

FINANCIAL AID TO THOSE WHO LOST BREAD EARNER TO COVID

SMC not needed if spouse is alive

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The Delhi Government will provide financial assistance to the families who lost their bread earners due to Covid-19.

way possible," Kailash Gahlot, Revenue Minister said after chairing a high-level meeting with department officials to review the "Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojna".

During the meeting, it has been decided that under this Yojna there will no longer be a need for obtaining SMC from the applicant in cases where one of the spouses is alive.

deceased was a single parent, the surviving children are entitled to the ex-gratia which is to be equally distributed among all children.

The Mukhyamantri Covid-19 Parivar Arthik Sahayata Yojna was started by the Delhi Government in June, 2021 to provide relief to the survivors of the deceased who died of Covid-19.

Parents laud impact of Mega PTM

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Parents of Delhi Government school students said that the 'Mega PTM' increased their participation in the overall development of their children.

On Wednesday, the Director of SCERT Delhi and his team handed over a copy of this research to the Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia.

things in the realm of SCERT. "In the last several years, the role of SCERT has been more prominent in the field of training and the field of research could not receive the due attention.

Appreciating the Director of SCERT Delhi and his team for this step in the field of research, he said, "This research done by SCERT will prove to be helpful in adopting necessary changes in educational programs and policies."

The basic objective of this research published in the context of the Mega PTM is to examine the awareness among parents and teachers, to understand their perception about Mega PTM, to establish the dif-

ference between the perception of parents and teachers about Mega PTM and to understand methods for better implementation. In this research it was found that mass media had played an important role in making parents aware about Mega PTM.

During the PTM, 71 per cent of the parents and 61 per cent of the teachers discussed the regularity of children in schools, academic activities at school and home, improvement of children in learning level, children's health and hygiene, home environment and activities of children.

The Union Education Ministry said that Yogesh Singh has been appointed as the V-C of Delhi University. "The Hon'ble Visitor appoints Vice-Chancellors of two Central Universities: University of Delhi (Prof Yogesh Singh); Dr Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (Prof Neelima Gupta)," the Ministry said in a tweet.

Prof Yogesh Singh appointed as the new V-C of DU

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Professor Yogesh Singh, ex-Vice-Chancellor of Delhi Technological University (DTU), was appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of Delhi University (DU) on Wednesday.



At present, Professor Pooran Chand Joshi is the interim Vice-Chancellor. He was appointed to the post following then V-C Professor Yogesh Kumar Tyagi's suspension. The Union Education Ministry said that Yogesh Singh has been appointed as the V-C of Delhi University.

Director of Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology from 2014-2017, The V-C of Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda between 2011 and 14, and as Dean of Information Technology at Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, or IP University from 2001 to 2006. He received his M.Tech. (Electronics) and Communication Engineering) and Ph.D. (Computer Engineering) degrees from National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra, Haryana. He has supervised 23 Ph.Ds in the area of Software Engineering.

EDMC brings out new policy for spas

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The East Delhi Municipal Corporation (EDMC) has approved the proposal for allowing spa centres to function in its areas with certain guidelines, the civic body said in a statement.

According to the new guidelines, cross-gender massage will not be allowed in spa centres and spa facilities will not be provided behind closed doors.

A series of guidelines have been issued for them before they start function. Now the new rules will be applicable to all the spa centres running in the East Corporation jurisdiction," he said.

Mayor of East Delhi Shyam Sundar Agarwal has given anticipatory approval to this proposal. Talking about the issue, Agarwal said that it has been made mandatory to note down the details of all the customers in a register containing their contact details and ID proof.

The Mayor also informed that the centres will have separate changing rooms for men and women and the premises will not be used for residential purposes. Chairman of the Standing Committee, Beer Singh Panwar informed that under the new guidelines, it is now necessary for the masseur to have a degree/diploma or certificate in physiotherapy.

AAP claims NMC selling schools to coaching centres; BJP refutes charge

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) senior leader Saurabh Bhardwaj on Wednesday accused the BJP-ruled municipal corporations of having floated tenders to sell 14 MCD schools to private coaching centres.

Bhardwaj said that while the number of students studying in Delhi Government schools is exponentially rising, the headcount in MCD schools has reduced from three lakh to two lakh thirty thousand in the last few years.

children left in several schools of the MCD and they do not even have enough students to run those schools. It is important to mention here that the Corporations keep claiming they do not have enough land for Mohalla Clinics but sell school buildings to private players," he added.

Reacting to this, Delhi BJP Spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that the allegation is baseless as North DMC is not leasing or selling any of its schools to private coaching centres.

Delhi 5-star hotel chef arrested for snatching

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Delhi Police has arrested a 35-year-old chef of a five-star hotel for multiple cases of snatching in South Delhi. Police said that the accused had a good salary but he took to snatching to pay off his gambling debts.

The accused has been identified as Harish, a resident of Sangam Vihar area, Police said that Harish, who holds degrees in BA and hotel management, worked at a five-star hotel near the IGI Airport.

According to Atul Kumar Thakur, the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Spouth district, after receiving a tip off, Harish was arrested from Neb Sarai area on Tuesday evening where he had gone for more snatchings.

"Harish especially targeted women going for a walk or travelling to offices near Saket Metro Station. Other times, he would lurk in the park adjoining the metro station or at Ambedkar Nagar bus stand on Mehrauli-Badarpur (MB) Road," said the DCP.

"Finding himself trapped, the accused took out his country-made pistol but the police personnel overpowered him and snatched the firearm from his hand," he said.

"After his arrest, Harish disclosed that he had sold three snatched gold chains to a goldsmith in Sangam Vihar area. On the basis of his testimony, police arrested Rajender Aggarwal for buying the stolen property," the DCP added.

SDMC launches portal to give permission for film shooting in its areas

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South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) has launched a portal to grant permission for film shooting in its areas.

A senior SDMC official said that under Ease of Doing Business, a 'single window' policy for online approval of film shooting is also being developed for various agencies of Delhi and Delhi Tourism and Transport Development Corporation (DITTC) has been appointed the nodal agency.

A senior SDMC official said that the SDMC has formulated a policy for allowing film shooting and the portal is developed for smooth facilitation of the entire process of granting approval.

Applicants will have to apply through SDMC's official website. After submitting relevant documents and paying the permission fee, approval of film shooting will be given by the Directorate of Press and Information in a period of three days. The newly developed system is transparent and easy to apply as it has no manual interference.

Various agencies like Delhi Traffic Police, ASI, local bodies of Delhi, DMRC, Railways, DIAL, GMR Group, Escon, etc have been working at one platform.

Govt committed to provide health insurance to scribes: Director, IPRD

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Director of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations Shashi Prakash Singh

has said that the Chief Minister wants to provide health insurance to the media personnel. The government is committed to this. He was speaking in a meeting held on Wednesday with media representatives regarding the draft health insurance scheme at Sookhna Bhawan.

Singh said that the government wants to take views from all the media personnel. In this regard, representatives of two insurance companies have also been called, who are doing the work of health insurance of media personnel in the neighbouring states. He invited media persons to share their suggestions regarding insurance company or terms of insurance with the Directorate.

He said that soon the rules of health insurance will be prepared. After that, once again the opinion of the journalists will be taken on this and after that it will be implemented.

Journalists also gave their suggestions on this occasion. It was suggested not to charge the insurance premium or to fix the amount at 10 per cent of the total premium. At the same time, emphasis was laid on connecting journalists of regional areas including the city with the insurance scheme.

Judicial commission probe in Rupa Tirkey case continues

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The one member judicial inquiry commission headed by former Jharkhand chief justice Vinod Kumar Gupta has informed through the public notice that so far 18 persons have submitted their statements and claims regarding the suspicious death of Jharkhand Police ASI Rupa Tirkey.

Twenty six year-old Rupa Tirkey was posted at Mahila police station in Sahebganj district

The commission was formed by the state government to ensure a fair probe in the matter at a time when Jharkhand police was also carrying out an investigation.

Twenty six year-old Rupa Tirkey was posted at Mahila police station in Sahebganj district. She was found hanging at her official quarter in the morning of May 3. While the police initially concluded it as the case of suicide it later arrested her colleague SK Kanaujia for abetment of suicide.

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Sanjay Kumar Dwivedi ordered the CBI probe and the CBI has takenover the investigation also.

Now the question is being raised whether the inquiry being carried by the judicial commission legally stands when the CBI has already started the probe.

"I don't know if the probe commission still exists because the CBI is investigating the case so there can't be any parallel probe. Also under CRPC such an inquiry commission has no that kind of status. To my knowledge, in criminal cases like this judicial inquiry can't be ordered," said Rajiv Kumar, lawyer of Jharkhand High Court.

Meanwhile, in another development, the CBI is likely to question the then Sahebganj DSP (headquarter) Sanjay Kumar who for a short duration had headed SIT which was investigating the Rupa Tirkey case. He was transferred to Giridih.

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