**COVID-19 Impact: Elections that have been postponed in Asia**

India has postponed all political rallies, large gatherings, and meetings due to the pandemic. In April, the Indian government announced that it would postpone state assembly elections in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. The West Bengal state assembly election was also postponed from May 2020 to March 2021. Other states, such as Assam and Bihar, have also postponed elections.

**WHO: Regulatory arm clearly failed during COVID**

The WHO's regulatory arm clearly failed during the COVID-19 pandemic, with the agency's rules and procedures not being followed. The WHO has come under criticism for its response to the pandemic, with some calling for a reform of the organization.

**Munarath Ravishankar, president & chief executive, Centre for Policy Research, writes**

The Centre should help fiscal powerhouses to state constraints.

As lockdown restrictions are eased, the Centre and states need to ensure that health and economic goals are achieved in tandem. This will require careful design and implementation of interventions at all levels.

**Longing for love—the square meal with the horses**

As lockdown restrictions ease, a couple of horses are longing for love—especially the brown and white piebald Jessie, who had a foal with another horse during lockdown.

**The Ottawa Citizen**

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

The WHO has reported a record 181,847 new cases globally, with the highest number of cases in Brazil, the United States, and Russia. The total number of confirmed cases worldwide now stands at 23,841,523, with 489,675 deaths.

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A young man stands in front of a portrait of former President Rajiv Gandhi in New Delhi. The portrait is part of a memorial for those who have died from COVID-19.

**Stabilizing the economy**

As economies begin to reopen, stabilizing the economy is a top priority. This will require careful design and implementation of interventions at all levels, from the individual to the national level.

**The Indian Express**

**COVID-19: Impact on the global economy**

The global economy is facing a significant impact due to the pandemic. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has projected a global recession of 3% in 2020, the first such recession since the Great Depression.

**The Economist**

**The implications of the lockdown**

The lockdown has had a significant impact on the global economy, with many businesses and industries suffering. The lockdown has also had a significant impact on the mental health of many individuals.

**The New York Times**

**COVID-19: The impact on the environment**

The pandemic has highlighted the importance of protecting the environment. The lockdown has led to a reduction in air pollution and a decrease in greenhouse gas emissions.

**The Guardian**

**COVID-19: The impact on healthcare systems**

The pandemic has placed a significant strain on healthcare systems worldwide. The lockdown has allowed healthcare systems to focus on treating COVID-19 patients while maintaining essential services.

**The BBC**

**COVID-19: The impact on education**

The pandemic has forced schools and universities to close, leading to a significant impact on education. Many students have had to shift to online learning, which has its own challenges.

**The Washington Post**

**COVID-19: The impact on mental health**

The pandemic has had a significant impact on mental health, with many individuals experiencing anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. The lockdown has led to a significant increase in mental health issues.

**The New York Times**