

COVID FIGHT

Vaccines highly effective against B1.617.2 variant, finds UK study

ADITI KHANNA
London, May 23

A NEW STUDY by health officials in England shows for the first time that two doses of Covid-19 vaccines are “highly effective” against the B1.617.2 variant first identified in India. Public Health England (PHE) said on Saturday that while the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine is 88% effective against symptomatic Covid-19 from the B1.617.2 variant of concern (VOC) two weeks after the second dose, the Oxford/ AstraZeneca vaccine was 60% effective against symptomatic disease from the VOC.

However, effectiveness from both types of vaccines was found to be only 33% against the VOC found in India after just one dose of either jab. The Serum Institute of India has been producing the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccines as Covishield for use in India. “This new evidence is groundbreaking and proves just how valuable our Covid-19 vaccination programme is in protecting the people we love,” UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock



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said. “It’s clear how important the second dose is to secure the strongest possible protection against Covid-19 and its variants and I urge everyone to book in their jab when offered,” he said. “I’m increasingly confident we’re on track for the roadmap because this data shows the vaccine after two doses works just as effectively, and we all know that the vaccine is our way out of this,” added the minister, raising hopes that the June 21 end to lockdown date remains on track.

The analysis shows that vac-

cine effectiveness against symptomatic disease from the B.1.617.2 variant is similar after two doses compared to the B.1.1.7 VOC discovered in Kent and currently the dominant variant in the UK. The Pfizer jabs were found to be 93% effective against the B.1.1.7 VOC compared to 66% effectiveness from AstraZeneca against the B.1.1.7 variant. After just one dose, they both showed around 50% effectiveness against the B.1.1.7 VOC. PHE said it expects to see even higher levels of effective-

ness against hospitalisation and death over time. “This study provides reassurance that two doses of either vaccine offer high levels of protection against symptomatic disease from the B.1.617.2 variant,” said Dr Mary Ramsay, head of immunisation at PHE. “We expect the vaccines to be even more effective at preventing hospitalisation and death, so it is vital to get both doses to gain maximum protection against all existing and emerging variants,” she said. The analysis included data for all age groups from April 5 to cover the period since the B.1.617.2 VOC emerged. It included 1,054 people confirmed as having the B.1.617.2 variant through genomic sequencing, including participants of several ethnicities. PHE noted that the difference in effectiveness between the vaccines after two doses may be explained by the fact that rollout of second doses of AstraZeneca was later than for the Pfizer vaccine, and other data on antibody profiles show it takes longer to reach maximum effectiveness with the AstraZeneca vaccine. — PTI

Priti Patel to unveil US-style digital visas

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London, May 23

UK HOME SECRETARY Priti Patel is set to unveil a new US-style digital visa regime at the country’s borders to measure immigration levels in and out of the country, according to UK media reports on Sunday. The senior Indian-origin Cabinet minister is to confirm the “sweeping changes” to the UK’s immigration policy on Monday. The changes will include the border being managed digitally, which the government says will be easier to navigate for businesses and allow for the first time to accurately count people in and out of the UK. “Our new approach will make it easier to identify potential threats before they reach the border. The British people will have confidence that the strongest controls are in place to keep them safe,” Patel was quoted as saying in the Observer. The Home Office hopes to make entry to the UK fully digital by the end of 2025. — PTI

Volcano erupts near Goma city in Congo; residents flee

ASSOCIATED PRESS
Goma (Congo), May 23

CONGO’S MOUNT NYIRAGONGO erupted for the first time in nearly two decades on Saturday, turning the night sky a fiery red and sending lava onto a highway as panicked residents tried to flee Goma, a city of nearly two million. No evacuation order was given by authorities, and there was no immediate word on any casualties. Witnesses, though, said lava already had engulfed one highway that connects Goma with the city of Beni in North Kivu province. Mount Nyiragongo’s last eruption, in 2002, left hundreds dead and coated airport runways in lava. The UN peacekeeping mission known as MONUSCO tweeted dramatic footage of the city alit, saying it was conducting reconnaissance flights over the city where it maintains a large base. “The lava doesn’t seem to be headed toward the city of Goma. We remain on alert,” it said. But that did not stop thousands from fleeing, many on foot, toward the border with Rwanda just beyond the city.



An aerial view shows lava flowing from the eruption of Mount Nyiragongo near Goma in Congo

Car horns honked and motorcycle taxis weaved as people attempted to escape in panic. Others fled to Mount Goma, the highest point in the metropolitan area. Dorcas Mbulayi left her home about an hour after the volcano first showed signs of erupting. “We were eating when a friend of dad’s called him on the phone and told him to go and look outside,” said Mbulayi, who was still a child the last time the volcano erupted. “Dad told us that the volcano was erupting and that we were going to go to Mount Goma to escape the lava of the volcano.” She also blamed authorities “for not informing us

in time about the possible volcanic eruption”. The lack of immediate announcements from authorities and conflicting accounts circulating on social media only added to the sense of chaos in Goma. Authorities at the Goma Volcano Observatory initially said it was the nearby Nyamulagira volcano that had erupted. The two volcanoes are located about 13 km apart. Volcanologist Charles Bala-gizi said the observatory’s report was based on the direction in which the lava appeared to be flowing, which was toward Rwanda rather than Goma.

Nepal EC tells PM Oli to hold polls in one phase

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
Kathmandu, May 23

NEPAL’S ELECTION COMMISSION has advised the government led by embattled Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli to conduct the mid-term elections slated for November 12 and 19 in a single phase to prevent the further spread of Covid-19. After a meeting with Oli on Saturday, Chief Election Commissioner Dinesh Kumar Thapaliya said it is the Election Commission’s constitutional duty to successfully conduct polls once the date has been announced. “We have abundant time for preparation and have suggested to the government to conduct the election in a single phase,” Thapaliya was quoted as saying in a report in My Republica. President Bidya Devi Bhandari dissolved the House of Representatives on Saturday for the second time in five months.

Cold weather kills 21 at ultramarathon in China

LUSHA ZHANG &
RYAN WOO
Beijing, May 23

TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE WERE killed when extremely cold weather struck during an ultramarathon in Gansu province in northwestern China, sparking public outrage on Sunday over the lack of contingency planning. The 100-km race began on Saturday from a scenic area at a bend in the Yellow River known for its sheer cliffs and rock columns. The race kicked off at 9 am (0100 GMT) with runners clad in t-shirts and shorts under overcast skies, according to photographs posted on social media.



Rescue workers carry a stretcher as they work at the site in Baiyin, Gansu province, in China

Around noon on Saturday, a mountainous section of the race was hit by hail, freezing rain and gales that caused

temperatures to plummet, officials from Baiyin told a news briefing on Sunday. A massive rescue effort was

initiated, with over 1,200 rescuers dispatched, assisted by thermal-imaging drones, radar detectors and demolition equipment, according to state media. A landslide following the severe weather also hampered the rescue work, said officials from Baiyin, about 1,000 km west of Beijing. The deaths sparked public outrage on social media, with anger mainly directed at the Baiyin government and unhappiness over the lack of contingency planning. The Gansu provincial government has set up an investigation team to look into the cause of the deaths, the People’s Daily reported. — REUTERS

DELHI JAL BOARD: GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI, OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (CCR) VARUNALAYA PH-II: KAROL BAGH, NEW DELHI-110005

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Short Notice N.I.T. No. 01 (2021-22)

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimate Cost	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Earnest Money (in Rs.)	Date of release of Tender/Tender ID	Last date/time of receipt of Tender
1.	Establishment and operation of Delhi Jal Board Call Centre (1916) including CRM	Item Rate	1,500.00	1,60,000.00	Dt: 22-05-2021 2021_DJB_203501_1	07.06.2021 upto 03:00 PM

Further details in this regard may be seen at <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>

Advt. No/ JSV/ 61/2021-22

Sd/- (B.L.KURU) Executive Engineer (CCR)

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 03-XEN-WS-UBLS-2021-22 dated: 19.05.2021

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed Tenders for the following work:

Name of Work	Approx. Value
Replacement of Damaged roof sheets and Valley gutters of Heavy Corrosion, Production B&C shop at Carriage Repair Workshop, Hubballi.	Rs. 68,50,848/-

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SCHEDULE II FORM B PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (Regulation 12 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016) FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE STAKEHOLDERS OF ENVIRON ENERGY CORPORATION INDIA PVT LTD

1. NAME OF CORPORATE DEBTOR	Environ Energy Corporation India Pvt Ltd
2. DATE OF INCORPORATION OF CORPORATE DEBTOR	20th May, 1999
3. AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH CORPORATE DEBTOR IS INCORPORATED/ REGISTERED	Registrar of Companies - Kolkata
4. CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER / LIMITED LIABILITY IDENTITY NUMBER OF CORPORATE DEBTOR	U40106WB1999PTC140439
5. ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE (IF ANY) OF CORPORATE DEBTOR	REGISTERED OFFICE: 60A, D. H. ROAD, THAKURPUKUR, KOLKATA - 700063 18th May, 2021
6. DATE OF CLOSURE OF INSOLVENCY RESOLUTION PROCESS	19th May, 2021
7. LIQUIDATION COMMENCEMENT DATE OF CORPORATE DEBTOR	19th May, 2021
8. NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBER OF THE LIQUIDATOR	Name - Rakesh Kumar Agarwal Address - 20, N.S.Road, Block - A, 1st Floor, Room No. - 15, Kolkata - 700001 Email - rakesh202@hotmail.com Phone No. - 9830170962 Membership Number - IBB/IIIPA-001/IP-P00443/2017-18/10786
9. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS	18th June, 2021

Notice is hereby given that the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Kolkata Bench has ordered the commencement of liquidation of the Environ Energy Corporation India Pvt Ltd on 19th May 2021. The stakeholders of Environ Energy Corporation India Pvt Ltd are hereby called upon to submit a proof of their claims, on or before 18th June, 2021 to the liquidator at the address mentioned against item 8. The financial creditors shall submit their proof of claims by electronic means only. All other stakeholders may submit the proof of claims in person, by post or by electronic means. Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Place - Kolkata
Date: 21st May, 2021

(Rakesh Kumar Agarwal) Liquidator

Membership Number-IBBI/IIIPA-001/IP-P00443/2017-18/10786

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT (Regulation 31(2) of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016) LIST OF STAKEHOLDERS OF M/S. LTS PLASTICS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED (UNDER LIQUIDATION)

1. Name of Corporate Debtor	M/s. LTS PLASTICS (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED
2. Date of Incorporation of Corporate Debtor	13.11.1997
3. Corporate Identity Number / Limited Liability Identity Number of Corporate Debtor	U25209WB1997PTC085891
4. Address of The Registered Office and Principal Office (if Any) of Corporate Debtor	Kaikhail Chiriamore, PO-R: Gopalpur, 24 Parganas (N), West Bengal-743518, India
5. Liquidation Commencement Date of Corporate Debtor	18.03.2021
6. Name, and The Registration Number of The Insolvency Professional Acting as Liquidator	MR. SANJEEV JHUNJHUNWALA REG. NO: IBB/IIIPA-001/IP-P00325/2017-18/10595
7. Address, Telephone no and E-mail of The Liquidator as Registered with The Board	Regd Address: 8, Weston Street, Siddha Weston, Suite No. 134, 1st Floor, Kolkata-700013 Mobile: 7003242689 Email: liquidation.ltp@gmail.com sanjeevjhunjunhuala@gmail.com
8. List of Stake Holders	1) PNB : ₹ 15,92,11,251.50/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore Ninety Two Lakh Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One And Fifty Paise Only) 2) COMMERCIAL TAX: ₹ 1,15,16,538.00 /- (Rupees One Crore Fifteen Lakh Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Eight Only) 3) ES: ₹ 48,90,958.00/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Eight Only)

Sd/- Mr. Sanjeev Jhunjunhuala
REG. NO: IBB/IIIPA-001/IP-P00325/2017-18/10595
Liquidator in the matter of LTS Plastics (India) Private Limited

Date : 24.05.2021
Place : Kolkata

THE INDIAN HOTELS COMPANY LIMITED

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PUBLIC NOTICE - 120th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In view of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ('MCA') has vide its Circular No. 20/2020 dated May 5, 2020 read with General Circular Nos. 14/2020 dated April 8, 2020, 17/2020 dated April 13, 2020 and 02/2021 dated January 13, 2021 (collectively referred to as 'MCA Circulars') and Circular Nos. SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD/1/CIR/P/2020/79 dated May 12, 2020 and SEBI/HO/CFD/CMD2/CIR/P/2021/11 dated January 15, 2021 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India ('SEBI Circulars') permitted the holding of Annual General Meetings ('AGM'/'Meeting') through Video Conference ('VC')/Other Audio Visual Means ('OAVM') without the physical presence of the Members. Accordingly, in compliance with the MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars the 120th AGM of The Indian Hotels Company Limited (the 'Company') will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 3 p.m. (IST) through VC/OAVM facility provided by National Securities Depositories Limited ('NSDL') to transact the businesses as set out in the Notice convening the AGM.

The e-copy of 120th Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2020-21 (the 'Annual Report') along with the Notice of the AGM, Financial Statements and other Statutory Reports will be available on the website of the Company at <https://www.ihcltata.com/AGM/2021/AGM-FY2021/> and on the website of NSDL at www.evoting.nsdl.com. Additionally, the Notice of AGM will also be available on the websites of the stock exchanges on which the securities of the Company are listed, i.e. at www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com

Members can attend and participate in the AGM ONLY through the VC/OAVM facility, the details of which will be provided by the Company in the Notice of the Meeting. Accordingly, please note that no provision has been made to attend and participate in the 120th AGM of the Company in person, to ensure compliance with the directives issued by the government authorities with respect to COVID-19. Members attending the Meeting through VC/OAVM shall be counted for the purpose of reckoning the quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.

The Notice of AGM along with the Annual Report for Financial Year 2020-21 will be sent electronically to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Company / Registrar & Share Transfer Agents ('Registrar') / Depository Participants ('DPs'). As per MCA Circulars and SEBI Circulars, no physical copies of the 120th AGM Notice and Annual Report will be sent to any Shareholder. Members who have not yet registered their email addresses are requested to follow the process mentioned below, before 5:00 p.m. (IST) on June 8, 2021, for registering their email addresses to receive the Notice of AGM and Annual Report electronically and to receive login ID and password for e-Voting:

Process to be followed for registration of e-mail address is as follows:

a)	Visit the link: https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html
b)	Select the company name viz. The Indian Hotels Company Limited;
c)	Enter the DP ID & Client ID / Physical Folio Number and PAN number. In the event the PAN details are not available on record for Physical Folio, Member to enter one of the Share Certificate number;
d)	Upload a self-attested copy of PAN card for authentication. If PAN details are not available in the system, the system will prompt the Member to upload a self-attested copy of the PAN card for update;
e)	Enter your e-mail address and mobile number;
f)	The system will then confirm the e-mail address for receiving this AGM Notice.

The Company is pleased to provide remote e-voting facility ('remote e-voting') of NSDL to all its Members to cast their votes on all resolutions set out in the Notice of the AGM. Additionally, the Company shall also provide the facility of voting through remote e-voting system during the Meeting. Detailed procedure for remote e-voting before the AGM / remote e-voting during the Meeting will be provided in the Notice of the AGM.

Members who have not updated their Bank account details for receiving the dividends directly in their bank accounts through Electronic Clearing Service or any other means, may follow the following instructions to do so latest by June 8, 2021:

Physical Holding	1) Visit the link https://linkintime.co.in/emailreg/email_register.html under Bank detail Registration - fill in the following details relating to bank account in which the dividend is to be received: i) Name of Bank; ii) Bank Account Number and iii) 11 digit IFSC Code; 2) upload a self-attested scanned copy of the PAN Card; 3) upload a self-attested scanned copy of any document (such as AADHAR Card, Passport) in support of the address of the Member as registered with the Company; 4) upload a self-attested scanned copy of cancelled cheque leaf bearing the name of the Member or first holder, in case shares are held jointly.
Demat Holding	Members holding shares in demat form are requested to update their Electronic Bank Mandate with their respective DPs.

In case of non-availability of the bank details of any Member, the Company shall dispatch the dividend warrant/cheque by post to such Member, in due course.

Pursuant to the Finance Act, 2020, dividend income will be taxable in the hands of the Shareholders w.e.f. April 1, 2020 and the Company is required to deduct tax at source ('TDS') from dividend paid to the Members at prescribed rates in the Income Tax Act, 1961 (the 'IT Act'). In general, to enable compliance with TDS requirements, Members are requested to complete and / or update their Residential Status, PAN, Category as per the IT Act with their DPs or in case shares are held in physical form, with the Company / its Registrar by sending documents at its email ID ihcltdvtx@linkintime.co.in or update the same by visiting the link: <https://linkintime.co.in/formsreg/submission-of-form-15g-15h.html> on or before June 8, 2021 in order to enable the Company to determine and deduct appropriate TDS / withholding tax rate. No communication/documents on the tax determination / deduction shall be considered post 11:59 PM (IST) of June 8, 2021. For the detailed process, please click here: <https://www.ihcltata.com/AGM/2021/TDS/>.

Place : Mumbai
Date : May 24, 2021

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For The Indian Hotels Company Limited

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