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## Goa Police starts investigating a letter in social media with fake sign of MoS

**FIR registered against a Unidentified person for implicating a Senior IAS officer of UT admn presently serving in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in serious corruption issues**

Port Blair, Jan 06: There is an alarming matter that has recently come to light. The past few days, a letter was floating around on social media that the Hon'ble Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways had supposedly sent to the Hon'ble Home Minister directly implicating a Senior IAS officer of the A&N Administration in serious corruption issues. It is now established that this was a fake and forged letter. The Minister of State Shri

Shripad Naik has himself taken cognisance of this serious issue, and has denied ever having signed any such letter. In addition, he has now written to DG, Goa Police to investigate the matter in detail, as his letterhead was used by some miscreants for such false implications and definitely for personal gains.

Based on the directive from the Hon'ble Minister of State, an FIR No. 123/2021 dtd. 22/12/2021 under section

469/471/465 and 420 India Penal code has been registered by Goa Police at Crime Branch, Raibandar, Goa has been registered in the case and the Goa Police is investigating the matter with alacrity. Obviously, such letters emanate with vested interests and it seems to come from such high officers, some of us surely stand to gain hugely. Goa Police is on the right track to find out the beneficiary of this letter who will surely be arrested very soon, as this has become a high

profile matter already. It is evident that forging such a letter using stationery of the Minister of State is a serious criminal offense and the likely beneficiary must have had much at stake to go to this extent. However, now that the matter is being investigated, the very same beneficiary will probably go to jail for having committed such a crime. We await further development in the matter and will keep our readers posted on this high profile matter.

## Member of Parliament demands to schedule a ship for Hut Bay

Port Blair, Jan 06: The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to schedule a ship for Hut Bay so that a large number of people, who are willing to come to Port Blair, including transferred teachers, could reach Port Blair. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of residents are willing to come to Port Blair for various urgent needs, such as medical treatment, official works etc. but due to non-availability

of ships, they are unable to come to Port Blair. He added that a good number of teachers, who have been transferred from Little Andaman to other stations, are unable to leave the station and join a new place of posting. These teachers were relieved on 1st January 2022 and were given 10 days joining time but still no new schedule for Hut Bay sailing has been announced. The Member of Parliament pointed out that the last ship had reached Hut Bay on 30th December 2021 and it's been almost 6 days that no new schedule has been announced.

## IndiGo to start flights on Delhi-Port Blair route from January 9

New Delhi, Jan 6: IndiGo will start flights on Delhi-Port Blair route from January 9. The Delhi-Port Blair flight will operate four times a week. Sanjay Kumar, Chief Strategy and Revenue Officer, IndiGo said we are pleased to

strengthen our domestic presence and commence operations between Delhi-Port Blair. These flights will enhance connectivity and promote tourism, trade, and commerce on the island, he mentioned.

## MV Chuglam to sail on Jan 10

Port Blair, Jan 06: The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Naroway on 10.01.2022 (Mon) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from 07.01.2022 (Fri) between 0900Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. Traders are advised to book their cargo by following latest COVID 19 SOP in effect. All the consignments are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

## Congress senior leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary meets ANTCC leaders

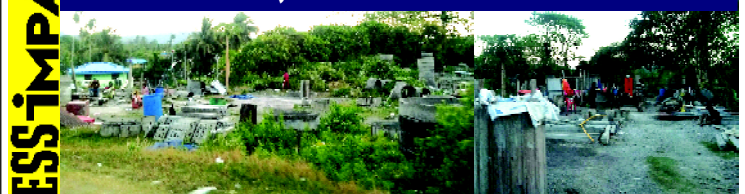
Port Blair, Jan 06: The Member of Parliament and Leader of Opposition, Lok Sabha, Shri. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhary on Wednesday held talks with the leaders of Andaman & Nicobar

Territorial Congress Committee at Gandhi Bhawan, Port Blair. Shri. Chowdhary who is on an official tour to Andaman & Nicobar Islands, was accorded a grand welcome by Congress workers at Gandhi Bhawan. ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder heartily welcomed him by offering shawl while ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman

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## District Administration clears encroachment of over 1000 mtrs of revenue land at Bathubasti, citizen lauds DC's initiative



Port Blair, Jan 06: Acting swiftly on a new report published by the new paper recently, the District Administration today cleared all the encroachments from government land at Bathubasti encroached by some people. The encroached site was converted into a construction site with people constructing ring wells. It may be recalled that this new paper has published a story on encroachment of government land at

Bathubasti. About 1000 mtrs of vacant government land at Bathubasti near the site where sand is stored for sale has been encroached by some individuals. The encroachers have converted the land into a construction site where construction of RCC rings used for borewell purposes was carried out. Complaints have already been registered with the District department, but the authorities were reluctant to initiate action

to evict the encroachment. Encroachers have occupied huge clusters of revenue land lying vacant for years with authority clueless about the land. Construction was going on in the encroached land and when some revenue officials decided to check their activities, their voice was silenced due to political pressure. Even reports of these encroaching revenue land changing hands have also been reported.

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## CCS Aberdeen Bazaar branch to remain open on Sundays

Port Blair, Jan 06: The Consumer Cooperative Stores Ltd has informed the general public/valued customer/members of the CCS Limited that the weekly holiday in respect of CCS Main Branch at Aberdeen Bazar (SSU Aberdeen Bazar) has been changed to Monday instead of Sundays. Hence, the branch will remain open on all Sundays w.e.f 09/01/2022 and Mondays will be holiday for the branch.

## Tourist boats owners told to operate with 70% of carrying capacity

Port Blair, Jan 06: The Directorate of IP&T, A&N Administration has modified the existing SOP in view of the recent surge in the number of COVID-19 cases including detection Directorate of IP&T issues order requesting owners to operate tourist boats with 70% of the carrying capacity. Of Omicron variant cases in the Islands and to effectively

manage the challenges arising due to this. As per an order issued by the Director of IP&T, all tourist boats should ply with 70% of the carrying capacity. Any other orders or advisories issued by the Govt. of India, A&N Administration or any other Competent Authority will also have to be followed, as applicable.

## Training on scientific bee-keeping by ICAR-KVK

Port Blair, Jan 06: Indian Council of Agricultural Research- Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Port Blair is going to organise a series of vocational training program on "Scientific Bee Keeping" in different places of South Andaman and North and Middle Andaman districts. This programme is sponsored by the National Bee Board, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare,

Gol, New Delhi. Its first batch of this training program will start from 18th to 24th January at ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, North and Middle Andaman district and 1st to 8th February, 2022 at ICAR-KVK, Sipighat. During the training program various experts from CIARI, KVKs and Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar See... Page 02

## WHRPC demands timely disposal of Bio-Medical Wastes

Port Blair, Jan 06: While, there's a speedy increase in positive cases of COVID in the islands, a team on behalf of World Human Rights Protection Commissions, New Delhi, headed by Dr. J. Arockia Raj, visited few Health Department offices and got its attention towards negligence by the Health Department and Sanitation Officials, that by last 3-4 months, Bio-Medical wastes being laid without any one's attention at ANIMS and DO Health. Such act will give positive way to spread of the virus and bacteria spreading diseases, which results in health issues. WHRPC condemns such act and demands immediate action to be initiated to dispose such Bio-Medical wastes at earliest. Every citizen has right to live in Healthy Environment. WHRPC request Administration to make sure no such errors been done in future and make sure to provide Healthy Environment.

## Residents hails Secy, PBMC for starting road project

Port Blair, Jan 06: The residents of Buniyadabad have expressed gratitude to the Secretary, PBMC for accepting their request to start the 3 km road project. On the direction of the Secretary, the Engineering Wing of PBMC expedited the construction and maintenance work of the 3 km road in Buniyadabad. The one crore 3 km road project as pending despite being sanctioned and approved for the past many years. Mr. K. Ganeshan, former Councillor along with the residents of Buniyadabad have requested the Secretary, PBMC to start the project. Accordingly, the PBMC Engineers have taken up the work on a fast track.





# EDITORIAL

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### University autonomy

The University Grants Commission (UGC) is letter to central universities, asking them to teach courses based on student demand, is based on questionable academic logic. How many students queue up for a course often reflects how much they value the course. The work of producing knowledge, training students in critical thinking and pushing ideas towards new frontiers — the reasons why societies invest in universities — cannot rest on a narrow, instrumentalist approach. That is to say, a university must make space for arcane philosophy as much as economics, even if there are few takers for the former. Seen in this light, the UGC's insistence that courses be taught or stopped based on the number of enrolled students seems rather short-sighted. The Delhi University Democratic Teachers' Front has said that it fears that 'rationalising' courses in this manner would have grim consequences for social science and language departments, as well as job losses for those who teach in them.

That is not to say that departments must not align courses to "the marketplace of ideas". But that presupposes a degree of autonomy — the freedom to design courses, and draw up syllabi — that few public universities in India enjoy. Universities also need resources as much as autonomy. The National Education Policy 2020's ambitions for education and call for greater autonomy to higher educational institutions is undercut by several factors, from the slashing of funds to the challenges of inequality. The NEP's emphasis on inter-disciplinary learning cannot be served by shrinking the platform of courses on offer. The lack of autonomy is also reflected in the shrinking space for free thought in universities. The growing state hostility to debates and dissent shows up in the desire of governments to vet the subject of webinars or to sanitise classrooms of all contentious ideas in the name of nationalism.

True, one of the biggest challenges of the higher education system is its inability to produce employable graduates in sufficiently large numbers. While universities and colleges do more on this front, the decision of how to maximise their resources, how to hit the sweet spot between academic ambition and market pragmatism, must be left to the teaching community. Each university will find the answer to that question on its own terms. The UGC must not impose top-down criteria that further shrink the space for experimentation and innovation in higher education.

### Congressmen...

Shri. TSG Bhaskar and DCC President Shri. V.K. Abdul Aziz welcomed them by giving bouquets. During the meeting Shri. Chowdhary appreciated the efforts of ANTCC in their fight

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against the BJP led Central Government. He also guided them on various issues and assured them of his support. "We had open and candid discussion on several local issues."

### Training on scientific...

administration will deliver lectures on Scientific Bee keeping and its management with practical demonstrations and also interactions program with Bee Keepers will be followed. The interested Farmers,

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Bee Keepers can contact to Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist Head, KVKs, 09436168901 and Dr. N. Bommayasamy, Subject Matter Specialist-09476050101 or by mail kvkcan@gmail.com.

## Doctors speak on DDK

Port Blair, Jan 06: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast DOCTORS SPEAK Live Phone in programme on the Topic "OMICRON" on 07/01/2022, FRIDAY from 1700 hrs to 1800 hrs. In this programme Dr. Avijit Roy, Nodal Officer COVID 19 and Dr. Director Health Services GB Pant Hospital will be the expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on by dialing 244745/947604367.

## Special camp by PBMC for tax collection

Port Blair, Jan 06: For the convenience of the residents of Port Blair, the PBMC will be setting up a special camp at 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the AE-III (Water Section), Bathubasti Post Office between 9.00 AM to 1.00 PM and 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM to collect the municipal taxes viz Property Tax, Water charges Conservancy fee and Market rent etc. Residents have been asked to avail this opportunity and pay their respective dues. They are also requested to bring the last paid municipal tax receipt for easy assessment of dues and quick payment. The citizens can also pay the Property Tax/Market rent/Domestic/Commercial Water Charges online by visiting website <https://pbmc.gov.in>.

## Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Jan 06: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,02,914 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 4276 people were vaccinated yesterday. 2768 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 2207 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 189 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 1311 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 1266 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 197 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which 186 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.



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# PAKISTAN'S J-10 HAS GOOD TECH, BUT ISN'T COMPARABLE TO RAFALE: SENIOR TEST PILOT

The Pakistani military confirmed on Wednesday that it was acquiring a new fighter from China, the J-10, in response to India's arms purchases.

Last week, Pakistan's Interior Minister Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed said 25 of the new jets would perform a flypast for the country's republic day on March 23.

Rasheed had said the new jets would counter the Indian Air Force's acquisition of 36 Dassault Rafale fighters. At a press conference on Wednesday, Major General Babar Iftikhar, the Pakistan's Army spokesperson, gave a similar rationale for the J-10 acquisition. "This is a step to upgrade our air force fleet and get the best possible technology available because we know what kind of technology is being acquired on the other [Indian] side," Iftikhar was quoted as saying by Voice of America.

The J-10, a single-engine aircraft, is similar to the US-built F-16 and was revealed to the world by China in 2006. China is believed to have inducted over 460 J-10 fighters. Over the past two decades, the J-10 design has been incrementally improved, with newer versions having more advanced active electronically scanned array (AESA) radars and 'diverter-less' air intakes for its engine that reduce the possibility of being detected by enemy radars and sensors. An AESA radar has multiple transmit/receive modules and typically has longer range and capability to detect smaller targets, such as stealth aircraft or cruise missiles, than older generation radars.

Media reports have claimed China could provide Pakistan the PL-15 very-long-range air-to-air missile, which could shoot down targets at a range of over 200km. China is believed to have offered Pakistan a variant of the J-10 dubbed the J-10CE.

The J-10 purchase also highlights Pakistan's increasing reliance on China as a major arms supplier. China is now the main source of cutting-edge weapons for all three Pakistani services as US and European-origin equipment are rare.

While Pakistani officials have referred to India's recent arms purchases as the reason for buying the Chinese fighter, reports say Islamabad has been mulling acquisition of 36 J-10s for over a decade, long before the Indian Air Force selected the Rafale. Thus, the question arises: Why did Pakistan purchase the J-10 now? and what does the acquisition mean for India?

THE WEEK put these questions to retired group captain Harsh Vardhan Thakur, a veteran fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force, Thakur is a senior test pilot with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. Thakur has been involved in development and testing of unmanned systems and other futuristic equipment.

1. Talk of Pakistani interest in the J-10 dates back to early 2006. What explains the timing of this deal?

Unlike the Indian procurement system, which is ostensibly process-based, Pakistan's imports seem to rely heavily on when they can convince an ally to extend credit in the face of

imminent threat to their sovereignty. Induction of Rafales in IAF may have been projected as a serious threat to the so-called balance and now, Pakistan would have been able to give a serious challenge to its own air force.

China may have seen this as an opportunity to finally project successful exports of J-10s. But whether they are getting any money in return, one seriously doubts. Which portion of Pakistan is mortgaged to China for obtaining J-10s will emerge shortly.

2. What specific capabilities does the J-10 offer that the Pakistan Air Force would want against India?

Unless J-10CEs are equipped with PL-15 beyond-visual-range missiles, they do not offer any significant deterrence in the interest of PAF. The projected ranges of PL-15s make for a good brochure. This enhanced perception can be employed successfully by PAF as an information warfare tool to deter IAF's present supremacy. The PL-15 missiles are yet to prove themselves. Time will tell.

3. What do you make of the technologies on board the J-10 such as diverter-less intakes and AESA radars?

Diverter-less intakes employed on Chinese aircraft are a good technology. Such an intake gives lower drag and better supersonic

acceleration compared with older J-10s. Obviously, that cannot be compared with its twin-engine cousin, the Su-30MKI of the Indian Air Force, which is powered by two of the same engines. The J-10CE's AESA radar may provide jamming resistance during combat, depending on its bandwidth. The radar is like Su-30MKI's passive electronically scanned array (PESA) radar, but may provide the user with a better mean time between failure (MTBF) also.

4. Will the J-10 be integrated with the PAF's fleet of Chinese and Swedish-origin airborne early warning (AEW) aircraft?

J-10s are not comparable with Rafale. But the timing is right, so adequate political noise can be created about having neutralised India's advantage. Surely, pilots in PAF know better. Integrating J-10s with AEW/ AWACS would be a challenge and will be years before that materialises.

5. Over the past decade or so, Pakistan's military has become predominantly reliant on China. What do you think are the implications of this transformation?

China has expanded at a rapid pace and Pakistan has been a loyal stooge. Pakistan has certainly got their act right, on whom to hang on to. Chinese success with consumer goods may have rubbed off into their military products as well. I think IAF takes them seriously enough. Hence, any operator of Chinese products is also taken seriously.

6. How do you think India should respond to the J-10 in PAF colours?

I think the Indian military aerospace industry must respond in equal measure and provide IAF with a one-on-one match against J-10CE like the Tejas Mk-2. Decision making should be quick, and an analogous platform should be rolled out soonest. There is no other way.



## Kerala: 900 people defrauded of over Rs 1,200 crore after investing in fake cryptocurrency

Thiruvananthapuram, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022: On Wednesday, Enforcement Directorate officers said that at least 900 people were defrauded of over Rs 1,200 crore after investing in an 'initial coin offering' issued by a Kerala man for a non-existent cryptocurrency.

According to ED sources, investments in bogus crypto currencies were made in 2020, primarily during the lockdown. According to officials, the victims purchased 'Morris Coin', which is listed on the Franc Platform crypto currency exchange in Coimbatore, in a manner like an initial public offering.

A source in the ED said to media, "Ten Morris coins were valued at Rs 15,000 with a lock-in period of 300 days. The currency was fake. The investors were given an e-wallet and told that the coin value would boom when traded in the exchange." But the promoters of the coin siphoned out the money and illegally invested in immovable

properties in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, particularly in real estate without showing any source of income," the source further added.



The Enforcement Directorate conducted searches at 11 locations in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Delhi for the last few days. Searches were also conducted in places including the Bengaluru-based Long Rich Technologies and Morris Trading Solutions.

Unni Mukundan Films Pvt Ltd, a company founded by Malayalam actor Unni Mukundan,

and Nextel Group, were among the locations that were searched by the ED, the media reported. Nishad aged 31, of Pookottupadam village in Malappuram district, has been identified as the fraud's mastermind by the ED. Officials from the ED stated the actor had ties to Nishad.

After police in Kannur and Malappuram districts filed various complaints against Nishad and others under Section 420 (Cheating) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Directorate

took up the case last year. The alleged criminals were also involved in a Ponzi scheme. After the company stopped paying the promised profits, many of the investors went to the police and complained, media reported. Nishad had fled the country after being granted anticipatory bail in the police charges by the Kerala High Court.

## Study finds school closures led to better sleep, quality of life for teens

Zurich, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: The research has been published in the 'JAMA Network Open Journal'. "The students got about 75 minutes more sleep per day during the lockdown. At the same time, their health-related quality of life improved significantly and their consumption of alcohol and caffeine went down," said the study's co-leader Oskar Jenni, UZH professor of developmental pediatrics. Because they no longer had to travel to school, they were able to get up later.

The researchers conducted an online survey with 3,664 high school students in the Canton of Zurich during the lockdown, asking about their sleep patterns and quality of life. They then compared the answers with a survey from 2017 with 5,308 young participants.

The results showed that during the three months in which the schools were closed, the adolescents got up around 90 minutes later on school

days, but went to bed only 15 minutes later on average — meaning their total amount of sleep increased by about 75 minutes a day. On weekends, there was little difference in the sleep times of the two groups.

The students in the lockdown group rated their health-related quality of life higher, and the amount of alcohol and caffeine they reported consuming was less than the pre-pandemic group. "Although the lockdown clearly led to worse health and well-being for young people, our findings reveal an upside of the school closures which has received little attention until now," said Jenni. Sleep deficits in adolescents can lead to general tiredness, anxiety, and physical

aliments.

These in turn have a detrimental effect on cognitive functions such as concentration, memory, and attention, making it significantly harder to function in every day life. The study also found that the lockdown coincided with the natural, biologically determined sleeping habits of teenagers. Because they had to get up early for school, many young people, therefore, suffered from chronic lack of sleep. The topic has recently made its way onto the political agenda in several cantons across the country.

"Our findings clearly indicate the benefit of starting school later in the morning so that youngsters can get more sleep," said Jenni. He speculated that the positive effects on health and health-related quality of life would have been even greater had there not also been the negative effects of the pandemic on mental health.

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## Omicron "Spreading Explosively" Across US, But Here's the Good News

New York, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2022: Though the omicron variant tends to be milder, it is spreading so explosively across the U.S. that many hospitals expect it to rival or surpass previous records for admitting Covid patients.

Hospitals are bracing for a continuous rise in Covid-related bed demand for the month ahead, according to models from several facilities around the country.

At Yale New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, "Our all-time peak was 451 Covid patients in April of 2020," said Robert Fogarty, who oversees the 154-bed hospital's capacity management. "I think we're going to blow past that by next week."

The good news, he and other hospital data experts said, is that compared with previous waves, omicron is landing far fewer people in intensive care units, especially in regions where vaccination rates are high.

The rising demand for beds has prompted health officials to step up some protective measures, including urging people to obtain vaccine boosters and wear higher-quality masks, even though omicron infections appear to cause milder symptoms

than earlier strains.

It's going to be a difficult winter, and the maximum period seems like it's about to unfold over the next few weeks," said Harvard Medical School infectious disease specialist Jacob Lemieux. "So if people can hunker down to the extent possible, that would be a service to society."

As the number of cases continues to burn out quickly in some other countries, but how steep is up-and-down trajectory will be in the U.S. remains an open question. One projection from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington shows the need for hospital resources peaking nationally in mid-February.

Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles also projects the number of Covid patients in its hospitals will continue to rise into mid-February. In San Francisco, Health Director Grant Colfax said this week at a briefing that he believes "the height of the surge is upon us," and

that he expects hospitalizations to reach roughly the same level as last winter.

For now we have enough hospital beds to manage this volume, which is good news," Colfax said. "However, another concern is hospital staff becoming infected due to community spread and having to stay home."

A significant number of those hospitalized with Covid were admitted for other reasons, according to staff at several hospitals. While less severe, omicron still strains resources as staff work to protect themselves and other patients. In hotspot

Miami, for instance, Jackson Health System said Wednesday that 235 of its current 468 patients with Covid-19 were there for "primarily non-Covid reasons."

At University of Michigan Health, Covid hospitalization numbers began shooting up last week and could ultimately increase over 50% to 150 in the coming weeks, said Vasek Parekh, who leads the system's Covid modeling.

While some see a decoupling of case rates from hospitalization rates, he maintained rates do remain linked. Though the ratio has changed, "I think it will be 6.5% of cases nationally ended up in a new hospital admission," he said, "and now it's 3.3% — not decoupled, it's just less than delta."

But the sheer number of cases means that even with lower hospitalization ratios, you find places that break records," he said.

In Boston, two major hospitals, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Massachusetts General

Hospital, project that their load of Covid patients could well reach the heights of last winter's surge in coming weeks.

"This is challenging all of us in health care in a way that we have not seen before," said Jennifer Stevens, who leads modeling for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

On the plus side, high vaccination rates in greater Boston translate to less acute illness when people do fall ill, said Peter Dunn, who manages patient capacity at Mass General and helps oversee hospital Covid capacity across the region.

In the pandemic's first surge, Mass. General had 14 patients whose condition was so dire they needed machines to support their hearts and lungs. "We have zero right now" of such patients, Dunn said.

As of Tuesday, Mass. General had 183 Covid inpatients, with 32 in intensive care and only 22 of those because of Covid, Dunn said. The others happened to have Covid but were in for other reasons. At the peak of the first wave, the hospital had roughly 400 Covid patients.

"This wave is not like Wave 1 or Wave 2," he said. "It's completely different"





# 125 PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT FROM ITALY TEST COVID POSITIVE IN AMRITSAR



A total of 125 passengers on a Milan-Amritsar charter flight were found to be COVID-19 positive when tested on arrival, government officials said on Thursday.

Officials said there were a total of 179 passengers on the charter flight YU-661 that landed at the Amritsar airport at around 1.30pm on Wednesday.

Since Italy is one of the "at risk" countries according to the Union health

ministry, all eligible passengers—160 in this case—were tested for COVID-19 and 125 of them were found to be positive, they mentioned.

Out of total 179 passengers, 19 were children or infants so they were exempt from on-arrival RT-PCR testing, they said. The charter flight between Milan in Italy and Amritsar in Punjab was operated by Portuguese company Euro-Atlantic Airways, they mentioned.

## CORONAVIRUS MUST KNOW FACTS

**What Is 2019-nCoV?**  
A new strain of the coronavirus that infects humans and causes lower respiratory tract illnesses.

**Who Is At Risk?**  
Common in people with cardiopulmonary diseases, weakened immunity, infants, and older adults.

**What Are The Symptoms?**  
Fever, Cough, Breathing difficulty, Sore Throat, Runny nose, Headache and General Debility.

**What Are The Preventive Measures?**

- Wash hands regularly using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper while sneezing.
- Avoid touching face, nose or mouth with dirty hands.
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- Stay at home if sick.
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CMRL Recruitment 2021: Chennai Metro Rail Limited invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for the appointment to the post of General Manager, AGM, JGM, DGM, Manager, DM and AM. These 10 vacancies will be assigned through CMRL recruitment. Candidates must be Indian citizen and must have completed B.E/B.Tech are eligible to apply for this General Manager and other post. Before final submission of application form candidate must review their application form carefully. The closing date of filled application form for General Manager is 22.01.2022 and other should be 07.01.2022.

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WCD Delhi Recruitment 2022: Department of Women & Child Development (WCD), Delhi has issued new notice for post of the Chairperson (CWC), Member (CWC) and Member Social Worker (JJB) for limited for the various Child Welfare Committees (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Boards (JJB). It invites online mode application from eligible candidates. As per WCD Delhi recruitment notification, totally 30 vacancies are allocated WCD Delhi vacancy and post wise vacancy details are given below. Candidates who are searching jobs in Delhi kindly make the online registration from 27.12.2021 to 10.01.2022.

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## STPI Recruitment 2022, B.E/ B.Tech Vacancies, Apply @ stpi.in

STPI Recruitment 2022 | Member Technical Staff | 14 Vacancies | Last Date: 16.01.2022 | STPI Job Notification @ stpi.in

STPI Recruitment 2022: Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) invites online application for filling up Group A S&T vacancy. As per STPI recruitment 2022 notification (No. 24/IV STPI-HQ/2021-22), there are 14 vacancies are allocated for the post of Member Technical Staff posts. Online application process was started from 18.12.2021. Candidates with Engineering Degree are capable to apply for this Software Technical Park recruitment 2022. The last date to submit the online application form is 16.01.2022. Registered candidates should submit the printout of their filled online form on or before 31.01.2022.

Employees of Central/ State Government/ PSUs/ Autonomous organizations should forward their application through proper channel. Central Govt job seekers may use this chance to apply for this STPI jobs. These advertised vacancies will be filled on absorptions/ direct recruitment. Selected candidates will be placed at any centre of STPI. Aspirants need to pay a fee through prescribed mode & mention the UTR/ Transaction ID in the online application form. Applications received by the last date for this STPI careers will be screened. Eligible candidates will be called for written exam/ personal interview.

Software Technology Parks of India is the full form of STPI, the units exported software and information technology and the state with the largest export contribution was Karnataka followed by Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Telangana. STPI has a presence in many major cities of India including the Cities Bangalore, Chennai, Hyderabad, Trivandrum (Kerala), Kanpur, Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Bhubaneswar (Orissa), Kolkata (West Bengal), Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune (Maharashtra), Warangal (Telangana), Kakinada, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Surat (Gujarat).

For more details of STPI recruitment, kindly check at www.stpi.in. The direct link for STPI Careers portal has provided below. Keep looking at www.dailyrecruitment.in to know latest job updates.

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CDAC Chennai Recruitment 2022 | Post: Project Engineer & Project Associate | Vacancies: 19 | End Date: 18.01.2022 | Apply CDAC Chennai Jobs @ cdac.in

CDAC Chennai Recruitment 2022: This time the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), Chennai has announced 19 vacancies for the position of Project Engineer & Project Associate. CDAC, Chennai is looking for bright & result oriented persons for the above said posts under various short-term projects. The CDAC invites online applications for the appointment purely on contract basis. The contract duration is initially for a period of 01 (One) year or co-terminus with the project whichever is earlier. During this period candidates who are selected for this job they get a pay scale of Rs. 34,000 to Rs. 40,000.

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SSC CGL Exam Notification 2022 | Combined Graduate Level Examination | Various Vacancies | Last Date: 23.01.2022 | SSC CGL Recruitment Notification @ ssc.nic.in

SSC CGL Exam Notification 2022: Staff Selection Commission (SSC) has released Combined Graduate Level Examination on 23.12.2021. As per SSC CGL exam notification (No. 3/6/2021-P&P-I (Vol.-I)), the commission has announced Group B & Group C vacant positions in different Ministries/ Departments/ Organizations of India. SSC CGL exams will be conducted to fill up the following posts such as Assistant Audit Officer, Assistant Accounts Officer, Assistant Section Officer, Assistant Inspector, Assistant Enforcement Officer, Sub Inspector, Superintendent, Research Assistant, Divisional Accountant, Auditor, Tax Assistant & Other posts. Online registration link is available from 23.12.2021 at www.ssc.nic.in. Candidates who willing to work under Central Government may apply online for SSC CGL exam 2021 notification. The last date to submit the online form is 23.01.2022.

Bachelor's Degree holders can apply for SSC CGL exam 2021. Applicants must have attained the prescribed age limit. SSC CGL exam consists of Tier I & Tier II (Computer Based Exam), Tier III (Descriptive paper) & Tier IV (CPT/ Data Entry Speed Test). SSC CGL notification 2021 & apply online link for SSC recruitment are available @ www.ssc.nic.in. Aspirants need to pay a fee via prescribed mode. CA/ CMA/ Degree in Law is desirable qualification to apply for this SSC CGL recruitment. Selected candidates will be appointed any where in India. Indicative syllabus & exam scheme are mentioned in official notification. More details of SSC CGL recruitment 2021 notification, syllabus, exam date, previous question paper, admit card, answer key, merit list, selection list, results and upcoming SSC exam notices will be uploaded at official website.

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## IN CONVERSATION

# RELIANCE RETAIL ACQUIRES 25.8% STAKE IN DUNZO

Reliance Retail has bought a 25.8 per cent stake in Dunzo, India's leading quick commerce player, for \$200 million (around Rs 1,488 crore) as it looks to expand its presence in online grocery delivery business.

Dunzo has raised \$240 million (about Rs 1,787 crore) in its latest funding round that was led by Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL) - the retail arm of Reliance Industries, the two firms said in a statement.

Existing investors Lightbox, Lightrock, 3L Capital and Alea Capital also participated in the funding round.

"With an investment of \$200 million, Reliance Retail will own 25.8 per cent stake," the statement said.

In addition to the funding, Dunzo and Reliance Retail will also enter into certain business partnerships. Dunzo will enable hyperlocal logistics for the retail stores operated by RRVL, further adding onto Reliance Retail's omni-channel capabilities.

Dunzo will also facilitate last mile deliveries for JioMart's merchant network.

The capital will be used to further Dunzo's vision to be the largest quick commerce business in the country, enabling instant delivery of essentials from a network of micro warehouses while also expanding its B2B business vertically to enable logistics for local merchants in Indian cities, the statement said.

We are seeing a shift in consumption patterns to online and have been highly impressed with how Dunzo has disrupted the space. Dunzo is the pioneer of Quick Commerce in India and we want to support them in furthering their ambitions of becoming a prominent local commerce enabler in the country, RRVL Director Isha Ambani said.

She added that through the partnership with Dunzo, the company will be able to provide increased convenience to Reliance Retail's consumers and differentiated

customer experience through rapid delivery of products from Reliance Retail stores.

Our merchants will get access to the hyperlocal delivery network of Dunzo to support their growth as they move their business online through JioMart, she said. Dunzo is a leading player in the quick commerce category which has an addressable market opportunity of over \$50

(about Rs 5,250 crore) in its express grocery delivery service, Instamart. Previously, Ola had also started piloting a quick delivery service for items like groceries in Bengaluru.

RRVL has been on an aggressive acquisition spree to consolidate its position in the Indian market, while bolstering its digital play to tap into the burgeoning demand for e-commerce services in the country.

In November last year, RRVL acquired the retail lingerie businesses under the amara umbrella brand from MAS Brands, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sri Lanka-based MAS Holdings, for an undisclosed amount.

In October, RRVL had acquired a 52 per cent stake in veteran couturier Ritu Kumar's firm RituKia Pvt Ltd for an undisclosed amount, while Reliance Brands Ltd (RBL) has announced it would pick a 40 per cent minority stake in fashion designer Manish Malhotra's MM Styles Pvt Ltd.

In September, RRVL had acquired the control of search & discovery platform JustDial for a consideration of Rs 3,497 crore.

Last month, RBL and Indian couturier Anamika Khanna agreed to a 60:40 joint venture for owning and developing fashion brand AK-OK.

It also bought a minority stake in Actosera Active Wholesale, which owns and operates online lingerie store Zivame, last year.

RRVL, a subsidiary of RIL, is the holding company of all the retail companies of the Group. It reported a consolidated turnover of Rs 1,57,629 crore and a net profit of Rs 5,481 crore for the year ended March 31, 2021.

In 2020, Reliance Industries had raised Rs 47,265 crore by selling around 10 per cent stake in RRVL. It had raised funds from global private equity funds which included - Silver Lake Partners, KKR, GIC, TPG and General Atlantic, as well as sovereign wealth funds Mubadala, ADIA and PIF.

**Reliance RETAIL**

Currenty, Dunzo is available across seven metro cities in India and the additional capital will be used to expand the quick commerce business to 15 cities, the statement said. Dunzo launched its instant delivery model Dunzo Daily in Bengaluru earlier this year, which is seeing over 20 per cent week-on-week growth. The Dunzo Daily model delivers daily and weekly essentials within 15-20 minutes, with a focus on providing high-quality fruits and vegetables. While traditional e-commerce deliveries take a day or longer, quick commerce (or q-commerce) enables customers to get small quantities of goods to customers in a shorter period of time. According to a RedSeer report, the quick commerce sector in India is expected to grow to \$5 billion by 2025 from the current \$0.3 billion. The report said quick commerce is growing in India on the back of trends like a shift in consumer behaviour, entry of big players like BigBasket and Blinkit, and rise in instant delivery platforms. Last month, food delivery platform Swiggy announced an investment of \$700 million



## NIS Patiala reports 4 COVID positive cases

PATIALA: The third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has struck the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala with the elite centre on Thursday reporting four positive cases inside its campus.

The positive cases were confirmed following 170 RT-PCR tests conducted among athletes and coaches residing inside the campus.

The cases include three junior athletes and one coach.

"RT-PCR tests for 170 athletes and coaches were conducted in NSNIS Patiala on Tuesday as part of SAI COVID SOP. Results have revealed that three junior athletes and one coach are COVID positive," the Sports Authority of India (SAI) said in a statement.

"All four are symptomatic and have been isolated as per SOP." There are no positive cases among national campers and their training is continuing unhindered inside a bio-bubble. SAI official also said that the elite athletes are in a completely different bio-bubble and have no link with the junior athletes or the outside world.

The official revealed that besides athletes, NIS Patiala also reported some positive cases among a few students of its academic courses, but they leave outside the campus and has no



connection with its campers.

The four, who have returned positive, will be re-tested after 10 days as per the guidelines issued by the Punjab government.

"We have knowledge that there were a few cases among those who attend our academic courses but they all stay outside the campus. As soon as we learnt about them, we have stopped physical classes three days back

and shifted to online mode," the official told PTL. Athletes and boxing are the two important disciplines whose national camps are being held at NIS, Patiala.

During the second wave in March 2021, 26 sports persons and support staff across disciplines were found to be COVID-19 positive after around 380 campers were subjected to tests for the dreaded infection at the NIS Patiala.

## On-field communication will be key to success in Asian Cup, feels Indumathi

KOCHI: On-field communication, something that she struggled with in her initial days with the Indian women's team owing to language barrier, will be the key to success in the upcoming AFC Asian Cup, midfielder Indumathi Kathiresan said on Thursday.

India will host the continental tournament from January 20 to February 6 in three venues across Maharashtra.

"It's all about communicating on the field to fill in the missing areas, when you're playing in the midfield," Indumathi was quoted as saying by the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

"People mistake it to be pointing out the mistakes of others. But it's not about that. If I don't do it, they may not know what they've done wrong, and vice versa." When they (my teammates) look into my eyes on the pitch, they should know that even if they make an error, I'll give my life to come and help them; and when I look into their eyes, I too want to see the same."

While the 27-year-old midfielder general stresses the importance of communicating with her teammates, it was not too long back that she herself found communication one of the hardest parts of football.

The daughter of daily wage workers from Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu, Indumathi completed her education in government schools with the help of scholarships, balancing both studies and sports.

However, when she was called up to a month-long national team trials camp, her young midfielder found that she could not properly communicate with any other teammates.

"I had then got called up for a National Team trial among 50 girls. But I was the only one from Tamil Nadu. No other girl spoke Tamil, and I could not speak either Hindi or English, so I could not really communicate with any one," she recalled.

"Not being able to speak to anyone around you for more than a month is really difficult."

"Sometimes I used to cry on the phone to my mother, and she would tell me to come back, but I knew I couldn't do that. I didn't understand much of what others said to me, I just smiled and nodded and kept going," she said with a laugh.

"I've had to change a lot. All the coaches told me that I need to be able to speak with others, because football is a sport where communication is essential. So I started to learn, and now I can manage," she said.

A sub-inspector in Tamil Nadu Police, Indumathi could never have imagined that she would one day play in a tournament of the stature of the AFC Women's Asian Cup for the Blue Tigresses.

"I'm 27 now. If you'd have asked me back in school or college whether I'd still be playing football till this age, I would probably have said, no. But I'm thankful that I can still

do it. And I'm even more grateful that I'm getting to play the Asian Cup on home soil," said Indumathi.

"Now have a job in the Police as well, but football is my identity. This comes first and foremost. When you say Indumathi Kathiresan, I want you to first think of me as a footballer, and then as a Policewoman."

In her younger days, Indumathi has had to contend with the notion that football is not meant for women.

"I've always had to balance football and studies. My parents, at first, did not want me to play football, but continued anyway. Once I started playing in the NFCs, they began to realise that I could probably do something with my footballing career."

"But convincing them became more difficult when I'd get some injuries. As it is, I used to miss a lot of exams in my college because we were playing tournaments. We used to have separate exams, and once I had to sit for two semesters' worth of exams at the same time."

The Asian Cup is just around the corner, and the Blue Tigresses have played a number of friendly matches in the UAE, Bahrain, Sweden and Brazil as part of their preparation for the continental extravaganza.

The midfielder feels that the matches were of a very high quality, something that puts the team in good stead.

## EC reviews Covid, law and order situation in poll-bound states

The Election Commission on Thursday reviewed the Covid situation with the Union health secretary and health experts, collecting inputs on necessary safety measures to be ensured during the democratic exercise and emphasising the need for vaccination of all eligible people in five poll-bound states, sources said.

In a separate meeting, the panel discussed the law and order situation in the five states - Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Punjab and Manipur - with Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

Elections are due in the five states and the Commission is

expedited to announce poll dates in the next few days. Besides Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, the meeting besides the Covid situation was also attended by AIMS director Randeep Guleria and ICMR's Balram Bhargava, sources aware of the interactions said. The poll panel carried out a "complete review" of the Covid status and took inputs from medical experts on "safety measures to be ensured during campaigning and polling. It stressed to the health and law order secretaries the need to ensure complete vaccination for all eligible persons, the sources said. In an earlier meeting with Bhushan on December 27, the poll panel had asked him to ramp up the vaccination drive in the five states.



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