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NARENDRA MODI
“CORONAVIRUS POSITIVE CASES IN INDIA CONTINUE TO RISE ON A DAILY BASIS”

INDIA PUSHES CHINA FOR “EXPEDITIOUS RESTORATION” OF PEACE IN BORDER AREAS

New Delhi yet again on Thursday, urged China to ensure “expeditious restoration” of peace in the border areas as both countries continue to engage in a border stand-off in the Ladakh sector. Spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, Anurag Srivastava said, “We expect the Chinese side to sincerely follow up and ensure expeditious restoration of peace and tranquility in border areas as per bilateral agreements and protocols.”

Senior Indian and Chinese commanders held a long meeting at Chushul, Ladakh, on Tuesday, as part of ongoing efforts to tone down heightened border tensions at the military level. It however, needs to be noted that military build-up on both sides of the contested Line of Actual Control (LAC) reportedly remains unabated.

New Delhi stated that discussions at the latest meeting of senior commanders reflected commitment to reduce tension on both sides. Meanwhile, China has ramped up its military activity in Finger Area near Pangong Tso, Galwan Valley, and Depsang Plains since June 22. Earlier this week, the Narendra Modi-led Central government banned 59 Chinese-linked apps stating they were “engaged in activities prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.” Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad called the move a “digital strike” on China. Reports reveal Indian intelligence had been pushing for restrictions on the applications on grounds that they were designed to extract data and park them outside the country.

A violent brawl ensued on June 15, where 20 Indian soldiers and an unconfirmed number of Chinese soldiers died.

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NIGAR JOHAR APPOINTED AS FIRST FEMALE LT GENERAL OF PAKISTAN ARMY

Major General Nigar Johar has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-General, making her the first female army officer promoted to the rank. In a statement released earlier this week, the Inter-Services Public Relations announced her promotion. Lt Gen Johar is also appointed as the first female General Surgeon of Pakistan. She currently serves at the Commandant Military Hospital in Rawalpindi. Lt Gen Johar belongs to the Army Medical Corps, and is only the third woman in the history of Pakistan Army to have reached the rank of major general.



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“HOTSPOTS” REMAIN IN ONTARIO, QUEBEC: NEW COVID-19 MODELLING

New national modelling on the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak in Canada reveals that “hotspots” continue to linger in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Projections as of July 12 reveal the country could see between 103,940 and 108,310 cases, and between 8,545 and 8,865 deaths. The updates were provided by Chief Public Health Officer Dr Theresa Tam and Deputy Chief Public Health Officer Dr Howard Njoo on Monday.



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ONTARIO ON PATH TO LAUNCH STAGE 3 OF THE PROVINCE'S COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

Prospects of Ontario moving soon to Stage 3 of its COVID-19 reopening plan seem high as the spread of the novel coronavirus continues to slowdown. It has been almost three weeks since eastern and northern Ontario, and most area of the southwestern part of the province initiated Stage 2.

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ARMED PERSON ARRESTED NEAR RIDEAU HALL ; FOUND NEAR GOVERNOR GENERAL'S RESIDENCE

An “armed man” found near the residence of the governor general at Rideau Hall has been arrested by the RCMP early morning today. The RCMP, in a series of tweets, said the man was able to get access to the grounds of 1 Sussex Drive at 6.40 AM.

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NEW DELHI IN TALKS WITH CANADA, US, GULF, AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO CREATE INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL TRAVEL BUBBLES ALLOWING OPERATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS



India is currently in talks with US and Canada, and other countries on creating individual bilateral bubbles allowing resumption of international flights. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) had said last month that the government is considering establishing “individual bilateral bubbles” with US, UK, Germany, and France.

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Osler is doing its part to keep the community safe by providing COVID-19 testing. Osler opened one of the first COVID-19 Assessment Centres in Ontario on March 11, and has now tested more than 65,000 patients across Osler’s sites in Brampton and Etobicoke – the most of any health care organization in the province. Osler continues to see a very high volume of patients at the hospitals’ Assessment Centres – currently testing more than 1,000 patients per day.



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MYANMAR CALLS OUT CHINA FOR ARMING TERROR GROUPS, ASKS WORLD TO HELP

Myanmar, China's closest ally in southeast Asia, has pointed fingers at Beijing for arming insurgent groups with sophisticated weapons and sought international cooperation to suppress rebel groups. In a recent interview to Russian state-run TV channel Zvezda, Myanmar's Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said terrorist organisations active in Myanmar are backed by 'strong forces' and sought international co-operation to suppress rebel groups. The reference to 'strong forces' was widely seen to be a reference to Myanmar's neighbour in the north, China. Myanmar military spokesperson Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun later elaborated on the comment made by the Commander-in-Chief of Myanmar's armed forces. The spokesperson said the army chief was referring to Arakan Army (AA) and Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA), terrorist organisations active in the Rakhine State in western Myanmar that borders China. A 'foreign country' is behind the Arakan Army (AA), he said, citing China-made weapons that terror group used in mine attacks on the military in 2019. It is unusual for the Myanmar leadership to point fingers at China. But this isn't the first time that Naypyitaw had alluded to the Chinese connection. When the Myanmar military busted a huge cache of weapons includ-



ing surface-to-air missiles - each costing between USD 70,000 and 90,000 - from the banned Ta'ang National Liberation Army in November 2019, the military had underlined the Chinese connection to the weapons. Most of the weapons seized by the force are "Chinese weapons," military spokesperson Major General Tun Tun Nyi had declared. The Myanmar ethnic rebel groups operating along the Chinese border mostly use Chinese weapons, prompting suspicions about Beijing's role as part of an effort to keep Myanmar under control China, for the record, denies that it supplies weapons to armed rebel groups in Myanmar but such denials are often treated with scepticism in Myanmar.

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Speaking at a webinar, Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), Arvind Singh, said, "I took a brief from the key point person in the ministry who is negotiating with the countries, and he said that we are in constant touch. We are working on a consensus to restart the international flights. This is going to be through air bubbles."

Singh added, "Talks are mainly going on between India and US, India and Canada, India and Europe and India and the Gulf countries to start flights in these bubbles." He said talks with the countries have reached an "advanced level".

International passenger flights remain suspended in India since March 23 due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The European Union has currently banned flights from India as coronavirus cases continue to rise in the country.

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Data from 24 public health units reveal considerable containment of the virus, except for areas including the Greater Toronto Area, Hamilton, Niagara, Windsor-Essex, Lambton, and Haldimand-Norfolk. Health Minister Christine Elliott said on Tuesday, "We hope to be able to move into the next stage as soon as possible. It's looking very good, but we still need another week's data to really inform the situation, and then decision will be made from the opening of Stage 3."

She stated that provincial-level discussions are ongoing, adding that decisions on which parts of the province would move ahead, and which measures would be relaxed are on the table. Premier Doug Ford threw caution, and said, "We have to do it safely. We will do it safely, and we're going to do it in steps as we did before. We just have to continue seeing the numbers go in the right direction."

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The update said, "He is currently in custody and is being interviewed. We are not releasing his identity as this time as charges are pending." Reports said Governor General Julie Payette was not at her residence, and while Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and family stay on the same grounds at Rideau Cottage, were absent at the time.

“HOTSPOTS” REMAIN IN ONTARIO, QUEBEC: NEW COVID-19 MODELLING

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The two main hotspots remain around Toronto and Montreal. There are also the areas of Saskatchewan and southern Ontario. The officials revealed the daily numbers of hospitalised and critical care cases are steadily declining, with an increase in the number of recoveries. The new modelling also shows a steep decline in transmission among older age groups. Tam said, "As the epidemic has slowed the incident rate has steadily declined in all age groups. But the decline has been relatively slow in younger age groups... Individuals under the age of 40 now account for a greater proportion of total cases in recent weeks." She said the effective reproduction number (Rt), needs to remain below one for the outbreak to "die out" in Canada. Canada's Rt rate has been less than one for eight weeks. Tam however, also cautioned that outbreaks have been recently linked to social gatherings, and advised people to limit the number close contacts, and avoid enclosed and crowded spaces. "You should ask yourself if you do test positive, consider that the fewer people that you have contact with, the quicker and easier it will be for public health to trace them all down and interrupt chains of transmission to keep the spread of COVID-19 under control," she said.

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Investigators from the Peel Regional Police Road Safety Services have laid criminal charges in relation to a driving incident that occurred in Mississauga. An online video was shared with police of a black Chrysler 300, with Ontario personalized licence plate, *SUUBEDAR*, operating on the roadway in a dangerous manner. Further investigation revealed that this occurred on Sunday, June 21, 2020, in the area of Derry Road and Goreway Drive in the City of Mississauga. As a result, Lovepreet Warring, a 21-year-old man from Mississauga was identified and was charged with two counts of Dangerous Driving and will be attending the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on September 14, 2020. "We thank our community for working together with us to help keep our roadways safer. This type of behaviour puts people's lives in danger and will not be tolerated", said Inspector Peter Danos of Road Safety Services.

Iran journalist who fueled 2017 protests sentenced to death

Iran sentenced a once-exiled journalist to death over his online work that helped inspire nationwide economic protests that began at the end of 2017, authorities said Tuesday. Ruhollah Zam's website and a channel he created on the popular messaging app Telegram had spread the timings of the protests and embarrassing information about officials that directly challenged Iran's Shiite theocracy. Those demonstrations represented the biggest challenge to Iran since the 2009 Green Movement protests and set the stage for similar mass unrest last November.

The details of his arrest still remain unclear. Though he was based in Paris, Zam somehow returned to Iran and found himself detained by intelligence officials. A series of a televised confessions have aired in recent months over his work.

Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili announced Zam's death sentence on Tuesday, saying he had been convicted of "corruption on Earth," a charge often used in cases involving espionage or attempts to overthrow Iran's government. It was not immediately clear when the sentence was handed down. Zam is able to appeal his sentence, issued by a Revolutionary Court. The name of his public defender wasn't immediately known.

Zam had run a website called AmadNews that posted embarrassing videos and information about Iranian officials. He highlighted his work on a channel on Telegram, the secure messaging app that remains incredibly popular among Iranians.

The initial spark for the 2017 protests was a sudden jump in food prices. Many believe that hard-line opponents of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani instigated the first demonstrations in the conservative city of Mashhad in eastern Iran, trying to direct public anger at the president. But as protests spread from town to town, the backlash turned against the entire ruling class.

Soon, cries directly challenging Rouhani and even Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei could be

China Muslim sterilization reports

‘shocking’ and ‘disturbing’: Mike Pompeo

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Monday labeled as "shocking" and "disturbing" reports that China's ruling Communist Party is using forced sterilization, forced abortion and coercive family planning against minority Muslims. Pompeo highlighted a report about the situation in China's Xinjiang region by German researcher Adrian Zenz published by the Washington-based Jamestown Foundation think tank. Pompeo, a persistent critic of China, including its treatment of Muslims in Xinjiang, said in a statement the findings were consistent with decades of Chinese Communist Party practices "that demonstrate an utter disregard for the sanctity of human life and basic human dignity". "We call on the Chinese Communist Party to immediately end these horrific practices and ask all nations to join the United States in demanding an end to these dehumanizing abuses."

In his report, Zenz said his findings represented the strongest evidence yet that Beijing's policies in Xinjiang met one of the genocide criteria cited in the U.N. Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, namely "imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group." Zenz said analysis of Chinese government documents showed natural population growth in Xinjiang had fallen "dramatically." He said that in its two largest Uighur Muslim prefectures, growth rates fell by 84% between 2015 and 2018 and further in 2019.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington referred to a statement by Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian, saying that "some institutions are bent on cooking up disinformation on Xinjiang-related issues. ... Their allegations are simply groundless and false." Documents from 2019 revealed plans for a campaign of mass female sterilization targeting 14% and 34% of all married women of childbearing age in two Uighur counties, Zenz wrote. The campaign, he said, likely aimed to sterilize rural minority women with three or more children, as well as some with two children - equivalent to at least 20% of all women of childbearing age. "Budget figures indicate that this project had sufficient funding for performing hundreds of thousands of tubal ligation sterilization procedures in 2019 and 2020," he wrote. Zenz said that by 2019, Xinjiang planned to subject at least 80% of women of childbearing age in its four southern minority prefectures to intrusive birth prevention surgeries - placement of intrauterine devices or sterilizations. He said that in 2018, 80% of all new IUD placements in China were performed in Xinjiang, while only 1.8% of the population live there.

XI JINPING TAKES CONTROL OF CHINA'S MILITARY RESERVE FORCES



China's military reserve forces will be formally placed under the centralised and unified command of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Central Military Commission (CMC), both headed by President Xi Jinping, from July 1 to ensure the ruling party's "absolute leadership" over it and build a world-class army. Currently, the reserve forces are under the dual leadership of military organs and local Communist Party committees and they would be brought under the control of the ruling party and the CMC from July 1, the state-run Xinhua news agency reported. China's People's Liberation Army (PLA) in 2017 announced plans to reduce the strength of the reserve forces and bring them under the control of the central leadership as part of the reforms of the military. The reforms included cutting down the size of the military by three lakh troops reducing the size of the PLA, the world's largest military force, to two million personnel. An official announcement on Sunday said the reserve forces are "an important part of the PLA and the adjustment in the leadership structure is aimed at upholding the CPC's absolute leadership over the army and building a strong military in the new era." It calls on relevant military and civilian units to take active and coordinated measures to implement the changes to the leadership structure. Since he took over power in 2013, Xi, 67, has ordered all PLA ranks to strictly under the CPC leadership. Xi is also the General Secretary of the CPC. China watchers have called Xi the most powerful Chinese leader since Chairman Mao Zedong, especially since he managed to amend the Constitution to end the two-term presidential limit in 2018. According to the reforms process announced in 2017, the CMC will take charge of the overall administration of the PLA, the Chinese People's Armed Police and the militia and reserve forces. This meant that all forces would work directly under central leadership headed by Xi. The thrust of the reforms included a reduction of the ground forces and an increase in the role and scope of the Navy and the Air Force as part of China's push to expand its global influence. The structure of the reserve forces will adapt to information warfare from traditional combat-oriented and mechanised ones, the PLA announced in 2017. China's current reserve forces are mainly composed of reserve military officers and soldiers as well as a small number of active-service military personnel. Reserve military officers are selected from eligible veteran officers, local officials, and officers in the people's armed force, militia cadres and related technical personnel. "Centralising the leadership of reserve forces will make it easier to mobilise and manage reserve forces."



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COBRAS ON WHEELS ORGANISES CHARITY RIDE FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS



Cobras OnWheels is a group of motorcycle enthusiasts from South East Asian descent put together to share our passion of riding. We are a secular bunch with riders hailing from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. We are a true representation of Canada where everyone is welcome to join our Group. We have over 180 members in our riding group.

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2. Peel Police 21 Division Police Station, Brampton
3. William Osler Health System -Brampton Civic Hospital.
4. Pride Truck 10862 Steeles Ave E, Milton ... Truckers were honored here.
5. Milton District Hospital
6. Halton Police 20 Division

Riders from our group Cobras OnWheels, generated \$20,875.00 for Donations. They were distributed as under, reflecting our Core Values of Canadian and South East Asian Heritage, where everyone is equal.

1. Sai Dham & Fueling Healthy Minds	\$4551
2. Sikh Sewa Society	\$4551
3. Lowry Masjid	\$4551
4. Milton Hsp	\$4000
5. Gifts for Frontline Workers	\$3222

We donated to the Food Charities of the four main religions, which worked on the ground level to make food available for the needy. All the members of the Cobras OnWheels are indebted to the Frontline Workers for keeping our society safe and healthy.



RANDOM ACTS OF CANADIAN CELEBRATES ACTS OF KINDNESS IN CHALLENGING TIMES

From the front lines to our front lawns, Canadians have been known to carry out selfless acts for family, neighbours and even strangers. These neighbourly acts of compassion know no age limit, colour, gender or social barriers and they've brought communities closer together with smiles, tears, and an overwhelming appreciation for what it means to be Canadian. To help spread some good news in these challenging times, RBC has launched Random Acts of Canadian. This is a new national call to showcase the incredible ways in which Canadians are positively impacting and supporting each other, their communities and their country as they cope with the ongoing stress of living through – and emerging from – a global pandemic. Canadians can share their stories by submitting them to www.randomactsofcanadian.com. Each week, RBC will share stories to spread the joy, and celebrate the amazing acts of kindness that are happening all across Canada. "COVID-19 has disrupted the lives of Canadians in so many ways, but what continues to stand out is the ingenuity with which they are helping one another," said Neil McLaughlin, Group Head, Personal & Commercial Banking, RBC. "These stories demonstrate the resilience and spirit of generosity that defines Canadians – something that should be recognized and celebrated. We hope these stories inspire others to follow suit and do something that keeps this kindness movement going as Canada emerges from the pandemic."

RBC encourages all Canadians to discover and participate in Random Acts of Canadian, by bringing the ideas that are spotlighted into their own community, or creating their own moments and sharing their successes through this communal online space.

Here are a few examples of Canadians standing up in their communities:

- With face masks and hand sanitizers in short supply, many saw this as an opportunity to lend a hand. Jordan raised more than \$31,000 and has delivered more than 7,000 bottles of free hand sanitizer throughout his community. Meanwhile, 87-year-old Olga made 160



face masks and left them on her porch for anyone who needed them.

- With camps cancelled this summer, Canadian jazz pianist Thompson wants to get arts supplies to kids in underserved communities. He is aiming to raise \$30,000 to donate 1,000 sidewalk chalk boxes by summer's end.
- Rachael, age 5, loves horses and records videos of herself reading stories on YouTube. She aims to raise \$50,000 to help cover feed and healthcare costs for horses for six local barns.
- Kyla rallied a community of women in the Yukon to use their intricate style of First Nation beading to create broaches of the fireweed flower, the official flower of the territory. The broaches are made to lift the morale of Kyla's fellow frontline health care workers.
- Family-owned Niagara Trailers donated 41 RV units to help front-line health workers isolate from their families while staying close to home.
- Steve knows what it's like to be hungry. So, when community groups in Toronto began closing due to COVID-19, he created Kitchen 24 and has provided over 30,000 meals to those in need so far.

Toronto Mayor John Tory wants masks mandatory indoors

Toronto mayor John Tory has called for masks and face coverings to be made mandatory in indoor public spaces to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Speaking at a morning news conference on Tuesday, Tory said, "It is about respecting and protecting each other". He added, "We hope there are more and more people out in the businesses across the city. We want that to happen for the sake of our economy and for the sake of returning to a nearer to normal kind of life."

Toronto medical officer of health Dr Eileen de Villa also recommends the same, and included it in a report that was sent over to the City Council. Tory said, "We know we are at a critical time in the fight against COVID-19, and that we must do everything we can to avoid the flare ups that we've seen in other places."



ONTARIO PROMOTES SHOP LOCAL, SHOP SAFE AND SHOP WITH CONFIDENCE CAMPAIGN



The Ontario Government is celebrating International Small Business Week with the launch of the "Shop Local! Shop Safe! Shop with Confidence!" campaign, encouraging Ontarians to support their local small businesses and to shop safely while doing so. "The countless stories of success from our diverse small business community is living proof that Ontario is a place to grow and achieve big dreams," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business. "All of our small businesses supported the fight against COVID-19, many by closing their doors for several months—now it's our turn to help support their recovery. When Ontarians Shop Local, Shop Safe and Shop with Confidence, we're doing our part to ensure the future vitality of our main streets, our communities and our province." The province's campaign asks for mayors, local leaders and groups to support our small businesses by committing on social media to "Shop Local, Shop Safe, Shop with Confidence," while highlighting the best practices put in place by businesses to help keep shoppers safe while ensuring that the reopening of Ontario continues to be a success. For example, the principles of the People Outside Safely Together (POST) Promise encourage small businesses to strictly follow health guidelines and reopen with appropriate measures in place, so consumers can shop safely and with confidence, including:

- Washing and sanitizing hands
- Maintaining physical distancing
- Staying home if unwell
- Practicing respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and disinfecting regularly

"The Retail Council of Canada is strengthened by the contributions of our diverse membership, and we're delighted to join the Government of Ontario in supporting our main street retail businesses and indeed all retailers across the province," said Diane J. Brisebois, President of the Retail Council of Canada. "Shop Local, Shop Safe, Shop with Confidence' helps retailers, the province's largest private-sector employers, promote safety for consumers and workplaces, while continuing to help to build strong and vibrant communities all across Ontario."

The province, in partnership with various health and safety organizations, has also released sector-specific guidelines in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. These documents help workplaces better understand their responsibilities and includes best practices they can use to help them comply with their legal obligation to protect the health and safety of workers.

BRAMPTON TO CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH THREE DAYS OF EXCITING ONLINE EVENTS!

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Brampton is taking its Pride celebration online this year. The City has created an online hub with events throughout Pride Week in Peel, from July 5 to 11, during Pride Month in Brampton, to celebrate Brampton's LGBTTIQQ2SA community.

Visit www.brampton.ca/pride to join the festivities.

July 5 – Pride in the Square – Virtual Edition
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7 PM: Live performance by Chris Ning – Facebook Live at facebook.com/gardensquarebrampton

8 PM: The Pride After Party with DJ Ace Dillinger – Instagram Live @gardensquarebrampton

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Feds considering month-long extensions for Canada Emergency Rent Assistance Program

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has extended the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance benefit another month, stating it will continue to help small businesses as they reopen after being closed for weeks due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Trudeau said Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Dr Theresa Tam will release latest COVID-19 modelling this afternoon.

"We are continuing to move in the right direction, we still have some hotspots across the country, but deaths, hospitalisations, and new cases is declining," Trudeau said.

PREMIER FORD ANNOUNCES \$150M FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS AND LONG TERM CARE HOMES

The Ontario government is providing municipalities and urban Indigenous community partners with an additional \$150 million to continue to protect vulnerable people from COVID-19 by improving homeless shelters and creating opportunities for longer-term housing. This investment more than doubles the funding currently flowing to local municipal service managers and urban Indigenous program administrators through the Social Services Relief Fund.

Details were provided by Premier Doug Ford and Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

"We are standing shoulder to shoulder with our municipal and Indigenous community partners to ensure our most vulnerable citizens are protected during these difficult times," said Premier Ford.

"Today's investment builds on our collective efforts to help people get back on their feet quickly and recover from this global crisis. We will continue to be a champion for our municipal partners with the federal government to ensure a strong recovery for communities across the province."

Municipalities and urban Indigenous community partners will be able to use this funding for long-term, innovative housing solutions resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. They can renovate shelters or purchase new facilities that will help with physical distancing in the short term and support longer-term, more sustainable solutions to homelessness. In addition, this funding could also be used to provide vulnerable people with food, shelter and supplies.

The funding is another way that Ontario is coming to the table to support municipalities as it continues to work with provincial partners and the federal government on municipal supports through the federal government's proposed Safe Restart Framework.

"We know that municipal and Indigenous partners are facing extraordinary challenges due to this global pandemic," said Minister Clark.

"That's why we continue to step up to provide financial support and other measures to help our local partners. This investment is another step our government is taking to protect our most vulnerable, but we know more needs to be done. We continue to work closely with our federal and municipal partners to ensure communities across Ontario have the support they need."

With this additional funding, the government is providing municipal service managers and urban Indigenous program administrators with \$350 million through the Social Services Relief Fund. This builds on the support being delivered as part of the COVID-19 Action Plan to Protect Vulnerable Ontarians. The action plan provides enhanced screening and testing in high-risk settings such as shelters and homes, including for those with developmental disabilities, and provides personal protective equipment and training so staff will know what to do in the event of an outbreak.

"The Government's Social Services Relief Fund was an immediate response to COVID-19 related municipal costs when it was announced in March. The initial \$148 million literally saved lives in communities across Ontario," said Jamie McGarvey, President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

"The additional \$150 million announced today will help offset the added costs of addressing homelessness and protecting the most vulnerable from COVID-19."

ALL ONTARIO PARKS TO BE FREE FOR DAY USE ON CANADA DAY ; FISHING WILL BE FREE STARTING JULY 4



The Ontario government is celebrating Canada Day by offering free day use at all provincial parks, and beginning on July 4, 2020, the province is offering free fishing for two weeks, double the length of last year. In addition, numerous Ontario attractions have special virtual experiences and events planned for July 1, 2020 which will help showcase Ontario's artistic and musical excellence.

"As we celebrate Canada's 153rd birthday, this is our way of saying thank you to everyone in Ontario who has followed the public health advice to stop the spread of COVID-19," said Premier Doug Ford. "Tourism is a major source of jobs and economic benefits for many communities across the province, so it's important to support our local businesses and explore everything our province has to offer as we reopen the province this summer."

"Canada Day is a wonderful time for families to enjoy the great outdoors, while spending time together," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "That's why, on July 1, we're offering free day use at Ontario Parks, so that everyone can take advantage of the great weather and explore the recreational opportunities that are now available at provincial parks. We continue to count on people to be responsible when outside and to follow all public health advice."

To help prevent overcrowding at the most popular provincial parks, capacity will be limited, so visitors are recommended to arrive early or

consider exploring other provincial parks in the area. Park visitors should maintain physical distancing and wear a mask whenever physical distancing is not possible.

This year, Canadian residents of all ages can also enjoy fishing in Ontario without having to purchase a licence or carry an Outdoors Card for the first two full weeks of July, from July 4, 2020 to July 19, 2020.

"The COVID-19 outbreak has made things challenging for everyone this year, and this is why it's especially important that we provide families with a lower-risk way to spend quality time outdoors," said John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. "We're counting on people to be responsible when enjoying free fishing and to continue to follow all of the public health measures to help stop the spread of COVID-19."

Families and individuals can further enjoy the numerous attractions across Ontario, both virtual events and special events with physical distancing planned for Canada Day, including the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, the Niagara Parks Commission, Science North and Destination Ontario. For more information, you can visit www.ontario.ca/canaday.

"I have been travelling across the province to showcase the world-class athletes, artists, and attractions Ontario has to offer," said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. "I encourage everyone to take in the safe and special experiences on offer this Canada Day and you will truly see that we offer the world in one province."

ONTARIO ANNOUNCES NEW TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS CORRUPTION AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IN TOW TRUCK INDUSTRY

The Ontario government is establishing a task force to improve provincial oversight of the towing industry. The task force will help develop a regulatory model that will increase safety and enforcement, clarify protections for consumers, improve industry standards and consider tougher penalties for violators. The government is taking this action in response to concerns raised about incidents of criminal activity and violence in the towing industry.

Details were provided by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, and Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General.

"The party's over for the bad actors who are engaged in violence and criminal activity in the towing industry. We're going to keep working with our police partners to bring these criminals to justice," said Premier Ford. "Setting up this task force will help us bring together experts to develop ways to better protect drivers, operators and inspectors."

The task force will review a number of topics related to the towing industry, which could include provincial oversight of safety, consumer protection, improved industry standards, training and background checks.

As part of the review, the task force may consider opportunities for increased protections for consumers against the first-to-scene unethical business practices, insurance savings through a crackdown on insurance fraud rings or improved consumer choice for payments and repairs. The province is also reviewing ways to improve our transportation system by clearing accidents more quickly which would minimize lane reductions and reduce congestion on our highways.

"Most tow truck operators in Ontario are responsible and play a critical role in keeping our roadways safe. However, like all people of Ontario, our government is concerned about the recent reported incidents of violence in the towing industry," said Minister Mulroney. "We are committed to ensuring a higher standard for the tow truck industry and are looking at ways to provide greater oversight of the industry to keep our roads and highways among the safest in North America."

"When Ontarians are stranded on the side of the road, they need to know their calls will be answered by towing service providers who act safely, ethically and within the law," said Solicitor General Jones. "The task force will help us determine tougher standards for the industry as part of our government's commitment to build safer communities."

CAPTURE BRAMPTON'S IN-PERSON CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS WITH MAYOR PATRICK BROWN AND COUNCILLORS



WHAT: Mayor Patrick Brown and Councillors invite members of the media to capture Brampton's in-person Canada Day celebrations.

The Mayor and Councillors will bring live music, food trucks, and free cookies from local bakeries on July 1. Media are asked to RSVP to mediarelations@brampton.ca by Tuesday, June 30 at 4 PM to confirm which location(s) they will be attending.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 1
11 AM to 3:45 PM

WHERE: Various locations in Brampton

DETAILS: Please note that the City of Brampton staff media team will not be on site. Media in attendance are asked to wear a mask and practise physical distancing. For questions, please contact media coordinator Christine Sharma at mediarelations@brampton.ca or 647.242.4319.

11 to 11:45 AM: Wards 1 & 5
Visit Century Gardens Recreation Centre at 340 Vodden Street East where you will find Mayor Brown with Councillors Rowena Santos and Paul Vicente! Enjoy live music from The Jazz Mechanics, purchase food from The Mighty Cob, and snack on a free cookie from local bakery OccaSSions.

12 to 12:45 PM: Wards 2 & 6
Visit Cassie Campbell Community Centre at 1050 Sandalwood Parkway West to enjoy live music from Ablett and Cooper, purchase food from The Mighty Cob, and snack on a free cookie from local Grand Bakers. Mayor Brown and Councillors Michael Palleschi and Doug Whillans will be delivering cookies right to your vehicle.

1 to 1:45 PM: Wards 3 & 4
Visit Memorial Arena at 69 Elliott Street to enjoy live music from the Brampton Folk Club, purchase food from Jamie's Cracked Corn, and snack on a free cookie from local Cristina's Tortina Shop, delivered to your vehicle by Mayor Brown and Councillors Jeff Bowman and Martin Medeiros.

2 to 2:45 PM: Wards 7 & 8
Visit Greenbriar Recreation Centre at 1100 Central Park Drive to enjoy live music from Celtic Band Erin's Marlore, purchase food from The Mighty Cob, and snack on a free cookie from local Cakes by Emily K. Mayor Brown and Councillors Pat Fortini and Charmaine Williams will be in attendance.

3 to 3:45 PM: Wards 9 & 10
Visit Gore Meadows Community Centre at 10150 The Gore Road to enjoy live music from Bagga Singh, purchase food from The Mighty Cob, and snack on a free cookie from local bakeries Lacoste Bakery and Cookies by Design. Here, Councillors Gurpreet Dhillon and Harkirat Singh will join Mayor Brown.

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RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SAID RUSSIA HOPES THE BORDER SITUATION BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA REMAINS PEACEFUL.

COVID-19 STATE TALLY: TAMIL NADU BACK IN SECOND POSITION, DELHI CROSSES CHINA’S COUNT

Another big single-day spike of 18,522 cases took India’s Covid-19 tally past 5.6 lakh on Tuesday. However, the recovery rate of the country has improved further to 58.67 per cent. Maharashtra is the table-topper and has added another 5,257 cases in its tally. The state’s recorded Covid-19 numbers are 1,69,883. It had recorded 5,257 cases on Monday. With state officials expecting a peak in July, the number of fresh cases is likely to rise further and the situation may become more difficult in the coming days. National capital Delhi, meanwhile, added 2,084 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours, the health ministry update showed at 8 am on Tuesday. The infection tally in the national capital had already crossed the total number of Covid-19 cases in China on Monday. Here’s a look at the statewide coronavirus situation across the country.

- MAHARASHTRA**
The state Covid-19 tally jumped to 1,69,883 on Tuesday. Over 88,960 people have recovered from coronavirus in Maharashtra while 7,610 have died.
- TAMIL NADU**
It stands second in the list of states badly affected by the coronavirus disease with 86,224 coronavirus cases. Tamil Nadu has witnessed 1,141 coronavirus fatalities while 47,749 have recovered.
- DELHI**
The national capital is the third worst-hit in India with coronavirus cases jumping to 85,161 on Tuesday. As many as 56,235 patients have recovered from Covid-19 in Delhi while 2,680 have succumbed to the infection.
- GUJARAT**
Gujarat has seen Covid-19 cases reach 31,938 on Tuesday. The state has seen 23,240 people recover from coronavirus while 1,827 people have died.
- UTTAR PRADESH**
The Covid-19 tally in Uttar Pradesh has jumped to 22,828 while the number of recoveries has touched 15,506. The state’s death toll stands at 672.

- RAJASTHAN**
The state has reported 17,660 Covid-19 cases till date. Covid-19 death toll in Rajasthan stands at 405 while 13,618 patients have recovered.
- WEST BENGAL**
As many as 17,907 people have contracted Covid-19 in West Bengal till date. The state has seen 11,719 recover from coronavirus while 653 people have been killed.
- HARYANA**
The coronavirus tally in Haryana has touched 14,210 while the death toll stands at 232. Over 9,500 people have recovered from the contagion in Haryana.
- MADHYA PRADESH**
Over 13,370 people have been infected by coronavirus in Madhya Pradesh till date. While the state death toll stands at 564, over 10,199 people have been cured or discharged from the hospitals.
- TELANGANA**
The state stands at the tenth spot on the Covid-19 tally with 15,394 coronavirus cases. While 5,582 people have recovered from the disease, the Covid-19 death toll has jumped to 253 in the state.
- SITUATION IN OTHER STATES**
Karnataka has witnessed over 14,295 coronavirus cases till date while Andhra Pradesh has 13,891 Covid-19 patients. The number of Covid-19 positive cases in Bihar stand at 9,640, while the tally in Jammu and Kashmir stands at 7,237. In Odisha, cases have jumped to 6,859 while Assam has reported 7,752 cases till date. Punjab’s Covid-19 tally stands at 5,418, and the number of cases in Kerala is 4,189.
- STATES WITH LESS THAN 3,000 CASES**
Uttarakhand, Ladakh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Manipur, Goa and Himachal Pradesh and Puducherry have less than 3,000 but more than 500 Covid-19 cases. Mizoram, Chandigarh, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh have reported under 500 Covid-19 cases or less. In states like Meghalaya, Sikkim and Andaman and Nicobar Islands have less than 100 Covid-19 cases. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have 203 Covid-19 cases.

CHINA MAIN ISSUE FOR CONG, BJP FOR BY-POLLS TO 24 ASSEMBLY SEATS IN MP



The stand-off at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China has become a political issue for the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress ahead of the elections to the 24 assembly constituencies, which hold key to the party that would form the government in Madhya Pradesh. The BJP has 107 legislators and Congress 92 in the assembly. The party with 116 legislators would have the majority in 230-member house. The BJP has announced it will go from door- to - door to tell people how the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation received a donation from China and how the then Union commerce and industries minister Kamal Nath played a key role in building the relationship between China and the Congress party. The allegations have prompted Congress to raise the issue of the visit by chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and other state and central BJP leaders to China in the past and Chouhan accepting hospitality of the Chinese Communist Party. On Sunday, BJP leaders burnt effigies of state Congress president Kamal Nath in two places in Bhopal. “Congress stands exposed after donations to Rajiv Gandhi Founda-

tion. In the capacity of union commerce and industries minister Kamal Nath had reduced import duty from 40% to 200% on 250 items that benefitted China and hard hit those who were engaged in small trades in the country,” VD Sharma, the BJP’s state unit chief, said. Sharma reiterated the charges the party’s national vice-president Prabhath Jha had levelled on Friday. Bhupendra Gupta, the Congress’ state unit spokesperson, said the party will expose the “real face of the BJP” in context with its relations with China and it would “definitely be one of the main issues during the by-polls.” “Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan visited China twice during his previous term as the CM. Once he accepted the hospitality of the Communist Party. The fact is the BJP has been trying to build a good relationship with China since 2009 when it sent a delegation and again in 2014 to understand the working of the Communist Party over there. These delegations had certain people with Sangh background too,” Gupta said. Even otherwise, he said, “During the BJP regime import from China has gone up three folds. In this situation, the BJP must make it clear as to who is an agent of China- BJP or Congress?”

We don’t share data with Chinese govt, says TikTok after India bans 59 mobile apps

TikTok, one of the 59 mobile applications ordered to be blocked by the central government, on Tuesday insisted that it did not pass on any information about its users to any foreign government including the Chinese government and would not do so in the future too.

In a statement that came hours after the government announced the ban on 59 mobile and web applications, TikTok India’s head Nikhil Gandhi said the company had been invited to meet with government stakeholders concerned “to respond and submit clarifications”.

The banned applications have been removed from the Google Play Store and Apple App Store for India. The applications banned by the government include Club Factory, SHAREit, Likee, Mi Video Call (Xiaomi), Weibo, Baidu and Bigo Live. “TikTok continues to comply with all data privacy and security requirements under Indian law and has not shared any information of our users in India with any foreign government, including the Chinese government,” Gandhi said. “Further, if we are requested to in the future, we would not do so. We place the highest importance on user privacy and integrity,” he added. The information technology ministry, which issued Monday evening’s ban order, had cited concerns that the 59 applications are ‘prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order’.



PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI ADDRESSES THE NATION, IN NEW DELHI ON TUESDAY. (ANI PHOTO)

PM MODI’S ADDRESS TO THE NATION: CONGRESS ALLEGES PM ‘AFRAID’ OF TALKING ABOUT CHINA

The Congress has expressed its disappointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s address to the nation on Tuesday, where he announced an extension to the PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana for free distribution of food grains to the poor till the end of November. The Congress party questioned why the PM didn’t address the issue of Chinese incursions. “Forget condemning China, the PM is too afraid to even talk about it in his national address,” a tweet on Congress party’s official handle said, a few minutes after the prime minister’s address finished. The highlight of the prime minister’s address was the extension to PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana at the cost of over Rs 90 thousand crore. Under this scheme, the central government provides free ration to 80 crore poor people, he said. “Every member of the family will get 5 kg wheat or rice. Also, every family will get one kilogram whole chana per month, free of cost,” the prime minister said announcing the ex-

tension to the scheme launched especially to help the poor deal with the economic hardships inflicted by the lockdown in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic outbreak. The Congress seemed to suggest that today’s address could have been avoided. “Another national address that could have been a Govt notification,” the party said in another tweet preceding the one related to the Chinese incursion question. The Congress has been demanding that the prime minister clarifies on his earlier remark on China made during the all party meet. The party has attacked the prime minister ever since alleging that he had denied the incidents of Chinese intrusion across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh in contradiction with his own government’s official statements confirming the occupation of Indian territory by the Chinese army. Earlier today, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi asked Prime Minister

Narendra Modi to explain how he proposes to drive Chinese troops out of Ladakh. “The whole country knows that China has snatched India’s land. We all know the Chinese are at four places in Ladakh. Please tell the country how you will evict the Chinese troops and when?” he asked in a video address barely an hour before the Prime Minister’s address to the nation. He also took a swipe at the BJP over the rising imports from China to allege that the ‘Make in India’ was not effective. “Facts don’t lie. BJP says: Make in India. BJP does: Buy from China,” he said in a tweet which was posted along with a graph showing comparative volumes of imports from China during the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government and the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government. The graph suggested that the Chinese imports had risen under the current regime.

RESPOND TO CHINA, NOT OPPOSITION PARTIES, SHIV SENA TELLS MODI GOVT

The Shiv Sena took on the Narendra Modi-government and said that instead of giving a befitting reply to China for infiltration and killing Indian soldiers in Ladakh, the government is focusing on responding to Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. An editorial the Sena mouthpiece Saamana said that the Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress war of words is on at a time with China is building its army on the border. It added that “like the ‘coronavirus caller tune’, somebody should run a tune that ‘we have to fight China and not opposition parties’”. The Sena also took potshots at Union home minister Amit Shah and said that he should focus on combating Covid-19 and not pay attention to what the opposition parties are saying on China. “The Chinese troops infiltrated in Galwan valley and it is carrying out unauthorised construction. Instead of giving China a befitting reply, the government is giving a strong response to Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party. Rajiv Gandhi Foundation got funds



from China. On this, the Congress shot back saying PM Cares got funds worth crores from Chinese companies. The Chinese are building bunkers and tents at the border and here BJP-Congress spat is on. It seems we have forgotten that we have to fight the Chinese,” the editorial said. The Shiv Sena backed Rahul Gandhi for questioning the government on the violent face-off between Indian and Chinese troops that left

20 Indian soldiers dead earlier this month. “Who is indulging in politics [over the Chinese infiltration]? Rahul Gandhi’s questions are not just bubbles in the water. Perhaps, Sharad Pawar also has the same queries. If China hasn’t intruded on our land, why were the 20 soldiers martyred?” it asked. Referring to Shah’s comments that the country will win battles against Covid-19 and against China under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s

leadership, the Sena said, “We wish Mr. Shah the best. He should focus on the two battles. The government should not focus on the opposition party. There is no need to be rattled by questions raised by the opposition party.” It added that there is no need to debate what happened in 1962 and said that we should “forget the past” and tackle the “fresh crisis”. It added, “Whether it was Nehru or Modi, China will never change.”

When will you evict Chinese troops from Ladakh? Rahul Gandhi asks PM Modi


Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi to tell the nation how he proposes to drive Chinese troops out of Ladakh. “The whole country knows that China has snatched India’s land. We all know the Chinese are at four places in Ladakh. Please tell the country how you will evict the Chinese troops and when?” he asked in a video address barely an hour before the Prime Minister’s address to the nation. The Congress has been attacking the Prime Minister over inconsistencies on the government’s stand on the position of Chinese troops in Ladakh. Last week, the opposition party had asked Modi to “publicly condemn China’s brazen act in Ladakh.” Modi has not yet named China amid the standoff. The Indian Army has been bracing itself for all eventualities in Ladakh and has deployed battle tanks in the Galwan Valley sector where 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a clash with Chinese troops on the night of June 15 that triggered a national outrage. Senior military commanders from India and China are meeting in Chushul on Tuesday to hammer out a disengagement protocol. On Monday, the government banned 59 China-lined mobile phone apps saying they were prejudicial to India’s sovereignty, security, defence and public order. The ban evoked a sharp response from Beijing on Tuesday which said it was “strongly concerned” and stressed on cooperation between the two countries and underlined that the ban would go against “India’s interests”.

‘No one above the law’: PM Narendra Modi asks for confronting Covid-19 norms’ violators

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday appealed to citizens for making a renewed commitment to adherence to norms and regulations governing the lockdown restrictions imposed to contain the spread of deadly coronavirus disease. He asked citizens to confront, question, stop and advise people against violating social distancing and hygiene norms like the wearing of masks, specified by the government guidelines as necessary measures to be observed in public places during this global crisis. The Prime Minister also cited the example of Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov who was recently fined for not wearing a mask in the public to say that no one in India was above the law. “India was doing better than several countries in dealing with coronavirus, the timely lockdown and other restrictions have saved the lives of lakhs of people. But we are witnessing a certain carelessness in individual and social behavior ever since the beginning of the Unlock 1 phase,” the PM said. He added that this was the time when the countrymen needed to be more careful as Covid 19 positive cases in India mounted rapidly to reach 5,66,840 cases on Tuesday.

INDIA RECORDS 18,522 NEW COVID-19 CASES, 418 DEATHS IN 24 HOURS; TALLY OVER 5.66 LAKH

India’s tally of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) mounted to 566,840 and death toll stood at 16,893 on Tuesday, a day after the Centre issued guidelines for Unlock 2, Union health ministry data showed. There were 18,522 new infections and 418 fatalities in the last 24 hours, according to the Covid-19 dashboard of the health ministry. The number of Covid-19 patients cured of the respiratory disease continued to be more than active cases as 13,099 people were sent home between Monday and Tuesday morning. There were 334,821 discharges pushing the recovery rate to 59%. According to the health ministry, there are 215,125 active cases of the coronavirus disease. The surge in India’s infection tally continued as the government announced that educational institutions, Metro rail services and large gatherings will continue to remain banned during the second of a three-phase plan aimed at lifting restrictions imposed to stop the spread of infections. Under the new guidelines, which will come into effect from July 1, night curfew has been relaxed by an hour to aid economic activity. Schools, colleges and coaching institutions will remain closed till July 31. It added that Metro rail, cinema halls, gymnasiums, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places will also remain shut. Social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural, religious functions and other large congregations will also continue to be banned.




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