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Multi specialty health camp at PHC Tushnabad

Port Blair, Sept 6: Multi Specialty Health Camp will be conducted at PHC Tushnabad on 08.09.2021 (Wednesday) from 9.30 AM to 1.00 PM wherein following specialist will render their services. 1. Medical Specialist, 2. Paediatrician, 3. Gynaecologist

India crosses 69 crore mark in COVID vaccination

India has crossed yet another milestone in the COVID vaccination drive with the total vaccination crossing the 69 crore mark today. Union Health Ministry has termed it as yet another achievement in its fight against COVID-19.

Unidentified hawkers occupy roadside spaces in almost all parts of city

Port Blair, Sept 6: Hundreds and thousands of unidentified persons can be seen occupying the roadsides areas in different parts of the city. These people can be seen selling vegetables, fish and other commodities by occupying the roadsides in the city. A visit to different places in the city will reveal that roadsides spaces in areas like Nayagoan, Chakargoan, Austinabad, Patthargudda and Portapur are occupied by hawkers selling various commodities, including vegetables, fruits and fish. Hawkings have taken over all most all the pavements in the city. Neither the PBM nor the A&N Police has been seen removing these encroachments on roadsides. Motorists are irked due to encroachment of roadsides in the city by vendors. In some places, illegal hawkers have constructed illegal

canopy on both sides of the road using bamboo sticks, making it a permanent place to display and sell their products and goods, leaving no space for the motorists. Residents claim the number of hawkers is increasing every day and have demanded that the administration should take immediate action.

The most worrying part is most of the hawkers are migrants from mainland and have been occupying the roadsides in an illegal manner. Residents believe that neither the concern authorities nor the Police have information about these hawkers. Some of these hawkers are illegal migrants from Bangladesh. "Almost every day, new hawkers can be seen occupying roadsides spaces and the local body has not taken any action" said Sujit Singh, a resident of the area.

Hawkers have also made a canopy to display the goods on the roadside, and while wrapping up in the evening they leave the canopy as it is on the road thus gradually encroaching upon the roadsides spaces in a permanent manner. Most of the roadsides spaces have been taken up permanently by these hawkers which is creating a nuisance in the area. It is also creating a health hazard as all the filth and garbage is thrown by the hawkers on road thus making a dent to the efforts of the sanitary workers of PBMC to keep the city neat and clean. Speaking to The Andaman Express, residents said that "we are not opposed to these vendors, but wanted that the authorities should at least verify their identity so as to prevent illegal migrants from Bangladesh illegal entry in the islands."

MP congratulates Ld. Advocate Krishna Rao for proposal elevation as Judge, Hon'ble High Court

Port Blair, Sept 6: The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has congratulated Ld. Adv. Krishna Rao, Hon'ble Government Pleader & Public Prosecutor, for approval of his name for proposal to be elevated as a Judge of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. In his appreciation

letter, the Member of Parliament said that this is a moment of great pride. The MP said that Ld. Adv. Krishna Rao being an islander and a son of this soil, has brought immense pride and joy among the heart of all Islanders with this achievement. The Member of Parliament mentioned that

past record and conduct of Ld. Adv. Krishna Rao towards general public have been excellent and this is reason why he has earned so much love from public and honour in our field of profession. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma wished Ld. Adv. Krishna Rao best of luck.

MP takes up the issue of delay in allowing internship for students of ANIMS with LG

Port Blair, Sept 6: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today wrote a letter to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and requested his intervention in the issue of delay in allowing Internship for students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIMS).

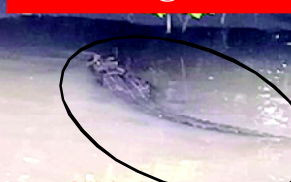
In his letter he mentioned that presently some ANIMS students,

who have cleared their final year exam, are going through huge stress as their internship has not started yet while medical students of all other colleges under Pondicherry University have started their internship in the month of August 2021. The Member of Parliament mentioned that on July 12, Pondicherry University had released results of the final year MBBS examination in which 51 of the 75 students cleared the exam.

Now it's almost about to be two months but our internship hasn't yet started. In his letter he pointed out that these students are not only future doctors of Andaman but are also the future Ambassadors of A&N Islands and ANIMS.

He expressed hope that under the command of the Lt. Governor, these students will be able to start their internship and complete the same on time and become future Doctors and serve needy patients.

Crocks sighted at Yerrata Jetty



DJ Venkatesh :

Nimbudera, Sep 06: After Billy ground Two big crocodiles were sighted by the passengers of Long Island yesterday near Yerrata Jetty in Rangat.

Only two days ago villagers of Billy ground noticed few crocodiles in the nearby nallah at Government Middle School. The boat passengers of FEMA say that it is a common sight now days but yesterday's crocs were massive in size and

they were roaming along with the boat. Due to the sudden movement of crocodiles passengers fear to travel in the boat to Long Island. The boat makes two trips daily to Long Island from Yerrata Jetty. The government has proposed setting up 220 rooms in eco-tourism resorts in Lalaji Bay (Long Island beach). While Long Island has one private resort and two forest guest houses.

If the Government didn't take any concrete steps to solve the Crocodiles matter there will be a severe man-animal conflictive issue in the future. The tourism stakeholders expressed their worries. Furthermore entering into the sea, swimming, Diving at Yerrata/Long Island is restricted by the authorities.

MP participates in fruit bearing tree sapling planting programme at JNV

Port Blair, Sept 6: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament has visited the Jawar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Choudhary and inaugurated the community tree planting programme in the premises of

the Vidyalaya by planting a seedling of fruit bearing tree followed by planting of trees by the invitees. Parents also planted seedlings. Thereafter, the MP distributed

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Two-month survey to identify hidden cases of tuberculosis

Port Blair, Sept 6: The Minister of Health and Family Welfare launched the two-month long Active Case Finding



Campaign and Nikshay Poshan Yojana, Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) campaign on 2nd September 2021 to reach TB Elimination goal by 2025. In order to achieve the target of the campaign the District Administration through District Health Society, South Andaman under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, National Health Mission is conducting two month long survey in the entire South Andaman District from 2nd Sept. 2021 to 29th Oct. 2021 to identify the hidden cases of Tuberculosis. The District Administration is already distributing the Nikshay Poshan Yojana grant

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Swaraj Dweep residents can pay electricity bills online

DJ Venkatesh :
Swaraj Dweep, Sep 06: The Swaraj Dweep (Havelock) Electricity Department site office of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration site office is now connected with the State Data Centre. Now all the consumers of Swaraj Dweep can also pay their electricity bills online through UrjaPay Portal from today. Earlier the online payment facility was limited to Port Blair residents only. The launch of this facility has facilitated more users to register themselves for paying their bills without queuing up at the billing centers for hours. The Digital India initiative of the A&N Administration has made life much easier for people as access to facilities is just a click away for the Swaraj Dweep residents. "UrjaPay Portal" - a boon for islanders to make hassle-free payment of electricity bills during this pandemic time. Consumers have been encouraged to make use of this facility by visiting the website <https://urjapay.andaman.gov.in>

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Relay hunger strike proposed from Sept 13 at Duke Nagar village

Gurudas Biswas :

Billiground, Sept 6: Shri Tushar Bepari, General Secretary, BJP, Mayabunder, has written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, behalf of the general people of Duke Nagar the forth coming relay hunger strike from 13th Sept 2021 at Duke Nagar village under G.P. Swadesnagar for redressal of various genuine problems for which the people of the area have been suffering from a lot of miserable conditions since a long period while they had informed several times for the same to the concerned administration. The village road from Ananda Biswas House to Armugam House at Duke Nagar Ward No. 1 and Kunad Mondal House to Haralal Debnath House at Duke Nagar Ward No. 1 remind us the man mad passage for

movement of people towards their settlement area and vice versa just at the time of primitive settlement in this islands as today our forefathers. The passage are alive but no construction materials are found on the roads and the sufferings of the people of these areas are by and limits. On both the roads, there are numerous potholes where plenty of water are bogging which is sufficient to block the movement of vehicles. On the other hand, a steel bridge was to be constructed over a nallah at Duke Nagar Ward No. 1, but work tender work completed. The foundation stone was also laid but no work has ever started. Since a long people face problems of load shedding in this locality and residents have to suffer due to low voltages and electrical appliances get damaged. Secondly, residents have to face water crisis.



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Preliminary enquiry

The Central Bureau of Investigation's arrest of its own sub-inspector and a lawyer close to the family of former Maharashtra minister Anil Deshmukh once again raises concerns about what and who it chooses to investigate, and how. The CBI is investigating allegations that a Maharashtra Home Minister, Deshmukh asked police officials to collect bribes from Mumbai's bars and restaurants. The serious charge of political corruption was made by the controversial former Commissioner of Mumbai Police Param Bir Singh, who also named Sachin Waze as the police official Deshmukh is said to have directed to organise the collections. Singh's allegation, significantly, came after his own transfer, following Waze's arrest in the Anitla security scare case. It was on Singh's plea that the Bombay High Court directed the CBI to conduct a preliminary enquiry (PE) to establish if an offence was made out. Singh himself is now being investigated by the state government.

The CBI's crackdown last week came after the PE report, which had concluded that no cognizable offence was made out against Deshmukh, became public. The CBI has not denied that report, it has said senior officers overruled the PE, and decided a corruption case was made out against the former minister. That isn't quite convincing.

The agency needs to come clean given how the noise in this case has been amplified by the grind of several political axes. More so when the head of CBI, Subodh Jaiswal, was Director-General of Police of Maharashtra until December 2020, and his differences with Deshmukh and the Shiv Sena-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, had become public. He left the state police in the middle of his tenure. It was under him that a senior police officer tapped phones to investigate what she alleged was a cash-for-transfers scam, indirectly implicating Deshmukh. It is unusual that a case is registered when the PE says no offence is made out. Now that this PE is out in the open, the onus is on the agency to address the questions raised. For due process in the case — and for its own credibility.

Two-month survey..

through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode to bank accounts of TB patients and will ensure the target of 100% Nikshay Poshan Yojana through DBT during the campaign. The ANMs and AHSAs workers of respective health facilities will also ensure the survey of their jurisdiction along with various institutions, prison, orphanages, old age homes, construction work

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sites, auto driver unions and so on in the district. Shri. Suneel Andhikapa, Deputy Commissioner (SA) urged the general public of South Andaman to cooperate with the field staff during the TB survey and if any, suspected cases may get it tested at the nearest health centres to support hand with Administration to eliminate the Tuberculosis.

IGNOU announces admission to MBA & Banking Finance without entrance test

Port Blair, Sept 6: The Indira Gandhi National Open University announces the admission to its AICTE-approved Management Programmes: Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Business Administration (Banking and Finance) (MBF). The admissions are open now for July 2021 session. There is no entrance exam for getting admission in MBA and MBF programmes. For online admission, students may login to - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in>. The last date for online submission of applications is 30th September 2021. For more details, visit IGNOU Website - www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111. Email: rcportblair@ignou.ac.in.

Railways introduces new AC-3-tier Economy Class coach with reduced fare

India Railways has introduced the new AC-3-tier Economy Class coach with reduced fare from today. The service began today and for the first time, the coach has been attached to Train Number - 02403 Prayagraj-Jaipur Express. Railway Ministry said, the new AC Economy coach has 83 berths as compared to 72 berths in 3AC Coach. The fare structure for this coach is eight per cent lesser than 3-AC Coach. The Ministry said, two more trains, New Delhi-Lucknow AC Special and Lucknow Mail will be augmented with this new 3-AC Economy coach. Initially, 50 new Economy coaches manufactured by Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, are ready to offer services in Mai and Express trains over different zones. Provision of entry into the coach and disabled friendly toilet in a wheel chair has been made. Improved and modular design of seats and berths have been made to improve comfort, reduce weight of the coach and improve maintenance friendliness.

Vishal condole demise

Port Blair, Sept 6: Shri Vishal Jolly, Core-Committee Member & Former State President, BJP A&N Islands, Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GOI, has condoned the demise of Shri Aditya Singh aged 27 years, S/o Shri Dr. Kishore Singh R/o Junglighatw as expired today on 06.09.2021. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He prayed for peace to the departed soul.

SC REFUSES TO DEFER NEET-UG EXAM SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 12

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to defer the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)-UG examination, scheduled for September 12, saying it does not want to interfere with the process and it will be "very unfair" to reschedule it.

A bench headed by Justice A.M. Khanwilkar said if students want to appear in multiple exams, then they need to prioritise and make a choice as there may never be a situation

where everyone is satisfied with the date of exams.

The apex court said, however, that the petitioners will be at liberty to make a representation before the competent authorities on the issue and the same may be decided at the earliest in accordance with the law.

"The arguments which you (counsel for petitioners) are canvassing may not be relevant for 99 percent candidates. For one percent

candidates, the entire system cannot be put on hold," the bench, also comprising justices Hrishikesh Roy and C. T. Ravikumar, told advocate Shobh Alam who was appearing for the petitioners.

When Alam said that around 25,000 students will be appearing in either improvement or compartment examinations for class 12, the bench observed that only around one percent candidates go for that.

Alam argued that medical entrance exam NEET-UG 2021 be deferred as many other examinations are scheduled around September 12.

"If you are to appear in multiple examinations, then you need to make choice," the bench said, adding, "You have to prioritise. You must also be conscious that any deferment is likely to clash with some other examination."

The bench said the respective boards will do their job and the court will not interfere with examinations in such a situation.

It said deferment of exams might affect the next course and whole thing will be prolonged.

"It will be very unfair to reschedule the examination. NEET is a very large examination. It is not state-wise, it is a nationwide exam," the bench said. Alam told the court that around 16 lakh candidates are likely to appear in the NEET exam.

"We should now really redefine our scope of judicial review. Where do we go and to what extent," the bench observed, adding it does not want scores of students to suffer in any manner due to deferment of examination for which they have "burnt midnight oil" and prepared.

"The relief claimed in this petition is to quash a public notice of July 13 issued by the competent authority scheduling NEET UG 2021 examination on September 12. For the reasons canvassed by counsel for the petitioners, we are not impressed nor willing to show any indulgence to the petitioners or to allow them to invoke the remedy under Article 32 of the Constitution," the bench said.

The apex court was hearing a petition seeking deferment of the examination on the ground that several other exams are scheduled during the period.

Last year, the NEET was conducted on September 13 amid strict precautions in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 13.66 lakh candidates had appeared in the exam of whom 7.71,500 qualified.

In a first, the NEET-UG exam 2021 will be conducted in 13 languages with Punjabi and Malayalam being the new additions. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had announced in July.

He had also said that a new exam centre for the NEET has been opened in Kuwait to facilitate the Indian student community in the Middle East.

MP participates in...

sweets and face masks among the students and staff of the Vidyalaya. He appealed all to keep the premises of school clean and hygienic. While interacting with the parents, the MP said that the

matter of affiliation of the school with CBSE is under discussion with the Competent Authorities. The Principal, Smti Sreelatha apprised the MP about the present working and

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problems of the Vidyalaya. The tree planting programme was organized by NGO UFRA, Choudhari in association with South Andaman Forest Division.



38th Foundation day observed of BRAIT

Port Blair, Sept 6: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology (BRAIT), observed its 38th Foundation Day today, the 6th Sept 21. A series of events marked the celebration with a social cause, holding a blood donation camp, in association with BRAIT ALMA, organized by A & N AID's Control Society, wherein 20 units of blood were donated (by BRAIT students,

staff and alumni). This was followed by plantation of fruit bearing saplings (Cherry and Mango) in the campus.

To make the occasion befitting with the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav-India@75, a quiz competition, a sketch competition and a freedom Run was also conducted to commemorate the glorious freedom struggle of our country. A yearlong plethora of events are to follow in a

structured manner celebrating the Amrit Mahotsav in the institute. The day long event was a collaborative effort of BRAIT students, faculties and alumni. The enthusiasm and energy of the students being the first day of the college reopening after long pandemic crises was much felt and added to the fervor of the foundation day celebration.

ISRO truck blocked in Kerala for 'nokku kooli' or 'gawking wages'

Barely a couple of days after the Kerala High Court directed the state to get rid of the practice of nokku kooli which literally means 'gawking wages', a truck of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) was blocked on Sunday by workers allegedly demanding the wages.

Police said they received a complaint from ISRO based on which they reached the spot and found the workers preventing from entering the Vikram Sarabhai

Space Centre (VSSC) facility at Thumamb Thiruvananthapuram.

This issue was settled and the workers left the area after the intervention of police officers, including the Commissioner, an official of the Thumamb station said.

Nokku kooli is an euphemism for extortion by organised labour unions. The court, hearing a plea filed by a businessman from Kollam over the issue, said the rights of

the headload workers should be protected legally and petitions seeking action on those demanding nokku kooli were on the rise.

"The practice of nokku kooli is damaging the image of Kerala. It should be eradicated. It gives out wrong perceptions about the state. Meanwhile, the rights of the headload workers should also be protected," the court had said. On May 1, 2018, the state government banned the practice.

Govt starts work on box transshipment terminal in Great Nicobar Island

New Delhi, Sept 6: The Centre has taken the first steps to build a container transshipment terminal at Great Nicobar Island as it looks to set up more such hubs within the country to send and receive container cargo. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has asked the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, which is

helming the project, to engage AECOM (the consultant engaged by NITI Aayog for developing the master plan of the Great Nicobar Island) as the Project Management Consultant for constructing a container transshipment terminal at Campbell Bay in Great Nicobar Island, according to government sources.

A techno economic feasibility report for the project has been prepared by WAPCOS. Of the more than 16.1 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) handled at India's ports, nearly 75 per cent (12 million TEUs) was gateway cargo, while about 25 per cent was transhipped en-route to final destinations.

Currently, nearly 75 per cent of India's transhipped containers are handled at ports outside India. Colombo, Singapore and Port Klang handle more than 85 per cent of this with Colombo alone handling about 2.5 million TEUs. India needs to set up transshipment port alternatives that can match competing international ports with regard to location, draft and overall

cost economics, according to the Maritime India Vision 2030, a ten-year blueprint for the maritime sector unveiled by Prime Minister Modi in March this year.

Loss of revenue Indian ports lose up to \$200-220 million of potential revenue each year on transshipment handling of cargo originating/destined for India. The loss is even higher

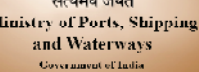
country's transshipment cargo being handled at international ports, it makes Indian industries vulnerable to increase in costs, potential inefficiencies, and congestion issues and creates long-term risks for India's trade competitiveness, it said.

A strong economic case, therefore, exists for enabling a transshipment hub in Southern India that can attract Indian and regional transshipment traffic from the current hubs, save significant revenue loss, reduce logistics inefficiencies for Indian trade, reduce risks to the country's export competitiveness and create an opportunity for India to become a large hub for Asia-Africa, Asia-US/Europe container traffic trade.

Vizhinjam, Kanyakumari region and Campbell Bay are promising locations given their position at about 6-10 nautical miles (NM) deviation (0.5-1 hours) from the Suez route with potential for deep draft of 20 metres, factors that influence selection of transshipment locations.

Accordingly, the vision document suggested prioritising development of Vizhinjam in the short-term by providing required support from the Central government.

It also suggested setting up additional transshipment hubs in the Kanyakumari region and Campbell Bay in a phased manner and to enhance transshipment volumes at Vallarpadam. <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/>



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COCHIN SHIPYARD GETS THREAT TO BLOW UP AIRCRAFT CARRIER VIKRANT

Cochin Shipyard received an anonymous email on Monday threatening to bomb the Vikrant, the indigenous aircraft carrier under construction at the yard.

Taking serious note of the matter, the Ernakulam South Police has registered a case under Section 385 of the IT Act. It is learnt that various Central agencies too have begun a preliminary investigation. Officials are

probing whether there is a terrorism angle to the incident. Sources at the shipyard said they are cooperating with the investigation.

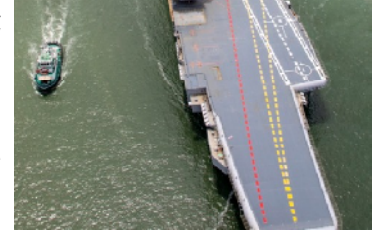
In July, an Afghan national, Eid Gul, was arrested for allegedly working at the strategically important shipyard even after his visa had expired.

A special team from the Ernakulam South Police had arrested Gul from Kolkata,

where he had gone into hiding. Earlier, in 2019, two workers engaged in painting activities at the site had sneaked away with critical electronic components installed on board the aircraft carrier.

The duo—Sumit Kumar Singh (23) of Munger district in Bihar and Daya Ram (22) of Hanumanagar district in Rajasthan—were arrested by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) shortly after.

The NIA had taken over the probe following national security concerns since sensitive information was stored in the stolen hard disks. The disks were finally recovered. The sea trials of the Vikrant began last month, 12 years after the keel was laid in February 2009. The total cost of the project was approximately Rs 23,000 crore at the time of the first sea trial.



Health Minister Apprises On Status of New Medical Colleges in Aspirational Districts

New Delhi: A total number of 47 medical colleges have been made functional in 14 States under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for "Establishment of new medical colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals". MoS Health Dr. Bharat Pravin Pawar informed the Lok Sabha.

Central Government has received a total number of 27 proposals from States/UTs for establishing new medical colleges in aspirational districts. Out of which, 21 proposals have been approved based on the criteria of Scheme, further revealed the Minister.

The Minister of State, Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MOFW) was replying to a series of questions related to the new medical colleges in the aspirational districts. The queries included the data related to the number of proposals received and approved under phase III of the centrally sponsored scheme and also the number of proposals which are under consideration.

"Under Phase-III of Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) namely 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing district/referral hospitals', the Ministry had received 27 proposals from States/UTs for establishing new medical colleges in aspirational districts. Out of which, 21 proposals have been approved based on the criteria of Scheme," revealed the MoS Health before the Parliament.

Among these 21 medical colleges, the medical college in Andhra Pradesh is set to be built in Paderu (Vishakhapatnam) district. In Chhattisgarh, Korba, Mahasamud and Kanker will have three medical colleges. In case of Gujarat, the medical college will be built up in Narmada district.

S.N.	State/UT	Districts	Approved Cost	Central Share	Total Central Share Released
1	Assam	1 Dhubri	189	170.10	170.10
2	Bihar	2 Purnia	189	113.40	113.40
3	Chhattisgarh	3 Rajnandgaon	189	113.40	113.40
4	Himachal Pradesh	4 Chamba	189	170.10	170.10
5	Jharkhand	5 Dumka	189	113.40	113.40
		6 Hazaribagh	189	113.40	113.40
		7 Palamu (Daltonganj)	189	113.40	113.40
6	Jammu & Kashmir	8 Baramulla	189	170.10	170.10
7	Madhya Pradesh	9 Khandwa	189	113.40	113.40
		10 Vidisha	189	113.40	113.40
8	Odisha	11 Bolangir	189	113.40	113.40
		12 Koraput	189	113.40	113.40
9	Uttar Pradesh	13 Bahraich	189	113.40	113.40

Under Phase II, the approved medical colleges are located in Sitamarhi and Jammu districts in Bihar, Chhabasa (Singbhum) in Jharkhand, Dholpur in Rajasthan, Fatehpur and Siddharthnagar (Domariyaganj) in Uttar Pradesh.

S.No.	State	Location Selected by State Government	Approved Cost	Central Share	Amount released
1	Bihar	1 Sitamarhi	250	150	150
		2 Jammu	250	150	150
2	Jharkhand	3 Chhabasa (Singbhum)	250	150	150
3	Rajasthan	4 Dholpur	250	150	150
4	Uttar Pradesh	5 Fatehpur	250	150	150
		6 Siddharthnagar (Domariyaganj)	250	150	150

Giving the details regarding the status of completion of work regarding the medical colleges under the Central Scheme, Minister Pawar informed the Lok Sabha, "Under the Scheme, a total 157 medical colleges have been sanctioned, out of which, 47 have become functional. The concerned State/UT Governments are the implementing agencies under the Scheme. As per information provided by the States/UTs, the works of the remaining medical colleges are at various stages of completion." As per the data revealed by the Minister, the districts where these 47 medical colleges have been made functional include Port Blair district in A & N Islands, Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh, Diphu in Assam, Rajnandgaon and Sargujain Chhattisgarh, Chamba, Hamirpur and Nahan (Sirmour) in Himachal Pradesh, Dumka, Hazaribagh, and Palamu (Daltonganj) in Jharkhand, Anantnag, Baramulla, Rajouri, Kathua, and Doda in J & K, Datia, Khandwa, Ratlam, Shahdol, Vidisha, Chindwara, and Shivpur in Madhya Pradesh, Gondia, and Nandurbar in Maharashtra, Falkawn in Mizoram, Balasore, Baripada (Mayurbhanj), Bolangir, Koraput in Odisha, Bamer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Churu, Dungarpur, Pali, and Sikar in Rajasthan, Basti, Faizabad, Firozabad, Shahjahanpur, and Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh, and Birbhum (Rampur Hat), Cooch Behar, Diamond Harbour, Raiganj (North Dinajpur) and Purulia in West Bengal.

Handwara (Dist. Kupwara) in Jammu & Kashmir, Yadgiri in Karnataka, Raigarh and Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, Nandurbar in Maharashtra, Kalahandi in Odisha, Baran, Jaisalmer, Karauli, and Sirsi districts in Rajasthan, Haridwar, and Rudrapur, Dist. Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir, Chandauli and Sonbhadra in Uttar Pradesh, Ramanaipuram and Vrundhnagar in Tamil Nadu will also have medical colleges under phase III of the central scheme.

While addressing the question regarding the number of proposals which are under consideration, Dr. Pawar stated, "Further, under Phase-II of the Scheme, all the 75 approved medical colleges have already been allocated and therefore, no further proposals are under consideration."

Details of medical colleges approved under Phase-I & II in Aspirational Districts under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 'Establishment of new Medical Colleges attached with existing District/Referral Hospitals'

The Minister has also revealed the details regarding the approved medical colleges in aspirational districts under Phase-I and Phase-II of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

As per the data presented by the MoS Health, under Phase I, medical colleges that have been approved are located in Dhubri District in Assam, Purnia district in Bihar, Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh, Chamba in Himachal Pradesh, Dumka, Hazaribagh, and Palamu (Daltonganj) in Jharkhand, Baramulla in Jammu & Kashmir, Khandwa and Vidisha in Madhya Pradesh, Bolangir and Koraput in Odisha, and Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh.

S.No	State	Districts
1.	A&N Islands	Port Blair
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun
3.	Assam	Diphu
4.	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon
5.		Sarguja
6.	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
7.		Hamirpur
8.		Nahan (Sirmour)
9.	Jharkhand	Dumka
10.		Hazaribagh
11.		Palamu (Daltonganj)
12.	J & K	Anantnag
13.		Baramulla
14.		Rajouri
15.		Kathua
16.		Doda
17.	Madhya Pradesh	Datia
18.		Khandwa
19.		Ratlam
20.		Shahdol
21.		Vidisha
22.		Chindwara
23.		Shivpur
24.	Maharashtra	Gondia
25.		Nandurbar
26.	Mizoram	Falkawn
27.	Odisha	Balasore
28.		Baripada (Mayurbhanj),
29.		Bolangir,
30.		Koraput
31.	Rajasthan	Barmer
32.		Bharatpur
33.		Bhilwara
34.		Churu
35.		Dungarpur
36.		Pali
37.		Sikar
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Basti
39.		Faizabad
40.		Firozabad
41.		Shahjahanpur
42.		Bahraich
43.		Birbhum (Rampur Hat)
44.	West Bengal	Cooch Behar
45.		Diamond Harbour
46.		Raiganj (North Dinajpur)
47.		Purulia

PRESS NOTE

Due to technical snag, the services of one of the vehicle ferry vessel MV Pilopanja operating between Middle Strait and Baratang was withdrawn with effect from 05.09.2021 following which, services of only one vehicle ferry vessel MV North Bay was available in the above route. However, with all out efforts of this Directorate the defect was rectified and the vessel was made operational and put into service by 06.09.2021 PM. The inconvenience caused to passengers due to breakdown of the vessel is deeply regretted.

Deputy Director (SS)
A & N Admn.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Smti Uma Gauri W/o Shri V.V.S Narayan, resident of doctors colony, Nayagaon Village, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under.

1. That my actual and correct name is "Uma Gauri" but in Birth Certificate of my daughter "Miss Rashmi Narayan" issued by the competent authority register of Birth & Deaths, A&N Administration my name is adwerently or wrongly written as "Uma Narayan" instead of "Uma Gauri".

2. That both "Uma Gauri" and "Uma Narayan" are same person or identical person.

3. That this affidavit is affirmed by me for necessary correction in the Birth certificate of my daughter "Miss Rashmi Narayan" issued by the competent authority register of Birth & Deaths, A&N Administration as "Uma Gauri" instead of "Uma Narayan".

4. The above said statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

The above statement made by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Affirm at Port Blair on this 10th Day of August, 2021

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10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE

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- If you feel sick, stay home. It's a stressful time for everyone, including your pet. Stay home with or without a mask and family to stay safe.
- Follow local media, radio and TV news and avoid rumors and misinformation. Get a news from trusted sources.
- Exercise or meditate at home.
- Maintain a familiar routine - exercise, meditation, physical activity - to help you feel calmer and more in control.
- Reach out to a trusted adult who is essential if you need help or are feeling sad or stressed.
- Do not leave your house if you are sick. Follow guidance from your health authorities on how to protect your health and the health of others.
- Listen to your local authorities for other advice and directions on how to stay safe.

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IN CONVERSATION

EFFORTS GROW TO STAMP OUT USE OF PARASITE DRUG IVERMECTIN FOR COVID-19

Health experts and medical groups are pushing to stamp out the growing use of a decades-old parasite drug to treat COVID-19, warning that it can cause harmful side effects and that there's little evidence it helps.

With a fourth wave of infections, more Americans are turning to ivermectin, a cheap drug used to kill worms and other parasites in humans and animals.

Federal health officials have seen a surge in prescriptions this summer, accompanied by worrying increases in reported overseas. The drug was even given to inmates at a jail in northwest Arkansas for COVID-19, despite federal warnings against that use.

On Wednesday, podcaster Joe Rogan, who has been dismissive of the COVID-19 vaccine, announced he had tested positive for the virus and was taking the medication.

Ivermectin has been promoted by Republican lawmakers, conservative talk show hosts and some doctors, amplified via social media to millions of Americans who remain resistant to getting vaccinated. It has also been widely used in other countries, including India and Brazil.

This week, the top US professional groups for doctors and pharmacists appealed for an immediate end to the drug's use outside of research.

We are urging physicians, pharmacists, and other prescribers, trusted healthcare professionals in their communities to warn patients against the use of ivermectin outside of FDA-approved indications and guidance, said the American Medical Association and two pharmacist groups.

Large studies are now underway in the US and overseas to determine if the drug has any effect on preventing or blunting COVID-19. The latest plea follows similar warnings from federal and state regulators who are tracking side effects and hospital admissions tied to the drug. Louisiana and Washington issued alerts after an uptick in calls to poison control centres. Some animal feed supply stores have run out of the drug because of

people buying the veterinary form to try and treat COVID-19.

There's just not any good evidence right now suggesting this is a good treatment for treating or preventing COVID-19, said Randy McDonough, a pharmacist in Iowa City, Iowa.

Ivermectin is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to treat infections of roundworms and other tiny parasites in humans and animals like cows, horses and dogs.

for a 2,000-pound horse can certainly get people sick or hospitalized for toxicity.

Boulware says he prescribes the drug to patients a few times a year in the US and more routinely when working in countries where intestinal parasites are common. But he and other experts have been alarmed by the explosive growth in US ivermectin prescribing.

By mid-August, US pharmacies were filling 88,000 weekly prescriptions for the medication, a 24-fold increase from pre-COVID levels, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meanwhile, US poison control centres have seen a five-fold increase in emergency calls related to the drug, with some incidents requiring hospitalisation.

The CDC cited one case of a man who drank an injectable form of ivermectin intended for cattle. He suffered hallucinations, confusion, tremors and other side effects before being hospitalised for nine days.

The World Health Organization, the National Institutes of Health and other medical experts have also recommended against using it outside of carefully controlled patient studies. An NIH panel found insufficient evidence for or against the drug for COVID-19, calling for more large, well-designed trials.

The experts noted that early laboratory research showed ivermectin slowed the replication of coronavirus when grown in monkey cells. But such studies are not useful for gauging real-world effectiveness in humans. And they noted other research suggesting the drug would need to be given at levels 100 times the standard dose to have antiviral effects in humans.

The NIH is studying the drug in a large trial comparing a half-dozen established drugs to see if they have some effect against COVID-19. By participating in a clinical trial you're not going to harm yourself and you're going to help society generate the knowledge we need to know if this works or doesn't work, said Boulware.



Tablets are used for internal parasites while ointments are used to treat head lice and other skin infections. The generic drug works by paralyzing the worms and killing their offspring.

The FDA has tried to debunk online claims that animal-strength versions of the drug can help fight COVID-19.

Taking large doses of this drug is dangerous and can cause serious harm, the FDA warned in a public advisory. The drug can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, delirium and even death, said the agency.

Dr David Boulware of the University of Minnesota says the drug's side effects are mild at two or even three times the usual human dose. But formulations for farm animals might contain 1,000 times what's safe for humans. It's pretty easy to get into toxic levels, said Boulware, an infectious disease specialist. All these concentrated doses that are meant



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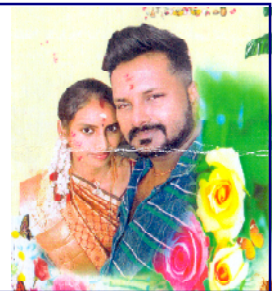
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Special vaccination camp at Shore Point

Port Blair, Sept 6: In his clarion call, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and National President Bharatya Janata Party Shri J.P. Nadda have asked for achieving maximum coverage of vaccination to eligible people, Bharatya Janata Party, A & N Islands through Seva Hi Sangathan - II initiative in the leadership of Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President BJP A & N Islands and Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Gol, organized a special vaccination camp at Shore Point on 03rd September and Brookshabad on 04th September to inoculating

COVID vaccine at with the cooperation of Health Department, A&N Administration. During the vaccination camp the senior leaders & office bearers of BJP were present. Altogether, 370 people were vaccinated with COVIDSHIELD vaccine at this camp

and availed the benefits at their doorstep. Speaking on the occasion Mr. Jolly said that the free of cost vaccine are the biggest boon against the pandemic which has been made possible by Modi Govt. He also briefed about the importance to follow COVID appropriate behavior to fight

against this deadly virus. People from all walks of life appreciated the efforts made by BJP, A & N Islands in ensuring vaccination to the people located in farflung areas who were not able to travel to designated vaccination Centre due to less availability of public transport.



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UG Admission 2021: Check Cut-Offs, Merit Lists From Different Universities, Colleges

New Delhi, Sept 6: Different colleges and universities have started releasing their merit lists and cut-off marks for admission to undergraduate programmes for the 2021-22 academic year. With no board exams this year, the cut-off marks and cut-off percentages in universities and colleges have risen this year. The University of Mumbai has already released its UG programmes. Delhi University, on the other hand, will likely release the first DU cut-off lists by October 1. Maharashtra government will not conduct common entrance tests (CETs) for admission to non-professional courses. Admission to undergraduate programmes in Arts, Science and Commerce colleges will be done on the basis of scores

obtained in Class 12 marks. Delhi University's St. Stephen's College has released the first cut-off list for admission to undergraduate (UG) programmes for the upcoming session. For admission to BA Economics (Honours) the cut-off is 59.5 per cent. The cut-off for BA Philosophy Honours for students from Commerce, Humanities and Science streams stand at 98 per cent, 98.75 per cent and 97 per cent respectively. While for BA History (Honours), it is 99 per cent for Commerce students, 98.25 per cent for Humanities and 99 per cent for Science students. The registration window for admission to undergraduate programmes at Rajasthan University has closed on August 23. The university will likely release the first cut-off list by September end. In the first merit list of Mumbai University released on August 18, the cut-off marks high as 98 per cent

in colleges like St. Xavier's. For the B.A.M.C. course, the cut-off for Arts at Wilson College was 94.67 per cent, Commerce was 95.2 per cent and for Science was 93.6 per cent. Under the second merit list, at St. Xavier's cut-off for Maharashtra board students for B.Com (H) course was 95.17 per cent while for other boards it was 95.20 per cent. The CUET application window closed on Sunday, September 5. With the help of CUET, students will be admitted to undergraduate or integrated and postgraduate programmes in the central universities including at Assam University, Silchar and central universities of Punjab, Gujarat, Haryana and Kerala. National Testing Agency (NTA), the administering body of CUET, has also added two more exam centres this year, at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar, and Kasaragod, Kerala on request of candidates.

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