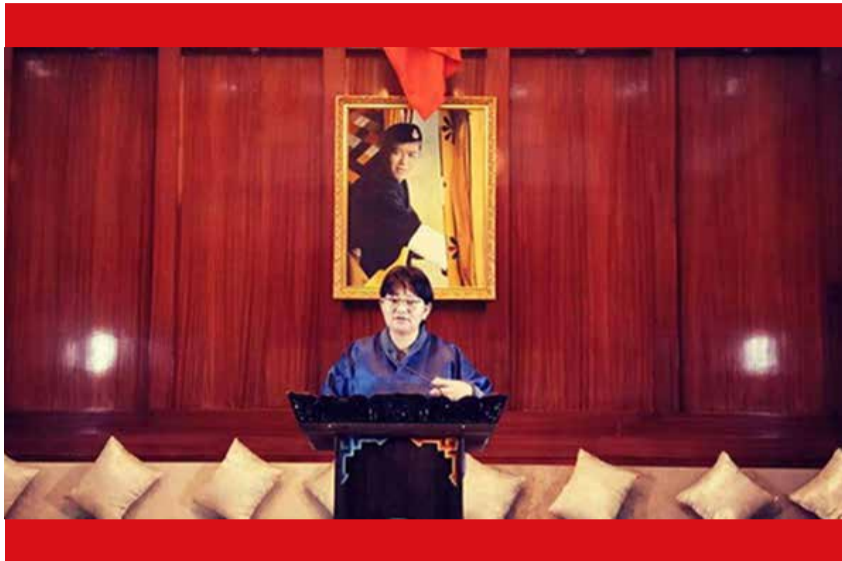


# The week that was



**First phase of unlocking in North Thimphu and Paro from tomorrow**  
The first phase of unlocking the lockdown in Thimphu will begin from tomorrow. But it is only for the residents of North Thimphu as none of the samples collected from the region during the mass screening tested positive for coronavirus.

**Unlocking the 18 Dzongkhags**  
Life in the 18 districts identified as green zones by the National COVID-19 Taskforce is almost back to how it was pre-lockdown days. However, most districts have decided not to go liberal with the relaxations. This means, no pilgrimage or hot spring baths. Sports like football and archery, which attracts a high number of players, have been put on hold as well. District taskforces were given the authority to decide on the relaxation of activities.



The government plans to vaccinate 300 million people by early August

**India launches COVID vaccination drive**  
India began the world's biggest vaccination drive today. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the programme, which aims to vaccinate more than 1.3bn people against COVID-19. Covishield and Covaxin are the two approved vaccines.

**Schools in Haa to open after a week**  
Schools in Haa will open only after a week as 120 students studying in Haa arrived from Thimphu and Paro today. They will undergo a weeklong quarantine. There are three Higher Secondary Schools in Haa.

