

NEET-PG deferred amid Covid spike, new date to be fixed later

Postponement comes days ahead of the exam for admission to master's courses

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NEW DELHI: The Union government on Thursday postponed the National Eligibility-Cum-Entrance Test (postgraduate) for admission to master's programmes at most private and government medical colleges in the country.

The NEET-PG postponement came three days ahead of the scheduled exam date amid rising coronavirus cases in the country. "In light of the surge in #COVID19 cases, GoI (Government of India) has decided to postpone NEETPG2021 exam, which was earlier scheduled to be held on April 18. Next date to be decided later," health minister Harsh Vardhan tweeted on Thursday.



A candidate undergoes thermal screening as she arrives at a NEET examination centre, in New Delhi in September 2020.

"Decision has been taken keeping well-being of our young medical students in mind," Vardhan added. Soon after, the Union health ministry issued a notification reiterating the minister's announcement. Unlike the NEET-UG exam which is conducted by the national testing agency (NTA) of

the education ministry, the NEET-PG exam is administered by the national board of exams (NBE), a body under the health ministry. The NBE conducts the NEET-PG exam on a computer-based platform from over 250 exam centres. The process for it was on since the last week of February. Last year, more than

160,000 doctors sat for the exam seeking admission to various MD (Doctor of Medicine), MS (master's in surgery) and PG diploma courses across the country.

The NEET-PG is a single-window entrance for PG courses in medical colleges and "no State Government/Private Medical college/Universities shall be conducting any separate entrance for admission to their MD/MS/PG Diploma Courses for the admission session 2021", as per official entrance documents of the government.

But, medical institutions which are not covered by centralised admissions for MD/MS seats through NEET-PG 2021 include All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi and in states, Post Graduate Institute (PGI) Chandigarh, JIPMER in Puducherry, NIMHANS in Bengaluru and the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology in Thiruvananthapuram.

While the NEET-PG exam has been postponed, NEET (UG) entrance rescheduling may not

happen as it is slated for August 1. The NEET (UG) 2021 is going to be conducted by the NTA for admission to course such as MBBS and BDS, among others.

The surging cases of coronavirus have pushed both central and state government to rethink exams ahead of the peak school and higher education entrance season.

The central government-run CBSE cancelled the Class 10 board exams and deferred them for Class 12. Similarly, at least nine other school boards including state boards of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh have either postponed or cancelled board exams. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Board has also cancelled Class 12 exams for its affiliated schools in India.



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Set up control rooms for smooth O2 supply, states told

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Thursday directed states to set up control rooms to ensure the smooth supply of medical oxygen to districts, and to review the requirement of cylinders and tankers on a regular basis, with reports coming in of shortages in various parts of the country. In a meeting later on Thursday, the government decided to import 50,000 metric tonne of medical oxygen as a precautionary measure.

The decision was taken at a high-level meeting of the empowered group 2 (EG2), which looks after the availability of essential medical equipment. The officials

also decided to connect 12 high disease burden states to oxygen sources so that these states don't face any shortage. Government data showed about 50% of the country's supplies were available.

"There has been increasing demand for medical oxygen, especially from the 12 states with high burden of active COVID cases... To give clarity and assurance to the states on oxygen supplied over the next few weeks of surge in cases, a mapping exercise was undertaken... as per the directions of EG2. Sources of medical oxygen and their production capacity was mapped to match the requirement of states and an indicative framework has been developed to guide the states on the sources of medi-

cal oxygen," said Union health ministry in a statement.

The high burden states are Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. While the demand in Maharashtra was expected to go beyond available production capacity of the state, states such as Madhya Pradesh do not have any production capacity to meet demand.

Accordingly, the health ministry has indicated 4,880 metric tonne, 5,619 metric tonne and 6,593 metric tonne to these 12 states for meeting their projected demand as on April 20, April 25, and April 30, respectively.

"There is no shortage of medical oxygen in the country; in fact, there is more than what we currently need, and the supplies are being further ramped up as a measure of abundant precaution," said a senior government official aware of the matter.

On Wednesday, the medical oxygen consumption in the country was 3,842 metric tons, which is about 54% of the daily production capacity, data showed.

The health ministry reiterated in a statement that there is sufficient production capacity of around 7,127 MT oxygen in the country, and, as per need, the surplus oxygen available with steel plants is also being utilised. On Thursday, Reliance Industries'

Mukesh Ambani started supplying oxygen from the company's refinery in Jamnagar to Mumbai, which is among the biggest Covid-19 hot spots in the country.

The problem may not be in the cities as much as it is outside them, said one expert. "In cities, oxygen shortage is not usually a problem; it is the smaller towns that may face a supply crunch if hospitalisations increase in a big way. Oxygen therapy is critical in saving lives, and it is not just about giving oxygen but also how it is given that makes a huge difference in treatment outcome. The need is to keep the wastage minimal," said a senior critical care specialist in a prominent government-run hospital who asked not to be named.

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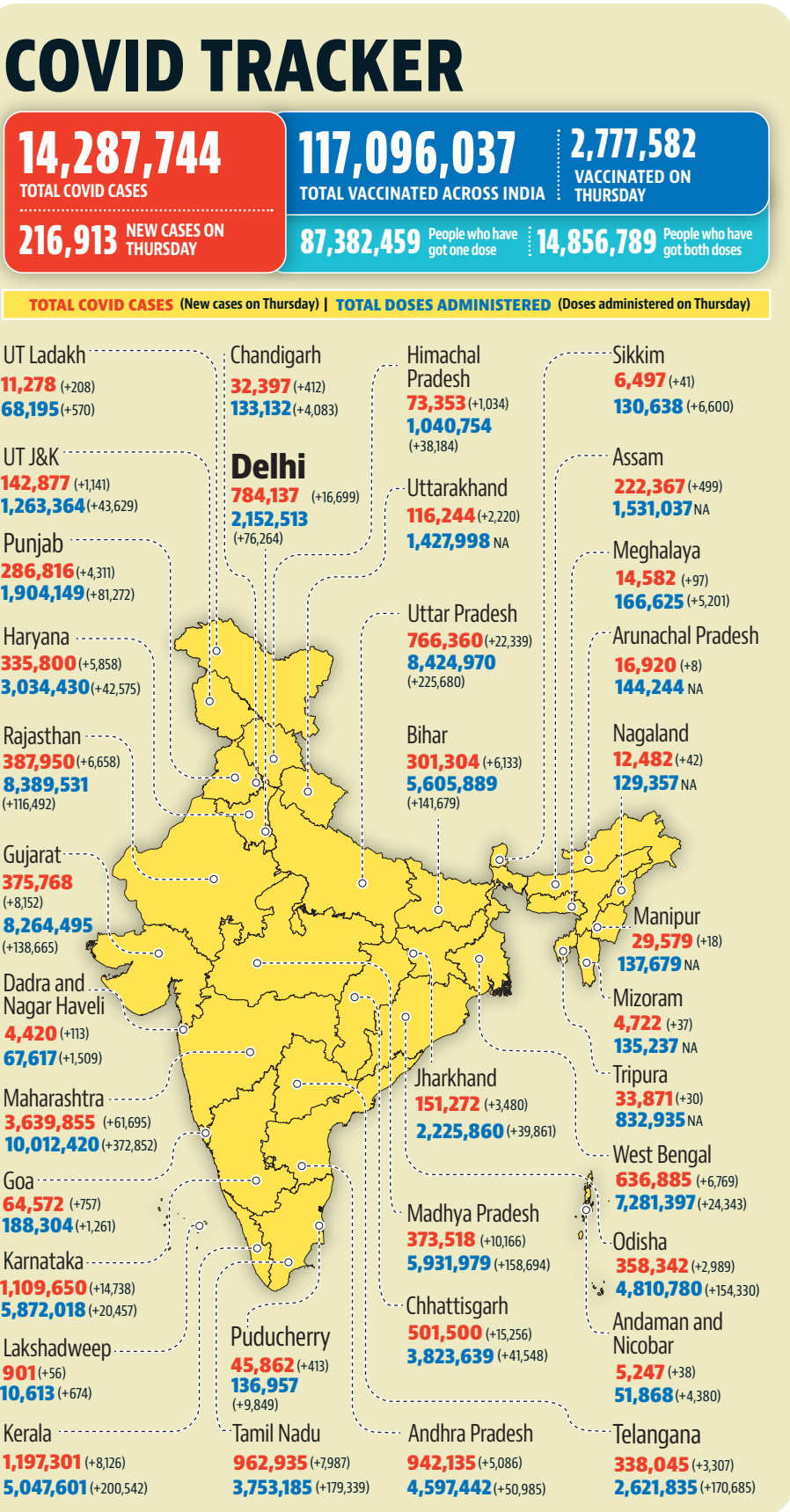
E-TENDER FOR ALLOTMENT OF AUTHORIZED PARKING SITES
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PRESS NOTICE E-TENDER

No. AC/RPC/SDMC/2021/D-23 Dated: 15.04.2021

E-Bids are invited on behalf of Commissioner, SDMC from eligible bidders for allotment of authorized surface parking sites under the jurisdiction of SDMC on monthly license fee basis in two bid system (Technical and Financial) for a period of three year and extendable further up to two more years subject to satisfactory performance of the firm and as decided by the Competent Authority. 1. Tender NIT No. 11 dt. 13.04.2021 2. Pre-bid Meeting :- dt. 22.04.2021 at 3 PM Conference Hall at 6th Floor, Civic Centre. 3. Last date of Submission of E-Tender: 06.05.2021 upto 3.00 PM 4. Opening date of Technical Bids : dt. 06.05.2021 at 3.30 PM, at R.P. Cell/SDMC Dept. 25th Floor, Civic Centre. (For details visit SDMCs website: www.mcdonline.nic.in and etenders.gov.in Contact number- 011-23227514.

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7th Circle Public Work Department Gopeshwar

No. 1942 / 357 यातायात-7 / 21 Dated 05/04 / 2021

"e-tender"

Superintending Engineer, 7th Circle, Public Works Department, Gopeshwar on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites through e-tendering (Two Bid System) for the construction of following works. Relating to tender all detail information shall be available on <http://www.uktenders.gov.in> from dated 20-04-2021.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount of Bid Security (Rs. Lakhs)	Validity of tender	Cost of Tender Document	Completion Period (in months)	Contractor's Category of Registration
1	Under S.C.S.P. - Extension of Meeng - Gadkot Motor Road to Karchuda. (Part-II work of Km. 0.00 to 9.00)	3.32	120 Days	5000 + 18% GST	12 Months	Category "B" for Road work in any State / Govt. of India / any Govt. undertaking.

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E-Tendering Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 0120212022 Date 13.04.2021

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) / North Central Railway / Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13.30 hrs. on 12.05.2021. The details of the Tender are as under:-

SN	Tender No.	Name of Work	Approx Cost (₹)	Earnest Money (₹)	Completion Period	Date of Opening of tender
1	01	Pre & Post BCM work between LOG-LKJN in NYN-MKP section under ADEN/NYN.	148.94 Lakh	Nil	20 Months	12.05.2021
2	02	Replacement of Steel Channel Sleepers with H. Beam Sleepers on Girder Bridges (Major & Minor) between DDU-NYN Section under Sr. DEN/PRYJ.	753.58 Lakh	Nil	18 Months	12.05.2021

Eligibility Criteria for similar work: SN. No.: 1- P. Vay Work and SN. No.: 2- Fabrication and laying of channel sleeper in running track on bridges OR Fabrication and laying of channel sleeper with 'H' been in running track on bridges. **Note:** 1. Railway Board vide letter no. 2020/CE-I/CT/3E/GCC/Policy dt. 30.12.2020 has advised that Ministry of Finance vide OM No. F.9/4/2020-PPD dated 12.11.2020 titled "Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit" has advised to take from bidders Bid Security Declaration in lieu of Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit. All the instructions of this letter will be complied. Offer will not be considered in case the bid security has not submitted. 2. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. 3. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13.30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 4. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 5. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. 6. The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. 7. The supplier/contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. 8. Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. 9. This tender notice has also been uploaded on www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. 10. In Case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. 11. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13.30 hrs. of tender opening date. 12. The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC July '20 mandatorily, otherwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. 446/21 (AN)

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