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## Coronavirus rises like phoenix in India

One fresh case each in Delhi, Jaipur, Telangana after all 3 earlier patients in Kerala recuperated

**PNS ■ NEW DELHI**  
Days after three coronavirus-infected patients walked out of a Kerala hospital completely cured, three new positive cases of the deadly virus were reported on Tuesday — one each in Delhi, Telangana and Jaipur.

Telangana had recently travelled to Dubai. The Telangana man is undergoing treatment in an isolation ward at a hospital in Hyderabad, while Delhi man is being treated in a hospital in Delhi. "Both the patients had self-reported after they developed symptoms. They tested positive. They are stable and being closely monitored," he told reporters.

The person in Delhi had reported at the RML hospital after returning to India while the one in Telangana had initially gone to a private medical facility and then was referred to a Government hospital in the State, the Minister said.

Rajasthan Health Minister Raghunath Singh said an Italian tourist has been found positive of coronavirus in Jaipur. He is being treated at Jaipur's SMS Hospital. In the first sample collected on February 29, the man was tested negative but his condition deteriorated so the second sample was collected which tested positive on Monday, the Minister said,



A man with symptoms fills a form at a coronavirus help desk at the Government Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Monday

adding, "since there is a variation in the reports, samples have been sent to NIV-Pune for testing."

Government is in discussion with Iran and Italian authorities to evacuate Indians there. "Indian citizens need to avoid non-essential travel to Singapore, Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy. People coming from Republic of Korea, Iran and Italy or having such travel history since February 10, 2020 may be quarantined for 14 days on arrival in India," he said. Universal screening is being done for the travellers from 12 countries for all the flights from China, Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Nepal, Indonesia, Iran and Italy at the earmarked aero-bridges.

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## Nirbhaya rapists live on borrowed time for fortnight

Death warrant put off for third time; as mercy plea rejected, convicts get at least 14 more days to live

STAFF REPORTER ■ NEW DELHI

Delhi court on Monday suspended the death warrant issued against four death-row convicts in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape and murder case till further orders as convict Pawan Kumar Gupta's advocate told the court that his mercy plea was pending with the President.

However, President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday evening rejected the mercy plea of Pawan.

This for the third time the hanging of the convicts — Mukesh Kumar Singh (32), Vinay Kumar Sharma (26), Akshay Kumar Singh (31) and Pawan, who are lodged in Tihar Jail — has been deferred. The convicts were scheduled to be hanged till death on Tuesday at 6 am.

According to the Delhi Prison Rules, if a mercy petition is submitted, a 14-day period has to be given to the convict after the dismissal of the mercy plea, for a new death warrant.



Nirbhaya's mother at the Patiala House Court in New Delhi on Monday

"Despite stiff resistance from the victim's side, I am of the opinion that any condemned convict must not meet his Creator with a grievance in his bosom that the courts of the country have not acted fairly in granting him an opportunity to exhaust his legal remedies... I am of the opinion that the death sentence cannot be executed pending the disposal of the mercy petition of the convict," said Additional Sessions Judge Dharmender Rana.

Earlier on Monday, Pawan moved a clemency plea before the President shortly after his curative petition was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The curative plea for commuting the death sentence was heard in chamber by a five-judge SC bench. It is the last legal remedy available for a convict to get any reprieve.

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### CAPSULE

**TALIBAN RESUME FIGHT, END PARTIAL TRUCE**  
Kabul: A deadly blast shattered a period of relative calm in Afghanistan on Monday and the Taliban ordered fighters to resume operations against Afghan forces just two days after signing a deal with Washington aimed at ushering in peace. P12

**STOCKS GIVE UP GAINS ON CORONAVIRUS FEARS**  
Mumbai: Market benchmark index Sensex wiped out its sharp gains in the last hour of trade to close down by 153 points on Monday as detection of fresh coronavirus cases in India spooked domestic investors. Marking its seventh consecutive session of fall, BSE closed at 38,144.02. P10

## BJP, Cong MPs shove each other as Opp insists on Shah's resignation

PNS ■ NEW DELHI

The BJP and the Congress members pushed and shoved each other in the Lok Sabha on Monday as a slogan-shouting Opposition demanded the resignation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah over his alleged failure to check communal violence in Delhi. Speaker Om Birla suspended House proceedings thrice before adjourning it for the day. MPs from both sides complained to the Speaker over their alleged manhandling inside the House. The Rajya Sabha too was

adjourned with Opposition members accusing the Government of "sleeping" while the national Capital burnt in communal riots.

Amid heated exchanges in the Lok Sabha, some women members insisted their alleged manhandling was on account of being Dalits, and lodged complaints to the Speaker.

Congress member Ramya Haridas lodged a complain that she was assaulted by a BJP woman MP inside the Lower House and sought immediate action over the matter.

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## PM mulls to quit social media

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he plans to give up his social media accounts on various platforms, including Twitter and Facebook.

"This Sunday, thinking of giving up my social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & YouTube. Will keep you all posted," he tweeted. The PM is active on social media with 53.3 million followers on Twitter. PTI Detailed report on P4

## You can avail in-flight Wi-Fi, Govt gives nod

PTI/ANS ■ NEW DELHI

The central Government on Monday permitted airlines operating in India to provide in-flight Wi-Fi services to passengers, according to an official notification.

"The pilot-in-command may permit the access of internet services by passengers on board an aircraft in flight, through Wi-Fi on board, when laptop, smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, e-reader or a point of sale device is used in flight mode or airplane mode," the notification stated.

As per industry reports, the

service initially could be slightly expensive by global standards. Recently, Vistara Airlines partnered with Tata group company Nelco for in-flight data services.

While taking the delivery of its first Boeing 787-9 aircraft at Everett on last Friday, Vistara CEO Leslie Thng had told reporters that it would be the first plane in India to provide in-flight Wi-Fi services.

An additional explanation has been added in the new rules, saying an aircraft shall be deemed to be in flight when all its external doors are closed following embarkation.

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Thinking of quitting social media: Modi

Give up hatred, not social media, suggests Rahul
New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said he is contemplating giving up social media presence.

The tweet created a flutter as within minutes #NoSir started trending with social media users urging Modi not to give up his social media accounts.



accounts" after tagging Modi's post. The prime minister is one of the most-followed world leaders on social media.

Netizens urge PM not to exit social media

New Delhi: Within minutes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tweet saying that he is thinking of giving up his social media accounts, scores of netizens urged him not to quit the various social media platforms as 'No Sir' trended on Twitter.

Muslims' Leave Social Media (sic), a user tweeted. "Am Narendra Modi fan. If Modi ji quits - I am off as well," said another user on Twitter.

Won't allow BJP to disturb Maha peace: Sena

AURANGABAD RENAMING ROW

TN RAGHUNATHA ■ MUMBAI
A bitter war of words has broken out between the Opposition BJP and the ruling Shiv Sena over the former's demand for renaming Aurangabad as Sambhajnagar.

whip up the Aurangabad renaming issue, but it would not be able to disturb peace in the State". "The BJP has been invoking the name of Shivaji for the past five years.

Aurangabad would be known as Sambhajnagar. From there on every Hindu with self-pride used to call Aurangabad as Sambhajnagar," the editorial said.

BJP for invoking Hindutva and nationalism, the Saamana editorial said: "Can't people understand as to why there is sudden surge of love for Hindutva and nationalism in the BJP?."

is because we are all descendants of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Sambhaji Maharaj and Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray.

Anti-Naxal ops: CRPF to turn choppers into air ambulances

New Delhi: Over a dozen helicopters operating in the country's anti-Naxal operations grid are being retrofitted by the CRPF with air ambulance-like facilities as part of a maiden initiative to reduce casualties of its troops and other personnel.

Eleven get life in Jharkhand law student rape case

Ranchi: A court here on Monday sentenced 11 convicts to life imprisonment for raping a 25-year-old law student in Ranchi last year.

Raj: Woman abducted, gangraped

Jaipur: A woman was allegedly abducted and gangraped in Rajasthan's Udaipur district, police said on Monday.

Anti-CAA violence in Muzaffarnagar, SIT files three chargesheets

Muzaffarnagar: A special investigation team probing the violence that had broken out during an anti-CAA protest here in December last year filed three different charge sheets against four people.

Bill to extend upper limit of abortion to 24 weeks introduced in Lok Sabha

New Delhi: A bill that seeks to extend the upper limit for permitting abortions from the present 20 weeks to 24 weeks was introduced in Lok Sabha on Monday.

Coronavirus rises like phoenix...

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As many as 25,738 people are under community surveillance across the country while thirty seven people across the country are currently hospitalised after showing symptoms of COVID-19.

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This public notice is being issued pursuant to the orders dated 08.12.2019, 16.01.2020 and 24.02.2020 passed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh.

Odisha collects ₹1.05 cr fine from traffic violators in a day

Bhubaneswar: The Odisha Government has collected ₹1.06 crore fine from violators of traffic rules on March 1, the day the state government implemented the amended Motor Vehicle Act, 2019 after relaxing its enforcement for six months, officials said.

BJP, Cong MPs shove each...

Union Minister Smriti Irani alleged that Congress MPs in Lok Sabha misbehaved with BJP women members, who also complained to the Speaker against some Opposition party lawmakers.

Nirbhaya rapists...

In its 6-page order, the judge said, "I have no hesitation in holding that mercy petition is an important constitutional legal principle 'Ubi jus ubi remedium, i.e., where there is a right, there is a remedy, I am of the opinion that the application (of Pawan) is very much maintainable."

Meena dismissed the allegations as false. "As she opened the banner in Lok Sabha, it hit me on my head. I asked her to move ahead. I didn't hit or push her. If she says she is using 'Dalit' word, then I'm also a Dalit woman," she said.

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World economy may shrink because of virus: Watchdog

A global agency says the spreading new virus could make the world economy shrink this quarter, for the first time since the international financial crisis more than a decade ago. The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development says Monday in a special report on the impact of the virus that the world economy is still expected to grow overall this year and rebound next year.

Stocks give up gains to fresh cases

Benchmark indices slide for 7th day. The broader Nifty of the NSE also shed more than 400 points from its day's high and closed lower by 69 points or 0.62 per cent at 11,132.75. Stocks had rallied in morning session due to value buying by investors following sharp losses in the previous sessions.

Coronavirus may impact India's March quarter GDP growth by 0.20%: Report

Mumbai: The coronavirus epidemic can impact India's March quarter GDP growth by 0.20 per cent as imports from China for crucial sectors have got affected, a foreign brokerage said on Monday. The country's economic growth is already sagging and is set to slide to a decadal low of 5 per cent in 2019-20 as per official estimates.

Virus to cut India's diamond exports to \$ 19 bn for 2020-21

PTI ■ MUMBAI In the first nine months of this fiscal, India's total diamond exports by value were down 18 per cent, year-on-year. About 40 per cent of these exports are to Hong Kong, which has seen dysfunctional local markets over the past year or so.

₹ slumps 50 paise to 72.74 against \$

Mumbai: The rupee pared all its initial gains and settled 50 paise down at 72.74 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday after two fresh cases of coronavirus detected in India. Forex traders said the Indian rupee which started the day on a positive note, witnessed heavy volatility and finally settled with significant losses after two more positive cases were reported in the country.

India's mfg activity eases marginally in Feb

COVID-19 outbreak hits biz sentiment: PMI. PTI ■ NEW DELHI The country's manufacturing sector activity eased in February from a near eight-year high in the previous month and business sentiment took a hit amid impact of coronavirus outbreak on exports and supply chains, a monthly survey said on Monday.

Poultry sector faces ₹1,750 cr losses due to coronavirus rumours

Demands relief package from Govt. PTI ■ NEW DELHI Poultry breeders on Monday demanded a relief package from the Government claiming that the sector has incurred heavy losses of around ₹1,750 crore in a month due to fake news that coronavirus was spreading due to chickens.

Bahadur Ali said. The loss of broiler farmers, integration companies and breeding companies put together was about ₹1,750 crore during the third week of January till the third week of February, he said, adding that it has created "massive crisis" and forced poultry sector to "bankruptcy".

No major impact on Indian fertiliser sector

Mumbai: While many sectors are under pressure due to the spread of coronavirus, the impact on Indian fertiliser players is expected to be soft even as a major portion of raw materials for phosphatic fertilisers are imported, according to a report. The Hubei province is a major centre for production of phosphoric acid and phosphatic fertilisers.

As per ICRA's analysis, the domestic industry imports a major portion of the raw materials for phosphatic fertilisers, mainly phosphoric acid and finished fertilisers — mainly DAP (47 per cent of total imports in FY2019) from China. The Indian fertiliser industry, with the markets currently remaining well supplied and the fourth quarter of the financial year being an off-season period for the industry, the impact of the Chinese shutdown is expected to be muted, Ravichandran said.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY (A Statutory Institute governed by the NIFT Act 2006) (Ministry of Textiles, Government of India) NIFT Campus, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016 TENDER NOTICE

Fitch Solutions cuts India's economic growth forecast to 4.9% PTI ■ NEW DELHI Fitch Solutions on Monday cut its forecast for India's economic growth to 4.9 per cent in the current fiscal that ends March 31, saying manufacturing could come under pressure from weak domestic demand and supply chain disruptions due to the coronavirus outbreak.

BUSINESS CORNER NBCC WINS DIGITAL PSU AWARD New Delhi: NBCC has won "Digital PSU Award" conferred upon it by the Governance Now at its 7th PSU Award Event held on 19.02.2020 in New Delhi.

OFFICE THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, REW, RAMBAN SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. 16 of REW RAMBAN of 2019 Dated 27-02-2020 For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, due to poor response of office e-NITs No. 14 & 15 of REW Ramban dated:- 17-02-2020 & 19-02-2020 fresh short time e-tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. for the following works:

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India, Calgary seeks bilateral investments

India and Calgary in Alberta, Canada, termed as one of the most sought entrepreneurial cities of Canada is seeking bilateral investments, skill and tech talent partnership, higher education partnerships and film industry collaboration for significant promising economic potential on both the sides. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, the third term Mayor of 'Indian ethnicity' at an industry roundtable in the national Capital hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) kicked-off a weeklong 'exploration mission' with a nine-member delegation who will visit three cities — Delhi, Bangalore, and Mumbai — to seek partnerships. The mission has been built through a partnership between Calgary Economic Development (CED) with the CII.

PAN holders may be fined up to ₹10,000 for not linking to Aadhaar

New Delhi: The Income Tax Department has said PAN holders may face penal action under the Income Tax Act if they fail to link it with Aadhaar before the deadline. In a fresh notification, the tax department said that the PAN cards will become inoperative and they could face a fine of up to ₹10,000 in case of failure to link it with Aadhaar cards. The possible fine is not directly linked with Aadhaar but an individual could be fined up to ₹10,000 for using an invalid/inoperative PAN card. "If a person fails to comply with the provisions of section 139A, the Assessing Officer may direct that such person shall pay, by way of penalty, a sum of ₹10,000," according to Section-272B, Income Tax Act, 1961.

21 RLY EMPLOYEES AWARDED SAFETY AWARD



New Delhi: General Manager Northern Railway, Rajiv Chaudhary reviewed safety and Infrastructure work and awarded 21 Employees through safety awards for the month of January & February 2020 at Northern Railway Headquarters Office , Baroda House, New Delhi on Monday.

DELHI METRO HOLDS 1ST FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



New Delhi: The Delhi Metro in association with Football Delhi, organised its first Football Tournament on 28th and 29th February, 2020 at Dr. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi. Six teams from different departments contested under the titles of all Directors of DMRC. The Operation United Football Club (OUFC) team won the tournament after defeating the Metro Knight, both represented by Operations and Maintenance wings respectively. Dr Mangu Singh, MD, DMRC handed over the prizes to the winning team and other players who performed well.



Taliban resume fight, end partial ceasefire

Kabul: A deadly blast shattered a period of relative calm in Afghanistan on Monday and the Taliban ordered fighters to resume operations against Afghan forces just two days after signing a deal with Washington aimed at ushering in peace.

not attack foreign forces but our operations will continue against the Kabul administration forces." The Taliban's military commission circulated instructions for fighters to resume operations, according to a document that an insurgent provided to AFP.

commander General Scott Miller said late Monday. "The United States has been very clear about our expectations — the violence must remain low." The US has previously said it would defend Afghan partners if they come under attack.

CORONAVIRUS

Death toll crosses 2,900 in China

Beijing: China has reported 42 new fatalities from the novel coronavirus outbreak, taking the death toll in the country to 2,912, Chinese health officials said on Monday, as the rapid spread of the epidemic wreaks havoc globally causing over 3,000 deaths and infecting more than 88,000 people.

The commission said that 715 people were still suspected of being infected with the virus. Hubei province and its capital Wuhan which remained the epicentres of the coronavirus outbreak reported 196 new confirmed cases.

Indonesia confirms first cases

Jakarta: Indonesia on Monday reported its first confirmed cases of coronavirus, after health officials in the world's fourth-most populous country hit back at questions over its apparent lack of infected patients.

First case confirmed in Moscow

Moscow: Russian authorities on Monday confirmed the first case of coronavirus in Moscow, saying the patient had recently returned from Italy.

ITALY CORONAVIRUS DEATH TOLL JUMPS TO 52

Rome: Italy on Monday reported a jump in the death toll from the coronavirus to 52, with more than 2,000 people infected, most of whom were in the country's northern Lombardy region. The civil protection agency said 18 people had died since Sunday.

Virus kills member of council advising Iran's supreme leader

Tehran: A member of a council that advises Iran's supreme leader died on Monday after falling sick from the novel coronavirus, state radio reported, becoming the first top official to succumb to the illness that is affecting members of the Islamic Republic's leadership.

Chinese man sentenced to death for virus checkpoint killing

Beijing: A Chinese court has sentenced a man to death for fatally stabbing two officials at a checkpoint set up to control the spread of the new coronavirus outbreak.

Many villages and communities have also implemented their own blockades and tough measures to keep people out, fearful that travellers could infect their communities.

Malaysia's new PM says no 'traitor' after turmoil

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's new prime minister insisted Monday he was no "traitor" after taking power without an election and with support from a scandal-tainted party, following political heavyweight Mahathir Mohamad's shock resignation.



Migrants hold placards during a rally outside the Moria refugee camp on the northeastern Aegean island of Lesbos, Greece on Monday

Biden fights for momentum in Dems' shifting primary

Selma (US): An emboldened Joe Biden is trying to cast himself as the clear moderate alternative to progressive Bernie Sanders as the Democrats' shrinking presidential field raced toward Super Tuesday.

2020 rollercoaster nomination fight. While other rivals appeared undeterred, Biden pressed his case during a round of national television interviews that reflected a stark reality a day after his resounding primary victory in South Carolina.

his sole win into a national movement. Biden vowed to improve his campaign operation, his fundraising haul — and even his own performance — in an interview on ABC's "This Week." He warned of a "stark choice" between him and Sanders, while making the case he was the candidate who could win up and down the ballot and in states beyond those voting next week.

Starting Tuesday, and most Tuesdays through early June, batches of states would vote at the same time in what had essentially become a national election.

Israel votes for third time in 12 months

Malaysia was plunged into turmoil after Mahathir's reformist "Pact of Hope" alliance, which stormed to a historic poll victory two years ago, collapsed and the 94-year-old resigned as premier.

Jerusalem: Israelis voted on Monday in an unprecedented third parliamentary elections in less than a year to break the deadlock on government formation, with the country's longest serving Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fighting for his political survival amid indictments on graft charges.

gested the latest round is too close to call. Some 10,631 polling stations opened at 7 AM Israel time to enable about 6.45 million eligible voters to cast their ballots.

Eight suspected Rohingya gangsters shot dead in B'desh

Dhaka: Bangladeshi security officials on Monday fatally shot seven suspected members of a Rohingya refugee gang allegedly involved in drug dealing and human trafficking, officials said.

In Texas, Democrats do battle for Latino vote

Houston: In Elizabeth Warren's Houston campaign office, one early morning in February, volunteers bustled around arranging chairs in a circle and tacking Spanish-language posters to the walls.

healthcare and their experiences as Latinos living in a state where they make up a third of the electorate. "A lot of the time, we are kind of ignored as a community," said novelist Ariane Navarro, joined for the event by her husband and their two children.

They're looking for results." The newfound confidence came at a crossroads in the Democratic Party's turbulent primary season. Sanders remained the undisputed front-runner. But the rest of the field was decidedly unsettled, even after Biden's South Carolina blowout and Buttigieg's sudden departure.

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Pak to request UK Govt for Sharif's deportation

Lahore: Pakistan will request the British government to deport Nawaz Sharif, a senior official said while alleging that the "absconding" former prime minister was playing a "fixed match" regarding his illness while in London.

Iraq's PM-designate withdraws from post, prolonging deadlock

Baghdad: Iraq's prime minister-designate announced his withdrawal from the post Sunday night after failing to secure parliamentary support for his Cabinet selection, prolonging the political deadlock in the country amid multiple economic, health and security challenges.

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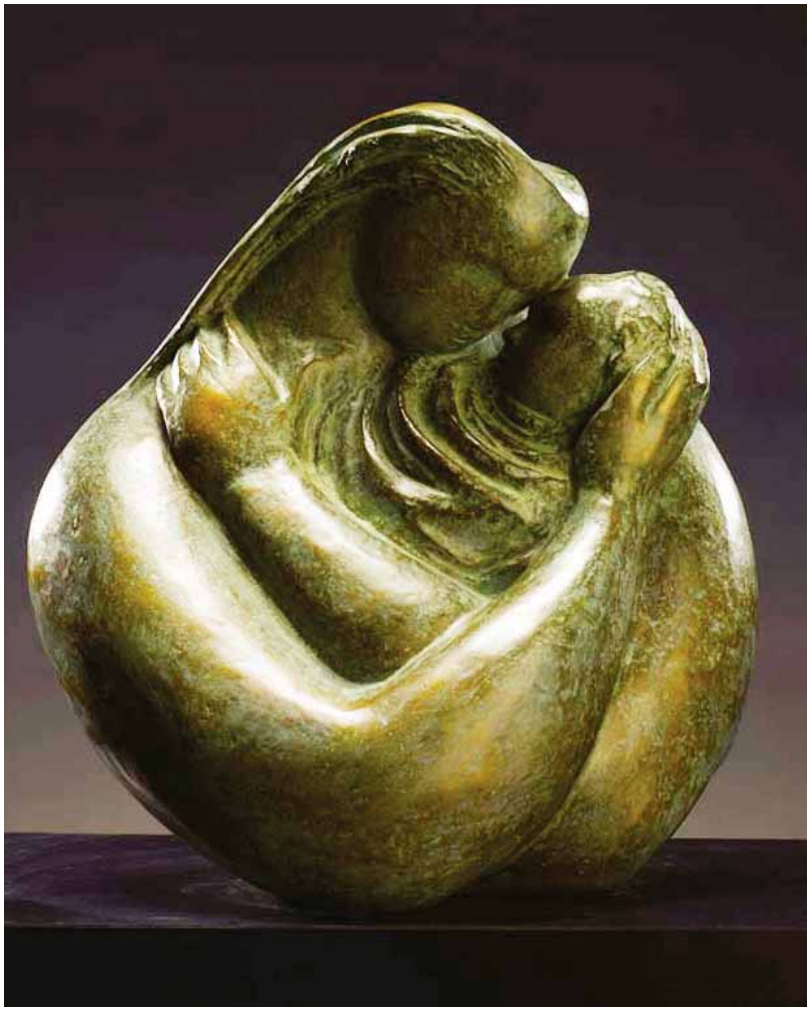
# OUTER INFLUENCES, INNER TRUTHS

Modernist PRODOSH DAS GUPTA deals with the human form, specifically in terms of insight and intuitive reasoning, says UMA NAIR

To be trained at the Madras School of Arts under the eagle eye of Devi Prasad Chaudhury is for the fortunate few. To be former director and curator of the National Gallery of Modern Art is a designation of envy and art history. To be a sculptor, who had the opportunity to study and sculpt in London as well as Paris, is a lesson in learning and leaning.

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Artist Pooja Aggarwal diverts from the traditional treatment of flat canvas and creates three-dimensional forms that seem to break the limits of the frame. She expresses her thoughts using novel 3D techniques on an organic wooden surface, using acrylic and oil colours, in her latest exhibition, *The Third Dimensions*.

Each painting reflects dimensions of her life as they unfold — a kind of a diary. These paintings belong to a series of works that re-imagine landmarks by staging a virtual event that would alter the viewer's memory, suggesting how the virtual could affect and alter the real.

She explains, "Art in the broadest sense is a form of communication. In my art, I first make a broad sketch of what I want to convey and then get into the minute details to make it more impactful. My art is a literature born of my thoughts. It's like documentation of your own feelings, inspiration and progress. The subject matters could be my surroundings or something which I have encountered during my travel or any memory."

The idea of being able to move things around within the space of the mind is a magical power that we as human beings possess. This inspired her to highlight the uniqueness and individuality of the expressions. Thus, she paints her meditation series titled *The Path Within* and *Circles of Life*. Her perspective is reflected in her paintings that represent space and provides an illusion of depth while creating a 3D world for the viewer. Thus, another one of the paintings has been aptly named *Gullibility of Human Senses*.

Pooja discovers that 3D can convey a lot more by implying movement towards our ideals. The intriguing part of the paintings is that those parts of the picture which seem farthest away are actually physically the nearest to the viewer, similar to what we discover during meditation. She says, "These paintings created on a 3-dimensional surface give an amazing optical illusion where the parts of the picture which seem farthest away are actually physically the nearest. This surface provides a powerful and often disorienting impression of depth and

## Dear diary

Artist POOJA AGGARWAL presents her first solo, *The Third Dimensions*, a series of 15 3D paintings that mirrors the landmarks of the cityscape and her surroundings. By TEAM VIVA



Gullibility of Human Senses



Enlightenment

movement. As the viewer walks by the painting put up at eye level, the composition seems to move with him/her and shows how gullible

human senses can be." (The exhibition is on from March 6 and runs till March 12 at All India Fine Arts and Society.)



When Bahija Karim arrived in Idaho as an Afghan refugee in 2005, she knew little about American culture. She didn't speak English. A volunteer directed her to Artisans for Hope, a local crafts initiative for refugees. There, she was taught crafting skills and English. Artisans for Hope took Karim on field trips. They found her a job with a seamstress, which she held for nine years, and then they helped her start her own custom drapery business, The Golden Needle.

## A healing medium

Crafts can help refugees find community and maybe a living

group works with about 200 artists from 45 different countries, many of them seeking political asylum. The organisation hosts a festival, provides workspace, offers French classes, and helps artists find grants, residencies and jobs. If they need lawyers, psychiatrists or accommodations, aa-e helps find those too. "When you get to a country in the way of exile," Depaule says, "you can have a lot of bad experiences, very hard, very traumatising experiences. And when you are waiting for papers it's very hard, too. Because you don't know if they will say yes or no, so (art) is a possibility to start to build something, and to start thinking

about something else." The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees also runs a craft-based initiative, Made51. It partners with local groups around the world to help artisan refugees connect to markets where they can sell their products. Made51's Global Manager Heidi Christ says that after forming a successful partnership with Virgin Megastores in the United Arab Emirates, the Made51 team is now working to expand and grow its direct-to-consumer market. "We see lots of possibility," Christ says. "People love the storytelling behind Made51, love the idea of being able to buy from refugees in many different countries and do it in a way that also supports local business growth in these developing countries." She hopes a ripple effect of Made51 will be to shift people's perception of refugees. "Despite the conditions that a refugee artisan is living in, they're able to make this beautiful product," she says. "And then the way the consumer can think about refugees changes."

Depaule, too, hopes to change attitudes, aiming to hold more festivals in countries where taking in refugees is controversial. And back in Idaho, Artisans for Hope worked to change hearts and minds through a travelling quilt project. In partnership with the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the artisans created story quilts and travelled around Idaho, Oregon, and Utah to display them. "It was for me a very good experience," says quilt project participant Wafaa Alwan, "because I was seeing support from people." Alwan came to the United States from Iraq, and was connected to Artisans for Hope after opening up to a friend about struggling with homesickness. "It's not just a centre for crafting," she says. "It's a healing centre for us. It's really a second chance for refugee ladies to find a place to live and prosper in the community." —AP

**WATCH OUT**

The Gujral Foundation presents *Amma: Memories of My Grandmother*, a performance artwork by Revanta Sarabhai, which will capture fragments of her memories of his grandmother, Mrinalini Sarabhai. **WHEN:** March 6 to 8 **WHERE:** 24, Jor Bagh.

*Under the Banyan Tree on a Full Moon Night*, a monthly concert series is back with its second edition. This edition will present New York-based guitarist and composer Shubb Saran. Other performers are Adam Neely, Shawn Crowder, Bianca Gismonti, Julio Falavigna and Paolo Andriolo. **WHEN:** March 6 **TIME:** 7 pm **WHERE:** 1AQ, Qutub.

*Let Love Reign*, a solo exhibition of works by artist Suhassini Kejriwal, which features her errands of Chitpur of north Kolkata and Chor Bazaar in central Mumbai. **WHEN:** Till March 14 **TIME:** 10 am to 6 pm **WHERE:** A1, Neeti Bagh, Khel Gaon Marg.

Muzaffar Ali's *Jahan-e-Khusrau* 15th Annual World Sufi Music Festival. **06 | 07 | 08 MARCH 2020** ARAB KI SARAI, HUMAYUN'S TOMB, NEW DELHI.

The much loved World Sufi Music Festival, *Jahan-e-Khusrau*, designed and directed by Muzaffar Ali held under the aegis of Rumi Foundation, returns to the city. Its 15th edition, with the theme *Let Love Reign*, will witness soulful performances by renowned groups for three days. **WHEN:** March 6, 7 & 8 **TIME:** 6.30 pm onwards **WHERE:** Arab Ki Sarai, Humayun's Tomb.



