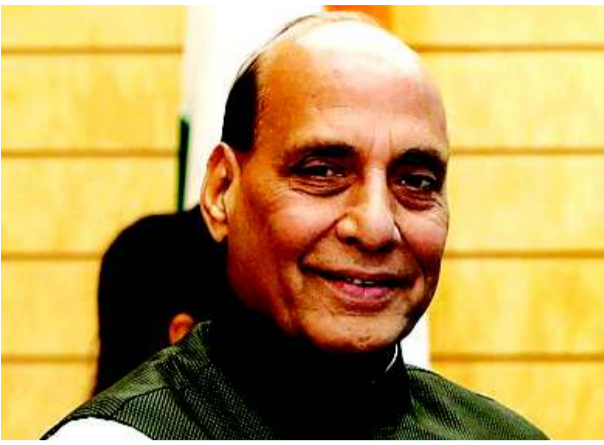


Rajnath reviews armed forces preparedness



NEW DELHI, April 24: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today directed the top commanders of the armed forces to ensure that India's adversaries do not get any opportunity to exploit the current situation arising out of the coronavirus pandemic, officials said.

At a high-level meeting, Singh reviewed the operation-

al preparedness of the armed forces and asked the top military brass to be "fully vigilant" to deal with any possible external security challenge facing the nation, they said.

Officials the top Army brass apprised Singh about the situation along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir as well in areas close to the border

with China.

Singh also directed the armed forces to ensure judicious utilisation of financial resources in view of adverse impact of the pandemic on the country's economy.

Officials said Singh asked top military commanders to identify tasks and projects which could assist revival of the economy.

The meeting was attended by Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat, Army Chief Gen MM Naravane, Chief of Navy Staff Admiral Karambir Singh, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria, Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and Secretary Defence (Finance) Gargi Kaul.

Top military officials from key commands of the Army, the Navy and the Indian Air Force also attended the meeting through video conference. —PTI



A woman buys vermicelli from a roadside kiosk ahead of the holy fasting month of Ramzan, during the nationwide lockdown, in Patna on Friday. — PTI

Mumbai cops to use drones for enforcing lockdown

MUMBAI, April 24: Drones will be used to enforce the lockdown for the coronavirus outbreak to ensure there are no violations in Mumbai during the month of Ramzan that begins on Saturday, a police official said.

Drones will be used to monitor if people gather on terraces of buildings and around mosques to break fasts or offer prayers, he said.

Religious leaders have been spoken to and they have assured cooperation, he added.

People are being told to observe rituals keeping in mind the lockdown in place for the coronavirus outbreak, and help will be taken from NGOs etc., to deliver food to those staying in red zone containment areas, said Mumbai Police spokesperson Pranay Ashok.

"There will be adequate police deployment during this period, including personnel from State Reserve Police Force, Riot Control Police, Quick Response Teams. Drones will be used to check if people are gathering on terraces of buildings or mosques to break fasts or offer prayers," he added. — PTI

NGT lays stress on scientific disposal of COVID-19 waste

NEW DELHI, April 24: The National Green Tribunal today directed a team, comprising the Centre and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), to supervise handling and scientific disposal of COVID-19 waste in accordance with the guidelines.

The tribunal said that while the Bio Medical Waste Rules deal with waste generated in dealing with infectious diseases, the coronavirus pandemic has presented further challenge in terms of capacity to scientifically dispose of generated waste.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel directed the Chief Secretary of States and Union Territories to closely monitor the scientific storage, transport, handling, management and disposal of COVID-19 waste as its improper handling poses a grave threat to the environment and

health of people.

"At the national level, let a high-level task team of Ministry of Environment, Health, Urban Development, Jal Shakti, Defence and CPCB supervise the handling and scientific disposal of COVID-19 waste in accordance with the guidelines," the bench said.

It also directed the state departments of environment and pollution control boards to ensure compliance of Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 and furnish action take report to CPCB.

"Let CPCB take further steps and furnish a consolidated report to the NGT on the steps taken and the ground status as on May 3, 2020. The report may be furnished by June 15," it said.

The NGT further said that the COVID-19 pandemic has affected a number of people

across the world and more than one-and-a-half lakh people have died the world over.

Disposal of COVID-19 waste in general bins so as to be part of municipal waste or unscientific handling sewage and other liquid waste without safeguards can also be hazardous, the tribunal said.

"There is a need to incorporate best practices in the light of further experience and new thoughts emerging from time to time, apart from continued supervision and monitoring, compiling data in an online format, use of electronic/digital manifest system to track and log COVID-19 waste," it said.

There is also need for creating awareness about the precautions and steps to be taken by all handlers and workers as well as citizens, the tribunal added. The green panel had on Tuesday urged the State Pollution Con-

trol Board and Pollution Control Committee to put in serious efforts to mitigate the possible risk of unscientific disposal of bio-medical waste. — PTI

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- Sweating and feeling tired after fever is over.

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- Protect yourself from mosquito bite and use LLIN/Mosquito net while sleeping
- Allow to spray DDT inside your house

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YouTube effect



How do people end up being 'confined' to Google-owned platform

Researchers have cracked how the successive recommendations generated by Google-owned YouTube's algorithm sometimes "confine" us in a bubble of similar content.

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Know your DAY

By JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, April 25, 2020:

Nothing wishy-washy about you. You are a vigorous dynamo who will accomplish a great deal this year. Prepare for some heavy competition.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Do not resist inevitable change; people will enter and leave your life. Today, allow others to grow and explore, particularly children.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There should be profits coming to you from past work or an inheritance. Today, you can see opportunities to correct old financial problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your natural cleverness and quickness are enhanced today and valuable information is offered during social situations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your exterior shields a soft, inner self, and you protect that self today - by getting extra sleep, day-dreaming, cocooning and journaling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It will be a wild and interesting day. You feel that your priorities and desires are in flux. Decide what you really want and pursue it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You work hard for security. And today your thoughts mostly revolve around your earning power. Shop online for an item you have long coveted in the days before the pandemic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Travel would be enjoyable and rewarding, you think today. As you cannot travel, explore in your mind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You receive interesting news today. You could return to an old job or revive a skill that was lucrative in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You wake up feeling better than you have in a while. A relationship takes an intriguing turn and you are tempted to turn it further.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your health and strength are good, but be aware of how old habits come into play today. Research a helper who could assist you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Talented and powerful people are growing closer to you. Happy social contacts are made. The promise of partnerships that are sources of growth and opportunity is very real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Although you usually dislike being alone, today finds you tending to withdraw for some solitary reflection. Avoid groups, even online.

Thought for the day: When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time. - MAYA ANGELOU

LOCKHORNS cartoon by King Features Syndicate. A man sits at a desk with a laptop while a woman looks on. Caption: "WHEN YOU SAID CREATING PASSWORDS WAS AS EASY AS 1-2-3, I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO USE THAT."

Cartoon by Lee Falk. A man and woman are in a room with a dog. Caption: "BUT IF WE BUY DENNING A NEW-GUN, IT'LL JUST GIVE MR. WILSON ANOTHER REASON TO SEND HIM HOME!"

THE PHANTOM cartoon by Lee Falk. A man in a blue hooded costume looks at a woman. Caption: "YOU CAN SAY WHAT I TOLD YOU TO SAY WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION."

BLONDIE cartoon by King Features Syndicate. A man and woman are talking. Caption: "HOW WAS YOUR DAY, DEAR? FIVE MINUTES AFTER I SAT DOWN, MY COMPUTER CRASHED."

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE cartoon by King Features Syndicate. A woman and a dog are talking. Caption: "I'M OFF TO MY WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB MEETING! ARE THERE ANY GOOD CHOCOLATE CAKE RECIPES IN THAT BOOK?"

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