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PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU ANSWERS - WHEN WILL CANADIANS GET VACCINE? 2ND WAVE, ECONOMY, IMMIGRATION & CANADA-INDIA RELATIONS

BY - SIDDHARTHA SHARMA

In a Y Media exclusive Prime Minister Justin Trudeau spoke with our Group Editor, Yudhvir Jaswal on Canada's roadmap to deal with the Covid-19 pandemic and more. PM Justin Trudeau also spoke about a timeline for the vaccine for Covid-19 and his relationship with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Read on the excerpt of this exclusive Y Media interview on South Asian Pulse by Yudhvir Jaswal.

Yudhvir Jaswal: On behalf of Y Media group and South Asian Pulse, I would like to welcome you Prime Minister Trudeau.

PM Justin Trudeau: Thank you Yudhvir for having me here, it's great to be back on the South Asian Pulse.

Yudhvir Jaswal: Prime Minister, my first question to you is about Covid-19, when can Canadians expect to get the Covid-19 vaccine?

PM Justin Trudeau: We know that there are many different companies around the world in developing the Covid-19 vaccine. So what we have done as a country is reached agreements and deals with many different vaccine producers around the world, so that if one of them and when one of them finds a vaccine. Canada will have access to doses. We have secured access to about 200 million doses with options of more, but of course we have to wait until the vaccine is found to be ready. We are hopeful that this is going to happen in the coming months, we never know with vaccines. Canadians should know, that when we have a vaccine, Canadians will hopefully start getting doses right away, as it depends on which one comes first and we are going to work on getting them, but even then vaccines will not be for everyone, we are working with scientists that they will be for the right people who

PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH GROUP EDITOR - Y MEDIA YUDHVIR JASWAL **ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON VACCINE**

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are fighting to keep the pandemic in check first. So, we are going to deal with challenges for a while, but the government is working extremely hard to make sure that we have options.

Yudhvir Jaswal: Prime Minister, amidst the pandemic, the seniors are looking for more financial support, what is the government doing on that front? PM Justin Trudeau: Well as you know from the very beginning, we told Canadians, we have to pass, and so many people lost their jobs, so many people got challenged with very difficult situations when Covid-19 hit the country. Our first priority was replacing people who lost pay-checks, lost their income from Covid-19. I CONTD. ON PAGE 6

ONTARIO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT RESTAURANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ETOBICOKE — The Ontario government is encouraging everyone to support local restaurants and the food services industry during COVID-19. Last week, the province introduced additional targeted public health measures in Toronto, Ottawa and Peel Region in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts to help slow the spread of the virus. Over the next 28 days, indoor food and drink service at restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments in these regions will be prohibited, but they may continue to offer takeout, delivery and outdoor dining. I CONTD. ON PAGE 5

FARMERS LEAVE MEETING OVER MINISTER'S ABSENCE, TEAR COPIES OF FARM LAWS



NEW DELHI: A meeting of 30 protesting farmers' groups from Punjab with the government regarding the contentious farm bills ended abruptly today over the absence of the Union minister for agriculture Narendra Singh Tomar. The Centre had called the meeting and the farmers' groups had finally decided yesterday that they would attend. The meeting was attended by the agriculture secretary, but the farmers demanded the presence of the minister. | CONTD. ON PAGE 10

PREPARE FOR WAR, BE ABSOLUTELY LOYAL: XI JINPING TELLS CHINESE TROOPS

Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday directed China's armed forces to strengthen training of troops and to be ready for war amid Indo-China face off in Eastern Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). According to a report published in CNN, Xi Jinping has called on troops to "put all (their) minds and energy on preparing for war" in a visit to a military base in the southern province of Guangdong on Tuesday.



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CHINA. PAKISTAN AND RUSSIA WIN SEATS ON **UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, SAUDIS LOSE**

UNITED NATIONS: China, Russia and Cuba won seats on the U.N.'s premiere human rights body Tuesday despite opposition from activist groups over their abysmal human rights records, but another target, Saudi Arabia, lost. Russia and Cuba were running unopposed, but China and Saudi Arabia were in a five-way race in the only contested race for seats on the Human Rights Council. In secret-ballot voting in the 193-member U.N. General Assembly on that race, Pakistan received 169 votes, Uzbekistan 164, Nepal 150, China 139 and Saudi Arabia just 90 votes. In 2016. the Saudis won a seat with 152 votes. CONTD. ON PAGE 3

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ROYAL LEPAGE: GTA HOME PRICES SOAR YEAR-OVER-YEAR IN THIRD QUARTER FUELED BY LOW INTEREST RATES AND STRONG DEMAND FOR DETACHED PROPERTIES

TORONTO- According to the Royal LePage House Price Survey[1] released today, the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) increased 11.0 per cent year-over-year to \$922,421 in the third quarter of 2020. When broken out by housing type, the median price of a stan-

dard two-storey home increased 12.2 per cent year-over-year to \$1,082,502 in the third quarter, ROYAL LEPAGE and the price of a bungalow rose 10.6 per cent

year-over-year to \$887,156. During the same period, condominiums in the region continued to see healthy price appreciation, with the median price rising 6.8 per cent year-over-year to \$599,826. I CONTD. ON PAGE 6







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Trump's teenage son Barron tested positive for COVID-19, now negative, says Melania



DONALD TRUMP TOLD A RALLY IN DES MOINES. IOWA. THAT BARRON "IS JUST FINE NOW" AND SAID IT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY SCHOOLS SHOULD REOPEN. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S 14-YEAR-OLD SON, BARRON, TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 BUT EXHIBITED NO SYMPTOMS AFTER BOTH OF HIS PARENTS CONTRACTED THE VIRUS, FIRST LADY MELANIA TRUMP SAID ON WEDNESDAY.

CHINA, PAKISTAN AND RUSSIA WIN SEATS ON UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL, SAUDIS LOSE

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Despite announced reform plans by Saudi Arabia, Human Rights Watch and others strongly opposed its candidacy saying the Middle East nation continues to target human rights defenders, dissidents and women's rights activists and has demonstrated little accountability for past abuses, including the killing of Washington Post columnist and Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul two years ago.

Sarah Leah Whitson, executive director of Democracy for the Arab World Now, the organization founded by Khashoggi, said despite hundreds of millions of dollars spent by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin on public relations "to cover his grotesque abuses, the international community just isn't buying it." "Unless Saudi Arabia undertakes dramatic reforms to release political prisoners, end its disastrous war in Yemen and allow its citizens meaningful political participation, it will remain a global pariah," Whitson said.

Under the Human Rights Council's rules, seats are allocated to regions to ensure geographical representation.

Except for the Asia-Pacific contest, the election of 15 members to the 47member Human Rights Council was all but decided in advance because all the other regional groups had uncontested slates.

Four countries won four Africa seats: Ivory Coast, Malawi, Gabon and Senegal. Russia and Ukraine won the two East European seats. In the Latin American and Caribbean group, Mexico, Cuba and Bolivia won the three open seats. And Britain and France won the two seats for the Western European and others group. "Saudi Arabia's failure to win a seat on the Human Rights Council is a welcome reminder of the need for more competition in U.N. elections," Human Rights Watch's U.N. director, Louis Charbonneau, said after the results were announced,

'Had there been additional candidates, China, Cuba and Russia might have lost too," he said. "But the addition of these undeserving countries won't prevent the council from shining a light on abuses and speaking up for victims. In fact, by being on the council, these abusers will be directly in the spotlight." Charbonneau earlier criticized U.N. member states, including Western nations, saying: "They don't want competition. ... Essentially these are backroom deals that are worked out among the regional groups."

Last week, a coalition of human rights groups from Europe, the United States and Canada called on U.N. member states to oppose the election of China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Pakistan and Uzbekistan, saying their human rights records make them "unqualified."

"Electing these dictatorships as U.N. judges on human rights is like making a gang of arsonists into the fire brigade," said Hillel Neuer, executive director of UN Watch. The Geneva-based rights organization published a 30-page joint report with the Human Rights Foundation and the Raoul Wallenberg Center for

Human Rights evaluating candidates for council seats. The report lists Bolivia, Ivory Coast, Nepal, Malawi, Mexico, Senegal and Ukraine — all winners — as having "questionable" credentials due to problematic human rights and U.N. voting records that need improvement. It gave "qualified" ratings only to the United Kingdom and France. Human Rights Watch pointed to an unprecedented call by 50 U.N. experts on June 26 for "decisive measures to protect fundamental freedoms in China," warning about its mass rights violations in Hong Kong and Tibet and against ethnic Uighurs in the Chinese province of Xinjiang as well as attacks on rights defenders, journalists, lawyers and government critics. Their call was echoed by over 400 civil society groups from more than 60 countries. Of the four winners of seats in the Asia-Pacific group, China got the lowest vote — 139 compared to 180 votes when it won a seat in 2016. The rights group said Russia's military operations with the Syrian government "have deliberately or indiscriminately killed civilians and destroyed hospitals and other protected civilian infrastructure in violation of international humanitarian law," and noted Russia's veto of U.N. Security Council resolutions on Syria, including blocking Damascus' referral to the International Criminal Court.

The Geneva-based Human Rights Council can spotlight abuses and has special monitors watching certain countries and issues. It also periodically reviews human rights in every U.N. member country.

Created in 2006 to replace a commission discredited because of some members' poor rights records, the new council soon came to face similar criticism, including that rights abusers sought seats to protect themselves and their allies.

The United States announced its withdrawal from the council in June 2018 partly because it considered the body a forum for hypocrisy about human rights, though also because Washington says the council is anti-Israel. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Tuesday's election of China, Russia and Cuba and last year's election of Venezuela -- "countries with abhor rent human rights records" -- further validate the U.S. withdrawal from

the council. He said the U.S. has taken its own actions to punish "human

rights abusers in Xinjiang, Myanmar, Iran, and elsewhere."

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Gilad Erdan called on all democracies on the council "to immediately resign from this shameful and anti-Semitic body." Human Rights Council spokesman Rolando Gomez said when the newly elected members start their three-year terms in January, 119 of the 193 UN member States will have served on the council, reflecting its diversity and giving the council "legitimacy when speaking out on human rights violations in all countries." "If a State thinks they can conceal the human rights violations they may have committed, or escape criticism by sitting on the

Human Rights Council, they are greatly mistaken," Gomez said.

PAKISTAN: CHEMICAL WEAPONS USED TO SILENCE VOICES OF ACTIVISTS IN BALOCHISTAN AND SINDH, ALLEGES DR NAZAR BALOCH



Pakistan has been involved in war crimes, human rights violations and genocide for a long time but the level of barbarism and inhumanity depicted recently in Balochistan and Sindh are extremely shocking as thousands of Baloch nationalist activists have disappeared from Balochistan and hundreds of young Sindhi and Urdu-speaking local workers from Sindh have been abducted by Pakistani agencies.

They remain traceless, supposedly kept in torture chambers for years. Furthermore, the Pakistani Army does not hand over the dead bodies of the Baloch activists who get killed in action by the Army. This is entirely unethical and in complete violation of international rules of war by itself. As per a recent disclosure by Baloch national leader Dr Allah Nazar Baloch, of using chemical weapons by the Pakistan Army reinforces the belief of their heinous acts. "Not handing over the dead bodies of martyrs to their families raises the suspicion that Pakistan had used chemical weapons," alleges Dr Nazar Baloch in a statement published on the news interven-

Baloch said that such barbarism of Pakistan makes the belief stronger that living a life within this state is an utmost humiliation and disgrace for the Baloch people. The relatives of the killed activists are put under threat when they ask for the body of their loved ones.

One such family claims that their house was set on fire many times forcing them to live under the open sky for several days. Dead bodies of two killed Baloch nationalists were seen by relatives, being dragged by Pakistan Army and thrown in a pit without performing the last rites and proper funeral. Pakistan Army forces the family of the killed ones to accept some unidentifiable cemented graves as of their loved ones.

"There have been apprehensions that China has been supplying such chemical and biological weapons to the Pakistan Army. It, however, remains unclear whether these supplies were completely developed final products or provided to run trials on the Baloch nationalist activists," sources told Zee News.

Apart from the unscrupulous use of chemical or biological weapons by Pakistan on the Baloch people fighting for their freedom, there are also suspicions that the forcibly abducted Baloch and Sindhi people are smuggled to China for conducting human trials of the chemical or biological weapons under preparation on them. Almost all of them die in the process and remain traceless for their loved ones forever.

Such scandalous, atrocious and heartless acts of Pakistan Army, coupled with the impious efforts of Pakistan government to muffle the rising voices against their atrocities forced Dr Abdullah Haiwad, President of Afghan Governor's Assembly, to make a call to the international community, in both grief and anger, that "solution doesn't lie in condoning attacks, the aim should be focused to remove Pakistan from the map that way terrorism will be wiped out altogether."

In a press conference in Kech district of Balochistan, the relatives of recently killed Baloch nationalist activists urged the international community and human rights bodies to conduct an autopsy on the bodies under their supervision.

FURIOUS OVER 'ILL-TREATMENT' BY CENTRE, PUNJAB FARMERS TO INTENSIFY STIR, HOLD **BJP LEADERS CAPTIVE IN HOUSES**



CHANDIGARH: Irate over the treatment meted out to them by the BJP government in Delhi yesterday, leaders of farmer unions in Punjab have vowed to intensify their stir in the coming days. The unions will be continuing their protests on the railway tracks till October 20, where Rail Roko campaign is on since October 1, while taking the fight to the streets of urban areas.

The BJP leaders — district presidents, MPs, MLAs — both present and past — will be gheraoed and held captive in their residences as farmers move to start "pucca dharnas".

Businesses owned by two large corporate houses, including their petrol pumps, will not be allowed to operate. Their retail businesses will also be gheraoed by farmers, as will the toll plazas on national and state highways operated by these corporate giants.

While BJP leaders are at the farmers' receiving end because of the agriculture laws, especially The Farmers Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, enacted by their party's government at Centre, the action against corporate houses is being taken on the apprehension that they are the intended beneficiaries of the laws aimed at corporatisation of agriculture.

HOW THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS HIT GDP GROWTH



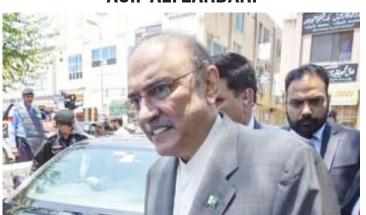
The International Monetary Fund (IMF) released its World Economic Outlook (WEO) report on Tuesday. The previous WEO was released in April this year, when the extent of the Covid-19 pandemic and ts economic implications were still being evaluated. The report gives the economic forecast on a host of indicators up to 2025. While these numbers are subject to revision even in the short-term horizon, it is worth comparing India's post-pandemic economic trajectory with that of other South Asian countries -- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Pakistan -- and with China, the only emerging market economy that is bigger than India. India's GDP will contract by 10.3% this fiscal year, IMF has projected. This is the biggest contraction among the countries which have been selected here. Three other countries, Afghanistan (5%), Pakistan (0.4%) and Sri Lanka (4.6%) will also experience a contraction in GDP this year. India will only be the second country apart from Afghanistan, which will not be able to regain its 2019 GDP level even in 2021.

BIDEN ASSURES IMMIGRATION BILL TO PROVIDE CITIZENSHIP ACCESS TO 11MN PEOPLE

Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden has vowed to provide citizenship to 11 million illegal immigrants if voted to power in the November 3 presidential elections. Biden identified this as one of his priorities in addition to beating the virus, rebuilding the economy and figuring out how to restore American leadership around the world. Responding to a question at a virtual fund raiser on Wednesday, Biden said there is a need to deal with what's going on at the border. "We're going to have to deal with the immigration crisis we have. I'm going to send the House and Senate an immigration bill

that's going to provide access to citizenship to 11 million people," he said. According to the campaign, there were 37 attendees and the event was hosted by Jane Hartley, former US Ambassador to France and Monaco and current Chairman, Sesame Workshop; Blair Effron, Founder & Partner, Centerview Partners; Indian American Deven Parekh, Managing Director, Insight Partners and Roger Altman, Founder & Senior Chairman, Evercore.

PAK ANTI-GRAFT BODY ISSUES ARREST WARRANT AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT ASIF ALI ZARDARI



Pakistan's anti-corruption watchdog, the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on Thursday issued an arrest warrant against former president and Pakistan Peoples' Party (PPP) leader Asif Ali Zardari in a graft case worth 8 billion in Pakistan Rupees. According to The Express Tribune, a two-member bench of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) would hear Zardari's interim-bail plea today over suspicious transactions in the fake accounts case. This arrest warrant comes amid the Imran Khan government's crackdown on opposition parties after an alliance was formed by all major opposition parties named Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) amid growing pubic agitation against the ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government. Earlier in September, a court in Islamabad indicted the former president and other accused in money laundering pertaining to the fake accounts case. Zardari, who is named in multiple corruption cases filed by the NAB, was granted bail by the Islamabad High Court on medical grounds last year. Former Pakistan president Asif Ali Zardari issued arrest warrant over fake accounts case.







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ONTARIO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT **RESTAURANTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

COMMUNITY

Today, Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, were at Mamma Martino's Restaurant in Etobicoke to highlight government support for the industry. "Families and entrepreneurs across Ontario have poured their hearts into local restaurants and diners. They've been there for us, from donating to charities to sponsoring little league sports," said Premier Ford. "To support them during these tough times, our government is making millions available to provide relief for fixed costs. I'm also calling on everyone in Ontario to rally around our small businesses by ordering takeout or delivery. Together, we can make a huge differ-

To provide relief for local restaurants and other businesses impacted by the new public health measures, Ontario announced \$300 million to help offset fixed costs, including property taxes, hydro and natural gas bills. The government is also supporting small business through its Main Street Recovery Plan by:

Committing to permanently allow licensed restaurants and bars to include alcohol with food as part of a takeout or delivery order before the existing regulation expires;

Permanently allowing 24/7 deliveries to restaurants;

Supporting the distribution of local food and food products by increasing the range of products sold at the Ontario Food Terminal;

Ending outdated and duplicative rules so businesses can focus on their work;

Modernizing regulations to allow businesses to innovate and meet the challenges of today:

Providing mental health supports to business owners and employees who are struggling;

Providing \$57 million with federal partners through the Digital Main Street program and creating new Digital Main Street squads to help small businesses grow online; and

Launching a new portal to assist small businesses to quickly find the supports and information they need. "Small businesses account for 98 per cent of all businesses across the province and employ close to 2.4 million hardworking Ontarians. That's why their recovery, includ-

ing those in the food service sector, is so critical to Ontario's recovery," said Minister Sarkaria. "During the good times, our restaurants have given us a place to gather as family and friends — to build memories. We must continue to show them what they mean to our communities. All Ontarians can support their local businesses by celebrating #TakeoutDay — today, tomorrow, and any day of the week."

QUICK FACTS

In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, the Ontario government took additional targeted public health measures in the Ottawa, Peel and Toronto public health unit regions. These modified Stage 2 restrictions will be in effect for a minimum of 28 days and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Ontario's new Main Street Recovery Plan builds on more than \$10 billion in urgent relief and support provided through Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19.

The Ontario government cut the small business Corporate Income Tax rate by 8.7%, starting on January 1, 2020. This delivers up to \$1,500 in annual savings to Ontario's small businesses.

In April 2020, Ontario partnered with the federal government to deliver the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses, making more than \$900 million available in urgent commercial rent relief for Ontario small businesses and their landlords.

On October 9, 2020, the federal government announced plans to replace the CECRA for small businesses, which ended on September 30, 2020, with a new rent subsidy, the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS). CERS is expected to provide rent and mortgage support until June 2021 for qualifying small businesses and organizations affected by COVID-19.

Ontario is helping businesses overcome the unique challenges created by this pandemic with 50 temporary regulatory changes made to help them adapt. The government is looking at removing 400 additional roadblocks.

Ontario's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act is laying the foundation to restart jobs and development, strengthen communities, and create opportunity for people in every region of the province.

CITY OF BRAMPTON INTRODUCES ADDITIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

BRAMPTON- Following today's announcement by the Province and in line with recommendations from Peel Public Health, the City of Brampton is entering a modified Stage 2 to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 am, the following health and safety measures will be in place for a minimum of 28 days and reviewed on an ongoing basis:

Restaurants, bars and food establishments

Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 am, restaurants, bars and food establishments, including food courts, are to stop indoor dining service to help control the spread of COVID-19. Takeout and outdoor dining are still permitted.

While many restaurants, bars and food establishments have already taken the civic-minded step to voluntarily change how they do business to protect Peel residents, any business in Peel that does not comply with either the Province's or Peel Public Health's recommendations will be subject to orders under the Health Protection and Promotion Act.

The City of Brampton encourages residents to support local food service establishments by utilizing available takeout op-

Additional Closures

closures will be in effect:

Indoor gyms and fitness centres (i.e., exercise classes and weight and exercise rooms), including fitness amenities within City Recreation facilities

Performing arts centres and venues, including at City facilities Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments Indoor cinemas

Spectator areas in racing venues

Interactive exhibits or exhibits with high risk of personal contact in museums, galleries, zoos, science centres, landmarks, etc.

Reduced Capacity Limits

Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 am, the following capacity limits will be in effect:

Tour and guide services limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors

Real estate open houses limited to 10 people indoors

In-person teaching and instruction limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, with exemptions for schools, child care centres, universities, colleges of applied arts and technology, and private career colleges

Meeting and event spaces limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors

Team sports will be limited to training sessions only (no games or scrimmages)

Wedding receptions scheduled for this weekend may proceed Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 am, the following under existing public health rules. Effective Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 12:01 am, updated public health measures will apply to wedding receptions, including new gathering limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors at event spaces.

Fwd: Over \$108,000 donated to 10 organizations from the Halton and Hamilton Region through the Lowe's Canada Heroes Campaign



NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRES AROUND FAMILY, COMMUNITY, TRADITION AND CELEBRATION

Toronto, Ontario – October 14, 2020 – Just in time for the Diwali season, a new, colourful and playful book makes its way on to the children's literary scene. 'Twas the Night Before Diwali, written by Zenia Wadhwani and illustrated by Manon Larivière, is a South Asian take on the famous Christmas poem written in 1823, with a magical character of its very own - this one likes mithai (Indian sweets) instead of cookies! Resonating with the times and speaking to the future, this debut story gives children of diverse backgrounds the opportunity to see themselves reflected in the books they read.

"We are living through such challenging and changing times, and I felt I just had to do this project now, not only for me, but for my daughter," said Wadhwani, a long-time advocate for literacy and emerging writers, and now first-time author. "There's such a lack of diversity in children's literature, and while it's getting better, there's a long way to go. It's important for me to find and read enriching books to my daughter that include people from different cultures celebrating their traditions. It invites other children to experience stories as windows, inviting them into a new culture." "Wadhwani's nimble rhythm and Larivière's spirited illustrations present 'Twas the Night Before Diwali as a poetically and visually rich invitation to come inside, join the fun, and savour the sweetness of it all," said Gurbir Jolly, Associate Professor, Children, Childhood and Youth Studies, York University. "This children's book can easily stand alone as a treasured celebratory text, but the extended pleasure of immersing yourself in this work involves savouring its many nuances."

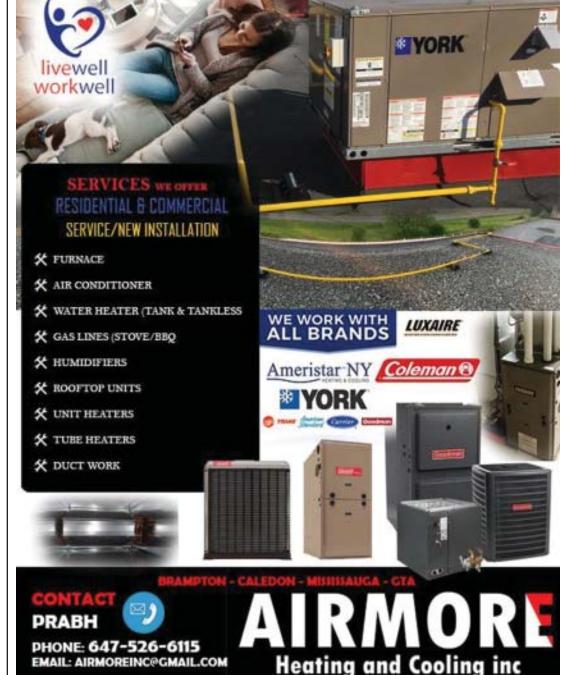
The 32-page story is a self-published passion project that was originally inspired nine years ago when Wadhwani was pregnant and staring at a large tray of mithai on Diwali.

After taking a playful photo, pretending she was about to devour it all, she came up with the Mithai Monster character who makes its debut in this book. Based on the lunar calendar this year, Diwali talls on November 14th.

ABOUT ZENIA WADHWANI

This is Wadhwani's first children's book. She has previously coedited three anthologies: Bolo! Bolo! Second-Generation South Asian Voices (Kitchen Table Collective, 2000); Desilicious: Sexy. Subversive. South Asian (Arsenal Pulp, 2003); and Once Upon a Time in Bollywood: The Global Swing in Indian Cinema (TSAR, 2007). Wadhwani has spent most of her career in the non-profit sector and more recently in the area of corporate citizenship, specializing in community engagement, stakeholder relations and diversity & inclusion. She lives in Toronto.





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So, we moved forward with Canada Emergency Response Benefit, we moved forward with support for small businesses, including wage subsidy and rent systems. We also moved forward on extra support by going larger on GST payments which helped thousands of seniors across the country. We are going to continue to do everything that we need to do, to support all Canadians. On our seniors we are going to keep supporting them in many different ways because we know that they are the most vulnerable to Covid-19. And that's why everything we do as a government, as citizens to keep our parents and grand parents safe is so important.

Yudhvir Jaswal: For creating more jobs and supporting the economy, what is your governments plan for supporting small businesses? PM Justin Trudeau: We know that small businesses are drivers of

jobs, employments and success in the communities, and that's why we have been so focused in supporting them. We have committed in the Throne Speech on creating over a million new jobs in the coming days, months and years because we need to get our economy back up to going and that happens by supporting small businesses. So, with the wage subsidy program, with the rent assistance that just got improved so that you no longer have to go through the landlord, you can apply for it directly, the same way you apply for the wage subsidy. These are things that are going to make a huge difference in

small business across the country. This is how we know, we'll make it through. But, you have to remember, that the best way to ensure strong economy into the future, is to make sure we are protecting people from the health impacts of this virus, first and foremost. That's the way we can come roaring back as an economy.

Yudhvir Jaswal: Without blurring the lines Prime Minister, when we talk to our fellow journalists in US, India and elsewhere in the world, I and they appreciate what you have done for Canada so far in this pandemic.

PM Justin Trudeau: That's very kind of you, except you have to remember that Canadians, we are just like that, we are there for each other. And you see it in communities around the country, but particularly in the communities like Peel region, where families are so close to each other and so ready to support each other, that it makes it easier for the government to be serving and delivering for communities that are already trying to help each other. It's just what Canadians do, and that's what we have done in every step of the way, and we will continue to do so as long as we need too.

Yudhvir Jaswal: Prime Minister we are seeing the second wave of Covid19 in Canada, how prepared are we in dealing with it?

PM Justin Trudeau: Obviously nobody wants to be seeing a second wave, this is really disheartening, anxiety producing and we are seeing to many face the tragedy of losing loved ones to Covid-19. We need to get it back under control, and the way we are doing that is through targeted lookdowns. Looking at exactly where there are cases and restricting things there. Citizens also know about where to do their part and we were able to beat this first wave, with everyone doing their part in spring. And now, people know what to do and they also know that the government is going to continue to be there for them. The continuations of our CERB level support that through the EI system and through the Canada Recovery Benefit will continue to homes, rent payments, groceries; we need to make sure that Canadians are supported through it. And that's exactly how we are going to get through the second wave. But.

we also know that people need to do their part, so even if the government is continuing to be there, to support, to ensure that we can make it through this, Canadians also need to make sure that they are keeping their distance, we need to download the Covid Alert App. This app is free on the App Store and Google Play, protects your privacy and is a way of letting you know if you have been close to someone, who after you saw them tested positive for Covid-19, and therefore maybe infected you. These are things we encourage people to do, it's an easy to use app that you put on your phone, then you forget about it until it notifies you. I really encourage everyone to download that Covid Alert app, because these are things that individuals can do to see through the second wave, and ensure that its impact is minimalistic.

Yudhvir Jaswal: How is Canada balancing trade, border and health issues as far as US is concerned, Why aren't we questioning China more on this pandemic and are we getting cooperation from India, since it's one of the largest producers of vaccines in the world?

PM Justin Trudeau: First of all, with the US we have been very good at ensuring that even though the border is closed as far as the casual and nonessential traveler are concerned, the flow of goods and services crosses our borders every single day, its barely been effected at all. We haven't seen shortages of important goods and medicines, because we have been able to keep that most important trade relationship working. Even though the case count of Covid-19 in the US has been much greater, we have managed to prevent too much spread from the US to Canada, by keeping our borders closed. I know it's difficult to not see family and friends, in the US, but at the same time it's great we have been able to control cases in Canada. Secondly, we are asking serious questions to China through WHO about how this Virus came to be and how it spread so rapidly to the world. There needs to be a lot of questions to be answered, but right now our focus is on sailing through it. Just being able to support Canadians, make sure we have all the tools we need to fight this, from PPE, to vaccine and much more. But of course we'll be asking some tough questions, now and in the months and years to come, but I think Canadians do understand that our priority right now is to help people. Lastly, the India and Canada relations are wonderful. The Indian Government have been extremely cooperative with us, on pharmaceutical and on repatriation. We brought home, 20,000 Canadians from India. That couldn't have happened, without the Indian government stepping up and making it happen as well. I can tell you that the working relationship that I have with PM Modi, and the way our countries continue to work together, we have deep people-to-people ties and deep business ties, it's very very positive.

Yudhvir Jaswal: This is the fifth interview that we are doing together prime minister, I would like to Thank you for giving us time, I will reserve my tough questions for you post the pandemic, but right now we at Y Media really appreciate the work you and your government have done for the country during these tough times.

PM Justin Trudeau: Thank You Yudhvir, you have always been a strong voice for the South Asian Community in Canada, and I actually know that a lot of people are worried about the unification of parents and grandparents, we have opened up 40,000 applications for this year on a randomise basis, which is is up by 5000 that was there last time. So, we are continuing to listen to the communities concerns, even make sure that the people who lose their job, don't also lose their through this pandemic, we know that we need to make sure that we are helping each other out is important. And your voice, in terms of connecting everyone by the South Asian Pulse is extremely important. So, it's always a pleasure to talk with you Yudhvir.

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Royal LePage: GTA home prices soar year-over-year in third quarter fueled by low interest rates and strong demand for detached properties

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Similar strong home price gains were seen in the City of Toronto where the aggregate price of a home rose 11.1 per cent year-over-year to \$975,980. Broken out by housing type, the median price of a standard two-storey home increased 15.5 per cent year-over-year to \$1,483,510, and the price of a bungalow rose 11.3 per cent year-over-year to \$974,295. During the same period, the median price of a condominium grew 4.9 per cent year-over-year to

"Demand from the delayed spring market has continued through the third quarter. The seasonal slowdown is expected in the coming months but given the recent strength of September, we will likely see a more brisk fourth quarter market than the previous year," said Debra Harris, Vice President, Royal LePage Real Estate Services Limited. Harris added that while active listings are up, the sales to listings ratio and decrease in days on market indicates that properties are being quickly absorbed by demand.

"The detached home market is outperforming the condo market, but condo demand is still considered healthy. Condo sales were up 15% in September compared to September 2019. In Toronto, we are used to strong seller markets and a balanced market can seem quiet by comparison," said Harris.

Royal LePage is forecasting that the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area will increase 8.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2020 compared to the same quarter last year. Nationally, the aggregate price of a home in Canada increased 8.6 per cent year-over-year to \$692,964 in the third quarter, as high demand and low inventory continued to fuel a seller's market.

"Typical consumption patterns have been disrupted in 2020 as the pandemic has driven the household savings rate to levels not seen in decades," said Phil Soper, president and CEO of Royal LePage. "Most Canadians have sharply reduced spending on discretionary goods and services involving a great deal of human interaction, and with mortgage rates at record lows, many have refocused on housing investments, be it renovations to accommodate work-from-home needs, a recreational property or a new property better suited for the times." The Royal LePage National House Price Composite is compiled from proprietary property data in 64 of the nation's largest real estate

markets. When broken out by housing type, the median price of a standard two-storey home rose 10.0 per cent year-overyear to \$819,906, while the median price of a bungalow increased 7.0 per cent to \$570,701. The median price of a condominium increased 5.3 per cent year-over-year to \$510,365. Price data, which includes both resale and new build, is provided by Royal LePage's sister company RPS Real Property Solutions, a leading Canadian real estate valuation company.

Royal LePage expects current regional price levels to be maintained for the remainder of the year. While the national aggregate home price rose 8.6 per cent year-over-year in the third quarter of 2020, Royal LePage is forecasting that the national aggregate home price will increase 7.0 per cent year-over-year to \$693,000 in the fourth quarter of 2020. The decrease between Q3 2020 gains (8.6%) and the Q4 2020 forecast (7.0%) reflects a higher national home price in Q4 2019 (\$647,310) compared to Q3 2019 (\$637,884).

"Home price gains realized this quarter are forecast to be sustained through December," said Soper. "While the pace of price growth is expected to slow considerably in the final weeks of this most unusual year, it is highly unlikely we will see housing values back up."

Royal LePage Home Price Data and Forecasts:

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The City of Mississauga's Budget Committee Considers **New and Increased Fees and Charges for 2021**

The City of Mississauga's Budget Committee considered new and increased fees and charges for 2021 for transit fares, fire and emergency services, planning processing, library, culture programs and rental rates, transportation and works, recreation programs and rental rates, fees for parks, forestry and environment services and fees for general administrative services provided across departments. These revenue sources will help offset the cost of delivering services. The proposed fees and charges will be presented at a Council meeting for approval on October 14, 2020. A number of proposed changes are highlighted in the Budget Committee reports including:

Recreation fees have a proposed base increase of 3 per cent. Some programs, such as advanced aquatics leadership courses, have recommended an above average increase due to increased operating costs and certification fees.

Transportation and Works has introduced two new fees in the Works Operations and Maintenance Division for Road Occupancy Permits for utility-related maintenance works (\$25 per permit) in addition to a noncompliance fee of \$190 related to inspections.

U-Pass (UTM Student pass) fees will increase as per contract and charter service rates will be adjusted for inflation. In addition, MiWay has introduced two new fees to offset the costs of restoration of on-street transit infrastructure due to road construction and closures. A Transitway Access Permit Fee of \$250 per application and a MiWay Stop Infrastructure permit review fee of \$400 per stop location have been added.

Additional revenue of approximately \$1.9 million is expected from the increases and new fees as outlined in the Oct 7, 2020 Budget Committee reports.

"The revenue from the fees and charges will alleviate some pressures on the property tax rate in 2021," said Gary Kent, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer. "Community and financial recovery is a priority going forward and we are taking the steps necessary to balance offering services with the property tax increase. We continue

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to encourage public participation and input into our budget process, and we will continue to work with our Council to achieve a budget that meets our City's needs."

All Budget Committee and Council meetings are open to the public. The next Budget Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2020. The full schedule of meetings is available online at Council and Committees Calendar Listings. Final approval of the City of Mississauga's Budget will follow approval of the Region of Peel Budget.

Become familiar with the City's 2021 Budget and Business Plan Look through the City's preliminary 2021 Budget and Business Plan and understand why these documents play an important role in shaping our city. Residents can learn more by:

Visiting mississauga.ca/budget and see what you get for your tax dollars Reading an overview of the 2021 preliminary Business Plan and Budget that was presented to the Budget Committee on June 24, 2020

Watching for the full 2021 proposed Budget and Business Plan (posted online on November 16)

Watching or attending Budget Committee deliberations scheduled for November 23, 24, 30, December 1, 2 (Budget Committee meeting schedules are subject to change.)

Budget Committee meetings are to start at 9:30 a.m. beginning November 23, 2020.

Increased COVID-19 Precautions for Congregate Care Settings

TORONTO — The Ontario Government is setting out increased precautions for congregate care settings in areas where there is a high rate of community spread of COVID-19 to ensure the province's most vulnerable and those who care for them are safe. Those settings include homes serving adults with developmental disabilities, shelters for survivors of gender-based violence and human trafficking, children's residential settings, youth justice facilities and Indigenous Healing and Wellness Strategy residential programs that support Indigenous individuals and families both on- and off-reserve. When a residential care setting is located in a community that is beginning to see increased cases of COVID-19, the ministry will contact them to apply further precautions. Those precautions could include: Enhanced infection prevention and control protocols including screening

Enhanced visitor and home visit restrictions

Increased restrictions to client participation in community day programs.

"Keeping residents, and the dedicated staff who support them, safe during the continuing COVID-19 outbreak remains our top priority," said Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "We are providing additional direction to our congregate care settings to ensure we are adapting to the realities of current caseloads, while also preparing for any future waves."

The ministry rec ognizes the importance of visits for both residents and their families and wherever possible, essential visits such as those necessary to maintain the health, wellness and safety of a resident will be permitted to continue unless the local public health unit directs otherwise as part of outbreak management. An essential visitor may include, but is not limited to, a parent or guardian, a social service worker or a health care provider.

Ontario Increases Production of COVID-19 Testing Supplies

PROVINCE PARTNERING WITH MISSISSAUGA-BASED MICROBIX BIOSYSTEMS TO STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC CAPACITY

MISSISSAUGA - The Ontario government is investing over \$1.4 million in Mississauga-based Microbix Biosystems to expand production

of COVID-19 testing supplies and further support the province in the ongoing fight against COVID-19. The announcement was made today by Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade.

"Ontario's world-class entrepreneurs and innovators have stepped up to mobilize our manufacturing and innovation might to produce critical medical supplies throughout the fight against COVID-19," said Minister Fedeli. "By supporting companies like Microbix, we are supporting made-in-Ontario solutions and reducing our dependence on foreign supply chains, strengthening our domestic capacity and ensuring we are better prepared for the future."

With Ontario's support, Microbix will make viral transport media, which is the solution used to preserve and transport a patient's test specimen. This viral transport media will be used in COVID-19 patient sampling kits to support the province's urgent need for testing supplies and reduce the pressure on labs to assess variable international sources while also processing thousands of tests daily. The company's expertise in manufacturing viral and bacterial antigens and reagents for the global diagnostics industry will continue to position Ontario as a world leader in the quality control and accuracy of COVID-19 tests. Ontario's support will help Microbix implement automated high-volume manufacturing for two important product categories, (i) viral transport media at up to 60,000 units per day, and (ii) quality assessment products (QAPs™) at up to 10,000 units per day. QAPs emulate real patient samples, while being consistent, noninfectious, and stable. They are used to conduct lab proficiency and accreditation programs, qualify new tests and instruments for use, help train lab technicians, and to support the accuracy of test workflows at labs.

FEDERAL AND ONTARIO **GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE** FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC CARS

As we continue to address the health, social, and economic impacts of COVID-19, we are also working toward a sustainable and greener economic recovery that will create new opportunities for workers and businesses alike. This is why we are supporting measures to accelerate our country's clean energy transition, making zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) more affordable while investing in more charging stations across the country. This work will help ensure we can become a leading destination for the design, development, and manufacturing of the sustainable technologies of the future.

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, and the Premier of Ontario,

Doug Ford, today announced their commitment to Ford Motor Company of Canada's investment in its Oakville Assembly Complex. This project, valued at \$1.84 billion, will include federal and provincial contributions of \$295 million each. This will help secure 5,400 well-paying middle class jobs across Ford's production workforce in Canada and grow our green economy, especially in Southern Ontario where thousands of Canadians are employed across the auto supply chain. A repurposed battery-electric vehicle (BEV) production plant for the Oakville Assembly Complex is in line with the Government of Canada's commitment to sustainable growth. Electrification will allow us to position the innovative Canadian automotive industry as a global leader in BEV manufacturing. Together, we continue to help build a Canada that is healthier and safer, cleaner and more competitive, and fairer and more

inclusive for future generations. Our recovery from COVID-19 will help us create more economic opportunities for Canadians while meeting our ambition of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. We will do so by working with industry to attract ZEV manufacturing facilities through large-scale investments. The Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario are committed to working with Canada's automotive partners, including Ford and Unifor, to attract investment, including in zero-emissions technologies, and to ensure that our automotive industry remains one of the most competitive in the world. Quotes

"Today's announcement is a testament to Canada's attractiveness as a destination for clean technology, talent, and infrastructure in the automotive industry. Companies like Ford are helping accelerate our transition to a low-carbon, cleangrowth economy, which will help protect our environment, drive innovation, and create many good middle-class jobs. —The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

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ONTARIO IMPLEMENTING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES IN TORONTO, OTTAWA AND PEEL REGION

Public Health Measures Table, and local medical officers of health and other health experts, the Ontario government is introducing additional targeted public health measures in the Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto public health unit regions. These modified Stage 2 restrictions will be for a minimum of 28 days and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Details were provided by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Adalsteinn Brown, Director of the Institute for Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation and the Dalla Lana Chair of Public Health Policy at the University of Toronto.

"The health experts presented the most recent health data which identified some alarming public health trends that require immediate attention and early action to keep people safe," said Premier Ford. "That's why we are making the difficult, but necessary decision to accept the health advice, and impose further restrictions in Toronto, Ottawa and Peel Region. By taking action ahead of the long weekend, we will help contain the spread in these hotspots, protect the surrounding communities, shield our seniors and most vulnerable, and contain the second wave surge. At the same time, we are providing support to our small businesses in these hotspots."

"We are seeing the percentage of people testing positive for COVID-19 rising, hospitalization rates are growing, and community outbreaks are entering our nursing homes and vulnerable congregate settings," said Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. David Williams. "We need to act quickly, and we need everyone to follow the public health guidelines if we are going to stop the spread and contain the second wave."

Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., these targeted measures are being implemented in Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto as a result of their higher than average rates of transmission. Measures under a modified Stage 2 include:

Reducing limits for all social gatherings and organized public events to a maximum of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained. The two limits may not be combined for an indoor-outdoor event;

Prohibiting indoor food and drink service in restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, including nightclubs and food court areas in malls;

Closing of:

TORONTO — In consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Indoor gyms and fitness centres (i.e., exercise classes and weight and exercise rooms);

Casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments;

Indoor cinemas;

Performing arts centres and venues; Spectator areas in racing venues;

Interactive exhibits or exhibits with high risk of personal contact in muse-

ums, galleries, zoos, science centres, landmarks, etc.; Prohibiting personal care services where face coverings must be removed for the service (e.g. makeup application, beard trimming)

Prohibiting personal care services where face coverings must be removed for the service (e.g. makeup application, beard trimming); Reducing the capacity limits for:

Tour and guide services to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors Real estate open houses to 10 people indoors, where physical distancing can be maintained.

In-person teaching and instruction (e.g. cooking class) to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, with exemptions for schools, child care centres, universities, colleges of applied arts and technology, private career colleges, the Ontario Police College, etc.

Meeting and event spaces to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors, and Limiting team sports to training sessions (no games or scrimmages).

Schools, child care centres, and places of worship will remain open in these communities and must continue to follow the public health measures in place. Before-school and after-school programs will also be exempt from these new restrictions.

Given the extraordinary costs associated with these functions, wedding receptions scheduled for this weekend may proceed under existing public health rules. Effective Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., updated public health measures will apply to wedding receptions, including new gathering limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors at event spaces. "The rising number of COVID-19 cases and outbreaks with increasing rates of hospitalization and ICU admissions is very concerning and putting our health system capacity at risk," said Minister Elliott. "We need to halt this dangerous trend by tightening public health measures in Ottawa, Peel and Toronto in order to keep our schools open, protect our seniors and our loved ones in long-term care homes, and avoid the need for harsher measures in the future. This was not an easy decision but a necessary one to potentially preventing something much worse."

In addition to the measures being implemented in the Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto public health unit regions, the Chief Medical Officer of Health is also urging all Ontarians to:

Limit trips outside of home, except for essential purposes only such as work where it is not possible to work from home, school, grocery shopping, medical appointments, and outdoor healthy physical activity. In addition, travel to other regions in the province, especially from higher transmission to lower transmission areas, should only be for essential purposes:

Practise physical distancing of at least two metres with those outside your household;

Wear a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge or where it is

mandatory to do so; and Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly; and following gathering limits

and rules. The Chief Medical Officer of Health and other public health experts continue

to closely monitor the evolving situation across the province to advise if and when public health measures or restrictions should be adjusted or tightened. For additional protection, the Ontario government is encouraging everyone to download the new COVID Alert app on their smart phone from the Apple and Google Play app stores.

As these necessary public health measures come at a cost to small businesses, Ontario has planned to and will make \$300 million available to assist significantly affected businesses with fixed costs, including property taxes, hydro and natural gas bills.

"Since the outset of the pandemic the government has recognized that the health and safety of the people of Ontario must come first, while supporting workers and business-owners during this unprecedented global pandemic," said Minister Phillips. "Ontario will build on the historic collaboration with the Government of Canada to ensure workers are protected, businesses are supported, and that this support arrives as soon as possible."

This support will be provided by the province and will be made available in any region where these measures are necessary. More details will be released in the coming days.

This funding builds on the actions the government has taken to support small businesses throughout the pandemic, including putting in place a temporary moratorium on commercial evictions, making \$60 million available for a \$1,000 grant for small businesses to offset the cost of personal protective equipment (PPE), and exploring options to permanently allow restaurants and bars to include alcohol with food as part of a takeout or delivery order.



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WHO PRAISES INDIA'S AAROGYA SETU APP, SAYS IT **HELPED IN IDENTIFYING COVID-19 CLUSTERS**



THE AAROGYA SETU APP. A MOBILE APPLICATION THAT WAS LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR PROTECTING THE CITIZENS DURING COVID-19, HAS NOW BEEN LAUDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION (WHO).

The Aarogya Setu app, a mobile application that was launched by the Government of India for protecting the citizens during COVID-19, has now been lauded by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In WHO's latest media briefing, Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus credited India's Covid-19 contact tracing app for helping state public health departments to identify clusters and expand testing. He emphasised the need to implement "tried and tested public health tools" including self-isolation and contract tracing to break the COVID-19 transmission chain and said technologies like mobile applications were making these tools more "effective".

"Aarogya Setu app from India has been downloaded by 150 million users, and has helped city public health departments to identify areas where clusters could be anticipated and expand testing in a targeted way," Dr Tedros said at the briefing.

Earlier in April, the app was praised by the World Bank.

"Digital technologies can also be used to monitor the spread of Covid-19. Such initiatives, largely voluntary, have been successful in helping combat the pandemic in East Asia. Incentives also can be provided to those who report symptoms. India recently launched an app, Aarogya Setu, that uses location data from persons' smartphones to tell users if they have been near someone who tested positive for Covid-19," it had said. Developed by the National Informatics Centre, the Aarogya Setu app has been designed in order to make proper health data on testing and contact tracing available to health professionals and administrators.

The app has been developed in order to alert people before they come in contact with infected patients, it also enables self-assessment. The app is available in 11 languages. Recently, the Ministry of Electronics and Information (MeitY) had also made a version of the Aarogya Setu app for Jio feature phones to increase its awareness.

INDIA HAS SIGNED 250 DOCUMENTS ON SPACE COOPERATION WITH 59 COUNTRIES: ISRO CHIEF

India has signed 250 documents in the field of Space cooperation with 59 countries, these are to advance India's capabilities and also to help other space-aspiring nations to benefit from space, said ISRO Chairman Dr K. Sivan. He added that India's major cooperation in the space technology field was with Russia, USA, France Japan and Israel, elaborating on the ongoing and future projects. The Chairman of India's space agency was speaking at the plenary session of the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2020.

Elaborating on the work with foreign space agencies, Sivan said that According to Sivan, India's Human Spaceflight programme has been partnerships ranged from cooperation in human spaceflight to planetary exploration and joint experiments. "We have a NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar NISAR satellite, we are also working with United States Geological Survey(USGS) for sharing of satellite data. France is a major partner and we have launched two joint satellites Megha tropiques and Saral and the retired mission is underway. ISRO is partnering with the Japanese space agency JAXA to build joint Lunar polar exploration mission. Our cooperation with German Agency DLR is on robotics and Artificial Intelligence. In the field of electric propulsion system and deep space network antenna support we are working with Israeli Space Agency (ISA)" he stated.

When asked about the upcoming rocket launches this year, Dr Sivan said that the agency is planning for the launch of PSLV rocket in November. This would also be the maiden launch of this year, as ISRO's launches were affected after Covid-19 lockdown measures

had brought in several travel restrictions. Given that India's space activities are spread across centres in various parts of the country, it had become challenging for officials and scientists to travel to carry out work. "For India's Space port, people have to travel from other ISRO facilities located far away to carry out the work, hence there are some delays in the missions. We are planning to have the PSLV C-49 launch in November first week. Subsequently, all missions will be as planned" he said.

going strong, with astronauts being trained by Russia and critical medical technologies being provided by France. However, he said that owing to Covid-19 the Gaganyaan project would see a small shift. "We had initially targeted an August 2022 launch and there is a small shift in targeting. We are trying to take the help of other space-faring nations for getting things done" he said.

In his Independence Day speech in 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that when the country is celebrating its 75th year of Independence in 2022, an Indian son or daughter will be flying into space as a part of the Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight mission. This is India's most ambitious and challenging mission yet.

Adding that International cooperation was the hallmark of the Indian space programme, Sivan, who also serves as Secretary, Department of Space said that ISRO had imparted a 2-month long hands-on training in nano satellite building for 60 officials from 33 countries.

Amid tight security, Hathras victim's family leave for Lucknow to appear before bench of Allahabad High Court

Family members of the 19-year-old woman, who died after the alleged assault and gang-rape last month, left for Lucknow on Monday amid tight security to appear before the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court, which has taken suo motu cognizance of the incident.

"I am going with them. Proper security arrangements have been made. District Magistrate (DM) and Superintendent of Police (SP) is also accompanying us," Anjali Ganwar, Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) told mediapersons.

On Sunday, Vineet Jaiswal, Superintendent of Police (SP) Hathras said that a Deputy SP rank officer and an (SDM) rank magistrate will be present with the family during their journey to Lucknow. "Adequate security arrangements have been made. Police is being deployed in the area as a precautionary measure. As per the directions of the High Court, the victim's family will be presented before it on Monday. They will be taken to the High Court with full security. We have assured them that they can contact us whenever they want," Jaiswal had told news agency ANI.

"There is sufficient security for the victim's family. The local police are in touch with the family and nearby villages. Circle Office and SDM conducted peace meeting in the nearby villages and appealed to them not to pay attention to the rumours. Peace is being re-established in the area," he had said.

The victim's brother had said that the family will not travel during the night. "We have made it clear that we will not travel during the night. We have been asked by police to be ready to leave for Lucknow by 5.30 AM tomorrow," he had said.

Jaiswal had further said that no panchayats have taken place there so far. "We are discouraging any such gatherings. The additional police force has been placed there as a precautionary measure," he had added.



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has also registered a case against an accused and took up the investigation of the Hathras incident. A CBI team reached Hathras on Sunday for the investigation in the case. The team has sought some documents from the local administration. On October 1, the Lucknow bench of Allahabad High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of Hathras incident and has sought response from state DGP and other senior officials. The Court had sought response from Additional Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary (Home), Director General of Police, Additional Director General, Law and Order and District Magistrate and Superintendent of Police of Hathras by October 12.

The 19-year-old had succumbed to her injuries at Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital on September 29 after being assaulted and allegedly gang-raped in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras on September 14.

Another Lockdown? Puja festivities in Delhi to take a blow, govt disallows fairs and processions



The rising cases of COVID-19 are going to dampen the Durga puja festivities in Delhi. Small fairs that are a huge part of the Durga Puja festival will not be allowed to take place. Neither will there be any gathering at the pandals. The DDMA (Department of Delhi Disaster Management Authority) has put out some guideline in place regarding the celebrations. According to DDMA, fairs, food stalls, ihoolas, processions, exhibitions and rallies won't be allowed until October 31. Permission from the District Magistrate must be sought by all event organisers to organise any kind of a gathering. According to the order, in a closed space, a maximum of 50% of the hall capacity will be allowed, with a ceiling of 200 persons. Separate entry and exit gates would be required at such places. people would need to wear face cover or face masks. A database will be maintained by the government for all the events happening in the national capital. The order further states that the District Magistrate will have to appoint a nodal officer at all Ramlila grounds and puja pandals. The officers would be responsible for, ensuring that the rules laid out by the government are followed. Further, all organiser would have to record the event and submit the footage to the authorities. No one will be permitted to stand and spend extra time at the location of the pandals. It would be mandatory to sit and maintain social distancing. All these precautions are being taken by the Delhi government in view of the rising Coronavirus cases.

Bihar Assembly Election 2020: BJP releases list of 30-star campaigners, PM Modi and JP Nadda top in list



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has released its list of 30star campaigners for the Bihar Assembly Election. The first name in this list is that of Prime Minister Narendra Modi followed by BJP President JP Nadda and Defence Minister

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is the fourth name in the list of BJP's star campaigners. While at the fifth and sixth place are names of Dr Sanjay Jaiswal and Sushil Modi. Bhupendra Yaday and Devendra Fadnavis find themselves at number seven and eight, respectively. In this list of star campaigners, Radha Mohan Swamy and Ravi Shankar Prasad are named ninth and tenth. Some other names in the list are Giriraj Singh, Smriti Irani, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Nityanand Rai, RK Singh, Dharmendra Pradhan, Yogi Adityanath, Raghuvar Das, Manoj Tiwari, Babu Lal Marandi, Nand Kishore Yaday, Mangal Pandey, Ram Kripal Yadav, Sushil Singh, Chedi The names of Paswan, Sanjay Paswan, Janak Chamar, Samrat Chaudhary, Vivek Thakur and Nivedita Singh.

Unlock 5.0: Important news for cinemagoers!! As halls reopen from Oct 15, check out Centre's guidelines on reopening

As per the new guidelines issued by the Centre on September 30, the process of re-opening of activities has been extended further. The new guidelines, issued today, are based on feedback received from States and UTs, and extensive consultations held with related Central Ministries and Departments.

As per the new guidelines, Cinemas/ theatres/ multiplexes will be permitted to open with upto 50% of their seating capacity, and the power lies with the state to open up multiplexes for the cinematic experience. General Guidelines:

i. Adequate physical distancing of at least 6 feet to be followed outside the auditoriums, common areas and waiting areas at all times.

ii. Use of face covers/masks to be made mandatory at all

iii. Availability of hand sanitizers, preferably in the touchfree mode, at entry and exit points as well as common areas within the premises.

iv. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves the strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing or sneezing with a tissue or handkerchief or flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.

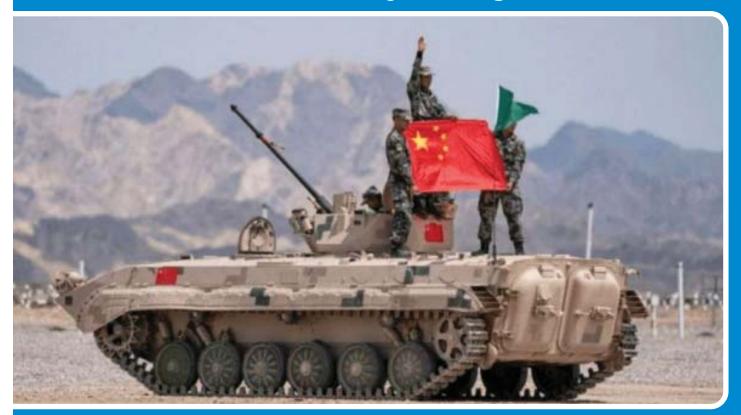
v. Self-monitoring of health by all and reporting any illness at the earliest to state and district helpline.

vi. Spitting shall be strictly prohibited.

vii. Installation & use of Aarogya Setu App shall be advised

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LAC TENSIONS: CHINA'S STRATEGY BEHIND **DELIBERATELY FAILING TALKS WITH INDIA**



IT IS BEING TOLD THAT THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (PLA) HAS STARTED ROTATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF ITS SOLDIERS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR FROM THIS THAT THE CHINESE SOLDIERS ARE NOT IN A MOOD TO RETREAT AT THE MOMENT.

One of the reasons behind the failed military and diplomatic level talks between India and China is that China somehow wants to avoid de-escalation. The motive behind this is that it is somehow averted by winter. It is being told that the People's Liberation Army (PLA) has started rotational deployment of its soldiers. It is also clear from this that the Chinese soldiers are not in a mood to retreat at the moment. The People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China has begun a 'rotational deployment' of troops every 15 days on the northern bank of Pangong Lake, indicating that the Chinese army is not in a mood to retreat from the Finger Area. China has made state-of-the-art arrangements to protect its soldiers posted at heights from the cold. Shifter duty of 200-200 PLA ??soldiers is being done every 15 days not to face constant cold. Here, 200-200 PLA ??soldiers are being shifted on Finger-4 to avoid winter when the temperature goes down to minus 10 degrees.

The deadlock started in Pangong

The standoff with China in eastern Ladakh began with the Finger Area on Pangong Lake's northern bank. Since then, thousands of soldiers from both sides have been face to face at about 18 thousand feet height of Finger-4. Not only this, PLA has made temporary modular flat off-grid carbines. Solar heating systems with temperature tolerances from 15 ? to -55 ? have been installed in it. These have facilities for all environment canteens, integrated shower systems, biodegradable dry toilets, and microgrids. Last week, Chinese troops came dangerously close to 50 meters in front of Indian forces with tanks, but India did not show any aggression from their side. Experts also believe that at this time, Chinese soldiers can do anything to try to provoke India to shoot the first shot on the border. Not only this, China has deployed HQ-9 and HQ-16 missiles with 400 combat vehicles in Depsang.

Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan reveals when **COVID-19** vaccine will be available in India

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan on Tuesday said that a coronavirus vaccine against in India is likely to be available by early 2021, adding that experts are currently planning on how to roll out the distribution of the vaccine in the country.

"We're expecting that early next year we should have the vaccine in the country from maybe more than one source. Our expert groups are formulating strategies to plan on how to roll out the distribution of the vaccine in the country", said Harsh Vardhan during Group of Ministers meeting. The statement comes at a time when India's total COVID-19 cases haev surpassed the 71 lakh-mark. As on Tuesday, India's COVID-19 tally stands at 71,75,881 including 8,38,729 active cases, 62,27,296 cured/discharged/migrated cases & 1,09,856 deaths.

However, the daily spike of cases has been on a downward trend now. With 55, 342 new cases, India recorded its lowest number on Tuesday after nearly two months.

It is important to note that the rise in COVID-19 cases has been on the decline on a daily basis in the country, while under 70 thousand cases were reported yesterday, the rise today has stayed below 60-thousand. Meanwhile, as per the MoHFW, the COVID-19 count includes 8,38,729 active cases, and 62,27,296 cured and discharged or migrated cases. Further, with 706 deaths reported due to the disease in lowed a downward slope since," the MoHFW said.



the last 24 hours, the toll due to the disease is at 1,09,856 in the country. With 2,12,905 active cases, Maharashtra continues to be the worst affected state by COVID-19 in the country. While 12,81,896 patients have recovered from the disease in the state, 40,514 died so far. The MoHFW said that the trend of declining average daily cases is being witnessed over the past five weeks. "After a month, on October 9, active cases fell below the 9 lakhs mark and have steadily fol-

FARMERS LEAVE MEETING OVER MINISTER'S ABSENCE, TEAR COPIES OF FARM LAWS

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Upset over his absence, the farmers started raising slogans inside the ministry and tore up copies of the contentious farm laws. They also said their agitation against the new laws will continue.

The farmers' groups -- which have been on warpath for months over the new farm bills -- decided at a meeting in Chandigarh yesterday to enter discussions with the Centre. Backed by the opposition parties, including the Congress, they have been demanding that the new laws be scrapped. The biggest of these groups, the Bharatiya Kisan Union, or BKU (Ugrahan), which did not attend yesterday's meeting, had also decided to join forces at today's talks.

"No proper discussion took place. Neither Union agriculture minister nor junior ministers were present to hear our concerns. We asked why the minister is not meeting us, why the government is playing double standards by calling us here and ministers holding virtual meetings in Punjab. There was no proper response," Darshan Pal, member of the coordination committee of 29 farmers" organisations, told PTI after the meeting. Since there was no response from Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal, who was chairing the meeting, farmers' organisations decided to boycott the meeting, he said.

Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and opposition Shiromani Akali Dal chief Sukhbir Singh Badal said it was "insult" to farmers that the Central ministers skipped the meeting.

"Farmers' betrayal by Gol is shocking. Backstabbing & playing games with Annadata hurts national interest. Calling farm leaders to Delhi for talks & sending NDA ministers to Pb to prove how wrong farmers are exposed centre's doublespeak & nefarious hypocrisy," Sukhbir Badal tweeted.

Under the new laws, the farmers are allowed to sell produce anywhere in the country and deal directly with big corporates -- a situation that the farmers have found alarming.

Most feel they would be left at the mercy of the corporates and with the phasing out of agricultural wholesale APMC markets, will not get even the Minimum Support Price for their produce. The Centre, which counts the laws among is big ticket farm sector reforms, says they would free the farmers from the clutches of the middlemen and usher in new farming technology.

TAMIL NADU: KHUSHBU SUNDAR QUITS CONGRESS, LIKELY TO JOIN BJP

In a big blow to Congress in Tamil Nadu, actor-turned-politician Khushbu Sundar quit the party on Monday stating that "some individuals at the higher level within the party are dictating terms, while people want to work sincerely are being suppressed." Speculations are rife that she is likely to join the Bharatiya Janata Party. However, there has been no official confirmation from her or

Launching a scathing attack on the Congress, Sundar said that she had joined the party post the 2014 general elections loss when it was at its lowest and had worked without the need for any recognition, fame or other gains.

"I came into the fold of INC at the time when it was at its lowest, being defeated in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections. I did not walk into the party for any monetary gains, name or fame. Few elements seated at higher level within the party, people who have no connectivity with the ground reality or public recognition are dictating terms and people like me who wanted to work for the party sincerely, are being pushed and suppressed," she wrote in a letter addressed to Congress President Sonia Gandhi.

"After a long thorough thought process over a period of time, I have decided to end my association with the party. Herewith I tender my

resignation from the primary membership of Indian National Congress," the letter read further

Indian exports to Armenia increased three-fold in past three years



The Indian export to Armenia was USD 19.8 million in 2017, USD 51.4 million in 2018, and USD 61.3 million in 2019. While the Indian imports from Armenia were USD 2.8 million, USD 0.56 million, and USD 3.49 million in 2017, 2018, and 2019 respectively.

Indian exports to Armenia consist of bovine meat, agricultural products, electrical equipment, cut and polished diamonds, optical gear, plastics, pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, garments, chemical goods, and cars. Armenia's exports include non-ferrous metals and raw rubber.

In the recent past, the Indian companies like "Kalpataru Power Transmission Limited," Gandhinagar (Gujarat) had completed a power project in Armenia to design, supply, and install high voltage transmission towers in the country. Many bilateral events are organized to promote trade between the two countries. The Indian Embassy organized a presentation in Yerevan on 23 August 2017 on Gujarat's an investment and tourism opportunities.

A similar presentation on Andhra Pradesh was organized on 17 November 2017Industrial visits also play a significant role in promoting bilateral trade. A delegation from Pharmaexcil visited Armenia in November 2019. It held meeting with Mr. Arsen Torosyan, Minister of Health of Armenia, Mr. Varos Simonyan, Deputy Minister of Economics, and Armenia's government bodies.

Similarly, in 2017, a 12-member business delegation sponsored by MEA led by CII visited Armenia from 28-29 September 2017. Development Foundation of Armenia organized a business forum with the delegation on 28 September 2017.

FESTIVAL BONANZA FOR CENTRAL **GOVT EMPLOYEES: LTC CASH VOUCHERS, RS 10,000 ADVANCE**

Employees will have to make purchases from GST-registered outlets and in digital mode.



Just ahead of the Dussehra and Diwali festivities. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made some big announcements in order to revive the economy and stimulate demand. The Finance Minister has proposed three main steps to push for an economic revival. Let's understand them one by one.

LTC Cash Voucher Scheme

With the cash vouchers, the central employees can buy any goods but have to spend three times the leave travel concession (LTC) amount. The employees will have to buy goods which attract 12% or above GST. These purchases will have to be made from GST-registered outlets and in digital mode.

The employee would need to show invoice of purchase for availing the discount. Apart from this, the 10 days leave encashment received by the central employees will also have to be spent. The employee will have to make all spends by March 31, 2021. Every four years the central employees get LTC to visit a place of their choice and go to their hometown once. But this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic they were unable to avail this facility so the government will now give the employees cash vouchers, which they have to spend till March 31, 2021.

The government will give 5,675 crore rupees to central employees from this scheme.

Special Festival Advance Scheme

The government wants to capitalize on the festive season to infuse demand into the economy. Through the festival advance scheme, a provision has been made to give every central employee an advance of Rs 10,000. This will be an interest-free advance, which can be repaid in 10 instalments. This advance will be pre-loaded on the debit card and will be a one-time advance.

The central government will give a loan of Rs 12,000 crore to the states. This loan will be given for 50 years, which will be completely interest-free. States will be given this loan to complete their pending projects so that the economy

Out of this amount, Rs 1,600 crore will be given to the Northeast states, 900 crores will be given to Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. The remaining 7,500 crore rupees will be given to other states.

TRUMP TESTS NEGATIVE FOR COVID-19, HEADS TO FLORIDA FOR CAMPAIGN RALLY



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President Donald Trump has tested negative for COVID-19 on consecutive days and is not infectious to others, the White House physician said on Monday, as Trump headed to Florida for his first campaign rally since he disclosed he contracted the virus.

Trump's evening rally at an airport in Sanford, Florida, will kick off a three-week sprint to Election Day as new polls show him losing more ground to Democratic rival Joe Biden in two battleground states that could decide the Nov. 3 contest.

The president's negative COVID-19 tests were the first announced by the White House since Trump, who spent three days in a military hospital, said on Oct. 2 that he contracted the virus. In a memo, Dr Sean Conley said the tests and other clinical and laboratory data "indicate a lack of detectable viral replication."

Biden also tested negative for COVID-19 on Monday, his campaign said in a statement. The former vice president has tested negative a number of times since Trump announced his positive test. Trump, 74, is seeking to change the dynamics of a race that national opinion polls and some state polls show he is losing to Biden, who is 77.

Biden pulled further ahead in Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, building momentum in two states that Trump carried in the 2016 presidential election, Reuters/Ipsos opinion polls showed on Monday.

The polls, conducted Tuesday through Sunday, showed Biden now leading Trump by 7 percentage points in both states.

Taking advantage of his momentum and growing advantage in the polls, Biden on Monday campaigned in Ohio, where he was once considered a long shot, as he tries to expand his reach into Republican-leaning states. Speaking to unionized auto workers in Toledo, Biden said he and former President Barack Obama played a key role in keeping the U.S. auto industry afloat during the financial crisis and recession more than a decade ago. "Barack and I bet on you and the American worker and it paid off," said Biden, who is hoping to undermine what polls show is Trump's greatest strength, the view among some voters that the former real estate entrepreneur is better at handling the economy. Biden also appeared at a get-out-the-vote event in Cincinnati. It was Biden's second campaign trip in as many weeks to Ohio, which was once thought out of reach but where polls now show a competitive race.

Trump won the state by 8 percentage points four years ago and almost certainly must carry it again to win re-election. No Republican has won the White House without carrying Ohio. For months, Trump had worked furiously to shift public attention away from the virus and his handling of the pandemic, which has infected more than 7.8 million people in the United States, killed more than 214,000 and put millions out of work.

PREPARE FOR WAR, BE ABSOLUTELY LOYAL: XI JINPING TELLS CHINESE TROOPS

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However, it was not yet clear whether this comment was directed towards India, Japan or the US and other countries with which China is embroiled in a tussle in the South China Sea region. Earlier on Tuesday, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had said that Beijing doesn't recognize "Ladakh Union Territory and Arunachal Pradesh." The Chinese MFA in a statement said that Ladakh Union Territory is a region "illegally established by India".

Meanwhile, India and China had sincere, in-depth and constructive exchange of views on disengagement along LAC, the Indian Army said following the 7th round of the corps commander level talks. In the seventh round of Corps Commander-level talks, India continued to demand complete disengagement and de-escalation by the People's Liberation Army (PLA)

from the eastern Ladakh sector. "India is expected to demand a discussion on all the friction points between the two sides from the sub-sector north to the central sector and complete disengagement and de-escalation by the Chinese Army from there," g o v e r n m e n t sources had said.

'Normalcy only when second generation of Covid-19 vaccine is out': Bill Gates

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates has given a gloomy picture for the world looking to get to normal after being hit by the coronavirus pandemic. In a television programme, the billionaire said that life will get back to normal only when a second generation of Covid-19 vaccine become available.

Gates told NBC that normalcy can return "when we have, not the first generation of vaccines, but one that is super-effective". He also said that the second generation vaccine should also be widely available. "Only then all the problems created by Covid-19 can be solved," he added. Gates' comments come as the world is racing towards finding a vaccine for the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) which has affected millions across the globe. AstraZeneca's experimental Covid-19 vaccine is one of the most advanced candidates in the race against the novel coronavirus. The British drugmaker has signed several supply and manufacturing deals with companies and governments around the world as it gets closer to reporting early results of a late-stage clinical trial.

Developed by the University of Oxford and licensed to AstraZeneca in April, the vaccine is expected to be one of the first from big pharma to secure regulatory approval, along with Pfizer and BioNTech's candidate.



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