

India sticks to its stand on fisheries, farm subsidies

This comes as WTO D–G reaches India for three–day visit

SHREYA NANDI
New Delhi, 20 October

India will continue to stand its ground on long-pending issues pertaining to agriculture and fisheries subsidies at the World Trade Organization (WTO), said a senior government official on Wednesday.

Even as India has been keen on finalising fisheries subsidies agreement at the WTO, with irrational subsidies and overfishing by many countries hurting Indian fishermen, it has maintained that in its current shape, the agreement is not balanced.

“The present text is imbalanced. Only when India’s suggestion is considered and incorporated suitably, will it be a balanced text for negotiations. The present text cannot form the basis of negotiations. We have suggested a proposal on getting future policy space and common but differentiated responsibility for different categories of countries,” said a senior government official.



This is WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala’s first visit to India

“Only when these suggestions are discussed, deliberated, and in some manner incorporated into the revised text, can we start text-based negotiations,” added the official. The official’s comments come in the backdrop of WTO Director-General (D-G) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala’s three-day visit to the national Capital, starting Wednesday.

Okonjo-Iweala had a bilateral meeting with Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday. She is expected to meet key industry leaders, including vaccine

makers, industry lobby groups, start-ups, fintechs, as well as officials from the National Payments Corporation of India.

This is also the D-G’s first visit to India, and assumes significance, with the crucial WTO 12th ministerial conference expected to kick off at the end of next month.

The official further said it is not right to say India is not in favour of the agreement or blocking negotiations. “India has its own proposal on the table. If it is India’s proposal versus someone else’s, then the Indian proposal is much more stringent on countries that have created the problem of overfishing and overcapacity,” he clarified.

India has recently submitted a proposal on the agreement on fisheries subsidies that says that countries engaged in distant water fishing going beyond their natural geographical area should stop giving subsidies in areas beyond their exclusive economic zone.

RBI’S RECURRING PAYMENT GUIDELINES

20 days later, consumers still face disruptions as banks not ready

Many banks, merchants not fully compliant yet despite extension of deadline

SUBRATA PANDA
Mumbai, 20 October

More than two weeks have passed since the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI’s) new guidelines on e-mandates for recurring payments came into effect but consumers are still taking to social media platforms to complain about the disruptions they are facing.

This comes as most stakeholders in the ecosystem have not put in place systems in accordance with the new rules, resulting in many transactions not going through.

Industry sources said most banks are still not ready, especially the smaller ones. Some of the bigger ones have complied with the new regulations at the very last moment, thus not allowing the payment aggregators to test the process completely before going live.

Recurring transactions for international merchants are not going through at all. And, around 60-70 per cent of the standing instructions for recurring transactions are not going through, a source aware of the development, said.

The blame has to be put on banks because despite getting ample time to comply with the new guidelines, they did not put all the systems in place, a source said. If they had done all the back-end work in time, the customers would not have faced such disruptions. The Payments Council of India went to the RBI to extend the timeline by another month but the RBI did not agree, he added.

Vishwas Patel, chairman, Payments Council of India, said, “Yes, the consumers are facing disruptions when it comes to making recurring

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■ AROUND 60–70% OF STANDING INSTRUCTIONS NOT GOING THROUGH, A SOURCE SAID

■ Multiple solutions are available for the banks to implement

■ But banks have to put this on priority, experts said

■ Disruptions may continue for some time

■ In the long term, these rules will lead to better consumer experience



payments through their cards. American Express and smaller banks are not yet compliant with the RBI rules. In the mid to long term, these new rules will provide more convenience to consumers.”

The framework for processing e-mandates for recurring online transactions was supposed to kick in from April 1 but many stakeholders approached the regulator saying they need more time to implement it.

Private health sector growth static: Paul

‘Wave 2’ vax in the works for Covid-19

RUCHIKA CHITRAVANSHI & SOHINI DAS
New Delhi/ Mumbai, 20 October

Calling for expanding the private health sector, V K Paul, member-health NITI Aayog, said on Wednesday that the growth in private health space had been static at a time when the health infrastructure needs to be ramped up in the country.

He said schemes such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission are a game changer and private hospitals must join the programme. “I request you to introspect and think. We have to. Can we look at what models in the private sector should now emerge?” Paul added.

The Prime Minister Jan Arogya Yojana would increase its ambit. “PM JAY is here to stay, and it is the main vehicle for secondary and tertiary care and therefore we have to reposition ourselves to align with this.”

He said the model should shift from high return, low volume to a high volume and modest return. “Let us not have the people of India be left out of this universal health coverage because we cannot set the

machine right. Let’s together set it right, reposition and refine the scheme,” Paul said.

Praising the private sector hospitals for their work during the pandemic, Paul said that even though the public sector did its part, the best critical care across the nation often came from the private sector.

He asked the private sector to visualise the next six or nine months to build important building blocks for improving the health infrastructure of the country.

The country has one hospital bed per thousand. It has to be increased to at least 2 hospital beds per thousand, he said.

He called on the state governments to increase their budgets on health care — from the current 4-4.5 per cent to almost 8 per cent.

Asking companies to send suggestions for the upcoming Budget, he said: “We are together to see that the health sector receives allocation in the spending paradigm of state and centre.”

The NITI Aayog member also sought inputs from the private sector on conversion of district hospitals into medical colleges through public private partnership mode. Six hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, he said, are on the block as part of this option.

WHO chief, Mandaviya talk Covaxin, resuming Covishield supply to COVAX

WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus discussed the issue of the emergency use listing of Bharat Biotech’s Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin and resumption of supplies of the Serum Institute of India-manufactured AstraZeneca vaccine to the COVAX facility among other topics during a telephonic conversation with Health

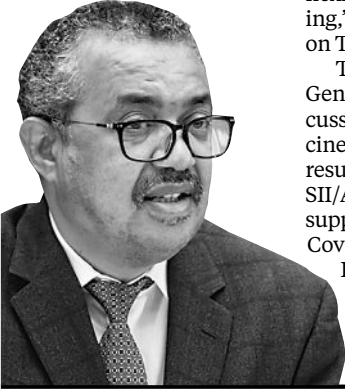
Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

“Had a call with @mansukhmandaviya, India’s Health Minister, to discuss #India’s ongoing #COVID19 vaccination programme; the need for a global pandemic agreement; digital health; & traditional medicine. We welcome India’s support to strengthen WHO, incl. via flexible, sustainable financing,” Ghebreyesus tweeted on Tuesday.

The WHO Director-General said that he also discussed with Mandaviya vaccine equity issues: “the resumption of SII/AstraZeneca vaccine supplies to #COVAX; the Covaxin Emergency Use

Listing process; and technology and license sharing through C-TAP.”

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Newer vaccines

Experts feel that one needs to prepare for the future waves of the coronavirus pandemic — multivalent Covid vaccines are in the works already. A big positive is that no vaccine is completely failing against any particular strain. “However,

nowhere in the world do we have the original strain in circulation now,” said Gagandeep Kang, microbiologist and professor at Christian Medical College, Vellore.

She added that as for future preparedness against

evolving strains of the Sars-CoV-2 virus, one can vaccinate a person with one dose of a vaccine based on the original strain (current vaccines in use are based on the original Wuhan strain of Sars-CoV-2), and a second dose of a vaccine based on one of the newer versions of the virus.

Such a multivalent approach would give reasonable immunity against different strains of the virus. These are called Wave 2 vaccines, and these are already in the works, she said.

The scientific community is also thinking about Wave 3 vaccines — where a single dose would give long-term immunity and broader coverage against various strains, Kang said.

N K Arora, chief of National Immunization Technical Advisory Group, pointed out that while the gap between the earlier pandemic and this one is 100 years, the next pandemic could be much earlier.

Arora also said that children play a role in transmission of the virus, and thus they need to be vaccinated.

“Prioritisation should be co-morbid children, and all adverse events need to be monitored very carefully and closely. We cannot stop vaccinating children because we do not have data,” Arora said.

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Govt issues revised norms for international visitors

Travellers fully vaccinated and coming from a country with which India has reciprocal arrangements for mutual acceptance of WHO approved Covid-19 vaccines shall be allowed to leave the airport and need not undergo home quarantine and testing from October 25, according to the revised guidelines for international arrivals released on Wednesday. They will, however, have to produce a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR report. If partially or not vaccinated, the travellers need to undertake measures which include submission of sample for post-arrival Covid-19 test at the point of arrival after which they will be allowed to leave the airport, home quarantine for seven days, re-test on the eighth day of arrival in India and if negative, further self monitor their health for next seven days.

These guidelines for international arrivals supersede of all guidelines issued on the subject on and after February 17, 2021, the Union health ministry said. “The existing guidelines (issued on 17th February 2021 with subsequent addendums) for international arrivals in India have been formulated taking a risk-based approach,” the ministry said. This Standard Operating Procedure shall be valid from October 25 till further orders.

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Travellers from South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand Zimbabwe and countries in Europe, including the UK, would need to follow additional measures on arrival in India

ALL IN A DAY

Banks’ microloan portfolio contracts 7% in June qtr

Micro loan portfolio of lenders shrunk by 7 per cent to ₹2.36 trillion in the June quarter (Q1FY22) over ₹2.53 trillion in Q4FY21 (on economic disruption owing to second wave of Covid-19 pandemic. The quarterly decline in gross loan portfolio (GLP) was seen across all lender types, including commercial

banks, finance companies, according to CRIF Highmark. The credit information bureau in Q1 review said the microfinance sector was quick to recover to pre-pandemic level by Q4FY21. The enquiries for loans showed an upturn with month-on-month rise of 7 per cent in September 2021.

ABHIJIT LELE

TN sets the ball rolling on BharatNet project

To ensure the availability of high-speed internet connectivity in Tamil Nadu under the BharatNet Project (Tamil Nadu Fibernet Project), the state government has initiated the project by tying up with system integrators like Larsen and Toubro, ITI Ltd and third-party agency BECIL. Tamil Nadu FibreNet

Corporation (Tanfinet), a special purpose vehicle, is implementing the project at a sanctioned cost of ₹1,815.32 crore. It aims to provide 1 Gbps bandwidth connectivity to all Gram Panchayats. A total of 12,525 Gram Panchayats will be covered under the project via optical fibre cable.

SHINE JACOB

L&T Finance net profit falls 15% YoY

L&T Finance Holdings Ltd’s (LTFH) consolidated net profit declined 15 per cent, on a year-on-year (YoY) basis to ₹224 crore in the September quarter. However, sequentially it rose by about 26 per cent, from ₹178 crore in Q1, which coincided with the second wave of pandemic. Dinanath Dubhashi, Managing Director & Chief Executive, LTFH, said, profits declined in Q2 due to contraction in loan book and higher rate of taxation. Its stock closed 0.9 per cent lower at ₹91.45 per share on the BSE. “Covid 2.0 as well as skewed monsoon and other macro-economic factors have had an impact on the business environment in Q2,” he said.

ABHIJIT LELE

Subpar upkeep keeps city subways at bay

Pedestrians avoid taking underpass owing to leaky roofs, filthy floors, and presence of anti-social elements

KV NAVYA @ Chennai

TWENTY-five-year-old Vidya Rajendran prefers to brave the traffic and jump over barricades than use the pedestrian subway adjoining the Chennai Central railway station. The unbearable stench and alcohol bottles strewn all around the poorly illuminated subway keep pedestrians at bay. “Most people use the subway for anti-social activities than to cross the road. It is very unsafe to even go near the subway after dusk. It is just a waste of tax payers’ money,” she said.

One of the arterial infrastructure for pedestrians, many subways in the city are in a state of neglect. Built at an estimated cost of ₹3.85 crore and opened just a couple of years ago, the subway connecting East and West Tambaram is also a picture of apathy. With absolutely no illumination, public, especially women, are hesitant to



Pedestrians brave the traffic, ignoring the subway near the Chennai Central Railway Station | P JAWAHAR

use it even in the mornings.

TNIE visited the subway there, maintained by the Southern Railway, and found a lot of broken alcohol bottles, garbage strewn everywhere, and a leaking roof. “Numerous incidents of groping have also been reported here,” said R Sivani, a resident of Tambaram. The subway was primarily aimed to connect the residential lo-

calities on East Tambaram such as Ganapathy Puram and MEC Road to West Tambaram. Previously, the residents would jaywalk on the railway tracks to reach their destination. Despite the facility, most residents do the same.

Similarly, the Tambaram Sanatorium has a leaking subway with a cracked roof, unhygienic washbasins and



taps, and broken steps. Commuters alleged the cracks widened by the day and at least temporary works should be taken up immediately to avert a major mishap. “To avoid having to wade through the stagnated water after rains, commuters often cross the tracks. The roof is cracked and with trains going right above it, it is very dangerous and the authorities have turned a blind eye towards the issue,” said Dayanand Krishnan, a resident of Chitlapakkam.

According to official data, work orders had been issued to repair the subway by June

2021. But, officials blame the Covid-19 situation for not carrying out the same. While this remains one part of the story, a few subways which are properly maintained with good illumination, are occupied by hawkers, on the other hand.

The subway between the Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital and Chennai Central has its own share of troubles. Built to allow pedestrians to easily cross the highly-congested Poonamallee Road, it is now occupied by vendors selling fruits and flowers, turning it into a one-way passage for pedestrians. Subway near the Beach station towards George Town also has a similar tale to narrate.

However, for most of these issues, officials have only responded saying the maintenance could not happen due to the pandemic and that it will be taken up immediately.

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Water in Alwarpet gone bad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chennai

RESIDENTS of Sri Ram Nagar in Alwarpet, not far from the Chief Minister’s residence, have been dealing with contaminated drinking water for the last four days. As a result, a handful of them are suffering from diarrhoea.

Metro Water officials told TNIE that contamination is due to leakage from a storm water drain (that carries sewage in most areas). Water samples have been drawn for testing.

Residents began noticing an odour since Sunday which grew into a stench over the next two days. Now, they have closed inlet valves and are disinfecting tanks to get rid of the smell. The locality houses over 200 residents.

Sandhya*, daughter of a 75-year-old suffering from diarrhoea, said,

“The onset was sudden and coincided with the time we started noticing a stench in the water. In our apartment, a handful of residents are sick. If you clean water bottles with this, you won’t be able to drink from it because of the smell it leaves behind.”

“The issue rose after an underground pipe laying work was taken up in the area. We suspect the drinking water pipeline to have been punctured at that time,” said Karthik*, another resident. Last October, too, the area had experienced water contamination which was resolved after four weeks.

Metro Water officials said the issue will be resolved in a day. “We have already identified the problem. The leakage is from a drain and we are in the process of plugging it,” the official said.

*(Names changed)

EXPRESS READ

DGP, CoP inspect life-saving unit at Marina

Chennai: DGP S Sylendra Babu and city police commissioner Shankar Jiwal inspected the live-saving unit at the Marina Beach on Wednesday. The unit will consist of the police department, coast guard, fire and rescue teams, swimmers, and first-aid group. It will have catamarans, lifejackets, speedboats, floating vessels, ropes and other necessary equipment. The unit has placed watchtowers in 14 places which will use the technology from Anna University and Indian Maritime University. The unit was formed keeping in mind 506 deaths and missing cases due to drowning in the past 5 years. ENS

Lessening resettlement impact

Academicians and civil society groups released a memorandum urging the State to include their demands in the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) draft policy note

Specific suggestions

1. Spelling out key issues and challenges
2. Include other stakeholders in panel that takes decision on resettlement
3. Identification of land for resettlement be based on distance from place of eviction
4. Policy must make it clear how it envisages community in enumeration and specify role of NGOs and civil organisations
5. Setting up of help desks and transfer desks
6. Reducing time for issue of welfare entitlements to beneficiaries from 2 years
7. Conduct of social audit periodically every year

Others

1. Specifying maximum size of a colony
2. Specification of tenure security for ownership of new houses

- Stating that the draft appears to have been scripted behind closed doors, the collective also sought to know why the government was not initiating such consultations across the State
- The initiative was organised by the Madras School of Social Work (MSSW) and Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC)

Broad Suggestions

- Issue a moratorium on evictions till R&R policy is finalised
- Extension of deadline for submitting inputs

‘Got food from trash collection auto’

OMJASVIN MD @ Chennai

THE evicted pavement dwellers from Egmore, who were relocated to a shelter in Periyamet, refused to eat food on Wednesday as it was transported in a garbage collection vehicle. Visuals shared by the residents showed vessels containing lemon rice and tomato rice being ferried in a battery-operated vehicle, which the corporation uses for garbage collection. Remnants of chlorine powder was visible on the vehicle.

When TNIE visited the shelter at 2 pm, the food remained untouched. “The driver said the food was hygienic and the vehicle had not been used to collect garbage recently,” said Vinodh, a relocated dweller. The zonal officials said, “The vehicle is not used for carrying garbage although it looks the same.” However, green-coloured vehicles are used only to collect



Food brought by a garbage collection vehicle being provided at the shelter in Periyamet; (right) Unhygienic conditions at the shelter | EXPRESS/ASHWIN PRASATH



door-to-door garbage. Visuals suggested the vehicle was cleaned with chlorine, a process generally associated with garbage collection trucks.

The residents also complained of poor quality rice. “In the pavements we cooked our own food but here since there are no kitchens, we are forced to eat food given to us,” said Muthulakshmi. At least 20 people were seen purchasing food from nearby eateries.

‘Sewage stagnation, saltwater’

The residents also complained of saltwater and algae in Metro Water tank.

Sewage stagnation also was seen in some parts outside the shelter, as a result of which, the residents are facing mosquito menace.

For now, they have pinned hopes on assurance given by MLA I Paranthamen, who promised proper housing for all within two months.

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New Delhi, October 20

TRAVELLERS FULLY VACCINATED and coming from a country with which India has reciprocal arrangements for mutual acceptance of WHO approved Covid-19 vaccines shall be allowed to leave the airport and need not undergo home quarantine and testing from October 25, according to the revised guidelines for international arrivals released on Wednesday.

They will, however, have to produce a negative Covid-19 RT-PCR report. If partially or not vaccinated, the travellers need to undertake measures which include submission of sample for post-arrival Covid-19 test at the point of arrival after which they will be allowed to leave the airport, home quarantine for seven days, re-test on the eighth day of arrival in India and if negative, further self-monitor their health for next seven days.

These guidelines for international arrivals supersede all of guidelines issued on the subject on and after February 17, 2021, the Union health ministry said.

"The global trajectory of Covid-19 pandemic continues to decline with certain regional variations. The need to monitor



the continuously changing nature of virus and evolution of SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOCs) must still remain in focus. The existing guidelines (issued on February 17, 2021 with subsequent addendums) for international arrivals in India have been formulated taking a risk-based approach. In view of increasing vaccination coverage across the globe and the changing nature of the pandemic, the existing guidelines for international arrivals in India have been reviewed," the ministry said.

The new document provides protocols to be complied with international travellers as well those to be followed by airlines, points of entry (airports, seaports and land border) for risk profiling of passengers. This Standard Operating Procedure shall be valid from October 25 till further orders. Based on the risk assessment, this document shall be reviewed from time to time, the ministry said.

Govt signs agreements signed with 11 countries for mutual vaccine recognition

THE HEALTH MINISTRY on Wednesday said India has signed agreements for mutual recognition of nationally or WHO recognised Covid-19 vaccines with 11 countries including the UK, France and Germany and fully vaccinated travellers coming from these countries shall be allowed to leave the airport and need not undergo home quarantine and testing.

The list of countries with which the Centre has agreed for mutual recognition vaccination certificate for individuals fully vaccinated with nationally recognised or WHO

recognised Covid-19 vaccine and those exempting Indian citizens fully vaccinated with nationally or WHO recognised vaccines are the UK, France, Germany, Nepal, Belarus, Lebanon, Armenia, Ukraine, Belgium, Hungary and Serbia.

The list of countries from where travellers would need to follow additional measures on arrival in India, including post-arrival testing (countries at-risk) are South Africa, Brazil, Bangladesh, Botswana, China, Mauritius, New Zealand, Zimbabwe and countries in Europe including the UK.

—PTI

Govt looking to vaccinate entire adult population by year-end

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, October 20

MORE THAN 99 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccines have been administered in India and the government has set a target of vaccinating the country's entire adult population by the end of the year, Union Minister of State for Health and Family

Welfare Bharati Pravin Pawar said on Wednesday.

While virtually addressing the FICCI's "Healthcare Excellence Awards" ceremony, Pawar informed that under the 'Make in India' initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi "India is one of the leading countries in the global medical devices market in the world."

Amarinder a patriot, open to alliance with him: BJP leader

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, October 20

THE BJP ON Wednesday reciprocated warmly to former Punjab chief minister Amarinder Singh's suggestion for an alliance with the party in the upcoming state assembly polls, lauding him as a patriot and asserting that it is open to joining hands with those who put national interest first.

BJP general secretary and party in-charge of Punjab affairs Dushyant Gautam said Singh, who has announced that he will quit the Congress and launch a party, is moving away from the dynasty and towards nationalism.

Gautam's comments came a day after Amarinder Singh said he will soon launch his political party and is hopeful of a seat arrangement with the BJP if the farmers' issue is resolved in their interest.

On his condition of resolving farmers' issue, the BJP leader said Singh did not talk about ending the farmers' agitation.

"He talked about farmers' issues. We are committed to it and are working for the welfare of farmers. When the time comes, both will sit together and discuss farmers' issues," Gautam told PTI.

As far as the agitation is concerned, it is politically motivated, he alleged.

"Our main agenda is nationalism and keeping the nation first. All those parties who want to form alliances with us on this agenda are welcome," he said. Amarinder Singh was once a soldier and his stand on the issues of national security should be praised, the BJP leader said.

"...He (Amarinder Singh) was a soldier. He knows about the threats to the country and how to secure it. He is patriotic. And whenever it was a matter of national security and security at the borders, we have appreciated his stand," Gautam said, adding that nationalists are not "untouchables" to the BJP.

Lakhimpur Kheri: SC says UP govt must dispel doubts that it is dragging its feet

FE BUREAU
New Delhi, October 20

ASKING THE UTTAR Pradesh government to record the statements of all witnesses in the October 3 Lakhimpur Kheri incident in which eight persons, including four farmers, were killed, the Supreme Court said that 'this should not be an unending story' and the state must dispel the impression that it was 'dragging its feet'.

Hearing a PIL in the case allegedly involving Ashish Mishra, son of Union minister of state for home Ajay Mishra, a

bench led by Chief Justice N V Ramana asked senior counsel Harish Salve, appearing for the UP government, to ensure statements of witnesses were recorded before a magistrate and adequate protection was granted to them. So far 10 people, including Mishra, have been arrested in the case.

When Salve told the bench that the state had filed a status report in a sealed cover, the CJI said that there was no need to file it in a sealed cover, and it had received the report just before the hearing. "We waited till 1 am last night for any filing, but we received nothing,"

the CJI said. Going through the status report, the judges noted that out of 34 witnesses, only statements of four witnesses have been recorded so far. "We feel you are dragging your feet. Please dispel that," the bench told Salve, who submitted that two FIRs were lodged into the matter - one related to killing of farmers and another on lynching of other persons.

Several videos of the incident have been received and sent for forensic examinations, the senior lawyer said, while seeking further time to file a fresh status report.

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India reports 18% decrease in numbers of new cases: WHO

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United Nations/Geneva, October 20

INDIA REPORTED AN 18% decrease in the new Covid-19 cases along with a 13% decline in the number of deaths during the week of October 11 to 17, the WHO has said, highlighting that all the regions globally, except the European Region, reported a fall in new weekly cases of the deadly virus.

The Covid-19 Weekly Epidemiological Update, released by the World Health Organisation on Tuesday, said that with just over 2.7 million new cases

WHO discusses Covaxin, resumption of SII vaccine supplies to Covax facility

WHO CHIEF TEDROS Adhanom Ghebreyesus discussed the issue of the emergency use listing of Bharat Biotech's Covid-19 vaccine Covaxin and resumption of supplies of the SII-manufactured AstraZeneca vaccine to the COVAX facility among other topics during a conversation with Health Minister

Mansukh Mandaviya. The WHO Director-General said that he also discussed with Mandaviya vaccine equity issues: "the resumption of SII/AstraZeneca vaccine supplies to #COVAX; the Covaxin Emergency Use Listing process; and technology and license sharing through C-TAP"

—PTI

and over 46,000 new deaths reported during the week of

October 11 to 17, the global number of new cases and deaths

DDN to manufacture data storage products in India, invest ₹500 cr in 5 years

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, October 20

THE US-BASED DataDirect Networks will invest around ₹500 crore in the next five years for manufacturing data storage solutions in India, a senior company official said on Wednesday.

The company expects to start rolling out commercial products from its Delhi-NCR-based manufacturing unit from mid-December, which it will scale to achieve 100 petabytes storage capacity by mid-2022 with an initial investment of ₹100 crore, DDN Storage General Manager for India and Southeast Asia Atul Vidwansa told PTI.

"We have a factory in place with around 250 people. We expect to roll out the first product from our factory in India from mid-December. Initially, we will make an investment of ₹100-250 crore to begin, which we will continue doing

for five years to a cumulative investment of ₹500 crore," Vidwansa said.

DDN is evaluating participation in the production-linked incentive scheme for IT hardware. The company is also exploring to partner with some of the electronics contract manufacturers who have qualified for the scheme.

Vidwansa said the company makes final products used by end-customers by using components from partners, and scaling up production speed of DDN's manufacturing plant will be dependent on pace at which the company's partner ramp up their supplies in India.

DDN's manufacturing unit will be its first facility outside the US. The company will make storage solutions to meet the need of the high-performance computing segment, cloud business and data centres in India.

'Co-WIN can be customised, scaled up for health interventions across globe'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
New Delhi, October 20

INDIA'S CO-WIN technological platform which is spearheading its Covid-19 vaccination drive can be customised and scaled up for health interventions across the globe, a senior Ministry of External Affairs official said on Wednesday, noting that New Delhi is working on sharing this platform with partner countries.

Addressing the ASEAN-India Track 1.5 Dialogue on Cyber Issues, Secretary (East) Riva Ganguly Das also said that some states are leveraging their expertise in cyberspace to achieve their political and security-related objectives and indulge in contemporary forms of cross-border terrorism.

"At the same time, non-

state actors and terrorists around the world are using cyberspace to broaden their appeal, spread virulent propaganda, incite hatred and violence, recruit youth and raise funds," Das said.

There are widespread concerns that with the advent of new technologies like 5G, vulnerabilities and harmful hidden functions are being introduced, including through backdoor channels, into ICT networks and products, she stressed.

Noting that since cyber-crime often has a transnational dimension, Das said there is a crucial need for international cooperation to exchange experiences and share best practices for the protection of information infrastructures.

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Former Mumbai top cop Param Bir Singh not traceable, Maha in HC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Mumbai, October 20

THE WHEREABOUTS OF former Mumbai police commissioner Param Bir Singh were not known, the Maharashtra government on Wednesday told the Bombay high court.

As the IPS officer was not traceable, it did not wish to continue its assurance that no coercive action (such as arrest) would be taken against him in an Atrocities Act case, the government said. Senior counsel Darius Khambata, appearing for the state, told a division bench of Justices Nitin Jamdar and Sarang Kotwal that the circumstances had changed.

"He isn't traceable. In these circumstances, we do not want to continue our earlier statement where the government said it would not take any coercive action against him," Khambata said. Param Bir Singh's counsel Mahesh Jethmalani said he had not been declared as an absconder yet.

"In this case, he was summoned twice and both the times



he responded," Jethmalani said. The high court was hearing a petition filed by the senior IPS officer seeking to quash the FIR lodged against him under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and relevant IPC sections on a complaint filed by police inspector Bhimrao Ghadge. The judges adjourned the hearing to the next week.

Ghadge, presently posted in Akola district, has levelled allegations of corruption against Singh and some other officers when Singh was Thane police commissioner.