one turf to choose from, there is a round of bargaining over rent before fixing the turf.

Former Indian footballer I M Vijayan said turf football is a major change in the state's game arena. "These turfs would see emergence of a new breed of players. When traditional play-grounds are shrinking, soccer turfs would fill the gap to a certain extent. Players of any age can use such ground during

night in any season," he said.

What is being played in these turfs are sevens — seven players in each team as opposed to the traditional 11 — and fives, which has five players in a side. The sevens last for an hour as against the 90-minute traditional eleven. Some turfs are meant only for fives, while others are big enough for both sevens and fives.

At Eletttil, 24 km from Kozhikode, Maracana Football Turf is milling with players at 9 pm. Started five months ago by six football lovers who returned from the Gulf, the turf is used for both sevens and fives.

"We are passionate about