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DESPITE LOCKDOWN SRINAGAR LOGS OVER 9000 COVID-19 CASES IN NINE DAYS

There has been no let up in the positive cases in the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, Srinagar that recorded over 9000 cases in the past nine days, official figures reveal. The surge in the positive cases

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UNITED WE LIVE, DIVIDED WE DIE

Political leaders who have shown merit must ensure that petty differences do not crop up between them, which will destroy all possibilities of a defiant coalition. At the present time, Mamata Banerjee is certainly one such leader. Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi,



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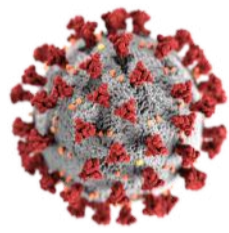
SECOND WAVE IMPACTING CHILDREN SIGNIFICANTLY: EXPERTS

Relatively unaffected during the first wave of Covid-19 last year, a high number of children are contracting the novel coronavirus in the second wave. A large number



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"If you trust someone. Trust till the end. In the end you either get a good friend or a good lesson"
—Hazrat Ali



Covid-19: J&K Logs Record 60 Deaths, 4788 New Cases

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday reported sixty coronavirus related deaths, the highest single-day fatalities, even as 4788 fresh cases of infection were detected across the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

Officials said that 42 more people succumbed to the deadly infection in Jammu division and 18 others died at the various healthcare facilities in Kashmir Valley on Saturday, taking the total number of fatalities since the outbreak of pandemic last year in J&K to 2672.

Among the victims from the Valley included a 75-year-old man from Rambagh Srinagar, who died a day after being admitted to SKIMS Soura, officials said. They



said a 70-year-old man from Khan Sahab Budgam died at SKIMS Bemina, hours after he was admitted to the facility. A 76-year-old man from Guzarbal here died a week after he was admitted to SKIMS

Soura, they said. A 58-year-old man from Batwara, at present Pantha Chowk, died at SKIMS Soura, 11 days after he was admitted to the tertiary care hospital. A 67-year-old

Life Remains Crippled On Day 10

Normal life remained affected in many areas in Jammu and Kashmir on the tenth day on Saturday with the imposition of the lockdown in the wake of an alarming surge in coronavirus cases, officials said. Roads across the valley continued to wear a deserted look as public transport remained off the roads and markets were shut, they said. The officials said in the wake of the lockdown announced by the government, restrictions on the movement

Senior KAS Officer Dies Of Covid-19



A senior Kashmir Administrative Service (KAS) officer on Saturday died of COVID-19 at a hospital here, officials said, as Jammu district surpassed Srinagar to head the virus fatality chart among the 20 districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Special Secretary to Government, Finance Department.

Covid +Ve Report Not Mandatory For Hospital Admissions

In a significant directive to the states and Union Territories, the Union Health Ministry on Saturday said requirement of a positive COVID-19 test report is not



Dr Ambrish Mithal
Chairman, Endocrinology and Diabetes, Max HealthCare

Don't chase #RTPCRtest after recovery
Repeat #RTPCR NOT necessary
>10 days after onset of symptoms
>3 days after absence of symptoms
You are not infectious to others any more
Non infectious virus particles may persist in the nose/ throat and give false +ve results

Dr. Arvinder Singh Soin
Group Chairman, Liver Transplantation, Medanta Hospital

As we gear up for a third wave, India needs to keep breathing. Healthcare workers need a breather. And VACCINATIONS need a 10x jump.

Dr. Muzaffar Maqbool
Researcher and Associate Professor, Internal Medicine GMC Srinagar

It is the race against time. Numbers going up rapidly. Preparedness at war footing level will save us from the coming Covid tsunami. Lot is being done at every level, lot needs to be done at every level.
Time to wake up to this challenge as always.
TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT IT#

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NEWS DIGEST

Explosive Material Recovered In Doda

JAMMU: In a major seizure, security forces have recovered 40 kilograms of high explosive material along with several improvised explosive devices (IEDs) during a joint search operation in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Army said on Saturday. "The timely recovery of the explosives thwarted the nefarious designs of terrorists and their few supporters to destabilise the

Truck Drivers 'Looted' On Highway

SRINAGAR: Two non-local truck drivers were allegedly looted by some extortionists along the Srinagar-Baramulla highway in Parimpora area of the city outskirts. The truck drivers Ashish Raturi and Manvender Singh, both residents of Punjab have reported to police that three unidentified youth looted cash and cell phones from them near Fruit Mandi Parimpora where they had parked their trucks

Teen Girl Dies Of Cardiac Arrest

SRINAGAR: A teenage died after suffering a massive cardiac arrest in Kail village of South Kashmir's Pulwama district on Saturday. 16-year-old Misbah Maqbool complained of chest pain at her home on Saturday and was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital by her family members, an official said. He said that at the hospital, the girl was declared dead on arrival. She had secured 496 marks out

Youth Arrested In Minor Girl's Rape Case

JAMMU: A second accused was arrested on Saturday in a minor girl rape case in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir, police said. The girl was allegedly raped by two persons in the Kandi area of Rajouri on April 28, following which a case under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act was registered, they said. Police said

Robust Mechanism In Place To Deal With Situation: Govt

The Jammu and Kashmir administration said on Saturday that it has a robust mechanism in place to deal with any kind of situation that may arise due to the second wave of Covid-19 in Kashmir division. Talking to media persons during his tour to this south Kashmir district, the Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole urged people to adhere to Covid related SOPs and guidelines in letter and spirit and termed it an imperative and effective way to stop the spread of the virus, an official spokesperson said. "He assured that the administration has put in place all requisite facilities including Oxygen supply to deal with any emergent situation that may arise due to the 2nd wave of Covid," he added. The Div Com as per the official spokesperson asked people to follow advice of doctors and experts to remain healthy and avoid pressing the panic button. He further said that collectively we can overcome this pandemic and appealed to the public to strictly

SC Orders Release Of Prisoners To Decongest Jails

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Taking note of the "unprecedented surge" in COVID-19 cases, the Supreme Court on Saturday moved to decongest prisons and ordered the immediate release of prisoners who were granted bail or parole last year.

Observing that the decongestion of prisons housing around 4 lakh inmates across the country is a matter concerning "health and right to life of" prisoners and police personnel, a bench headed by Chief Justice N V Ramana said all those who were allowed to go out on bail in March last year by the high-powered committees of states and Union Territories (UTs) be granted the same relief without any reconsideration to avoid delay.

"Further we direct that, those inmates who were granted parole, pursuant to our earlier orders, should be again granted parole for a period of 90 days in order to tide over the pandemic," the bench, also having Justices L Nageswara Rao and Surya Kant, said in its order uploaded on the apex court's website on Saturday.



There is a serious concern about the spread of COVID-19 in "overcrowded prisons where there is lack of proper sanitation, hygiene and medical facilities" the bench said, adding there is a requirement for effective management of pandemic from within the prison walls so as to defeat this deadly virus.

The top court took note of its March 23, 2020, order by which it had directed all states and UTs to constitute high-powered committee (HPC) to consider releasing on parole or interim bail prisoners and the under trials for offences



Basking in the sun at Lal Chowk: A man is seen taking a nap in the deserted commercial hub of Srinagar- KO photo.

Couple Held With Heroin Worth Rs 860 Cr

Agenceis

NEW DELHI: The police have arrested an Afghan couple and recovered over 100 kilograms of heroin worth Rs 860 crore from their possession, officials said on Saturday. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Shafi (48) and Tareena (36), both natives of

Kandahar in Afghanistan, they said. The police recovered 125.840 kilograms of heroin worth Rs 860 crore in the international market, officials said. "On Friday, police got information that two people would come from Wazirabad with heroin in their car and will go towards Khyala. A trap was laid, and

Strained Over Kashmir, Saudi, Pak Leaders Vow To Reset Ties



Agenceis

JEDDAH: Saudi Arabia and long standing ally Pakistan signed several agreements Saturday and vowed to reset ties strained by months of disagreement over policy on the Kashmir dispute. On his seventh visit to the wealthy kingdom since his 2018 election, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan was given a warm welcome by Saudi officials in the western coastal city of Jeddah. He was greeted by Saudi Arabia's de-facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at the airport, before holding talks with Saudi officials at Jeddah's Al-Salam Palace. "They affirmed the depth of relations between the two brotherly countries and underscored the importance of expanding and intensifying aspects of bilateral cooperation and coordination," a Saudi

statement said. Although the kingdom was the first foreign country Imran Khan visited after taking office, Riyadh appeared frustrated with Islamabad last year. In a sharply worded statement in August, Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi called on the Saudi-based Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to convene a high-level meeting on Kashmir. The call raised eyebrows in Riyadh, where it was widely seen as a warning that Pakistan was preparing to call for a session outside OIC auspices. Saudi Arabia prides itself on its role as guardian of Islam's holiest sites and is particularly sensitive about any move that might undermine its leadership of the 57-member pan-Islamic body. And, while

Govt Rejects Land Acquisition Request By BSF

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has turned down the Border Security Force's proposal for allotment of 515 kanals of land to the force for setting up the paramilitary force's key location point (KLP) in Samba district of Jammu province and instead asked the district administration to identify 160 kanals of state land for the purpose. According to the official documents, the Financial Commissioner Revenue rejected the land acquisition case of BSF on the ground that huge chunks of land cannot be given to the

force and asked BSF and DC Samba to identify suitable state Land measuring 160 kanals. ".....FCR has rejected the case file on the ground that a huge chunk of land measuring 515 KI 18 MI cannot be given to BSF and asked BSF and DC Samba to identify suitable state land measuring 20 acres (160 Kanals)," reads the documents. The FCR turned down the demand after case file was submitted to FCR by divisional commissioner Jammu for issuance of notification under section 6 and 7 of The farmers had opposed the acquisition of land for setting up KLP by BSF

Jammu BJP Leader Locks Horns With MoS PMO Demands CBI Probe Into 'Illegal' Mining Activities In Jammu

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JAMMU: BJP leader and former MLC Vikram Randhawa on Saturday demanded a CBI probe into alleged illegal mining activities and operations of the stone-crusher units near the Tawi river. He reiterated his claim that the Jammu and Kashmir government has lost a huge revenue due to the "malpractices" of certain officials. Randhawa, who is also president of the Stone Crusher Owners Association, welcomed the setting up of a four-member committee for an in-depth examination of mining activities in the Tawi and a high court



stay on the recovery of fine from the unit holders. On May 3, the J&K BJP Secretary had levelled serious allegations of corruption against several officials of the

Geology and Mining department and Union Minister Jitendra Singh's office in Jammu and also threatened to immolate himself on coming Monday. The BJP's disciplinary committee served Randhawa a show-cause notice after he went public against Singh, while the Union minister filed a criminal suit against him in a Delhi court for "committing an offence of defamation" against him. "There is a high court ban on mining activities in the Tawi river but it is only on papers as illegal activities under official patronage are going on and we (unit holders) have been made the scapegoat

Pakistan Imposes Eid Holiday Shutdown As Virus Cases Soar



Agencies

Pakistan on Saturday began a nine-day shutdown affecting travel and tourist hotspots in a bid to prevent a surge in Covid-19 cases during the Muslim holiday of Eid Al Fitr.

Already battling a third wave of infections and increasingly nervous about the crisis across the border in India, the government has imposed the most severe restrictions since a one-month lockdown in April last year.

used to monitor the restrictions. Mosques, however, which have been packed each night throughout Ramadan -- with few people wearing masks -- will remain open. Authorities fear curbs on places of worship could ignite confrontation in the deeply conservative Islamic republic.

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Ambulances were rushing to evacuate wounded from the scene of the blast near Syed Al-Shahda school, Interior Ministry spokesman said.

Bomb Targeting Afghan School In Kabul Kills At Least 25, Injures Dozens

Agencies

A bomb exploded near a school in a majority Shiite district of west Kabul on Saturday, killing at least 25 people, many them young students, Afghan government spokesmen said.

While no one has claimed responsibility for the bombing, previous, often brutal attacks in this neighborhood have been claimed by the Afghan Islamic State affiliate.

IS for a vicious attack last year in a maternity hospital in the same area that killed pregnant women and newborn babies. In Dasht-e-Barchi, angry crowds attacked the ambulances and even beat health workers, said Health Ministry spokesman Ghulam Dastigar Nazari. He implored residents to cooperate and allow ambulances free access to the site.

Muslim Countries Condemn Violent Israeli Raid On Al-Aqsa Mosque

Agencies

Several Muslim countries have denounced a violent Israeli assault on Palestinian worshipers in the al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the Old City of Jerusalem al-Quds.

More than 200 Palestinians were injured as Israeli forces fired rubber bullets, tear gas and stun grenades at hundreds of Palestinians attending night prayers at the compound. The clashes took place on the International Quds Day, the last Friday of the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.



raeli forces used water cannon mounted on armored vehicles to disperse protesters. Iran 'strongly condemns' Israeli raid. Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh said the Islamic Republic 'strongly condemns' the Israeli raid on the al-Aqsa Mosque, the first Qiblah of Muslims (a place toward which Muslims pray), on the Quds Day.

WHO Approves China's Sinopharm COVID-19 Vaccine For Emergency Use



In a big relief for China, the WHO on Friday finally granted the conditional approval to its Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccine for emergency use, a move that could help Beijing step up its vaccine diplomacy amid the surge in coronavirus vaccines in several countries.

China has approved about five of its vaccines for emergency use and especially using Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines for both at home and abroad. The Sinopharm vaccine was authorised by 45 countries and jurisdictions for use in adults, with 65 million doses administered, according to official media reports.

It is also the first vaccine that will carry a vaccine vial monitor, a small sticker on the vaccine vials that change colour as the vaccine is exposed to heat, letting health workers know whether the vaccine can be safely used, it said. Sinopharm vaccine efficacy for symptomatic and hospitalised disease was estimated to be 79 per cent, all age groups combined, the WHO said.

Iraq: Fresh Drone Attack Targets Military Base Housing US Soldiers



US military on Saturday said that a new drone attack targeted American forces in Iraq. The military said that the drone was packed with explosives and hit an Iraqi base that housed US troops early on Saturday. There have been no casualties. The attack on the Ain Al-Asad air base was the fourth in Iraq in less than a week.

was damaged," he said in a tweet. It was only the second time authorities publicly confirmed a drone had been used in an attack on a target inside Iraq. In April, a drone packed with explosives hit the coalition's Iraq headquarters in the military part of the airport in the Kurdish regional capital Arbil. The attack sent shock waves around Iraq -- the tactic poses a headache for the coalition, as drones can evade the C-RAM air defenses it has installed to protect its bases. But an Iraqi government official told AFP that the Arbil strike was not the first use of a drone against a target inside Iraq.

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Perseverance Rover Captures Sound Of Ingenuity Flying On Mars

NASA's Perseverance rover has for the first time captured the low-pitched whirring of the Ingenuity helicopter's blades as it flies through the rarified Martian atmosphere.

The speed of sound on the planet is therefore around 540 mph (roughly 240 meters per second), compared to about 760 mph (roughly 340 meters per second) here.



It also comes with a microphone to record the sounds, which yields additional insights into the physical properties of the targets, like how hard they are. Similarly, explained Mimoun, the new recording of Ingenuity's flight 'will be a gold mine for our understanding of the Martian atmosphere.'

Nepali Climber Climbs Mount Everest For Record 25th Time

KATHMANDU: Nepali climber Kami Rita Sherpa on Friday reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for the most summits of the highest mountain in the world.



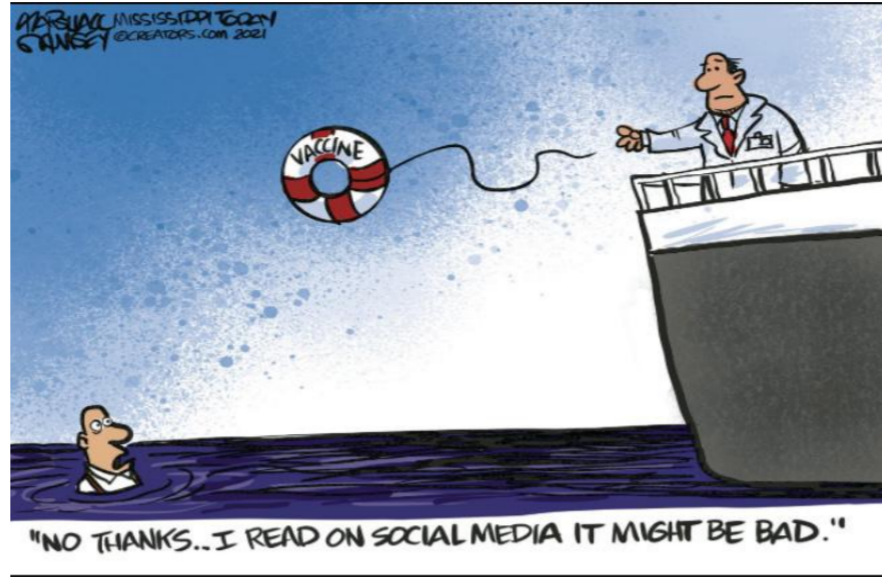
'It isn't about breaking records... My aim was to celebrate my silver jubilee by climbing 25 times in 2020 at the age of 50, but Covid didn't let that happen. So this year I will make my dream come true.'

Without us, foreigners wouldn't come," he said. In 2019, he ascended Everest twice, breaking and making records each time. But this time Sherpa climbed a slightly higher Everest after Nepal and China revised its height to 8,848.86 metres (29,031 feet) last year -- 86 centimetres (2.8 feet) higher than the measurement previously recognised by Nepal.

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The Human Rights Watch report is a valuable, sober, and deliberately uninflamatory piece of scholarship—which won't make a damn bit of difference for Palestine

United we Live, Divided we Die

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Political leaders who have shown merit must ensure that petty differences do not crop up between them, which will destroy all possibilities of a defiant coalition. At the present time, Mamata Banerjee is certainly one such leader. Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi, and even Uddhav Thackeray in Maharashtra, who has been able to walk the tight rope and form the Maha Vikas Aghadi with the Congress whose ideology is at loggerheads with the Shiv Sena's, are other such leaders.

The Congress and the Left must not join hands with the BJP in alleging that it is the Trinamool Congress that is responsible for the violence that broke out in West Bengal in the aftermath of last Sunday's election results. They must pay heed to Mamata Banerjee who points out that the violence was restricted to areas where BJP candidates won. They must wait for the matter to be judiciously investigated by an independent inquiry commission.

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One does not know if Covid will exit from India by 2023. However, the reconstructed Ram Temple on the site of the demolished Babri Masjid will be ready in 2023. This will be monumental enough to let the public, whose memory is anyway short, forget all sins of omission and commission by the government at center and give them a majority in the Lok Sabha once again. It is only a determined coalition that can prevent such an occurrence.

Indira Gandhi's high-handedness was restricted to the two Emergency years from 1975 to 1977, when the Fundamental Rights of citizens guaranteed by the Constitution were suspended. Today, the high-handedness of our leader, on the other hand, is far more insidious. It has already extended over a seven-year period, and has taken the form of an undeclared Emergency. There was demonetisation, the beef lynching of Muslims, the CAA and NRC bills, the new farm laws, and numerous arrests of students, artists and activists on fabricated sedition charges, chucking constitutional provisions like habeas corpus into the rubbish bin.

And now, their handling of the Covid pandemic is the icing on the cake.

Last year it was the sudden lockdown at four-hour's notice, bringing all transport to a halt. This led to India's labour force, whom Mother Teresa would have called the poorest of the poor, walking home for thousands of miles in the scorching summer heat, many of them dying on the way. This year, it is haunting images of a line up of dead bodies on India's streets, shown more in the foreign me-



Ajit Solanki/AP Photo

dia than our own.

This, I would say, is attributable, symbolically, to just one or two things. It is attributable to the Prime Minister's speech at an election rally in West Bengal in February, where he said in Hindi: Wherever I look, I can only see people, and nothing but people. Obviously, this implied that there was no social distancing at all between the thousands who had gathered to listen to him, cheek by jowl. But instead of this filling Modi with a sense of dread, he took it as an indication of his popularity. And symbolically, it may also be said to be attributable to the shahi snans at the Kumbh Mela in Haridwar, which was permitted only because it happened to be an upper caste Hindu religious festival.

In hindsight, PM could have used the time he spent in West Bengal seeing nothing but people, which turned out to be counterproductive anyway, attending to vaccines, drugs, oxygen supplies, ICU beds and ventilators. That might have ensured that many of his voters' loved ones were still in their midst today.

In 1977, it was easy for Morarji Desai and the Janata Party to put an end to Indira Gandhi's Emergency by voting her out of power. In 2024, it will be harder for coalition parties to do the same, unless they stand united from this very moment. That is

why the Congress and the Left should not be in a hurry to accuse Mamata Banerjee of fomenting violence in West Bengal. They should give her a patient hearing. Who knows, in 2024, Mamata Banerjee might prove to be the Morarji Desai of 1977.

Of course, by 1980, Indira Gandhi came back to power with a vengeance. And her sense of infallibility sunk so deep that it resulted in Operation Blue Star in 1984. Everyone knows the course of events that followed Operation Blue Star.

If we do not strengthen our coalition parties today, we might not find our way out of this regime's excesses of power. We might see the same patterns and events repeating.

History, after all, has a way of repeating itself.

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The recent Human Rights Watch report "A Threshold Crossed: Israeli Authorities and the Crimes of Apartheid and Persecution" is a valuable piece of scholarship: 213 pages of carefully worded, heavily footnoted evidence marshaled in sober, and deliberately uninflamatory, prose. Unfortunately, it won't make a damn bit of difference.

The "apartheid" debate in—and about—Israel has been simmering for decades. Though anti-Zionists have long insisted on the term's accuracy, it has slowly gained credence inside Israel as well and has been deployed by an Israeli attorney general, a deputy mayor of Jerusalem, and two former Israeli prime ministers, among others—but almost always as a warning about the consequences of the occupation rather than as a description of current reality. The last time the term caused a stir in the United States was in 2006, when former president Jimmy Carter published a book titled *Palestine Peace, Not Apartheid*. Following angry attacks by Israel's partisans in the media, Carter retracted his usage of the term and issued an "Al Het," which is a prayer Jews usually say on Yom Kippur, to atone for their sins and ask God for forgiveness. He added, "We must not permit criticisms for improvement to stigmatize Israel."

Well, Israel has not improved in this regard. It has gotten worse. Without formally annexing the West Bank, successive Israeli governments have been purposely erasing the pre-1948 border and the occupied West Bank. At the same time, its governments passed a succession of laws designed to let the 24 percent of the population that do not identify as Jewish know that they are second-class citizens. Extremists arguing for Arab expulsion have been gaining in popularity and recently earned sufficient support to be elected to parliament, with the implicit support of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The HRW report follows on a lengthy legal brief issued in July 2020 by the Israeli human rights organization Yesh Din that concluded that Israeli authorities were committing "the crime against humanity of apartheid" in the West Bank. This past

The Occupiers

Eric Alterman

January, B'Tselem, Israel's largest human rights organization, expanded this argument by applying the term to what it called Israel's "regime of Jewish supremacy from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea." These reports received little attention in the mainstream media and even less in Congress. They were also successfully ignored by those Jewish publications that identify with the "pro-Israel" position and almost all Jewish professional organizations.

Immediate reactions to the HRW report, however, flew fast and furious; almost all appeared to have been written as if on preprogrammed computer keyboards. The Israeli Foreign Ministry called

Kaleem Hawa arguing that it "lends strength to the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement." Hawa invoked the example of the "the global effort to support the South African people in their fight to end apartheid: a campaign of moral, political, and economic boycott." Like all such invocations, however, this is an example of the triumph of hope over experience. Leaving aside the myriad differences between the Israeli and South African versions of apartheid—such as the fact that you will find no "Jews only" signs on Israel's beaches or restaurants, and that skin color is the not the determinative factor in how a person is necessarily treated or what legal rights and protections he or she may en-

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the report "fictional...preposterous and false." The Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations attacked what it called "the disgraceful report," which, in its view "attempts to demonize, delegitimize, and apply double standards to the State of Israel." The American Jewish Committee found its arguments to be "baseless and sometimes border on antisemitism." Alone among self-described "pro-Israel" organizations, J Street took a nuanced position, defending HRW against scurrilous attacks without endorsing its conclusions.

Palestinians and their supporters celebrated its publication. The Nation published an article by

joy—the movement has so far failed spectacularly to demonstrate any positive policy influence whatsoever. While BDS has enjoyed some popularity on college campuses and among leftist organizations and publications since its founding in 2005, it has caused no discernible damage to the Israeli economy (and, according to two sympathetic Brookings Institute scholars, is unlikely ever to do so). This is, to put it mildly, nothing like the experience of the movement that ended apartheid in South Africa.

The Palestinian cause, moreover, has been rapidly receding in relative importance to the rest of the world. What remains of the Israeli

peace movement played little or no role in Israel's recent spate of elections, which were successively dominated by ever more right-wing parties. Arab governments are increasingly cozying up to Israel, both openly in the case of the Gulf States and Morocco and surreptitiously in many others, owing to the more immediate threat they discern from Iran, together with bribes—often in the form of generous arms sales—from the US government. While more and more Democrats have sought to distance themselves from Israel, in part because of Netanyahu's open embrace of the Republican Party, President Biden won election with a promise not to condition US aid to Israel in any way. An AIPAC-promoted bill to ensure that this remains the case recently received 330 cosponsors in the House; an alternative bill, seeking to prevent the money from being spent in support of apartheid-entrenching causes, received only six. The State Department has rejected the conclusions of the HRW report and has made it clear that there will be no meaningful pressure on Israel to change its ways under the Biden administration. The Palestinians remain hopelessly divided themselves, with a government in the West Bank that is viewed as corrupt and increasingly illegitimate—President Mahmoud Abbas recently canceled what would have been its first election since 2006, while the Palestinian Legislative Council has not met since 2009—and Gaza is run by an organization, Hamas, that much of the world equates with terrorism. Even attempting to restart peace talks is considered a waste of time by almost all concerned.

Still, thanks to HRW et al., the question is no longer whether the word "apartheid" applies to Israel but what if anything remotely realizable can be done about it. Nowhere, perhaps, does Antonio Gramsci's observation, "Indifference operates with great power on history. [It] operates passively, but it operates," apply so accurately as with Israel/Palestine.

A Gentle Stroll through Ramadan

Shakir Malik

We should understand that Ramadan is not a once in a lifetime event. 'Eid-ul-Fitr' will repeat with its promised gusto, probably next year. This year, we would deserve celebrations in a traditional sense only when the virus is brought to its knees and lives of all are secured. And this 'Eid', that would require a slight inaction from our part, that is to restrict our respective celebrations to just a feast of family and to practice social distancing

When it comes to Kashmir, every season wears its own colours and ingredients; talk of spring and fluttering butterflies, flowers, greenery and idyllic sunshine comes to mind, winter means snowflakes, icicles and frozen water, so on and so forth. And talk of Ramadan, these things normally linger around, a mosque full of worshippers, a capsizing 'Kangri' with couple of people clearing the smoldering coal with bare hands—that of course when Ramadan falls in wintry months; throat clearances to signal the 'Imam' to amplify his speed of recital during 'Taraweeh', and in case the 'Imam' is hard headed then taking refuge in short spells of sleep, etc. On a serious note though, when the entire life seems to be a mere repetition of tasks, Ramadan has a way of making you remember a certain past.

One of the Ramadan stories that I remember is from the footsteps of Jama Masjid, Delhi—cliques of people, loitering with fruit platters, samosas, date palms, etc. inviting us to break the fast with them. And the tone of their invitations would just melt your heart, 'Brother, please have 'iftari' with us.' 'Brother, brother, brother...' constant solicitations from all sides. That day, my friends and I had decided to break our fast at Jama Masjid. We finally sat with one group who insisted that we eat as much as we could. And when we left, a person meandering around Gate no. 3 of the same mosque, with a huge container on his back, would offer a cold glass of water to anyone who wanted. To make someone quench a day long thirst in such an enervating heat, while getting yourself drenched in sweat is no mean task by any means. I mumbled to my friends, 'This is the best of humanity.' I felt it very profoundly probably because I had not seen such kind of camaraderie around that city before.

Another 'iftari' that I remember is from a mosque at Khati Talab, Jammu. Tens of people sat along both sides of sheets strewn with fruits, date palms, etc. Everyone was in a fit of silence, some would raise their hands and pray while others very innocuously stared at the food, counting seconds, perhaps feeling the churn in their stomachs. The volunteers were frantically unfolding mats as more people would enter. These community hangouts are very unique to Ramadan.

While growing up one feels the huge nonnegotiable gap between acts of childhood and adulthood. As a kid, during the last week of Ramadan evenings, I remember watching my sister and other girl children making a big circle and doing rounds while singing the Kashmiri Eid song 'Eid aayi rasi rasi'. And I would also blend in as my sister used to lobby for my inclusion. A chorus of melodiousness would fill the air. Then, we would talk and make plans for the Eid from day one of Ramadan, about the amount of 'Eidi' we would get and toys we would buy. I would rarely keep fast then, but I loved waking up for 'Sehri', not because I hated sleep, but I wanted to see the person called the 'Sehar khan' who still goes round and round in our village beating the drums to awaken the people at that time. But, I never saw him. Back then, I would worry that he should not be attacked by some wild animal in the street at that



hour. That tradition is still in vogue, though my mobile alarm wakes me now.

These days, I love 'sehri', especially because of the way Muezzins and other 'Naat' singers sing Kashmiri 'naats'. It is not easy to make that hour of the night reverberate, which otherwise stays doomed in silence.

Ramadan of 2020 and this year have been tough. Last year, when the pandemic struck and I was stuck in Delhi at that time. I experienced there how the collective distress caused by a dreadful disease can spoil our most cherished memories. It felt like everything was meaningless in the moment. Hunger and anxiety weighed on me quite heavily. This year, the same feeling is getting somewhat repeated.

And we are supposed to give up on socializing which otherwise is a very important aspect of Ramadan. The absence of pre-Eid hustle and bustle in mar-

kets and mosques makes this Ramadan a solitary affair. In fact, pandemic is forcing us to go against all kinds of definitions of normal and allowing empty streets to take over.

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Reflections On Mother's Day

Aruj Sipra

"An ounce of Mother is worth a pound of Clergy."
(Spanish proverb)

When I read this quotation I wondered what made the writer compare mothers to priests? Then I closed my eyes and started to contemplate an intense hardship that a woman suffers in the pregnancy, delivery, nursing and rearing of her child – A complete role for a task in hand that none other can perform more selflessly than a mother. It is this character that I believe must have influenced the writer and helped him envisage the importance of a mother in a role that is much bigger and more sacred than the role of a saint. Whatever urged the writer to say this beautiful quote, it was extremely apt.

Mother – how do you define her? For me she is an epitome of love, sacrifice, care, compassion, a never ending list of dotting attributes. Allah SWT, the ultimate creator of every single soul in the universe, knowing the role of mother on earth, infused all these qualities in her soul. A mother is an instinctive philosopher and her heart forever goes walking around outside her body in the form of her children. Allah has made honoring one's mother a virtue.

There are verses in the Holy Qur'an and numerous Ahadith that emphasize the burdens that a mother carries and the respect that should be accorded to her.

"And we have enjoined on man to be dutiful and kind to his parents. His mother bears him with hardship and she brings him forth with hardship, and the bearing of him, and the weaning of him is thirty (30) months."

[The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 46, Verse 15]

The Holy Qur'an guides us through divine examples of good mothers who are an immense source of inspiration when it comes to having faith in Allah.

"And We inspired the mother of Moses, (saying): 'suckle him (Moses), but when you fear for him, then cast him into the river and fear not, nor grieve. Verily! We shall bring him back for you, and shall make him one of (Our) Messengers.'"

[The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 28, Verse 7]



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"And Mary, the daughter of 'Imran who guarded her chastity; and We breathed into (the sleeve of her shirt or her garment) through Our 'Ruh' (i.e. Gabriel), and she testified to the truth of the Words of her Lord (believed in the Words of Allah 'Be! and he was; that is Jesus-son of Mary; as a Messenger of Allah), and (also believed in) His Scriptures, and she was of the Qaninitun (i.e. obedient to Allah)."

[The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 66, Verse 12]

Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) commanded believers to respect their mothers.

"A man came to the Prophet and said, 'O Messenger of Allah! Who among the people is the most worthy of my good companionship? The Prophet (PBUH) said: Your mother. The man said, 'Then who?' The Prophet said: Then your mother. The man further asked, 'Then who?' The Prophet said: Then your mother. The man asked again, 'Then who?' The Prophet said: Then your father."

[Bukhari, Muslim]

It is related from Talhah ibn Mu'awiyah as-Salami (may Allah be pleased with him) who said:

"I came to the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon

him) and said, "O Messenger of Allah, I want to perform Jihad in the way of Allah." He (peace and blessings be upon him) asked, "Is your mother alive?" I replied, "Yes." The Noble Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) then said: "Cling to her feet, because Paradise is there."

[At-Tabarānī]

So what exactly is Mother's Day? According to Wikipedia, Mother's Day is as a celebration of honoring mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated once a year, the exact date varies around the world, but it is usually in May/Spring.

People celebrate one day to give honor to the most important person in their lives! Just one day! Mothers should be celebrated and honored 24/7 a week and 365 days a year. We should be aware of our mother's importance with every single breath we take. They are the ones who make our lives magical and meaningful after Allah. They bring us to this world, feed us, teach us how to read and write, walk and talk, help us grow, prosper, and reach greater heights. We should show our gratitude to our mothers by always being kind and gentle to them and look after them as they have protected us through our childhood and tender years. Our love for our mothers should be as water and sunshine is to saplings that grows into mighty trees.

I can feel the pain and vacuum in the life of people whose mothers are not alive today as I lost my mother when I was just 22 years old. There are always moments in the day when I crave for her company, a word, a hug or just her kind gaze. Those of us who are, Alhamdulillah, still blessed with the presence of their mothers should count their blessings twice and take this opportunity to earn a place in paradise by simply loving and looking after their mothers.

To end with a quote from the Holy Qur'an that we should recite in all our prayers and whenever, wherever we think of our mothers.

My Lord! Bestow on them thy Mercy even as they cherished me in childhood

[The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 17, Verse 24]

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Muslim Moms

Study finds hand dermatitis in two thirds of public due to stringent hand hygiene during COVID

Agencies

The dermatological impact of COVID-19 is a burning topic at EADV's 2021 Spring Symposium. New research presented today highlights the effect that stringent hand hygiene during the pandemic has had on hand skin health.

Researchers at Father Muller Medical College, India, analysed transepidermal water loss (TEWL - an essential parameter for measuring skin barrier function) from 582 people (291 healthcare professionals (HCPs) and 291 healthy individuals from the general population).

Results indicated that hand dermatitis was now present among 92.6% of HCPs and 68.7% of the general population, despite only ~3% of HCPs and 2.4% of the general public in the study had reported a prior history of hand dermatitis (obtained through medical history and self-reported history). Higher mean TEWL (drier skin) was also noted in females (65.4 g/m²h) and intensive care professionals (58.2 g/m²h), which was associated with a high frequency of handwashing and use of alcohol-based hand rubs.

Both the HCPs and participants from the general public in this study stated that skin irritation and dryness was the main barrier to the consistent practice of hand hygiene (as reported by 72.1% of HCPs, and 50.8% of healthy volunteers).

Dr Monisha Madhumita, Father Muller Medical College, India explains: "This research truly demonstrates the impact of increased



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handwashing and uptake of alcohol-based rubs on the hand skin health of HCPs and the general public. Moreover, we now know that using TEWL to measure skin barrier function can help us compare the efficacy of various barrier protective measures, and discover suitable modifications of hand hygiene

practices and products to help prevent hand eczema. Finding suitable modifications to practices and products that may increase the accessibility of proper hand hygiene is something of vital importance to many in our community."

Marie-Aleth Richard, EADV Board Member and Professor at

the University Hospital of La Timone, Marseille, adds: "This research shows there is now a skin-disease epidemic within the COVID-19 pandemic. It is promising to see this problem is recognised, and I am excited to see how the dermatology community goes about finding potential solutions to this issue."

Scientists discover way to trick cancer cells into consuming toxic drugs

Agencies

A new research led by a team at the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) points to a promising strategy to boost tumours' intake of cancer drugs, thereby increasing the effectiveness of chemotherapy treatments.

The group's findings are published in Nature Nanotechnology. Getting enough anticancer drugs into a tumour is often difficult, and a potential strategy to overcome this challenge involves binding the medications to albumin, the most abundant protein in the blood.

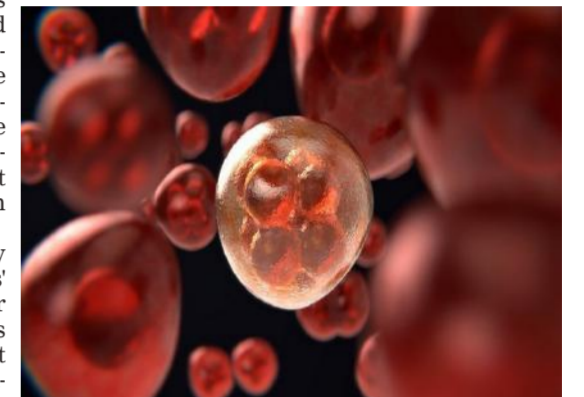
The strategy relies on tumours' large appetite for protein nutrients that fuel malignant growth. When consuming available albumin, the tumours will inadvertently take in the attached drugs.

A popular albumin-bound drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is nanoparticle albumin-bound paclitaxel (nab-PTX), and it has been successfully used to treat late-stage lung and pancreatic cancers.

"Not all patients respond to nab-PTX, though, and the effectiveness of its delivery to tumours has been mixed, owing to an incomplete understanding of how albumin impacts drug delivery and actions," says senior author Miles Miller, PhD, a principal investigator in the MGH Center for Systems Biology and assistant professor of Radiology at Harvard Medical School.

To provide insights, Miller

and his colleagues assessed the delivery of nab-PTX to tumours at a single-cell resolution in mouse models of cancer. Using 3D microscopy and what's called tissue clearing technology, the team found that cancer cells can take up a significant amount of nab-PTX, and that the consumption of these drugs is controlled by signalling pathways that are involved in the cells' uptake of nutrients such as albumin.



"This discovery suggested that if we could manipulate these pathways, we might be able to trick cancer cells into a nutrient-starved state, thereby enhancing their consumption of nab-PTX," explains Ran Li, PhD, first author on the study and an instructor in the MGH Department of Radiology and the Center for Systems Biology.

Indeed, treating tumours with an inhibitor of insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor, an important component of one of the signalling pathways, improved the accumulation of nab-PTX in tumours and boosted its effectiveness.

"These results offer new possibilities to improve the delivery of albumin-bound drugs in patients with diverse types of cancer," says Miller.

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Subject: - Final Selection List of Staff Nurses advertised under NHM.

FINAL SELECTION LIST

In response to Advertisement issued vide No DRHS/NHM/GBL/20-21/1284-91 dated 10-09-2020 regarding contractual hiring of services of Junior Staff Nurses for which provisional section list was published by this office vide No DRHS/NHM/GBL/20-21/59-66 dated 06/04/2021. The following candidates have been selected under National Health Mission against the available vacancies.

S.No	Roll No	Name	Remarks	S.No	Roll No	Name	Remarks	S.No	Roll No	Name	Remarks
1	1003	Asif Rashid S/O,D/O,W/O Ab Rashid Hajam R/O Nunar Ganderbal	Selected	23	1093	Shagufta Mohiuddin S/O,D/O,W/O Ghulam Mohi ud din Shah R/O Harran Ganderbal	Selected	44	1004	Qaisar Hassan Mir S/O,D/O,W/O Gh Hassan Mir R/O Rakhi Haran	Selected
2	1039	Rehana Tabasum S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohmad Dar R/O Sehpora Tulmulla	Selected	24	1033	Mehnaz Amin S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Amin Mir R/O Reshipora Saloora	Selected	45	1076	Saima Nazir S/O,D/O,W/O Nazir Ahmad Sheikh R/O Qasba Lar	Selected
3	1102	Mahapara Sultan S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Sultan Bhat R/O Bagimahanand Watlar	Selected	25	1010	Sumaia Maqbool S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Maqbool Reshi R/O Khallamulla	Selected	46	1014	Madeena Manzoor S/O,D/O,W/O manzoor Ahmad Lone R/O Sindbal Ganderbal	Selected
4	1040	Aaliya Qammer S/O,D/O,W/O Tasaduk Ali Dar R/O Sehpora Ganderbal	Selected	26	1050	Masrat Nabi S/O,D/O,W/O Gh Nabi Wani R/O Gorpora Youngoora	Selected	Waiting List			
5	1002	Asif Rashid S/O,D/O,W/O Ab Rashid Sheikh R/O Waskura Wakura	Selected	27	1072	Nazia Shafi S/O,D/O,W/O Mohammad Shafi Wani R/O Yenihama Lar	Selected	1	1016	Arjumand Yosouf S/O,D/O,W/O Mohamad Yosouf Ganie R/O Wakura	
6	1038	Tahmeena Jan S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Afzal Mir R/O Barsoo Lar	Selected	28	1100	Aabida Afzal S/O,D/O,W/O Mohammad Afzal Malik R/O Safapora Lar	Selected	2	1005	Ulfaat Nazir S/O,D/O,W/O Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/O Repora Lar	
7	1017	Rubaiya Gull S/O,D/O,W/O Ghulam Mohmd Bhat R/O Batwina Wakura	Selected	29	1099	Nusrata Bashir S/O,D/O,W/O Bashir Ahmad Dar R/O Kachan Ganderbal	Selected	3	1023	Amir Yasin Shah S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Yaseen Shah R/O Qasba Lar	
8	1018	Bisma Ashraf S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Ashraf Mir R/O Chundina Ganderbal	Selected	30	1063	Rashida Yosouf S/O,D/O,W/O Mohammad Yosouf dar R/O Kujar A/P Rakhi haran	Selected	4	1086	Abida Rasool S/O,D/O,W/O Gh Rasool Reshi R/O Repora Lar	
9	1021	Zahida Akhtar S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohd Ganie R/O Batwina Wakura	Selected	31	1113	Bisma Nazir S/O,D/O,W/O Nazir Ahmad Bhat R/O Lar Ganderbal	Selected	5	1028	Insha Shabir S/O,D/O,W/O Shabir Ahmad Bhat R/O Yenihama Lar	
10	1071	Shazia Shafi S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Shafi Wani R/O Yenihama Lar	Selected	32	1001	Talia Khurshed S/O,D/O,W/O Khurshed Ahmad Sofi R/O Reshipora Saloora	Selected	6	1027	Shahnaz Qadri S/O,D/O,W/O Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat R/O Kurhama Wakura	
11	1061	Saima Manzoor S/O,D/O,W/O Manzoor Ahmad Ganie R/O Kurhama Wakura	Selected	33	1111	Mahajabeena S/O,D/O,W/O Gh Mohammad Khan R/O Wakura	Selected	7	1031	Bilquees Jalal S/O,D/O,W/O Jalal uddin Malik R/O Preng Kangan	
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14	1080	Nargis Jahan Malla S/O,D/O,W/O Gh Ahmad Malla R/O Shapora Ganderbal	Selected	36	1012	Syed Towseef Afroz S/O,D/O,W/O Syed Mohammad Afroz R/O Rajbagh Colony Nagbal	Selected	10	1068	Farhat Jan S/O,D/O,W/O Nazir Ahmad Dar R/O Sehpora Ganderbal	
15	1041	Nazia Fayaz S/O,D/O,W/O Fayaz Ahmad Kuchay R/O Safapora Lar	Selected	37	1051	Ruqaya binti Habibullah S/O,D/O,W/O Habib Ullah wani R/O Wani mohallah Safapora	Selected	11	1029	Syed Ufada S/O,D/O,W/O Nazir Ahmad Shah R/O Baghi mahanand Lar	
16	1035	Sabiya Sidiq S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Sidiq Sheikh R/O Guzerbal Ganderbal	Selected	38	1059	Bisma Ali S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohammad Rather R/O Manjigam Ganderbal	Selected	12	1055	Mohd Auyais Hajam S/O,D/O,W/O Mohd Shafi Hajam R/O Hakeemgund Ganderbal	
17	1015	Safia Ali S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohammad Parah R/O Zazna	Selected	39	1057	Tariq Hussain Naik S/O,D/O,W/O Mohammad Sadiq Naik R/O Ramwari Gund Kangan	Selected	13	1084	Onaiba Jan S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohmad Rather R/O Manjigam Lar	
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19	1097	Nusrat Hamid S/O,D/O,W/O Abdul Hamid Bhat R/O Kulpora Safapora	Selected	41	1013	Bisma Ali S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohammad Wani R/O Wayil Ganderbal	Selected	15	1044	Rifat Aara Sheikh S/O,D/O,W/O Abdul Hammed Sheikh R/O Qasba Lar	
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21	1058	Madeena S/O,D/O,W/O Ali Mohmad Laherwal R/O Kondbal Yangoora	Selected	43	1107	Shabnum Chesti S/O,D/O,W/O Zahoor Ahmad Chesti R/O Takiya Khalmulla Alastang	Selected	17	1067	Roohina Fayaz S/O,D/O,W/O Fayaz Ahmad Lone R/O Nagbal Ganderbal	
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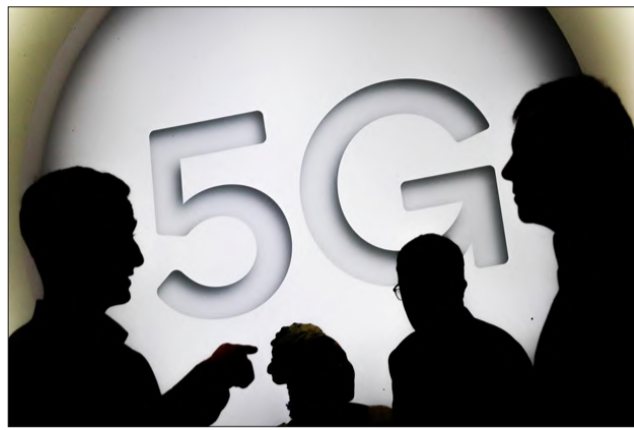
- Terms and Conditions:**
- The selected candidates shall report to the office of Chief Medical Officer Ganderbal along with original testimonials which shall be verified as per NHM Guidelines.
 - The hiring is purely on contractual basis initially up to 31st march 2022, extendable by one year subject to approval of the post by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India in the SPIP.
 - The Contract may be renewed further based on performance of the candidate. In case of unsatisfactory performance, this office on the recommendations of the concerned Medical Superintendent may terminate the hiring.
 - Drawal of honorarium shall be subject to verification of date of birth/academic, State subject and other relevant credentials which shall be verified by this office from the concerned institution duly recognized. In case of adverse report regarding authenticity of documents, the engagement shall be cancelled straight away.
 - The performance of the appointee should be reviewed after every three months. In case the appointee wants to quit the service, he/she shall have to inform the department before one month.
 - The selected candidate shall have to work at the place against which he/she has been engaged and shall not be eligible for transfer from the place of posting in any case. Furthermore, the posting shall be made as per the Merit List obtained in recruitment process.
 - The selected candidate shall be terminated at any time for non-performance, indiscipline, absenteeism from duty or any other reason without any prior notice.
 - The selected candidate shall have to submit an affidavit duly signed by Ist Class Magistrate that he/she shall not claim for any regularization of his/her services in the Department/Government.
 - He/she shall not be entitled to any allowances or monetary benefit whatsoever except as admissible under the scheme.
 - The hiring shall be governed by other terms and conditions that are not specifically mentioned herein but are made applicable in case of such appointments at any time by the contracting authority.
 - He/she shall report in the office of Chief Medical Officer Ganderbal as mentioned along with all original documents/testimonials, for their duties within 07 days of the publication of this notice, failing which the engagement order will be treated as cancelled without any prior notice and consequently the waiting list shall be operated.

Dr. Mehraj Ud Din
Chief Medical Officer
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Telecom Industry Cautions Against Rumours Of 5G Causing Covid



Agencies

NEW DELHI: In a joint statement on Friday, the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) and the Tower and Infrastructure Providers Association (TAIPA) expressed their concern regarding false rumours connecting 5G technology with the spread of Covid-19.

The industry bodies said that they have come across multiple messages on social media platforms as well as reports in a few regional media allegedly claiming "5G spectrum trials" as the probable cause of rising cases of Covid-19.

"We would like to clarify that these rumours are absolutely false. We urge people not to fall for such baseless misinformation. Several countries in the world have already rolled out 5G networks and people are using these services safely," COAI Director General S.P. Kochhar said.

Even the World Health Organisation has clarified that there is no correlation between 5G technology and Covid-19, he said.

"We have shared our concerns with the Department of

Telecommunications and have apprised them of the situation. We appeal fellow citizens to beware of these fake messages. Together we can fight this menace of misinformation," Kochhar added.

TAIPA Director General Tilak Raj Dua said: "Such misleading campaigns, if not brought under control immediately, may significantly impact the telecom operations and hence the connectivity at large and deprive the general public and government authorities from getting uninterrupted telecom services at this crucial juncture."

The COAI and TAIPA added that there are no 5G trials in the country. No 5G towers have been installed as yet. Telecom services are a lifeline for the nation, especially in the current times, they said.

In fact, these networks are keeping people safe by enabling work from home, online classes, e-health and online doctor consultations among others. Hundreds of millions of people depend on these networks to access real time information when they need it the most, the statement added.

'Government Should Incentivise Use Of Clean Fuels'

Agencies

With the government imposing a green tax on old polluting vehicles, Indian Auto LPG Coalition (IAC) is advocating the need for this deterrent to be accompanied by incentives to people shifting to cleaner alternative fuels such as auto LPG.

The Union Ministry for Road Transport and Highways recently approved a proposal to levy a 'green tax' on old vehicles in a bid to curtail pollution and push consumers to switch to environmental-friendly alternatives.

Notably, hybrid vehicles and vehicles running on clean alternative fuels such as LPG, CNG and ethanol will be exempt from this tax. The initiative aims to make polluters pay for environmental pollution in India's choking cities.

While welcoming the move as a step in the right direction, Indian Auto LPG Coalition has suggested that penalising polluters should be accompanied by reward for users of clean fuels.

"India's choking cities need to shift a large number of their private vehicles to clean alternative fuels immediately and pushing consumers to switch their existing vehicles to clean alternatives is the quickest way

to achieve this. This is why a penalty for polluters must also be accompanied by reward or incentives for citizens switching to clean fuels to make it more impactful," said Suyash Gupta, Director General, Indian Auto LPG Coalition.

Petrol and diesel vehicles including cars, two-wheelers and three wheelers can easily be converted to Auto LPG or CNG by installing conversion kits. Conversion kits that currently cost up to Rs 25,000 can be made significantly more affordable with GST cuts and subsidy support, said that the nodal body for the promotion of Auto LPG in India.

These conversion kits are taxed at a prohibitive GST rate of 28 per cent, a policy that is dichotomous to the government's commitment to clean energy.

"Rationalising this prohibitive GST rate on conversion kits to 5 per cent has been a long-pending plea of the Auto LPG sector. Reducing this GST rate will make conversion kits more affordable for mass usage," Gupta said.

Govt To Negotiate With HCI On Hotel Centaur Take Over



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir government Saturday constituted a five-member committee to negotiate with the Hotel Corporation of India (HCI) to take over the control of much famed hotel Centaur located on the banks of famous Dal Lake in Srinagar.

The government has constituted a committee for settlement of

matters relating to Centaur Lake View Hotel Srinagar of HCI comprising four members.

In this regard, an order was issued by the government, a copy of which lies with the news agency.

The order issued by Commissioner Secretary to the government Manoj Kumar Diwedi, reads: "In supersession of all previous order, sanction is accorded to the constitution of committee

comprising four members including Financial Commissioner, principal secretary to government public works and Road and Building department, secretary to tourism department and managing director of Jammu and Kashmir tourism Development Corporation."

"The committee shall finalize all details and modalities with the representatives of Centaur Lake View Hotel and HCI and come up with a concrete proposal for the consideration of the government," the order reads.

Meanwhile, the Coordination Committee of Centaur Lake View Hotel welcomed the move and said that this was the need of hour to preserve the property.

Spokesperson of the committee Mufti Iqbal said: "We welcome this step. The Government should speed up the process of negotiations with the HCI to take over the Centaur control as soon as possible. The hotel desperately needs renovation."

He said there was a dire need in taking good care of the property and the staff rights—(KNO)

Govt Allows Cash Payment Of Over Rs 2 Lakh For Covid-19 Treatment At Hospitals

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The Income Tax Department has issued a notification allowing hospitals and nursing homes to accept cash payments of Rs 2 lakh and more for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), which frames policy for the department, issued the notification on Friday.

It said hospitals, dispensaries, nursing homes, COVID care centres or similar other medical facilities providing COVID-19 treatment to patients are being "specified for the purpose of section 269ST of the Income Tax Act".

This section restricts any person from receiving an amount of Rs 2 lakh or more in cash, from a person in a day, in respect of a single transaction or in respect of transactions relating to one event or occasion from a person. It was introduced by the Union



government in 2017 as a measure to curb black money.

The notification said the latest provision is being made for a period between April 1-May 31 "on obtaining the PAN or Aadhaar of the patient and the payee and the relationship between the patient and the payee" by such hospitals or COVID care centres. Officials said the move was

aimed to remove the hardship being faced by relatives and caregivers of COVID-19 patients who visit hospitals for treatment.

The country is grappling with the onslaught of a massive COVID-19 wave with a record 4,187 deaths and 4,01,078 new infections being reported in a span of 24 hours, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Saturday.

Maruti Suzuki India Extends Maintenance Shut Down Until May 16



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The country's largest car-maker Maruti Suzuki India on Saturday said it has extended maintenance shutdown

of its plants till May 16 amid the ongoing surge in COVID-19 cases across the country.

The company had last month said it was advancing the annual plant maintenance shutdown to

May 1-May 9, which was originally scheduled for June.

"... the maintenance shutdown, which was till the 9th May, 2021, is being extended till the 16th May 2021 keeping in view the current pandemic situation," Maruti Suzuki said in a regulatory filing.

It, however, said some activities will continue in the plants located at Gurgaon and Manesar in Haryana.

Suzuki Motor Gujarat has also taken a similar decision, the filing added.

MSI had earlier stated that as part of the car manufacturing process, it uses a small amount of oxygen in its factories, while relatively much larger quantities are used by the manufacturers of components.

Big Relief To Jewellers On Mandatory Hallmarking



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The Nagpur Bench of Bombay High Court passed an interim order on May 7 which stops Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) from taking any coercive action on jewellers across India or impose penalty on those who may not comply with BIS (BIS Act, 2016) regulations, Section 29(2) on mandatory hallmarking due to the lack of adequate infrastructure in terms of assaying and hallmarking centres.

The Court ruled: "The contention is that the new regulation making it compulsory to hallmark gold jewellery before it is stored or sold, which has to come into force w.e.f. 1st June 2021, is likely to result in great hardships to lakhs of jewellers in India and their number is stated to be 5 lakhs."

The writ petition was filed by All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC), which is the industry's apex domestic Council that ensures promotion, protection and progress of jewellers. GJC was represented in court by counsel, Rohan Shah.

Ashish Pethe, Chairman, All India Gem & Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) stated, "Courts have seen the hardship of the jewellers. The order stated that further contention is that in proportion to such multitude of jewellers in India - the percentage of hallmarking centres available in India, is just about 34% of the 733 districts in the country and that there are at least 488 districts in the country, which do not have any hallmarking centres. It is further submitted that there are about 6,000 crore pieces of jewellery, which still need to be hallmarked."

Nitin Khandelwal, Past Chairman, GJC, said, "Courts have been reasonable and strict with BIS as further contention is that if there is any breach of the said mandate of law as provided under Sections 14 and 15 of the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016 (BIS Act), there is a penal-

ty in offence as provided under Section 29 of the BIS Act, 2016 punishable with maximum imprisonment of one year. It is also submitted that within the time available, it could not be possible for all the jewellers and for every piece of jewellery presently available to be hallmarked before these provisions of law come into force."

Saiyam Mehra, Vice Chairman, GJC, commented, "It is further submitted that there are also other problems arising out of the present COVID restrictions, which prevent a person to travel from one district to another district and that there are several districts, which do not have any hallmarking centres yet. And the court has in the meanwhile, directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the jewellers under Section 29(2) of the BIS Act, 2016, till next date of hearing on 14th June 2021. This is a big relief to the jewellers who shall now be fully protected from any actions from BIS even though they may wish to still go ahead with mandatory hallmarking."

Dinesh Jain, Director, GJC who represented GJC in the writ petition filed, commented, "The writ has been admitted on merit and notice has been issued to BIS and all respondents. BIS is wise enough to know what to do in such a situation and we are sure that BIS shall not proceed with mandatory hallmarking without doing their homework properly. GJC is fully supporting Hallmarking and pray in the writ petition that a 'High Level Committee' be constituted by Honourable court to streamline and resolve all issues for the benefit of Consumers, Jewellers and core objective of BIS."

All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC) represents over 5,00,000 players comprising manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, distributors, laboratories, gemmologists, designers, and allied services to the domestic Gems & Jewellery industry.

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IndiGO To Explore Options To Raise Liquidity



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MUMBAI: In a regulatory filing, the company said that its board at its meeting held on May 7, deliberated the possibility of raising funds for the company through a qualified institutions placement (QIP). "The Board decided that the Company should continue to

explore all options to increase its liquidity, including by way of a QIP," it said.

In January, the airline had shelved plans to raise funds up to Rs 4,000 crore through a QIP and instead, opted to raise money through sale and lease back (SLB) transactions and other alternative options.

SHORT TAKES

229 Taxmen Died Of Covid; Thakur Says Nations Will Remain Grateful

NEW DELHI: Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Saturday condoned the death of 229 taxmen in the line of duty due to COVID-19 complications, saying the nation will always remain grateful to them.

The minister said that as many as 110 officials of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and 119 officials of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) have lost their lives in the line of duty amid the pandemic.

"You are risking your lives in service of the nation in this hour of crisis and the nation is grateful for your service. It is because of your service that essential medical supplies such as oxygen cylinders and equipment are

being swiftly cleared at various ports of entry.

"It is because of your service that the wheels of the government system are running efficiently," the minister said.

The Finance Ministry was one of the hardest hit ministries during the pandemic, Thakur said.

"I also want to take a moment to remember 110 officers of CBIC and 119 officers of CBDT who have lost their lives in the line of duty. My heart goes out to their families and loved ones," the minister said and appealed to everyone to follow COVID-19 protocols and get vaccinated.

The CBDT and the CBIC are primarily into revenue collection. The Finance Ministry has

taken various steps, including setting up of testing camps at period interval and motivating officer and staff for vaccination. Besides, the ministry is coordinating with hospitals and medicine suppliers and oxygen supplier to



help officers and staff and their family members who may need help. — PTI

TATA Motors To Hike Passenger Vehicle Prices From May 8

Tata Motors on Friday said it will increase prices of its passenger vehicles by an average of 1.8 per cent depending upon the model and variant from May 8, in order to partially offset the rise in input costs.

The auto major noted that it would offer protection from the price increase to customers who have booked vehicles on or before May 7.

With effect from May 8, the company will increase prices of its passenger vehicles, averaging 1.8 per cent, depending on the variant and model, Tata Motors said in a statement.

"Increase in prices of commodities, such as steel and precious



metals, necessitates us to pass on a part of it through increase in price of our products," Tata Motors President Passenger Vehicles Business Shailesh Chandra said.

Keeping in mind the interest of customers who have booked cars already, the automaker which sells models like Safari,

Harrier and Nexon, is offering price protection for all bookings done till May 7, he added.

The price hike on model range would be effective for bookings made thereafter (May 8), Chandra noted.

Tata Motors sells a range of vehicles starting from entry hatchback Tiago to newly introduced Safari SUV, priced between Rs 4.85 to Rs 21.4 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi).

For the well-being of its business and supporting ecosystem, the company had recently announced that it has set in motion a comprehensive 'Business Agility Plan' to protect and serve the interests of its customers, dealers and suppliers.

US Urges Its Citizens To Return Home From India Through Available Flights

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WASHINGTON: The US, which has urged its citizens not to travel to India due to an unprecedented surge in the COVID-19 cases there, on Friday encouraged those in the country to book their tickets to return home through currently available flights.

The United Airlines and Air India are continuing to operate numerous direct flights weekly from India to the US, a State Department health alert said.

Additional flight options remain available on Air France, Lufthansa, and Qatar Airways via transfers in Paris, Frankfurt, and Doha.

US citizens who wish to depart India are encouraged to book tickets through the airlines, the health alert said.

It is mandatory for anyone travelling to the US (2 years and older) to take a COVID-19 test no more than 3 days before travel and show a negative result to the airline before boarding the flight, it said.

The passengers should be prepared to show documentation of recovery from COVID-19 (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from a healthcare provider or a public health official stating clearance for travel).

Travellers are encouraged to

follow post-travel guidance once in the US, it said.

The US this week reissued its travel advisory on India, urging its citizens not to travel to the country due to an unprecedented surge in the COVID-19 cases there.

"Do not travel to India due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution due to crime and terrorism," the State Department said on Wednesday in its latest travel advisory that looked identical to the one issued on April 28.

Both the travel advisories have been marked "Level 4" which is the highest warning level.

On April 28, the Department approved the voluntary departure of family members of US government employees.

On May 5, the Department approved the voluntary departure of non-emergency US government employees.

"US citizens who wish to depart India should take advantage of available commercial transportation options," it said.

Last week, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued a Level 4 Travel Health Notice for India due to COVID-19, indicating a very high level of COVID-19 in the country.

Over 9 Lakh Patients On Oxygen Support Across India: Health Minister

NEW DELHI: While 1,70,841 COVID patients across the country are on ventilator, as many as 9,02,291 patients are on oxygen support, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan said on Saturday.

In his virtual address at the 25th meeting of the Group of Ministers (GoM) to discuss the pandemic situation, the minister said that 1.34 percent of COVID caseload was in ICU, 0.39 percent of cases were on ventilators and 3.70 percent COVID patients were on oxygen support.

He said that across the country, the number of patients in ICU beds is 4,88,861 while 1,70,841 patients were on ventilators and 9,02,291 patients were on oxygen support.

The meeting was attended by Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar, Minister of Civil Aviation Hardeep S Puri, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Chemical and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandavija and Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs Nityanand Rai.

Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare and Dr Vinod K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog



were present virtually.

Mr Paul gave a detailed report on the work of the Empowered Group-1 and highlighted the various efforts made towards ramping up hospital infrastructure for effective clinical management of hospitalized patients.

Giridhar Aramane, Secretary, Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (Chair, EG-2) presented the current scenario of Liquid Medical Oxygen Production, Allocation and Supply.

Mr Aramane stated that the production of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) has been maximized to meet the present demand of COVID patients.

The domestic production has increased to more than 9400 MT/day, the health ministry quoted him, adding that he also enumerated steps to import LMO, the status of establishment of PSA oxygen plants through the support of PM CARES fund with the support of DRDO and CSIR, enhancement of tanker availability, the functioning of the web portal and mobile application for Real-Time Tracking of LMO Tankers.

Anti-Inflammatory Drug Ibuprofen Does Not Worsen Covid Symptoms: Study

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PARIS: Taking anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen does not increase the risk of developing a severe form of Covid-19 or of dying from it, according to a new study, the largest so far on this class of medicines. At the start of the coronavirus pandemic there was concern over the potential effects of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which are used to treat everything from minor pain to chronic arthritis and cardiovascular disease.

But observational research published Saturday in the medical journal *Lancet Rheumatology*, based on 72,000 hospitalised patients, found that the drugs "do not increase the mortality or severity" of Covid-19.

The authors recommended that doctors should continue to prescribe NSAIDs as they have in the past.

"When the pandemic began over a year ago, we needed to be sure that these common medications would not lead to worse outcomes in people with Covid-19," lead author Ewen Harrison, a professor at the University of Edinburgh, said in a press release.

"We now have clear evidence that NSAIDs are safe to use in patients with Covid-19, which

should provide reassurance to both clinicians and patients that they can continue to be used in the same way as before the pandemic began."

The NSAID family of anti-inflammatory drugs includes those widely used by the general public like ibuprofen -- an active substance in common drugs, such as Nurofen or Advil -- or ketoprofen.

Concerns over the drugs emerged at the start of the Covid pandemic and centred on suspicions that they can worsen infections, especially bacterial.

In March 2020, for example, the World Health Organization (WHO) recommended that people suffering Covid-19 symptoms avoid self-medicating with ibuprofen, after French officials warned that anti-inflammatory drugs could worsen effects of the virus.

The new research examined data on 72,000 Covid patients admitted to 255 health centres in England, Scotland and Wales between January and August 2020.

Of these, 4,211 had taken NSAIDs before hospitalisation. The study found that the proportion of death was similar regardless of whether patients had taken the drugs or not -- 30.4 percent for those who had and 31.3 percent for those who had not.

Wake Up From Slumber, Mitigate COVID Challenges: IMA to Health Ministry

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The Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Saturday slammed the Union Health Ministry, saying it is "astonished to see the extreme lethargy and inappropriate actions" from the department in combating the agonizing crisis caused by the devastating second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Noting that the collective consciousness, proactive cognizance, and requests made by the IMA and other professional learned colleagues are put into the "dustbin", the association said the decisions are taken "without realizing the ground realities".

In the last 20 days, an IMA state-

ment said, the association has been insisting on the need for complete, well-planned pre-announced national lockdown rather than few states declaring lockdown ranging for 10 days to 15 days - so as to getting breathing time for the health care infrastructure to recoup and replenish both the material and manpower.

"Lockdown will break the chain of devastating spread," said the IMA, a national voluntary organisation of Doctors of Modern Scientific System of Medicine in India.

However, it said, the Central government had refused to implement the lockdown resulting in mounting of new patients beyond four lakhs every day and the number of moderate to severe cases are in-

creasing to nearly 40 per cent.

Mentioning that "sporadic night curfews have not done any good", the IMA stressed: "Life is precious than the economy."

"Wake up from slumber and respond to mitigate the growing challenges in covid pandemic," the IMA said.

The equitable, accessible, and affordable vaccination for all above 18 years were demanded by the IMA based on scientific facts from April 6 onward and after persistent call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi with his innovative qualities assured the nation, the vaccination drive was started from May 1, it said.

"It is unfortunate, the ministry has failed to make the necessary required roadmap and ensure vaccine

stock, resulting in the majority of the places where vaccination could not be rolled out for people above 18 years," the IMA said.

"When the Prime minister notification is not implemented scrupulously, who is to be blamed?"

Considering differential Covid vaccine pricing system as "unhumanistic", the IMA said the people of the age group between 18 and 45 years are forbidden to get the free vaccination from the central share of 50 per cent and they are placed under the mercy of the state governments.

"The jeopardy of private practitioners and states to negotiate with manufacturers for pricing and stock resulted in exorbitant price rise and vaccine shortage."

Giving example of eradication of smallpox and polio in 1997 and 2014, the IMA said it could only happen by adopting the universal free vaccination and not by differential pricing system. When Rs 35,000 crore were allotted in the budget, the IMA said, with which the maximum required 200 crore vaccine doses are purchasable.

"Why the central government is shedding its responsibility?" asked the IMA, adding "unless the government comes out and implements with willingness and steadfastness for equitable distribution, we will not be able to achieve the goal".

Today for the last seven days, the IMA said, "no vaccine is available in small and medium private hospitals".

Chinese Rocket To Tumble Back To Earth In Uncontrolled Re-Entry

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BEIJING: A large segment of a Chinese rocket is expected to make an uncontrolled re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere over the weekend, but Beijing has downplayed fears of damage on the ground and said the risk is very low. A Long March-5B rocket launched the first module of China's new space station into Earth's orbit on April 29.

Its 18-tonne main segment is now in freefall and experts have said it is difficult to say precisely where and when it will re-enter the atmosphere. Russian space agency Roscosmos predicted the rocket will re-enter after 2330 GMT Saturday

south of Indonesia over the Timor Sea.

The Pentagon gave a time of around 2300 GMT Saturday with a window of nine hours either side. Chinese authorities have said most of the rocket components will likely be destroyed as it descends.

"The probability of causing harm... on the ground is extremely low," Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told reporters on Friday.


Although there has been fevered speculation over exactly where the rocket -- or parts of it -- will land, there is a good chance any debris that does not burn up will just splash down into the ocean, given that the planet is 70 percent water.

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