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TOTAL CASES		HOSPITAL BEDS		Total	Vacant
3,75,753		1,239		15,751	9,790
DAILY CASES		RECOVERIES		DEATHS	TESTS
Oct 28	5,673	4,128	39	60,571	
Oct 29	5,739	4,138	27	60,124	
Total	30,952*	3,38,378	6,423	45,76,724	

Health staff may be roped in for Covaxin Ph-III trials

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

HEALTHCARE WORKERS from hospitals in Delhi may soon be part of Phase III human trials of India's first indigenously developed Covid-19 vaccine, Covaxin. Developed by Bharat Biotech in collaboration with the National Institute of Virology (NIV) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the vaccine recently received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) to conduct Phase III trials subject to certain conditions.

According to senior health department officials, Bharat Biotech has reached out to the Delhi government. Confirming the development, a statement from Health Minister Satyendar Jain's office said: "We have received the proposal and sent it to the Secretary, Health, for in-principle approval."

Senior officials said around 3,000-4,000 healthcare workers from both government and private hospitals will participate in the trials, once the proposal is approved. Senior officials from the health department said the proposal is being examined thoroughly before it gets final approval. "We need to have clarity on the entire proposal. The vaccine makers have sought permission from us before selecting participants for the trials," said a senior health official.

After completion of the first and second phase of the trial, with demonstrable safety profile and immunogenicity, a large-scale efficacy trial involving thou-



Covid testing underway at a dispensary in Darya Ganj Thursday. Amit Mehra

sands of volunteers has been planned now.

On October 2, the vaccine maker had applied to the DCGI seeking permission to conduct the phase III randomised double-blind placebo-controlled multi-centre trial of its Covid-19 vaccine. Like previous phases, in the third phase, half the volunteers would receive a placebo and the remaining half would be administered Covaxin. It will cover around 28,500 subjects, aged 18 years and above, and will be conducted in 21 sites across 10 states, including Delhi, Mumbai, Patna and Lucknow.

IMS&SUM Hospital is among 21 medical institutes selected across the country by ICMR where the third phase trials would be conducted. Recently, Dr E Venkata Rao, Principal Investigator and Professor in the department of Community

Medicine at the Institute of Medical Sciences and SUM Hospital, had said healthcare workers would be recruited for the trial.

Volunteers would be followed up over a considerable period of time to look at the efficacy of the vaccine in preventing development of Covid-19. Anyone above the age of 18 years can participate in the human trials.

DCGI had given permission to Bharat Biotech to conduct phase 1 and 2 clinical trials of its Covid-19 vaccine in July. According to experts, the vaccine may be ready by June 2021.

Other vaccine candidates are those of Zydus Cadila, which is close to completing Phase II trials of ZyCoV-D, and Russia's Gamaleya Research Institute, which will soon begin phase II and III trials of Sputnik V in collaboration with Dr Reddy's.

5,739 Covid cases push positivity rate close to 10%

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FOR THE second day in a row, Delhi saw over 5,000 daily cases of Covid-19 while the positivity rate — percentage of people who test positive for the disease versus those who were tested — neared 10% on Thursday.

As per the daily health bulletin, 5,739 fresh cases were reported — the highest single-day spike so far — taking the total number of infections to 3,75,753. The positivity rate touched 9.55% with 60,124 people tested in the last 24 hours. With 27 more fatalities, the death toll rose to 6,423.

With the city witnessing an uptick in the number of cases, Health Minister Satyendar Jain said the government has changed its strategy and is carrying out "aggressive tracing and testing" of people who have come in contact with positive patients.

"Entire families, close contacts of positive cases, even asymptomatic ones, are being tested. RT-PCR tests have also been scaled up," said Jain on Thursday. He also said it would be too early to say if the surge corresponded to a "third wave".

A high-level expert committee led by NITI Aayog member Dr V K Paul had suggested that Delhi may see 15,000 daily cases as a result of winter illnesses and festival season in the coming

months. On this projection, Jain said, "Figures have been projected by experts on surge in daily Covid-19 cases, but it may not reach that level. However, we want to be full prepared."

Meanwhile, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan reviewed the status of Covid-19 cases in West Bengal, Kerala and Delhi. During the meeting with senior Delhi officials, it was stated that there has been a nearly 46% increase in new cases over the past four weeks, while the positivity rate in the same period has shot up by nearly 9%.

The rising cases were attributed by the Delhi team to social gatherings during festivities, deteriorating air quality, increasing incidences of respiratory disorders, and clusters of positive cases at work places. Fatigue among frontline workers was also discussed.

"The UT (union territory) was advised to aggressively ramp up testing, increase RT-PCR tests, focus on contact tracing and effectively enforce isolation of traced contacts within the first 72 hours. It was advised to focus on containment zones and implement strict perimeter control, as per MHA guidelines. Health authorities were advised to give additional thrust to IEC practices and proactively promote wearing of masks and other Covid appropriate behaviours," a statement from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare stated.

COURT CLOSES DEFAMATION CASE Mishra apologises to Jain for bribery claim

Allegations politically motivated, wrong: Kapil Mishra to court

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

BJP LEADER Kapil Mishra has tendered his unconditional apology to Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain before a Delhi court, stating that his allegations of graft against Jain following his ouster from the Aam Aadmi Party were "politically motivated and wrong".

Jain had filed a criminal defamation case against Mishra and submitted that on May 7, 2017, the latter had made a statement accusing him of giving a bribe to Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on May 5. Mishra, who was a minister in the Delhi government and was removed from the cabinet a few days before he made the allegations, was summoned in the case and charges framed against him under IPC Section 500 (defamation).

Mishra Wednesday told a Special MP/MLA court, presided by Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vishal Pahuja, that he is "ready to make the statement before the court tendering unconditional apology". "I am the accused in the present case. I state that the statements made by me against the complainant were politically motivated and wrong. I tender my unconditional apology to the complainant and the same will never be repeated. I under-



Satyendar Jain had filed the case against Mishra in 2017



take to publish the above statement on social media through my official handles," Mishra's statement to the court read.

Jain told the court that if Mishra "makes the statement before court, he shall withdraw the present complaint". "I have gone through the statement made by the accused before the court today. In view of the statement... I do not wish to proceed with the present complaint further," Jain told the court.

After separate statements of Mishra and Jain were recorded by the court, the complaint was disposed of after it was withdrawn.

As per court documents, Jain had submitted extracts of statements made by Mishra to various newspapers, which read, "Day before yesterday, at Kejriwal's house I saw Satyendar Jain give Kejriwal Rs 2 crore in cash. I asked him 'What is this?' He (Kejriwal) refused to answer. And then he said, 'In politics,

things like this happen that can only be talked about later."

Jain had told the court that "the accused did not stop here and further went on to malafidely link the complainant with allegations of corruption and illegitimate multi crores deals".

During arguments on framing of charges, Mishra's lawyers had argued the "statement made by the accused was in public good".

In a statement, Jain said "the unconditional apology exposes the reality that Mishra had no ground to such allegations and did that with a political purpose". "... upon interrogation, Mishra failed to provide facts supporting his claim as he was never present at CM's house... Yesterday, he submitted a written apology stating the accusations he made were politically motivated and wrong. He has tendered an unconditional public apology and assured non-repetition of the same," he said.

Woman 'raped' in ICU of private hospital in Gurgaon

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GURGAON, OCTOBER 29

A WOMAN was allegedly raped while undergoing treatment at the ICU of Fortis Hospital in Gurgaon, police said Thursday.

According to officials, the alleged incident is suspected to have taken place between October 21 and October 27 though it came to light only on Tuesday after the woman, who is in her 20s, confided in her father when he visited her in the ICU.

Police said the woman has been admitted to the hospital since October 21, and has been in a semi-conscious state on ventilator support.

"A First Information Report (FIR) has been registered regarding the matter under IPC Section 376 (punishment for rape). She has accused a person named Vikas of the crime, so we are questioning all those employed at the hospital with that name," said inspector Bijender

Police said they are looking for the accused. Fortis Hospital, in a statement, said that they are "extending full cooperation" to the investigation

Singh, SHO of Sushant Lok police station, where the FIR has been lodged.

"We are also scanning CCTV footage from cameras installed at the hospital but are yet to find anything suspicious. The accused has not been identified, and we have not been able to take the victim's statement since she is unfit to give one. She alerted her father to the incident through signs and by writing the name of the accused. We are investigating the matter," he said.

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ment released Thursday, said they are "extending full cooperation" to the investigation.

"The patient came to the hospital on October 21 with severe respiratory symptoms and pulmonary tuberculosis. She was admitted to the ICU and from the second day of her admission, she has been on ventilator support. Six days after admission, the patient alleged she had been violated on the day of admission. Post her complaint, we immediately informed the police.

"Fortis has been fully cooperating with investigating authorities. The entire CCTV footage and all other relevant information were shared with police. We understand that police is questioning two persons, who are outsourced non-medical staff. As per established protocol, they were hired after requisite verification. We have a zero tolerance policy against such situations and are committed to ensure that justice prevails," said the statement.

BRIEFLY

Court stays order for FIR

New Delhi: A Delhi court stayed an order directing the Delhi Police to register an FIR in a case in which a man suffered a gunshot injury in his eye when rioters allegedly attacked him during the Northeast Delhi riots in February this year. It said a case is already registered in Bhajanpura police station. The court directed the victim to file by November 6 his reply on the revision petition filed by the police.

Man killed for objecting to outsiders in locality

New Delhi: A 21-year-old man was allegedly killed by two men after he raised objections over outsiders visiting their locality in South Delhi's Tigr Ext. The victim, Satish Kumar, was allegedly stabbed multiple times. Police arrested accused Vivek (19). ENS

Sisodia claims civic bodies owe Delhi govt Rs 6,000 crore

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NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 29

DEPUTY CHIEF Minister Manish Sisodia Thursday claimed that the BJP-led municipal corporations owe the Delhi government over Rs 6,000 crore in the form of outstanding loans.

Sisodia raised the issue with the mayors of the three civic bodies who had staged a dharna outside Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence earlier this week demanding release of funds for the corporations.

Sisodia also claimed that the three MCDs collectively owe Rs 2,596 crore in arrears to the Delhi Jal Board. The cash crunch has crippled the finances of the corporations, rendering them unable to pay even health workers employed with its hospitals.

"From your actions, it is clear that... you are only interested in peddling lies and indulging in shameful politics..." Sisodia wrote to the mayors.

"As for the amount owed by Government of Delhi to MCDs... as per the Fifth Delhi Finance



Manish Sisodia

Commission calculations, a total of Rs 1,965.91 crore is due until October 26, 2020, of which Rs 1,752.61 crore has been already paid... any other figure that the mayors of MCDs are demanding is fictional..." he added.

North MCD Mayor Jai Prakash, however, said the Delhi government owes the corporations Rs 13,000 crore. "According to the recommendations of the third, fourth and fifth Delhi finance commissions, the government owes Rs 6,000 crore to North MCD alone. Instead of writing letters, the Deputy CM should clear our dues so that this issue can be solved," he added.

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

S.No	PARTICULARS	STANDALONE				CONSOLIDATED			
		QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 UN-AUDITED	QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 UN-AUDITED	HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 UN-AUDITED	YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AUDITED	QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 UN-AUDITED	QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 UN-AUDITED	HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 UN-AUDITED	YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2020 AUDITED
1	Total income	9,508.67	7,778.53	12,628.67	29,614.43	9,607.25	7,825.16	12,726.47	29,985.88
2	Net Profit for the period before tax (before Exceptional items)	1,249.95	1,097.85	1,329.44	3,896.32	1,260.99	1,099.33	1,338.86	3,933.71
3	Net Profit for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	1,249.95	1,037.74	1,329.44	4,573.69	1,260.99	1,039.22	1,338.86	4,611.08
4	Net Profit for the period after tax (after Exceptional items)	953.45	874.80	1,014.76	3,633.26	963.82	883.78	1,021.60	3,659.41
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	945.11	864.59	998.08	3,601.48	948.74	879.64	1,002.01	3,641.12
6	Equity Share Capital (face value Rs. 2/- per share)	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95	39.95
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	14,096.45	-	-	-	14,366.33
8	Earnings per share on net profit after tax - face value Rs. 2/- each (In Rupees)	47.73	43.80	50.80	181.91	47.99	44.25	50.95	182.15
		47.73	43.80	50.80	181.91	47.98	44.25	50.94	182.15

Notes:-
1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarterly Financial Results is available on the Company's website www.heromotocorp.com and also on stock exchange websites, www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com
2. Based on the guiding principles given in Ind AS-108 on 'Operating Segments', the Company's business activity fall within a single operating segment, namely automotive segment. Accordingly, the disclosure requirements of Ind AS-108 are not applicable.
3. The Company's operations and financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2020 have been adversely impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent lockdown announced by the Government of India. The operations have gradually resumed during the quarter with requisite precautions in place. Since the situation is continuously evolving, the impact assessed may be different from the estimates made as at the date of approval of these financial results and management will continue to monitor any material changes arising due to the impact of this pandemic on financial and operational performance of the Company and take necessary measures to address the situation.
4. The above results for the quarter ended September 30, 2020 have been reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee meeting held on October 28, 2020 and approved by Board of Directors in their meeting held on October 28, 2020

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