



MINISTER PLANS TO TURN HOSPITALS INTO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

Will introduce telemedicine for patients

We did not have time to find a photo to go with this story as the reporter submitted her work late as usual. But this works, we think. It's pretty cool.

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DIGITAL CHAPASTHAN CORRESPONDENT

Chapasthan was one of the first countries to declare all hospitals treating Covid-22 would be closed as they have managed to successfully eradicate the virus thanks to hard-immunity.

While the world is reeling in their efforts to combat the economic costs inflicted by the pandemic, Chapasthan, it seems, is also likely to surpass its giant neighbour in terms of GDP growth,

To propel their economic growth and to further the dream of a fully digital Chapasthan, the Commerce Minister Dimu Shunsi said all hospitals will now be turned into extravagant malls, garment factories, and other business zones gradually.

When asked what will happen to the millions of people who need healthcare, the country's unhealthy minister chimed in to say they are collaborating with Porena Chokerpolok, the state minister for all things

tech, to roll out wide-scale telemedicine services for the people.

"This way, you don't have to get out of your homes for medical treatment and can simply talk to a doctor over video call," Chokherpolok said.

To test the waters, Chapasthan government has decided to go back to their roots.

"We have delivered babies without hospitals before, and will start to do that again now. In rural areas, our mothers and grandmothers

gave birth to so many children without ever visiting a clinic. I don't see why we can't go back to that again. Plus, everyone will be guided by the experts who will be available 24/7 on the telemedicine app," The Unhealthy Minister added.

When asked how serious illnesses will be treated without hospitals, he said "with the economic boost from hospital shutdowns and the overall GDP boost, per capita income will increase and people can simply afford to fly

abroad for treatment if they feel telemedicine services are not enough at that point. Which is also pretty much what most people do now anyway."

In other news, cyber cafes have seen a massive boost in business, as young health professionals are rushing to get training for telemedicine services provided online, a mandatory training initiated by the Chapasthan government to help failing businesses like the local cyber cafes.

Trump to wear supporters' masks first to immunise them at indoor rallies

Make America Grieve Again, US president wails

DRAIN THE SWAMP CORRESPONDENT

Donald Trump yesterday signed an executive order that would "let his supporters get the benefit of his antibodies when he breathes into their masks" at rallies, heading into the elections on November 3.

The move came after growing criticism from anyone with the ability to apply whatever education they were exposed to about the lack of masks among Trump supporters at rallies, especially indoor ones.

The uproar and outrage grew among the liberal left as, even after contracting coronavirus himself -- and spreading it to more than 30 people in the White House -- the president had refused to wear a mask or even make mask-wearing mandatory at his rallies.

While he kept shouting red-faced and spittle-mouthed at indoor rallies, which were called superspreader events by scientists and other "idiots", a second wave of the coronavirus pandemic hit the world's preeminent superpower.

"But it will be okay," Trump screamed at an indoor rally in Oklahoma. "You guys, my supporters, are like me. I got the China virus and I recovered like Superman. It's all super, superspreaders in a superpower and we are all Supermen."

"We will Make America Grieve Again!" he yelled, and did not correct himself.

But fearing the second wave, many undecided voters started staying away from his rallies, right about the time Trump tried to jump at election opponent Joe Biden and cough into his mouth during the second debate on Thursday. Lucky for Biden -- more on that later -- Trump ran out of steam by the time he crossed half of the 15 feet that separated the two septuagenarians.

"I know he has overseen economic growth the likes of which this country has never seen, but maybe there is something to this coronavirus thing," a man claiming to be an undecided voter said.

"I mean, my whole family went to one of



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his rallies two weeks ago and now they are all dead. I'm not feeling too good myself. We are not a country like Africa; we are educated about the length and breadth of this flat Earth of ours, and we should protect ourselves according to science," he said, panting for breath.

Trump's latest executive order was so that people would start coming back to his rallies. Supporters have to come up to him one by one, and he will give them a mask that he has been wearing for a minute. Scientists said antibodies cannot be spread in that manner, only the virus can, but they were drowned out by chants of "idiots".

HAS TRUMP ACTUALLY RECOVERED?

A White House insider who is desperate now to be an outsider said, under condition of

anonymity, that Trump still had Covid-19.

"He actually recovered once but, never having taken drugs or alcohol all his life, he has become addicted to Dexamethasone [a steroid he was treated with when he first contracted the virus] and the Superman feeling he got. So he secretly got infected again in lab conditions, just so that he could keep getting the steroid. I also overheard him saying something about infecting Joe Biden during one of the debates."

What good, however, would infecting his supporters do?

"He says lower turnouts mean Republican victory. We tried to tell him that if infected, his supporters could not vote, but he had already started eating 30 burgers in his roid rage."

Activists leaving student political platform after being socially alienated

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While in some countries there is a rising trend of youths, including students engaging in politics, especially the various wings of the ruling quarters, in a parallel world, the youths and students in the Republic of Mango People, or Mangoland, are leaving any kind of political engagement after facing widespread alienation from society.

Talking to this correspondent on multi-dimensional communication platform Heartbook, AKAM Babu, a student of Political Arts at Khola University, lamented that he has become frustrated after being given the "silent treatment" at home and beyond ever since he had joined the student wing of the ruling Mango Achaar League (MAL).

"I don't know how to explain how I felt. Nobody even spoke a single word with me for months. I felt like a ghost even in my own home. Nobody even asked me once 'Babu khaisho?... it was so frustrating that I could hardly bear it,'" he said.

"I felt as if I was an animal in a zoo, where the zookeepers just fed me food three times a day without even caring about me at all."



Ok, so this photo kind of goes with the story and although we did have plenty of time to find a more fitting one, this new TV show just came out and we lost track of time.

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"It's not just me, almost everyone in our students' organisation have been receiving similar alienation from the rest of society."

We were treated as if we hardly exist. How long can you go through this?" AKAM Babu said.

Contacted, MAL General Secretary Eilok Kadder said it could be a temporary trend or some conspiracy of the opposition.

"We will look into the matter," Kadder, also the off-road transport and broken bridges minister, said.

The trend reportedly became more apparent after some activists of the student front were accused of gang-raping a woman, which caused a nationwide silent silence, followed by the mass alienation.

On condition of anonymity, one former activist of the student organisation said they got interested to join the platform after coming to know that similar platforms in some countries were ensuring impunity to their activists no matter what crimes were they engaged in.

"In those countries, if they try to rape a woman, or tease them in public transports, or in the crowd, nobody bats an eye since everyone steers clear of them to avoid getting into trouble. Here in Mangoland the situation is in stark contrast. Here if you are found trying to do anything to a woman, people would come out in droves and beat the stuffing out of you," he said.

"The law enforcers in those countries are even sometimes found to provide shelter and support to the student and youth leaders of the ruling quarters. Here, cops take it for granted that if you are an activist of the ruling party's youth body then you are definitely into crimes and they would simply put you behind the bars in some random cases, or make you disappear, only to appear in some remote, bordering areas after a few months and then arrest you for 'trespassing', how weird is that?" he said, once again requesting anonymity.

This correspondent tried to collect opinions of some people from non-political background but they all declined to comment, in fear of becoming political, which is a bad look.