

Process begins for more beds at 3 Covid hosps 887 test positive for coronavirus

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On the directions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the process has begun for setting up 1,000 ICU and HDU beds at the Level-3 Covid facilities of SGPGI, RML Hospital and KGMU.

At SGPGI, there is separate building in which 300 more beds will be increased while at RML Hospital, the beds will be increased in the existing facility.

He said though their Covid hospital was inaugurated by the chief minister, actual functioning would still take some time to start.

On Tuesday, DK Shukla from UP Secretariat donated 30

stretchers, 10 geysers, five wheelchairs and 50 repaired stretchers to KGMU on the 15th death anniversary of his wife.

Meanwhile, District Magistrate Abhishek Prakash carried took stock of treatment facilities at SGPGI and Apollo Hospital.

At SGPGI, the DM said 100 beds would be increased phase-wise and the medical institute would be provided 300 additional oxygen cylinders.

He also launched 'Sanitisation on One Call' services at Collectorate. The DM pasted a poster outside Collectorate announcing the number (0522-2307770).

The DM said anyone can call on this number for sanitisation services within 12 hours.

Meanwhile, director of Lok Bandhu Hospital Dr Madhu Saxena said that with five of their doctors testing positive for coronavirus, they were faced with shortage and it was affecting the functioning.

She said she had informed the CMO



DM Abhishek Prakash during an inspection at Apollo Hospital on Tuesday

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and Health department and both assured assistance.

"Two of our female doctors have tested positive for coronavirus and three out five gynaecologists are working in three shifts in a day, which is why we need more doctors,"

she said. However, she pointed out that there were some gynaecologists who came forward to help them in this hour of crisis.

"A 62-year-old gynaecologist said she was ready to help us and that she would offer her services in C-section sur-

geries, whenever required," she said.

Meanwhile, in a webinar on 'Hindi Pakhwara' held on Tuesday, scientist CM Nautiyal stressed on the importance of accurate communication of science in the times of coron-

avirus pandemic. Citing the example of Covid-19, he said initially there was a lot of confusion about the nature, symptoms and treatment of patients.

"It was partly because scientists themselves were not sure as it was a new virus. Frequently changing statements from some international organisations also added to the confusion. However, there were also problems of communication," he said.

He pointed out that the pandemic led to an increase in the number of people getting interested in science. "It has been felt strongly all over the world that we need good science communicators without whom it will be difficult to handle situations like this," he added.

Nautiyal also mentioned the efforts of various organisations in making information on Covid-19 available to people through their websites and involving international agreements on handling recoveries. He appreciated the efforts made in covering the pandemic and in keeping people informed on preventive and other strategies.

Senior Samajwadi Party leader SRS Yadav died of Covid-19 at SGPGI as the graph continued to rise with 887 more testing positive in the city on Tuesday.

Besides, 853 recovered in the district, taking the number of recoveries to 25,211. With eight deaths, city's death toll reached 461 with 8,661 active cases.

Six of the patients who died were from Lucknow while two others from Rae Bareilly and Haridwar.

A senior official at the CMO office said those who tested positive included 49 from Indiranagar, 48 from Gomtinagar, 42 from Alambagh, 32 each from Ashiyana, Jankipuram, Thakurganj & Chinhat, 31 each from Talkatora & Naka, 29 each from Mahanagar & Madaon, 28 from Hazratganj, 25 each from Cantt & Chowk, 21 each from Hasanganj & Vikasnagar, 19 each from Para & Saadatganj, 12 from Gomtinagar Extension, 15

from Krishnanagar and 13 from Hussainganj. As many as 5,745 samples were collected on Tuesday under contact surveillance.

Meanwhile, in the state, 6,743 more tested positive for coronavirus, including 431 in Kanpur, 306 in Prayagraj, 287 in Gorakhpur and 200 in Varanasi, taking the total number of cases in Uttar Pradesh to 2,78,473.

There were 73 deaths in the state, including six in Prayagraj, four in Kanpur, three each in Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Moradabad, Maharajganj & Rae Bareilly, two each in Meerut, Jhansi, Shahjahanpur, Basti, Sultanpur, Chandauli & Fatehpur, and one each in Saharanpur, Barabanki, Ayodhya, Rampur, Agra, Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Gonda, Pilibhit, Unnao, Sant Kabirnagar, Amroha, Mirzapur, Sambhal, Amethi, Farrukhabad, Auraiya, Balrampur and Chitrakoot, taking the toll to 4,047.

Meanwhile, as many as 5,439 Covid-19 patients recovered in the state, taking the number of recoveries to 2,11,170 with 63,256 active cases.

Minister inaugurates new crematorium

Lucknow (PNS): A new crematorium was inaugurated at Gulaha Ghat on Tuesday by Urban Development Minister Ashutosh Tandon in the presence of mayor Sanyukta Bhatia and Municipal Commissioner Ajay Dwivedi.

Additional municipal commissioner (AMC) Amit Kumar said it would be of great help amidst the coronavirus pandemic. "Mortal remains of 15-17 Covid victims are being cremated everyday in the current times and most of them arrive at the same time in morning hours. The new crematorium will give us some relief because

there were times when the Bhaishakund crematorium had to be kept open till 2:30 am," he said. On whether people would opt for Gulaha Ghat considering that it was more convenient to reach Bhaishakund, he said they could not force anyone but at least there would be some option in case of heavy load in the one at Gomtinagar. He said LMC teams carry out sanitisation each time after cremation at Bhaishakund. The AMC said that the electric crematorium is environment-friendly and quicker as compared to traditional and conventional method.

University gets mask bank

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The Vice-Chancellor inaugurated a mask bank at Lucknow University on Tuesday. It is an initiative of NSS and LU. He said masks would be distributed from the NSS office at LU on working days. With the help of the members of society, 5,000 masks have been collected at the NSS office.

Meanwhile, LU spokesperson said there have been several requests from UG applicants that they have been unable to upload documents on the counselling portal for various reasons.

"The university has thus decided to extend the last date for uploading documents on the counselling portal till September 13 midnight. This is the final extension and no more time will be given after that. The applicants who do not upload their marks by September 13

midnight will not be considered in the merit list," he said. Besides, the entrance test for BLED will be held on September 26. Admit cards will be available through logins from September 11. In case the candidates have forgotten the password, they can reset it through 'forgot password' link. The entrance test will comprise 100 objective-type questions to be answered in 90 minutes. "Each question will be of four marks and one mark will be deducted for every wrong answer. The questions will be from Language Ability (Hindi & English), General Awareness, Logical Reasoning and Mental Ability sections," he added.

The PG admission process is also in progress. Since the results of graduation final year, semester examinations of any state university have not been announced as yet, the admission process got delayed.

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15-year-old boy electrocuted

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In a tragic incident, a 15-year-old boy was electrocuted after he inadvertently came in contact with a wire over the boundary wall of a park under Gomtinagar Extension police station area on Tuesday morning.

A police team reached the scene after Santram called them. A huge number of residents assembled at the scene. The deceased was identified as Karan Kumar Bharti of Peeli Colony in Ganti Nagar Extension. Inspector AK Pandey said the identity of the deceased was ascertained by his father Ramesh Kumar Bharti, who is a mechanic.

Meanwhile, 2-day-old body of an unidentified man, aged around 35 years, was recovered from Sharda canal in Para police station area on Tuesday. Police said he died of drowning and they were making efforts to ascertain the identity of the deceased.

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Ornaments of worth lakhs of rupees were stolen from a house in Chinhhat. Reports said Rahul Khare of Satrikh road in the area said that he, along with his family, had gone to his native home in Bhadohi for some work on September 1. "I returned home on September 6 and found my house burgled. The lock at the main gate was broken and the thieves had decamped with all the ornaments kept in the almirah," he said.

Customer thrashed by petrol pump staffers

Lucknow (PNS): Four staffers of a petrol pump at Purania (Aliganj) thrashed a customer after the latter made the payment in coins on Monday night. As the video went viral in social media groups, police swung into action and arrested the accused. They were identified as Deepak Singh, Amrish Pal, Shubham Singh and Madhav Tiwari.

The police said a youth, Akash Rastogi of DS Colony on Sitapur road, purchased petrol gave coins to a staffer. The staffer lost his cool and asked him for notes. Akash said some of the staffers taunted him, he confronted them. It snowballed into a verbal spat during which he was thrashed.

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