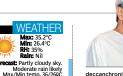
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THE LARGEST CIRCULATED ENGLISH DAILY IN SOUTH INDIA HYDERABAD | SATURDAY | 4 APRIL 2020



NATION 4 **Odisha announces** 48-hr full lockdown



WORLD 5 **Covid rebound** fears in Wuhan

TABLOID Hefty, silent donations



CORONA CUNT

DEATHS 2547 62

TS: 229 11 AP: 164 01

10 lakh + DEATHS £50,000+ COUNTRIES, AREAS WITH CASES 186

ASTROGUIDE

Sarvari; Uttarayana Tithi: Chaitra Suddha Ekadasi till 10.24 pm Star: Ashlesha till 5.01 pm Varjyam: 6.32 am to 8.02 am and 3.57 am to 5.24 am Durmuhurtam: 6.11 am to 7.49

Rahukalam:9 am to 10.30 am Shabaan 9.1441 AH

> Fajar: 5.08 am Zohar: 12.29 pm

Asar: 4.40 pm Maghrib: 6.35 pm Isha: 7.45 pm SUNSET TODAY 6.39 PM SUNRISE TOMORROW 6.07 AM MOONRISE TODAY MOONSET TOMORROW 3 07 AM

COUNTER POINT



I came out to buy candles and diyas, sir!

IN BRIEF **Row over Friday**

praver in K'taka

Hubball: Hours after Kamataka Chief Minister appealed to Muslim leaders for cooperation in maintain-ing law and order, Friday prayer turned out to be contentious issue in the State. Three cops were hurt in Hubball after a group of youths pelted stones at them when they tried to disperse a crowd gathered for mass craver.

₹17,287cr given

to states TO STATES

New Daibt The Finance
Ministry on Friday released
171,287 crore to states to
enhance their financial
resources during the
COVID-19 crisis. Of this
amount, 171,092 crore is
towards State Disaster
Response Mitigation Fund
(SDRMF) to all states. An
amount of the states and
been released as "Post
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Devolution Revenue Deficit
Grant" to 14 states namely
AP, Assam, Himachal
Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur,
Meghalaya among others.

Global economy

to contract: Fitch

Mumbat: Fitch Ratings on Friday projected that the global economy will fall into a deep recession in 2020 due to the massive disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, with growth print contracting by 1.9 per cent, pulled down by larger contraction in the US and the Euro zone. The ratings the Euro zone. The ratings agency's Chief Economist

55-yr-old woman grocery store owner in Shadnagar with no travel history and 45-yr-old from Sec'bad dead AP RECORDS **FIRST DEATH DUE TO COVID**

KANIZA GARARI AND JAYENDRA CHAITANYA

Telangana state reported

two more deaths, one each from Shadnagar and Secunderabad, due to the

JAYENDRA CHAITAI T. I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

G. SAMPAT SAMRITAN I DC VIJAYAWADA, APRIL 3

Andhra Pradesh reported

Andhra Pradesh reported its first Coronavirus death on Friday, when a 55-year old man, a resident of the property of the state of the s

covelles on 37 see western as the see covid-19 and 75 new positive cases, making it the highest number of cases on a single day. This took the total number of positive cases, making it the highest number of positive cases, and a single day. This took the total number of positive cases on a single day. This took the total number of positive cases on a single day. The health department.

A 55-year-old woman from Chegur in Ranga Reddy district, who had for treatment for suspected pneumonia to the Osmania General Hospital of the cases o

Bhavanipuram.

patients are from the Tabligi Jamaat's meeting in Delhi and are undergoing treatment. Thirty people who were part of the meeting but who have no stream of the meeting have not been declared negative and their treatment has been completed. Ten Indonesian nationals, who tested positive, have now been declared negative. They will be quarantive. They will be quarantive. They will be quarantive. They will be quarantive to the congregation will come for testing at Gandhi Hospital on Friday. This will complete the tracing and contact process, doctors said.



TS records 2 deaths, 75 new cases

People gather in large numbers ignoring social distancing norms for a free food distribution programme near the GHMC headquarters in Hyderabad on Friday.

PM wants lights off for 9 mins at 9 pm on Apr 5

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

As coronavirus cases continued to mount across India despite the nation-wide lockdown, Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted people on Priday morning to switch off their lights at home and light candle dry and light can

Oppn criticises PM for not being serious

NEW DELHI, APRIL 3
Opposition parties were
disappointed with Prime
Minister Narendra Modi's
address. They expected
concrete steps to tackle
the economic downturn
instead of an appeal to
Tigdinums.
P. Chidambaram said that
people expected part two
of the financial package.
"What we expected from
"Institution of the prime of the p

ming indoors and not gather in groups, and to light the candles or lamps only from their balconies or doorsteps. Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao on Friday appealed to the people of the state to observe the call given by the Prime Minister to light candles.

you today was FAP II, a generous livelihood support package for the poor, including for those categories of poor who were ignored by finance minister of the poor including for the categories of poor who were ignored by finance minister of the categories of poor who was a compared to the country of the poor with the poor was a compared to the counsel of epidemiologists and economists."

The NCP, TMC and the CPI were also critical of the lack of new measures.

that many people may feel alone at home during the lockdown, but they must realise the collective stre-ngth of 130 crore Indians was with each one. Once people everywhere light lamps, they will realise "we are all fighting with a collective resolve", and that "we are not alone".

478 more +ve as drive to test and trace intensifies

VINEETA PANDEY | DC NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

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A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that "testing, tracing and isolation must be the ment on Friday said that around 8,000 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours across the country, the highest in a single discovery of the said of t

recovered, while 62 have died and one has migrated. As the heaves of the control of the control

Tabligm games congregation.

Health ministry officials added that out of the 12 deaths reported in the last couple of days, some are related to the Tablighi cathering.

related to the ranning gathering. While the Central government has initiated action against 960 foreigns who attended the Tablighi Jamaat congregation and blacklisted them, experts continue to warn that India is not testing enough and the real

Friday said 8,000 tests have been conducted in the last 24 hours across the country, the highest in a single day.

As of April 1, India had only done 47,951 tests in total, and 66,000 in all till Friday,

The US conducts a whopping 100,989 tests on a daily basis, while Italy sits at the second spot with a round spot with around 34,455 tests per day

number of positive cases is much higher than what

is much nigher than what is being reported.
As of April 1, India had only done 47,951 tests in total, and 66,000 in all till Friday, including the 8,000 tests in the last 24 hours. In a country with over 133 crore people, this is not enough.

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The US conducts a whop-

TJ followers' call data under scanner

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

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With around 9,000 followers of the Tablighi Jamaat who attended the meet in Delhi being identified across the country, and isolate ed, the Special Branch and seed that the seed of the seed of

which is closely monitoring the contact tracing of the Tablighi followers with the states has already directed the respective directed the respective directed the respective directed the respective directed that the respective direction with the tablight followers who attended a crowded event in Delhi's Nizamuddin area, which has turned out to be a hotbed of coronavirus infection.

infection.
"The exact number of people affected by corona people affected by corona by coming in contact with Tablighi followers would

be known only after the last person in contact tracing is accounted for. So far accounted for accountry but a massive hunt is currently on to race the remaining ones," a senior ministry official said.

The state police is relying heavily on technology person for the control of the control of

Tablighi followers are believed to have gone to 19 different states after attending the event in Delhi. "Though a lot of people

Die Though a lot of people are voluntarily coming forward for the check-up, many people are still not traceable maybe because they may not even be aware," the official added.

States have also been asked to share and provide data to each other on suspect corona patients so measures can be taken.

50 TJ members untraceable, they had given fake addresses

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is yet to track 27 persons who came to city after attending the Tablighi Jamaat event at the Markaz mosque at Nice Markaz mosque at Niza-muddin in Delhi. GHMC officials said on Friday that they gave fake resi-dential addresses. A senior GHMC official, requesting anonymity

told *Deccan Chronicle* that the corporation till date had identified 576 Tablighi had identified 576 Tablight Jamaat returnees. He said that despite taking help of the police and the rail-ways, religious leaders and locals, the corporation could not track the loca-tion of the missing per-

sons.

He said that the corpora-tion was clueless whether they were in GHMC limits or not. The data of the missing persons has been

shared with district authorities and AP. He said they should be home-quarantined immediately, apart from geotagging them to avoid further complications. Corporation of the city claiming that they have strict instructions from the government not to share the information.

CLOSE | CALL | Special wing of GHMC to monitor aid distribution as social distancing norms not being followed

Donors barred from giving grocery, food directly

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3
The municipal administra-tion and urban develop-ment (MA&UI) depart-ment has decided to ban all public philanthropy and distribution of groceries, food packets and individ-und the properties of the pro-tocol of the pro-to

nationwide lockdown.

Keeping account of rapid increase of Corona positive cases, all public donations will be monitored by a special wing of the Greates of Corona positive cases, all public donations will be monitored by a special wing of the Greates from all political parties in the property of the Greatest of the

public gatherings and jampacked queues at all locations."

As many as 3,000 members gathered at a food camp organised by public representatives though supply 200 food packets, an official said.

However, when thousands of people queue for food, what does it denote if not lack of food and widespread hunger them during the lockdown, said an

Domalguda and Vittal Mandi thronged to dona-tion camp in huge num-bers. When it comes to pub-lic representatives, cutting across party lines, leaders are donating groceries, which bureaucrats allege is "to stay in the lime-lisht"

o eitner." Officials of the MA&UD Officials of the MA&UD argue, however, that public representatives did not adhere to social distance guidelines, despite a steep rise of Coronavirus cases and deaths every passing day in Telangana.

Page 2: Mayor: Special wing to collect donations



Govt: Full pay for

health staff, cops

Hearth start, cops.

Hyderaback The government on Friday issued orders to pay full salaries to employe ese of the medical and health and police departments for March. The government had sariles ordered apparent of 50 per cent sport of 50 pe

PANEL SEEKS REPORT ON **COP'S BRUTALITY**

DURGA PRASAD SUNKU I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

The State Human Rights Commission has called for a report, by June 8, from the superintendent Wanaparthy police over a constable manhandling a person in front of his son. The video of the incident had gone viral on social media and the constable suspended.

The child is seen begging the

on the interest has gone viral control to the interest has gone viral control to the control to

GOVT URGED TO CANCEL SCHOOL EXAMS

HARLEEN MINOCHA | DC

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

Child rights organisation Balala Hakkula Sangham (BHS) has petitioned the State Human Rights Commission to direct the principal secretary, and high school in view of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Mr Achyuta Rao, honorary and high school in view of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Mr Achyuta Rao, honorary president of the organisation said, "It is unjust to keep students in the grip of fear and entit in the grip of fear and entit in the grip of the said schools may violate social distancing norms if the exams are to be conducted.

Mr Rao said he had sent an appeal to the education minister and the principal secretary, expenses from them.

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) had cancelled exams for Classes 1 to 8, the Andhra Pradesh government had cancelled primary and high

celled primary and high school examinations while the Madras High Court had directed the government to not con-

2ND TIME: FEW AT MASJIDS FOR **JUMA PRAYERS**

ATHER MOIN I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

Almost all mosques did not arrange the public congrega-tion for the second consecutive Juma, while few persons attended prayers in select mosques due to the lockdown restrictions in place. In Macca restrictions in place, the macca property of the public Garden, Juma was performed with the employees and less than five people in attendance.

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A few mosques performed friday prayers to fulfill the Sharia obligation with limited the Sharia obligation with limited mon was telivered in these mosques. Imam and sermonizer of Shahi Masjid Moulana Dr Ahsan bin Mohammed al-Hamoomi said, "We have made share of the perils of social gatherings right now To ensure safety, we have not allowed people to participate in the prayers." The managing committees of many mosques committees of many mosques the main gates requesting the people to say Zuhr prayer in home.

Pandemic precautions



Policemen instruct relatives of Covid-19 suspects, kept under quarantine at Nature Cure Hospital, to keep their belongings and other items at the entrance of the hospital.

Centre tough on lockdown

Instructs states to punish violators as next 10 days crucial to fight Covid

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

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Emphasising that the next 10 days were critical in India's fight against Coronavirus, the Centre on Friday instructed all the control of the control of

BANDI HAILS PEOPLE'S

CONTRIBUTION

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

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Telangama state BJP president Bandt Sanjay president Bandt Sanjay from the people and party workers for the call to donate to the PM-CARES fund set up to fight the coronavirus epherological properties of the call party workers and the people for the response party workers and the people for the response to the sanjay the captures of the sanjay the workers and the people for the response to the sanjay the workers and the people for the response to the sanjay the

CENTRE'S GUIDELINES ON WHAT CONSTITUTE VIOLATIONS, LISTS TOUGH PUNISHMENTS

government, or a person authorised by national, state or district authority in discharge of func-tions, will face jail for up to a year or fine, or both.

If such obstruction results in loss of life or danger, the offend-er faces jail for up to two years.

• Whoever makes a false claim shall be punishable with jail for up to two years, and a fine.

Anyone is in custody of money or materials meant for providing relief in any threatening disaster situation will face punishment.

Anyone who misappropriates money or materials meant for relief shall be punishable with imprisonment for two years.

ADITYA CHUNDURU I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

Hundreds of people across the city had to wait many hours outside fair price shops (FPS) for their alloted ration, and many returned home empty-handed after the shops shut down in the afternoon due to "server issues".

The State Data Centre

Anyone who obstructs any employee of the central or state government, or a person authory and the contral or state government, or a person authory of the contral of the co

• If offence committed by a company or corporate body, person(s) running company shall be punished.

 If any offence is committed by any government depart-ment, the head of department shall be deemed guilty.

 Any officer who refuses to perform duties faces jail for one year.

It is not necessary that an offender should intend harm, or contemplate dis-obedience, to be punished.

metres. He was given a token and told to wait, but the store was shut down. "In the morning, the staff said some 'madam' needs to come before they can distribute. After that, they said the machine is come back tomorrow." Ahmed said. Sriniwas, a customer at another FPS shop just 500 metres from the one in Bakaram, said he too waited in line in a distribute to come back the next day. "It ried calling the store manager's mobile number but he isn't picking up."

Chaos for rice at fair price shops

Any person who contra-venes any order shall be punishable with jail for one year, or fine, or both.

No prosecution for offences punishable under Sections 55 and 56 shall be instituted except with previ-ous sanction of Central or state government.

No court shall take cog-nizance of an offence com-mitted under this Act except on a complaint made by a government official

A LARGE number of beneficiaries said most

shops were unable to

cater to them or were too crowded the past

ing to stay in line. At

 If an order is promulgated by a lawfully not pass down

a certain street, anyone who disobeys the order and causes a dan-ger of riot shall be punished.

Supplies officials had spo-ken with the IT depart-ment to get the matter to get the matter. The second of the server went down, 4 lakh people had taken their rice. There is no need to panic as 3.34 lakh metric tonnes of rice to make the second of the s

MPs get salaries amid lockdown

S.N.C.N ACHARYULU I DC

ent to the salaries of member of Parliament, and the salaries of MPs on Friday in their bank accounts. Bhongir MP Komatireddy Venkatareddy confirmed this, it may be recalled that state governessalaries to MLAs, MLCs and others due to the lockdown. Meanwhile Lok Sabha Syeaker Om Birla has written to Lok Sabha swritten to Lok Sabha swritten to Lok Sabha script of the sabha survival of the sabha sabha

ensure that the poor and the needy do not face any difficulty in getting the essential items and services. We must make all possible efforts to provide resential possible efforts to seek cooperation from organizations in this endeavour."

The Speaker said "In view of the pressing circumstances, the Contract to the pressing circumstances, the Contract to the pressing circumstances, the Contract to the use of MPLAD Funds to deal with this pandemic. I urge upon all the MPs to kindly submit a Consent Form' to the consent form' to the consent form' to the programme implementation for release of at least a sum of ₹1 core from their Fund under the MPLAD Funds of ₹1 core from their Fund under the MPLAD renacting and protection kits and other medical equipment to fight this epidemic."

Mayor: Special wing to collect donations

Responding to an issue raised by Deccan Chronicle. city Mayor Mr Bonthu Rammohan said special wing to collect donations by political parties, NGOs, private organisations and individuals in the components of the collection and centres, which would monitored by a zonal commissioner. "One donor can accome which would monitored by a zonal commissioner." "One donor can accome distribution for transparency and the corporation would ensure social distancing at all times," he said. Third Secretary Somesh Chief Secretary Somesh Chi

stop distribution of food packets, cooked food and groceries by people. Additional collectors in districts will monitor col-lection and distribution of donations in urban areas and mandal rev-enue officers in rural

enue officers in rural areas.

Mr Somesh Kumar spoke to Telangana state Director-General of Director-General Officers of Direc

tion sites across Telangana. Officials informed these measures were only to contain the spread of coronavirus as next week was crucial.

Virologists develop CoroFlu vaccine

KANIZA GARARI | DC

Coroflu built on a flu vac-

Coroflu built on a flu vaccine backbone that offers
hope to fight Covid-19 is
being developed by
Bharat Biotech in collabor
Bharat Biotech, said, "We
will manufacture the vaccine, conduct clinical trials and prepare to produce 300 million doese of
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to Bharat Biotech to scale
up production.

The animal testing of

CoroFlu will take three to six months and clinical trials will be carried out by winter: The M2SR vaccine is well tolerated. Safety pro-file shows that it has the ability to induce strong immune response will be effective in pr

ing a protective shield against Covid-19. Senior virologist and co-founder of FluGen Senior vac-founder of Flucea Gabriele Neumann explained, "We are going explained, "we are going to modify the vaccine can-didate by adding part of the coding region for the coronavirus spike protein which latches onto cells

coronavirus spike protein which latches onto cells and begins infection. We response to both Covid-19 and influenza virus." M2SR is a unique form of the flu virus. It lacks a gene called M2, which restricts the virus to undergoing only a single undergoing only a single cells. This single replication means that the virus can enter the cell but cannot leave it. This allows the immune system to attack it.

ing to stay in line. At Kothapet Inear Dasus Ingar. Padnar Dasus I noon due to "server issues". The State Data Centre (SDC) used by the civil supplies department had gone down in the afternoon, reportedly because of the high number of the high number of the high number of the high number of the day. Though the government had officially begun distributing rice from April 1, beneficiaries said most them or were too crowd. All the day of the day. Though the day of the d to come back the next day. "I tried calling the store manager's mobile number but he isn' picking up. to confusion about when the shops would be open. Rustom, another customer, said, "The staff at the shop said the store would be open until 4 pm every day. Does this include Sunder, were witinclude Sunder, were wittomer all accesses were wittomer all accesses were witread that the store was a huge crowd that had to disregard all norms of social distancshops for their convenience. The finance of the first should be a Veniatswam; announced a donation of ₹10 lakh. Sanjay the Karimnagar Mṛ donated ₹1 crore from his MPLAD fund and one month's salary to the fund. He has already spent ₹50 lakh in his con-stituency for taking up various measures to con-tain the spread of Covid. TECH FRAUD Addicts, desperate for liquor, fall pray to cyber crimes, lose large amount of money

Fraudsters create 7 fake UPI IDs on PM CARES a/c

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. | DC

RABAD, APRIL 3

With the non-availability of liquor in the market due to the nationwide lock-down, people have become desperate to get them and losing the hard-earned

money.

A man living in
Hyderabad who wanted
liquor at his doorsteps has
lost ₹53,000 to the cyber

crooks.

The victim, a private employee in his late 20's, when searched online for door delivery of liquor

found a mobile number advertised on a website and contacted the stranger He was promised of door delivery but was asked to pay money first and a QR code was sent on his phone. After scanning the QR code, the victim received text messages on his phone number about the debit of ₹33,000 from his bank account. Realised about the fraud, he lodged a complaint with the account of the police, who registered a case and traced the bank account to Jharkhand.

However, they are suspecting that the fraudster GOVID-18.

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Parcel train gets

positive response

Positive response
Hyderabad: South Central
Railways's special parcel
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COVID CONTROL ROOMS RECEIVE GOOD FEEDBACK

JAYENDRA CHAITHANYA T. I DC

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

The Cyberabad and Rachakonda police are receiving a
good response to their Covidall special control rooms, getting close to 200 calls on April 14
olice seized 323 bikes, 96
autorickshaws and 59 fourwheelers for lockdown violations and booked 62 cases on
those goods at higher prices.
Well as 52 cases on
those goods at higher prices.
Seized 34 bikes, six autorickshaws and 12 four-wheelers on
Thursday, and booked 193
cases on 218 persons who violated the order.
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20,000 people on Friday.

LOCKDOWN FLOUT: **MOTHER AND SON** ATTACK COP, HELD

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

The Malkajgiri police arrested

him.
Following a complaint from the head constable, a case has been registered against Yousuf and his mother under the IPC.

Covid fear shuts canteen

Action as patients for virus test were enjoying tea, posing risk to others

VIKRAM SHARMA I DC

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

A couple of days ago, a man with coronavirus symptoms, who was waiting in a queue to get tested from the coronavirus of Gandhi Hospital, suddenly felt a craving for a hot cup of tea. He walked out of the ward, escaping the attention of hospital staff, and headed straight for the canteen meant for doctors only.

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enquired who he was, he told them that he was waiting for his turn to get a swab test conducted for coronavirus confirmation. "Time pass nai hora, toh chail ense hay and (was feeling bored, so I came to buy tea)," he casually told the tea), "he casually told the tea," he casually told the way to the constraint of the conduction of the

ended up in canteen now being shut. Doctors now have to go all way to another canteen located in outpatient block, where security has been tightened and no one except doctors are allowed entry. Sources at Gandhi Hospital told Deccare the second control of the seco

masks.
"For those who have been allotted rooms, hospital

provides food. When it comes to testing, massive rush is resulting in longer waiting hours. We provide water bottles during waiting time but since they have to wait for half a day tient. It had become a major problem as they were escape attention of guards and go down to guards and go down to found seated on their chair, an alarm is raised and a form of the seater of the seater

found seated on their cha-ir, an alarm is raised and a manhunt starts. More than doctors, other medical staff assisting them were hit as canteen in IP build-ing, which is closed now,

though meant for doctors only, used to give parcels to staff, be it for breakfast, lunch and dinner That has standed to the st

Patients anxious: Gandhi doctors

From Page 1

Doctors at Gandhi
Hospital had sent requisihealth ministry that relatives must behave properly with frontline workers.
This was sent after the
doctors were attacked by
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• THE BIGGEST problem is the time gap from when sample is taken to when results come in

Zip on 45-km pothole-free roads 62 cases of stray dog bites

Amid the Covid-19 crisis, Amid the Covid-19 crisis, the GHMC has completed 45 kilometres of road work under the Comprehensive Road Maintenance Project (CRMP) in one week.

(CRMP) in one week.

The corporation has filled 2,049 potholes, done lane marking for 88.98 km and median painting for 88.92 km. In order make most of the lockdown period, municipal administration minister K.T. Rama Rao has instructed the civic body to take up the CRMP work on a war-footing.

crivic body to take up the CRMP works during lockdown to cover potholes across CRMP works on a war-foot.

Inder CRMP, the civic body was supposed to lay 709 km of roads along with footpaths and lane marking simultaneously. The main roads have been divided into eight units. The main roads have been divided into eight units. The agencies short-listed will be made responsible for laying of roads, maintenance, building footpaths, cleaning and maintenance, building footpaths, cleaning and footpaths, cleaning and completed re-carpeting of footpa



GHMC works during lockdown to cover potholes across the city on Friday.

- R. PAVAN

The CRMP also includes monsoon emergency monitoring like clearing water stagnation and water logging, road sand water logging, road infrastructure maintenance at periodic intervals; lame markings, painting footpaths, cut and logging an

been treated.

Ms Anupama Tirumalasetty, former television
anchor and now an animal
rights activist, said,

marking and 83.92 km of median painting. The idea is to provide pothole-free roads to commuters after the lock down period, "the official said. The CRMP also includes the mergenery empression of the part of th

The number of people queuing up outside the Government Fever Hospital at Nallakunta to get treatment for dog bite has increased since the lockdown.

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While the victims are angry at the presence of stray dogs on the roads, animal rights activists say that dogs are faithful creatures that the option of the comple wearing masks has made the dogs think they are burglars and hence the attacks.

Fever Hospital resident medical officer Dr K. Padmaja confirmed that increased after the lock-down. In the last three days, &C cases of dog bite have been registered for treatment. Since January, \$333 cases of dog bite have been treatment.



People crowd in Fever hospital to get vaccine for stray dog bites on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

dog bites on Friday.

"During this lockdown period, people cover up their faces with masks. When they move on empty roads, they see these people as a threat to these people as a threat to the people and attack. Them, Dogs are doing their natural duty of protecting the area. They are the security for your surroundings, People should do their duty by

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staying home during this Covid-19 lockdown." She said that as restau-rants and hotels are clo-sed, stray dogs don't get the leftovers, so people sh-ould provide dogs in their neighbourhoods with food. In January, 15 people were bitten by stray dogs and that included many school children on Dharam Karam Road in Ameerpet.

Brace for extreme heat, says IMD

The summer could be marked with days of

There is a lot of sum-mer activity — meaning heat — that would occur over the western parts of the country like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Karnataka and Kerala.



Due to increase in temperature across the city, the demand for watermelons has gone up. - GANDHI

While Telangana While Telangana state and Andhra Pradesh might not be in the list, there are chances that these areas too would witness hot conditions," Mr Mrutyunjay Mohap-atra, IMD director-general, told Deccan Chronicle.

likely to be higher.
"It would be above normal by more than 1°
Celsius over east and west Rajasthan and Gujarat. It is likely to be Gujarat. It is likely to be warmer than normal by 0.5VC Celsius to 1°C over Punjab, Haryana, Chan-digarh and Delhi(HCD), East and West Uttar Pradesh, East and West Madhya Pradesh,

GANDHI
Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Orissa, Saurashtra and Kutch, Konkan
and Goa, Madhya Maharashtra, Marathawada,
Vidharbha, North and
South Interior Karnataka, coastal Karnataka,
Rayalaseema and Kerala.
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HC QUESTIONS CENTRE ON COVID RELIEF PACKAGE

VUJINI VAMSHIDHARA I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3
The High Court has asked the Centre about the funds released to the state under the Covid-19 relief package. A division bench comprising Justice MS. Ramachandra Rao and Justice MS. Ramachandra Rao and Justice MS. Ramachandra Rao and Justice MS. approal to private laboratories to changing the Centre's approval to private laboratories to charge 44,500 per Covid test.

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ter.
Advocate General B.S.
Prasad said the test was
free at government cen-

Namavarapu hwar Rao, Assistant Solicitor General (ASG), said state governments had the liberty to reduce the price. He said he the price. He said he would get instructions from the Centre with regard to funds released

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POLITICAL | BACKLASH | Shashidhar Reddy says BJP's comments are diversionary and uncalled for

Cong advices BJP not to politicise Sonia's words

IREDDY SRINIVAS REDDY I DC HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

HYDERABAD, APRIL 3
Mr Marri Shashidhar
Reddy, former vice chairman of the National
Disaster Management
Authority, has advised
Union home minister Annit
minister
Prakash
Javadekar and BJP president JP. Nadda to refrain
from politicising the statement of Congress president
He recalled Ms Gandhi's
remarks at a meeting of the

emarks at a meeting of th remarks at a meeting of the Congress Working Committee that "the 21 day national lockdown may have been necessary but the unplanned manner in which it has been imple-mented has caused chaos

and pain in the lives of millons of migrant workers all over India:

all over India:

"I will be a million of the statement of facts and these words conveyed the feeling of millions of people across the country and this was in no way politicising the crisis." Unfortunately, the BJP's top brass and the statement of the statement of the statement of the statement of the statement.

He said that in fact it is they who have politicised the issue as a part of their strategy to divert the statement.

He said that their comments are diversionary and uncalled for." "I am forced to issue this statement to set



Marri Shashidhar Reddy the record straight," he

the record straight," he said.

He pointed out that the purpose of the lockdown was defeated when lakhs of migrant workers and their families gathered in huge numbers at bus and train stations, throwing social distancing norms to the winds winds. He said apart from the that the purpose of the lockdown was defeated when lakhs of migrant workers and their families gathered in huge numbers at bus and train stations.

economic hardships, they were subjected to mental and physical agony with uncertainty staring them in the face.

He said the possibility of

He said the possibility of the migrant workers, act-ing as carriers, when they return to their homes to join the older members of their families was not fac-tored in.

By the control of the con-trol of the control of the their movement, isolation and quarantine, forcing

states to rush through things, stretching the demand on the already overburdened health work-ers, police and civil admin-istration.

Mr Reddy said that the announcement of the lock-

Mr Reddy said that the amouncement of the lock-down, which was abrupt, should have also mentioned measures to provide rellef, including the 'L1' (that came later) and the means to reach out to the most needy and vulnerable sections to make things easy for them to absorb the south of the most needy and vulnerable sections to make things easy for them to absorb the south suggestion from Chief Minister Narendra Modi sought suggestions from Chief Ministers for a common cetti strategy once the later than the succession of the success

welcome move after failing to take them into confi-dence before the lockdown was imposed." He said it would not be out of place to recall the letter

of place to recall the letter written by Rahul Gandhi on March 29 to the Prime Minister expressing his solidarity "along with that of millions of Congress party workers at this time of immense humanitarian crisis".

Mr Reddy said that as someone who had the

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NSA INVOKED **AGAINST JAMAAT**

SUNIL THAPLIYAL | DC

GMAILTHAPLIVAL JDC
GHAZIABAD, APRIL 3

The Uttar Pradesh government on Friday ordered that six members of Tablighi gent National Security Act (NSA) for their alleged misbehavior at a government hospital in Ghaziabad According to reports, they behaved "rudely and made obscene gestures' towards nurses and medical and made obscene gestures' towards nurses and medical These Jamanat members have been quarantined after they showed symptoms of Covid-19. Describing them as "enemiest Yogi Adityanath ordered charges under the tough law that the Nizamuddin. The incident triggered when All the six accused had attended a religious gathering at the Nizamuddin. The incident triggered when Ghaziabad chief medical office complaining of inappropriate behaviour by Tablighi Jamaat event attendees, Chaziabad's MMG district hospital CMO said that the patients have been misbehaving with the hospital without proper clothing. The CMO added that these patients even asked for cigarettes.

TWINS NAMED CORONA, COVID IN CHHÁTTISGARH

BHOPAL, APRIL 3

The healthcare personnel at a government hospital in a government hospital in the property of the property of

Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital on March 27:

"We have named our twin children as 'Corona' and 'Covid' to remove fear among the people over the deadly virus. Besides, our children will always remind us of the crisis the world is currently facing due to Covid-19", kin of parents of the twins, quoted The decision by the Verma couple to name their twins after the dreaded virus has in fact surprised their near and dear ones.

MAMATA REFUSES TO FOLLOW MODI'S APPEAL

RAJIB CHOWDHURI | DC KOLKATA, APRIL 3

West Bengal Chief Minister west Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has politely refused to follow Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to the nation for a nine-minute candlelight vigil at 9 pm on April 5 as a symbol of unity to tackle Covid-19 pan-demic.

pm on April 5 as a symbol of unity to tackle Covid-19 pandemental particles of the control of th

ed by Covid-19 while treating an aged woman, detected with the same virus on April 1 fol-lowing her return from Italy. She was admitted at the iso-lation ward of the hospital at Nager Bazar in Dum Dum. Two of her family members have also been isolated.

Cops pelted with stones in K'taka

Repeated pleas by policemen not to hold mass prayers ignored by community leaders

VITTAL SHASTRI | DC

HUBBALLI, APRIL 3
Hours after Chief
Minister B.S. Vedityurand the state of the state.

Three police personnel were injured in Hubballi after a group of youths pelled stones at them, so the state of the state of

at Aralikatti Oni here and police have launched search operation for the miscreants who fled from the scene soon after hurl-

ing stones.

The injured police constables were admitted to Karnataka Institute of Medical Sciences for

Medical Sciences for treatment.
Initially, the police officials tried to convince the community leaders not to gather at the mosque in the wake of nation-wide lockdown. But, they did not heed to the repeated pleas and entered into an

argument with the police, leading to tension. At this juncture, a few youther a few youther at the police personnel at the police personnel who tried to disperse the crowd.

A case has been registered at Hubballi town police station.

Shivamogga district, police disbursed a group of 70 people, who tried organising mass prayer at a place of worship at Ekesvirnakatte. Police them had sever cough and they were shifted to Meggan Hospital.

In Ballart, police arrest-

The almost three-week-long political instability witnessed in Madhya Pradesh during March 2-20, following sudden 'disappearance' of a number of Congress MLAs had literally ren-dered the administra-tion here ineffective leading to the current crisis in the state due to Madhya Pradesh has

crisis in the state due to coronavirus outbreak. Madhya Pradesh has recorded eight deaths caused due to coronavirus and 19 Covid-19. The state health department to deal with the situation has seriously been affected owing to absence of health ministry was the state health department to deal with the situation has seriously been affected owing to absence of health ministry was some the then incumbent health minister was among 22 Congress MLAs who had raised a banner of revoil raised a banner of revoil

Congress MLAs who had raised a banner of revolt against then former CM and subsequently resigned from the

and subsequently resigned from the Assembly.
"There was hardly any meeting of health department to review the preparedness to deal

ed 21 persons, who tried to organise mass prayer at a place of worship, and the place of worship and the place of worship and the place of the place of worship and the place of the place o

Political instability in MP made state a sitting duck

No mechanism to combat the coronavirus menace could be put in place by the then state government

Rate of testing is still low in Madhya Pradesh compared to the increasing cases

Covid-19 has claimed lives of eight people in the state so far

quently nudging the then Kamal Nath gov-ernment to gear up to face the situation. But, the former Chief Minister was more pre-occupied with saving his government than acting on advisories by the Centre then", the officer said.

over imment than act the operation of the control her is all the virus menace could be put in place by the then state over menace could be put in place by the then state over ment.

"There was no plan to establish labs for testing samples and create isolation wards in hospitals for suspected coronavirus patients. The available of the coronavirus patients. The available of the coronavirus patients. The dark both is future course of action to deal with the situation at the time", sources said.

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"The disease is spreading its tentacles to new areas in the state. The same in the state. The state has a population of 7.3 crore people and needs at least 25 testing

A very stringent warning is issued that anyone who is issued that anyone who does or supports such acts, non bailable criminal cases will be registered against them and they will be sent to Jail Doctors and Medical team have our full protection," Rao had tweeted.

tweeted. A woman Asha worker had alleged that announcement was made from the mosque after which people came out of their homes, abused and attacked them and snatched their bags, kits and mobile phones.

labs to test coronavirus cases," Jan Swasthya Abhiyan, an NGO extending its helping hand to deal with the situation, noted.
"Rate of testing is still low in MP compared to the increasing cases. The state needs to the increasing cases. The state needs to the level of sample collection as well as testing facilities. It is crucial to set up at least five testing facilities it is crucial to set up at least five testing facilities per region so that all the \$2 districts in the state are covered."

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S.R. Azad of the
Abhiyan said.
As of April 1, the state
government's health
department has report of
16,709 PPE kits, 74,350
NS6 masks, and a total of
2,073 ICU beds and 836
ventilators across government hospitals, medend private hospitals in
the state.
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lives of eight people in
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Indore continues to
remain hotspot of virus
reporting seven fresh
confirmed cases on
Friday, With this, total
number of Covid-19
patients in Indoos
Confirmed case for the
first time on Friday. A
36-year-old man in
Chhindwara reported a
Confirmed case for the
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SHUTDOWN IN **BHUBANESWAR**

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, APRIL 3

The Odisha government on

Friday announced a 48-hour total lockdown after another covid-19 positive case was reported, taking the total experience of the control of th

TABLIGHI MEET SETBACK IN COVID FIGHT, SAYS PREZ

FIGHT, SAYS PREZ

New Delhi, April 3:
President Ram Nath Kovind
on Friday expressed concern
over the gathering of migrant
workers in Auand Vinability
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A doctor walks through a disinfecting tunnel outside a hospital in Srinagar on Friday, where most Covid-19 patients are being treated. As the Covid-19 cases rise rapidly in Jammu and Kashmir, the security forces on Friday imposed the 16-day-old virtual lockdown more severely across the Union Territory amid apprehensions that attempts might be made to hold weekly congregational prayers in mosques and other places of worshin.

department to review the preparedness to deal with coronavirus outbreak in the state when because in the state when political turmoil. Former sate finance minister Tarun Bhanot held a less than halfanhour' meeting to take stock of the situation in stock of the situation in the state health department The meeting was more symbolic than a meaningful one", a senjor officer in the state health department here are not priday on the condition of anonymity. "The Centre was fre-Leaders show scant regard

ICMR TO FIRM UP NORMS FOR RAPID TESTING

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, APRIL 3

In view of rising cases of Covid in India, the ICMR

has recommended use of rapid antibody test in areas that are reporting higher number of cases, for speedy detection of novel coronavirus. De done on blood/ serum/ plasma samples and test result is available within 30 minutes. The test comes positive after 7-10 detection of the control of th

for lockdown restrictions GILVESTER ASSARY | DC THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, APRIL 3

BJP Kerala state unit president's nearly 400-km road travel from Kozhikode to Thiruvanan-thapuram during lock-docked travel from the street of the street of

thapuram to address a press conference the other day. He left the district when there was a total ban on inter-district travel and intra-district travel undes it for any unavoidable emergency situation. The opponents say there was no critical or unavoidable circumstances for Surendran to make such a long distance trin.

Surendran to make Such a long distance trip. However, Surendran maintained that there was no violation on his part as he had sought the permis-

sion of the DGP. "I took the permission of DGP besides obtaining a letter for the permission of DGP besides obtaining a letter for the permission of DGP besides of the permission of the permis

West Bengal MP also lands in soup

Union minister of state for women and child development Deboshree Chaudhuri has landed in Chaudhuri has landed in a controversy after she distributed Covid-19 masks among the public in her parliamentary constituency Raiganj in North Dinajpur of North Bengal, allegedly defying the total lockdown announced by the Prime Minister

announced by the Prime Minister. Leading a group of BJP workers, she also report-edly helped many of them wear the masks in the

claimed Congress MLA of Raiganj Mohit Sengupta. He also accused Chauthuri of not maintaining social distancing Sengupta Inter lodged a complaint against the minister with the district magistrate of North Dinajpur. "A complete lockdown has been in force across tate. Those who have come back home to Kolkata have been asked to self-quarantine. Then, how could she violate the lockdown and distribute vegetables, fish and minister? So I have approached the District Magistrate urging him to the lockdown and distribute vegetables and the spared just because she is an MP and a minister? So I have approached the District Magistrate urging him to haid. Chaudhuri, however, Chauthuri, however, Chauthuri, hower, and considered the district Magistrate urging him to haid. Chaudhuri, however, Chauthuri, Linger, Chauthuri, however, Chauthuri, Linger, Chauthuri, Li

said.
Chaudhuri, however, refuted the allegations.
Referring to West Bengal
Chief Minister Mamata Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's frequent visits o public places amidst the ongoing lockdown, she said, "The head of our state also visits many places. But, no one ques-tions whom she travels with and what distance she maintains."

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Girls' plight

NAYEAR AZAD | DC

Amid nation-wide lock-down due to coron-avirus three sisters in Bhagalpur made a dis-tress call to Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and sought food and other relief materi-al.

(PMO) and sought food and other relief material to Rhanjarpur village in Jagdishpur block of Bhagalpur. The three sisters who used to work as maids in their neighbourhood had been stranded inside their house without of the control of the control

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In condition to the condition of the condition. Anyways the police about their condition. Anyways the condition and is ready to extend all kind of support to them during the lock-down". Soun Kumar Bhagat, Circle officer of Jagdishpur block to the condition of the condition o

lockflown due to coron-avirus crisis. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar And earlier released a fund of ₹100 crore for people who are finding people who are finding completed to the control of the people of the control of





Merkel in office after quarantine

Berlin: German Chancellor Angela Merkel left her Berlin home for the first time in algorithm of the Merkel left her Berlin home for the first time in algorithm of the Merkel left her bereithed to the office, where she will continue to observe social distancing rules and lead the country via video and audio conferencing, her spokesman Steffessear-cold leader was in self-sis-ear-cold leader was not self-sis-ea

German official:

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Berlin The head of Germany's disease control agency
says the number of people
who die of Covid-19 is likely
being undercounted. Lothar
Wieler of the Robert Koch
in beileves "we have more
dead than are officially being
reported." It wasn't immediately clear whether Wieler
er was suggesting that deathas are being undercounted
only in Germany, or worldw
rate from Covid-19 has drawn international attention.
Experts say the difference
with other countries is partly
due to mass testing and
well-equipped hospitals, but
they caution that the number of deaths is likely to rise.

Lanka polls may be held in May

colombo: The parliamentary polis in Sri Lanka cannot be held before the end of behalf before the end of behalf before the end of pandemic, the election commission said on Friday, expressing concern that the situation could lead to a constitutional impasse as the new Parliament must meet solution. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on March 2 dissibution, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on March 2 dissibution, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on March 2 dissibution, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on March 2 distinct on April 25. There are ISO try and four people have died of the disease. The outbreak of the pandemic has seriously impacted Sri Lanka's economy, especially the tourism industry.

Virus curb flout:

Nigerian shot dead

Wartt A Nigerian man has been shot dead for allegedly flouting a stay-at-home order aimed at curbing the spread of Covid-19, police and should be Warri: A Nigerian man has spokesman Onome Onowakpoyeya said. Angry young people lit fires in the streets but police later restored calm, he said.

WHALE FALL' IN DEEP-SEA **EXPEDITION**

Beijing, April 3: Chinese researchers have spotted a whale fall, a rare deep-sea ecosystem, in the South China Sea during a deep-sea scientific expedition, a science academy here said on Friday A whole fall

a ueep-sea sciennic expenting on, a science academy here said on Friday. A whale fall occurs when the carcass of a windle sea fall of the sea spotted the whale fall during a deep-sea expedition carried out by China's oceanic research vessel Tansuo-1. The whale fall is about three metres long. It is the first time that Chinese scientists have discovered this type of ecosystem, state-rum Xinhua news agency quoted the Chinese Academy of Sciences as saying.

the Chinese Academy of Sciences as saying.
They have found several species of shrimps and fish near the whale fall and spotted fish eating the whale's flesh on the tail. The whale fall might be relatively recent and needs long-term observation, Xie Wei, a scientist who participated in the expedition said.

UN for global effort to fight virus

'Global solidarity to fight Covid-19' is the first document adopted by the world body

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United Nations, April 3:

The UN General Assembly
General Assembly
its first resolution on the
Covid-19 pandemic co-sponsored by India and 187 other nations, calling for intensified global cooperation to defeat the deadly discovered to the deadly discove

ity Council is yet of useus set he Covid-19 outbreak, even as the total number of Covid-19 cases across the world crossed one million. The resolution, adopted he council of the covid-19 cases and the covid-19 cases and assembly notes "with great concern" the threat to human health, safely and well-being caused by the pandemic. It recognises the "unprecedented effects of the pandemic, including the sevndemic, including the sev-ere disruption to societies and economies, as well as and economies, as well as to global travel and commerce, and the devastating impact on the livelihood of people". The resolution called for "intensified international cooperation to contain, mittigate and defeat the pandemic, including by exchanging information, scientific knowledge and best practices and by applying the relevant guid-

elines recommended by
the World Health Organisation". It also emphasised
the need for "full respect
for human rights, and stree
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for any form of discrimintion, racism and xenophoblia in the response to the
pandemic". Recognising
that the Covid-19 pandemir requires a global respoir requires a global respoir ty and renewed multilateral cooperation, the resolution said the General Assembly reaffirms its commitment to international
rarilsm and its strong support for the central role of
the United Nations system
in the global response to
the coronavirus disease.

"The resolution was soposored by Ghana, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Norway,
Singapore and Switzerland. Since the General Assembly is not holding meetthe resolution was adopted
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Virus doesn't stay

long in air: WHO



People wearing masks walk along Hanjie shopping street in Wuhan, China on Friday. Wuhan where Covid-19 first emerged last year, partly reopened on March 28 after more than two months of near total isolation.

Covid rebound fears in Wuhan

Beijing, April 3: The authorities in China's Wuhan, the epicentre of the novel Covid-19, on Priday asked its residents to stay at home and avoid non-second and a state of the control of the disease due to the steady rise in the asymptomatic cases, days after the nine-week lockdown was relaxed in the city.

Asymptomatic Covid-19 cases are those virus and the control of the covid-19 cases are those virus at do not show any symptom and have the potential to cause sporadic clusters of infections. Incidentally, China on March 25 downgraded the risk level of the Covid-19 in the covid-19 cases within the city for the first time since the tree-month lockdown.

Currently, there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently, there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently, there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently, there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical observation in Currently there are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical covicil 9 cases are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under medical covicil 9 cases are 1,075 asymptomatic patients under 1,075 asymptomatic covicil 9 cases are 1,075 asymptomatic covicil 9 cases are 1,075 asymptomatic patients and 1,075 asymptomatic covicil 9 cases are 1,075 as

Beijing, April 3: The virus that causes the Covid-19 disease is primarity transmitted through respiratory droplets and close contacts, and does contact, and the air, a recent WHO publication as distinct the third that the third tha the Chinese mainland.
Though no new locally
transmitted Covid-19 cases
were reported in Hubei
and its capital Wuhan on
Thursday, local health officals said 51 asymptomatic
Covid-19 cases were detected, bringing the total to
742, all of whom have been

Mourning day for virus victims today VIRUS EPICENTRE

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Beijing, April 3: China
will observe a national
will observe a national
reday for martyrs, including the "whistleblower" Dr
Li Wenliang, who sacrificde their lives in the fight
against the Covid-19 outbecople who died of the infection in the country.
During the commemoration, national flags will fly
at half-mast across the
embassies and consulates
abroad, and public recreational activities will be suspended across the country, official media report-

put under medical observation. According to official media reports, China also plans to test the over 11 million population of Wuhan as asymptomatic cases are being reported for the first time by Chinese officials since Wednesday, amidst international criticism casting doubts

ad on Friday
At 10:00 a.m. Saturday,
Chinese people nationwide will observe three minutes of silence to mourn
the deceased, while air raid sirens and horns of automobiles, trains and
ships will wail in grief.
Sers in Central China's Hubel Province, including Dr Li, were identified as martys. The first group includes 12 medics, one police
officer and one community.
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youngest was 30 years old.

— PTI

over China's officials fig-ures of the Covid-19. Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak in China, on Friday asked its residents to stay at home and avoid nonessential outings as the city guards against a rebound in the outbreak, state-run Xinhua news agency reported. — PTI

SATELLITE AFTER

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Beijing. April 3: China
will alunch the first two
communications satellites
for its space based internet-of Things project this
manned after Wahan, the
epicentre of Covid-19. The
rocket to send the satellites, Kuaizhou-1A, was developed by the Wahan-based Sanjiang Group underence and Industry Corporation (CASIC). Despite its
proximity to the epicentre
of the Covid-19, the company staff worked hard to
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first stars of the "Xingyun
Engineering" project, scheduded to complete the network with 80 low orditors.
Xingyun-2 of was named
"Wuhan" and will be tested in industries related to
marine, forestry and engimeering machinery, the
report said. — PTI

MPO INVOKED TO KEEP PEARL **KILLERS IN JAIL**

Karachi, April 3: Pakistan's Sindh province government on Friday ce of Public Order to keep in jail British-born al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Omar Saeda Sheikh after a court overturned his death sentence in the US journalist Daniel Pearl in Karachi in 2002. On Thursday, a two-judge Sindh High Court bench headed by Justice Mohammad Karim Khan Agha for head of the Seep Charles of the Charles of Kidnapping and commuted his death sentence to seven years in prison. The court also acquirted his three aides his death sentence to seven years in prison. The court also acquirted his three aides his death sentence to seven years in prison. The court also acquirted his three aides his death sentence to seven years in prison. The court also acquirted his three aides his death sentence to seven years in prison. The court has one control of the proposed his death of the Seep Charles of the Seep Karachi, April 3: Paki-stan's Sindh province

'Affront' to victims of terrorism: US Activation US

Weakington, April 3;

The US on Friday criticised a Pakistani court for overturning the death sentence of British-born al-Qaeda leader Ahmed Omar Saeda Sheikh, convicted in the abduction and murder of America of Amer

VACCINE GIVES IMMUNITY TO MICE: STUDY

Researchers have tested a potential vaccine for when delivered through a fingertip-sized patch, produced an immune response at quantities thought to be sufficient for neutralising the virus. The study published in the produced and the virus of the control of the produced and the virus of the produced and the virus. The study published in the produced and the virus of virus of the virus of v

WORLD REELS AS VIRUS SPREADS TENTACLES

900 people died in Spain over the past 24 hours for the second day running, govern-ment figures showed on Friday, although the rate of new infections and deaths continued to slow. 134 more fatalities in Iran on Friday from the novel Covid-19 has brought the officially con-firmed death total to 3,294.

2,000 military ventilators promised by the Pentagon to be made available two weeks ago as the federal government strains to contend with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte on Friday told EU Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen that it was time for the EU "to show more ambition, more unity and more courage".



Prince Charles inaugurates new makeshift Covid-19 hospital via videolink

Trump 2nd test also negative

Washington, April 3: President Donald Trump announced Thursday that he has taken his second Covid-19 test at the White House since the outbreak of the country of the count

Dems defer nat'l meet to August 17

Washington, April 3:
The Covid-19 disrupted elso provided to the US presidential race
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omy Since then, he has de-clared himself a "wartime president" and is overseei-ng a massive ramping up of testing capabilities. His first test was taken after

aving the Democratic no-mination race in limbo when it should be coming to a high-profile climax. The virus has forced a five-week postponement of the convention.—AFP

AIRCRAFT CARRIER **CAPTAIN FIRED FOR RAISING ALARM**

Washington, April 3: The captain of a US Navy aircraft carrier has been fired poor judgment. after he wrote "to everyone he knows" that decisive action was needed to prevent American troops dying outside of warming outside outsi

Corona beer production halts

Mexico City, April 3:
The Mexican brewer of Corona beer said it was met has said that only because of the health emergency in the country over Covid-19 pandemic. Grupo Modelo — whose brands also include Pacifico and Modelo — said the measure was in line with the Mexican government agreed to guarante with the Mexican government agreed to see the supply of beer, if we for producer Heineken — which makes the Tecan and Dos Equis brands — could also stop activities of priday, the Reforma

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NOBLE JOB Not belittling virus risk but trying to keep spirits up: Bakery head Gaza's 'corona cake' spreads awareness

Khan Yunis, Palestinian Territories, April 3: As he watched the world trying to raise awareness about the new Covid-19 and convince people to stay at home, Palestinian baker pan idea. The head of the Al-Nada bakery in Khan Yunis in southern Gaza has created a 'corona cake' depicting a woman wearing to remind people of the importance of social distancing.

distancing. He first posted the design on social media and now people are ordering them each day in the

THE HEAD of the AlNada bakery created a
corona cake 'depicting a
woman wearing a blue
face mask, aiming to
remind people of the
importance of social distancing. He posted it on
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Palestinian baker Eyad Abu Rezqa says he wants to raise awareness and spirits with his 'corona cake' — AFP

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Use lockdown wisely, then frame exit plan

light days into the 21-day nationwide lockdown that he declared to stop the spread of coronavirus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Stop the spread of coronavirus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked chief ministers of states to help the Union government formulate plans to "ensure staggered re-emergence of the population" once it ends. It is important that the states come on board along with the Centre and the nation has a well-thought out exit strategy unlike the entry plan which left millions of people, mostly migrant iabour, stranded in distant lands and forced them to text their way back home, the pandemic. have their ears to the ground and are better placed to advise the Union government properly. One only hopes that economic activity takes precedence over social activity during the re-emergence, in other words, shop floors should be opened before worship and wedding platforms.

takes precedence over social activity during the re-emergence: in other words, shop floors should be opened before worship and wedding platforms.

A sound exit plan is fine but the government should also think of a strategy to make use of the remaining days of the lockdown. True, the Prime Minister has labed about 'testing, tracing, isolating and quarantine' but Minister has labed about 'testing, tracing, isolating and quarantine' but fixed the milestones to be achieved. We have seen no change in the strategy devised by the Indian Council of Medical Research, nor have we seen additional efforts on tracing Covid suspects. India continues to test less than 10,000 samples a day — as per ICMR, it tested 8,345 samples on April 2, as per the latest data available against more than a lakh the United samples per million people augists 3,377 of the U.S. Scientists have already warned that lockdown per se is not the solution and the pandemic could bounce back with more vigour unless we redouble our efforts to contain it in this period. They would want mildly symptomatic and asymptomatic people who are potential carriers of the virus to be tested. The government have raised the financial crunch they face and sought liberal help from the Centre. Some chief ministers have sought funds for procuring personal protective equipment (PPPs) for health workers and patient care facilities such as ventilators. With the economic activity coming to a halt, already amounced either deferment or cut in the salaries of their employees, who are, ironically, fighting the virus on the frontline. That will be calamitous. The government must immediately find ways to incentivise the good work states do. Early disbursal of GST dues and raising of borrowing limits could come as an immediate relief. The government should not halluchate that it can win the war with fiscally hamstrung states.

Doctors bite the bullet

They clapped their hands and clanged their utensils to cheer the men and women who left the comfort of their homes and at clear risk to their lives went to the frontlines to vanquish the coronavirus. And then they abused and assaulted them, evicted them from their houses and

their lives went to the frontlines to vanguish the coronavirus. And then they abused and assaulted them, evicted them from their houses and pelted them with stones.

The government did not provide them with PPE suits, so they went to battle in helmets and raincoats. The virus spared no one. Yet the ones they strove to save resisted their efforts. Nurses and doctors in Kolkata and Delhi faced eviction threats. And in town after town, city after city, health workers trying to collect samples for tests were castigated and Delhi faced eviction threats. And in town after town, city after city, health workers trying to collect samples for tests were castigated and neighbourhood to trace a Covid suspect and were chased by locals. Seven people have been arrested. In Bengaluru, Asha workers had their phones snatched away while conducting a survey of people who attended the recent Nizamuddin Tablighi Jamaat congregation. In Delhi, Covid suspects from the Jamaat spat at Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan Hospital doctors. In Munger, a police jeep that accompanied personnel out to collect samples was damaged. In Hyderabad, a Covid patient went berserk and attacked an on-duty decrof following the death of his brother due to have the control of the c

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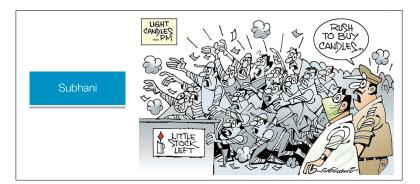
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Diya jalao, folks... Get set for Diwali in April!



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In such a grim scenario, a supposedly upbeat

message from the PM which is designed to make designed to make panicky citizens feel better may not be a bad thing. Provided it is backed by far more substantive relief measures.

If India is to follow an international leadership model during a mega crisis, let it be one where our PM and concrete schemes to help poor and homeless, our migrants and our labour force

care. He also lists out what we can do to protect ourselves. regardless, and approves of the lock-down and says India can be declared Covid-19 free if the rate of new cases after April 14. In all the overkill and an overload of information, this was one shared forward that did make have managed our numbers reasonably well. God knows what we have in store for us, going down the line. Our mediacon of the control of the contr

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If we start generat-ing hate at this crucial stage, we will end up killing many more of our people than Covid-19 ever could. This particular hate virus s vicious and

destructive enough to damage India irreversibly.

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to be fed. Diyas require oil for the wick to burn. Thousands of citizens lace of the work of citizens lace of the work of the

foods which are a part of the most Indian diets. He calls this the "Dirtiness Exposure Dividend" of Indians, which may turn out to be an asset during this terrible scourge. Eccentric or authentic, at this point I don't really

COVID SOLUTIONS

Instead of enumerating solutions to eradicate Covid-19, the preposterous step of lighting diyas on Sunday for nine minutes is Sunday for nine minutes is a superstitious approach than a scientific one. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the lighting of diyas will strengthen the unity of the nation. However, this will only deepen the communal divide in the country. Merely highlighting the munal divide in the country. Merely highlighting the objective of annihilating a disease is not the answer one expects from an head.

M. Sai Ananya

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It is distressing to know the trouble The Prime Minister called a meeting of Chief Ministers for exit plan from lockdown. However, he did not seek any plan for the lockdown. If the PM had sought a plan for the lockdown to the word of the plan for the lockdown then there would have been fewer hardships for poor who form 80 per cent of the population.

Syed Zakir Hussain

When a majority of people is fright-ened about Covid-19, the police in Wanaparthy is adding to the misery of citizens. Though everyone appre-ciates the role of police, medical staff and media, the police and Wanaparthy were bent on taking out their frustration of an innocent should be given exemplary punish-ment to deter others from indulging in such actions. ment to deter others non. : in such actions. Col. S.D. Chandra Shaker Secunderabad

We cannot appreciate the Prime Minister 'keeping mum' for funds at this moment. He should help States to some extent at least from the PM's relief fund. All CMs must help the poor from the Chief Minister's relief fund.

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"We will examine the question whether it is possible to increase the minimum." Mr Sanjivaya said that when the Bonus Act came into force, 40,00,000 workers were expected to be benefitted.



Aijazuddin

Sounds of spring: In post-Covid world, UN could be first casualty

Thas been a surreal spring. Suddenly, the world has gone mute. Gone the noisy combustion of our industrialised civilibration of our industrialised civilibration of our industrialised civilibration of the comparison of aircraft searing the sky. Instead, the only sound to be heard is the trilling of birds, announcing that they have reclaimed the skire. Life has become an inversion of interest of the comparison of the compari

to turn the earth over to the insects". Her assertions, however, were validable to the control of the control o

impact of Covid-19 on the world's economy. Social media would have us before that warnings about Covid-19 were contained in pop-songs and in Japanese sitcoms where, even in translation, its threats were unmistably overt. That is of scant satisfaction to us today. Our concern is not prescient scriptwriters but the timely responses of our leaders. This pandemic has exposed their incompanies of the control of t

petence and punctured their arrogance.

Dr Albert Schweitzer (the 1982 Nobel Peace Prize winner) had little time for governments. When he warmed that "Man can hardly even recognise the devils of his own crevation of the property of the pr

hands and then washed them in sanitised bathrooms before issuing homilies to Third World countries like ours. WHO treats us like notice-boards, upon which to post unreadable bulletins and paste updated statistics about our infected and the sexpenditure as this pandemic. Nor, tangentially, the ignorance of certain First World leaders. "God created respenditure as this pandemic. Nor, tangentially, the ignorance of certain First World leaders." God created "Twain" explained, "so that Americans would learn geography." US president Gen Dwight Eisen-hower had seen war too closely to be flippant about it. He left the White House with words of caution about the dangerous "conjunction of and a large arms industry". His successor President Trump, like the Bourbons, has learned nothing and forgotten nothing, His slogan 'America first has yelded the US an unexpected, unwelcome lead in this

macabre Covid-19 race. The US has overtaken Italy and Spain in the number of reported cases. Trump fears up to 20,000 deaths across the US. He knows coffins make poor bar of the Covid of

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World Bank to roll out \$160 bn emergency aid

* As of 9:30 pm IST

The World Bank approved a plan to roll out \$160 billion in emergency aid over 15 months to help countries deal with the coronavirus impact. The banks of fast-track crisis funding, with an initial \$1.9 billion going to projects in 25 countries, and operations moving forward in another 40 nations. Inclia will be the wave of programmes, with a facility for \$1 billion.

Forex reserves surge \$5.65 bn to \$475.56 bn



After falling massively in the week ended March 20, the country's foreign exchange reserves surged by \$5.65 billion to \$47.56 bill in the week of the state of th

India, China trade declines by 12.4% in Jan-Feb.

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The trade between China and India fell 12.4 per cent year-on-year to \$12 billion in the first two months, data from Chinese customs shows. From January customs shows. From January colorid were 671 billion yuan (\$9.5 billion), down 12.6 per cent YoY and imports from India dropped 11.6 per cent to 18 billion yuan (\$2.5 billion), the state-un Global Times trade fell by 12.4 per cent.

Exim of goods allowed without furnishing bonds

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs allowed Taxes and Customs allowed businesses to import and export goods without furnishing bonds to the customs authorities till the end of the month, a move aimed at facilitating trade during the lock-down. In a circular, the CBIC said importers and exporters will have to furnish an undertaking to the customs authorities till April 30 in lieu of the

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Offtake could slump by up to 35% this year

Housing sales may fall but prices won't

SANGEETHA G CHENNAI, APRIL 3

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Despite projections of housing sales dropping by up to 35 per cent this year, real estate players are trying to hold the property rates at current levels while giving away discounts and offers to sweeten the deals.

Property sales is projected to drop to 1.70 lakh units across to 1.70 lakh units across to 5.8 per cent is 2019, a drop of 25 to 35 per cent.

cities against 2.6.1 lakh units in 2019, a drop of 25 to 35 per cent. The Covid-19 scare has badly hit residential real sector has come to a standard still. With a screeching halt to site visits, discussions, documentation and closures, the early indication of the control of the control of the country of

nnto no work at sites, no walk-ins so consequently, no sales-and logically, no change in price-points."
"Assuming that post the lockdown, we will get back to normal life, the 21-



day break in business and commercial activities will have created a gap, filling which will take time and how long is anyone's grid with will take time and how long is anyone's grid with the search of the search

to the sector either.

Thoperty prices have remained stable even during the tougher times. Real estate developers have been offering discounts and incentives the section of the section o

Fitch sees 2% growth in new fiscal, lowest in 30 years

New Delhi, April 3: Fitch Ratings on Friday said it has shished India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to a 3-year low of 2 per cent, from 5.1 per cent projected earlier, as economic recession gripped global economy following the lockdown. N. R. Bhamumurthy, a professor at the National Battinute of the contraction of the cont

reform period in 200-21.

Fitch said, 'the mitial disruptions to regional manufacturing supply chains from a lockdown in the supply chains from a local manufacturing supply chains from a local receivant a parts of China control of the supply chains a local receivant of the supply chains a local receivant in the supply chains a local receivant for India to 2 per cent for the fiscal after lowering it to 5.1 per cent previously, which would make it the slowest growth in India over the past 30 years, the local control of the supply chains a lockdown has aggravated the economic slowdown. "Assuming that the situation could register the lowest growth that was experienced in the post-reform period (since 1991). —Agencies

IT sector sees tough times; revenue. deals to be hit

ASHWIN J PUNNEN MUMBAI, APRIL 3

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Indian IT firms are bracing for tough times ahead
growth and disruption in
new deal ramp-up due to
travel restrictions could
haunt the industry over
the next two quarters
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have indicated in their
management calls that
they could face strong
headwinds in the coming
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witness revenue disruption, as regular on-boarding is being disrupted on
checking taking a backseat.
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In fact, many fear that there could be ramp down in existing deals and adverse impact on new deal pipeline from the virus outbreak.

Infosys, HCL Technologies and Wipro to report flattish revenue growth for the March

growth for the March quarter:

We expect a muted March 2020 quarter largely on account of loss of billings from Covid-19 led lockdowns in India and developed markets towards the end of the second of the second covid-19 led lockdowns in India and developed markets towards the end of the second covid-19 led lockdowns in India and the property of the lock of the lock

consequently revenues of IT services companies. "We expect revenue decline for our coverage universe (companies tracked by the brokerage) in FY2021." Kotak Securities said. Many firms have undicated that they expect the first balf of FY21, as the lockdown could impact pricing, signing of deal and furloughs. Most of them expect as

deal and furloughs.

Most of them expect a
recovery to begin from
the second half of this
financial year.

However, analysts
believe the pain will be
longer and recovery will
take time.

"We believe there will be
a delaw in new deal sign-

"We believe there will be a delay in new deal signing while recovery time can also stretch beyond H2FY21," said ICICI Securities in a report. However, the IT sector could get rallwind, led by rupee depreciation, lower attrition, lower travel and utility cost.

Currency, debt mkts to run from 10-2 pm

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday reduced the trading hours for foreign exchange and money markets, as the nationwide lockdown has leading to volatility in prices. The reduced trading hours will be from 10 am to 2 pm effective from April 7 and in force until markets used to function

from 9 am to 5 pm.

However, the RBI clarified that regular making the regular making the

forex market and rupee interest rate derivatives. In the control of the control o

Opec+ urges global cut to stem oil rout Financials drag

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The Opec+ coalition is pressing other oil produce pressing other oil produce on the coal of t

in turmoil.

There are still massive obstacles to a deal: There's



no indication that Trump will how to Saudi demands that the US join the cartel in what would be an unprecedented global manoeuver. But Russia's oil industry is now ready to cut, people familiar with the situation said, and a meeting of Opec- mem-wanted has been hastily scheduled for Monday. A global cut of 10 million barrels a day is a realistic

goal, according to a delegate who spoke on condi-tion of anonymity That fig-ure was first mentioned by Trump on Thursday as he called for a coordinated production cut. Yet the International Energy Age-ncy, which advises major economies, signalled deep-er curbs would be needed to stabilise the market. A deal with non-Opec-

dent. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has been managing supply since 1960, but its power has wand since the State of the State of

movem...
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up exports, as it promised
to do.
But diplomatically it's a
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Russia, as Moscow sounded open to talks and
blamed the price collapse
on the kingdom.
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—Bloomberg

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RAVI RANJAN PRASAD

MUMBAI, APRIL 3

The negative outlook given by foreign credit rating agencies Moody's and Fitch on the Indian economy of the Archive of the Archive of the Archive sector, led to heavy selling in bank and financial institution stocks on Fridax, pulling down the Sensex by 674 points. Nifty and Sensex crised Nifty and Sensex crised Control of the Archive of the Archi

Funding down; VCs want

The Nifty Bank Index fell 5.27 per cent, led by heavy-with the Nifty Bank closed in the red. Private banks were big losers on the NSE, led by RBL Bank (4.38 per cent), Indusin Bank (4.35 per cent), Bandhan Bank (4.32 per cent), Albon Sector and Bank 61 Randa 5.17 per cent. J&K Bank and Canara Bank fell 7.08 and 6.34 per cent, respectively. The pharma sector misse led by Sin Pharma (9.42 per cent), Cipla (8.60 per cent), Lupin (13.65 per cent), Apulio Hospital also gained 9.25 per cent.

Trump firm tries to delay loan payments



New York, April 3: US President Donald Tru-New York, April 3: US
President Donald Trump's family company is
asking creditors such as
Deutsche Bank if it can
delay loan payments as
the economic impact of
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The New York Times said the Trump Organization contacted of the property of

contacted Palm Beach
County to see if it could
suspend rent payments
on land occupied by the
Trump International
Golf Club, a 27-hole
course and clubhouse
on 120 hectares. —AFP

SBI MF emerges top fund by AUM

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, APRIL 3

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SBI Mutual Fund has moved to the number one position in ranking in terms of quarterly asset under manage and the safety of the s



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lakh crore in the prior quarter. Fourth ranked Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Funds AUM stood at Rs 2.47 lakh crore as against Rs 2.499 lakh crore as Fifth ranked Nippen AUM stood higher at Rs 2.048 lakh crore as against Rs 2.043 lakh crore in the previous quarter.

Pradhan: **Ensure supply** of LPG cylinders

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, APRIL 3

Petroleum and natural gas

Petroleum and natural gas minister Dharmedra Pradhan on Friday asked 700 district nodal officers of oil marketing compared of the property of

startups to care about staff SANGEETHA G

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CHENNAI, APRIL 3
Startup funding across angel, seed, wenture capital and private equity has dropped in March quarter due to the lockdown and uncertainties triggered by Covid-19.

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compared to the previous quarter, which saw \$8.4 billion being invested across 227 transactions, according to Venture Intelligence data.

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the next two quarters as investors at the moment prefer waiting and observing the control of the

onder closes are the week should stay updated with sovernment directions (both central and state) on dismissal of employees, reduction of salary, etc. if organisations have to comployee-related costs, they could explore options like pausing hiring, re-aligning roles, changing appraisal systems, pay deferrals and pay reduc-tion, the letter said.

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SA cricketers are

Covid-19 negative

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Johanneskure, all the South
African players, who returned
from their incomplete OD tour
of India, were found to be
symptom-free of coronavirus
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The Protease, who returned
from India on March 18, completed a 14-day period of selfisolation on Thursday, but will
the weeks just like the rest of
the country.
"All the players were symp-

"All the players were symptom-free and those who opted to perform the tests returned negative results," Manjra was updated as saying by SEPNC/cicinfo.

The first match in Dharamsala on March 12 was washed out while the second and third games to be played in Lucknow and Kolkata — on March 15 and

Bengaluru 10K to held in September

Bengalure: The 13th edition of Tata Consultancy Services World 10K Bengaluru will take place on September 13, the race place on September 13, the race place on September 13, the race the Gold Label race was initial yes cheduled for May 17 but had to be postponed due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Online registrations for the rescheduled event will start routing the start of the "Dushing the said "Dushing "Dushing the said "Dushing the said "Dushing the said "Dushin

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are back on box

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ACT AGAINST ATTACKERS, **BHUTIA TO PM**

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New Delibt Former India foot-ball captain Bhalchung Bhutia on Friday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to punish the Narendra Modi to the Narendra Mo

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Wimbledon chief fears no more tennis this year

Lendon April 3:
Wimbledon chief Richard
Lewis admitted that he
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the 2020 tennis season
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-AFP



Fifa chief not sure of next kick

As tuncion (Paraguay)
April 3: FIFA boss Gianni
Infantino admitted that
"nobody knows" when football can resume around the world, and that when it returned it was going to be different believed the said that because of the deadly coronavirus pandemic, for once football "is not the most miportant this," hat we move that the property of the property We all wish that we could have football tomorrow but unfortunately it's not possible and nobody in the world today knows when we will be able to play like before.

million people and killed more than 47,000. In his message, Infantino said that 'these are times of respect for those who suffer and for those who suffer and for those who are helping'. "For the first time, foot-ball is not the most impor-tant thing! Health comes first and must continue first and must continue to the continue of the continue of the defeated."

defeated."
Infantino was speaking by video link to a CON-MEBOL congress in Paraguay.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Tokyo qualifying date set, June 29

Lausanne. April 8: The International Olympic Committee has set June 29, 2021 as the new deadline for the qualification period of the Tokyo Olympic, which has been rescheduled to 2021 in the wake of Cowid-19 pandemic. Out and International Olympic Committee (NOC) Presidents, Secretary Generals and Chef de Missions, IOC Director of Solidarity and NOC relations, James Voc Period (qualification principles of Tokyo Olympics 2020.

The new qualification period deadline for next year's Tokyo Olympic Games is June 29, 2021. International federations can define their own qualification period deadlines should the deadline be prior to this date, the IOC said on Friday. said on Friday.

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IOA donates ₹71 lakh to PM fund

New Delhi, April 3: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has helped raise ₹71 lakh through donations from its state affiliates and National Sports Federations (NISE) as con-National Sports Federations (NSF) as con-tribution towards the

Pederations (NSF) as contribution towards the country's fight against the Covid-19 pandemic.

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● Hyderabad shuttler
Sree Krishna Priya
Kudaravalli
contributed ₹5 lakh
towards Chief
Minister's relief fund
for the fight against
Covid-19.

support the nation's need once again reinforces our belief that we shall always come out stronger to serve sports and make the nation. The IOA will transfer the donations to Prime Minister Cares Fund, the statement added.

SHUTTLER KISHMA PRIYA SERVES UP TS LAKH Hylerabadi's international shuttler Kudaravalli Sree Krishna Priya donated 15c lakh on Friday to the Telangana Chief Minister's relief fund for the

Prime Minister Narendra Modi (from left) interacts with cricket icon Sachin Tendulkar, badminton ace P. V. Sindhu and Indian w team captain Ranj Rampal via video conference on Friday as he urges them to support awareness campaigns on social distancing Sportspersons asked to join fight New Delhi, April 3: Prime Minister Narendra Minister Modi Terubated in nearly an hourbong video call which such as the support to call which such as the support to call which such as the support to contain the spread of the virus. The Prime Minister Modi The Narendra Minister Modi Narendra Minister Narendra Minister

GAMES VILLAGE TO BE USED AS A HOSPITAL

Tokyo, April 3: The under-construction Athletes Village for the Tokyo Olympics could be used as a temporary hospital for cornovarius patients. Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike has been talking about the possibility of occupying the massive development on 4,400 Paralympic athletes and staff during the games. The complex, which will eventually include 24 buildings, is expected to remain unoccupied with the Olympics delayed for 16 monthlage was "one of the options, but the village is not finished yet." — AP

Shuttlers go online for tips to stay fit during lockdown

New Delhi, April 3: With courts out of bound due to the lockdown to contain the Corid-19 pandemic, Indian badminton has gone online with chief actional patients ocach Pullela Gopichand handing out tips through videos to the country's top shuttlers. India is currently under

country's top shuttlers.
India is currently under a 21-day lockdown to contain the spread of the dreaded coronavirus, which has infected more than 2000 people in the country and over a million globally.

Straing away from the game can affect fitness of the players and so Gopichand has started put thing in place a program for the shuttlers, albeit, having in place a program for the shuttlers, albeit, having in place a program for the shuttlers, albeit, having in place a program for the shuttlers, albeit, having in place a program for the shuttlers, albeit, albeit, and video messages.

"We can only do fitness (training) because nobody has access to courts so we are doing what we can. I saw a supplied to the place of the distribution of the same forms of the program is a comparing to the program is a comparing practice where I hit the shuttle on the wall, played has a coses to courts so we are doing what we can. I same what so do in our videos of what to do in our what so do in what so what so do in what so what so do in what so what so what so do in what so what so what so do in what so what so what so what i

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