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IN BRIEF

Minorities panel issues notice to police over riots The Delhi Minorities Commission has issued notices to the Commissioner of Police seeking proper action over "random arrests" of the youth in connection with the riots in north-east district of the city, as well as in an alleged attack on a mosque. PTI

Future of north-east Delhi students at stake

Their examinations have been disrupted by communal riots, restrictions due to COVID-19 threat

SHINJINI GHOSH NEW DELHI

With board examinations delayed due to the countrywide lockdown following the COVID-19 outbreak, siblings Muskan and Sonam Ansari, residents of northeast Delhi, say their "career and future" is at stake and uncertain.



Students outside a school at Jaffrabad as security personnel keep vigil after the riots. FILE PHOTO: SANDEEP SAXENA

Uncertainty prevails

Muskan, a student of St. Michael's school in Gokalpur, said, "My physical education examination was on February 24 and that is the only paper I have been able to appear for. Due to the riots which broke out, the exami-

nation got postponed and since then, we have been waiting. First, we thought it would be rescheduled once everything calmed down but as luck would have it, now due to the lockdown, things are uncertain again."

"My last exam was supposed to be on March 31 but now I have only appeared for one. After the riots we are still trying to get our lives together and it is definitely not the same as earlier. These days we are having issues

While I am continuing to study, it is difficult at times as the situation is not conducive. I do not know what will happen. All our plans have gone haywire since February

MUSKAN Northeast Delhi resident

with ration also. While I am continuing to study, it is difficult at times as the situation is not conducive. I do not know what will happen. All our plans have gone haywire since February," said Ms. Muskan, while stating that

she wanted to pursue law.

Her sister, Ms. Sonam, said, "I wanted to be a police officer and was hoping to fill up the requisite forms. But since the riots everything has become so hazy and all plans have been put on hold. Our house was looted."

"While the situation has improved, our future is quite uncertain. Had the examinations been done, it would still be better but because of the virus outbreak, now we don't even know what the final dates will be," she added.

Irum Mansoori, a Class 10 examinee, said, "I have stopped studying as it is difficult to concentrate also. I will resume studies once the schedule is announced."

Crematorium bars staff from touching bodies

Rush of family members of deceased, who used to join funeral cortege, has reduced

JATIN ANAND GREATER NOIDA

The management at Moksh Dham, one of the largest cremation grounds in Greater Noida, has prohibited its staff from engaging in any physical contact with bodies being brought to it for funeral rites lest they contract COVID-19.



Priest Sachin Sharma at Moksh Dham, one of the largest cremation grounds in Greater Noida, on Saturday. JATIN ANAND

While the number of funerals performed here, a daily average of one to two, remains more or less intact, the rush of family members who used to accompany the bodies has become negligible compared to the usual.

"We have 24 chita sthals [funeral pyre spots]. This is the biggest cremation ground in the area. We see one to two cremations daily. That number hasn't been affected due to this pandemic. Death is death. It comes when it wishes, irrespective,

of whether or not there is a lockdown. And especially when such a disease has spread," said Pandit Sachin Sharma, chief priest at the facility.

pected one took place on Friday, but he chose not to know the truth.

One suspected case "There was one body here yesterday [Friday]. The relatives said the death had happened at a hospital. There was something visibly wrong

with the mouth of the deceased. I didn't ask what the reason of the death was. But we are very careful since this virus outbreak. We do not touch the bodies, at all. Especially, those of individuals who passed away during treatment for one condition or another at hospitals," he said.

Apprehensions related to COVID-19 and the strict enforcement of the nationwide lockdown aimed at containing its community spread had, however, affected the foothall at its 15-bigha campus.

"This entire parking area used to get packed with vehicles of the kin of the deceased who would be part of the funeral, but since this pandemic broke out only the immediate family accompanies the body," Mr. Sharma said.

CNG cremation for COVID-19 deceased at Punjabi Bagh

Only 10-15 persons from a family allowed on campus for rites

HEMANI BHANDARI NEW DELHI

Punjabi Bagh crematorium has decided to send the bodies of those who die of COVID-19 - in case they arrive - straight to CNG machine cremation space and not let them be cremated according to the traditional method.



The Punjabi Bagh crematorium in New Delhi on Saturday. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The head priest of one of the noted cremation grounds in the Capital, Panjaj Sharma, said, "In case a person who has died of COVID-19 is cremated here, the family will be informed to send the body to the CNG machine. The bodies also come with a doctor and municipal staff, we have been informed," he said.

The traditional method of placing the mortal remains on the pyre of wooden logs to cremate is not allowed for COVID-19 deceased because, in his opinion, "the virus can spread with the fumes" and also, "it's just a decision that has been made".

"Also, the bodies will not be unclothed for the last rites like they normally are. They'll be cremated in the same clothes they are wrapped in by the hospital," he said. Explaining the normal process, a staffer at the cremation ground said that first, the body is first showered with holy water and then placed on the pyre while the puja goes on simultaneously. The process

will not be followed in case of a COVID-19 deceased.

Talking about the measures taken by the crematorium in the wake of the epidemic and subsequent lockdown, Mr. Sharma said that not more than 10-15 persons are allowed inside the cremation ground from one family. "If there are more than 10-15 persons, they are asked to stand outside while maintaining distance. Also, as people enter and exit, not only are they asked to wash hands but also are provided with sanitisers," he said, adding that chairs, gates and the entire premises is sanitised first thing in the morning.

Ambulance sanitised The cremation ground also runs its free ambulance service and said that on an average, bodies of about 10-12 persons are arriving everyday. Ambulance is also sanitised after each body is brought. As a procedure, de-

tails of the deceased, including cause of death, is maintained in the diary kept by the crematorium for record.

Talking about a change, ambulance driver Pritam said that most people, these days, are bringing the body straight to the cremation ground from the hospital in case the person dies in the hospital. "As a ritual, the body is usually taken home but these days, most people bring it straight here," he said.

A small group of men, a family from Punjabi Bagh who had lost a member of the family, were at the cremation ground. Apprehensive of sharing details, one of them said that movement for this purpose during lockdown was hassle free. "In fact, our relatives from Uttar Pradesh had also come. We had sent them the death certificate on WhatsApp which they showed to the police while on their way here," one of them said.

Civil officers' group gives ₹25 lakh to PM relief fund

NEW DELHI

The Civil Services Officers' Institute has contributed ₹25 lakh to the PM CARES Fund for providing relief to those affected by COVID-19, the Personnel Ministry said on Saturday. The CSOI, a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, is mandated to promote the welfare of the civil services officers and to bring them together in order to secure complete integration of the services. The number of COVID-19 cases climbed to 2,902 on Saturday, according to the Union Health Ministry. PTI

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF CONTRACTUAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER AND PARAMEDICAL STAFF AT ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, HOWRAH

Orthopaedic Hospital, Eastern Railway, Howrah Division has been designated as a Hospital to treat COVID-19 suspected patients. In order to have adequate preparedness to meet such exigencies, it has been decided to fill the following post on contractual basis in the said hospital for a period of 03 (three) months. Medical Practitioners, Paramedical staff who satisfy the requisite qualification, age, willing for such engagement may report with all original certificates, self-attested photocopy of certificates, 04 nos. passport size photographs for Walk-in-Interview at the venue and time mentioned below. Medical Officers/Practitioners, Paramedical staff both retired and fresh are eligible for such engagement. However, retired Railway Medical Officer/Paramedical staff upto the age of 65 years will be given first preference. Venue: Office of the Chief Medical Superintendent, Orthopaedic Hospital, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 222, Biplabi Haren Ghosh Sarani, Howrah-711101. Date of Interview: 07.04.2020. Reporting Time: 11.00 hrs. (1) Category: CONTRACTUAL MEDICAL PRACTITIONER (CMP), Vacancy: 10, Qualification: MBBS/MD, Age: Upto 65 years. Remuneration: Rs. 75,000/- Lumpsum for GDMO, Rs. 95,000/- Lumpsum for Specialists & Rs. 1,15,000/- Lumpsum for Super Specialists. (2) Category: STAFF NURSE, Vacancy: 24, Qualification: GNM/B.Sc Nursing & Registered as Nurse & Midwife, Age: 20 to 40 years. (3) Category: RADIOGRAPHER, Vacancy: 04, Qualification: 12th Pass (Science) plus Diploma/Certificate in Radiography/X-Ray Technician, Age: 19 to 33 years. (4) Category: LAB TECHNICIAN (Group-C), Vacancy: 05, Qualification: 12th Pass (Science) plus Diploma/Certificate in Medical Laboratory Technology, Age: 19 to 33 years. Remuneration [for Staff Nurse, Radiographer & Lab Technician (Group-C)]: Age relaxable as per applicable rules. Remuneration of Paramedical Staff is same as regular Paramedical staff of Railway. Remuneration of retired Medical Officers/Employees on such engagement will be determined by reducing pension from the last pay drawn (Basic Pay +DA). Payment is strictly on "NO WORK NO PAY BASIS". Chief Medical Superintendent Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah

EASTERN RAILWAY

'Ensure transparency in ration distribution'

Food rights group writes to Kejriwal

STAFF REPORTER NEW DELHI

In a letter to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, the Delhi Roti Roti Adhikar Abhiyan (DRAA) has urged the State government to ensure transparency and accountability in distribution of ration in the city.



Several ration shops were found to be shut due to supplies running out.

Shops shut

The letter stated that in the daily audits conducted by the food rights group, several ration shops were found to be shut due to supplies running out. The letter to the CM read: "In the absence of proper availability of stock and details of cardholders who have accessed their entitlements, it is impossible to verify such claims. This results in hardships to people who are unable to get their ration in the time of crisis."

In its April 4 report, the DRAA said that 10 of the 34 shops visited by the team were found to be closed.

Citing the Delhi government's March 26 order that said that supplies for two months would be delivered to ration shops, the letter added: "It is, therefore, not clear how the stock has fin-

ished already, especially since the update put out by the Delhi government on April 3 mentions that ration has been distributed to only 60% of cardholders. This raises serious concerns about the possibility of diversion of grains."

The DRAA also demanded the operationalisation of a grievance redressal mechanism to address issues faced by people who cannot obtain their share of ration.

"At times of crisis, when people are facing food shortages, it is absolutely essential that people who are unable to access their ration entitlements are empowered to lodge a complaint and get time-bound redress," the letter to Mr. Kejriwal read.

Advertisement in Hindi for social distancing during COVID-19. Text includes: 'आइए कोरोना के खिलाफ एकजुट होकर देश के प्रधानमंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी के विनम्र आग्रह पर 5 अप्रैल, 2020 रविवार को घर की सभी लाइटें बंद करके 9 बजे सायं घर के दरवाजे या बालकनी में खड़े रहकर 9 मिनट के लिए मोमबत्ती, दीया, टॉर्च या मोबाइल की फ्लैशलाइट जलाएं। कोरोना के हराएं, भारत को विजयी बनाएं। SOCIAL DISTANCING बनाएं रखें कोरोना संक्रमण चक्र तोड़ने का यही रामबाण इलाज है। जय राम ठाकुर मुख्यमंत्री, हिमाचल प्रदेश सूचना एवं जन समर्क विभाग, हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार www.himachalpr.gov.in HimachalPradeshGovtIPRDept DPR Himachal dprhp



A worker paints a circle outside a PDS ration shop to earmark space for consumers for maintaining social distancing in Geeta Colony; shoppers at Azadpur Sabzi Mandi; men wait in queue to get food in Laxmi Nagar during the ongoing lockdown imposed as a preventive measure against the spread of COVID-19, on Saturday morning in the city. ■ SANDEEP SAXENA, SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR, R.V. MOORTHY

108 employees of Ganga Ram Hospital placed in quarantine

The move comes after two patients tested positive for COVID-19, say authorities

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

As many as 108 employees of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) here, including doctors and nurses, have been quarantined after they came in contact with two patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, said authorities on Saturday.



The hospital did not disclose further details about the case. ■ PTI

Shifted to other hospital

“The two people were admitted at the hospital last month for some other reasons. Later, they developed symptoms of COVID-19 and tested positive. They have been shifted to other hospitals,” an official at the hospital said.

“At present, none of the quarantined staff has reported symptoms sugges-

tive of COVID-19 infection,” said chairman of the hospital S. Rana.

“In all, 108 SGRH staff, including doctors, nurses, ward boys and other paramedical staff who were incidentally exposed to these patients have been quaran-

ted as per WHO defined criteria. Out of the 108 employees, 23 have been quarantined in the hospital and attached hostel facility. The rest have been told to go into home quarantine,” the statement read.

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A doctor at the hospital, however, said that the employees have been in quarantine since Thursday and five of them are doctors.

COVID-19

“The two patients who tested positive were unrelated cases and were admitted to the High Dependency Unit (HDU). After testing positive, the HDU was sanitised and we are also keeping a close watch on other patients who were in the ward along with them,” the doctor told *The Hindu*.

The doctor added that the hospital’s overall functioning has not been affected by the incident.

59 fresh cases in the Capital

Over 40 are people from centre run by Tablighi Jamaat

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Fifty-nine new COVID-19 cases were reported in Delhi on Saturday, taking the total number to 445. No death was reported.

Of the 59 fresh cases, 42 are people from a centre run by the Tablighi Jamaat in Nizamuddin. A total of 301 people from the centre have so far tested positive for COVID-19 in Delhi alone.

So far, six people have died due to the virus in the city, while 15 have been discharged. A total of 3,531 people are lodged in quarantine facilities and around 20,000 people are in home quarantine, said the government.

Local transmission

During a digital press conference, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said that local transmission cases were stable at 40 and assured citizens that the Delhi government had been successful in containing community spread of the virus in the city. “Around 11 patients are in ICU and five are on ventilators. We can say that this is local transmission and not community transmission. In community transmission, people do not get to know from whom they are getting infected but right now no such situation has occurred in Delhi,” Mr. Kejriwal said.

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“We have traced 2,300 people from the Nizamuddin centre out of which 500 are admitted to hospitals and around 1,800 are in quarantine. We are testing the 500 people as they have symptoms and may be suffering from COVID-19, which means the number of cases in Delhi will increase. But I want to reiterate that this is not community transmission so there is nothing to worry about yet,” he said.

Of the six people who have died, three were from the Tablighi Jamaat centre. Five of the deceased also had pre-existing conditions, Mr. Kejriwal said, adding: “I want to request all senior citizens to be cautious and not go outside.”

“I am monitoring the situation in Delhi and I every a record of every person affected by COVID-19. We will ensure the best health facility and treatment to these patients,” said Mr. Kejriwal.

The CM added that the Delhi government had distributed lunch to around

6,39,928 people and dinner to around 6,78,544 people on Friday. We are making arrangements to feed over 10,00,00 people, he said.

Mr. Kejriwal said that it had already been decided that 7.5 kg of ration will be given to 71 lakh people who have ration cards.

“There are around 6,50,000 people who had earlier applied for ration cards but did not get it. These people will also now get ration,” he said, adding: “We have created a website for people who do not have a ration card. A form has to be filled out to get registered and receive the benefit of free ration... around 50,000 have already registered... All these people will get 5 kg of free ration.”

Mr. Kejriwal added that health workers in the city were in urgent need of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) kits and that he had written to the Centre requesting more gear.

(With inputs from Nikhil M Babu)

Eight new COVID-19 cases in Noida

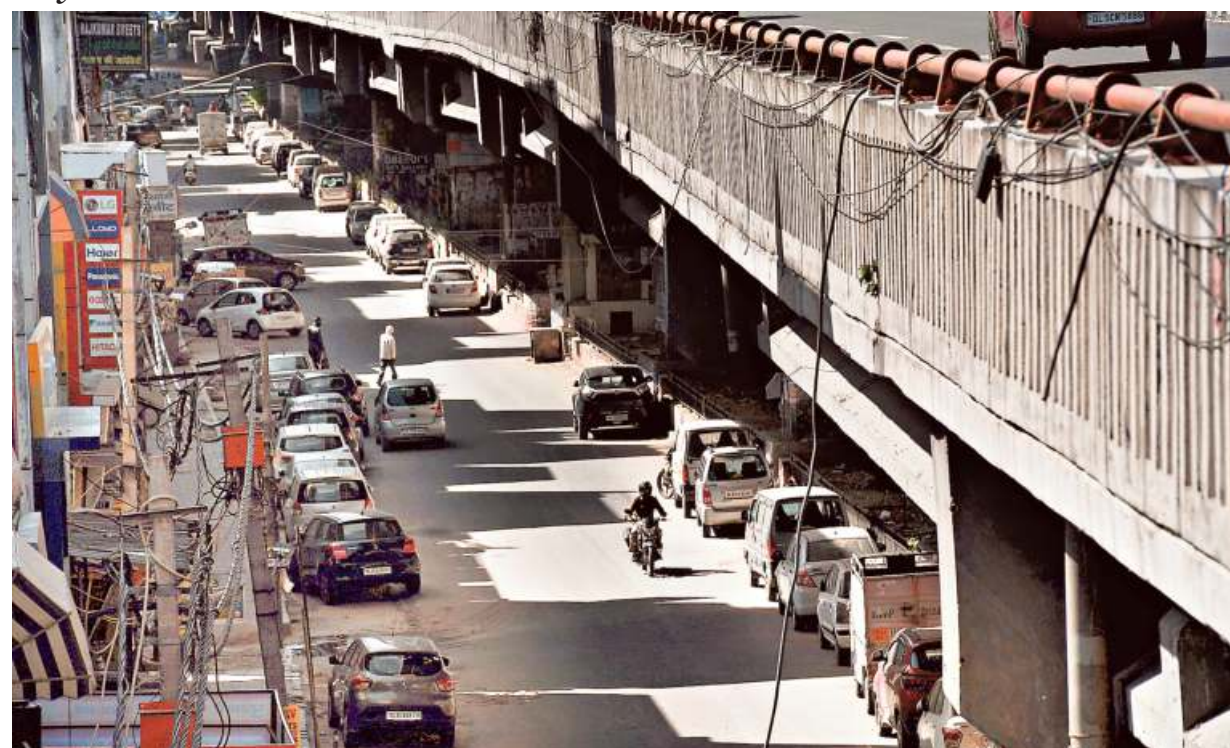
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GHAZIABAD

Uttar Pradesh’s Gautam Buddha Nagar has recorded eight new positive COVID-19 cases on Saturday, taking the total number of COVID-19 cases in the district to 58 – the highest in the State, officials said.

An official release stated that four persons from JJ Colony in Noida’s Sector 5 have tested positive. A health department official said one person, who works in Cease-Fire Company, infected three of his family members. With this, the number of cases linked to the company has reached 31. Meanwhile, one person has been found infected by the virus in Noida’s Sector 135. Three persons from Sector 62 have been tested positive. Their details are being ascertained.

In Ghaziabad, a woman, has tested positive for COVID-19. The total number of cases in the city is now 14. N.K. Gupta, chief medical officer, Ghaziabad has appealed to all those residents who have visited the district after March 5 to reveal their details by calling the Corona Control Centre. “FIRs would be lodged against those who do not disclose their details,” an official release said.

City limits



Taking the high road: Minimal traffic at Dwarka’s Palam Colony on Saturday. ■ V.V. KRISHNAN

FIR against JNU student for violating lockdown rules

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The police have registered an FIR against a student of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) for allegedly not adhering to the lockdown guidelines on April 1 and instead manhandling security staff.

The student, Pranav Menon, who came to the North Gate of the university at 8 p.m., had asked the security staff to let him go outside, they said. The staff did not allow him, saying he needs to take permission from the authorities.

Mr. Menon then told the staff that if they won’t let him go, he would cough at them and “spread Corona” after which he sat at the gate. Further, when the staff tried to remove him, he misbehaved with them. He then called other students at the spot. Based on the complaint submitted by Chief Security Officer, an FIR under relevant sections of the IPC have been registered at Vasant Kunj police station and probe is under way.

Jamia PhD student falsely implicated in anti-CAA case’

JMI panel says it will fight a legal battle

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Jamia Coordination Committee on Saturday maintained that Meeran Haider, a PhD student of the Jamia Millia Islamia, was being “falsely implicated and targeted” because of his involvement in anti-CAA protests.

“He was involved with the anti-CAA protests which took place over the last few months and is now being targeted for this reason. Hopefully, the investigation will reveal the truth. We have no option but to fight a legal battle and firmly believe in the judiciary,” said a member of the JCC. Demanding his immediate release, the JCC had on April 2 said, “It is shameful that even in circumstances like these, voices from minority communities are targeted by the State. The country is facing a massive health crisis, however, the state machinery is busy in harassing and framing student-activists in false cases to suppress voices of

Man arrested in Jamia violence case

A 38-year-old man, Ashu Khan from Jamia Nagar’s Abul Fazal Enclave, has been arrested in connection with incident of violence that broke out at Jamia Millia Islamia on December 15, the police said on Saturday. He was produced before the court and police has obtained two days custody for the accused, they added.

“In a series of tweets, it said: “He [Mr. Haider] is being falsely framed and implicated by the State. If you think this scares us, it doesn’t. It makes us stronger, boldeer...arresting him is a failed attempt by the fascist State to intimidate the students of Jamia and suppress anti-CAA protests. We will not be silenced by this.”

Arrested on Thursday
The police on Thursday had arrested Mr. Haider for his alleged involvement in the north-east Delhi riots.

Kejriwal, Sisodia and experts address parents in live interactive session

Ministers suggest ways to help kids understand the situation

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Deputy Manish Sisodia on Saturday conducted a live interactive session – Parenting in the Time of Corona – which sought to address the Capital’s 44 lakh children and their parents regarding concerns ranging from those related to the ongoing pandemic to its effect on the academic year.

Mr. Kejriwal and Mr. Sisodia, also the Education Minister, took questions on COVID-19 and urged parents to explain to their children sensitively about the “gravity of the situation”. The Ministers were joined by Director of Education Vinay Bhushan and CEO of Meraki Foundation Seemant Dhadwal.

“If we talk about Delhi, 44 lakh students are studying in schools, including civic bodies, private and government ones. As a result of the lockdown, children are at home. It is very important to understand how to sail through these tough times. The aim is to effectively utilise our time and that is why



Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said children should be told about the nature of the virus.

“we are holding this discussion,” Mr. Sisodia said.

“We had to shut schools for the last 15-20 days due to the extraordinary situation that has arisen worldwide. The only way that we can save ourselves from the virus is by following social distancing norms. To ensure good health, we had to shut down schools 15-20 days back,” Mr. Kejriwal said.

In response to a question regarding how parents should cope up with the changing situation, Mr. Kejriwal said children were asking why they could not go out if they were not infected. “They should be explained the character of the virus, under which the con-

States as emergency assistance for the fight against COVID-19 but the Centre was ignoring the needs of Delhi during this crisis and called it “disappointing”.

“The whole nation is suffering from COVID-19 and the Delhi government and the people here are working collectively with the Centre to fight it. Yesterday [Friday], the Centre provided emergency disaster management relief assistance worth

₹17,000 crore to other States but Delhi was not given a single rupee,” he alleged. This has come as “a huge shock” and “disappointment” to the government, he added.

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IN BRIEF

Over 3,700 detained for lockdown violations

Over 160 cases have been registered and 3,747 people detained in Delhi on Saturday for violating the government orders during the lockdown imposed to contain the spread of COVID-19, the police said. According to the data shared by police, 167 cases have been registered under Section 188 (for disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code till 5 p.m. Saturday.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Mohd. Bilal, S/o Imamuddin R/o H.No.B-13/23, Gali No.06, Kabir Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 409/14 u/s 382/411/506/34 IPC, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mohd. Bilal cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Bilal has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Mohd. Bilal of FIR No. 409/14 u/s 382/411/506/34 IPC, P.S. Kotwali, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 13.05.2020.

By Order,
Ms. Prigya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate 08
Room No.272, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/135/N/2020

