

Thought for today

The more you enjoy
putting in good
efforts, the greater
will be your
happiness of
receiving the fruits
of those efforts.

Rotary Club of Port Blair NextGen formed

Port Blair Sept 16: The Rotary Club of Port Blair Nex Gen has been recently formed as part of district 229 of Rotary International. Shri Paramanathan Divya A Prasad has been appointed as its Charter President, Ms. Jyostina Anand as its Charter Secretary and Shri Damodaran as its Charter Treasurer. Rotary is an organization of business and professional people who meet to help one another to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Port Blair Nex Gen has over 20 members from all walks of life and few prominent leaders. Apart from this four committee chairs have also been appointed which includes Mandeep Grewal, Steve Thomas, Zeenat Jadwet and Ebrahim Jarwat.

After MP raising bus trips, street lights issues with concerned authorities, basic facilities provided to villagers



Port Blair, Sept 16: After the Member of Parliament, Shri Kulkdeep Rai Sharma taking up the issue of plying STS bus services in the Namunaghar to Shatankhari route under South Andaman District with the Transport authorities, STS has now started bus services in this route. It may be recalled that due to no bus trip in the Namunaghar to Shatankhari route, residents have been facing problems. There was heavy rush of passengers in this route and non-availability of bus services has been causing a lot of inconvenience to the commuters in

this region. Hundreds of office goers who do not have their own vehicles depend on the bus services. The residents of this region have expressed their gratitude to the Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma.

In the same manner, residents of Ranchi Basti (quarry Basti) in the Shatainkhari have brought to the notice of the MP about non-functioning of street lights in their village. The MP immediately took up the matter with the concerned authorities in the Electricity department. Accordingly, street lights

have now started functioning. Due to non-functioning of street lights in this village, residents and commuters were facing difficulties in this area.

"This area has been facing problems for the past many years. Despite complaints, due to the lackadaisical approach of the officials, no attention was paid to the grievances of the public. However, when the issue was brought to the notice of our MP, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, he immediately took up the issue with the concerned authorities and as a result the area has now been lit up," said a resident.



Several islands in Nancowry groups lack proper mobile connectivity

World aims at 5G but Katchal, Chowra & Teresa islands struggle for 2G connectivity

Port Blair, 16th Sep, 2021: With advancement in telecommunication, GOI has provided ample infra and resources to telecom service providers in the country to ensure uninterrupted 24X7 telecom connectivity to every citizen of the country. To overcome connectivity issues in isles, GOI is facilitating telecom operators by all means. But sheer negligence drags far flung islands to frequent blackout in terms of mobile connectivity.

In recent days, several islands in the Nancowry group of islands have been facing almost zero mobile connectivity due to reasons better known to operators. The world is eyeing towards 5G but islands are struggling for 2G connectivity. The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) assured residents of Katchal islands that soon 3G facilities will be made available for them. Instead of up-gradation, poor residents are made to

cry for 2G facilities. Recently Teresa island was completely cut-off from other islands due to total collapse of telecom connectivity. Somehow the link was restored, but one assessed the reason for blackout and measures for non-repetition of the same in future.

Petitions to several authorities and voices at appropriate levels failed to yield any response and residents of these islands are forced to live with poor or zero mobile connectivity.

MP demands filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and Teachers

PortBlair, Sept16: The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today (16.09.2021) met the Director of Education Department and demanded filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and Teachers in the Department. During the meeting, the Member of Parliament added that almost all schools are running without a Principal and many schools are running without Vice Principal and Head Master, which is adversely impacting the entire education system and also the management of all schools. Such vacancies have also become a major hindrance for the promotion and professional growth of the teachers.

who shoulder the crucial responsibilities of educating our next generation. The Member of Parliament added that he has been informed that there are a huge number of vacant posts of teachers in the Education Department while thousands of qualified youths in Andaman are waiting for years for these jobs. Not only this, the shortage of teachers in various schools will certainly impact the quality of education, for which students of these islands will suffer greatly. Pointing out all these issues, the Member of Parliament demanded immediate filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Head Masters and teachers.

Drowning Man Saved by Police Personnel

Port Blair Sept 16: On 15/09/2021 at around 1800 hrs an information was received at PS Chatham that one person was drowning near Chatham Sea Shore. Immediately PC/1306 A Abdul Sameer, posted at PS Chatham, who was on duty, jumped into the water to save the man in spite of darkness and bad weather. After some time, one un-identified fisherman also joined him and both

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MP launches Andaman Oxygenator (Portable Oxygen Concentrator)



Port Blair Sept 16: Andaman Oxygenator developed by ICMR Scientist Dr. N. Murganandam with Mr. Vinod Kumar, Kakolitrade Agency and Mr. C P Sajeev, Port Industry was formally launched by the Honorable Member of Parliament Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, who was the chief guest on the event of Engineer's Day celebration. Device was formally displayed and a detailed presentation was given during the Engineer's Day celebration on 15th September 2021 at Andaman and Lakshadweep Harbour Works conference hall. It was explained that the major

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Heavy rain floods Port Blair airport, Operations unaffected



:: DJ Venkatesh ::

Port Blair Sept 16: Constant and heavy rain since Wednesday morning has resulted in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' Veer Savarkar International Airport here getting waterlogged.

According to reports, despite waterlogging, flights operations are unaffected. Airport authorities reportedly tried to get excess water out of the airport premises and check for waterlogging around the landing strip.

As per weather monitoring websites, the heavy showers are likely to continue for next week.



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ANTCC President visits Ward No-1



Port Blair Sept 16: The newly appointed ANTC, President, Shri. Rang Lal Halder visited Congress Committee office, ward no 1, He has been honoured by Shri. S Shahul Hameed, Social worker. Shri Halder assured to work for the development of the islands with the help of the Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma and do our best to make Sonia and Rahul Gandhi hands strong for future betterment.

Youth awareness programme on cooperatives by NCUI

Port Blair Sept 16: The National Cooperative Union of India Cooperative Education Field Project (Ministry of Cooperation) A&N Unit continuing its efforts to strengthen cooperative movement in this Island through organizing seminars, workshops, cooperative education programmes as well as



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A notable omission

Elsa Schiaparelli, who dominated the fashion world between the two World Wars, famously said, "In difficult times, fashion is always outrageous." The Italian designer's words may have resonated with those who gathered at the Met Gala on September 13, even as the world beyond the red carpet grappled with the Covid pandemic, political and economic instability and climate emergency. Known for its mix of haute couture and weirdness, the Gala's red carpet this year featured some of the most jaw-dropping looks seen recently. Kim Kardashian's black full-body suit which covered even her face, popstar Lil Nas X's three-stage costume and singer Billie Eilish's throwback to Hollywood's Golden Era—all created an escapist fantasy.

But reality did intrude on the evening, mostly as political statements via fashion, such as politician Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's gown, which declared "Tax the Rich". Rights for women, the LGBTQ+ community, BIPOC, animals—causes of all kinds got a shout-out. One cause, however, that got a mere whisper of support was that of the Afghan people. Humayun Abedin, former aide to Hillary Clinton, wore the "memorial blue" ribbon for 9/11 with the flags of the US and Afghanistan over it, conveying her hope that "we will not forget what the people of Afghanistan are facing as they go through this monumental and uncertain time". As the theme of the evening was inward-looking—"American Independence"—it may have been too much to expect attention for the fate of the Afghans. Never mind that one of the evening's attendees and wearing a gown that demanded, in big, bold letters, "Equal Rights for Women", was politician Carolyn Maloney who, in 2001, had won a burgundy to the House of Representatives and supported the invasion of Afghanistan in the name of its women.

Youth awareness...

skill development training programme for promotion of various income generating activities. With this aim the NCU, Field Project, Port Blair has organized a "Youth awareness programme on cooperatives" at Namuna Ghar Panchayat on 16/09/2021. Dr. L. B. Singh, Senior scientist, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Port Blair was the Chief guest on the occasion. In his address he said that the concept of cooperative is very much important. It can play a vital role for socio-economic upliftment of people. He expressed his happiness towards the address given by NCU, Field Project, Port Blair. He said that the concept of cooperative is very much important. It can play a vital role for socio-economic upliftment of people. He expressed his happiness towards the address given by NCU, Field Project, Port Blair. He said that the concept of cooperative is very much important. It can play a vital role for socio-economic upliftment of people. He expressed his happiness towards the address given by NCU, Field Project, Port Blair.

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socio-economic development. Shri Bittu S Nathan, Inspector of Cooperative Societies (Cooperative Department) highlighted the historical moments of cooperatives. He said that the success of cooperative is only depends on active participation of its members and good governance. Shri Mohd. Saifuddin ex. Pradhan, Mitha Khari Gram Panchayat in his address said that cooperative have encouraged the youths and provided the better platform of self employment opportunities in the rural area, we have to enroll more youths in the cooperative fold for their better upliftment. Smt. Preethima, ex. Pradhan, Namuna Ghar Gram Panchayat and Shri Naresh Ram, Cooperative Edn. In-structor, NCU Field Project, Port Blair also delivered their speeches on the subject. 30 youths of the area were participated in the programme. The programme was coordinated by Smt. Sunila Kumari, Lady Mobiliser, NCU Port Blair.

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offering after cutting the throat of a boat anchored there, rowed to the spot and rescued the person. Thereafter, the rescued person was immediately shifted to G.B. Pant Hospital for treatment with the support of PCR Vehicle. The person was identified as P Chandran S/O Late Pitchai (45

yr) casual Muzoor in PMBC/01 Buriy addend. The constable along with the Fisherman (who helped without intimating his details) have shown exemplary act of bravery and humanly to save a life of a human. South Andaman Police appreciates the act of both these persons.

MP launches Andaman...

components of the device is designed and fabricated in Andaman Island.

This Equipment could be manufactured in Andaman under the Atmanirbhar Andaman Ahiyaan to meet the Atmanirbhar Bharat Ahiyaan scheme, and the technology is available on free of cost for the interest to manufacturers.

It would be a pride to our Islands if a medical device gets manufactured in our Islands under MAKE in India. Keeping in view of the past experience from the second wave of the COVID19 pandemic and the predicted third wave of the

COVID19 pandemic, this Oxygen Concentrator would help in overcoming any shortage of oxygen supplies in these islands.

All the dignitaries have appreciated the efforts of the team for bringing the pride movement for the people of this island. The chief guest appreciated all the team members for the contribution to develop the oxygen concentrator. And a special appreciation to Dr. N. Muruganandam, Scientist C, ICIMR RMRG, who was also working for a long time in two different pandemic i.e., COVID19 pandemic and Swine-flu pandemic.

Last date for IGNOU admission extended till 23rd Sept

Port Blair Sept 16: The last date for admission in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended upto 23rd September, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> and for Offline Admissions, Forms can be collected from Regional Centre Office at Mohanpura during working hours ensuring

socio distancing norms. For more details visit IGNOU Website - www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192242888 or 03192242889 or 03192242890. Email: rcportblair@ignou.ac.in. A communication from the Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair said.

BANGLADESH'S NEW PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION LAW: DOOR AJAR FOR MISUSE

In a forward-looking move, the government has set out to form a law for personal data protection fashioned on the EU's momentous General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as it looks to make Bangladesh fit for the digital age.

Like the GDPR, the law would allow citizens the right to know what personal information is being collected, how the data will be used or processed, for how long, and where the data will be kept or moved, according to the draft bill.

But where it diverged from the GDPR is that the certain state agencies like the law enforcement agencies are spared from complying with the law for functions of the government. The Daily Star has a copy of the draft law prepared in November last year.

"The problem in the draft law is that it leaves loopholes for the government agencies, which will nullify the whole purpose of the law," said Md. Saumim Reza Talukder, an advocate who specialises in law, privacy and digital technologies.

For example, the law will not be applicable for government agencies building a case against someone under the existing laws of the land.

In other words, someone being prosecuted under any law will not have the right to data protection, meaning the spectre of the contentious Digital Security Act (DSA)—where digital data is the main evidence used—would continue to loom large.

The DSA has been routinely abused to target journalists and muzzle online dissent.

The law is being drafted for data protection, privacy and to control social media, said Mustafa Jabbar, minister of post and telecommunication.

"I want this law," he said. The Director General of the Digital Security Agency will be

to make sure that the relevant data protection laws are being followed.

A data controller is defined as the person responsible for collecting or processing (or supervising the processing) of personal data.

For the government, this could be a law enforcement officer; for a non-governmental organisation, it could be the person in charge of supervising beneficiary data or even an IT department.

The DG will have the power to intervene and give mandatory directions to all data controllers and data processors.

The draft contains a provision that will enable the government to officially publish gazettes exempting certain data controllers, or "class of data controllers," from having to follow any provision of the law. With this section, it is completely

exempting government agencies, or state forces who are functioning as data controllers.

This coupled with the fact that the DG is indemnified from facing prosecution for such directions takes away checks and balances from the perspective of administrative law and might also hamper institutional autonomy, he said.

"The government's law enforcement mechanisms never hesitated to weaponise such laws before," said Fahem Hussain, a tech policy specialist and an associate professor at Arizona State University, who chairs the school's Global Technology and Development post-graduate programme.

The law gives the citizen the right to know about what kind of data is

being collected about them, and whether any data profile is being created, but it exempts cases in which "processings necessary for functions of the government".

In another section, the draft law says personal data can only be processed in compliance with the law, but will not be applicable "for compliance with any legal obligation to which the data controller is the subject."

Another touchy feature of the draft law—which is present in the GDPR—is that foreign organisations with a branch, agency or even a single piece of equipment in Bangladesh will have to comply and fall under the jurisdiction of the DG.

The personal data of Bangladeshi citizens must stay in the country.

The draft says citizens must be notified via written notice about any cross-border transfer of personal data being carried out and that the data controller cannot transfer any personal data to a place outside Bangladesh unless the government gives permission.

This means development partners, foreign NGOs and international human rights organisations as well as foreign banks like Standard Chartered and HSBC will have to localise data within the Bangladesh territory.

This might be problematic, according to Talukder.

"This might also be problematic if the government requires the development partners, NGOs, and international human rights organisations to localise data within Bangladesh territory. Compliance with other regional and international personal data protection principles will be an issue then," said Talukder.

Last month, Zunaid Ahmed Pak, state minister for information and communication technology, told The Daily Star that the law is being formulated to ensure that data of the people of Bangladesh stay within the country and that all foreign organisations must comply with it.

"Or else, they will not be allowed to operate in Bangladesh," he said. While such an uncompromising stance can work for the EU, it can backfire for Bangladesh—a country in dire need of foreign direct investment and receives a rather modest sum every year.

In 2020, Bangladesh received about \$2.6 billion in FDI, down 10.8 per cent year-on-year, according to data from the Bangladesh Bank.

Cross-border transfer of data that serve the "strategic interests" of the country however are exempt from this, which begs the question what constitutes as strategic interest.

Once the draft bill is finalised, it will be put up for public debate and then changed further.

The provisions for foreign entities might not stay in the final version of the law because the government does not want to impact the FDI flow in any way, he said.

"This provision has been rejected by the higher levels. We do not have the leverage required to make foreign companies comply with this. It is crucial for the country to attract foreign investment."

Quizzed about the exemptions left for government agencies and whether they will remain in the final draft, he said he was unsure.

"We have observed over 130 laws from across the world, and they all have similar provisions for law enforcement agencies," he added.

SA Police Recovers Missing Minor Boy Within 36 Hours After He Went Missing

Port Blair Sept 16: On 14/09/2021, a case was registered at PS Aberdeen under relevant section of kidnapping and due to the extensive efforts of the investigating officer, SI Regan Isaac under the direction of Insp. K. Joji, SHO PS Aberdeen, the minor boy has been recovered within 36 hours of time after registration of FIR, from a closed

lodge at Aberdeen Bazaar.

On 13/09/2021, the minor boy went to Aberdeen Bazaar but he did not return home till late night. Accordingly, as per the statement of the local guardian of the missing minor boy, a case vide FIR No. 120/21 dated 14/09/2021, U/s 363 PC has been registered at PS Aberdeen. The investigation was entrusted to SI

Regan Isaac of PS Aberdeen. Acting swiftly, the Investigating Officer made extensive efforts to recover the minor boy by analyzing various CCTV footages and examining the witnesses. Due to timely and prompt action, the minor boy was recovered on 15/09/2021 from a lodge at Aberdeen Bazaar, which was closed since the lockdown.

The minor boy had isolated himself in the said lodge due to personal issues. Further investigation is going on.

The general public is hereby requested to keep a watch over their kids to avoid any untoward incidents and also requested to pass on information with Police in case of missing to 100, 112, 03192-232100 & 03192-232400.

Counseling for admission of four years course at TGCE today

Port Blair Sept 16: The counseling for admission to Four Years Integrated Course in Education viz. B.A.B.Ed. (English), B.A.B.Ed. (Hindi), B.A.B.Ed. (History) B.Sc.B.Ed. (Computer Science) and B.Sc.B.Ed. (Maths) in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair will be held on September 17 at 9.30 am in Tagore Auditorium. The counseling for admission to different subjects in B.A.B.Ed. will start at 9.30 am and

for B.Sc.B.Ed. at 11 am. The aspiring candidates have been requested to attend the counseling as per the above schedule. The category-wise final list of candidates applied for admission to the above courses has already been published after attending to the claims and objections on September 8, 2021 and is available at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements". Candidates selected for admission to these courses during counseling

session scheduled on September 17, 2021 shall be given admission on the same day and classes shall begin immediately from then onwards. Those who fail to attend the counseling session, in time, will not be considered for admission to the course and next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission. However, if any candidate from other islands is unable to attend the counseling due to sudden

breakdown of transportation, they have been requested to intimate their position over telephone on any one of the given Mobile No. 9434282037, 9434282023 so that their claim for admission can be protected during counseling. Such information should reach to these phone numbers by 9.30 am on September 17, 2021. If no information is received, the next eligible candidate will be considered for admission.

Greetings

Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman & Nicobar Islands extended his heartfelt wishes to all Islanders on the auspicious occasion of Vishwakarma Pujan.

Vishwakarma Puja, also known as Vishwakarma Jayanti, is an important festival celebrated by the Hindu community. On this day, the divine architect or the architect of the Gods, Lord Vishwakarma is worshipped. The festival is primarily observed by shops, factories, and industries. On this occasion, workers of factories and industrial areas worship their tools and offer prayers to Lord Vishwakarma to keep their livelihoods secure. They pray for the smooth functioning of machines and refrain from using their tools on the day of Vishwakarma Puja.

PS Diglipur Team Seize Venison

Port Blair Sept 16: On 15/09/2021 credible information was received from reliable source that few persons are transporting venison in a cargo vehicle at Shyam Nagar area. Upon this, a team of PS Diglipur consisting Insp. Stalin N.S., SHO PS Diglipur, IG/938 Mohan Rao, PC/2886 Nityanand Baroi, PC/540 Prince Ch. Das and CT/161 Madhusudan rushed to the suspected area at Shyam Nagar and intercepted the said cargo vehicle (M/Bolero Pick up Van) and recovered a blue coloured gunny bag containing 14 Kgs venison and arrested 06 person on the spot namely 1) Shri Khogen Biswas Driver of Pick-up Van 2) Subhanir Mazumdar 3) Basudev Mondal 4) Prosanjit Biswas 5) Utam K. Das and 6) Swapan Biswas. After observing all colonial formalities, the seized articles were handed over to forest officials for further necessary action. The whole operation was conducted under the supervision of Shri R.K. Sharma, SDO(Diglipur). The general public is requested to pass on credible information regarding any illegal activities to the mobile numbers 9800910218 & 9531856261/9474232107. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

ANTCC President condoles demise

Port Blair Sept 16: Shri Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee along with senior leaders of the Congress party and its frontal organizations have deeply mourned the demise of Shri Ashutosh Biswas S/O Late Aditya Biswas, age 54 years, Deputy Ranger of Forest department R/o Rampur, Middle Andaman who passed away on 15/09/2021. They prayed to Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair Sept 16: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 3,97,735 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 3801 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 1,60,706 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 15-09-2021. 2607 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 1091 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 656 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 73 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 538 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

Govt relief a boost for Vodafone Idea, sizeable tariff hikes key for long-term sustainability

Vodafone Idea's shares surged 15 per cent on Thursday morning as investors heaved a sigh of relief following the much-awaited announcement of the relief package for the telecom sector by the government. The package, which includes a four-year moratorium on dues and rationalisation of the definition of adjusted gross revenue (AGR), which will now exclude non-telecom revenue of companies, is expected to benefit Vodafone Idea the most and may have blown away the clouds of uncertainty over its survival.

"This (moratorium and redefining of AGR) will immediately ease the stress on the cash flows of the telcos to a great extent especially Vodafone Idea," Vipul Sharma, director - ratings at Bickwork Ratings said.

Last year the Supreme Court had dealt a big blow to the incumbent telecom companies like VIL and Bharti Airtel when it ruled in favour of the government over the definition of AGR. Later, it also turned down the petitions of telecom companies that had sought recalculation of AGR dues. VIL, which had a cash debt of Rs 1.91 lakh crore as of June 30, 2021 was the most impacted. The debt includes deferred spectrum payment obligations of Rs 1.06 lakh crore and AGR liability of Rs 62, 180 crore, according to the company's stock exchange filings. Its debt from banks and financial institutions stood at Rs 23,400 crore. In contrast, the cash and cash equivalents stood at just Rs 920 crore.

The company had to shell out around Rs 8,000-9,000 crore towards the AGR payments by March 31, 2022 and over Rs 15,000 crore during 2022-23 towards the spectrum payments, pointed Sharma. "The moratorium will help the company in conserving the liquidity, which in turn can be used for debt payments and capex requirements," Sharma added.

VIL has been in talks for some time now to raise funds, but with the uncertainties around its future prospects, no investor had come forward to strike a deal. The government's relief package should come as a breath of new air, for the existing promoters as well as any potential investor. The government has also allowed 100 per cent foreign direct investment in telecom via the automatic route, which should also help attract new investors in the sector.

The other measures include annual compounding of interest rates on dues, instead of monthly compounding, the spectrum auctions will now be for 30 years from 20 years and there will also be no penalties on dues.

"The package provides huge relief to VIL for the next four years as the annual cash outgo towards government dues will reduce from Rs 25,300 crore to Rs 3,100 crore, with an option of converting the same into equity for the government," said analysts at Emkay Global Financial Services.

While the government's relief measures are surely a much-needed lifeline for the sector,

importantly for VIL, the Emkay analysts do point out that the annual pay-out to the government is likely to increase substantially to Rs 47,700 crore from the financial year 2027.

Dayanand Mittal, analyst at JM Financial Institutional Securities noted that the moratorium will improve VIL's cash flow by Rs 9,100 crore in the current financial year, while over FY2023-2026, the cash flow is likely to improve by Rs 24,900 crore annually.

While the relief gives VIL a much needed breather, it could help Bharti Airtel in terms of debt payments and more investments in capex.

"While Bharti has sufficient liquidity to meet near-term payments, the Rs 11,500 crore B Rs 13,000 crore extra cash flow per annum over FY23-26 could provide Bharti with more leeway to either pay down the debt or utilise for faster capex ramp up in 5G/ fibre-to-the-home and hence fortify the leadership amongst premium customers," said Mittal.

For VIL, the longer term concerns do remain. "The moratorium helps to solve the immediate liquidity woes of VIL, but its ballooning debt and annual EMI after four years will be difficult to address," said analysts at Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The government has tried to cushion this by offering an option to convert the interest component accrued during the moratorium period into equity. But the Motilal Oswal analysts note that VIL's interest component will be huge at around Rs 90,000 crore against its current market capitalisation of Rs 39,000 crore.

"Hence, the conversion of interest accrued into equity could have a significant impact on the shareholding," the analysts said.

So, despite the relief, telecom companies will have to raise tariffs sizeably, which will be essential to make additional investments in strengthening the existing infrastructure and making investments towards 5G. Companies that opt for the moratorium also need to pay interest at the rate of the marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) plus 2 per cent. "Despite immediate cash outgo relief, telcos would still need to raise tariffs for sustainable improvements in cash flows," said Nitesh Jain, director, CRISIL Ratings.

In the last few months, there has been some selective increase in base prepaid tariffs. But, a broad-based tariff hike in the prepaid segment happened only in December 2019. VIL has been among the weakest in terms of average revenue per user (ARPU); it has an ARPU of Rs 104, compared with Bharti Airtel's ARPU of Rs 146 and Reliance Jio's Rs 138. "We expect telcos to raise tariffs by at least 20 per cent equivalent to a Rs 25-30 increase in monthly ARPU by the end of this fiscal and dial up the sector's return on capital employed from a paltry 3 per cent last fiscal to 8 per cent next fiscal," said Jain.

The Emkay analysts have factored in 15-18 per cent tariff hikes in the second half of the year ending March 2022. Mittal of JM Financial feels, the government needs to implement more structural reforms like introduction of a floor tariff across the sector or setting up a mechanism to ensure tariff hikes are taken in a sustainable manner going forward.

The other major concern for VIL has been its continued decline in subscribers and it will need to take measures to strengthen its network and in turn stem the subscriber outflow. Vodafone Idea's shares were trading 15 per cent higher in the morning trade at Rs 10.23. As of Wednesday's close, the stock had gained 46 per cent this month. Bharti Airtel, which had gained 9 per cent in the same period, was down 0.2 per cent to Rs 724 on Thursday morning. Reliance Industries was also down 0.1 per cent to Rs 2,376.65.



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NOW, AN AI PLATFORM TO SPEED UP VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

One of the most time-consuming part in making a vaccine is to identify the right target. Or the right protein in a pathogen which can stimulate the immune system to start making the right antibodies. A joint team of Indian and US scientists have announced the successful development of an artificial intelligence-powered platform, which can speed up the identification of this target from a few years to a matter of days.

Researchers from Amity University (Noida) and Baylor College of Medicine (BCM-Houston, USA) have developed an AI platform to find clinically important vaccine targets and epitopes that speed up the vaccine designing process for deadly infectious diseases such as COVID-19 and Chagas disease.

The results of this study have been published in UK-based journal called

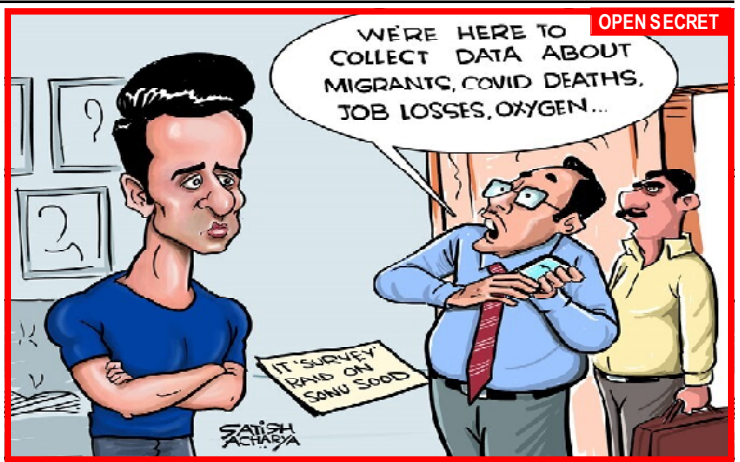
Scientific Reports and PubMed, titled 'Identification of vaccine targets in pathogens and design of a vaccine using computational approaches' with Dr Kamal Rawal, scientist, associate professor and project director, Amity Institute of Biotechnology, Amity University, as the lead author. The platform, called Vaxi-AI, has been tested on 40 different pathogens, including SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB), Vibrio cholerae (cholera) and Plasmodium falciparum (malaria).

The research was supported by the Kleberg Foundation, USA, and Baylor College of Medicine, with a total grant of USD 1.9 million. Most of the research work was done in India over four years.

"We are talking to biotech companies to include this AI platform in their next generation of vaccine

development programmes," Rawal told THE WEEK. "This AI-driven identification process will speed up vaccine development by two to three years, the cost of making them will come down and they will yield better, next-generation vaccines which can significantly reduce side effects and breakthrough infections." He also said that AI will encourage rational vaccine designing methods.

To validate the AI system, the team shortlisted over 335 experimentally verified antigens belonging to 40 different pathogens and found their system was correctly predicting most of them with reasonable accuracy. These examples also include targets from FDA approved/marked vaccines. The next line of action is to inject mice with these computer suggested vaccines to demonstrate that the designed vaccines are non-toxic and sufficiently immunogenic (produce enough antibodies before entering into clinical trials). To help other biologists working in the area of immunology and vaccines, Rawal has created a cloud-based server which can be used by the researchers across the world to analyse their proteins and genes as potential vaccine targets. In the wake of emergence of delta variant of COVID-19, the team is also engaging with various pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for customised deployment for commercial scale application to develop new vaccines against emerging infectious diseases.



NEW ROLE FOR DHONI? MSD TO BE PART OF DEFENCE PANEL TO REVIEW NCC

Days after Mahendra Singh Dhoni was appointed Team India's mentor for the upcoming T20 World Cup, the former skipper is learnt to have been given another new role, albeit off the cricket field.

The Union defence ministry said on Thursday that it has constituted a high-level expert committee, under the chairmanship of former MP Bajajant Pandya, for a comprehensive review of the National Cadet Corps (NCC).

Dhoni and Mahindra group chairman Anand Mahindra will be among the members of the committee. Dhoni is paratrooper of the

Territory Army unit of the Indian Army's Parachute Regiment, and is an honorary Lt Colonel. He had also undergone training under the Para Brigade in 2015.

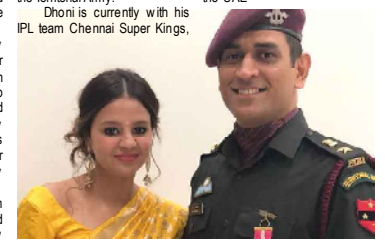
Indian military gives honorary ranks to people to recognise their contribution to their fields. Sachin Tendulkar is an honorary group captain of the Indian Air Force and Kapil Dev, ace shooter Abhinav Bindra and politicians such as Sachin Pilot and Rao Birender Singh have been given honorary rank in the Army.

During his sabbatical from cricket post the 2019 ICC World Cup semi-final loss to New

Zealand, Dhoni had spent a number of weeks training with his unit in the Territorial Army.

Dhoni is currently with his IPL team Chennai Super Kings,

gearing up for the resumption of the league from September 19 in the UAE.



FBI and gymnastics officials turned a 'blind eye' to sexual abuse: Simone Biles

Olympic gold medalist Simone Biles told Congress through tears Wednesday that the FBI and gymnastics officials turned a "blind eye" to USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar's sexual abuse of her and hundreds of other women.

Biles told the Senate Judiciary Committee that "enough is enough" as she and three other US gymnasts spoke in stark emotional terms about the lasting toll Nassar's crimes have taken on their lives.

The 2016 Olympic champion and a five-time world champion — widely considered to be the greatest gymnast of all time — said that she "can imagine no place that I would be less comfortable right now than sitting here in front of you." She declared herself a survivor of sexual abuse.

"I blame Larry Nassar and I also blame an entire system that enabled and perpetuated his abuse," Biles said. She said USA Gymnastics and the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee "knew that I was abused by their official team doctor long before I was ever made aware of their knowledge."

Biles said a message needs to be sent: "If you allow a predator to harm children, the consequences will be swift and severe. Enough is enough." An internal investigation by the Justice Department released in July said that the FBI made fundamental errors in the probe and did not treat the case with the "utmost seriousness" after USA Gymnastics first

reported the allegations to the FBI's field office in Indianapolis in 2015.

The FBI has acknowledged its own conduct was inexcusable. At least 40 girls and women said they were molested after the FBI had been made aware of the problem. Maroney said the FBI "minimized and disregarded" her after she reported Nassar and said the agency delayed the investigation as other gymnasts were abused.

"I think for so long all of us questioned, just because someone else wasn't fully validating us, that we doubted what happened to us," Maroney said.

"And I think that makes the healing process take longer." Biles and Maroney were joined by Aly Raisman, another Olympic gold medalist, and gymnast Maggie Nichols. Raisman said it "disgusts me" that they are still looking for answers six years after the original allegations against Nassar were reported.

"We just can't fix a problem we don't understand, and we can't understand the problem unless and until we have all of the facts," Raisman said, noting the traumatic effect the abuse has had on all of them.

"Being here today is taking everything I have," she said. "My main concern is I hope I have the energy to just walk out of here. I don't think people realize how much it affects us."

Biles acknowledged in January 2018 that she was among the hundreds of athletes who

were abused by Nassar. She is the only one of the witnesses who competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics — held this year after a one-year delay due to the coronavirus pandemic — but removed herself from the team finals to focus on her mental health.

She returned to earn a bronze medal on beam but told the committee the lingering trauma from her abuse at the hands of Nassar played a factor in her decision to opt out of several competitions.

Democratic and Republican senators expressed disgust over the case and said they would continue to investigate. Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said it was among the most compelling and heartbreaking testimony he had ever heard.

The inspector general's office found that "despite the extraordinary serious nature" of the claims against Nassar, FBI officials in Indianapolis did not respond with the "utmost seriousness and urgency" that the allegations deserved and required.

The watchdog investigation also found that when the FBI's Indianapolis field office's handling of the matter came under scrutiny, officials there did not take any responsibility for the mistakes and gave incomplete and inaccurate information to internal FBI inquiries to make it look like they had been diligent in their investigation. The FBI rebuked its own employees who failed to act on the case and said it "should not have happened."

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