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State to telemonitor international arrivals from eight countries

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

With reports of **spurt** in COVID-19 cases in at least eight countries, including China, Hong Kong, South Korea, U.K., and Germany, Karnataka will now telemonitor all arrivals from these 'at-risk' countries for seven days from arrival.

As screening at airports is not possible in the absence of guidelines from the Centre, the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has recommended that the State should conduct special surveillance of international arrivals at their residences.

Announcing this after a meeting with TAC on Monday, Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar said the special surveillance includes mandato-

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K. SUDHAKAR
Health and Medical Education Minister

ry quarantine for a period of 7-10 days for passengers arriving from these eight countries who develop symptoms.

Sources in the TAC told *The Hindu* that the State should conduct the special surveillance under the Epidemic Diseases Act, as the Centre has withdrawn all restrictions. "It is important that the State should not let its guard down citing the absence of guidelines from the Centre. Hence, a communication should be sent from the State Health Secretary seeking guidelines from the Union Health Secretary for

screening international arrivals suitably from at risk countries," sources said.

Advisory on mask

With the TAC recommending continuation of masks in public areas, **Mr. Sudhakar said the Government** has issued an advisory. "While there will not be any penalty for not wearing a mask, we have issued an advisory asking people to continue wearing it, especially in the wake of the emergence of a new variant - XE in the eight countries. We are also seeing a spurt in cases in Delhi and Haryana," he said.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Spurt	(Noun): a sudden marked burst or increase of activity or speed.	उछाल

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The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 is a law which was first enacted to tackle bubonic plague in Mumbai in former British India. The law is meant for containment of epidemics by providing special powers that are required for the implementation of containment measures to control the spread of the disease.

Keshava Reddy Sudhakar is an Indian politician serving as the Minister of Medical Education and Health of Karnataka from 6 February 2020

Grammar

GENERAL RULES OF CONVERSION ACTIVE VOICE TO PASSIVE VOICE:

1. The subject in the active voice becomes the object in the passive voice and the object in the active voice becomes the subject in the passive voice.
2. Put 'by' in front of the subject in the passive voice.
3. Use 3rd form of verb + is/ am/ are/ was/ were/ been/ being according to the tense in passive voice.
4. There is no passive voice of present/ past/ future perfect continuous sentences and future continuous.
5. Generally, passive voice can be made of transitive verb i.e. verbs which have an object attached to them.
6. Sentences of an intransitive verb cannot be converted into passive voice. They laughed- No passive
The laughed at- The teacher was laughed at by them.

In the first sentence, there is no object thus it cannot be converted into passive voice. But in the second sentence 'teacher' is the object thus its passive voice is possible.

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Birthday of seer to be observed as equality day

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU**

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday announced that the birthday of Muruga Mutt seer Shivamurthi Muruga Sharana would be observed as “Samaanata Dina” (equality day) to highlight the seer’s struggle to build a society of equal opportunities for all.

Addressing a programme titled “Samaanata Dina” to mark the birthday of the seer in Bengaluru, the Chief Minister said the equality day would be observed by the government.

He said it was appropriate on the part of the followers of the seer to observe his birthday as “Samaanata Dina” as he had strived to sow rationalist ideals and principles propagated by 12th Century social reformer Basaveshwara.

Raitha Vidyanidhi scheme to be extended

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU**

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said the Government has decided to extend “Raitha Vidyanidhi” scholarship scheme to the wards of weavers and fishermen too from this year.

He was speaking at the Brahmakalashotsava celebrations of Mahalakshmi Temple in Uchila, Udupi district. Established in 1957 by Mogaveera Kula Guru Madhava Mangala, the temple is being managed by the Dakshina Kannada Mogaveera Mahajana Sangha. Weavers and fishermen had been demanding extending the scholarship scheme, presently applicable to wards of farmers.

Mr. Bommai said the State Government too would provide 100 deep sea fishing vessels under subsidy to fishermen thereby complementing the Union Govern-

ment’s programme to make fishing a profitable vocation. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Housing scheme, 5,000 houses would be built for fishermen. **Dredging** would be taken up in eight ports across Karnataka coast to ease fisher’s burden, he said, The Chief Minister, emphasising the role of women in economic development of the State, said the Government was planning to set up an anchor bank to be linked to women self-help groups. Women SHG members would be provided loans up to ₹1.5 lakh to take up economic activities to realise government objective of women empowerment.

Mr. Bommai also said that the Social Welfare Department would provide hostel facilities to the wards of fishers. Fishermen would be provided diesel subsidy for the entire 10 months of fishing season.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Dredging	(verb): clear the bed of (a harbour, river, or other area of water) by scooping out mud, weeds, and rubbish with a dredge.	निकर्षण

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Dr. Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru is the present pontiff of the Math, Who was coronated in the Holy throne on 31st January, 1991, as successor of Sri Mallikarjuna Murugharajendra Swamiji. Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru was born on 11th April, 1958, in a village called Godabanahal, near Chitradurga.

Raitha Vidya Nidhi - The scholarship scheme launched on August 7 2021 by the Government of Karnataka aims to provide scholarships to the children of farmers in the state to enable them to pursue higher education

Grammar**PREPOSITIONS OF TIME:**

Basic examples of time prepositions include: at, on, in, before and after. They are used to help indicate when something happened, happens or will happen. It can get a little confusing though, as many different prepositions can be used. Prepositions of time examples in the following sentences are in bold for easy identification.

For example:

☞ I was born on **July 4th**, 1982.



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TRAI moots up to 40% spectrum price cut

Authority also recommends 36% lower prices for 5G airwaves, easier spectrum surrender norms

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on Monday recommended slashing the base price for airwaves by up to 40% across all spectrum bands, including 5G airwaves.

The telecom regulator has also suggested that all available spectrum in the existing bands – 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz – should be put up for auction, along with airwaves in new bands such as 600 MHz.

The DoT, in a letter to TRAI in November last year, had emphasised on the need to strike a balance between generating revenue and the sustainability of the telecom sector in a way that telecom service providers are in good health with sufficient capaci-



Striking a chord: DoT had called for striking a balance between revenue and sector sustainability. • FILE PHOTO

ties to make regular and substantial capital expenditure for transitioning to 5G technology. It had also highlighted that only 37.1% of the spectrum put up in the previous auction was acquired by telcos and spectrum lying idle was a 'waste for the economy'.

"The inputs received by

the Authority during the consultation process also point to the need for further rationalisation of the reserve price," the regulator said on Monday.

TRAI recommended the slashing of reserve prices across all spectrum bands by up to 40% for a 20-year period compared with the base

price suggested in its previous recommendations.

For 5G airwaves in the 3300-3670 MHz band, all-India reserve price comes to ₹317 crore/MHz, lower by 35.5% from the ₹492 crore/MHz recommended earlier. Similarly, the reserve price for the premium 700 MHz band, which saw no takers in the previous auction, had been cut by 40% to ₹3,927 crore/MHz.

Previous auctions

In the last auctions held in March 2021, a total of 2,308.80 MHz spectrum worth ₹4,00,396.20 crore in reserve price was put to auction, out of which 855.60 MHz was sold resulting in total winning bids worth ₹77,820.81 crore. No bids were received for the 700 MHz and 2500 MHz bands.

The regulator also suggested that the reserve price of spectrum allocation for 30 years should be equal to 1.5 times the reserve price of spectrum allocation for 20 years, for the respective bands. "For the long-term growth and sustainability of the sector, infusing liquidity and encouraging investment, telecom service providers should be allowed easy payment options including part payment with flexibility of moratorium."

Further, for ease-of-doing business, easy and transparent spectrum surrender guidelines with a surrender fee of ₹1 lakh per spectrum band per licensed service area has been recommended. It also suggested that for the uptake of 5G use cases, a 5G-dedicated Inter Ministerial Working Group should be formed.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Moot	(Verb): raise (a question or topic) for discussion; suggest (an idea or possibility).	विचार करना

Static News

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India is a regulatory body set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997. It is the regulator of the telecommunications sector in India.

Every telecom operator has been assigned certain portions of spectrum to use in India, through auctions and administrative allocations. Essentially, you have spectrum "bands", and frequencies around a particular band are then auctioned off.

Grammar

Finished actions, states or habits in the past.

1. We use it with finished actions, states or habits in the past when we have a finished time word (yesterday, last week, etc.).

EXAMPLE: I went to the cinema yesterday.

2: We use it with finished actions, states or habits in the past when we know from general knowledge that the time period has finished. This includes when the person we are talking about is dead.

EXAMPLE : Leonardo painted the Mona Lisa.

Unreal or imaginary things in the present or future. We use the past simple to talk about things that are not real in the present or future.

EXAMPLE : If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.

I wish I had more time!

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Health segment bolsters FY22 numbers for non-life insurers

Premium for stand-alone private health insurers rises 32.5%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Non-life insurers **clocked** an 11% increase in gross direct premium underwritten to more than ₹2.2 lakh crore for the financial year ended March, a performance that came on the back of continued demand for health cover and a 'good' show by stand-alone health insurers, **data from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India showed.**

For a year marked for the most part by the pandemic, including the devastating second wave, it had stand-alone private health insurers, a part of the overall non-life segment, **clocking a 32.5% increase in the premi-**



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um to ₹20,880.08 crore (₹15,755.18 crore).

Gross direct premium underwritten by general insurers during the fiscal was 8.79% higher at ₹1,84,775.17 crore.

General insurers accounted for almost 84% of the non-life market. Flash figures, of the gross direct

premium underwritten by non-life insurers, however, did not specify how much of the growth of general insurers was on account of their health portfolio.

Non-life insurers' gross direct premium underwritten during FY21 was more than ₹1.98 lakh crore. In March 2022, the gross direct premium underwritten by the non-life insurers was ₹21,591.50 crore (₹19,477.96 crore).

The two specialised PSU insurers – **ECGC and Agricultural Insurance Company of India** – who also form part of the non-life insurance segment, reported a 14.2% increase in the premium to ₹14,979.47 crore.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Clocked	(Verb): attain or register (a specified time, distance, or speed).	रेशमी काम किया हुआ

Static News

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India is a regulatory body under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Finance, Government of India and is tasked with regulating and licensing the insurance and re-insurance industries in India. It was founded in 1999. Debasish Panda is the chairman.

The ECGC Limited is a government owned export credit provider. It is under the ownership of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India based in Mumbai, Maharashtra. It provides export credit insurance support to Indian exporters. Founded: 30 July 1957, Key people: M. Senthilnathan, ITS; (Chairman & MD)

Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited a nationalised insurance company under the ownership of Ministry of Finance, Government of India that offers yield-based and weather-based crop insurance programs in almost 500 districts of India. Founded: 20 December 2002, Key people: Sh, Malay Kumar Poddar Chairman & Managing Director

Grammar

PAST PERFECT TENSE describes a completed activity in the past. It is used to emphasize that an action was completed before another action took place. Basically, it describes an event that happened in the past before another event in the simple past tense was completed in the past.

For Example:

☑ Krishna had baked a cake before you arrived. (It means Krishna's action happened before his/her arrival)

☑ They had painted the fence before I had a chance to speak to them.



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Real and Villarreal hold the edge

Chelsea upbeat after big win; Bayern Munich must raise its game to avoid an upset

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
LONDON

The Champions League semifinal line-up will be settled this week, with Liverpool and Real Madrid needing to defend two-goal leads to make it through.

The other two games are more evenly **poised** with Villarreal and Manchester City only holding one-goal advantages. Here is a look at the two games to be played on Tuesday.

Bayern Munich-Villarreal (0-1): Bayern Munich must raise its game to avoid being upset by Spanish club Villarreal and keep alive its hopes for a quadruple of trophies this season. The six-time European champion struggled from the start of the first leg against Villarreal and was far from impressive with a 1-0 home win against relegation-threatened Augsburg in the Bundesliga on Saturday



Protagonist: Midfielder Groeneveld, right, put Villarreal ahead in the first leg of the quarterfinals. •AFP

when it had just four shots on goal and none on target in the first half.

Champion in 2020 by beating Paris Saint-Germain,

Bayern's title defence was ended by the French side in the quarterfinals last season.

Villarreal is trying to reach the last four of the Cham-

pions League for only a second time after 2006. The team based in a city of 50,000 people in southeastern Spain hadn't even made

it to the quarterfinals since 2009.

Real Madrid-Chelsea (3-1): Chelsea coach Thomas Tuchel was candidly defeatist after the first leg, declaring the European champion's title defence to be over. A 6-0 Premier League rout of Southampton at the weekend might have restored some confidence after conceding seven goals in its previous two matches.

While Chelsea's Premier League target is just holding onto third place, Madrid is cruising at the top in Spain. So much so, Toni Kroos and Luka Modric were rested in a 2-0 win against Getafe that leaves Madrid 12 points clear.

There is still doubt about whether left back Ferland Mendy will play as he continues to nurse a muscle problem. Madrid has won eight of its last nine games in all competitions, with its lone setback a 4-0 home loss to rival Barcelona in the Spanish league in March.

Vocabulary

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning
Poised	(Adjective): having a composed and self-assured manner. .	की ओर अग्रसर

Static News

The UEFA Champions League is an annual club football competition organised by the Union of European Football Associations and contested by top-division European clubs. It was founded in 1955.

Bayern München e. V., also known as FC Bayern or Bayern Munich, is a German professional sports club based in Munich, Bavaria. It is best known for its professional football team, which plays in the Bundesliga, the top tier of the German football league system.

Grammar

Non-finite Verbs are not actual verbs. They do not work as verbs in the sentence rather they work as nouns, adjectives, adverbs, etc. Non-finite verbs do not change according to the number/person of the subject because these verbs, also called verbals, do not have any direct relation to the subject. Sometimes they become the subject themselves. Basically, Non-finites are of three types: gerunds, infinitives and participles.



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