State Secondary Certificate (SSC) examinations for two weeks in view of lockdown imposed in the State to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Education minister Adimulapu Suresh announced this on Tuesday. The examinations were earlier scheduled to be conducted from March 31 to April 17.

Just had a long engineering discussion with Medtronic about state-of-the-art ventilators. Very impressive team!

02:48 pm Mar 2495-year-old Italian grandma oldest to recover: Report

A 95-year-old woman has became the oldest in Italy to recover from COVID-19, according to a report. Alma Clara Corsini of Modena province was diagnosed with the virus and admitted to the hospital in Pavullo on March 5. Doctors treated her at the facility until she recovered last week without "antiviral therapy," the report added.

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Maharashtra Home Min Anil Deshmukh: Police have seized 25 lakh masks from godowns in Andheri&Bhiwandi including 3 lakh N95 masks with total worth Rs 15 crore. 4 men have been arrested under the Essential Commodity Act, while 2 are absconding.

02:37 pm Mar 24FM extends deadline to file I-T returns

The last date for the income tax return for the financial year 18-19 is extended to 30th June 2020. For delayed payments interest rate has been reduced from 12% to 9%: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

April ration of rice and one kg of red gram dal will be given free of cost to all rice card holders. April ration supplies shall be distributed in advance at fair price shops from March 29. All rice card holding families will get 1-time support of Rs 1000. All govt and private establishments shall make payments of wages

and salaries fully to workers or employees including those working under contract and outsourcing basis during lockdown period. Any violation will invite penal action under the Epidemics Diseases Act 1897: Andhra Pradesh government

02:12 pm Mar 24Goa to under complete lockdown till March 31

There will be complete lockdown in Goa from midnight today till March 31. All shops in the state to remain shut. The government will make arrangements for the distribution of essential commodities. Goa dairy will supply milk&-collector will take the decision regarding grocery distribution: CM Pramod Sawant .

Mar 24Rajinikanth donates Rs 50 lakhs to film workers who are facing shutdownThe actor has donated Rs 50 lakhs to Film Employees Federation of South India Union workers who are facing shutdown due to Coronavirus outbreak.

01:28 pm Mar 24Latest coronavirus situation in Gujarat11,108 people are under quarantine for 14 days, out of which 224 are in government facilities & 10,850 are home quarantined, while 34 are in private hospitals across Gujarat. As many as 21 FIRs have been lodged against those showing reluctance in being quarantined: Gujarat Government01:25 pm Mar 24WATCH | India's first dedicated coronavirus hospital in Mumbai

01:22 pm Mar 24Good news from LadakhTwo patients who tested positive for COVID-19 in Ladakh have been completely cured. Total positive cases in the region is 11 now.
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Even as we are readying an economic package to help us through the Corona lockdown (on priority, to be announced soon) I will address the media at 2pm today, specifically on statutory and regulatory compliance matters.

24Civil Aviation Minister expresses concern after reported incidents of harassments on airline crew.
I respect the selfless

commitment & determination of our professionals & have requested concerned authorities to extend all possible help, support & protection to them & their families including to those who are in self-quarantine: Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.

Deeply distressed to know that some aviation professionals who've been at the forefront of India's efforts to prevent&contain spread of #COVID19 & even rescue fellow citizens from around the world are being harassed.

12:50 pm Mar 24Hero Cycles earmarks Rs 100 crore contingency fund

Hero Cycles on Tuesday said it is setting aside Rs 100 crore as a contingency fund to address and mitigate the impact of coronavirus pandemic on partners and the community at large.

12:42 pm Mar 24Finance Minister to address media at 2 pm"Even as we are readying an economic package to help us through the Corona lockdown (on priority,to be announced soon) I'll address the media at 2 pm today,specifically on statutory & regulatory compliance matters,via video conference," said Nirmala Sitharaman.12:41 pm Mar 24Centre gets more tough with the lockdownCentre has asked states to impose curfew wherever necessary as people continue to venture out despite coronavirus lockdown order: Officials12:35 pm Mar 24Locals around Shaheen Bagh laud Delhi Police after the latter clears the anti-CAA protest site.

Delhi: Locals gave flowers to DCP South RP Meena and other police personnel following the clearance of Shaheen Bagh protest site today. Delhi Police cleared the protest site, amid complete lockdown in the national capital, in wake.

12:34 pm Mar 24Harsh Vardhan's latest statement on coronavirus situation in India"National Centre for Disease Control has been keeping an eye on all potential Coronavirus patients. Today, more than 1,87,000 people in the country are be-

ing monitored by the way of community surveillance," the Union Health Minister said.12:33 pm Mar 24One more succumbs in MumbaiA 65-year-old Coronavirus patient from UAE passed away in Mumbai yesterday. He was admitted in Kasturba Hospital.12:23 pm Mar 24Uttarakhand police takes unique route to publicly shame lockdown violators.

Uttarakhand: Police in Karanprayag, Chamoli district make people get clicked with pamphlets reading 'I'm enemy of society; I won't stay home' if they are found violating.

12:22 pm Mar 24Doctors and staff of Bengal hospital sent into home quarantineDoctors and staff of AMRI Hospital at Eastern Railways, those were looking after the 57-year-old COVID-19 patient who died of the disease Monday, have been home quarantined.12:21 pm Mar 24Punjab government issues operational timings for the sale of essential food productsMilk, medicine and vegetable shops to opened for public would between 4 pm to 6 pm today. From tomorrow onwards until further orders, the milk, medicine and vegetable shops to remain open from 6-9 am: Gagneet Singh Aujla APRO Mohali, Punjab11:51 am Mar 24'Ugadi Asthanam' in Tirumala to have less devotees.

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, the administrative body of Lord Balaji temple has conducted 'Kovil Alwar Tirumanjanam', a temple cleansing ritual ahead of festival of Ugadi tomorrow. 'Ugadi Asthanam', to be performed tomorrow in the presence of very few people.

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11:49 am Mar 24Tamil Nadu politicians pay tribute to coronavirus warriorsTamil Nadu Assembly members at the assembly today clapped for a minute expressing gratitude towards health department, police and all other departments working amid coronavirus pandemic.11:48 am Mar

24Police crackdown on curfew violators in Bengal.

Police took stern action against lockdown violators in Cooch Behar. West Bengal government has imposed lockdown in the state including rural and urban areas to control the spread.

According to health department officials, both the men from Kolkata. One of then have a travel history of returning from Egypt and the other from UK. One person admitted to Beleghata ID Hospital five days ago and the other was admitted four days ago.

11:34 am Mar 24After 'Janata Curfew' in his last week's speech, what PM Modi will announce tonight?

"Will address the nation at 8 PM today, 24th March 2020, on vital aspects relating to the menace of COVID-19," Modi tweeted. He had addressed the nation on efforts to combat the virus on March 19.

Nearly 500 coronavirus cases have been reported in India so far, according to Health Ministry data on Tuesday. As cases of the viral infection surged, authorities have put almost the entire country under lockdown, banning gathering of people and suspending road, rail and air traffic till March 31.

11:33 am Mar 24Punjab, Chandigarh wake up to curfew.

The Punjab government clamped a curfew on Monday after finding that people were ignoring the state-wide lockdown ordered by it. Chief Minister Amarinder Singh ordered the imposition of a "full curfew with no relaxations". Later, the UT Chandigarh Administration also announced a curfew from Monday midnight. Police personnel were deployed in large numbers to implement the restrictions.

However, the respective district administrations allowed government employees tasked with emergency and essential services to attend their duties on production of official ID cards.

Hospitals and chemists shops will remain open in Mohali, as per the order issued by the district administration. Meanwhile,

as per initial reports, a few people came out of their houses at some places in Punjab to buy daily use items like milk but were sent back by police personnel. Roads bordering Chandigarh and Haryana were completely sealed, an official said.

Jalandhar Deputy Commissioner Varinder Kumar Sharma appealed to people to stay indoors. He said the district administration was trying to develop a system to provide daily uses items at doorsteps.

Punjab and UT Chandigarh have reported 23 and seven positive coronavirus cases respectively.

11:32 am Mar 24Aviation stocks tumble as government suspends all domestic operations from March 25

Aviation stocks dropped up to 10 per cent on Tuesday after the announcement of suspension of all domestic operations of Indian airlines from March 25 amid Covid-19 pandemic.

11:27 am Mar 24Rajya Sabha Polls postponedElection Commission defers Rajya Sabha election scheduled for March 26 in view of coronavirus outbreak.

11:13 am Mar 24Now Odisha joins the lockdown listOdisha Government has decided to lockdown the entire state (all 30 districts) from today midnight till March 29: Subroto Bagchi, Spokesperson, Odisha Government.11:12 am Mar 24PM to address the nation againWill address the nation at 8 PM today, on vital aspects relating to the menace of COVID-19: PM Modi11:11 am Mar 24Delhi-Ghaziabad.

Entry of vehicles in Delhi is restricted following complete lockdown in the city; Visuals from Delhi-Ghaziabad border.

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11:11 am Mar 24Indian Army's latest statement"The armed forces have evacuated 1186 (these include medical staff and air crew) from foreign countries. At present, there are 796 people in quarantine under military supervision. Only two

positive cases have come till now&they are being managed at civil hospitals along with two more persons with some symptoms.All others released after full protocol observed.More evac-uees are expected soon,armed forces are geared up to absorb them in our care," said Indian Army spokesperson Col Aman Anand.11:10 am Mar 24Union Health Minister holds meeting with officials.

Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan holds a meeting with officials of the National Centre for Disease Control in Delhi.

11:09 am Mar 24Gujarat government's latest statement on the coronavirus situation in stateWe are surveying 27,000 people in the state who have recent travel history: Gujarat Principal Secretary (Health) Jayanti Ravi11:08 am Mar 24Work from home for Air India employees.

For other employees, 'Work from home' be resorted to in an organised manner. Departmental Heads/ General Managers may draw up a roster of employees who are required to render essential emergency services within each dept till 31.03 to reduce attendance in office to the basic required numbers to meet the operational requirements.

11:06 am Mar 24Fresh cases in BengalTwo more people test positive for coronavirus in West Bengal; number of afflicted goes up to eight: Officials10:52 am Mar 24Netflix to reduce traffic on telecom networks by 25% to mitigate congestion.

Video streaming major Netflix on Tuesday said it will reduce traffic on telecommunications networks by 25 per cent while maintaining the quality of service for users in India, as part of its efforts to help mitigate network congestion amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Companies like Amazon Prime Video are also temporarily lowering bit rates - a measure of how much data is being transferred - to ease pressure on telecom network infrastructure.

10:30 am Mar 24Rs 1000 to all ration card

holders, free commodities will be provided: Tamil NaduRs 1000 to all ration card holders, free rice, sugar, and other essential commodities. To avoid long queues, commodities will be issued on a token basis: Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami10:23 am Mar 24Rupee gains marginally on the back of equity markets

The Indian rupee witnessed marginal recovery in early trade and appreciated by 18 paise to 76.02 against the US dollar on Tuesday tracking positive opening in domestic equities.

10:19 am Mar 24Northeast registers its first caseA 23-year-old woman in Manipur tests positive for Coronavirus. She has recent travel history to the UK.10:10 am Mar 24Shutdown in Dehradun.

Uttarakhand government has imposed lockdown till March 31 due to Coronavirus; CO City Dehradun says, "A 3 hour relaxation was given today during the lockdown. The situation is under control.

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10:09 am Mar 24Maharashtra tally crosses 100Total number of positive Coronavirus cases in Maharashtra rises to 101 including 3 new cases in Pune and 1 in Satara: State Health Department.10:09 am Mar 24Latest situation from Maharashtra.

Maharashtra: Rush of transport vehicles and locals at Pune's Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC) market.

Soon after getting information about the deceased's travel history, at least 15 of his relatives staying in Bilaspur district of Chhattisgarh were identified on Monday and advised to stay in home isolation, an official said. The deceased visited Bilaspur last month and had met all these relatives. Their samples are being taken for testing and they are under observation, the official said. The 57-year-old COVID-19 patient, who was a resident of Dumdum in North 24 Parganas district of West Bengal, died at a private hospital there on Monday.