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The case pertains to (please tick/check the correct box):

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Section(s): **12, 21, 32 & 51(A)(j)**

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High Court (Name): **N.A.**

Name of Judges: **N.A.**

Tribunal/Authority (Name): **N.A.**

1. Nature of matter: Civil Criminal

2. (a) Petitioner/ Appellant No. 1: **Supriya Pandita**

(b) e-mail I.D.: **N.A.**

(c) Mobile Phone Number: **N.A.**

3. (a) Respondent No. 1: **Union of India**

(b) e-mail I.D.: **N.A.**

(c) Mobile Phone Number: **N.A.**

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(b) Sub classification: **0818 SOCIAL JUSTICE MATTERS**
5. Not to be listed before: **N.A.**
6. (a) Similar disposed of matter with citation, if any, & case details: **No similar Disposed of matter**
(b) Similar Pending matter with case details: **No Similar Matter Pending**
7. Criminal Matters:
(a) Whether accused/convict has surrendered: Yes No N.A.
(b) FIR No.: **N.A.** Date: **N.A.**
(c) Police Station: **N.A.**
(d) Sentence Awarded: **N.A.**
(e) Period of Sentence Undergone including period of detention/custody undergone: **N.A.**
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 Senior citizen > 65 years SC/ST Woman/Child Disabled
 Legal Aid Case In Custody
11. Vehicle Number (in case of Motor Accident Claim Matters): **N.A.**

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. OF 2020
(UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

IN THE MATTER OF

SUPRIYA PANDITA ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA & ORS ...RESPONDENTS

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SYNOPSIS

That this petition has been under Article 32 of the Constitution of India in the nature of public interest litigation challenging inaction of Respondent No. 2 and 3, in failing to protect the spread of Coronavirus in Delhi which lead to cause spread of Coronavirus in the entire country and the patients have rapidly increased due to the negligence of the Respondent No. 2 and 3. That at present entire India is suffering from Coronavirus and from January 2020 India is on alert and measures were taken by the Central Government to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus in India.

That on 10.03.2020, 11.03.2020, 16.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 the Respondent No. 1 & 4 have issued Travel Advisory & Visa Restrictions Guidelines, and in these advisories Respondent No. 1 and 4 have clearly stated that all those who are having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany are advised to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival. If such passengers are working in some organizations/institutions, their respective employers are advised to facilitate work from home during this period.

True copies of the Advisories and Visa Restriction guidelines issued by the Respondent No. 1 and 4 is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-1 (Colly) (Pages 19 to 25)**.

That on 16.03.2020, the Respondent No. 1 issued advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of spread of COVID-19 disease, point no. 8 clearly states that religious leaders to regulate mass gatherings and should ensure no overcrowding at least one

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metre distance between people, and point no. 11 states that non-essential travel should be avoided. Buses, Trains and aeroplanes to maximize social distancing in public transport besides ensuring regular and proper disinfection of surfaces. Even the Respondent No. 2 on 16.03.2020 issued a Notification No.F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhfw/2500 and as per point (iii) of this notification the government has notified that "any event (Social/ Cultural/ Political/ Religious/ Academic/ Sports/ Seminar and Conference (except marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till 31.03.2020.

True copy of the Advisory issued by the Respondent No. 1 on 16.03.2020 is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-2** (Pages 26 to 27).

True copy of the Notification dated 16.03.2020 issued by the Respondent No. 2 is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-3** (Pages 28 to 29).

That further on 22.03.2020 the Respondent No. 2 issued a Notification No. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/prsecyhfw/3064-3163 and as per point no. (c) of this notification the motorable and unmotorable borders of NCT of Delhi with the neighbouring states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh shall be sealed. It is further pertinent to note that as per point no. (d) the movement of inter-state buses/trains/metro (DMRC) shall be suspended. It is further pertinent to note that this notification further state that all religious places of any denomination shall be closed.

True copy of the Notification dated 22.03.2020 issued by the Respondent No. 2 is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-4** (Pages 30 to 31).

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That on 23.03.2020 the Prime Minister of India in order to prevent the spread of the novel Coronavirus, has announced complete lockdown in the entire country for a period of 21 days starting from 24.03.2020 to 14.04.2020.

True copies of the various newspapers publishing news about the lockdown is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-5 (Colly) (Pages 32 to 36)**.

But despite this on 28.03.2020 i.e. on the fourth day of the lockdown, tens of thousands of Migrant workers from Bihar & Uttar Pradesh, who were working in Delhi assembled outside the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, Delhi elbowing each other to board the first available bus that would take them to their hometown or village, these workers were never stopped by the Respondent No. 5 and no action was taken by the Respondent No. 2 and 3 in order to stop these workers from coming out of their houses, but they have arranged DTC buses to drop them at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, despite knowing that the buses are not allowed on roads and movement of people is restricted as per the notification issued by the Respondent No. 2 itself. It is further pertinent to note that on 29.03.2020, again Migrant workers got collected at the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal for the purpose of going back to their respective homes, which clearly shows that the Respondents have failed to control the people from coming out from their respective houses which lead to create overcrowding at the bus station and UP-Delhi border. It is most respectfully submitted that the spread of novel Coronavirus can be reduced by making social distancing and everyone is very well verse with it, but despite that the Respondents has failed to stop these people from moving towards Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, which clearly shows that the action of the Respondents is antithesis to the Article 21

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of the Constitution of India and provisions of Code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Indian Penal Code, 1860.

True copies of the newspapers articles related to assembly of Migrant workers at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-6 (Colly) (Pages 39 to 49)**

That the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus was discovered on 30.03.2020 in Delhi which came into the spotlight after over 24 people who attended the event between 15.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 at a "Markaz in Nizamuddin", tested positive for coronavirus. That ignoring all social distancing rules to avoid the deadly coronavirus, hundreds had been staying in the 100-year-old mosque complex, which has a six-floor dormitory, since 08.03.2020. More than 2,000 delegates, including from Malaysia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyzstan, attended the congregation of Tablighi Jamaat. On 21.03.2020, there were 1,746 people who continued to stay at the Tabligh-e-Jamaat's "Markaz" in Delhi's Nizamuddin West even after the event and 216 were foreigners.

It is pertinent to note that till date of filing this petition various people who have attended the gathering has tested positive in various part of India causing cluster transmission of the virus across India as per various media reports.

True copies of the newspapers articles related to assembly of people at Markaz in Nizamuddin is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-7 (Colly) (Pages 50 to 61)**

It is also pertinent to note that the Respondent No. 5 has failed to arrest the Nizamuddin Markaz chief Maulana Saad, who has organised the event at the Markaz and because of him thousand

of people have gathered in Nizamuddin, Delhi and which resulted in increase of Coronavirus patients in India.

True copies of the newspapers articles related to no arrest of Nizamuddin Markaz Chief Maulana Saad is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-8 (Colly) (Pages 62 to 70)**

It is further pertinent to note that the Respondent No. 2 has failed to explain till now that why huge number of people were allowed to be assembled at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin, which clearly shows that the Respondents have failed to take proper measures in protecting the citizen of this country from the spread of the novel coronavirus.

It is also most respectfully submitted that as per few news agencies have reported the statement made by the BJP government minister Mr. Kapil Mishra that the Government of NCT of Delhi has made announcements in the colonies where UP-Bihar migrants are staying in Delhi informing them that Delhi government-run DTC buses will take them to the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal. It is further most respectfully submitted that it also came into notice that Delhi govt has purposely cut the electricity and water supply of migrant workers, and they told that buses were waiting for them at UP border which will help them in reaching their respective hometown, which further need inquiry from the CBI and wrong doers should be punished for misleading the weaker section of the society this way.

True copies of the newspapers articles claiming Government of NCT of Delhi behind the movement of migrant workers at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal is annexed herein and marked as **Annexure P-9 (Colly) (Pages 71 to 76)**.

The Petitioner is seeking the following reliefs:

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- a. Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing Respondents to show what appropriate steps were forthwith by them to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus in the NCT of Delhi;
 - b. Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing the Respondents and the concerned authorities under them to take such measures to stop people from gathering at one place and enforce proper safety to the people who were gathering at the above-mentioned places;
 - c. Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction laying down guidelines, devising strategy to protect the fundamental rights by the Respondents and the concerned authorities who are State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India;
 - d. Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the matter related to the assembly of people at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin as the Respondent No. 5 has failed to control the people and the Nizamuddin Markaz chief Maulana Saad is still not arrested till now;
 - e. Issue such other appropriate writ or direction that may be deemed to be just and equitable in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice.

The petitioner is a citizen of India and interested in safeguarding the interest of public at large and ventilating the grievances of public regarding the issues of public importance, in the exercise of his duty in terms of Article 51 A (j) of the Constitution and with a view to promote the Rule of Law, has preferred the instant

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Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India in Public Interest. The petitioner is a Lawyer by profession and based in Jammu. He is a public-spirited person and takes lead in various issues of public interest before the authorities. He has a special interest for protection of the privacy of the people.

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LIST OF DATES

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| 10.03.2020, 11.03.2020, 16.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 | <p>The Respondent No. 1 & 4 have issued Travel Advisory & Visa Restrictions Guidelines.</p> <p>The Respondent No. 1 on 16.03.2020 also issued advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of spread of COVID-19 disease and even the Respondent No. 2 on the same day, issued a Notification and via this notification they have notified various steps/precautions which people have to take till this Coronavirus cannot be stopped and people are not completely cured from this Coronavirus.</p> |
| 22.03.2020 | <p>On 22.03.2020 the Respondent No. 2 issued a Notification, by which they have sealed the boarders of Delhi and restricted the movement of vehicles.</p> |
| 23.03.2020 | <p>On 23.03.2020 the Prime Minister of India in order to prevent the spread of the novel Coronavirus, has announced complete lockdown in the entire country for a period of 21 days starting from 24.03.2020 to 14.04.2020.</p> |
| 28.03.2020 | <p>On 28.03.2020 i.e. on the fourth day of the lockdown, tens of thousands of Migrant workers from Bihar & Uttar Pradesh, who were working in Delhi assembled outside the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, Delhi elbowing each other to board the first available bus that would take them to their</p> |

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| | hometown or village. |
| 30.03.2020 | That the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus was discovered on 30.03.2020 in Delhi which came into the spotlight after over 24 people who attended the event between 15.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 at a "Markaz in Nizamuddin", tested positive for coronavirus. |
| | Despite so many advisories, notifications and guidelines, the Respondents have failed to explain till now that why huge number of people were allowed to be assembled at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin, which clearly shows that the Respondent No. 2 has failed to take proper measures in protecting the citizen of this country from the spread of the novel coronavirus, which resulted in causing spread of virus so quickly in the entire country and so many people have died due to this virus. |
| 05.04.2020 | Hence the present petition |

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. OF 2020

(UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA)

IN THE MATTER OF

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D/O RAMESH KUMAR PANDITA

HOUSE NO -51 EXTN.,

BEHIND NEW SHAKTI ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL,

JANIPUR COLONY, JANIPUR, JANIPUR,

JAMMU, JAMMU AND KASHMIR -180007

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PAN NO. CPAPP1450E

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

1. UNION OF INDIA

THROUGH,

THE SECRETARY,

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE,

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE,

ROOM NO. 348; 'A' WING, NIRMAN BHAVAN,

NEW DELHI-110011

...RESPONDENT NO. 1

2. GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

THROUGH,

THE DIRECTOR,

DIRECTORATE OF FAMILY WELFARE,

B' & 'C' WING, 7TH FLOOR, VIKAS BHAWAN- 2,
CIVIL LINES,
NEW DELHI - 110054 ...RESPONDENT NO. 2

3. DEPARTMENT OF DELHI TRANSPORT CORPORATION,
GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI
THROUGH,
THE SECRETARY,
I.P. ESTATE,
NEW DELHI-110002 ...RESPONDENT NO. 3

4. MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
THROUGH,
THE SECRETARY,
NORTH BLOCK,
NEW DELHI - 110001 ...RESPONDENT NO. 4

5. COMMISSIONER OF DELHI POLICE,
DELHI POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
MSO BUILDING, INDRAPRASHTA MARG, IP ESTATE,
NEW DELHI, DELHI 110095 ...RESPONDENT NO. 5

PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF THE CONSTITUTION
OF INDIA FOR ISSUANCE OF A WRIT IN THE NATURE
OF UNDER ARTICLE 21 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF
INDIA.

To,

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA AND HIS
COMPANION JUSTICES OF THE HON'BLE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE
PETITIONER ABOVE NAMED:

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH: -

1. That the petition is not guided by self-gain or for gain of any other individual person, institution or body. There is no motive other than the larger public interest in filing this petition. Petitioner has no personal interests or individual gain, private motive or oblique reasons in filing this petition. It is totally bona-fide with the sole purpose of larger public interest and in interest of justice as the Article 21 of the Constitution of India, Section 144 of the Code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Section 188 and 271 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 are violated by the Respondents.

2. That the source of averments made in this petition is personal knowledge and information collected from various sources, including newspapers and websites. Petitioner is filing this PIL under Article 32 of the Constitution of India in the nature of public interest litigation challenging inaction of Government of Delhi in failing to stop the spread of the Coronavirus in the State of Delhi and due to their negligence the Coronavirus has spread all over the Country, which is antithesis to the Article 21 of the Constitution of India and provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Act, 1973 and Indian Penal Code, 1860.

The Petitioner is seeking the following reliefs:

- a) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing Respondents to show what appropriate steps

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were forthwith by them to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus in the NCT of Delhi;

- b) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing the Respondents and the concerned authorities under them to take such measures to stop people from gathering at one place and enforce proper safety to the people who were gathering at the above-mentioned places;
 - c) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction laying down guidelines, devising strategy to protect the fundamental rights by the Respondents and the concerned authorities who are State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India;
 - d) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to investigate the matter related to the assembly of people at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin;
 - e) Issue such other appropriate writ or direction that may be deemed to be just and equitable in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice.
3. That Petitioner is a citizen of India and interested in safeguarding the interest of public at large and ventilating the grievances of public regarding the issues of public importance. The Petitioner is an Advocate, practicing before the. The Petitioner is a public-spirited person and takes lead in various issues of public interest before the authorities.
 4. That Government of NCT of Delhi, and Government of India is likely to be affected by the orders sought in this petition and they have been impleaded as Respondents. Petitioner submits that to

its knowledge, no other persons, bodies, institutions are likely to be affected.

5. That Respondent No. 1 is the Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Welfare, governed under the Government of India, Respondent No. 2 is a Director of the Directorate of Family Welfare, governed under the Government of NCT of Delhi, Respondent No. 3 is a secretary of the Department of Delhi Transport Corporation, governed under the Government of NCT of Delhi, and Respondent No. 4 is a secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs, governed under the Government of India.
6. That the cause of action for this writ petition arises out of the inaction of the Respondent No. 2 in adopting a strict action by keeping people away from forming group of more than 5 person and they further failed to take any necessary action in stopping the spread of Coronavirus in the National Capital Territory, Delhi. Hence this writ petition is an attempt to provide security to the citizens from further spread of Coronavirus and to find out the real cause of non-performance of the Respondents in controlling the spread of Coronavirus.
7. That there is no requirement for moving concerned government for relief sought in this petition. There is no other efficacious, economic and alternative remedy available to the Petitioner except for approaching this Hon'ble Court by way of this petition.
8. That Petitioner full name: Supriya Pandita, Advocate, Ph: 6005233050, Email: panditasupriya94@gmail.com, PAN: CPAPP1450E, ADHAR- 915405911213. Annual Income: Rs. 1,44,000/-.

- 9. That Petitioner has not filed any other petition either in this Hon'ble Court of in any other High Court seeking same and similar directions as prayed in this petition.
- 10. That there is no civil, criminal or revenue litigation, involving petitioner, which has or could have legal nexus, with the issue involved in this petition. It is totally bonafide with purpose of larger public and national interest.

GROUND

- A. BECAUSE the inaction of the Respondent towards failure to secure the life of the people from Coronavirus as most of the cases of Coronavirus has increased after assembly of people at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin, so the Respondent has failed to stop the people from coming out of their house and further to stop them from getting collected at the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin, despite issuance of various advisories and notifications by them.
- B. BECAUSE on 28.03.2020 i.e. on the fourth day of the lockdown, tens of thousands of Migrant workers from Bihar & Uttar Pradesh, who were working in Delhi assembled outside the Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, Delhi elbowing each other to board the first available bus that would take them to their hometown or village, these workers were never stopped by the Respondent No. 5 and no action was taken by the Respondent No. 2 and 3 in order to stop these workers from coming out of their houses, but they have arranged DTC buses to drop them at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal, despite knowing that the buses are not allowed on roads and movement of people is restricted as per the notification issued by the Respondent No. 2 itself. It is further pertinent to note that the spread of novel Coronavirus can be reduced by

making social distancing and everyone is very well verse with it, but despite that the Respondents has failed to stop these people from moving towards Anand Vihar Bus Terminal.

- C. BECAUSE outbreak of the novel Coronavirus was discovered on 30.03.2020 in Delhi which came into the spotlight after over 24 people who attended the event between 15.03.2020 and 17.03.2020 at a "Markaz in Nizamuddin", tested positive for coronavirus. It is most respectfully submitted that all social distancing rules to avoid the deadly coronavirus were ignored and hundreds had been staying in the 100-year-old mosque complex, which has a six-floor dormitory, since 08.03.2020. More than 2,000 delegates, including from Malaysia, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyzstan, attended the congregation of Tablighi Jamaat. On 21.03.2020, there were approx. 1,746 people who continued to stay at the Tabligh-e-Jamaat's "Markaz" in Delhi's Nizamuddin West even after the event and around 216 were foreigners.
- D. BECAUSE the Respondent No. 5 has failed to arrest the Nizamuddin Markaz chief Maulana Saad, who has organised the event at the Markaz and because of him thousands of people have gathered in Nizamuddin, Delhi and which resulted in increase of Coronavirus patients in India.
- E. BECAUSE as per few news agencies have reported the statement made by the BJP government minister Mr. Kapil Mishra that the Government of NCT of Delhi has made announcements in the colonies where UP-Bihar migrants are staying in Delhi informing them that Delhi Government-run DTC buses will take them to the Anand Vihar bus terminal. It is further most respectfully submitted that it also came into notice that Delhi govt has

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purposely cut the electricity and water supply of migrant workers, and they told that buses were waiting for them at UP border which will help them in reaching their respective hometown, which further need inquiry from the CBI and wrong doers should be punished for misleading the weaker section of the society this way.

- F. BECAUSE the Petitioner does not have any alternative and efficacious remedy for enforcement of his fundamental rights.

PRAYER

It is therefore, most respectfully, prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be please to:

- a) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing Respondents to show what appropriate steps were forthwith by them to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus in the NCT of Delhi;
- b) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ order or direction directing the Respondents and the concerned authorities under them to take such measures to stop people from gathering at one place and enforce proper safety to the people who were gathering at the above-mentioned places;
- c) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction laying down guidelines, devising strategy to protect the fundamental rights by the Respondents and the concerned authorities who are State within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India;
- d) Issue a writ of mandamus or other appropriate writ, order and direction directing the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to

investigate the matter related to the assembly of people at Anand Vihar Bus Terminal and Markaz in Nizamuddin;

- e) Issue such other appropriate writ or direction that may be deemed to be just and equitable in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice.

AND FOR THIS ACT OF KINDNESS THE PETITIONER AS IN DUTY BOUND SHALL EVER PRAY.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Supriya Pandita, D/o Ramesh Pandita, aged about 25 years, Resident of House No 51- Extn. Behind New Shakti Academy High School Janipur colony, Janipur Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir 180007, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

1. That I am the sole Petitioner in the above named and well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case and as such, I am competent to swear this affidavit.
2. That I have read and understood the contents of accompanying synopsis and list of dates pages (6 to 7) and writ petition paras (1 to 10) and pages (1 to 9) and total pages (1 to 7) which are true and correct to my personal knowledge and belief. Annexures filed along with this petition are true/typed copies of their respective originals.
3. That I have filed this petition as a PIL. There is no personal gain, private motive or oblique reasons in filing this petition. This

petition is totally bona-fide with the sole purpose of large public interest and in interest of justice.

- 4. That I have no personal interest in the litigation and neither myself nor any body in whom I am interested, would in any manner benefit from the relief sought in the present litigation save as a member of the General Public. This writ petition is not guided by self-gain or gain of any person, institution, body and there is no motive other than the larger Public Interest and in interest of justice.
- 5. That I have gone through Article 32 of the Constitution of India and Supreme Court Rules and do hereby affirm that the present writ petition is in conformity thereof.
- 6. That I have done whatsoever enquiry/investigation, which was in my power to do, to collect the data/material, which was available; and which was relevant for the Court to entertain the present petition.
- 7. That I have not concealed any data/material/ information in this petition, which may have enabled this Hon'ble Court to form an opinion, whether to entertain this petition or not and/ or whether to grant any relief or not.
- 8. That the averments made in this affidavit are true and correct to my personal knowledge and belief. No part of this Affidavit is false nor has anything material been concealed there from.

Sapriya Bhandari
 DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the above-named deponent do hereby verify that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge

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and belief, no part of it is false and nothing material has been
concealed therefrom.

I solemnly affirm today i.e. the ^{4th} day of April 2020 at Jammu.

Supriya Bandita
DEPONENT

THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA 1949

Article 12. Definition.—In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires, “the State” includes the Government and Parliament of India and the Government and the Legislature of each of the States and all local or other authorities within the territory of India or under the control of the Government of India.

Article 21. Protection of life and personal liberty —No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law.

Article 32. Remedies for enforcement of rights conferred by this Part.—(1) The right to move the Supreme Court by appropriate proceedings for the enforcement of the rights conferred by this Part is guaranteed.

(2) The Supreme Court shall have power to issue directions or orders or writs, including writs in the nature of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto and certiorari, whichever may be appropriate, for the enforcement of any of the rights conferred by this Part.

(3) Without prejudice to the powers conferred on the Supreme Court by clauses (1) and (2), Parliament may by law empower any other court to exercise within the local limits of its jurisdiction all or any of the powers exercisable by the Supreme Court under clause (2).

(4) The right guaranteed by this article shall not be suspended except as otherwise provided for by this Constitution.

Article 51 A (j): Fundamental Duties—It shall be the duty of every citizen of India to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

CODE OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973

Section 144: Power to issue order in urgent cases of nuisance of apprehended danger—

(1) In cases where, in the opinion of a District Magistrate, a Sub-divisional Magistrate or any other Executive Magistrate specially empowered by the State Government in this behalf, there is sufficient ground for proceeding under this section and immediate prevention or speedy remedy is desirable, such Magistrate may, by a written order stating the material facts of the case and served in the manner provided by section 134, direct any person to abstain from a certain act or to take certain order with respect to certain property in his possession or under his management, if such Magistrate considers that such direction is likely to prevent, or tends to prevent, obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed, or danger to human life, health or safety, or a disturbance of the public tranquility, or a riot, or an affray.

(2) An order under this section may, in cases of emergency or in cases where the circumstances do not admit of the serving in due time of a notice upon the person against whom the order is directed, be passed ex parte.

(3) An order under this section may be directed to a particular individual, or to persons residing in a particular place or area, or to the public generally when frequenting or visiting a particular place or area.

(4) No order under this section shall remain in force for more than two months from the making thereof: Provided that, if the State Government considers it necessary so to do for preventing

danger to human life, health or safety or for preventing a riot or any affray, it may, by notification, direct that an order made by a Magistrate under this section shall remain in force for such further period not exceeding six months from the date on which the order made by the Magistrate would have, but for such order, expired, as it may specify in the said notification.

(5) Any Magistrate may, either on his own motion or on the application of any person aggrieved, rescind or alter any order made under this section, by himself or any Magistrate subordinate to him or by his predecessor- in- office.

(6) The State Government may, either on its own motion or on the application of any person aggrieved, rescind or alter any order made by it under the proviso to sub- section (4).

(7) Where an application under sub- section (5) or sub- section (6) is received, the Magistrate, or the State Government, as the case may be, shall afford to the applicant an early opportunity of appearing before him or it, either in person or by pleader and showing cause against the order; and if the Magistrate or the State Government, as the case may be, rejects the application wholly or in part, he or it shall record in writing the reasons for so doing.

INDIAN PENAL CODE, 1860

Section 188: Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant.—

Whoever, knowing that, by an order promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, he is directed to abstain from a certain act, or to take certain order with certain property in his possession or under his management, disobeys such direction, shall, if such disobedience causes or tends to cause obstruction, annoyance or injury, or risk of obstruction, annoyance or injury, to any person lawfully employed, be punished with simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred rupees, or with both; and if such disobedience causes or trends to cause danger to human life, health or safety, or causes or tends to cause a riot or affray, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees, or with both.

Explanation.—It is not necessary that the offender should intend to produce harm, or contemplate his disobedience as likely to produce harm. It is sufficient that he knows of the order which he disobeys, and that his disobedience produces, or is likely to produce, harm.

Illustration An order is promulgated by a public servant lawfully empowered to promulgate such order, directing that a religious procession shall not pass down a certain street. A knowingly disobeys the order, and thereby causes danger of riot. A has committed the offence defined in this section.

Section 271- Disobedience to quarantine rule.—

Whoever knowingly disobeys any rule made and promulgated 1 [by the 2[***] Government 3[***] for putting any vessel into a state of quarantine, or for regulating the intercourse of vessels in a state of quarantine with the shore or with other vessels, or for regulating the intercourse between places where an infectious disease prevails and other places, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine, or with both.

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As on 10-03-2020

Government of India
Ministry of Health & FW

Additional Travel Advisory (I) for COVID-19 on Home Isolation

More than 100 countries across the world now have reported cases of COVID-19. People traveling to these countries or people who have travelled abroad might possibly have come in contact with people affected with COVID-19 during their stay or even while in transit at the airports. Within these countries, few countries have reported very large number of cases and deaths putting passengers from these countries particularly at higher risk of infection.

Accordingly, in addition to the consolidated travel advisory issued on 6th March, 2020, the following are advised:

- i. All incoming international passengers returning to India should self-monitor their health and follow required Do's and Don'ts as detailed by Government.
 - ii. Further, all passengers having travel history to China, Hong Kong, Republic of Korea, Japan, Italy, Thailand, Singapore, Iran, Malaysia, France, Spain and Germany are advised to undergo self-imposed quarantine for a period of 14 days from the date of their arrival. If such passengers are working in some organizations/institutions, their respective employers are advised to facilitate work from home during this period.
 - iii. With respect to restrictions on visa, besides the already issued instructions, all regular Visas (including e Visas) which have been granted to nationals of France, Germany and Spain on or before 11.03.2020 and where these foreigners have not yet entered India stands suspended.
 - iv. Regular visas (including e Visas) granted to all foreign nationals who have travel history to these countries on or after 1.2.2020 and who have not yet entered India also stands suspended.
 - v. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid and they may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/conversion etc of their visa or grant of any consular service, if they choose to do so.
- A detailed notification to this effect is being issued by the Bureau of Immigration (BOI).

Dinesh Adhikari
Deputy Director



No. 1/Comm/Bol/2020- 21
BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
(Ministry of Home Affairs)
Government of India

New Delhi, the March 11, 2020

Subject : Visa restrictions related to COVID-19

Following instructions have been issued by Bol in pursuance of the meeting of GOM on March 11, 2020.

2. In supersession of all earlier advisories issued on this subject, the following visa restrictions are issued for implementation.
 - i. All existing visas issued to nationals of any country except those issued to Diplomats, Officials, UN / International organizations, Employment, Project visas stand suspended till April 15, 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of any foreigner for onward journey to India.
 - ii. Visas of all foreigners already in India remain valid. They may contact the nearest FRRO/FRO through e-FRRO module for extension/ conversion etc of their visa or grant of any consular service if they choose to do so.
 - iii. Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders shall be kept in abeyance till April 15, 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of any foreigner for onward journey to India.
 - iv. Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reasons may contact the nearest Indian Mission for fresh visa.
 - v. All incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, arriving from any destination and having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany on or after Feb. 15, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on March 13, 2020 at the port of departure of such travellers.

- vi. International traffic through land borders will be restricted to designated Immigration Checkposts with robust medical screening facilities. These will be notified separately by Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. In addition to the above visa restrictions the following travel advisory is hereby issued in accordance with instructions of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- i. Indian nationals presently abroad are advised to avoid non-essential travel. They are hereby informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days on their arrival in India.
 - ii. All Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad. On their return they can be subjected to quarantine for a minimum period of 14 days.

Yours sincerely,

(Dinesh Adhikari)

To

Shri Anil Malik
Additional Secretary/F
MHA, New Delhi

Shri Lav Aggarwal
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
New Delhi

Shri Pankaj Agarwal
Joint Secretary
Cabinet Secretariat

Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi

Shri Adarsh Swaika
Joint Secretary/CPV
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

Shri Yogendra Tripathi
Secretary
Ministry of Tourism
New Delhi

All Chief Secretaries of States

All Health Secretaries of States

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High Level Group of Ministers reviews current status and actions for prevention and management of COVID-19

Revised Travel Advisory issued

New Delhi, 11th March, 2020

A second meeting of the GoM was held at Nirman Bhawan today under the chairpersonship of Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare. Sh. Hardeep S. Puri, Minister of Civil Aviation, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Sh. Nityananda Rai, Minister of State for Home, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State (I/c), Ministry of Shipping, Chemicals and Fertilisers and Sh. Ashwini Kumar Chouhey, Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare were present.

The recommendations of the Committee of Secretaries chaired by Cabinet Secretary were placed before GoM. After detailed deliberations on preventive measures, actions taken and preparedness for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Group of Ministers took the following decisions:

- All existing visas, except diplomatic, official, UN/International Organizations, employment, project visas, stand suspended till 15th April 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
- Visa free travel facility granted to OCI card holders is kept in abeyance till April 15th 2020. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
- Any foreign national who intends to travel to India for compelling reason may contact the nearest Indian Mission.
- All incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, arriving from or having visited China, Italy, Iran, Republic of Korea, France, Spain and Germany after 15th February, 2020 shall be quarantined for a minimum period of 14 days. This will come into effect from 1200 GMT on 13th March 2020 at the port of departure.
- Incoming travellers, including Indian nationals, are advised to avoid non-essential travel and are informed that they can be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days on their arrival in India.
- Indian nationals are strongly advised to avoid all non-essential travel abroad. On their return, they can be subjected to quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.
- International traffic through land borders will be restricted to Designated check posts with robust screening facilities. These will be notified separately by M/o Home Affairs.

- Provision for testing primarily for students/compassionate cases in Italy to be made and collection for samples to be organized accordingly. Those tested negative will be allowed to travel and will be quarantined on arrival in India for 14 days.

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Issued on 19-03-2020

Government of India

Ministry of Health & FW

Additional Travel Advisory for Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

In continuation of the travel advisories issued on 11th March, 16th March and 17th March 2020, the following additional advisory is issued:

1. No scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall take off from any foreign airport for any airport in India, after 0001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (*i.e. 0531 hrs Indian Standard Time (IST) of March 22, 2020). These instructions shall remain in force till 0001 hrs GMT of March 29, 2020.
2. A maximum travel time of 20 hours is permissible for such commercial passenger aircraft to land in India.
3. As such, no incoming scheduled international commercial passenger aircraft shall be allowed to disembark its passengers *on Indian soil* (Foreigner or Indian) after 2001 hrs GMT of March 22, 2020 (*i.e. 0131 hrs IST of March 23, 2020).
4. These instructions are in addition to the travel restrictions/ advisories already issued and under implementation.
5. The above are temporary measures to restrict the spread of COVID-19, and are subject to review by Government.

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Advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of spread of COVID-19 disease

Social distancing is a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention implemented to avoid/decrease contact between those who are infected with a disease causing pathogen and those who are not, so as to stop or slow down the rate and extent of disease transmission in a community. This eventually leads to decrease in spread, morbidity and mortality due to the disease.

In addition to the proposed interventions, the State/UT Governments may prescribe such other measures as they consider necessary.

All these proposed interventions shall be in force till 31st of March, 2020. They will be reviewed as per the evolving situation.

The following interventions are proposed:

1. Closure of all educational establishments (schools, universities etc), gyms, museums, cultural and social centres, swimming pools and theatres. Students should be advised to stay at home. Online education to be promoted.
2. Possibility of postponing exams may be explored. Ongoing exams to be conducted only after ensuring physical distance of one meter amongst students.
3. Encourage private sector organizations/employers to allow employees to work from home wherever feasible.
4. Meetings, as far as feasible, shall be done through video conferences. Minimize or reschedule meetings involving large number of people unless necessary.
5. Restaurants to ensure handwashing protocol and proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces. Ensure physical distancing (minimum 1metre) between tables; encourage open air seating where practical with adequate distancing.
6. Keep already planned weddings to a limited gathering, postpone all non-essential social and cultural gatherings.
7. Local authorities to have a dialogue with organizers of sporting events and competitions involving large gatherings and they may be advised to postpone such events.
8. Local authorities to have a dialogue with opinion leaders and religious leaders to regulate mass gatherings and should ensure no overcrowding/at least one metre distance between people.

9. Local authorities to have meeting with traders associations and other stakeholders to regulate hours, exhibit Do's and Don'ts and take up a communication drive in market places like sabzi mandi, anaj mandi, bus depots, railway stations, post-offices etc., where essential services are provided.
10. All commercial activities must keep a distance of one meter between customers. Measures to reduce peak hour crowding in markets.
11. Non-essential travel should be avoided. Buses, Trains and aeroplanes to maximize social distancing in public transport besides ensuring regular and proper disinfection of surfaces.
12. Hospitals to follow necessary protocol related with COVID-19 management as prescribed and restrict family/friends/children visiting patients in hospitals.
13. Hygiene and physical distancing has to be maintained. Shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting to be avoided.
14. Special protective measures for delivery men/ women working in online ordering services.
15. Keep communities informed consistently and constantly.

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GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
9TH LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110002

No.F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhw/2500

Dated: 16/03/2020

ORDER

In supersession of Orders no. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/phsecyhw/2393-2407 dated 13.03.2020 and F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhw/2447-51 dated 16.03.2020 of Department of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and in exercise of the powers conferred by the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19, Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the following directions are hereby issued for the purpose of prevention and control of the outbreak of epidemic disease namely COVID-19 in NCT of Delhi, with immediate effect:-

- (i) The operations of all Gymnasium and SPA in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till 31st March, 2020.
- (ii) The operations of the Discotheques and Theaters in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till 31st March, 2020.
- (iii) Any event (Social/Cultural/Political/Religious/Academic/Sports/Seminar and Conference (except marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till 31st March, 2020.
- (iv) All Shopping Malls in NCT of Delhi should be disinfected daily and shall also make provisions of availability of ample number of hand sanitizers at main entrance and individual shops for visitors. All entry should be allowed only after cleaning of hands with hand sanitizers.

Padmini
16/3/2020
(Padmini Singla)

Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)

No.F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhw/2500

Dated: 16/03/2020

Copy to: -

1. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi
2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble C.M., Govt. of Delhi, New Delhi.
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. C.M. Govt. of Delhi, New Delhi.
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD
5. OSD to C.S. Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi.
6. Commissioner of Police, Delhi to ensure strict compliance.
7. Chairperson, New Delhi Municipal Council.
8. Director, General Health Services, GNCTD
9. Commissioner, MCD (EDMC/NDMC/SDMC)
10. All the District Magistrates in the GNCT of Delhi to ensure strict compliance.
11. Mission Director, Delhi State Health Mission (DSHM), Delhi
12. Director, Directorate of Family Welfare, GNCTD
13. Director, DIP with the request for wider publicity.
14. SIO, NIC for uploading the same on the website of Delhi Government.

Padmini
16/3/2020
(Padmini Singla)

Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)

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**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
9TH LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110002**

No. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/prsecyhfw/ 3064-3163 Dated 22.03.2020

ORDER

Whereas it is imperative to adopt strict social distancing and isolation measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in NCT of Delhi.

And Whereas the Government of NCT of Delhi has issued the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 for prevention and containment of COVID-19.

Now therefore, the Govt. of NCT of Delhi in exercise of the aforesaid powers hereby notifies a lockdown in the whole of territorial jurisdiction of NCT of Delhi from 0600 hrs on Monday, 23rd March, 2020 to midnight of Tuesday, 31st March, 2020, stipulating the following restrictions:

- a. No public transport services including operation of private buses, taxis, auto-rickshaws, rickshaws and e-rickshaws etc. shall be permitted. Only DTC buses shall operate at not more than 25% capacity to cater to personnel engaged in essential services.
- b. All shops, commercial establishments, factories, workshops, offices, godowns, weekly bazaars etc. shall close their operations.
- c. The motorable and unmotorable borders of NCT of Delhi with the neighbouring states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh shall be sealed.
- d. Movement of inter-state buses/trains/metro (DMRC) shall be suspended.
- e. All domestic/international flights arriving to Delhi during this period shall be suspended.
- f. Construction activity of any kind shall be suspended.
- g. All religious places of any denomination shall be closed.
- h. People are required to stay at home and come out only for basic services (as enumerated below) within the vicinity of their residences while strictly following the social distancing guidelines issued earlier.

I. However, the following services/establishments are excluded from the purview of this order and shall continue to function normally:

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- a. Offices charged with law and order and magisterial duties
- b. Police
- c. Health
- d. Fire
- e. Prisons
- f. Fair Price Shops (Public Distribution System)
- g. Electricity

- h. Water
- i. Municipal Services
- j. Activities related to functioning of Legislative Assembly of Delhi
- k. Pay and Accounts Office (only for salary/wages/contingent/health & essential services related expenditure)
- l. Print and Electronic Media
- m. Cashier/Teller operations of banks (including ATMs)
- n. Telecom, Internet and Postal services
- o. E-commerce of all essential goods including food, pharmaceutical and medical equipments
- p. Food items, groceries (fruits/vegetables/milk/ bakery items, meat, fish etc.)
- q. Milk plants
- r. General Provision stores
- s. Take away/ home delivery in restaurants.
- t. Chemists and Pharmacies.
- u. Petrol pumps, LPG/Oil agencies (including their godown and transportation-related activities)
- v. Animal fodder
- w. Manufacturing, processing, transportation, distribution, storage, trade/commerce and logistics related to all the above services/establishments and commodities required for delivery of these above services
- x. Any other essential service/establishment that may be exempted by the Government

2. The aforesaid services/establishments that are permitted to function shall strictly follow the guidelines and protocol related to social distancing, without deviation.

3. People who come out to provide or avail essential services shall be allowed on their self-declaration.

4. Any congregation of more than 5 persons is strictly prohibited and punishable as per law.

5. The employees of private establishments (including temporary/contractual/outsourced etc.) required to stay at home in view of this order shall be treated as "on duty" and be paid in full.

6. Order in respect of the offices of the Government of India shall be issued by the Government of India accordingly.

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7. Any person found violating this order shall be prosecuted as per the relevant provisions of law.

8. The following authorities shall ensure strict compliance of this order:

- a. Addl. Chief Secretary (Transport), GNCTD
- b. Chairperson, NDMC
- c. Chairperson, AAI
- d. Commissioner of Police, Delhi

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- e. Commissioners (SDMC/EDMC/NDMC)
- f. MD, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
- g. GM. Northern Railway
- h. Commissioner (F&CS), GNCTD
- i. MD, DSIIDC
- j. All District Magistrates of GNCT of Delhi
- k. Commissioner, Food Safety, GNCTD
- l. Commissioner, Excise, GNCTD
- m. Controller (Weights & Measures), GNCTD

By order and in the name of the
Lt. Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi


22/03/2020

Padmini Singla
Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)

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Vindictive own life to save others, he says

1.3 billion, 21 days, lockdown is key

Don't step beyond your home's Lakshman Rekha, it's the only way out: PM

ANURAG KHOSLA
Lakshman Rekha, the Indian lockdown's signature line, is being drawn across the country. It is the only way out of the crisis, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The 21-day lockdown is the only way to break the chain of coronavirus transmission, he said. "If you step beyond your home's Lakshman Rekha, you will be stepping into the jaws of the virus," he said. "It is the only way out of the crisis, says Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. The 21-day lockdown is the only way to break the chain of coronavirus transmission, he said. "If you step beyond your home's Lakshman Rekha, you will be stepping into the jaws of the virus," he said.



Many people are seen wearing face masks as they go about their daily lives during the lockdown.

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Modi assures essentials open; rules underline adherence, with threat of penal action

DEBANKAR GHOSH
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday assured that essential services will remain open during the 21-day lockdown. He said the government will provide support to the people who are affected by the lockdown. He said the government will provide financial support to the people who are affected by the lockdown. He said the government will provide financial support to the people who are affected by the lockdown.

Compliance norms eased for firms, FM says financial package 'sooner than later'

ANURAG KHOSLA
Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday said that the government has eased compliance norms for firms. She said the government will provide financial support to the people who are affected by the lockdown. She said the government will provide financial support to the people who are affected by the lockdown.

Trucks stuck, rail staff stopped, online delivery staff assaulted: Essential supplies hit hurdle

TRAVANKUR
Essential supplies are facing hurdles as trucks are stuck, rail staff are stopped, and online delivery staff are assaulted. The government is trying to resolve these issues as quickly as possible.



Punjab offers template for home delivery in curfew

JAGDEEP SINGH
Punjab has offered a template for home delivery during curfew hours. The government is trying to ensure that essential supplies reach the people who are affected by the lockdown.

Freed after 7 months, Omar: Virus fight first, will discuss J&K later

ANURAG KHOSLA
Omar, a Kashmiri separatist leader, has been freed after 7 months. He said that the fight against the virus is the priority, and he will discuss the situation in Jammu and Kashmir later.

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First time since WWII, Olympics put off, Japan says next summer

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PM assured that the government will take all necessary steps to ensure that the essential services are not disrupted. He also mentioned that the government will provide financial support to the affected sectors.

Don't step beyond your home's Lakshman Rekha, says PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged citizens to stay at home and avoid unnecessary travel. He said, 'Do not step beyond your home's Lakshman Rekha. This is the only way to control the spread of the virus.'

The government has announced a series of measures to support the economy during the lockdown. These include a 1% increase in the repo rate and a 10% increase in the cash reserve ratio.

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UT readies for long lockdown, to deliver packed vegetables, ration at doorstep

By Anshu Khanna

Uttarakhand is preparing for a long lockdown by organising a massive plan to deliver packed vegetables and ration at the doorstep of its citizens.

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People queuing up outside a pharmacy after PM Modi announces 21 day lockdown, in New Delhi (Photo: Priyanka Parashar/Mint)

India's 21-day lockdown begins: What will remain open, closed explained here

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Hospitals, nursing homes, police, fire stations, ATMs will continue to work

All transport services – road, rail and air – to remain suspended during the lockdown period

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New Delhi: The Home Ministry on Tuesday released detailed guidelines on the measures to be taken central and state level to contain Covid-19 epidemic. The guidelines were issued after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announced three-week nationwide lockdown from today. All shops selling essentials – such as grocery, milk, vegetables, fruit, meat, fish, as well as chemists, ATMs, banks, gas, petrol pumps etc to remain open during 21 days lockdown, the guidelines say.

The Centre has decided to close down all its and state governments' offices, corporations with exception of the police, utilities, fire and emergency services, prisons, and municipal bodies. Hospitals and all related medical establishments,

including their manufacturing and distribution units - both in public and private sector such as dispensaries, chemists, medical equipment shops, laboratories, clinics, ambulance etc. will continue to remain functional. The guidelines state there will be no shortage of essential commodities during the 21-day lockdown. Central govt along with all state govts making adequate efforts to deal with the situation," said Home

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WHAT REMAINS OPEN

- Petrol Pumps, CNG, LPG, PNG
- Banks, insurance offices, print and electronic media to remain open
- Disaster management, power transmission units
- Police, home guards, defence and armed forces
- Electricity, water and sanitation
- Hospitals, nursing homes, fire stations, ATMs will continue to work:
- Fair price shops and those dealing with food, groceries, fruits, vegetables, dairy, meat, fish, animal fodder
- Capital and debt market services as notified by SEBI

WHAT REMAINS CLOSED

- All transport services - road, rail and air - to remain suspended during the lockdown period
- Hospitality services
- Suspension of Railway services will be extended till April 14
- Educational, social, political institutions
- Not more than 20 people permitted during funerals
- All private offices
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India's prime minister decrees 21-day lockdown to curb virus

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has decreed a 21-day lockdown across the nation of 1.3 billion people to stem the coronavirus pandemic.

By KAREL VAN DER LAAN and JEFFREY HALE | Updated from
The Associated Press



People stroll with a slight apprehension along a street in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. (Associated Press) Narendra Modi's decree requires a total shutdown of the country's 1.3 billion people starting at 12 a.m. on Wednesday. The lockdown, during which all non-essential businesses must shut down, is expected to last for 21 days, starting on Wednesday. (AP Photo/Ankur K. Chauhan)

NEW DELHI — India will begin the world's largest lockdown on Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced in a TV address, warning citizens to stay inside or risk inviting the pandemic into their homes, and pledging \$2 billion to bolster the country's beleaguered health care system.

"To save India and every Indian, there will be a total ban on venturing out," Modi said Tuesday night, acknowledging that the 21-day lockdown would be a major blow to the economy, but insisting that the alternative could set the country back 21 years.

The move puts nearly one-fifth of the world's population under lockdown.

The announcement set off panic in many neighborhoods as people rushed to markets to stock up on supplies. At many places, police tried to disperse crowds outside stores.

Indian health officials have reported 469 active cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, and 10 deaths. Officials have repeatedly insisted there is no evidence yet of localized spread but have conducted relatively scant testing for the disease. In a country where tens of millions live in dense urban areas with irregular access to clean water, experts here said local spreading is inevitable.

For weeks, while the coronavirus wracked neighboring China and other parts of Asia, India's official infection toll stood at just three, all students in the Chinese epicenter, Wuhan, who were treated in their home state of Kerala and recovered from the disease.

But since the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus a global pandemic, triggering India's government to invoke a British law-era epidemic act giving it sweeping powers to contain the disease, the cases here have been growing rapidly and, according to Modi, have the potential to "spread like wildfire."

In recent days, India had gradually expanded stay-at-home orders, banned international and domestic flights and suspended passenger service on its extensive rail system until March 31.

Modi called Tuesday's order a "total lockdown" and did not address whether any service providers would be exempt, but said that "all steps have been taken by central and state government to ensure supply of essential items."

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The ministry of home affairs said essential services including grocery stores, banks, ATMs and gas stations will remain open. It said no more than 20 people will be permitted to attend funerals.

It was not clear what the lockdown would mean for about 100 million Indians who according to official data live below the poverty line.

Indian finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman said a comprehensive relief package would be announced soon.

The lockdown "has essentially drawn a 'laxman rekha' on our doors," Modi said, referring to a line drawn by the hero of the Hindu epic "Ramayana" to protect his wife's dwelling place. "You must remember that you will invite a grave pandemic like coronavirus to your homes if you step out."

Indian virologist Dr. T. Jacob John said before the wholesale lockdown was announced on Tuesday that India was being forced to take extreme containment measures after failing to mitigate the problem earlier on, when the case load was light.

"There would have been time because the wolf was not yet at the door. Now today the wolf's inside the door and India's supposed to calmly respond with a wolf in the corner," he said.

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Migrant workers crowd Anand Vihar bus terminus to return to their villages

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Amid the nationwide lockdown in the wake of pandemic coronavirus, thousands of migrant workers flocked at Anand Vihar interstate-state Bus terminus on Saturday afternoon.

Carrying their children and bags, migrant workers, including women, were standing in a long queue of about 3 km in front of the Anand Vihar bus terminus in the hope to catch any bus to return to their distant villages located in UP's different parts. Several migrants were also from states like Madhya Pradesh and Bihar.

The nationwide lockdown has rendered them unemployed and subsequently, they are desperate to return to their native places despite being informed about the danger the country faces due to the outbreak of coronavirus.

"We are from Mayayun village of Badaun district and work as a helper in a transport company. We have no savings and thus, it is difficult for us to survive in Delhi without money. We have also no money to pay our rent. So, I have decided to return to my village," Ajay (21), who was accompanied by his eight friends, told ET near Anand Vihar Bus terminus. They reside in Delhi's Mandawali area.

No different is the story of Kamla Prasad who is from Madhya Pradesh's Tikamgarh area near Jhansi. "I work as a labourer at construction sites. With the announcement of countrywide lockdown, I became unemployed. I know it would be not easy for me to survive in Delhi in the next 18 days of lockdown. I have only about Rs 1000 as my savings and I want to spend it on my journey from Delhi to my native place," Raghubar, who was accompanied by his younger brother, Kamla Prasad said. According to him, he has planned to catch a bus for Jhansi in UP. "If I reach Jhansi, I can walk to my village in MP from there easily. Tikamgarh is close to UP's Jhansi district," he replied to a question regarding possible non-availability of bus for Madhya Pradesh from Anand Vihar terminus.

Most of them are construction labourers, tailors (sewing jobs), carpenters, masons and factory workers.

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Video highlights: Migrant workers, including women, waiting at Anand Vihar interstate-state Bus terminus.

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In photos: At Delhi-UP border, thousands try to squeeze into limited state buses to get back home

'Social distancing' in the times of a pandemic became a farce as state governments struggled to cope with the exodus even on the fourth day of the lockdown.

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A massive crowd gathers outside the Anand Vihar bus terminal in Delhi on Saturday. | Bhuvan Bagga/AFP

Thousands of migrant workers from northern states were seen scrambling to board buses to get home at the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border on Saturday as a nationwide lockdown due to the coronavirus stripped them of livelihoods and shelter. The nationwide lockdown entered its fifth day on Sunday.

The Uttar Pradesh government had arranged for nearly 1,200 special buses after distressing images emerged of exhausted workers marching home in the absence of public transport. However, the buses made available on Saturday were too few – there were 10,000 to 15,000 people at the Anand Vihar bus depot at 9.30 pm, and only 60 to 70 buses. Shahdara Deputy Commissioner of Police Dinesh Kumar Gupta told PTI. More than 500 more buses were due to reach by midnight, he said.

Anand Vihar is a major interstate bus terminal close to Delhi's border with Ghaziabad district of Uttar Pradesh. On the other side of the border is the Kaushambi bus station, from where buses travel to other parts of Uttar Pradesh.

There was a stampede-like situation at some points, with Delhi Police officers on standby carrying lathis and loudspeakers. A baton-charge by police on migrants was also reported. Here are some scenes from Anand Vihar and Kaushambi:



A policeman uses a baton on migrants trying to cross a boundary wall to board a bus to their villages, in Ghaziabad on Saturday. (Credit: Manvender Vashisi/PTI)





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Migrants scramble to board a bus to their native villages in Ghaziabad on Saturday. (Credit: Manvender Vashist/PTI)



Workers climb on top of buses meant to take them home amid the nationwide lockdown. (Credit: Manvender Vashist/PTI)

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Migrants wait to board buses at Kaushambi in Ghaziabad on Saturday. (Credit: Vijay Verma/PTI)



A foot overbridge on the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border near Anand Vihar bus station. (Credit: Manvender Vashist/PTI)



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Migrant workers in Kerala arrive at an airport terminal on Saturday. (Credit: Bhuvan Bagga/AFP)

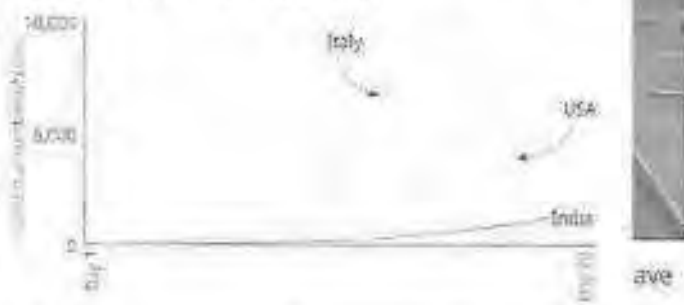


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Many migrant workers were seen trying to walk on the railway track at Anand Vihar to go their home towns in Uttar Pradesh

A day after thousands of migrant workers thronged Anand Vihar bus terminus on the Delhi-U.P. border to go back to their villages, hundreds attempted to leave again on March 29 but were blocked by police barricades some distance from the bus station.

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"I came here in the morning and have been waiting for police to let us go ahead, but it seems like they would not allow us," said Joginder Singh, 40, a fruit merchant who came to Anand Vihar terminus with his family in the morning to catch a bus for his hometown Moradabad. 48

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"They are beating people who try to move further. I am here with my wife and 11-year-old son and we can't afford to be beaten up by police. Now we have only one option – go back to our home in Shahdara's Vishwas Nagar area," Mr. Singh said.

Many people were seen trying to walk on the railway track at Anand Vihar to go their home towns in Uttar Pradesh.

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Since the nationwide lockdown was announced on March 24 to deal with the coronavirus epidemic, all business and economic activity has come to a virtual standstill, leaving migrant workers with no work. Most of them are daily wage earners who live a hand to mouth existence in big cities, and cannot afford to pay rent or buy food unless they earn.

"If police open the borders, we can walk all the way to Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh some 100 kilometres away. Due to this lockdown, my work got affected. From past one week, I have nothing to do. I sell fruits, for which I have to go to Ghazipur mandi and police are not allowing us to go there,

"I live in a rented accommodation and it will become very difficult for us to give rent and bear us daily expenses. We can somehow manage these things in Moradabad," Mr. Singh said.

On Saturday, thousands of daily wagers and labourers from Delhi, Haryana and even Punjab reached Anand Vihar, Ghazipur and Ghaziabad's Lal Kuan areas after arduous treks on foot in a bid to ride buses to their respective native places.

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According to police, around 10,000 to 15,000 people had assembled at Anand Vihar on March 28. Around 60 to 70 buses ferried as many passengers as they could. Till midnight, around 500 more buses were supposed to reach Delhi and evacuate the migrant workers.

However, there is no clarity on how many were actually sent on the buses and how many were dispersed by police.

By March 29 morning, the area had been cleared and Delhi police said no transit is being allowed from Anand Vihar bus terminus. Instead barricades were placed on all entry points into the terminus at a distance of about 500 metres.

Mohammad Anwar (30), who works in a boutique, said he came to Delhi two weeks ago from Sitamarhi in Bihar and had no idea that the situation will turn like this.

"I am alone here in the national capital. My parents live in Sitamarhi. Police are not allowing us to catch a bus. My health is not well and I can't walk to Sitamarhi. I have no other option and will go back to my room in east Delhi's Gandhi Nagar area," Mr. Anwar said.

The distance between Delhi to Sitamarhi is 950 kilometres, which would take around four days to cover on foot.

The death toll from COVID-19 climbed to 25 and the total number of cases to 979 on March 29.

"The situation for the daily labourers like us is becoming worse day by day as we have lost our source of income. We do not have money for rent and food. During the coronavirus, the government is asking people to maintain social distancing. The situation in shelter homes is even more pathetic and we do not want to go there," said Mohammad Imran, 25, a native of Azamgarh in U.P.

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News Reports

Delhi: Dozens of coronavirus cases across the country traced to Tablighi Jamat Mosque in Nizamuddin, hundreds in hospital, 2000 quarantined, area sealed off

The *Srinagar* man who died on *Thursday* had travelled to *Delhi* after attending the event. Cases in *Andaman* had all travelled to *Nizamuddin* to attend the Islamic event during the month.

30 March, 2020 Oplodia Staff



coronavirus (S), Nizamuddin area, image via Aaj Tak

Around 200 people from the Nizamuddin Dargah and surrounding areas were taken to various hospitals in Delhi on Monday after they showed suspected coronavirus symptoms. As per reports, the area around the Nizamuddin Dargah and the Mosque near it has been cordoned off by Delhi police.

Earlier this month, several hundred people from across India and abroad had attended the Islamic religious conference by the "Tableeghi Jamaat" preachers at the Banglewali Masjid, the Mosque near the Hazrat Nizamuddin Dargah. Many cases of coronavirus deaths have now been traced to the Muslim event at the Banglewali Mosque which had seen a large gathering. The Mosque is the It is the global centre for the Tablighi network and the origin of the Tablighi Jamaat, as per Wikipedia.

The Mosque reportedly regularly hosts Islamic followers and preachers from all over India and from many nations in the world. From here, preachers are sent to Mosques all over India.

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The event also saw visitors from Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Kyrgyzstan. On Thursday, a 65-year-old man had died of COVID-19 in Srinagar. He had also attended the

same event. The man had reportedly first travelled to the Deoband seminary in UP before going back to Srinagar.

Many of the other attendees had also travelled to all over India to their respective home towns. After the event, people had reportedly left the premises in groups of 20-30 people in buses. While an Indonesian and 6 Saudi Arabian citizens were sent to their home countries, over 1200 people were still staying inside the Mosque, as per reports.

On Friday, 6 persons were tested positive for coronavirus in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. All of them had attended the religious event in Delhi and had returned via Kolkata.

Other confirmed cases who had attended the event at the Banglawaal Mosque include a

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Tablighi Jamaat event

Timeline of how Nizamuddin Markaz defied lockdown with 3400 people at Tablighi Jamaat event

Six people in Telangana have died after attending the religious event at Nizamuddin while some of the deaths in states like Maharashtra may also have links to this event.

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Over 200 people who attended the Nizamuddin event have been quarantined in Delhi. (PTI)

Delhi was put on complete lockdown days before Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the nationwide lockdown. Over 3400 people had gathered at the Nizamuddin area for the Tablighi Jamaat event.

Six people in Telangana have died after attending the religious event at Nizamuddin while some of the deaths in states like Maharashtra may also have links to this event.

Here's how the congregation defied government lockdown orders:

March 13: 3400 people gather at the Nizamuddin markaz as part of a religious gathering.

March 16: Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal announces that no religious, social, political gatherings of more than 50 people are allowed in Delhi till March 31.

People at the Nizamuddin Markaz still continue to stay put.

March 20: 10 Indonesians who attended the gathering in Delhi test positive in Telangana.

March 22: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Janta Curfew is observed across nation. No public gatherings were allowed for a day.

March 23: 1500 people vacate the Markaz.

March 24: PM Modi announces nationwide lockdown for 21 days. No public gatherings, any kind of non-essential movement outside residences allowed. Only essential services allowed to remain functional.

March 24: Nizamuddin Police asks remaining people at the Markaz to vacate the area.

March 25: Around 1000 people are still residing in the area defying lockdown orders. A medical team visits the Markaz and suspected cases are isolated in a hall within the building. Jamaat officials go to the SDM's office. File an application for permission to vacate. Vehicles list was also given to seek passes.

March 26: An Indian preacher who attended the gathering in Delhi is tested positive and dies in Srinagar.

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March 26: SDM visits the Markaz and calls the Jamaat officials for a meeting with the District Magistrate.

March 27: Six coronavirus suspects are taken away from the Markaz for medical checkup and are later put in a quarantine facility in Jhajjar, Haryana.

March 28: A World Health Organisation (WHO) team along with the SDM visit the Markaz. 33 people who were taken for medical checkup are isolated at Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Hospital in Delhi.

March 28: ACP, Lajpat Nagar, sends a notice to the Markaz to vacate immediately.

March 29: Markaz officials respond to the ACP's letter saying no new people were allowed to gather post the nationwide lockdown announcement. The current gathering had started much before the lockdown and that the PM in his lockdown speech said jo jahaan hai, vahin rahe (stay put wherever you are).

29 March night: Police and health authorities start taking out people from the Markaz and send them to hospitals and quarantine facilities.

Delhi Police has claimed that they sent two notices to the mosque committee but they still didn't mend their ways. Notices were sent on March 23 and March 28.

Sources said, on March 23, around 1500 people were sent to their respective states from the Markaz. However, it is not clear how many of them were coronavirus positive. The mosque committee said that they wrote a letter on March 23 to the police seeking permission for vehicles so that the people could be sent away.

A letter addressed to Lajpat Nagar ACP, Atul Kumar, by Maulana Yusuf on behalf of the Markaz masjid stated that no fresh entry was given and efforts were being made to decongest the place but after Janta Curfew further orders of lockdown.

It has been mentioned in the letter that Delhi government knew about the situation prevailing at Nizamuddin.

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Tablighi Jamaat case: Story behind the Covid hotspot that set cops on a frantic nationwide hunt

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In an operation that lasted five days, Delhi Police this week evacuated 2,361 people from the Markaz Banglawa mosque in Nizamuddin. In what could be the biggest cluster spread of Covid-19 in India yet, the meeting of the Tablighi Jamaat was the reason behind 20% of total reported cases so far, with 19 casualties across different states.

About 400 positive cases have been found so far whose epidemiological linkage can be traced to this cluster, the Health Ministry official said today. Out of about 2,000 members in Delhi, 1,804 have been quarantined and 354 admitted to hospitals.

The number is expected to still rise as test results of nearly 4,000 more followers as well as people who came in contact with them after the gathering are still awaited.

On Wednesday, the police sealed and sanitised the Jamaat building. Residents of adjacent buildings have been asked to stock up and lock themselves in until the area is completely sanitised. Cops also sanitised Nizamuddin police station that shares a wall with the Markaz masjid.

The fateful gathering

The Jamaat held a religious congregation at its New Delhi headquarters in early March, where thousands of people who took part included senior preachers from Saudi Arabia, Malaysia and Indonesia where Covid-19 had already spread.

After the congregation, participants left for various states, some of whom later developed symptoms of Covid-19. It all, however, went unnoticed until a 85-year-old man, resident of Jammu and Kashmir, died last week.



Tablighi Jamaat members are seen at the Markaz Banglawa mosque in Nizamuddin, Delhi, on Wednesday. The police sealed and sanitised the Jamaat building on Wednesday.

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Since then, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Kerala, West Bengal residents of states who visited, have reported cases linked directly or indirectly to the congregation.

2020 Tablighi Jamaat coronavirus hotspot in Delhi

A Tablighi Jamaat religious congregation that took place in Delhi's Nizamuddin Markaz Mosque in early March has emerged as a coronavirus super-spreader event, after more than 900 confirmed cases^[1] and at least 10 deaths linked to the event were reported across the country.^[2] The congregation was attended by more than 1,900 people from various states in India^[3] as well as 950 foreigners from 40 countries.^[4]

Tablighi Jamaat has received widespread criticism from the Muslim community for holding the congregation despite a ban on public gatherings being issued by the Government of Delhi on 13 March.^[5]

2020 Tablighi Jamaat coronavirus hotspot in Delhi

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|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Date | 1 March - 21 March (congregation) |
| Venue | Nizamuddin Markaz Mosque |
| Location | Nizamuddin West, Delhi, India |
| Also known as | Nizamuddin Markaz hotspot |
| Type | Religious congregation |
| Participants | at least 9000 people |

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Event

The congregation took place at the Nizamuddin Markaz Masjid in March and had more than 9,000 attendees from various parts of the world. Many of the attendees reportedly travelled across the country for missionary work^[6] and were scheduled to conduct Chilla, a preaching activity, in different states throughout the year. The event carried on, despite the Government of Delhi issuing a ban on all public gatherings on March 13, with over 2,000 participants present at the mosque on that date. According to the Home Ministry, there were 1,746 people in the Markaz on 21 March.^[7]

On 24 March, the Jamaat approached the Nizamuddin police station after six participants tested positive for coronavirus.^[7] By the time, thousands of attendees had already travelled by five trains to other parts of the country.^[8] On 26 March, the first death linked to the event was reported in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, a 65-year-old man who had tested positive on 24 March.^[9] After a national lockdown went into effect on 25 March, more than 1,000 participants were stranded at the mosque, of whom as many as 300 showed symptoms of the virus. Local authorities began clearing the premises and cordoned off the Nizamuddin area.^[10]

A cluster spread became apparent in the following days as cases traced back to the event were reported in several states. In Telangana, five people who attended the event died on 30 March. Dozens of people tested positive in other places such as Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. State governments scrambled to trace the whereabouts of the attendees.^[11]

Spread

As of 3 April, more than 950 confirmed cases were detected across 14 states and union territories in the country, including 97 percent of the total cases confirmed in the country on 2 and 3 April (647 out of 664 cases).^{[11][12]} Tamil Nadu was the worst affected state, as 364 of the 411 people who tested positive had attended the event.^[13] 259 of the 386 cases in Delhi^[14] and 140 of the 161 cases in Andhra Pradesh were linked to the event.^[15] All nine deaths reported in Telangana until 2 April were of people who had returned from the congregation.^[16]

The Srinagar man who died on 26 March was identified as a super-spreader as he travelled by road, rail and air from Delhi to Srinagar via Uttar Pradesh, as officials feared that he may have spread it to several people along the way.^[17]

Aftermath and action

The Union Home Ministry instructed state governments to track down the 824 foreign attendees of the congregation, asking them to screen, quarantine and deport such individuals.^[18] On 2 April, the Home Ministry identified 960 foreigners who took part in the event and blacklisted their visas for violation of The Foreigners Act, 1946 and Disaster Management Act, 2005, and asked the DGPs of respective states and union territories to initiate legal action against them.^[19]

Delhi government ordered an FIR against Muhammad Saad Kandhlawi, the head of Nizamuddin faction of the Tablighi Jamat.^{[20][21]} On 31 March 2020, FIR was filed against Kandhlawi and others by Delhi Police Crime Branch under Section 3 (penalty for offence) of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and Sections 269 (Negligent act likely to spread infection of disease), 270 (Malignant act likely to spread infection of disease), 271 (disobedience to quarantine rule) and 120b (punishment of criminal conspiracy) of the IPC.^[22] After Kandhlawi and five associates named in the FIR went missing, Crime Branch began conducting raids on possible hideouts in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh.^[23]

Delhi Police launched an investigation into a leaked audio clip in which Kandhlawi allegedly asked his followers "to not abide by government/medical guidelines with regards to the coronavirus outbreak." He was also heard saying, "This is not the time when you leave your prayers or meeting people just because doctors are saying, When Allah has given this disease, then no doctor or medicine can save us."^[24] A day later, Kandhlawi released an audio message on YouTube from his hiding, saying, "I am in self-quarantine in Delhi as advised by the doctors and appeal to all Jamaat wherever they are in the country to follow the directives of the law."^[25]

According to reports, around 160 attendees who were quarantined at a railway facility in Delhi "misbehaved" and "spat on" doctors and healthcare personnel who were attending to them. They also allegedly raised objection to the food served and roamed around the facility in violation of the norms of the isolation ward.^[26] Attendees quarantined at a facility in Ghaziabad reportedly roamed around naked in the facility and made lewd comments and directed vulgar signs at the nurses.^{[27][28]} Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath condemned the actions, called the patients "enemies of humanity" and invoked the National Security Act against them.^[29] In Bihar, stones were pelted at police officers who had gone for tracking Tablighi Jamaat attendees.^[30]

Administration of TJ had said they are willing to dispatch hundreds of missionary to their respective nation & states but as the lockdown is in place they are helpless.^{[31][32][33]}

Cases linked

According health authorities, until 2 April, among 2000 positive cases in India nearly 400 cases epidemiological linkage can be traced to the Tablighi Jamaat cluster.^{[34][35]} By 3 April, 647 cases are reported which are related to this cluster.^[36] By 4 April, 1023 cases with links to this cluster were reported which is about 30% of total cases in the country.^[37]

Following are some of the positive cases from different states as reported in media.

| State or UT | Positive Cases | Deaths | Ref(s) |
|--------------------|----------------|--------|--------------|
| Andman and Nicobar | 9 | – | [35] |
| Andhra Pradesh | 140 | 1 | [38] |
| Assam | 20 | – | [35][39] |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 1 | – | [40] |
| Bihar | – | 1 | |
| Delhi | 259 | 2 | [41] |
| Gujarat | – | 1 | |
| Himachal Pradesh | 3 | – | [42] |
| Haryana | 5 | – | [36][43] |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 22 | 2 | [39] |
| Jharkhand | – | – | [38] |
| Karnataka | 14 | 1 | [38] |
| Maharashtra | – | 2 | |
| Puducherry | 2 | – | [35] |
| Punjab | 2 | – | [44] |
| Rajasthan | 16 | – | [45] |
| Tamil Nadu | 364 | 2 | [46][47][48] |
| Telangana | 50 | 9 | [42] |
| Uttar Pradesh | 94 | – | [49][50] |
| Uttarakhand | – | – | [38] |

March

- On March 18, Eight Indonesians of Tablighi Jamaat were tested positive in Karimnagar in Telangana.^{[51][52]} They had arrived from Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi on March 14.^[53] Security agencies had traced the link of these cases to Nizamuddin Markaz.^[54]
- On March 21, two Thai Nationals in Erode, Tamil Nadu were reported as positive case number 5 and 6. They had attended this congregation in Delhi in early March.^{[55][56]}
- On March 31, 57 new cases were reported in Tamil Nadu. 80 out of total 124 cases in the state are linked to Tablighi Jamaat cluster.^[57]

April

- First positive case from Dharavi in Mumbai who eventually died on April 1, has hosted 10 Tablighi Jamaat members between March 22 and March 25.^{[58][59]}
- On April 1 and 2 Tamil Nadu reported 110 and 74 positive cases respectively, all of them had related to this cluster.^[60]
- On April 3, 100 cases in Tamil Nadu and 42 in Uttar Pradesh are related to this cluster.^{[46][61]}

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A Crime Branch officer said raids are being conducted in Delhi and at other possible hideouts in Uttar Pradesh, for which the help of the state police being taken.



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NEW DELHI: Delhi Police on Wednesday conducted raids at various locations to arrest Maulana Saad Kandhlawi, the head of Tablighi Jamaat who has been named in an FIR along with five others members of the organisation for violating government directions and holding a religious gathering at its headquarters in Nizamuddin area of south Delhi.

The probe has been handed over to Crime Branch which is also analysing an audio clip in which Saad is allegedly heard asking people not to fear novel coronavirus, calling it a conspiracy against Islam.

The others name in the FIR are Zeeshan, Mufti Shehzad, Mohhammad Saifi, Maulana Younus and Mohammad Salman. All of them are members of the management committee of Markaz, as the headquarters of the organistaion is called.

A Crime Branch officer said raids are being conducted in Delhi and at other possible hideouts in Uttar Pradesh, for which the help of the state police being taken. "Investigation is going on and efforts are being made to ascertain whether the voice in the audio clips is of Maulana Saad," said a police officer, adding that Saad is untraceable.

However, the associates of the Jamaat head denied the police version and said the preacher was at his home. Musharraf Ali Khan, a follower of Jamaat and member of the committee said, "The Maulana is not underground or running away from police. He is a religious person. He has his residence on the Markaz campus. He is in self-isolation as lockdown is in force and will surely cooperate with the police." He, however, added that Kandhlawi might have gone to his relatives' place in Muzaffarnagar, UP.

Saad was booked on Tuesday after the police and district administration evacuated 2,361 people from the Markaz during a 36-hour long operation which continued till early hours of Wednesday. The building and adjoining areas were sanitised after the evacuation on Wednesday.

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Nizamuddin Markaz chief Maulana Saad absconding, manhunt in UP, Delhi

Delhi Police sources have told India Today TV that at least two teams are in western UP to trace Mohammed Saad while his close relatives have been questioned by the police to find out his whereabouts.

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Maulana Saad of Nizamuddin Markaz is absconding. (India Today)

The Delhi Police has formed different teams to trace the chief of Nizamuddin Markaz, Maulana Saad, who has gone absconding after an FIR was lodged against him.

Delhi Police sources have told India Today TV that at least two teams are in western UP to trace Mohammed Saad while his close relatives have been questioned by the police to find out his whereabouts. The residences of Saad's relatives have also been searched.

Another team of Crime Branch is looking for Saad in different mosques and places where he might be hiding. Efforts by the Delhi Police to reach on his mobile phones have also

failed and his phone is switched off since the FIR was lodged. In a recent audio clip, Saad was heard claiming that he is in self-isolation.

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A technical team of Crime Branch has also started tracing the IP address of the new audio of Saad which was uploaded on Wednesday.

India Today TV has learnt that a team of Delhi Police has been asked to prepare a list of Indians who were present at the gathering who left the Markaz before March 24.

Sources said, thousands of Indian nationals apart from 824 foreign nationals attended the gathering of Markaz at Nizamuddin in Delhi before leaving for Chilla activities in different states. The Delhi Police is sharing the details of these individuals with law enforcement agencies of different states so that they can be traced and quarantined.

Police is also in touch with 14 hospitals where people who were inside mosque have been admitted after they were evacuated on Wednesday.

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Once released, their statements will be recorded by the police. Over 2361 people were evacuated by police and medical experts out of which 606 have symptoms of Covid-19. Over hundred individuals who attended the gathering have been tested positive for coronavirus in Delhi so far.

Police have also instructed its officials to take precautions while probing the case.

The police registered an FIR against Maulana Saad and others members of the Tablighi Jamaat under the Epidemic Disease Act, 1897 and relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for violating government directions prohibiting public gatherings and maintaining social distance to contain the spread of coronavirus.

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Delhi Police registered an FIR against Maulana Saad Kandhawi, who had gathered the crowd of the religious people in the mosque and did not inform about Markaz Nizamuddin to the Delhi police. Delhi Police registered the case under the epidemic act 1897 read with section- 269, section- 270, section- 271, and section- 120-B Indian Penal Code (IPC) for violation of the government directions given to the management of Markaz of Gazi Nizamuddin regarding restrictions of Social, Political, and religion.

Mandeep Singh Kandhawa said that this case must be investigated by the crime branch and must be arrested to those people who spread or contribute to spreading the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Who is the Maulana Saad Kandhawi?

Maulana Saad's full name is Maulana Muhammad Saad Kandhawi born 1965. He is a Muslim and a preacher and preaching Islamic religion door to door. He is from Sunni Islamic religion. Maulana Saad Kandhawi is a great-grandson of the Muhammad Ilyas Kandhawi. He studied from Madrasa Kashihi Uloom at Hazrat Nizamuddin Markaz, New Delhi in 1987.



Identified the Coronavirus patients in (Markaz)

As on Tuesday (30.03.2020), there were about 1100 devotees and preachers who were gathered at headquarters of Tablighi Jamaat (also know as Markaz), southeast Delhi's Nizamuddin evacuated and isolated for checkup and testing of Novel (COVID-19). Some people were identified infected with Coronavirus. The police evacuated 200 people detected the symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Identification of the people in Markaz Nizamuddin:

As the police reported about 4000 people between 10 march to 15 march, including foreign nationals from Indonesia, Jordan, Yemen, Saudi Arab, China, Ukraine, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, and others participated in the South East Delhi's Nizamuddin (Markaz).

As the police investigating the South East Delhi's Nizamuddin (Markaz)

In Delhi's Nizamuddin, Maulana Saad Kandhawi had already contacted and talked with the (NSA) Ajit Doval on 28-29 march. After talking with teh Ajit Doval they were ready to evacuate the Delhi's Nizamuddin. At that time, Ajit Doval had said to all for testing the Coronavirus test. This case has shocked to each government of the state and center. There were about 34 people has come in Ahmadabad from South East Delhi's Nizamuddin (Markaz), police has caught them and admitted in the hospital and two of them found infected with coronavirus.

Result of the South East Delhi's Nizamuddin (Markaz):

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Manufactured crisis? Delhi govt cut electricity and water supply of migrant workers, told them buses were waiting for them at UP border

The UP govt accused Arvind Kejriwal led AAP government in Delhi of playing petty politics, lying and spreading rumours, risking the lives of migrant workers at the time of a crisis as serious as the Coronavirus pandemic, according to a report by Indian Express.

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Stranded migrant labourers at Delhi-UP border. (courtesy: Delhi Crime)

The Uttar Pradesh government on Saturday accused Arvind Kejriwal led AAP government in Delhi of playing petty politics, lying and spreading rumours, risking the lives of migrant workers at the time of a crisis as serious as the Coronavirus pandemic, according to a report by Indian Express.

The UP authorities stated that the Delhi authorities disconnected the water and electrical energy connections of individuals. "Throughout lockdown, individuals weren't even supplied meals and milk in Delhi," stated the report quoting UP govt sources. The UP authorities have also alleged that DTC buses dropped off individuals on the Delhi border within the title of assist.

The Delhi government spread unnecessary rumours by making announcements that there were buses at UP border ready to drop individuals to their locations, said the UP govt.

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Basically, to do away with the migrant workers in the national capital amidst the pandemic, the AAP government allegedly spread the rumour that buses have been waiting at the UP borders to take them to their respective households. This impelled the mass exodus of these migrant labourers, now camping at the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh border, in an attempt to return to their respective villages.

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The report said that the UP CM Yogi Adityanath has stayed up till late last night to overlook the arrangements in order to help these stranded migrants, mostly hailing from UP and Bihar, to return back to their respective homes as soon as possible.

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"Till late in the night, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was busy issuing instructions for arranging buses for the purpose," the spokesman said, adding that the CM also directed officials to arrange for food and water for such people and their families. "At night, transportation officials, drivers and conductors were called from home," said the statement, adding that 1,000 buses were arranged at night to bring back people stuck on the Delhi border.

On Saturday morning, senior police officers reached the Charbagh bus station in Lucknow to ensure that those arriving there were provided with food and water.

The buses later left for Kanpur, Ballia, Varanasi, Gorakhpur, Azamgarh, Faizabad, Basti, Pratapgarh, Sultanpur, Amethi, Rae Bareilly, Gonda, Etawah, Bahraich and Shravasti.

State's DGP Hitesh Chandra Awasthi and Lucknow Police Commissioner Sujit Kumar Pandey were personally present at the bus depot to monitor the arrangements, the spokesman added.

The Uttar Pradesh government has claimed that these migrant workers will be ferried home to their respective villages free of cost but will be screened for the novel coronavirus first.

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Midnight announcements, false promises: Watch how Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government played with lives of millions amidst coronavirus outbreak

In the video, one can hear that the person making the announcement is saying that from Anand Vihar ISBT, they will be able to get the buses to take them further to UP and Bihar. This, when most of the state governments have sealed their borders and banned commercial vehicles to ply.

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An announcement is made in colonies informing migrants residing in Delhi that they will be taken to Anand Vihar bus terminal from where they could take buses to UP and Bihar. (Image- thehindu.com)

After Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged Indians to stay at home, wherever they are, in a bid to contain the Chinese coronavirus pandemic, Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government seems to have had its own plans to push the country into chaos. In a video shared by BJP leader Kapil Mishra, one can see announcements being made in colonies where UP-Bihar migrants are staying in Delhi informing them that Delhi government-run DTC buses will take them to the Anand Vihar bus terminal.

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transport buses. On humanitarian grounds, after the lakhs of migrant workers were found walking home, the UP government on 28th March announced that it will ply buses to drop off these people to their homes safely. This was done to ensure people do not have to suffer anymore than they already have to owing to the pandemic.

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On 28 March, 2020 it was reported that the UP authorities had accused the Delhi authorities of disconnected the water and electrical energy connections of individuals, forcing them to leave their homes in Delhi and head back to their villages. "Throughout lockdown, individuals weren't even supplied meals and milk in Delhi," stated a report quoting UP govt sources.

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'Dirty politics': Exodus of migrants from Delhi sets up AAP vs BJP on Twitter

AAP and BJP locked horns over the issue of the exodus of migrant workforce from Delhi on Saturday

By [Ankur Saxena](#) and [Ankur Saxena](#)

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Migrant workers were seen on Saturday walking to bus stations to get to their home states at the Delhi-UP border in New Delhi (HT Photo: Ankur Saxena)

The exodus of migrant workers from Delhi, mostly to destinations in Uttar Pradesh and some even beyond, to Bihar, saw a sea of humanity jostling to get into buses at the Delhi-UP borders. On Twitter, the criticism over the handling of the lockdown and the large-scale migration triggered a political spat between the Aam Aadmi Party which rules the national capital and the BJP, which is in power in Uttar Pradesh.

Both sides accused each other of playing "dirty politics" and blamed the other for the plight of the migrant workers.

It is unclear how the blame game started. But by evening, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's advisor Manoj Kumar appeared to be the key players. The BJP's national secretary B. Santhosh also weighed in.

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Sisodia lashed out at claims by some BJP leaders in Uttar Pradesh that accused the Aam Aadmi Party government of trying to force migrant workers in the national capital to leave the city.

According to one version being circulated by BJP leaders, the Delhi government had allegedly disconnected power supply to areas which had a high proportion of migrants. A second version spoke about how the city government had ferried scores of migrants to the Anand Vihar bus terminus in east Delhi, close to the border with UP.

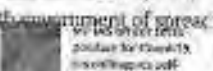
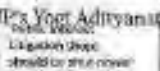
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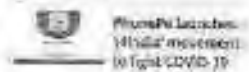


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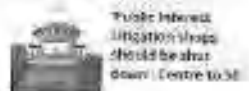
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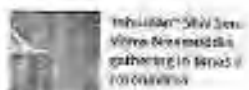


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“I am very sad that BJP leaders are doing petty politics during the coronavirus pandemic. @mygovdelhiyaark's government has alleged that @kejriwal ordered to disconnect power and water supply to migrants in Delhi, forcing them to leave. It is the time to unite with seriousness to save the country, not for cheap politics,” Sisodia said in his tweet.

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Migrants' exodus: Government's damage control

The mass exodus of migrant workers from Delhi to their hometowns in the Covid-19 outbreak

Yogi Adityanath's adviser Mrityunjay launched a sharp counterattack, accusing the AAP leader of attempting to save face by issuing statements claiming the Kejriwal government had dealt with all the residents with an equal hand setting an example for other states. Mrityunjay alleged "the exodus" was engineered by the Delhi government.

"This huge exodus from Delhi is your government's doing. They neither got shelter nor food. No shelter even during rains... Yogi government made arrangements overnight to provide them with buses, shelter and food. Don't attempt to save face by speaking untruth," Mrityunjay tweeted.

BJP leader Bt. Santosh waded in, blaming the city government for the exodus. There were videos of migrant voters, he said, where they were seen railing about how they had been told that there would be buses at Anand Vihar bus station to take them home.

"Some forces want India to fail when viral fights Corona, Nation will not forgive them," he tweeted, questioning how 50,000 migrant workers were allowed to break the lockdown.

This wasn't the only one spurt on Twitter. There had been a sideshow of AAP vs BJP through the day that had been set off by AAP MLA Raghav Chadha's now-deleted comment that BJP leaders alleged, accused UP Police of busting migrant workers trying to cross over to UP from Delhi.

Mrityunjay said the UP government will take action against such statements.

"This is downright fake news, their party is not shying away from dirty politics even at the time of such pandemic, how can the Aam Aadmi Party stoop to such lows? UP police and government will definitely act on this tweet," he said.

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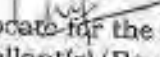
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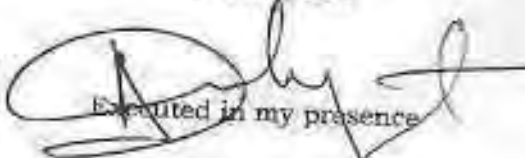
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