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Thought for today
Wastework will make you heavy and tired; Positive work makes you Happy, Light and Refreshed.



Ganeshan bats for common man, demands reduction in fares of Air-conditioned E-buses
Ramachandran Nair
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Date extended for TGCE admissions

Port Blair, Nov 11: The last date for submission of online application forms for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the academic session 2021-22 in Tigrore Government College of Education, Port Blair has been extended up to 27th November 2021 as requested by Principal, JNRM, Port Blair due to non-receipts of results from Pondicherry University. Desirous candidates can now submit their online application up to 27th November 2021 via U R L <http://collegiadmission.andaman.gov.in>, a release from the Principal, TGCE said.

IMD forecasts heavy rains

Port Blair, Nov 11: The Indian Meteorological Department, Kolkata has forecast heavy rainfall (7-11) cm likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on Saturday accompanied with thunderstorm with lightning at one or two places over these islands. For further enquiries / information, one can contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency assistance at sea, one can call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

Crises of tickets for Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep Resolved

All tourists got tickets for their destination: dearth was due to black marketing



Port Blair, 11th Nov. 2021: On resumption of tourism activities in isles after COVID-19 pandemic, Port Blair received high footfall of tourists. After a long period of recession, tourism industry in isles gained momentum. But operators were finding difficult to manage visit of tourists to Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep due to non-availability of tickets. Loud calls were to increase the number of vessels sailing between Port Blair and these

two destinations. On the basis of inputs, Administration accounted the flow of visitors and number of seats in operational vessels to Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. It was found that the shortfall of tickets is not as high as projected. A team of higher officers in the Administration decided to monitor the issue of tickets at STARS ticketing counter and rushed to the venue. The status today is that not even a single tourists willing to visit

Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep islands is forced to halt at Port Blair for want of tickets. The entire episode confirms sale of tickets from back window and black marketing of tickets. Reportedly tickets for these two destinations were sold in black at added price of Rs. 300 to Rs. 500 per tickets. The intervention of higher officials resolved the man made crises of tickets. But it is not

possible for officers to leave other as signments and monitor ticket issue system. It's time for the Directorate of Shipping Services to take measures to stop black marketing of tickets and sale of tickets from back window. Meanwhile, it is learnt that DSS is in process of increasing number of vessels and their frequency to Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep to ease the rush of tickets for tourists.

Pahargana cops solve murder case, accused arrested

Port Blair, Nov 11: A murder at Dollygunj Industrial Area under PS Pahargana jurisdiction at late night of 09.11.2021 was solved and the accused was arrested within a few hours. The accused murdered the victim by hitting on the head with a helmet. The victim has been identified as Sajid Majhi S/o Shri Raja Majhi, 24 yrs, resident of Dollygunj.

On 10.11.2021, upon receipt of complaint from Mr. Habib Malik, S/o Late Rafique Malik, 24 yrs, Cook at Raja Tea Stall, Dollygunj, resident Dollygunj, Industrial Area a FIR vide No. 118/21 U/s 302 IPC was registered at PS Pahargana.

Acting swiftly on the complaint, immediately a team comprising of SI Manish Narayan, SI Mohd. Rahil Islam, SI Samiran Mridha, PC/ Santosh Kumar Yadav, PC/ Jagdish Babu and PC/ Sudeep Kumar was constituted under the supervision of SHO Pahargana for search and arrest of the accused. The Superintendent of Police, South Andaman and SDPO South Andaman immediately reached the spot. All possible efforts including technical surveillance were made to search the accused person and within a few hours, the accused person namely Robin Singh@ Gagan S/o Harjeet Singh, 20 yrs, Open school student, resident of Das colony, Industrial area, Dollygunj was nabbed. Further investigation of the case is in progress, a release said.

Online re-registration for IGNOU opens

Port Blair, Nov 11: The online Re-registration in IGNOU is the progress on payment of fees for the subsequent year of study for a particular academic programme. The students have been advised to log on to IGNOU site for timely payment of their 2nd year or 3rd year fees. Similarly BCA, MCA student have been advised to pay the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th semester fees through online. The website link at Indira Gandhi National Open

University (IGNOU) site www.ignou.ac.in will be open to pay the Re-Registration fee for January 2022 session till last date. The last date of online Re-Registration is 30th November, 2021. Students facing difficulty in online registration, may contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: reportblair@ignou.ac.in

SHG members trained on cultivation & value addition of cut flowers by CIARI, NABARD



Port Blair, Nov 11: ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with NABARD, Port Blair organized three days training on "Cultivation and value addition of cut flowers for entrepreneurship development in A & N Islands" at Namunagar Panchayat hall for the SHG beneficiaries of Surabi NGO. The programme was inaugurated by Mr

Manoj, General Manager, NABARD in the presence of Dr. Augustine B. Jerard, HoD, ICAR-CIARI as the guest of honour. A total of 41 SHG members attended the training programme which was organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI. In the training programme

cultivation aspects of different commercial flowers were dealt by Course coordinators Dr. V. Baskaran, Dr. K. Abirami, Dr. K. Venkatesan and Dr. T. Subramani. The trainees were given hands on training for preparation of different value-added products like bouquet making flower arrangements, dry

Sahitya Akademi invites Bengali writers for new book

Port Blair, Nov 11: The Sahitya Akademi's Kolkata Regional Office has decided to publish a book containing poems/short stories/essays written by Andaman's Sahitya Akademi. For this purpose, Shri Anandranjan Biswas, General Council Member of Sahitya Akademi, New Delhi as well as Member of the Bengali Advisory Board, Kolkata has been entrusted to collect the manuscripts from Andaman's Bengali Writers. Those who are interested to become a part of this prestigious collection of Sahitya Akademi, may send their writings in hard copy (10 poems and/or 5 short stories and/or 5

essays to the maximum, of each writer) to the following address by registered/speed post/ courier: Shri Anandranjan Biswas (Member, Sahitya Akademi), C/o Baakprokita, Junglughat (SB) Building, Junglughat, Port Blair-744103, South Andaman. Soft copy may also be sent via e-mail in protected document format (PDF) to the following e-mail: anandranjan1960@gmail.com. The last date of receiving the entries is 31st December 2021 (without any time extension). It may be noted that final selection of writings/writers shall be made by the Sahitya Akademi, Kolkata Regional Office.

National Education Day: Digitally empowered teachers can unlock India's potential

Port Blair, 11th Nov. 2021: For a burgeoning economy like India, education has always been the key to realising aspirations and improving quality of life for millions of people. Education plays a critical role in the effective growth and development of a young nation, and India holds a distinctive advantage in this area. The country's working-age ratio is expected to rise from around 64% now to 69%, potentially making India the largest single positive contributor to the global workforce over the next few decades. Despite the far-reaching impact of education and

training, teachers – the backbone of the education system – have been largely undernourished. Skilled with the power to shape future generations, teachers in India are instrumental in preparing the youth for the unseen jobs of tomorrow. However, a

Firing practice by Naval, Army NCC Cadets

Port Blair, Nov 11: All 198 Naval and Army NCC Senior Division/Wing cadets of these Islands conducted firing from 22 Rifles at Brichgunj firing range on 10 Nov 2021 as part of their training during the third day of ongoing Combined Annual Training Camp 2021-22 at JNRM, Port Blair. The Cadet firing was conducted under guidance of Camp Commandant Cdr A.Vivekananda, Deputy Camp Commandant Lt Cdr Ankit Pant and PI staff of both the units. Cadets were also trained in various aspects of field craft. Also classes were conducted on National Integration.



Power-cut for maintenance of T&D line

Port Blair, Nov 11: Power supply will remain suspended on Nov 12 from 8 am to 2 pm in connection with thup-keeping of T&D line at Calicut due to diversion of road by APWD. The areas to be affected are Calicut, Ayanar Temple, Panna Junction, Macca Padma, New Bimbilim & part of Teylabat. The schedule mentioned is tentative and if the work completes earlier the line will be charged accordingly, a release said.

Winners of State-level Quiz Contest by Red Ribbon Club announced

Port Blair, Nov 11: The A & N AIDS Control Society (ANACS) conducted State Level Red Ribbon Club (RRC) Quiz competition for the youth of Colleges/Institution and Youth Clubs of A&N Islands on Wednesday. Ms. Harshavardini Thangarajan & Ms. Anuja Majumder

of ANIMS won the first prize, Mr. K Hema Rao & Ms. R. Sheeba of Panigat Youth Club bagged the second prize and Ms. Diksha Marillyn Biju & Ms. Jace Jackson of ANIMS won the third prize. Altogether 28 teams (22 from college/institution + 6 from youth club) participated in the district level competition. The eligible three teams from college and three from youth club participated in the state level

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Govt employees no longer bound to fly by Air India

New Delhi, 11th Nov. 2021: The Centre will end Air India's monopoly over flying millions of government employees after its privatisation, although large part of the employees' ticketing requirements will continue to be handled by three state-owned companies.

The companies will likely earn agency commissions and ticketing charges from the huge pool of government employees, estimated to run into a few million. On November 2, department of investment and public asset management secretary Tuhin Kanta Panda said it would no longer be

mandatory for government employees to travel by Air India after its privatisation. Air India, too, has stopped offering ministries credit for the purchase of air tickets, prompting the finance ministry to ask all ministries to clear the airlines' dues. According to an RTI query

COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Nov 11: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,13,382 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 74,127 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2041 people were vaccinated in these islands on

Wednesday. 1566 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 91 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 308 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 11 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 167 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 18-44.

Finals of State-level Football tourney today

Port Blair, Nov 11: The final match of the State-level Football tourney-cum-selection trial for the Santosh trophy will be held at Netaji Stadium today from 2 pm. The Deputy Commissioner along with the ADM, SP (CID), ASP, South Andaman, Director of Tourism, Director Shipping and officials of Shipping and Revenue Department for the visit. The team of officials visited Phoenix Bay jetty and Haddo and met tourists, locals and travel agents to listen to their grievances. Shri Suneel Anchipaka assured to streamline the ticketing system and also to deploy additional boats for Shaheed Dweep. The Deputy Commissioner also met with Private Cruise Operators later in his office. The Association thanked Shri Suneel Anchipaka for the visit and for assuring relief to visitors and stakeholders of the tourism sector.

Best Wishes from...
Mr. K. Ganeshan, Ex. Chairperson - P BMC & **Mrs. Laxmi Ganeshan**, Chief Editor, Andaman Kural
 and **Family welfare department staff Wishes**

S. Shanteswari, D/o Shri S. Sangupandi & Smti S. Pandiammal R/o Prothrapur
S. Vijaykumar, S/o Shri S. Senthilvel & Smti S. Shanthi R/o Prothrapur

AATO Prez expresses gratitude to DC SA

Port Blair, Nov 11: Shri M Vinod, President, AATO and all members of the association have expressed gratitude to Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman for visiting Phoenix Bay Jetty along with a team of officers. The Secretary, Shipping accompanied the Deputy Commissioner along with the ADM, SP (CID), ASP, South Andaman, Director of Tourism, Director Shipping and officials of Shipping and Revenue Department for the visit. The team of officials visited Phoenix Bay jetty and Haddo and met tourists, locals and travel agents to listen to their grievances. Shri Suneel Anchipaka assured to streamline the ticketing system and also to deploy additional boats for Shaheed Dweep. The Deputy Commissioner also met with Private Cruise Operators later in his office. The Association thanked Shri Suneel Anchipaka for the visit and for assuring relief to visitors and stakeholders of the tourism sector.

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Uphaar case exposes

On Monday, a Delhi court's conviction and sentencing of real-estate barons Sushil and Gopal Ansal to seven years' simple imprisonment for tampering with evidence in the 1997 Uphaar fire tragedy brought a closure to a case that has become emblematic of the tortuous course of fire accident litigation in the country. But the failings that the Uphaar case has shone a light on continue to take a distressing toll. Hours after the Delhi court's verdict, a fire that swept through a children's hospital in Bhopal left at least four infants dead. Last week, more than 10 Covid patients lost their lives in a blaze at an Ahmednagar hospital. Whether in the Uphaar case or at Bhopal or Ahmednagar, or at a coaching centre in Surat two years earlier or at another hospital in Kolkata in 2016, fire tragedies are often a result of criminal negligence and disregard of minimum safety requirements. The Maharashtra government has suspended the civil surgeon and three nurses of the Ahmednagar hospital and the Madhya Pradesh government has begun a probe, which at the outset, has revealed that the hospital did not have a No Objection Certificate from Bhopal's fire authorities. But as the Uphaar case has shown, booking the guilty in such cases is a protracted process because it requires fixing dual liability — in civil law by granting compensation to victims and in criminal law by ensuring the guilty are punished appropriately.

In 2011, the Supreme Court highlighted two key issues in the Uphaar case — one was the lack of fire safety management infrastructure, especially in public spaces such as cinema halls, and the other was the absence of a comprehensive legal framework to fix claims and liabilities. Guidelines for infrastructure and trained staff in cinema halls have partially addressed the first issue. However, Bhopal, Ahmednagar and Surat are reminders that owners of public premises continue to pay short shrift to fire safety requirements. Tragedy after tragedy has also shown that municipal or local authorities are often complicit in such negligence. While states have individual parameters to award compensation, they are often ad-hoc or vary based on political impact. High courts are the first arbiters under civil law to quantify the damage and assess negligence by government agencies. This is often a time-consuming process that requires victims to organise themselves and engage in costly litigation, multiplying their trauma. The lack of a law for fixing damages leads to courts following arbitrary policies in awarding compensation. In the Uphaar case, the high court fixed compensation for victims in 2003 of Rs 18 lakh, which was reduced drastically by the Supreme Court in 2011 to Rs 10 lakh.

Following the recommendations of the First Law Commission, Parliament had introduced two bills on the government liability in torts as early as 1965-67 in the Lok Sabha but those bills lapsed. A new law that assures accountability for such accidents is urgently needed.

SHG members trained ..

flower card making and use of flower petals for preparation of herbal tea. The making opportunities and key strategies for online sale of products were explained in detail by Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CIARI. On the final day of the training programme, the participants prepared various value-added products of commercial flowers and were evaluated by team of scientists from ICAR-CIARI and NABARD officials.

Based on the scientific techniques learnt and creativity

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used the value-added products were evaluated and prized were distributed to the winning participants by Father, Simoin, Director, Surabi and Mrs. C. Sumitra AGM, NABARD. The participants expressed their happiness for the skills attained from the training programme especially with the specialty flowers and requested for a training with long duration. The planting material of marigold and red ginger were distributed to the participants of the training programme for promotion of flower cultivation.

Winners of State...

quizz competition held on 10th November 2021. The first winning team has qualified for the Regional level quizz competition to be hosted in the first week of December in which State level winners from Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha and Puducherry will be participating. The winning team from this Regional level will then be participating in the National level which will be organized by National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India. Dr. M. Joy, Project Director, ANACS, congratulated the winners and all the participants for their effort

Fresh Low Pressure Over South Andaman Sea by Nov 13; Rain, Thunderstorm Alert for Odisha

A fresh Low Pressure area is likely to form over south Andaman sea and neighbourhood by November 13 and it is likely to move west-north-westwards and become more marked during subsequent 48 hours, said the India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Thursday.

As per IMD, the Depression over south west Bay of Bengal

in making the objective of this programme successful. This competition had provided an interactive platform for information exchange on issues related to health & well being, remove social taboos & myths, discuss reproductive health issues, sanitation, hygiene diet & nutrition.

Mr. Abhijit Aganwal was the quiz master for the State Level RRC Quizz competition.

Earlier in the district level competition teams were selected for the State Level competition through Google form quiz on the virtual platform on 05 and 06 November 2021.

moved west-north-westwards and lay centered over south west Bay of Bengal about 130 km east-southeast of Chennai and 150 km east-northeast of Puducherry. It is likely to continue to move west-north-westwards and cross north Tamil Nadu & adjoining south Andhra Pradesh coasts around Chennai during evening hours today.

INDIA'S HOSPITALITY SECTOR SEES HEALTHY GROWTH; HIRING GAINS MOMENTUM

It seems that the COVID-19 gloom is over for the hospitality sector as it witnessed a 169.4 per cent year-over-year increase in Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR) in the Q3 2021. The RevPAR grew by 122.9 per cent in Q3 2021 as compared to Q2 2021, due to the strong recovery post the second wave.

As per JLL's Hotel Momentum India (HMI) Q3 2021, a quarterly hospitality sector monitor, Goa led the table and continued to be the RevPAR

leader in absolute terms with a 389.8 increase primarily due to the low base of Q3 2020. In Q3 2021, domestic operators dominated signings over international operators with the ratio of 57:43 in terms of inventory volume. The year-over-year growth witnessed in the sector during Q3 2021 is primarily due to the low base effect of Q3 2020 as the nation began to cautiously ease travel restrictions. Post the full and partial lockdowns witnessed in many states during April and May

of 2021, the sector had witnessed a sharp recovery in leisure travel towards the end of Q2 2021. This trend continued into Q3 2021 as inter-state travel restrictions were further eased and an improvement in travellers' confidence was seen with the large-scale vaccination drive across the nation.

As per the JLL report for the next two quarters (Q4 2021 and Q1 2022), growth in travel is expected to continue as India further ramps up its vaccination rate resulting in improved sentiment towards domestic travel, especially business travel. IT and the ITES companies have indicated that their travel expenditure will increase in the coming quarters as they foresee employees returning to the office and campus as well as resuming travel for work. However, there is a lag between returning to work and subsequent business-related travel. Leisure locations are expected to see a further increase in occupancy and average rates supported mainly by transient leisure and social gatherings.

Interestingly, the JLL report also finds that the total number of signings in Q3 of 2021 stood at 32 hotels comprising 2,624 keys, recording a growth of 13.4 per cent compared to the same period last year. In line with

the overall increasing trend, 15 new signings (47 per cent of total properties signed) are conversions of old hotels. Domestic operators dominated signings over international operators with the ratio of 57:43 in terms of inventory volume.

"The sector has witnessed a sharp recovery in Q3 2021 post the second wave of the pandemic. Holiday destinations are sold out on most weekends with domestic tourists deciding to explore different destinations across the nation. Demand for weddings continues to grow as restrictions on large gatherings are further eased. F&B dining has also witnessed a strong recovery both in major metropolitan cities as well as in tier two towns, on the back of improved market sentiments and growth in vaccination numbers. In this quarter, we have witnessed a slight uptick in corporate travel as well, which we believe would be a major step towards a full recovery for the sector," said Jaideep Dang, Managing Director, Hotels and Hospitality Group, South Asia, JLL.

Elaborating further, Dang said that leaving aside foreign inbound travellers, all other business segments have bounced back strongly. "We are also witnessing return on demand from corporate off sites in the first two

quarters of 2022. There have been a lot of inquiries and a few bookings too. Business travel has also resumed well pushing occupancies and room rates in business cities. This trend will continue to improve in the upcoming three to four months," he added.

As per the report, besides Goa, Hyderabad witnessed the highest growth in occupancy level registering a 33.6 per cent increase in Q3 2021 over the same period last year. Bengaluru witnessed 213.2 per cent growth in RevPAR followed by Hyderabad with a 173.5 per cent increase compared to the same period of the previous year. Demand and supply of operational inventory in six major cities increased by 159 per cent and 9.5 per cent respectively in the third quarter of 2021 as compared to the same period last year.

The sector has also seen an increase in the employment opportunity once again opening up in the travel and the tourism segment. As per the Monster Employment Index by Monster.com, hiring for professionals in the hospitality and travel roles saw the highest month on month growth of five per cent in October 2021, indicating an overall promising recovery for the travel sector in the months to come (Oct 2021 vs Sept 2021).

National Education...

recent UNESCO survey points to an alarming shortage of over one million teachers in schools. Moreover, 1.1 lakh schools in the country are running as single-teacher entities. Therefore, it is more critical than ever to accelerate the employment of teachers, revamp training, and bring back more teachers into the workforce.

Technology is a great resource and enabling in realising this.

Transforming learning and teaching: In the last few decades, technology has revolutionised almost every aspect of life. When the COVID-19 pandemic upended traditional classroom learning, it was the innovation and reach of e-learning that empowered teachers and students to continue despite unprecedented circumstances.

While technology is the vehicle that drives better learning for students, digitally empowered teachers are the key, delivering conceptual, contextual, and visual learning to millions of students. By embracing tech-enabled tools, teachers are making learning more effective and engaging, personalised, fun and future-ready.

Not just reach, technology has also enabled us to tap the potential of teachers from across India, accelerating their earning potential and connecting them with students anywhere in the world. This amalgamation of technology and pedagogy with talented teachers is bringing back the golden era of teaching - and we are witnessing

this revolution every day. Even as schools begin to partially open up across the country, the limitless possibilities offered by digital learning tools in the last two years will continue to impact how we learn and teach.

In these few years of uncertainties, one thing is certain: the future of education is going to be hybrid. Synchronous and asynchronous formats will co-exist, students will have the choice to pick and choose from a bouquet of subjects and learning styles, have a hyper personalised learning pathway, and much more. In such a scenario, the role of teachers will remain uncontestable, further evolving into mentoring and guiding students to become active, lifelong learners.

Bridging the tech ed deficit: While technology is creating new opportunities in education, there is a pertinent tech deficit in India. However, things are rapidly changing. In 2020, India had over 749 million internet users. This figure is projected to grow to over 1.2 billion by 2040. Moreover, the physical inequities in education continue to pose a greater challenge. Every child, irrespective of location, proficiency and socio-economic conditions, must have an equal opportunity to learn, and having digitally empowered teachers is a vital cog in this wheel. High impact outreach programs such as BYJU'S Education For All are bridging these education gaps in

underserved areas through partnerships with NGOs and government agencies. In fact, at BYJU'S we have partnered with 55 organisations across 23 states to continue exploring and leveraging technology to bring about positive changes in education. This is a powerful step in closing the gap between students and quality teachers.

As humans evolve, so does technology. It is with this technology that the conversation has moved from what students learn to how they learn. The emergence and acceptance of new digital learning tools have not only empowered teachers to teach more effectively, but also closed the gap between students and teachers. The student-teacher dynamic is evolving to become multidimensional and effective - creating more opportunities for students to take the driver's seat in their learning journey. In the next decade, as technology evolves, it will pave the way for more edtech players to provide innovative learning solutions, personalised experiences and digitally empowered teachers, at scale.

As teachers shoulder the responsibility of creating leaders of tomorrow and shape the youth that will become the workforce driving India's growth story forward, digital education and tech enabled educators will be the cornerstone of this revolution.

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Experts suggest quick use of near-expiry Covid vaccine shots to avoid stock pile-ups

Bengaluru, 11th Nov, 2021: With the decline of the second wave, there is poor demand for vaccines in Karnataka, especially in private hospitals, leading a huge pile-up of vaccine stocks.

At the recently held Technical Advisory Committee meeting, experts suggested that unused vaccines reaching expiry date, like November 30, need to be used immediately to prevent wastage.

"Due to good vaccination coverage, there is low demand for vaccines. To prevent wastage, mainly Covishield vaccines expiring by November 30, they should be used immediately," said a senior doctor.

Meanwhile, private hospitals have a sigh of relief after revalidation of the shelf life of Covaxin by another six months by manufacturer Bharat Biotech.

The shelf life of the vaccine has been extended from November 2021 to May 2022. This has eased the situation a bit and we expect approval for booster doses and

children's vaccines will help us use up stocks," said Dr HM Prasanna, President of Private Hospitals And Nursing Homes' Association (PHANA).

Sources said TAC experts have given recommendations of how to use Covaxin. They have recommended that near-expiry vaccines are to be redistributed to

the state government will also urge the Central government to commence vaccination of children soon.

"Children who are considered a priority, like those with comorbidities, can be vaccinated with Covaxin," a senior doctor said.

No masks for under-5s: Based on WHO's recommendation that children up to 5 years of age should not wear masks, TAC experts have advised that children in the 3-5 year age group, going to Anganwadis and schools to attend LKG & UKG classes for a few hours a day, need not use masks.

Experts said ensuring compliance in this age group will be difficult. Also, prolonged use of face masks may affect their general health, growth and development.

Considering the fact that the infection is generally mild and self-limiting, unlike in the elderly and older age groups, the TAC has recommended that children in the LKG, UKG and Anganwadis need not wear masks.



centres where there is good attendance of people, so they can be used immediately. "Another recommendation is to return the near-expiry vaccines to the manufacturer after negotiation," sources said.

The experts have also recommended that the state health minister sends out a letter to the Union health minister, seeking to reduce the interval between booster doses of Covishield to 4 to 6 weeks.

No kidding: Do parents really know what their children are doing?

Port Blair, 11th Nov, 2021: Parents are Boomers. Kids are Zoomers. With the kooky feeding frenzy that social media, its spin-offs, and peerpals are shaking up today, the mutual trust within a family is tottering on the stilts of young adults' secrets. Admit it! There was a certain degree of power Boomers wielded in the kid domain when the now-juniors were toddlers. Not anymore. A surreal climate change has been happening through remote learning. With millions of online-spend-time-type tykes tuning Kidzits, and sharenting and conscious uncoupling becoming the norm, the relationship between parents and children is oscillating sharply. From a wary narrative of an I-spy commando course to clueless parental presence, it's all over there. The recent developments in Aryan Khan's life sharply spotlight the vital question which has been hovering and humming like a background score in every one's subconscious: Do parents really know what their kids are doing?

Apparently not. Despite being a single divorcee parent, Delhi-based entrepreneur Shikha Sharma gave it all to raising her daughter Anya — the best of education, life experiences, and value systems. She firmly believed that her intelligent always-top-of-the-class kid was different from the wayward and children of her friends. Eighteen-year-old Anya, at all outward appearances, was the rare teenager with a single-minded focus on studies and getting a seat in an Ivy League college. No distractions for her — no partying (raves, absolutely not) or demanding boyfriends. One day Sharma returned home a day earlier than scheduled from a work trip and walked into her daughter's room to a shocking sight: Anya was on a video call with three other girls — all masked and each on a separate screen — pleasuring herself. Sharma went ballistic when she realised that

she had walked into an virtual adult communal yet anonymous sex. Later, even with counselling, she found it difficult to come to terms with the fact that her understanding other offspring was so incontinent.



Then there is Prithvi Goel, a young boy who meets girls through dating apps. Since he lived with his parents and grandfather, he would never bring them home. One night, however, when there was no other place to go, he sneaked his date into his room at 1:30 am and she shuffled her out four hours later. When he woke up around lunchtime, feeling rather clever about his escapade, his 87-year-old

grandfather smirked. "Did you have fun?" Embarrassed at first, he soon joined his grandfather's guffaw, realising that the secrecy had been unnecessary.

"Parents are humans too. In the dynamic world we live in, we don't know what we are doing ourselves. Hence, it's silly to assume that we'd know what our kids are doing all the time. Of course, we like to believe that we do, it gives us a pretzel of being a 'concerned and responsible parent, but the truth is far from it," says Arouba Kabir, Gurugram-based mental health counselor and founder, Enso Wellness, adding,

"The story with young adults is like a thriller with new twists and turns every day — hormonal swings, making new friends and relationships, developing curiosity buds and unexplored spheres off and on. So, it is also the time when the sense of being an adult sets in their mind, and at this vital point, your relationship with your child is put to the litmus test."

Govt employees...

that was reported in October this year, the Centre's total dues to Air India stood at ₹ 300 crore for both VVIP flights and travel by officials. ₹ 34 crore was due for VVIP flights, and ₹ 269 crore for tickets of officials.

The old system required government employees to book with the former national carrier in sectors reserved. "For other places, where there were no Air India flights or its subsidiaries, we had to take prior permission for buying tickets," said a senior government official, who did not wish to be named.

That's changed now, but the state-owned firm Balmer Lawrie, Ashoka Travels and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will continue to handle all ticket bookings for government employees. Balmer Lawrie, a company under the petroleum ministry, provides logistics support and a host of other business while Ashoka Travels and Tours Ltd is a subsidiary of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC). The third entity, IRCTC operates a travel portal, and provides ticket booking and catering for Indian Railways as well. Both IRCTC and Balmer Lawrie are listed companies.

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India has eight airlines in various sectors apart from some regional carriers primarily based on a few routes under the government's Udaan scheme.

A circular of the Lok Sabha secretariat dated November 5, said, "All the officers are hereby requested to purchase air tickets in cash from Air India/Indian Airlines counter or from three agents, i.e. Balmer Lawrie and Co. Ashoka Travels and Tours Ltd and IRCTC, authorised by the ministry of finance for the official journey to be performed."

The Lok Sabha circular, citing the General Finance Rules, also told officials that all air tickets must be submitted within the stipulated period. "Henceforth, no request to honour the TADA claim after the stipulated time limit has been entertained in any case," it added. Air India operates a ticket counter inside Parliament to cater to MPs. The Union government issued the ailing Air India to Tata Sons last month. Tata Sons bought the national carrier for ₹ 18,000 crore in a deal that will no longer see hefty bailout packages for the carrier that was as widely seen as a burden on the exchequer.

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Southern Railway Recruitment 2021, Apply for Sports Quota Vacancies @ sr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Class 12th job seekers can apply for this Southern Railway Sports Quota recruitment 2021. Applicants should submit the filled form along with essential documents to apply for this Railway jobs. Southern Railway recruitment 2021 notification & application form are published at www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in or www.rcoms.in. Selection process consists of trial & interview. Candidates need to pay a fee through prescribed mode on or before the last date. More details about this Southern Railway recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results will be uploaded at official website.
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5G SPECTRUM AUCTION LIKELY IN APRIL-MAY 2022: COMMS MINISTER VAISHNAW

The auction for the 5G spectrum is likely to take place around April-May next year, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said today.

While relief measures announced in September for telecom operators marked the first set of reforms, the government will bring out a series of further reforms and "telecom regulatory structure should change in coming 2-3 years", Vaishnaw said.

Speaking at the Times Now Summit 2021, the minister said India's telecom sector regulation has to be benchmarked with the global best, and added: "So, we will come with a series of reforms in such a way that the global benchmark of regulations is achieved in India."

On the timeline for 5G auctions, Vaishnaw noted that the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), which looks at the structure of auctions, is undergoing consultations on the matter.

"I think they will submit their report by February-mid is what we are thinking, maybe February-end, maximum to maximum March. Immediately after that, we will have the auctions," he said.

The comment assumes significance as the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) was earlier hopeful of holding 5G auctions by the end of the current fiscal.

Giving a specific timeline for the upcoming auction will be difficult at this stage since much depends on the time TRAI will take to finalise its views, the minister added.

"But, today, our estimate is by April-May, I was earlier estimating March. But, I think it will take... because consultations are complex, diverse opinions are coming..." he said.

The government is keen to ensure that auctions are technology-neutral, and wants to give a spectrum that is consistent for many years to come.

"So, 4G can be used in that, 5G can be used. So, that's the thinking based on not just short term but more like thinking at least 5-10 years ahead," he said.

It may be recalled that the DoT had approached TRAI seeking its recommendations on pricing, quantum and other modalities pertaining to radiowaves in



multiple bands, as it prepares the groundwork for holding 5G spectrum auction in the coming months.

DoT's reference seeks views of TRAI on base price, quantum and all other modalities for spectrum across multiple bands. These include bands such as 700 MHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 2300 MHz, 2500 MHz as also 3,300-3,600 MHz bands (that were not put up for auctions in the last round), and millimetre-wave band (that is 24.25-28.5 GHz).

The last round of spectrum auction, held in March this year, had ended in winning bids of over Rs 77,800 crore for 855.6 MHz of spectrum.

Vaishnaw said that with major reforms for telcos outlined in September, the government expects the industry to focus on stepping up investments by 2-4 times, reaching out to the unconnected and improving service quality.

"See call drops... classic case, call

drops because the investment in the sector is very less, that investment has to step up to 2-4 X. That's what we need," he said.

The telecom regulatory structure should change in the coming 2-3 years, and the "first fundamental change" has already happened, he said pointing to the sectoral reforms unveiled recently.

"In fact, the industry is saying that whatever has been done in the September reforms, that itself they are taking some time to absorb and adjust according to that, because business plans will have to change the entire fundamental structure of the industry will have to change," he said.

The telecom sector as such, got a shot in the arm with the government recently approving a blockbuster relief package that includes a four-year break for companies from paying statutory dues, permission to share scarce airwaves, change in the definition of revenue on which levies are paid and 100 per cent foreign investment through the automatic route.

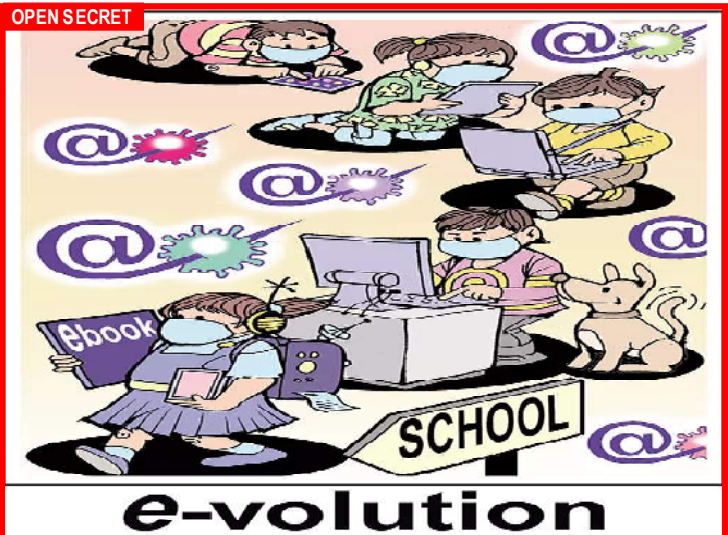
"All along we have imported technology. Today our entire network works on somebody else's."

That vision has been achieved for 4G already, and 70-75 per cent of work has been done for the 5G stack.

"The 5G stack is like 70-75 per cent ready. By February, we should have the entire 5G software stack ready."

"Production-linked incentives for telecom manufacturing... 35 manufacturers have already availed it and are in the process of setting up the factories. 60% begin that entire process... thinking process, conceptualisation, that task has already been given," he added.

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China's Communist Party passes 'landmark resolution' cementing Xi's power

A high-profile conclave of the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC) has adopted a "landmark resolution" of the party's major achievements in the last 100 years besides paving the way for a record third term for President Xi Jinping next year.

The "landmark resolution"—only the third of its kind in the party's 100-year history—was reviewed and adopted at the sixth plenary session of the 19th CPC Central Committee, held in Beijing from November 8 to 11, an official communique released at the end

of the meeting on Thursday said.

The party is due to hold a press conference on Friday to announce further details.

Xi made an important speech at the session. The meeting also heard and discussed a work report Xi delivered on behalf of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, it said.

He also explained the draft of the resolution whose details have not yet been revealed.

The session also reviewed and passed a resolution on

convening the 20th National Congress of the CPC in the second half of 2022 in Beijing, which was expected to formally endorse Xi's unprecedented third term.

Xi, 68, who holds China's all three power centres - General-Secretary of the CPC, Chairman of the powerful Central Military Commission (CMC) which is the overall high command of the military, and the Presidency, is set to complete his second five-year tenure next year.

Politically, the meeting is

regarded as significant for Xi who—in the last nine years of his tenure—has emerged as the most powerful leader after party founder Mao Zedong.

He is widely expected to continue for a third term unlike his predecessor Hu Jintao, who retired after two terms, and perhaps may remain in power for life in view of a key constitutional amendment in 2018 which removed the two-term limit for the President. He was also made core leader of the party in 2016, a status enjoyed only by Mao.

Perfect ending for wrestler Nisha Dahiya at Nationals, emerges 65kg champion after 'murder story'

GONDA (Uttar Pradesh): It was a "perfect and happy ending" for Nisha Dahiya as she emerged national champion in the women's 65kg category a day after her dramatic "murder story" turned out to be a case of mistaken identity. The title clash ended in just 30 seconds with Nisha, the U23 world championship bronze medalist, pinning her rival Jaspreet Kaur from Punjab.

Except for her semifinal against Haryana's Priyanka, it turned out to be an easy day in the office for

the 23-year-old Nisha, who represents Railway.

"It indeed is a happy and perfect end to my campaign. I was so stressed yesterday. I could not even sleep. I was already low on energy due to eight cut and this incident just proved too much to handle," Nisha told PTI after winning her third gold medal at the Nationals.

It was reported that Nisha had been shot dead in Sonapat but later it came to light that the deceased was her name sake and an

upcoming wrestler.

Nisha's agility and attacking moves were too hot to handle for her opponents. She stood out with her leg attacks.

"Of course, an athlete wants to be discussed and talked about but I am sure not in this way. I want people to know for my performance and not for such freak incidents," she said.

"I got so many calls that I had to switch off my phone. It was becoming tense and I wanted to stay focussed on my competition. Eventually, it did not affect my performance," said Nisha, who is coached by Arjun, an awardee Satyawat Kadian.

Shafali and Priyanka, expectedly, won bronze medals by winning their respective play-offs. If groomed well, both the youngsters are expected to be good prospects for India in future.

Before the final, both the 65kg semifinals were fast-paced and furiously fought. Jaspreet edged out Haryana's Shafali 6-4 while Nisha prevailed 7-6 against Priyanka.

In the women's 76kg event, 37-year-old Gursharanpreet Kaur won the gold medal after her rival Pooja Sihag left the mat in tears after twisting her right arm when the

Punjab wrestler made a move on counter-attack as the match ended in the first period itself. It was the seventh gold medal for Gursharanpreet at the Nationals.

The 76-kg category seemed headed for a title clash between familiar names—veteran Kiran and Gursharanpreet but Pooja prevented that with her 3-1 win over the Railway's player. Gursharanpreet on the other hand had an easy win by fall against Bipasha, a talented Delhi youngster, who had won a silver medal at the junior world championships recently. Bipasha and Kiran won bronze medals. Competition for women was held only in two categories on Thursday while the Greco Style event concluded on the opening day of the championship. The two finalists in each category will represent India at the Commonwealth Championship, scheduled to be held in Pretoria, South Africa from December 3-5. While the gold medal winner will travel at the governments expense, the runner-up will have to go on his own. The WFI may ask for trials in men's freestyle 92kg since Deepak Puria, who skipped Nationals due to injury, has expressed interest in competing.



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