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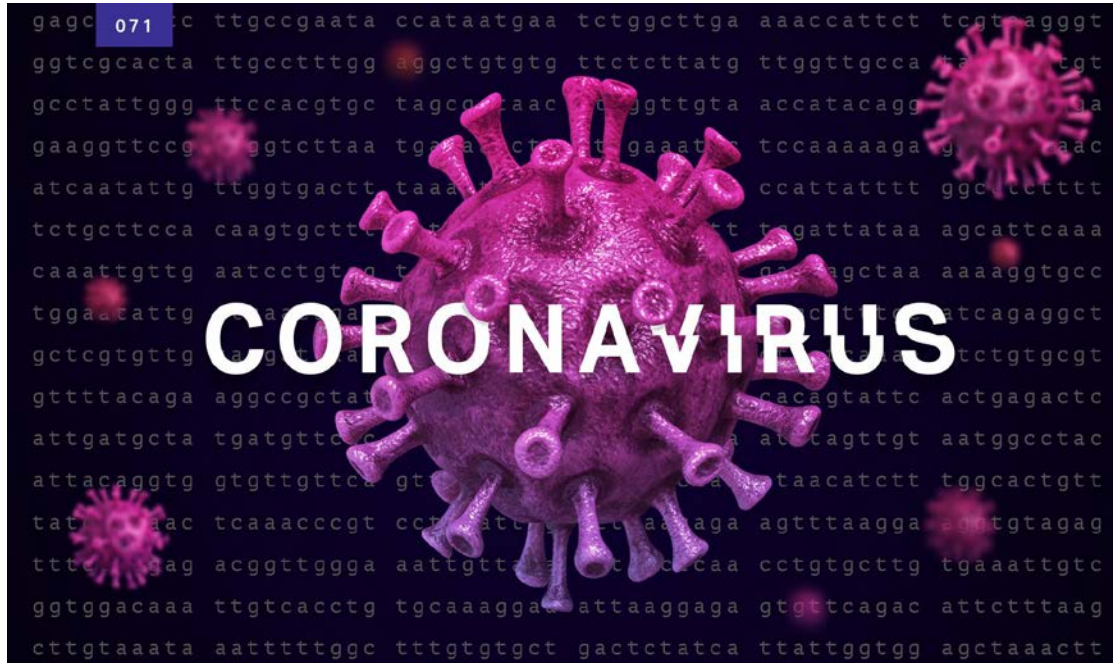
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By Sujit Sir



Naming the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the virus that causes it



- **Official names have been announced for the virus responsible for COVID-19 (previously known as “2019 novel coronavirus”) and the disease it causes.**
- **Disease Name:**
Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
- **Virus Name:**
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus 2
(SARS-CoV-2)

Exponential increase

The number of COVID-19 cases crossed 8 lakh globally. The infections in India breached the 1,500-mark on Tuesday.

GLOBAL CASE COUNT

While it took 44 days for the global confirmed cases to reach the 1 lakh mark, it took only 3 days for a jump from 6 lakh to 8 lakh



GLOBAL DEATH TOLL

It took 58 days to record 10,000 COVID-19 deaths, but just 8 more days for the global toll to cross 30,000



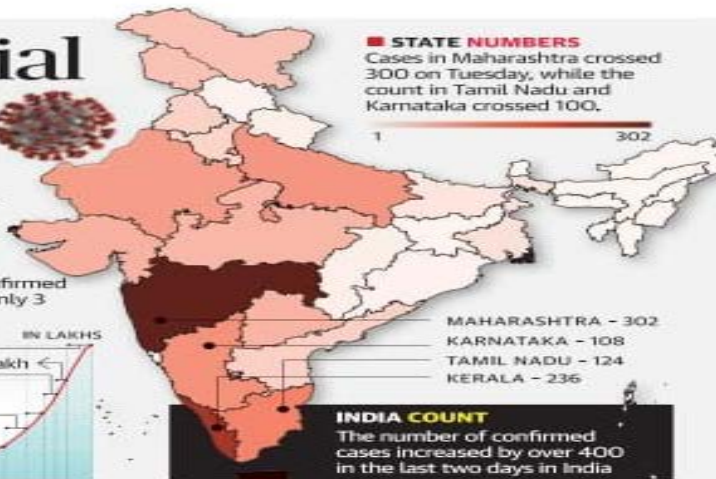
GLOBAL RECOVERED CASES

While it took 62 days for the number of those who recovered to reach 1 lakh, the count jumped to 1.5 lakh in just six days since then



STATE NUMBERS

Cases in Maharashtra crossed 300 on Tuesday, while the count in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka crossed 100.



INDIA COUNT

The number of confirmed cases increased by over 400 in the last two days in India



260
Cases recorded
in India
on Tuesday



कोरोना वायरस: निज़ामुद्दीन में तबलीगी जमात का केंद्र कैसे बना हॉटस्पॉट.



दिल्ली सरकार के स्वास्थ्य मंत्री सत्येंद्र जैन के मुताबिक तबलीगी जमात के हेडक्वार्टर में रह रहे 24 लोग कोरोना पॉजिटिव पाए गए हैं. 700 लोगों को क्वारंटीन में रखा गया है. 335 लोगों को अस्पताल में निगरानी में रखा गया.

Home Ministry to blacklist 800 Tablighi preachers from Indonesia for violation of visa rules.



भारत में कोरोना वायरस के 'हॉटस्पॉट' कैसे बने ये 10 इलाके.

ये हॉटस्पॉट हैं - निज़ामुद्दीन, दिलशाद गार्डन, नोएडा, मैरठ, भीलवाड़ा, अहमदाबाद, मुंबई, पुणे, कासरगोड और पैथानामथिट्टा.

+ Three quasi-subspecies of virus in circulation, says ICMR

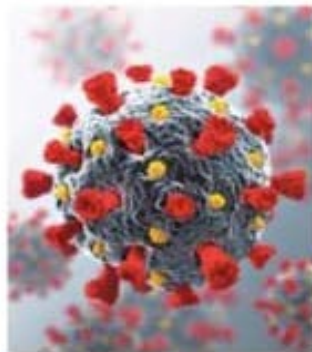
Scientists yet to classify variant as Indian strain

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

NEW DELHI

A mixture of three quasi-subspecies of SARS-CoV-2 is in circulation in India, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) said on Tuesday. These imported variants showed no differences from how they behaved in the place of origin. Scientists are yet to classify a SARS-Cov-2 variant as an Indian strain.

R. Gangakhedkar, head of the ICMR's Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases-I Division, said, "India's COVID-19 cases were mainly from people with travel history and their immediate contacts, which is to say that this virus was brought in from outside. We are not



A representational image of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

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seeing any variation from what is being seen on how this strain is behaving around the world. So there is no difference in its severity. However, in a large country like India, it's difficult to predict an accurate trend about the progression of COVID-19 because we still don't have enough time gap between the upswing of cases."

Indore cases cause concern

As most COVID-19 patients in Indore, where 17 persons tested positive on Tuesday, have no contact or travel history, health workers are grappling to identify the source, indicating that the city may already be witnessing the community transmission stage. **PAGE 9**

This, he explained, did not change India's reporting, isolation or testing protocol.

He said the progression in terms of cases could not be compared with any other country as of now and people should be looking at the risk of exposure and adherence to physical distancing.

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Andaman and Nicobar tribes under heavy security

Measure taken after nine people who visited Delhi tested positive for COVID-19

SAURABH TRIVEDI

NEW DELHI

After nine persons, who visited Delhi from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands earlier this month, tested positive for COVID-19, the authorities have stepped up security near the areas in the islands that are inhabited by indigenous tribes.

An officer said out of the 10 persons who tested positive in the islands, nine of them visited Delhi to attend an event in Nizamuddin and

returned to Port Blair via Kolkata on March 24. The tenth infected person is the wife of one of the patients. The Andaman police and the administration have made arrangements to keep the infected people in quarantine. They were part of a religious gathering in Delhi earlier this month, attended anti-CAA protests and also visited Old Delhi, said officials.

"One of the persons was put under home quarantine but his wife got infected. We

have quarantined the couple. Except for the people who attended the religious congregation in Delhi, no other person has been found infected," the officer added.

Director-General of Police, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dependra Pathak, said: "All of the suspected persons were screened at the Port Blair airport and shifted to quarantine. We sought help from the health department and later it was found that they went to Delhi for

the religious meeting."

Mr. Pathak added that they are strictly following MHA guidelines and implementing a complete lockdown.

When asked about the safety of isolated tribes, he said tribal habitats are no-go areas and attract severe prosecution. Further, movement of people or vehicles has been stopped even near their habitats. For instance, the ATR passing through the forests has been closed.

Testing for COVID-19 in India

Real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)-based tests are recommended as diagnostic tests for COVID-19. The test detects the presence of viral RNA in human samples.

COVID-19: Facebook pledges \$100 mn to support corona-hit news industry.



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70 Years of Diplomatic Relations between China and India (1950-2020)

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कोरोना वायरस से लड़ने के लिए बने पीएम-केयर्स फंड पर खड़े हुए सवाल

- ये ट्रस्ट चंदा जुटाने के मक़सद से बनाया गया है.
- पछा जा रहा है कि जब सालों से सरकारी पीएम रिलीफ़ फंड या प्रधानमंत्री राहत कोष मौजूद है तो फिर एक नए फंड की ज़रूरत क्यों आन पड़ी?

- कुछ जगहों पर कहा जा रहा है कि नया फंड इसलिए बनाया गया क्योंकि शायद ये नियंत्रक एवं महालेखा परीक्षक या कैग की परिधि से बाहर होगा जिसकी वजह से कोष से किए गए खर्च और उनके इस्तेमाल पर किसी की नज़र नहीं रहेगी.
- प्रधानमंत्री कार्यालय ने या सरकारी तंत्र से जुड़े पब्लिसिटी विभाग ने इस संबंध में अब तक किसी तरह का कोई बयान नहीं दिया है.

The current CAG of India is Rajiv Mehrishi, who assumed office on 25 September 2017.



Comptroller and Auditor-General of India (CAG):

- **Constitutional Provisions:**
- **Article 148** broadly deals with the CAG appointment, oath and conditions of service.
- **Article 149** deals with Duties and Powers of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India.

- **Article 150** says that the accounts of the Union and of the States shall be kept in such form as the President may, on the advice of the CAG, prescribe.
- **Article 151** says that the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General of India relating to the accounts of the Union shall be submitted to the president, who shall cause them to be laid before each House of Parliament.

भारतीय कंपनी ने बनाई खास तकनीक, अस्पताल में ही मारे जाएंगे कोरोना वायरस



- JClean वेदर ने इस तकनीक का नाम Scitech Airon रखा है और इस तकनीक पर विज्ञान एवं प्रौद्योगिकी विभाग के साथ बड़े लेवल पर काम चल रहा है। इस कंपनी का ऑफिस पुणे में है। इस तकनीक को निधि प्रयास प्रोग्राम के तहत तैयार किया जा रहा है।
- कंपनी का दावा है कि Scitech Airon की मदद से किसी छोटी-सी जगह पर मौजूद वायरस को एक घंटे में 99.7 फीसदी तक खत्म किया जा सकता है।

कोरोना वायरस: हटाए गए नोएडा के डीएम, सुहास एलवाई बने नए डीएम



- उनकी जगह सुहास एलवाई को नोएडा का नया डीएम बनाया गया है. बीएन सिंह को लखनऊ में राजस्व परिषद से संबद्ध कर दिया गया है.
- उत्तर प्रदेश के नोएडा में कोरोना संक्रमित लोगों की संख्या सबसे ज़्यादा है.

- कोरोना को फैलने से रोकने के लिए रूस ने भी अब लाकडाउन का फैसला ले लिया है. राष्ट्रपति पुतिन ने इसे एक 'नॉन-वर्किंग वीक' कहा है.

- कोविड-19 से पीड़ित रूसियों की संख्या 1,000 के पार चली गई. रूस में सबसे ज्यादा मामले मास्को में सामने आ रहे हैं.



COVID-19 | Govt. sanctions ₹10-cr special fund for CRPF for relief works



- Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) granted the sanction.
- CRPF Director General **A.P. Maheshwari** told *PTI* that the fund will be utilised to procure protective masks, sanitisers, food items and other essentials required by the people.

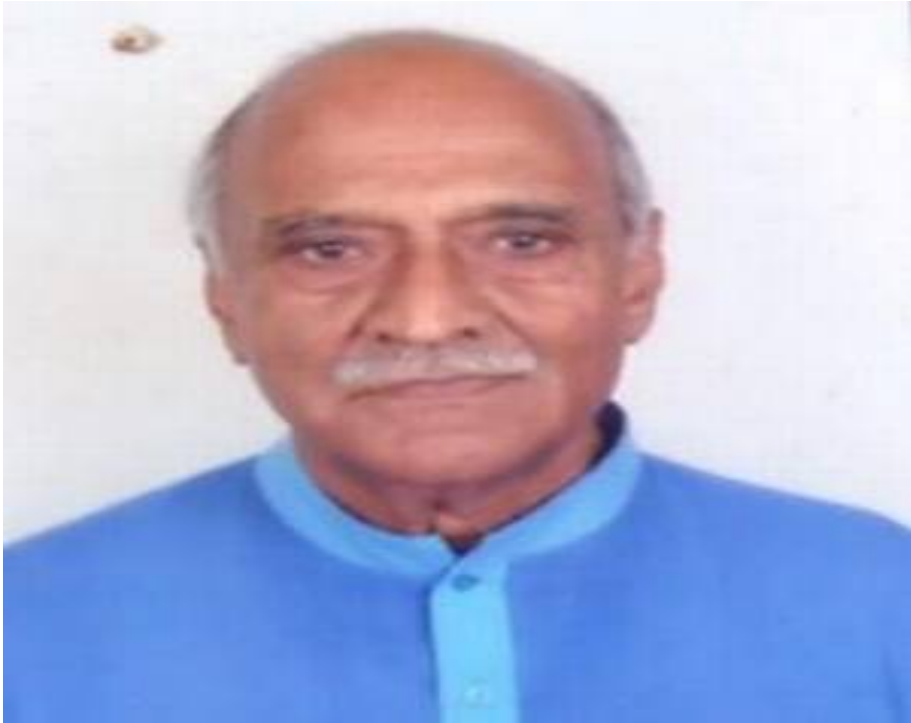
- The sanction for financial year 2019-20 has been made under the ‘civic action programme’ to the country’s largest Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) that has about 3.25 lakh personnel in its ranks.

- **‘Madadgaar’** helpline expanded
- The force has also scaled up its Kashmir-based helpline called ‘madadgaar’ to make its services available to the distressed and needy across the country.

Central Armed Police Forces:

- 1. Border Security Force (BSF)**
- 2. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**
- 3. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**
- 4. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**
- 5. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).**

1971 war icon Chandan Singh is dead.



- **The Air Vice Marshal received a Maha Vir Chakra and a Vir Chakra**
- **Air Vice-Marshal (AVM) Chandan Singh (retired), 95.**
- **He was decorated with a Maha Vir Chakra and a Vir Chakra.**

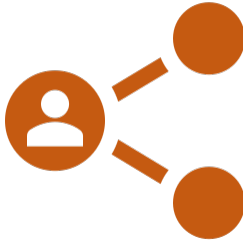
- He played a pivotal role in transport operations during the 1962 war between India and China, and who was instrumental in helicopter operations during the 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh passed away on Sunday.

- **Ensure food, medicines for migrant workers in shelters, SC tells govt.**
- **Chief Justice Bobde said Section 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) of the Indian Penal Code made it a penal offence to disobey orders made by the government authorities in public interest and health.**
- **A person found guilty under the provision could face a six-month imprisonment or a fine of Rs. 1000 or both.**

Saudi-led coalition air strikes hit rebel-held Yemen capital Sanaa.

Fighting began in 2014 when the Houthi Shia Muslim rebel movement took advantage of the new president's weakness.





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