

COVID-19: Schools in Delhi to remain closed till further orders

New Delhi

All schools in Delhi will continue to be closed till further orders in view of the COVID-19 situation, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced on Wednesday.

Parents are not in favour of reopening schools either, Sisodia said at an online press conference.

The Delhi government had earlier announced that schools will remain closed till October 31.

"We keep getting feedback from parents that they are really concerned about whether it is safe to reopen schools. It is not. Wherever schools have reopened, COVID-19 cases among children have risen. So we have decided that as of now schools in the national capital will not reopen. They will continue to be closed till further orders," Sisodia said.

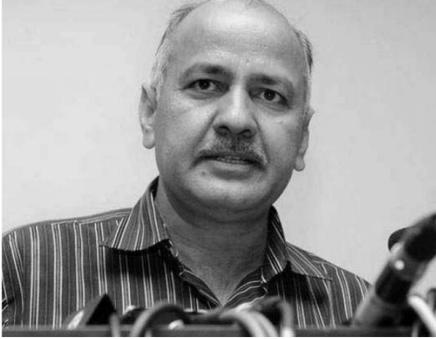
Delhi recorded 4,853 fresh COVID-19 cases on Tuesday, the highest single-day spike here till date, as the infection tally in the city mounted to over 3.64 lakh, authorities said.

The previous highest single-day spike of 4,473 cases was recorded on September 16.

Universities and schools across the country have been closed since March 16, when the Centre announced a countrywide classroom shutdown as part of measures to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

A nationwide lockdown was imposed on March 25.

While several restrictions have been eased in different "unlock" phases, educational institutions continue to remain closed. According to



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'Unlock 5' guidelines, states can take a call on reopening schools in phases. Several states have also begun the process of reopening schools.

Earlier, schools were allowed to call students from Class 9 to 12 to school on voluntary basis from September 21. However, the Delhi government decided against it.

The Ministry of Education had issued detailed guidelines for reopening of schools including thorough cleaning and disinfection of premises, flexibility in attendance, no assessment for up to three weeks and ensuring a smooth transition from home-based schooling during the coronavirus-induced lockdown to formal schooling.

Schools have been advised to form task teams such as emergency care support and response teams, general support teams for all stakeholders, commodity support teams, hygiene inspection

teams, among others, with earmarked responsibilities.

-Parents welcome Delhi govt's decision to keep schools shut-

While the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise, parents of children attending schools in Delhi have welcomed the government's decision to keep schools closed till further notice.

While online learning has been challenging and does not match the social environment of a school, nothing is more important than the safety of "our children", said parents.

On Wednesday, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia announced that all schools in the national capital would continue to be closed till further orders in view of the COVID-19 situation.

One of them is Preeti Khachroo Chandra, whose 12-year-old daughter goes to Bluebells School Interna-

tional.

"The government's decision makes a lot of sense. From the safety perspective of children, there is limited infrastructure at schools to have social distancing and other hygiene protocols.

"With the number of coronavirus cases spiking in Delhi, it does not make sense to send children to schools. Their immune systems are sensitive and susceptible," said Chandra.

To ensure that the education process continues despite the pandemic, schools across Delhi, and the rest of the country had adopted an online mode of education soon after the lockdown to control the spread of COVID-19 was announced on March 25.

And, while adapting to the new version of school over the last six months has been difficult, parents such as Pallavi Sharma and Meenal Sehgal are not quite ready to let their children off to school.

Sharma, whose nine-year-old daughter is enrolled in Kalka Public School, said she had been getting queries from the school to check how the parents feel about reopening.

"We declined," she said.

"I don't understand the rush to send the kids back to school. I see the schools and teachers putting in so much efforts to make education easier.

"Besides PDF assignments, teachers also have video lessons. I don't think there is much loss as far as learning is concerned," she said.

Sehgal, whose two sons aged 10 and seven attend the Apeejay School, agreed with Sharma.

In fact, she believes the new mode of education is a one-of-a-kind experience for children, and is helping them become more "independent".

"I think not reopening schools is the better decision. Children are at high risk, and we have to be really careful when it is about keeping them safe from the virus.

"Plus, I think that through online education, they are learning newer techniques like how to download files etc at a young age. They are adapting to technology. It is making them very prompt and more independent," she said.

But, Sehgal and all other parents agreed that online classes cannot be a substitute to physically attending schools, especially for children who are about to sit for their board examinations.

Sangam Kumar Giri, whose 15-year-old daughter is in class 10, understands the motivation behind Delhi government's decision but has a concern for those who would be taking up board exams. An exception could have been made for students in senior classes, for whom interacting with the teachers face to face is important, he reasoned.

"Children in classes between ninth and 12th are old enough to follow safety protocols, and if the government can find a system to make everything else work, why not schools.

"Over the last few months, my daughter's routine has gone for a toss. She spends nearly 8-9 hours, and from what I have understood, online classes alone are not very effective," Giri, whose daughter is enrolled in Chinmaya Vidyalaya, said.

Property tax: SDMC mulls to provide doorstep service for filing online returns & its collection

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) is planning to provide doorstep service for its property taxpayers for filing their online returns and its collection.

Chairman, Standing committee, Rajdutt Gahlot, on Wednesday said that the SDMC is planning to engage an agency for this purpose.

He said that today we had passed this proposal in the meeting of the stand-

ing committee to facilitate the citizens. He informed that under this proposal on receipt of a call from the citizen in the SDMC's call centre, unique token number will be generated which will be shared with the citizen for all future references till the final payment is made into the account of SDMC.

He further said that on successful completion of the property tax transaction, Mobile Sahayak shall collect a nominal facilitation fee from the taxpayer. How-

ever, on the basis of the GNCT's facilitation fees, A&C dept., SDMC proposed a cap on this facilitation fee which shall be not more than Rs.100/- per successful transaction.

The entire service fee/facilitation fee shall be borne by the citizen / taxpayer and shall be paid to the agency directly by the citizen / taxpayer. Hence, there will be no financial burden on the SDMC. Rather this will help in generating revenue.

North DMC challans 218 polluters



Staff Reporter
New Delhi

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation (North DMC) claims to have challaned 218 polluters for Rs.18.18 lakh in the last seven days.

As many as 48 teams have been deployed to patrol day and night to check violations in respect of biomass burning, C&D waste dumping etc.

The North DMC developed the 1880.75 sq. mtr. of area into green and paved 7475.41 sq. mtr. of area to check the dust pollution. 907 saplings were planted during the period.

To check the polluting and unauthorised industries, 64 teams have been deployed which observed violations at 13 places, 5 units were closed

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while show cause notices were issued to 8. In all 70 prosecutions were launched for different violations during the last week.

The North DMC lifted 32766.445 M.T. of garbage waste, 2935.385 M.T. of plastic waste and 4769.476 M.T. of construction & demolition waste during the period. It appeals the citizens to follow the instructions issued by

agencies concerned to check pollution and refrain from such activities which may cause pollution otherwise North DMC would have to take stern action against the defaulters as per provisions of rules and regulations.

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SDMC approves public e-bike, cycle sharing system

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

The South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has approved public e-bike /e-cycle, cycle sharing system.

Chairman of the standing committee Rajdutt Gahlot, on Wednesday said that the SDMC has approved policy for installation and operation of public e-bike/e-cycle/cycle (non-motorized) transportation sharing system in its area.

He said that this policy will be provided at a low cost environment friendly mobility option to city residents under which user can check out e-bike/e-cycle/cycle at one station and return the same to any other station in the network. The whole system will also be integrated with existing public transport system.

Gahlot said that the approved system will prove to



be a key element in a city's strategy to expand the use of sustainable transport modes and is expected to boost the use of public transport by providing crucial first and last mile connectivity to the public transport system.

Further, it will reduce dependency on automobiles, traffic congestion, vehicle emissions, parking menace, etc. It will also be helpful in health and wellness benefits and will provide sense of safety among users as well as pedestrians. If things go well, the system will be integrated with fare collection sys-

tem of the public transport in future.

He said that it will be a fully automated locking system that will allow users to check easily in or out of e-bike/e-cycle/cycle share stations. A wireless tracking system such as radio frequency identification devices (RFIDs) or through Mobile App that locates where the vehicle is picked up and returned.

It will have real time monitoring of station occupancy rates through wireless such as general packet radio service (GPRS) of Mobile App.

Staff Reporter
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The three mayors of Delhi, Mayor of South Delhi Anamika, North Delhi mayor Jai Prakash and East Delhi mayor Nirmal Jain and leader of opposition, Delhi legislative assembly Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, on Wednesday called on LG, Anil Baijal, to seek his intervention in solving the financial crisis of the corporations.

They also handed over a detailed letter in regard to releasing pending funds of three corporations as per recommendations of the 5th Delhi Finance Commission and halting implementation of the devolution of funds according to 3th and 4th Delhi Finance Commission.

Mayor Anamika said that today we have apprised

Mayors seek LG's intervention to avert 'financial crisis'



the LG about the financial crisis being faced by the three corporations.

She said that under 5th DFC (Delhi Finance Commission), grants reduced to 12.50 percent of Net Tax collection of GNCTD in comparison to 16-17 percent of 3rd DFC. The Plan and Non Plan schemes are

merged in the overall grants of 12.50 percent and no separate/additional grant under Plan scheme is released resulting in decrease of grants by 40 to 50 percent. Even 12.50 percent fund of Net Tax Collection has not been given to SDMC.

North Delhi mayor

Prakash said that the Delhi government has not given Rs 425.06 crore of BTA, Rs 57.18 crore in health head, Rs 271.80 crore in sanitation head and Rs 201.80 crore in education head i.e. Rs 955.84 crore for the year 2020-21 which is due.

Prakash said that the Delhi government is intentionally not giving funds to the North DMC so that the we can't do any development work for the public nor pay salaries to employees on time.

Mayor of East Delhi Jain informed that the Rs 956.35 crore is pending in the current financial year. Apart from this, as per the recommendations of the third and fourth Delhi Finance Commission, there is an outstanding balance of Rs 2985.12 crore to EDMC.

Man hangs himself to death, suicide note blames landlord

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

A 35-year-old man allegedly hanged himself to death at his rented accommodation in south Delhi's Kotla Mubarakpur, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place on the intervening night of Tuesday and Wednesday, they said.

The deceased has been identified as Naresh Kumar who ran a tattoo shop in South Extension-I, police said.

In a suicide note, Kumar has accused his landlord Anil Baisla of harassment, they said.

During a preliminary



probe, it emerged that Kumar and his landlord had some money dispute over payment of rent. Baisla had

also filed a court case against Kumar and the hearing was scheduled on Wednesday, a senior po-

lice officer said.

"On Wednesday, we received information at the K M Pur Police Station from AAIIMS Trauma Centre that one Naresh Kumar had hanged himself at his house. He was admitted to the hospital by his younger brother Gopal Krishan, Karan and Mohit. Kumar was declared dead during treatment," Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Atul Kumar Thakur said.

A case under IPC section 306 (abetment of suicide) has been registered in this regard, he said.

Kumar was married but his family lived separately, police added.

Two gun supplier held, 19 pistols seized

Staff Reporter
New Delhi

Two members of an interstate arms syndicate were arrested by the Delhi Police's Special Cell and 19 pistols seized from them, police said.

Mohd Adil and Mohd Zubair, both residents of Haryana's Palwal, were arrested from Okhla Sabzi mandi on Tuesday morning, and a search led to nine semi-automatic pistols of .32 bore and one single shot pistol being recovered from Adil and 10 semi-automatic pistols from accused Zubair.

Adil has disclosed that he had procured the pistols from a gunrunner in Madhya Pradesh's Barwani district and brought them to Delhi in his truck of vegetables to

supply local gangsters in Delhi through Zubair.

Both the arrested accused have also disclosed that after collecting the firearms from District Barwani (MP), they used to supply these firearms in various parts of north India, including western UP, Delhi, Haryana and Rajasthan etc.

"Both the above gun-runners have disclosed that they have supplied more than 400 pistols in Delhi and NCR in last 4 years. They have further disclosed that they purchased one semi-automatic pistol for Rs 10,000 and they used to sell it for Rs 25,000 to their customers in Delhi NCR, west UP and Rajasthan," DCP, Special Cell, P.S. Kushwah said.

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