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U.S. freezes WHO funding + over coronavirus crisis

Trump alleges 'severe mismanagement'

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WASHINGTON

U.S. President Donald Trump has ordered a freeze on funding for the World Health Organization (WHO) for "mismanaging" the coronavirus crisis.

With the world battling to get on top of the pandemic that has killed 1,25,000 people, Mr. Trump fired a broadside at the WHO and halted payments amounting to \$400 million last year.

Funding would be frozen pending a review into the WHO's role in "severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus," said Mr. Trump, who accused the Geneva-based body of putting "political correctness above life-saving measures".

The outbreak could have



Donald Trump

accurately assessed the situation in China, where the disease broke out late last year, charged Mr. Trump.

Beijing hit back, saying the move was bad for the global fight. "This U.S. decision will weaken WHO's capacities and undermine the international cooperation against the epidemic," said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian.



World Health Organization

Abbreviation	WHO
Formation	7 April 1948; 71 years ago
Type	United Nations specialised agency
Legal status	Active
Headquarters	Geneva, Switzerland
Head	Director-General Tedros Adhanom
Parent organization	United Nations Economic and Social Council



Industries operating in rural areas to reopen on April 20

Wearing masks in public places is compulsory & spitting is an offence, says MHA

VIJAYA SINGH
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 NEW DELHI

Wearing face covers and masks is now compulsory in public places and workplaces, spitting in public is a punishable offence and selling liquor, *gutka* and tobacco is strictly prohibited. All industries operating in rural areas and the government's flagship rural jobs scheme will also be allowed to reopen from April 20 if they follow social distancing norms and other safeguards against the

Lockdown guidelines

A look at the activities which will be allowed post April 20 and those which will not be allowed until May 3



Police personnel deployed outside a Delhi market. • 5111744025

What will be allowed

What will not be allowed

Mandi at odds with odd-even

At Delhi's Azadpur Mandi, one of the largest markets for vegetables and fruits, the odd-even policy ordered by the AAP government remained a non-starter on Wednesday. The system seemed to be crumbling as only a small number of people were actually seen following the rules. Security personnel

Good Samaritans deliver medicines in remote villages

A team of youth share the transportation cost among themselves and collect only the medical bill from patients

RAVIPRASAD KOHLA
MANGALURU

A team of youth is rendering invaluable service by supplying medicines during the lockdown to several patients in villages on the foot of the Western Ghats in Sullia taluk of Dakshina Kannada.

Villages like Kollamogaru, Kalmaharu, Balapadu, Harihara, Katta, Kalleje and Anikida are located in remote areas at the foot of the ghats bordering Kodaga. The lockdown denied access to medicines for many patients in these villages from places



Essential service: A senior citizen receiving medicines from Udaya Shivola, right, and Udaya Koppadika on Wednesday.

about 125 km away.

The youth – Udaya Koppadika, Udaya Shivola, Sun-

ilprakash Kajodi and Chulan Koppadika – from the village of Koppadika, Sullia taluk, Dakshina Kannada, are

seen Mangaluru, Puttur, Sullia and the villages over the past 20 days supplying medicines to the needy.

Sharing the costs

"We share the transportation cost among ourselves and collect only the money for medicines from the patients," Mr. Udaya Shivola told *The Hindu*.

"In some cases, we don't collect even that from poor patients," Mr. Udaya Koppadika, who is a member of Sullia Taluk Panchayat from the Madappady constituency, said.

"We use our own vehicles to transport the medicines," Mr. Koppadika said.

Mr. Shivola said he realised the difficulty in procuring medicines when his father needed some during the lockdown.

Mr. Koppadika was moved when an 80-year-old neighbour requested him to get her medicines. They realised the seriousness of the matter and circulated their phone numbers in the villages, announcing their intention to purchase medicines and distribute them.

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Parekh for easing 90-day NPA deadline norm

Better to renegotiate payment timelines than getting into legal tangle of force majeure: HDFC chairman

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

HDFC Ltd. chairman Deepak Parekh has suggested a relaxation in non-performing assets (NPA) classification to a period of six months.

Instead of 90 days, a loan should be classified as NPA if repayment is due for 180 days, he said, speaking at a knowledge series webinar organised jointly by real estate industry bodies NAREDCO and CREDAI.

He also suggested that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approve one-time restructuring of loans.

"It is a better solution to renegotiate payment timelines rather than getting into a legal tangle of force majeure. Unwinding from this



Realty developers should liquidate unsold inventory instead of going for costly borrowings, Mr. Parekh said. **PHOTO: ANAND BHASKAR**

legal mess will be very painful," he said.

Mr. Parekh also said despite the rate cut by RBI, bond yields had not fallen as the markets expected that the government would soon intervene for funding.

He also said since banks were averse to risks, recommendations had been made to the RBI to directly purchase corporate bonds/commercial papers, as primary markets had died down.

"All this, is for a short pe-

riod of time. RBI needs to act quickly," he said.

"We don't need to be gloomy. Firstly, we have enough foreign reserves. India is one of the top countries receiving foreign funds from NRIs. This helps to balance our currency," he said. Mr. Pa-

COVID-19

rekh advised real estate developers to liquidate unsold inventory to generate funds rather than going for costly borrowings to deal with the COVID-19 crises.

As per a recent report by JLL, developers are sitting on unsold inventory worth ₹1,70,000 crore.

"A bit of compromise in

the prices by developers will revive the real estate sector on demand stimulus in the next six months. Buyers who are in liquidity should buy properties now and the inventories will be available on good price," Mr. Parekh was quoted as saying in a statement issued by the developers' bodies.

"Post the lockdown scenario, it won't be a situation where the entire work force would want to work from home. People would still need to meet others; so in the long run, the demand for commercial real estate will not evaporate," he said.

Mr. Parekh has asked State governments to waive stamp duty for a limited time period to help revive demand.

- Mr Deepak Parekh is the chairman of HDFC Bank.



- सामान्य रूप से वह संपत्ति जिस पर ब्याज (interest) / मूलधन (principal) 90 दिनों तक बकाया हो, उसे गैर-निष्पादनकारी (Non Performing Assets.) संपत्ति कहा जाता है।

Hindalco seals \$2.8 billion Aleris deal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Hindalco Industries Ltd. has completed the acquisition of Aleris Corporation by its wholly owned subsidiary Novelis Inc. for an enterprise value of \$2.8 billion.

The acquisition of the U.S.-based rolled products company, Aleris Corporation, positions Hindalco Industries as one of the world's largest aluminium companies, with a global footprint spanning 49 manufacturing facilities in North America, Europe and Asia.

“The closure of this deal

- The **Aditya Birla group's flagship company Hindalco** on Tuesday completed the buyout of **Aleris Corp (USA)** by its (Hindalco) wholly owned subsidiary **Novelis Inc** at an enterprise value of **\$2.8 billion (Rs 21,295 crores)**.
- The deal marks Novelis' potential entry into the high-end **aerospace segment**.



The Hindustan Aluminum Corporation Limited was established in 1958 by the Aditya Birla Group.

In 1962 the company began production in Renukoot in Uttar Pradesh.

Its HQ is at Mumbai.

साँवरेन गोल्ड बॉन्ड योजना 2020-21

- साँवरेन गोल्ड बॉन्ड योजना के उद्देश्य: इस योजना के दो प्रमुख उद्देश्य हैं -
 - ✓ सोने की भौतिक मांग को कम करना, और
 - ✓ प्रतिवर्ष निवेश के उद्देश्य से आयात होने वाले सोने के एक हिस्से को वित्तीय बचत में परिवर्तित करना।

- भारत सरकार ने, भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक के परामर्श से, सॉवरेन गोल्ड बॉन्ड (Sovereign Gold Bond-SGB) जारी करने का निर्णय लिया है।
- ये बॉन्ड छह अवधि शृंखलाओं में अप्रैल 2020 से सितंबर 2020 के मध्य जारी किये जाएंगे।
- भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक द्वारा जारी किये जाएंगे।

- व्यक्तियों और HUFs के लिये 4 किलोग्राम तथा ट्रस्ट एवं इसी तरह के निकायों के लिये 20 किलोग्राम प्रति वित्त वर्ष (अप्रैल-मार्च) की अधिकतम सीमा होगी।
- SGB की न्यूनतम स्वीकार्य सीमा 1 ग्राम सोना है

- निवेशकों को प्रति वर्ष 2.50 प्रतिशत की निश्चित दर से ब्याज दिया जाएगा
- आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 के प्रावधान के अनुसार, स्वर्ण बांड पर प्राप्त होने वाले ब्याज पर कर अदा करना होगा।

Amid lockdown, hunters eye rhino horns

Officials thwart six poaching attempts in a week around Assam's national parks

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 GUWAHATI

The COVID-19 lockdown has activated poachers who had been forced into lying low for more than a year. At least six thwarted attempts have been made within a week in and around Assam's national parks.

Wildlife officials have not ruled out the possibility of the poachers trying to strike while the demand for animal body parts, specifically the rhino horns, remains low due



Waiting game: Officials say poachers are trying to strike while the demand for rhino horn remains low and make a killing later.

for the poachers by thinning out the market.

Kaziranga National Park (KNP). The police in Biswanath district arrested six people for attempted poaching and assault two days later.

The police in Sonitpur district arrested five people on April 13 involved in attempted poaching at the Nameri National Park.

Officials said eight people had so far been arrested in five cases of attempted poaching.

While two people with a track record were arrested in

❑ Kaziranga National Park

- It is located in the State of Assam.
- It was declared as a National Park in 1974.
- It has been declared a tiger reserve since 2007.
- It is the home of the world's most one-horned rhinos.
- Diphlu River running through it.

India to buy Harpoon missiles, lightweight torpedoes from US

- While the **Harpoon missiles will be manufactured by Boeing**, the torpedoes would be supplied by **Raytheon**.
- The Harpoon is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, **anti-ship missile**.

ASEAN leaders meet online to tackle virus

HANOI

In an Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit held online on Tuesday, leaders of the virus-hit region warned of the crippling economic cost of COVID-19, calling for trade routes to reopen to protect jobs and food supplies, as

- हाल ही में COVID-19 के प्रसार को रोकने हेतु आसियान (Association of Southeast Asian Nations-ASEAN) देशों का आभासी (VIRTUAL) सम्मेलन संपन्न हुआ है।
- गौरतलब है कि इस आभासी सम्मेलन की अध्यक्षता वियतनाम द्वारा की गई।

- इस सम्मेलन में ब्रुनेई, कंबोडिया, इंडोनेशिया, लाओस, मलेशिया, म्यांमार, फिलीपींस, सिंगापुर, थाईलैंड और वियतनाम के प्रमुखों ने हिस्सा लिया है।
- इसके अलावा तीन आसियान सहयोगी देश चीन, जापान और दक्षिण कोरिया ने भी इस सम्मेलन में हिस्सा लिया।

आसियान क्या है?

- आसियान (ASEAN) का पूरा नाम Association of Southeast Asian Nations है।
- 1967 - आसियान घोषणापत्र (बैंकॉक घोषणा) पर संस्थापक राष्ट्रों द्वारा हस्ताक्षर करने के साथ आसियान की स्थापना हुई।

- आसियान का आदर्श वाक्य 'वन विजन, वन आइडेंटिटी, वन कम्युनिटी' है।
- 8 अगस्त आसियान दिवस के रूप में मनाया जाता है।
- आसियान का सचिवालय इंडोनेशिया के राजधानी जकार्ता में है।

- दक्षिण-पूर्व एशियाई देशों का संगठन एक क्षेत्रीय संगठन है जो एशिया-प्रशांत के उपनिवेशी राष्ट्रों के बढ़ते तनाव के बीच राजनीतिक और सामाजिक स्थिरता को बढ़ावा देने के लिये स्थापित किया गया था।
- आसियान प्लस थ्री: 1997 में शुरू किया गया परामर्श समूह आसियान के दस सदस्यों, चीन, जापान और दक्षिण कोरिया को एक साथ लाता है।

□ खुदरा महँगाई दर में कमी

- राष्ट्रीय सांख्यिकी कार्यालय (National Statistical Office-NSO) द्वारा जारी आँकड़ों के अनुसार खुदरा महँगाई दर मार्च महीने में घटकर 5.91% रही.
- देशव्यापी लॉकडाउन के कारण मार्च महीने में उत्पादन सामग्री और कच्चे माल तथा उत्पादों की कीमत में वृद्धि कम हुई है।

- मद्रास्फीति दर को मूल्य सूचकांक के आधार पर मापा जाता है, जो दो प्रकार के होते हैं-
 1. थोक मूल्य सूचकांक (Wholesale Price Index-WPI)
 2. उपभोक्ता मूल्य सूचकांक (Consumer Price Index-CPI)

National Statistical Office (NSO)-2019

The government has decided to merge the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) with the Central Statistics Office (CSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

- The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has **two wings, one relating to Statistics and the other- Programme Implementation**
- The Statistics Wing called the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** consists of the Central Statistical Office (CSO), the Computer Center and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO).

- **CSO** coordinates the statistical activities in the country and also evolves statistical standards.
- **NSSO** is responsible for conduct of large scale sample surveys in diverse fields on an all India basis.

Question No: 1

हिमाचल प्रदेश पूर्ण राज्य कब बना ?

- A.1987
- B.2000
- C.1966
- D.1971

Ans  1971

Question No: 2

शतरंज(Chess) के किस खिलाड़ी ने शतरंज के खेल में सबसे बड़ी online प्रतियोगिता का आरंभ किया?

- A. विल्हेम स्टेनिज
- B. गैरी कासपारो
- C. मैग्नस कार्लसन
- D. जोहान जुकेतोरतो

Ans → मैग्नस कार्लसन

Question No: 3

संविधान का अनुच्छेद (Art) 2 किस से सम्बंधित है?


- A. नागरिकता से
- B. वर्तमान राज्यों की सीमाओं के नाम
- C. नए राज्यों की स्थापना
- D. मूल अधिकार से

Ans → नए राज्यों की स्थापना से

Question No: 4

हिमांचल डे कब मनाया जाता है?

- A.15 April
- B.13 April
- C.12 April
- D.14 April

Ans  15 April

Question No: 5

बिहू Festival कौन से राज्य से संबंधित है?

- A. मेघालय
- B. मिजोरम
- C. असम
- D. ओडिसा

Ans  असम

Question No: 6

बी. अधिबन(B.ADHIBAN) किस खेल से संबंधित है?

A.Discus- thrower

B.Chess

C.Badminton

D.Shot put

Ans  Chess

Question No: 7

NFSA-2013 किस से संबंधित?

- A. विदेश में खाद्य पदार्थ भेजने का अधिकार
- B. राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा का अधिकार
- C. भोजन का अधिकार
- D. इनमें से कोई नहीं

Ans भोजन का अधिकार

Question No: 8

सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली (PDS) एक कैसी प्रणाली है?

- A. भारतीय बेरोजगारी नियोजन प्रणाली
- B. भारतीय सेवानियोजन प्रणाली
- C. भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा प्रणाली
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा प्रणाली

Question No: 9

FCI का मुख्यालय कहा पर स्थित है?

- A. गाजियाबाद
- B. नई दिल्ली
- C. जयपुर
- D. सोनीपत

Ans नई दिल्ली

Question No: 10

NFSA के तहत गेहूँ और चावल का मूल्य कितना निर्धारित किया गया है?

- A. 2₹गेहूँ-5₹चावल
- B. 2₹गेहूँ-3₹चावल
- C. 3₹गेहूँ-2₹चावल
- D. 3₹गेहूँ-3₹चावल

Ans (C) 3₹गेहूँ-2₹चावल

Question No: 11

covid-19 के प्रकोप के चलते Pm-GKY के तहत कितने करोड़ रुपये की राहत पैकेज को घोषणा की गयी?

- A. 2.50 लाख करोड़
- B. 1.70 लाख करोड़
- C. 1 लाख करोड़
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans → 1.70 लाख करोड़ रुपये

Question No: 12

PM-GKY के तहत 8 करोड़ परिवार को गैस सिलेंडर प्रदान किये गए। इस योजना को क्या नाम दिया गया?

- A. उजाला योजना
- B. उज्ज्वला योजना
- C. उज्जवल योजना
- D. ग्रामीण उजाला योजना

Ans → (B) उज्ज्वला योजना

Question No: 13

TPDS प्रणाली भारत मे कब शुरू हुई?

- A.1991
- B.1995
- C.1997
- D.1998

Ans  1997

Question No: 14

RPDS का पूर्ण रूप क्या होता है?

- A. revamped people distributor service
- B. revenue public distribution source
- C. Revamped public distribution system
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans  (c) Revamped public distribution system

Question No: 15

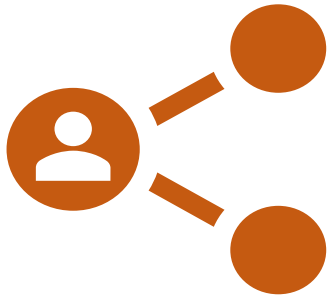
हाल ही में किस दिग्गज कांग्रेस नेता और पूर्व केंद्रीय मंत्री का निधन हुआ?

- A. एमवी राजशेखरन
- B. पी चिदंबरम
- C. गुलाम नबी आज़ाद
- D. डॉ मनमोहन सिंह

Ans → एमवी राजशेखरन



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