




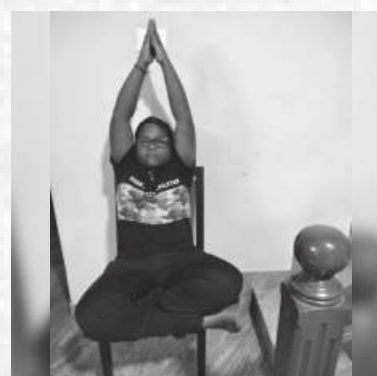
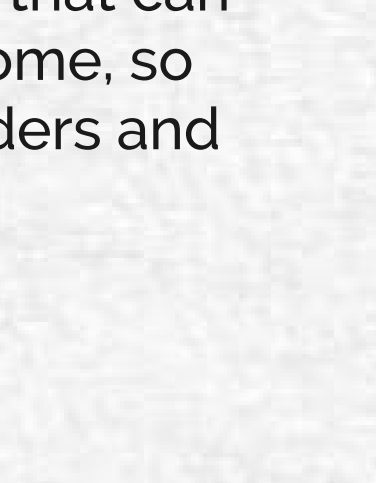
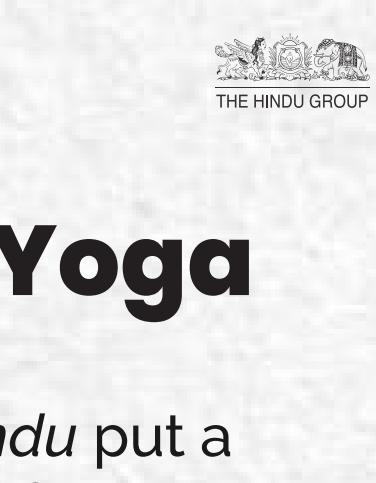
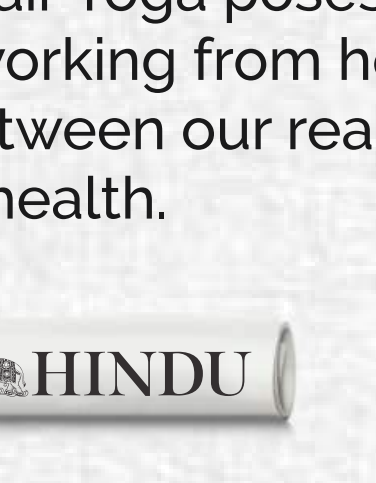
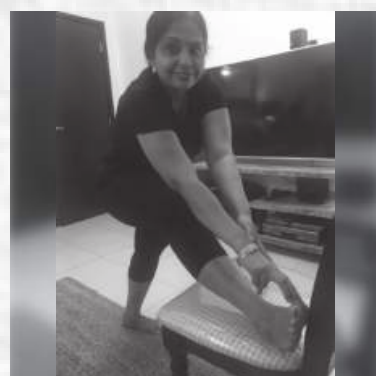
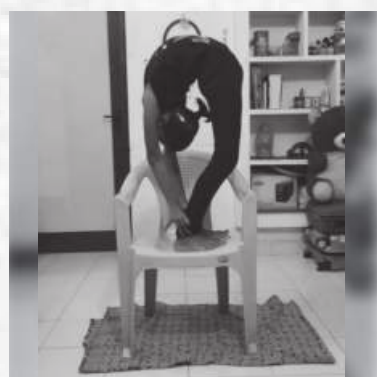
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This International Day of Yoga, *The Hindu* put a spotlight on special Chair Yoga poses that can be performed while working from home, so that nothing comes between our readers and good health.



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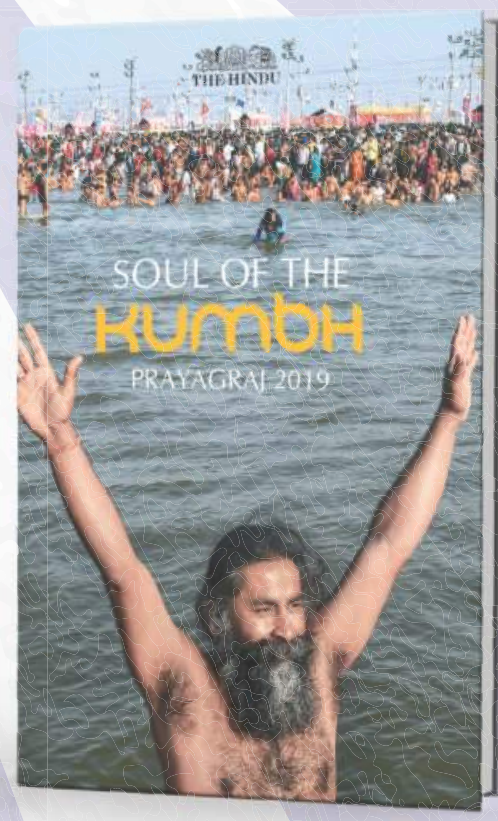
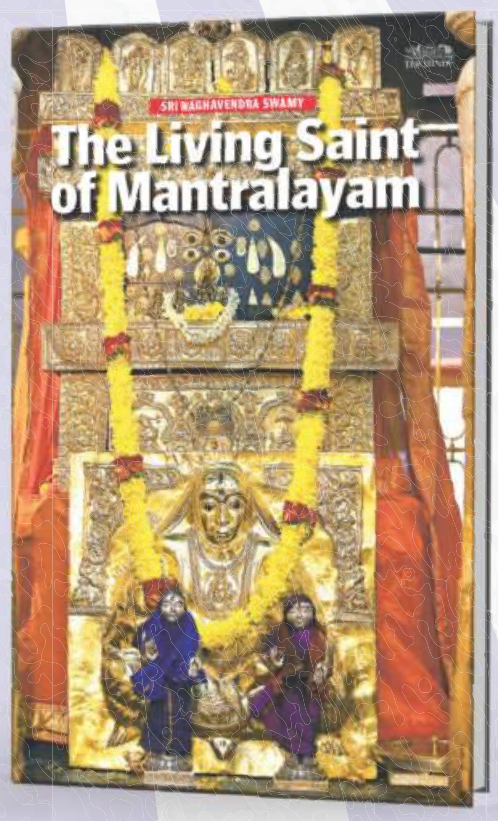
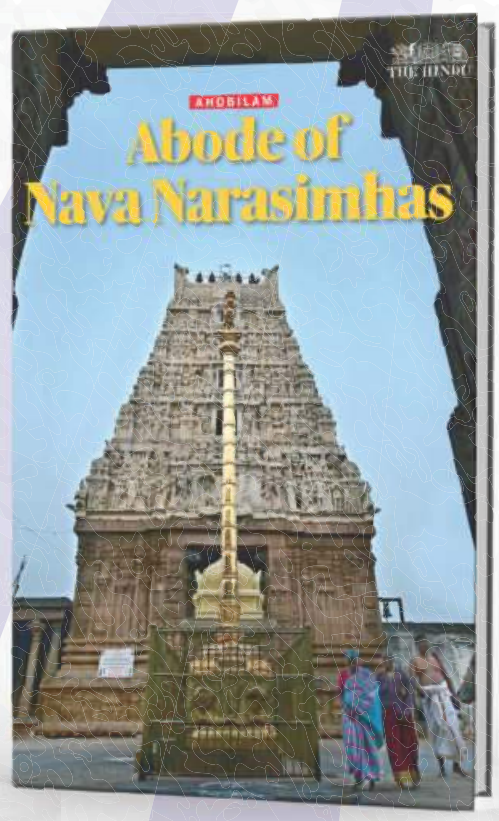
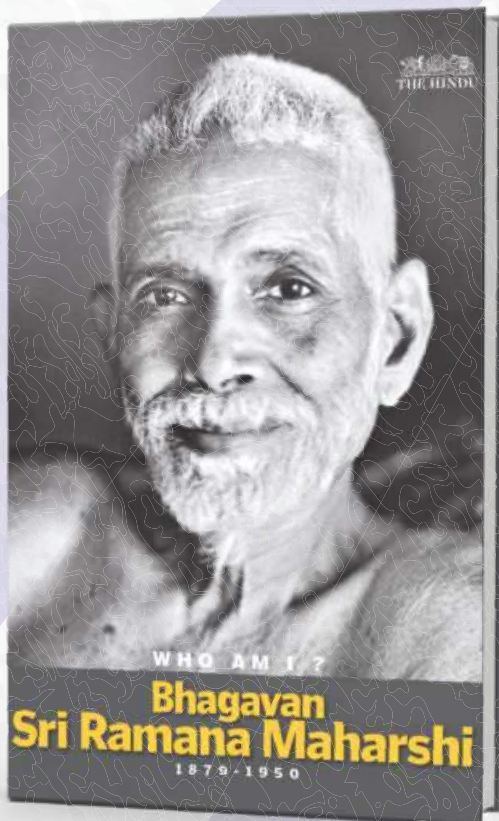
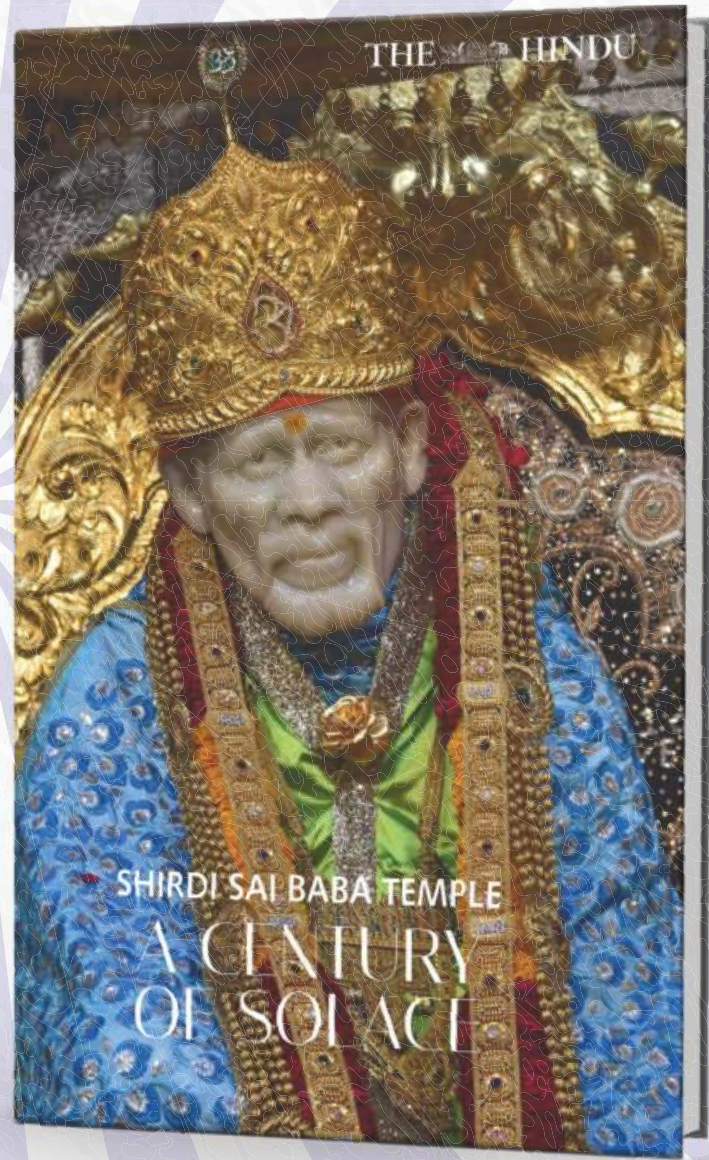
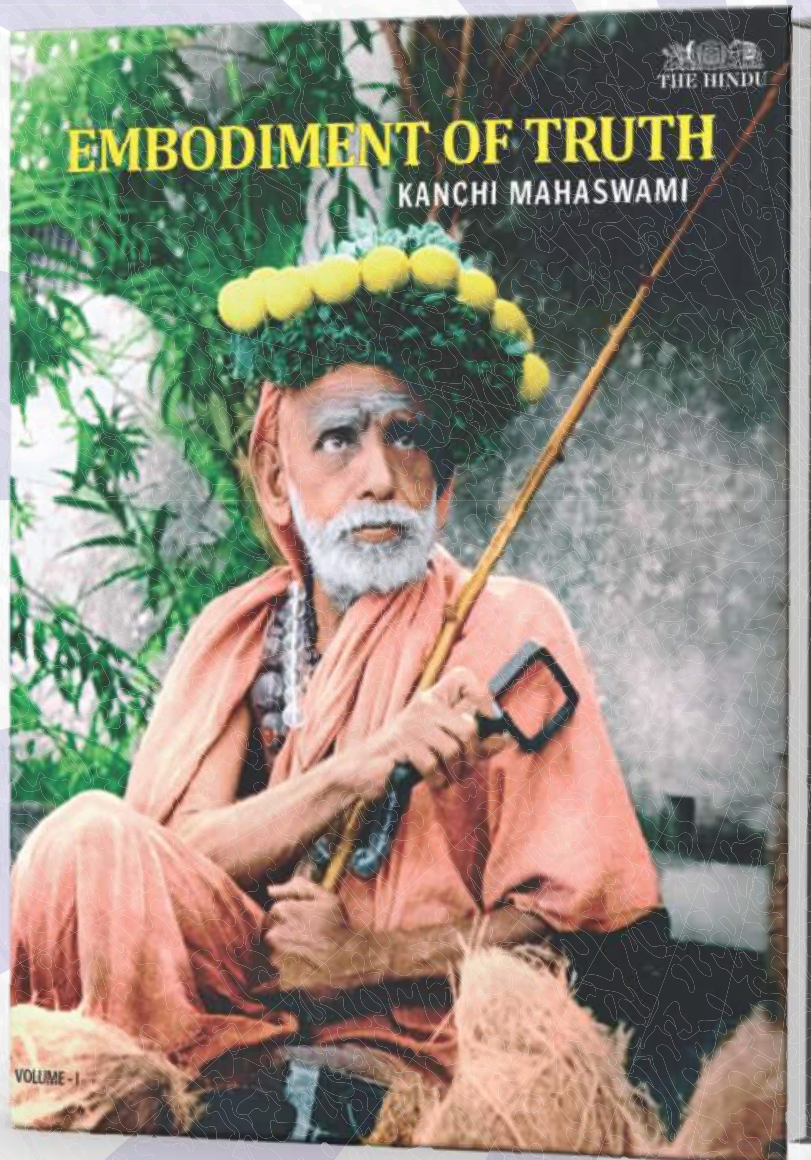


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Parks to reopen today, bars will be allowed with 50% capacity

Owners of eateries to be responsible for strict COVID norms adherence: DDMA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Delhi government on Sunday permitted bars to reopen with 50% seating capacity along with public parks, gardens, and golf clubs from June 21 as a part of gradual unlock measures in the Capital. It also permitted outdoor yoga activities to coincide with International Yoga Day.

Market places

Markets, market places, malls and restaurants that had opened on a trial basis for a week, have been given permission to operate for another week.

Bars have been allowed to open between 12 p.m. and 10 p.m. and restaurants between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. upto 50% of their capacity.

The Delhi Disaster Management Authority in its order said that owners of the restaurants and bars shall be responsible for strict adherence to the prescribed SOPs and all instructions/guidelines issued by GOI/



Migrants returning to the city on Sunday as it unlocks in phases. ■ R.V. MOORTHY

GNCTD from time to time as well as compliance with COVID-19 appropriate behaviour to contain the spread of the virus. In case any violation is found, strict penal criminal action shall be taken against the owner of the restaurant/bar, it said.

"Public parks, gardens, golf clubs, and outdoor yoga activities will be allowed. Apart from the individual, parks/gardens owning agencies (MCDDs, DDA, NDMC, DCB, etc.) as well as the concerned RWA, owners/directors of golf clubs, yoga instructors shall be

responsible for ensuring strict compliance of Covid appropriate behaviour," the order stated.

Those still prohibited

Activities that continue to remain prohibited include opening of all educational institutions, swimming pools, sports complexes, cinemas, entertainment parks banquet halls, assembly halls, gyms, spas and yoga institutes.

All social, political, sports, academic, religious, cultural and festival related gatherings and congrega-

tions are also prohibited.

The prohibition on organising any marriage ceremony at public places also continues and marriages may be organised only at court or at home in which not more than 20 people will be allowed to participate. DJ, sound system, catering and other service will also not be allowed for marriage ceremonies, the order said. The DDMA said that a close watch and supervision will be maintained on the overall functioning of markets, market complexes, malls, restaurants and bars.

"If it is found that COVID-appropriate behaviour is not being followed or the positivity rate, number of positive cases is increasing, markets, market complexes, malls, restaurants and bars will be closed forthwith without any loss of time so as to completely avoid and prevent any upsurge and likelihood of the next wave in Delhi," the DDMA said.

Capital records 124 new infections

'More than 65 lakh inoculated so far'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Capital recorded 124 new COVID-19 cases and seven deaths on Sunday along with 398 recoveries, according to a health bulletin issued by the Delhi government.

It added that 72,670 tests has been conducted with a positivity rate of 0.17%. Of the total tests conducted, 52,790 were RT-PCR tests. There are 2,091 active cases in the Capital of which 600 are under home isolation.

The total number of cases since the pandemic began now stands at 14,32,292 along with 24,914 deaths.

While presenting the vaccination bulletin, AAP leader Atishi said more than 65 lakh people have been vaccinated in Delhi, of which, 49.38 lakh people have been given the first dose and 15.75 lakh people have been given both the doses. Currently, 8.25 lakh vaccines are available in Delhi for 45 and above age group, out of which, five days of Covaxin and 57 days



A woman gets vaccinated. ■ SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

of Covishield are in stock. For the 18-44 age group, 2.65 lakh vaccines are available out of which we have 1 day Covaxin and 13 days Covishield in stock.

"On Saturday, 85,000 doses were administered, of which 50,000 doses were administered to the youth of Delhi," she said. Ms. Atishi also appealed to all the people who haven't gotten vaccinated till now to step up and get themselves vaccinated. "Getting oneself jabbed is the most important step to save Delhi from the next possible COVID-19 wave," she said.

Crime Branch busts unit manufacturing fake drugs

10 people, including two doctors, held

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The Crime Branch of the Delhi Police busted a unit manufacturing fake drugs meant for treatment of COVID-19 and black fungus patients and arrested 10 people, including two doctors, officials on Sunday.

The medicines were being black-marketed through WhatsApp, they said. The police said, "The big crackdown on black-marketing of fake 'injections' used as life-saving drugs in COVID and black fungus led to arrest of 10 people, including two doctors".

According to the police, one of the accused, Mayank Taluja (25), worked as a COVID volunteer for two-three months and came in contact with a salesman named Waseem Khan who worked at Al Khidmat Medicos. Soon, Taluja started advertising his mobile number on various WhatsApp groups that injectable drugs for the treatment of black fungus disease were available with him, they said.

On June 17, the Drug Control department notified the police that Taluja was in-

involved in black marketing of drugs meant for the treatment of black fungus patients.

The police then arrested Waseem Khan from the Jamia metro station area where he had come to deliver Liposomal Amphotericin-B drug meant for black fungus patient. Based on his disclosure, Al Khidmat Medicos was raided and 10 more vials of Liposomal Amphotericin-B were recovered. The owner of Al Khidmat Medicos, Shobh Khan and his two salesmen Mohd Faizal Yaseen and Afzal were also apprehended, police said. Police said Taluja was also apprehended when he came to Medicos, said DCP (Crime) Monika Bhardwaj.

An officer said from the recovered articles, sample of five drugs were drawn by the Inspector of the Drug Department and sent for examinations. A laptop with images of printing material of these drugs, two high-quality printing machines and raw material used for printing labels were also seized from the premises, the officer said.

5 held for running illegal restaurant-cum-bar

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Five people were arrested following a raid on an unauthorised restaurant-cum-bar in east Delhi's Preet Vihar for allegedly organising a party in violation of COVID norms, the police said on Sunday.

It was a joint operation carried out on Saturday by district officials led by the sub-divisional magistrate of Preet Vihar and a police team under the local station house officer.

The officials said a hookah party was underway at the establishment when the raid took place. They added that liquor was being served to underage people at the bar.

The eatery - Scon King Café and Restaurant, which was located on the first floor of the DDA Complex at the New Rajdhani Enclave, did not have a valid license. The place sealed the place. An official said fines were imposed and a detailed inquiry has been ordered.

A case was registered under Sections 188 (disobedience of order duly promulgated by public servant), 269 (negligent act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life) and 270 (malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life) of the Indian Penal Code and the Epidemic Diseases Act at the Preet Vihar police station, a senior police officer said.

Gambhir launches vaccine drive for slum dwellers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

BJP MP Gautam Gambhir on Sunday launched a drive for administering COVID vaccines to slum dwellers in East Delhi constituency.

The drive began at Shashi Garden slum cluster in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar in presence of Gambhir and several BJP leaders, including Delhi unit general secretary (organisation) Siddharthan.

Mr. Gambhir said free vaccination camps will also be held in other slum clusters in East Delhi.

Asif murder case: citizens' convention in Nuh protests against communal strife

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

A citizens' convention held at Nuh on Sunday resolved to protect the social amity and strengthen the fight for justice, which was sought to be disrupted by certain communal forces in Mewat.

Organised jointly by Shahidane Mewat and Nagrik Manch, the convention condemned a congregation held recently at Sohna, which allegedly intended to inflame communal strife for the release of accused in Asif murder case.

The convention presided over by a panel of Colonel Arya Aryaveer, a former judge; Usha Saroha, Kale Khan and Raj Singh also wanted the arrest of all police personnel accused of the custodial beating of Junaid who succumbed due to the injuries.

Addressing the convention, former Lok Sabha MP Subhashini Ali Sahgal described the attempts of communal polarisation for weakening the emerging unity of farmers and workers as seen in ongoing historical farmers movement. It was announced that a "Kisan Mazdoor Bhaichara" will be organised at the Sunehra border on June 28.

Asif, a resident of Nuh, was returning home from a medical store on May 16 evening with Rashid and his friend Wasif in a car when the accused allegedly waylaid them at Atta village and kidnapped him. He was later found dead in Sohna.



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Get Vaccinated, Stay Safe

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Central Government is beginning the Free Vaccination For All campaign for every Indian from today. The biggest beneficiary of this phase of India's vaccination drive shall be the poor, the middle class and the youth of the country. All of us should pledge to get ourselves vaccinated. Together we will defeat COVID-19.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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TOGETHER LET US DEFEAT COVID-19,
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Information & Public Relations Department, Uttar Pradesh



IN BRIEF

Manoj Sinha lauds 'J&K model of vaccination'

Srinagar Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha on Sunday praised the "tireless contribution of corona warriors" and frontline workers in the June episode of the Awaaz Ki Awaaz programme...

Villagers light lamps for COVID-19 victims

Dibrugarh (Assam) In a unique prayer ceremony for the people who have succumbed to COVID-19, nearly 4,500 earthen lamps were lit by residents of two villages in Assam's Dibrugarh district.

'3.06 cr. vaccine doses available with States'

New Delhi More than 3.06 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses are still available with the States and Union Territories and over 24.53 lakh doses will be received by them in the next three days...

U.P. reports 251 new COVID-19 cases

Lucknow Uttar Pradesh reported 251 new COVID-19 cases and 46 fatalities on Sunday, taking the State's infection tally to 17,04,358 and its death toll to 22,178.

Public deserves to know toll: HC

Bihar govt.'s reluctance to publish number of deaths is uncalled for, says Bench

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT PATNA

The Patna High Court has pulled up the Bihar government again for not maintaining its records of births and deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic...



Information is key: Health workers at a COVID-19 vaccination centre in Patna, Bihar, earlier this month.

The Bench has been passing strictures on the State government's dismal management of the pandemic for the last several days.

'Transparency in govt.' "Transparency is the hallmark of good governance, more so in today's era, especially when the government, both Central and the State, are committed to making a success the flagship 'Digital India' programme...

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The court also asked the elected representatives in the State to elicit the number of deaths in their respective constituencies within 24 hours.

"The Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969,

and also the Right to Information Act, 2005, give rights to a person, in almost unequivocal terms, of their access to information...

Recently, Bihar had hit the headlines for undercounting the number of deaths related to COVID-19.

Earlier, the contradictory death toll from Buxar district by two top officials in the court had also been highlighted in the media.

Meanwhile, a media report said close to 75,000 persons had died in Bihar of unexplained causes in the first five months of 2021.

Health infrastructure has increased 45-fold: Centre

'Total vaccine coverage 27.23 cr. doses'

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The Centre told the Supreme Court that the nation's health infrastructure has increased up to 45-fold to brace successive waves of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Centre also told the court that the total cumulative vaccine coverage was 27.23 crore doses as on June 19. The total cost, including payment, advance and operational cost, had been ₹9,504.315 crore.

A detailed affidavit filed by the Centre, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhat, in the Supreme Court showed that the total intensive care unit (ICU) beds had increased by 45-fold, from a baseline 2,500 to 1,13,035.

The government said over 1.5 lakh health personnel had been engaged - 7,024 medical officers, 3,680 specialists, 35,996 staff nurses, 18,649 MHWs, 1,01,155 community volunteers, Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) and ASHA facilitators, and 48,453 other support staffs.



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pectively. Oxygen-supported beds had multiplied 7.5-fold, from 50,583 to 3.81 lakh. Even isolation railway coaches grew from zero to 5,601.

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India records 51,388 new cases, 1,385 more deaths

Over 43 lakh people vaccinated in the previous 24 hours

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT CHENNAI

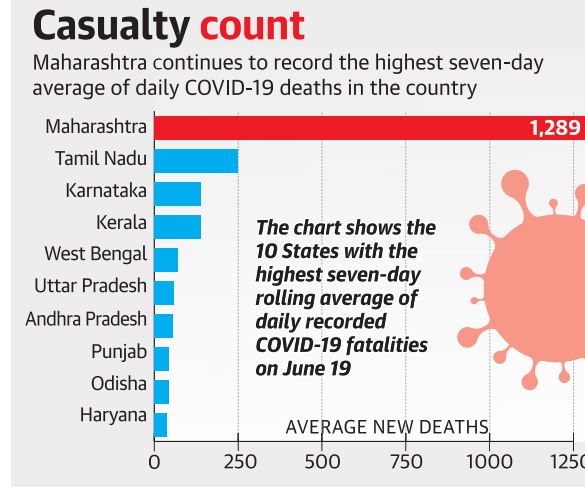
India recorded 51,388 new COVID-19 cases and 1,385 new deaths till 9.30 p.m. on Sunday. The country has so far reported a total of 2,99,32,793 cases and 3,88,126 deaths.

Kerala reported 11,647 new infections, followed by Maharashtra (9,361) and Tamil Nadu (7,817). Maharashtra recorded 605 new fatalities, followed by Tamil Nadu (182) and Karnataka (120).

The figures do not include cases and deaths from Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, and Ladakh.

Around 18.11 lakh samples were tested in the country on Saturday (the results for which were made available on Sunday).

About 43.04 lakh vaccine doses were administered in the country in the 24 hours ending 7 a.m. on Sunday, which is 10.04 lakh doses



more than what was recorded in the previous 24 hours. It is also 8.02 lakh doses more than what was recorded during the corresponding period a week ago.

The seven-day rolling average of daily vaccinations in the country continues to increase. It stood at 32.22 lakh on June 19, which is more than the 30.3 lakh recorded a week before (June 13).

About 24.1% of adults in India, 44.1% of those aged above 45, and 47.4% of people aged above 60, have been administered with at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, until 8 p.m. on Sunday. While 16.6% of the

Death due to COVID-19 must be certified as such: Centre

'Lapse in stating cause of death will have consequences'

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL NEW DELHI

Any lapse in stating COVID-19 as the cause of demise in a death certificate will have penal consequences for those found responsible, including the certifying doctor, the Centre has said in the Supreme Court.

"It is mandated that any death resulting from COVID-19 shall have to be so certified, i.e., as COVID death, failing which, everyone responsible, including the certifying doctor, shall be responsible for penal consequences," the Centre said in its affidavit on Sunday.

The Centre further clarified that deaths with a diagnosis of COVID-19, irrespective of co-morbidities, had to be certified as COVID-19 deaths. The only exception to the rule was when there was a clear alternative cause of death, for example, accidental trauma or poisoning.

The Supreme Court recently told the Centre that death certificates of those who died of COVID-19 often did not reveal that fact. "The



Last rites: A family member watching the cremation of a COVID-19 victim in Guwahati, Assam, earlier this year.

death certificates of persons who die from COVID-19 in hospitals show the reason as lung or heart problem or something else," Justice M.R. Shah had told Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for the Centre, recently.

"All deaths with a diagnosis of COVID-19, irrespective of co-morbidities, are to be classified as deaths due to COVID-19," the Centre clarified.

It said "death certification" was required for recording deaths in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the Registrar-General of India. "The primary

goal of certification of cause of death [death certificate] is to identify and correctly classify all deaths due to a medical condition [eg. COVID-19] and to eliminate any discrepancy in coding so as to obtain true estimates of burden of COVID-19 deaths," the Centre explained.

"Any breach of the guidelines for recording COVID-19 deaths would be a criminal offence as stipulated under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code," it added. This provision punishes disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant.

Scale up public health, social measures: WHO

'Accelerate vaccination for COVID-19'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI

The World Health Organization (WHO) has advised countries in the South-East Asia region to scale up and rigorously implement public health and social measures, along with efforts to accelerate vaccination for COVID-19, to prevent another surge, as more countries confirmed prevalence of highly transmissible variants of concern.

"We need to continuously strengthen our efforts to test, trace and isolate. Societal interventions such as physical distancing, hand hygiene and proper wearing of masks need to be stringently implemented. These measures should be in full force and for longer periods in areas reporting more transmissible Variants of Concern," said Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia. The release added that the public health and social measures were part of a wide range of non-pharmaceutical interventions, both individual and societal, and were cost-effective measures to reduce the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

In addition to personal protective measures, cleaning, disinfection, ventilation, surveillance, contact tracing, isolation and quarantine are recommended.



We need to strengthen our efforts to test, trace and isolate, the WHO said.

Even as countries scale up vaccination against COVID-19, they need to implement public health and social measures in a tailored and agile way, Dr. Singh said. A risk-based approach is needed for public health and social measures. These measures should be implemented by the lowest administrative level and continuously adjusted to the intensity of transmission and the capacity of health systems.

"Where more transmissible Variants of Concern are spreading, these measures need to be applied more stringently," she added.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include 'Hug me on returning with couple (7)', 'Hide on one occasion in California (7)', 'In blog, wrongly mentioned legendary creature (6)', etc.

Sudoku puzzle grid and solution. Includes a difficulty rating and a solution to yesterday's Sudoku.

FAITH
Andal's sister-in-law
Vasudeva takes Krishna to Gokula while everyone is asleep. He picks up the girl born to Yasoda, leaves Krishna beside Yasoda, and departs for Mathura.

