Institute Superior of Health (ISS), after several tests pose “no risk” to public health, insisted Luca Brisbane to Paris and Amsterdam. These discoveries were a symbolic step as the country emerges from the lockdown. After a month-long closure, crowds have come every weekend with his friends. Holding two red bags from a famous French pastry brand in his hands, he was delighted to be back and reassured his family that he was safe. The government declared the outbreak an “emergency” by punishing visa traders. The speaker also called on the interior minister, who has formed an investigation committee on visa trading, to release the reports and allow traders to claim full rent from tenants following the exception.

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The die-off from COVID-19 in the States over the past few weeks has been savage. The latest surge has brought the number of deaths to over 12,000, with over 200,000 confirmed cases. The virus has spread across the country, affecting every major city. New York City, the epicenter of the outbreak, has been especially hard hit, with over 30,000 cases and over 2,000 deaths.

As the virus continues to spread, scientists are working around the clock to find a cure. One promising area of research is the use of antibodies from recovered patients. The hope is that these antibodies could be used to protect vulnerable populations, including healthcare workers.

President Trump has expressed interest in plasma therapy, which involves using antibodies from recovered patients to treat those with severe cases of COVID-19. The therapy has been used successfully in China and other countries, and preliminary results have been promising.

However, there are still many unanswered questions about the safety and efficacy of plasma therapy. It is not yet clear whether the therapy will be effective in all cases, and further research is needed to determine its long-term effects.

In addition to plasma therapy, scientists are also exploring other potential treatments for COVID-19. One area of focus is the use of antiviral drugs, which could help to stop the virus from spreading inside the body.

As the pandemic continues to unfold, it is clear that we need to find a cure as soon as possible. While there is still much work to be done, scientists and healthcare workers are continuing to work tirelessly to find a solution. In the meantime, we must continue to follow best practices to prevent the spread of the virus, including social distancing, wearing masks, and washing our hands regularly.
DZC: Two months after the US and the Taleban agreed to a "partial" ceasefire, violence in Afghanistan has soared. The country is mired in a new wave of attacks, with civilians and combatants alike being targeted. The stalemate in negotiations between the US and the Taleban has led to a surge in violence, with both sides committing atrocities against civilians.

Meanwhile, the pandemic continues to spread across the region. In Indonesia, the government has imposed a partial lockdown in some areas to combat the spread of the coronavirus. However, the lockdown measures have been criticized for not being strict enough to prevent the spread of the virus.

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Official alleging Russian plot to "liquidate" him

PRAGUE: A Prague official has alleged that there was a Russian plot to "liquidate" him and two other Czech politicians, all of whom had challenged the Kremlin over the Soviet Union’s military installations in the city. Prague district five mayor Ondrej Kolar told Czech media last Tuesday that he had been kept under an unannounced location after being granted police protection. "I can tell you that I’ve been granted police protection. It was assigned to me because there’s a Russian here who has been given the task of liquidating me," Kolar told the Czech Prime TV station. "Not only my life but also my life and Pavel Novotny’s. We've been targeted, not just by Prague’s mayor and another city official.

Pakistan: Dr. Firda, a Pakistani politician, was shot and killed on Monday by unknown assailants. "I was under police protection, but stopped short of confirming Czech media reports that he had been targeted by Russia for running a station of a pro-NATO voice. He was killed near his home."

Coronavirus mutes Pakistan's TV game shows on Ramadan

ISLAMABAD: In normal times, the three channels that dominate the broadcast landscape during the holy month of Ramadan would be packed with religious programs and religious content. As COVID-19 continues to spread, the broadcast landscape has changed. In May 2020, the government imposed a nationwide lockdown to control the spread of the coronavirus. The lockdown measures were implemented to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect the lives of those infected.

"As a result, we’re not even advertised, or stopped selling," Firda said. "And while the Pakistan government is not the biggest spender, it has been very generous in terms of advertising on television. We’re a big spender, and that’s why we’re not seeing the same amount of advertising as we used to." In the past, Pakistan would spend around $100 million on advertising during the holy month of Ramadan. However, this year, the government has reduced its advertising budget by 50-70%.

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India counts as migrant workers struggle for aid

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SINGAPORE: Oil prices rebounded above S$14 a barrel yesterday for a day after a sell-off sparked by a report of Saudi Arabia's cuts in short-term oil output to prop up the global market. Analysts said the unexpected move had weakened the market and was likely to continue as a major swing producer.
As a ‘green stimulus’ Pakistan sets virus-idled to work planting trees

Unemployed day laborers given new jobs as jungle workers

IMF okays $3.4bn for Nigeria to address COVID-19

WAS HINGTON: The IMF board on Monday approved immediate financial support for the coronavirus pandemic.

The decision, the IMF’s Rapid Financing Instrument, which has been ramped up from $100 billion to $1 trillion, was to help develop countries manage the crisis.

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The $500 million support is part of a $20 billion funding plan that aims to offer support to countries affected by the virus.

“APICORP’s investments will be geared towards countries most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic,” Dr. Ahmed Ali Attiga, President and CEO of APICORP, said.

The new funding will be deployed to address the economic impact of the pandemic.

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Company supports government’s efforts to combat COVID-19

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Business

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Worried China bondholders call for protection

SHANGHAI: China’s bondholders are increasingly worried that there is little to protect them from being railroaded into bad deals by troubled borrowers amid a wave of unsecured extensions and refinancings.

The country’s 25 trillion yuan ($3.5 trillion) corporate bond market has become an increasingly important funding channel for Chinese companies and governments. But many bondholders say it has fallen victim to experience with default.

Bondholders are even more fearful now that Chinese officials seek to avoid an avalanche of defaults caused by the country’s coronavirus-related economic slowdown.

China’s bond market has seen a significant increase in credit events over the past year, despite a recovery of new issuance and an increase in the number of bondholders.

A senior credit analyst at Moody’s, Guozhu Wu, emphasized that while there has been a recovery of new issuance and an increase in the number of bondholders, the credit quality of these issuers has deteriorated in many cases.

"There will be a lot more default pressure this year," Wu said, citing Moody’s preliminary expectation that China’s corporate default rate will increase by about 80% this year.

China is the world’s second-largest economy and has been hit hard by the pandemic, with many companies facing significant challenges.

As a result, bondholders are increasingly worried about their investments, with many calling for stronger protection mechanisms to be put in place.

Nevertheless, the Chinese government has been taking steps to support the bond market, including providing incentives for bond issuers and investors.

"We are committed to supporting the bond market and protecting the rights of bondholders," a spokesperson for the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission (CIRC) said.

The CIRC and China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) have been working closely to implement new rules and procedures to protect bondholders.

"We will continue to work closely with the CSRC and other regulatory bodies to ensure that all bondholders have a fair chance to protect their investments," the spokesperson added.

Source: Moody’s

3M earnings rise on demand for medical masks

NEW YORK: Industrial giant 3M reported rising quarterly profits Tuesday as it ramped up production of N95 masks while combating price-gouging and fraud.

The company manufactures a wide range of products used in medical industries, but has become prominent during the COVID-19 outbreak as one of the key producers of "respirator" masks which are critical against the virus.

The profits have been an essential boon to hospitals on the front line of the outbreak and have emerged as one of the few bright spots in the economy, with new cases announced for local officials in the last few days.

The company’s earnings rose to $6.2 billion on the back of its health care business during the first quarter, a key sector that produces N95 masks as well as gowns, gloves and other personal protective equipment during the pandemic.

The earnings were in line with expectations, adding that the details of an order was being up.

The orders were placed by hospitals and other health care providers.

"We are seeing a lot of growth in the medical market," said Michael Sandoval, chief executive of 3M. "Our mask production has really taken off and we are also preparing to buy more masks to meet the demand.

Executives discussed the overall impact of the pandemic on its results, saying that it had increased demand for certain products, such as masks and personal protective equipment.

"The pandemic has led to a significant increase in demand for our products," Sandoval said. "We have seen a strong increase in orders for these items and we are working hard to meet that demand.

Source: 3M

Samsung profit slips on virus, more falls seen

SEOUL: Samsung Electronics, the world’s biggest smartphone maker, said first-quarter net profits slid 58% on-year as the coronavirus pandemic dampened consumer demand but warned of further falls in the second quarter.

"We expect the COVID-19 pandemic to continue to have a significant impact on Samsung’s business in the second quarter," said Yoo Eun-hoe, its chief financial officer.

"We have seen a significant decline in consumer demand due to the pandemic, and we expect that this will continue into the second quarter.

Samsung’s first-quarter results showed that the company’s profit margins were under pressure, with the smartphone division seeing a sharp decline.

"Our profit margins have been impacted by the decline in demand for smartphones and the increased costs associated with producing new products," Yoo said. "We are working to reduce costs and improve efficiency to offset these challenges.

Source: Samsung

Trump to order US meat plants to stay open

WASHINGTON: President Donald Trump will order an executive order compelling meat packing plants to stay open, despite a string of coronavirus deaths, in a bid to ease US food supplies, the White House said Tuesday. "President Trump is signing an Executive Order compelling those who operate meat packing plants to stay open," White House spokesman Judd Deere said.

"This executive order will keep Americans safe and allow those who have been ordered to close their facilities to stay open and continue to provide safe, wholesome domestic food to the American people.

"Meatpacking plants are essential to our food supply chain and have been called "essential” by the Trump administration," the statement said.

"The order will require meatpacking plants to submit plans for how they will keep their workers safe and protect the health of their operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: White House
WASHINGTON: Governments and organizations around the world are mulling the use of hotly-debated “immunity passports” aimed at easing pandemic-related lockdowns and restrictions on movements.

The certificates could identify people with antibodies to the virus that will spread the deadly coronavirus, helping them to resume activity and return to work. Global health authorities and experts are urging caution, pointing to concerns over the accuracy of antibody tests as well as privacy fears and the potential for abuse.

Backers of the idea say the people who qualify could receive digital certificates displayed like smartphone boarding passes, or on paper. “If this situation lasts six months or nine months, or if there is a second wave, you can imagine people will want to leave their homes,” said Hussein Kassai, chief executive of the digital identity startup Onfido.

“There needs to be some mechanism to verify a person’s immunity. The immunity passport, if it works effectively, is more likely to help people comply with staying at home.”

Onfido, which has been in talks with the British government and other authorities, said immunity would be determined by a home testing kit similar to those used for pregnancy tests and validated by health authorities. Those could flash as green for fully immune, amber for partly immune or red for risky. The results could be modified in a data base if needed, according to Kassai.

The World Health Organization recently issued guidelines on similar efforts are ongoing in Germany and elsewhere.

**Accuracy unclear**

The World Health Organization recently issued a warning that there was “not enough evidence” to give people “risk-free certification,” but hours later appeared to backtrack with a modified statement. In the follow-up, WHO said it expected that people who are infected with COVID-19 “will develop an antibody response that will provide some level of protection,” but added that “what we don’t yet know is the level of protection or how long it will last.”

Claire Standley, a research professor specializing in public health at the Georgetown University Center for Global Health Science and Security, said she was skeptical of the certificates in part due to the “lack of certainty over I have antibodies, I’m immune,” said Wu. “Well, we can’t be certain of that. The antibody test for this virus hasn’t been around long enough to show that you won’t get infected again if you have antibodies.”

**Privacy concerns**

“Immunity passports prove that you are who you claim to be and the test results belong to you. You don’t need to share any more information,” said Kassai.

Dakota Greuner, executive director of ID2020, a consortium of digital identity organizations and focused on privacy, said any certification program should be done “using identity technology that places control of private data in the hands of the individual.”

“Immunity certifications would be ‘a spectacularly pernicious incentive for people to deliberately infect themselves to obtain a certificate, allowing them to return to work or normal activity,” she said. “There are people who are legitimately struggling economically and socially,” she said. “As long as the restrictions continue, the more likely it is that people may consider risking their own health if they see a potential way out of lockdowns.”

The deployment of immunity certifications would be “a spectacularly unsustainable path that is unlikely to be useful and is likely to be harmful,” said Jules Polonetsky, chief executive and co-founder of the Future of Privacy Forum, a Washington advocacy group.

“People want to get back to work, there are huge incentives for cheating or faking our how to obtain a certificate so that they can work,” he said. — AFP

**Debate over use of virus ‘immunity passports’**

WASHINGTON: Governments and organizations around the world are mulling the use of hotly-debated “immunity passports” aimed at easing pandemic-related lockdowns and restrictions on movements. — Reuters

**Additional content**

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New research reveals more of the ‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’

S cientific investigation of Vermeer’s world-famous painting ‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’ has revealed secrets that make for more ‘personal’ even her identity remains a mystery. The Mauritshuis art museum where the painting was housed announced on Thursday that the analysis of the girl’s eyes, invisible to the naked eye. Research also established the existence of a green veil in the painting. Mauritshuis director Saskia van Gosselink said: “This is not the end point of our research.”

The Girl in the Spotlight research project... offers a glimpse into the secrets of the composition of the ‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’ painting inside a XRF macro-scanner during a research at The Mauritshuis in The Hague. —AFP

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“Useful in a crisis”

"We should probably be doing this," he said, pointing out that such moves were dramatically shaping the income of small-scale producers of all kinds. "It was not just that we need to help these, it was not just a matter of looking at the income of artists, it was also about looking at the income of the general public." The research, conducted by an intern, has revealed the secret of her identity yet but we got to um to discover the girl’s true identity. "If that happens, my book is toast!" she tweeted. — AFP

Behave to a crisis

Bye bye, hats, hello: French Opera houses join COVID battle

French opera houses are turning their considerable talents to making masks. Since the beginning of March, Christine Neumeister, the costume director of the Paris Opera, has been driving around collecting masks of all kinds from her contacts who have made masks while locked inside at home. The first week she made 1400 for the regional army and a maternity hospital, and the following week she made a much smaller number for the Salvation Army. Packed into tiny bags marked “opera de Paris”, they have to be among the chicest personal protection accessories around — although staff from the French costume house Jean Leonard have also been volunteering to turn face masks to knitting centres for masks in need.

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Irish mill flour ramps up daily grind to feed virus baking surge

In the countryside outside Dublin, the river Blackwater runs the Colonel Waterbury flour mill, spurning rye and grinding stones that produce flour for food containing corn in demand. “We could work 24 hours a day,” said owner James Tallon, “We could work 24 hours a day.”

“At the Marie Mill, which dates back to 1615, Tallon and his son are now grinding flour at full capacity for bakeries, supermarkets and shops around County Meath. The water wheel powers a paddle of cogs inside the mill, which is fitted with the sound of production, the roar of cardboard bales — and a fine white dust. The first flour, a deadly fine, is ground to fine baking flour.

The rough flour falls down a level where it is sifted and bagged in 25 kg (55 lb.) bags, and the bag is taken to Tallon’s son, who stands ready in white overalls and a cap. His task is the quality control of the mill, the sort of work that ensures the mill working continuously during the world wars.

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With the mill working continuously during the world wars, the mill could produce 100 cases of flour a week, said Tallon. Now, the mill produces 100 cases a week during the pandemic. “No, no, no,” he laughed, asking that the owner had researched the formula with Tallon’s son, “we have been churning out masks ever since.” —AFP

Oscars suspend movie theater rule due to coronavirus

Movies that skip the big screen will be allowed to compete for Academy Awards, the organization announced Tuesday in a significant rule change that was prompted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said it is amending its rules to allow movies that are released on streaming platforms directly to be submitted for the Oscars. “Trolls World Tour,” a sequel to the 2016 animated hit “Trolls,” was released on the Apple streaming service in March.

The Academy said the change “is a temporary exception to our awards eligibility requirements,” as the pandemic has disrupted the normal theatrical release schedule. It said “no film that is made available to the public for streaming can be eligible for the Oscar at the same time it is available in theaters.”

“The Academy’s new rule is a creative solution to an extraordinary situation,” said Academy President David Rubin. “Established 1929, the Academy has always been flexible in the face of change and crisis.”

The change was part of a broader set of rule changes announced by the Academy Tuesday. The changes included an extension of the eligibility period for features released in 2020, which was extended to run through February 28 due to the pandemic.

The Academy also said Monday that it would consider films that are released on streaming platforms to be eligible for awards if they meet the following criteria: they must be made available to the public via streaming in the US on the same day as their theatrical release, and they must remain available for a minimum of 30 days. The rule change will apply to the 2021 and 2022 awards.

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Despite warnings from experts of a second wave of worst-affected European countries, with each report surpassing the number of Americans killed in the US, a meat shortage in the US continued to mount. The Lancet. The center reported last month that 90 percent of the amount of virus suspended in sunlight at any given temperature and 20 percent humidity is added. This is because UVC is particularly adept at warping the genetic material in the virus, even when filtered out by the Earth’s atmosphere - and not UVC.

"That’s a key point because it is filtered out by the Earth’s atmosphere," he said. "We tested the UV components of sunlight that penetrate the atmosphere - and not UVC.

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UVC is used in hospitals and homes to kill microbes without penetrating human skin, but has not generally caused human skin to tan and age. UVA light (though it did respond to UVC light) had a "cowardly act of evil". Trump continued on to suggest that the sun can boost their body immunity amid concerns over the coronavirus outbreak.

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daydreams of success. There can be no question of evading it! Get
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you may be wishing for some recognition
perhaps you're being evaluated.
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to conclude on a high note. You may have been somewhat
the future forming within you, Libra!
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out about an opportunity in a new field, which may lead to a
opportunity you'll be presented with today. You could find
You face a day of some conflict, Gemini.
because you're afraid that you cannot assume this new respon-
situation that demands that you commit yourself. Is this
escape from reality today, Taurus. You aren't anxious to face a
goal. You should be sure you have support for that goal.
Leo, you have to plan everything carefully and focus on one
situation and appreciation lately. The day ahead will show you
as you agonize over whether or not
you're up to "standard," the planets, in a very cheeky way,
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Andy Murray says resigning season stalled by pandemic not top priority

Tennis players want to get back to competing as soon as possible

NEW YORK: This year’s Ryder Cup without fans on the course, best interest but might have to “take one for the team” and pressed that way amid the COVID-19 crisis, Team Europe captain Padraig Harrington told The Times newspaper.

The golf calendar has been severely affected due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has infected 14.5 million people globally, causing over 276,000 deaths.

Three of the four major championships have been postponed or canceled due to the pandemic, while the Ryder Cup is scheduled for September 25-27 at Whistling Straits. The match will be played without fans.

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