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## COVID-19 Vaccination drive going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Dec 30: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,91,979 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 470 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District on Wednesday. 412 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 59 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 36 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 22 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

## Drainage network sans concrete slab at Mohanpura scares road users

Port Blair, Dec 30: Walk at your own risk at Mohanpura in the heart of the city. A huge storm water drain from the Fruit Market PBMC to bay to the office of the Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works upto drains sans concrete slab has become a nightmare for pedestrians.

As per reports, the uncovered drain has turned into a danger spot due to missing lids posing grave danger to pedestrians in the area. In some parts of the drainage network, iron castings have been laid for concrete work. However, delay in the laying of concrete slabs is giving jitters to pedestrians. The work of drain cover slab done by APWD.



"The 1 b 1.5 mtr wide uncovered drainage has in particular become a serious concern for the pedestrians, who fear venturing on the road particularly after dusk as the path becomes difficult to distinguish. The open drain poses a risk for anybody who travel on the path bordering it. Iron castings laid for concrete work becomes difficult to distinguish and many have suffered injuries in the past few days. The authorities concerned should immediately take steps to cover the drainage network with concrete slabs to prevent any untoward incident," said some residents of Mohanpura.



## MP demands dev. of Model Fishermen Village at Durgapur

Port Blair, Dec 30: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded development of Model Fishermen Village at Durgapur in Diglipur Tehsil under Central Sponsored scheme and allotment of land to the eligible beneficiaries. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration the Member of

Parliament mentioned that some extent of land was allotted by the Administration at Durgapur during the year 2012 and thereafter in the year 2014 the committee constituted for the purpose has identified total 30 numbers eligible beneficiaries and recommended their names for onward action for their settlement in the land under the scheme. However, as per fishermen no

further action was taken in this regard. The Member of Parliament in his letter requested the Chief Secretary to direct the nodal department of the Administration to redress the grievances of the N&M District Fisheries Coop. Federation and to ensure implementation of the scheme as per guidelines/rules at the earliest.

## "Janbhagidari Programme" on Evaluation of Schemes launched

**Programme aimed to ascertain reach of actual benefit to the last mile: LG**

Port Blair, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2021: The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral D K Joshi, PWSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) in presence of Mr. Jitendra Narain, IAS, Chief

Secretary, A&N Administration launched the Janbhagidari Programme on Evaluation of schemes at Community Hall, Gram Panchayat Choudhari. A Vegetable seed Mini-kits were also distributed at the venue.

The Secretaries; Head of Departments; State, Block and Panchayats staff of Rural Development and Agriculture Departments were present during the event. The Self Help Group members of Ferrargunj and See...Page 02

## PBGKR celebrates New Year eve with specially-abled, old aged at Ferrargunj



Port Blair, Dec 30: Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi (PBGKR) celebrates New Year with Specially Aabled Kids and Old Age Home at Ferrargunj to begin the New Year. The team Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi celebrated the New Year with See...Page 02

## Denizens demand intense check on mobile phone use by motorists while driving

Port Blair, Dec 30: While the Andaman and Nicobar Police strives to promote safe driving practices and curb mishaps on the roads going tough on errant motorists particularly those driving under the influence of liquor, one violation that requires intense check by the law enforcing agency is use of mobile phones while driving. Though the amended

Motor Vehicle Rules permit use of mobile phones solely for route navigation, without disturbing the concentration of the driver while driving, majority of the vehicle drivers in these islands are yet to shun the practice of talking while behind the wheels. In the recent years, the traffic police had challaned several motorists for using mobile phones

## Committed to ensure speedy execution of Developmental works

**DC- South Andaman reviews activities and progress at ground level**



Port Blair, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2021: On Tuesday, Shri. Suneel Anchiappa, Deputy Commissioner (SA) reviewed on going developmental activities in the South Andaman. The DC, along with Shri. Hanikalkikar, ADM (SA) visited various locations See...Page 02

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## Remembering Netaji

## Tricolor hosted at Netaji Yuba Samity premises in Billyground



Billiground, Dec 30: The Netaji Yuba Samity Billiground observed the historic day of hoisting of tricolor of the country. The flag was hoisted by Dr. Ajit Lal CMO, PCH Billiground in the premises of Netaji Yuba Samity in the presence of large number of villagers and Club members. A program was See...Page 02

## PBMC launches Green Star Rating Hotel Competition

Port Blair, Dec 30: The Port Blair Municipal Council during the Swachhata Samaroh on 19.12.2021 has announced for the Green Star Rating Hotel Competition conducted in association with ANPCC & GZ-India, Port Blair.

This is the unique way of the contest in which the whole competition is divided into 06 major sectors See...Page 02

## Pankh celebrates New Year's eve at Balika Niketan



Port Blair, Dec 30: The NGO, Pankh celebrated New Year's eve with children of Balika Niketan on Wednesday. The event started with a cake cutting ceremony and refreshments were distributed to the inmates. The NGO also provided stationary and books to the Book Bank of Balika Niketan which

was inaugurated a month ago by Mr. Suneel Anchiappa, District Commissioner of South Andaman and Mr. Hari Kalikar, ADM, South Andaman in the presence of Smt Komal Anand, President Pankh, NGO and Secretary, Geetha Naveen Bhat and members Shukla Chowdhary and Suchita Maheshwari.

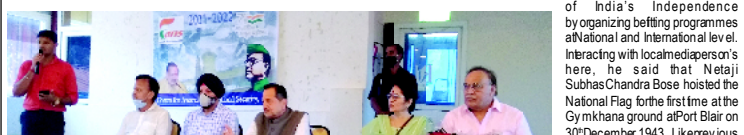
## FANS & RSS advocate renaming of more places with British names

Port Blair, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2021: The Forum for awareness of National Security (FANS) has advocated renaming of places and islands still hold names of British rulers who tortured and brutally killed our

freedom heroes. Names of some of the islands have already been renamed and names of more places in the islands will be changed soon. In a media briefing, Shri. Indresh Kumar said that in the days

ahead, the government will change the British names of some of the places in the islands. He further informed that the govt of India has decided to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence by organizing betting programmes at National and International level.

Interacting with local media person here, he said that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose hosted the National Flag for the first time at the Gymkhana ground at Port Blair on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1943. Like previous years, this time also



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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

31 December 2021

### Airline and airport

On Tuesday, the Ministry of Civil Aviation wrote to the country's airline and airport operators asking them to consider playing "Indian music". The letter was sent out less than a week after Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) President Vinay Sahasrabudhe met Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiradiya Scindia and asked him to make Indian music mandatory for the country's airlines and airports as it would help in "strengthening emotional connect of our people to our civilisational traditions in music and arts". The letter from the Ministry seeks to invoke nationalistic pride: "... jazz in American airlines or Mozart in Austrian airlines or Arab music in an airline from the Middle East. But Indian airlines seldom play Indian music on the flights..."

But how does one define Indian music, when music is a borderless concept, more so in a shrinking world? Does Dylan's 'Blowin' in the Wind', played by an American on a bamboo flute native to India, qualify? Should the decision depend on whether the piece is raga-based or derived from a folk tune? Does Ed Sheeran's Shape of You make the cut? It's based in Raag Bhimpalasi. And what about the music of the Symphony Orchestra of India, which revels in the glory of Mozart, Beethoven, and Bach? Should we shun them, as they play "foreign" music?

Even if Indian music is needed to connect people to Indian traditions, are flights and airports the place to do it? Most airlines choose soothing music for their flights as well as lounges at the airport. Piano and strings are the go-to choice for most carriers including Qatar Airways, Emirates, Cathay Pacific, and Singapore Airlines among others. Vistara has a lovey playlist, for instance, and plays John Lennon's Imagine and Steely Dan songs on board. Air India has often played old classical instrumental recordings and they are loved too. To ask airline and airport operators to confine themselves to the Indian music route is at best silly and at worst lip service to India's rich music traditions, which require more meaningful steps for preservation.

### Committed to...

In South Andaman to review and monitor the developmental activities under progress. These officials were accompanied by Tehsildar, Ferrargunj, officials of line departments and ex-FR members. During the visit, the team visited Govt. Secondary School Namunagar. The Deputy Commissioner interacted with students and teachers. During interaction, the DC (SA) motivated the students to achieve excellence in all fields.

At Dundas Point Jetty the land for parking area as inspected. The culvert enroute to the jetty were also inspected and instructions were given to the officials of concerned departments for the upkeep.

### PBGKR celebrates...

Specialty Aided Kids along with the Children residing in Child Care Institute and the residents of Old Age Home at Ferrargunj. Freshly prepared Biryani along with Sweets were served to all. Team PBGKR had lunch with all the kids and elderly. Shri Mandeep

### PBMC launches...

viz., General information, Solid waste management, Liquid waste (sewage, sullage & septage) management, emission mitigation measures, Expenditures & Public awareness. Special focus is given to the reduction of single-use plastics, waste reduction measures and access to toilets for ladies and children, etc.

Special request has been made to all the Hotels, resorts, guesthouses for participation. The competition is for 100 points, total 61 questions need to be answered. The Hotels who obtain >90 Points will

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and maintenance of the same. At Tushnabad Junction, the team reviewed the progress of ongoing RRBAN projects and directions were issued to the concerned officials to speed up the works for its early completion. The officials of APWD were instructed for early completion of the vehicle parking area at junction.

It was reiterated by the DC (SA) that all concerned officials should cooperate, coordinate and monitor the progress of works and activities for the benefit of the local populace on priority basis and hindrances if any being faced by them should be reported to him for early rectification.

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Grewal, President, PBGKR wished all the kids and took blessings from the residents of old age home. "We are one big families as family members gather together during occasions so do we, I wish every one a very Happy and Healthy New Year 2022," Grewal added.

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be given 05 Green start rating, 70-89 Points-03 Green start rating, 50-69 Points-02 Green start rating, 30-49 Points-01 Green start rating will be awarded.

The competition will be evaluated by the Technical evaluation committee of PBMC, ANPCC & GIZ-India, Port Blair. The interested Hotels may apply on or before 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 and the results will be announced on 28.01.2022 during the function. For participation visit <https://fbms.de/5sp1QrRdxH7gmU9> or scan the QR-Code.

## CORONAVIRUS NEWS LIVE UPDATES: WEEKLY COVID POSITIVITY RATE OVER 10% IN 8 DISTRICTS, 5-10% IN 14, SAYS CENTRE

Coronavirus Omicron Cases and Deaths in India Today Live: Stating that India reported over 10,000 daily Covid cases after 33 days, the Union Health Ministry on Thursday said there is a need for heightened vigil among the people of the country.

Briefing the media, Union Health Ministry Joint Secretary Luv Aggarwal also said on an average, India reported more than 8,000 cases per day last week. Overall case positivity rate stands at 0.92%, he said, adding that weekly positivity rate is over 10 per cent in eight districts while it is 5-10% in 14 districts. India's R naught value, which indicates spread of Covid-19, is 1.22 so cases are increasing, not shrinking, the ministry said.

People with no travel history have been infected for the Omicron Covid variant and this means it is gradually spreading in the community, Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain said Thursday. Jain also said that 46 of 115 samples sequenced in the national capital so far had tested positive for the new strain. Delhi has reported the maximum number of Omicron cases so far—263.

India reported 13,154 new Covid-19 cases in the last 24 hours. The active cases stand at 82,402 cases, while the death toll has climbed to 4,80,860.

The Omicron case tally has risen to 961 as of Thursday, with 263 cases in Delhi and 252 in Maharashtra. Of the 961 cases, 320 Omicron cases have recovered or been discharged.

Maharashtra was among several states which reported a sharp spike in Covid-19 cases on Wednesday. Delhi reported 923 fresh cases, which marked a steep rise from

the 496 detected a day earlier. The positivity rate also jumped up to 1.29%. Among other cities, Mumbai registered a huge spike, recording 2,510 cases. Moreover, 400 infections were detected

in Bengaluru, 540 in Kolkata and 294 in Chennai.

Meanwhile, Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) said that there is now clear experimental and clinical data supporting very high immune escape potential of Omicron, but initial estimates show the severity of illness being lower than what was seen in previous outbreaks, the said in its latest bulletin citing global data.

In India, appropriate public health measures and investigations are being conducted for surveillance of Omicron, INSACOG said while noting that globally there appears to be significantly reduced ability of vaccines or prior infection to protect against symptomatic infection by the Omicron variant. "While Delta continues to be the most prevalent VOC globally, the Omicron variant has completely displaced it in southern Africa and is on track to become the dominant variant in UK and elsewhere," INSACOG said in its bulletin released on Wednesday.

The genomic consortium, citing global data, said there is now clear experimental and clinical data supporting very high immune escape potential of Omicron, which appears to be the major component of its growth advantage over Delta.

### Coronavirus India News Live: Omicron Cases and Deaths in India Today Live Count, Coronavirus Third Wave Latest Update, Covid-19 Vaccine Booster Shots Live: India's R naught value, which indicates spread of Covid-19, is 1.22 so cases are increasing, not shrinking, the ministry added.



### "Janbhagidari Programme..."

Prothapur Blocks who will be participating in the evaluation drive were also present during the launch event.

On the occasion of India celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of India's Independence and the Government of India has curated a series of innovative programmes to celebrate the Mahotsav under the overall spirit of "Janbhagidari and Jan Andolan". Taking cue from the Prime Minister of India's vision, the UT of A&N Islands has launched Janbhagidari Programme for Evaluation of Government Flagship schemes of GOI being implemented in this UT by Andaman and Nicobar Administration to ascertain that the actual benefit is reaching the last mile.

At present, 68 Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Schemes of A&N Administration are being implemented in A&N Islands wherein benefits are directly being released to the end beneficiaries either in cash (through Bank) or kind. The Administration has planned to take an initiative to evaluate the actual benefit being reached to the beneficiaries through implementation of various schemes of Government of India and UT Administration through Janbhagidari process. The objective of this process is to evaluate, 'How effectively the

benefits under the schemes are reaching up to the end beneficiary; Whether the beneficiaries are actually benefitted by the scheme or not?; Whether the households are satisfied by the delivery mechanism of the scheme? etc'.

The detailed analysis of Flagship Schemes of GOI and UT Administration shall be done through Janbhagidari with the support of the SHG members of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) and National Urban Livelihood Mission (NULM).

During the event, the Lt. Governor has also inaugurated the programme for distribution of Vegetable Seed Mini-Kit to the Islanders to have self-sustainability in food supply. Knowing the issue of insufficient food supply during the lockdown period due to outbreak of COVID-19, the Home Minister had advised the UT to start campaign for food self-sufficiency during his visit to A&N Islands. On this ground, the Administration of UT of A&N Islands has initiated the distribution of 50000 Vegetable Seeds Mini Kits procured from National Seeds Corporation, Chennai among the Islanders free of cost. Each kit comprises of 4 types of open pollinated vegetable seeds, namely Aamruth (Marsa), Brinjal (Eggplant), Okra (Bhindi) and Cowpea (Lobia), so that the beneficiaries can preserve the seeds for growing in the coming season.

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During his address to the gathering, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration highlighted the appreciable works being done by the members of Self-Help Groups (SHG) across India. He appreciated the activities being done by the SHGs of A&N Islands such as SHE markets, catering services through GeM, sale of handicraft through GeM, sale of grounded masalas, farming activities, Sakhi Saheli Café, Social Audit of RD Programmes, Swachh Survekshan and many more. Knowing the efficient work done by the SHG members in the Islands, he encouraged them to help the Administration to conduct survey for evaluation of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes and UT schemes being implemented in this UT and to check the actual benefit reaching the end beneficiaries. Also, he encouraged the SHG members to make nutritious meals in their house with the vegetable seed mini-kits provided by the Agriculture Department to have sustainable supply of nutritional diet for their family with less dependence on market. He also directed the Education and Social Welfare Departments to take up development of nutrition garden in the School and Anganwadi compounds and use the produce for providing nutritional mid-day meal to the children. The Secretary (RD) gave the welcome address and the Secretary (Planning) delivered vote of thanks during the event.

### Remembering Netaji ....

organized at Middle School Billground student and Teacher where welcome speech made by Mr. Manoranjan Mondal Netaji Yuba Samiti Secretary, explained briefly in his speech about history of On 30th December 1943, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had hoisted the National Tri-Colour for the first time with the help of Japanese forces, declaring Andaman and Nicobar Islands free from British Rule, much before Mainland India got independence.

The Tri-colour was hoisted by Netaji at the Gymkhana Ground, presently known as present Netaji Stadium, the first Indian Territory freed from the British rule. The island at the time was liberated from British

rule by Japan which captured it during the World War-II. On 29th December 1943, Netaji accompanied by Sarvashri Anand Mohan Sahay, Captain Rawat - ADC and Col. DS Raju, the personal physician of Netaji, landed at the Port Blair aerodrome in the Andamans. He was received by



### Alcoholism, Drug ..

phone while driving is the most common and easy form of distraction when behind the wheel. Efficient traffic regulation, including preventing phone use while driving, should be among the top priorities of Traffic Police. Unlike a helmet violation or red light jumping which can be noticed from a distance, detecting mobile use violation is difficult and often go unnoticed until the driver zooms past traffic cops. Many motorcyclists can be noticed driving with phones concealed within their helmets," said a social worker.

"One may argue that mobile phone hands-free device is a technology which allows a person to talk without holding a gadget in hand and enables the driver to keep his hands on the steering wheel.

But even using a hands-free device does not mitigate the danger. If a driver is distracted, he indulges in dangerous driving. So, whether a hands-free system is being used or an earphone is plugged in, it amounts to an offence. The only legal way to answer a call when behind the wheel is to pull over to the side of the road and then answer the phone," said a retired cop, who did not wish to be named.

Last year, the Ministry of Road Transport amending the central motor vehicle rules had specified how exactly drivers are permitted to use a hand-held device or mobile phone while driving. Drivers are allowed only if the use is solely for route navigation and is being used by fixing the device on the dashboard

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the Japanese admiral at Port Blair. The enthusiastic Indians and Burmese also accompanied a warm reception to him. Bose named Andaman Island as Shaheed and Nicobar Island as Swaraj and appointed INA General AD Loganathan as the governor of the Islands.

Mr. Mondal demanded to the authority, instead of declaring holiday of school on the day the school should be open for uninterrupted study and the children should be aware of the day and it's important in today's aspects. Shri Hiranmay Roy, President of Netaji Yuba Samiti, Billground proposed the vote of thanks.

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in a way that it does not distract the driver while he is driving. The use of mobile phones while driving has now been categorised under 'dangerous driving' in the amended Motor Vehicle Act and can attract a fine up to Rs 3000/-.

Global studies have found that those who use mobile phones while driving face three times higher risk of a crash. Texting while driving makes things worse. The number of accidents and fatalities due to distracted driving has shot up across the world. In the year 2016, 2,138 lives were lost in India due to using mobile phones while driving and as per experts the data is hugely under-reported since there is hardly any scientific investigation or recording of fatal crashes in India.

## Indian travellers indulged in 'workcation' mode this year: OYO report

Indian travellers were busy indulging in 'workcation'—working away from home in a scenic location—this year as they tried to adapt and make up for lost vacations while working remotely after the coronavirus pandemic upended travel and tourism sector in 2020.

according to OYO Travelopedia 2021.

Around 65 per cent of respondents in India have travelled in the past six months and a majority of them visited their loved ones, while some went on a getaway from

their daily routines and travelled for leisure.

"Nearly 48 per cent of Indians worked from home during the year, out of which a whopping 85 per cent preferred taking workcations or working away from home in a scenic location. And out of these, 61 per cent took a workcation,"

according to OYO's fourth year-end annual index—OYO Travelopedia 2021.

Interestingly, nearly 27 per cent took a month-long workcation. Hill stations ranked top on the list of spots for these work and travel trips, followed by many who visited their hometowns and beach destinations.

The annual consumers survey by the hospitality platform to study travel intent and expectations among Indians is back with 60 per cent of respondents have planned vacations for the winter holiday season. However, most seem to plan their trip closer to the date.

"Nearly 31 per cent said they plan their trips a month in advance, whereas 26 per cent prefer planning their travel only a week in advance. This is a stark contrast from pre-Covid days," it said.

When it came to the type of destination, 35 per cent of respondents preferred a trip to mountainous regions, whereas 24 per cent opted for beach destinations and a good 53 per cent said they were very likely to explore "offbeat domestic destinations".

"Road trips still continue to be a big hit among Indians. Over half the respondents said they would travel by private or rental cars, 35 per cent said they were just as fine to hop on a bus or a train, and a mere 14 per cent were happy to take a flight," as per the survey.

Hotels were the top choice of accommodation among users, with approximately 60 per cent opting for it, followed by a preference for resorts and waterfront properties by

a lakeside, river or beach, it added.

As far as ringing in the New Year 2022 is concerned, family and friends are core to the plans for the celebration with 44 per cent said they would enjoy the new year with family and friends, while another 44 per cent said they would love to travel with family and friends, as per the survey.

However, around 9 per cent of Indians also opted to go solo and travel—as usual searching this New Year, it added.

In terms of New Year resolutions, 30 per cent said they would travel more in 2022, followed by 18 per cent who would love to visit their family and friends who they haven't been able to meet due to travel restrictions.

"Another 18 per cent would love to try and explore a new destination every few months. 15 per cent said they would like to invest in travel by opening a savings account solely for travel purposes," as per the OYO Travelopedia 2021.

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No. TN-DB/SAD/2021-22/1110 dt. 29/12/2021

### e-TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, South Andaman Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid for below mentioned work from the approved and eligible Contractors of the Andaman PWD or all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks for following work:-

**1. NIT No. 16/EE/SAD/APWD/2021-22, Tender ID: 2021\_APWD\_4819\_1, Name of work:** Construction of cement concrete road from Chatham Saw Mill Gate to PMB Gate via Chatham Jetty for a length of 325 mtr. (Revised Estimate), **Estimated Cost:** ₹. 1.12,64,108/-, **Time of completion:** 03 (Three) Months & **Last time and date of submission of bid:** 11/01/2022 (15.00 hrs)

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app>

Executive Engineer,  
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### PRESS NOTICE

No. TN/DB/PHED/2021-22/1467; Dated: 28/12/2021

The Executive Engineer, PHED, APWD, Prothrapur invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate e-tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from eligible contractors of APWD and Non APWD Contractors/ the Hydraulic Excavator Owners irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed similar nature of work in terms of cost in any of the government department in A&N Islands and they should not have any adverse remarks for the following work. Similar nature of work shall mean supply of Hydraulic Excavator having bucket capacity 0.30 cum.

NIT No. 13/DB/PHED/2021-22

Name of work : A/R & M/O Water Supply under Sub Division No. I, PHED, APWD, Prothrapur during 2021-22.

Sub Work : Supply of Hydraulic Excavator on as and when required basis.

Period of Completion : 01(One) Year

Bid Opening Date : 12/01/2022 (15.30 hrs)

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the Web Site

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## FACT Recruitment 2021, Apply for 179 Apprentice Vacancies @ fact.co.in

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Dated: 30/12/2021

(Petition No. 64/2021)

The Petition for approval of True Up for the FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20 & FY 2020-21 of Electricity Department of Andaman & Nicobar Administration u/s 61, 62 and 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2014 & 2018 is filed by the Electricity Department Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The above Petition has been admitted as Petition No. 64/2021 and is available on the Commission's website, i.e., [www.jerc.gov.in](http://www.jerc.gov.in) and on the petitioner's website, i.e., [www.vidyut.andaman.gov.in](http://www.vidyut.andaman.gov.in).

Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/comments on the above Petition, in person/registered post addressed to- The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana- 122015 or through e-mail at mail id-secy.jerc@gov.in on or before 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 with a copy to the Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Port Blair - 744101. (Email: [seed.and@nic.in](mailto:seed.and@nic.in)).

Further, in view of Covid-19 pandemic, the public hearing in the above matters shall be held through Video Conferencing as per the schedule given below:

**Public Hearing Date & Time:** 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2022, at 11.00 AM

**Video conferencing Platform:** Microsoft Teams

The persons who intend to participate in the public hearing may intimate their mobile number and e-mail ID to the Secretary, JERC on above mentioned email id so that link for participation in the video conference on due date & time can be sent to them.

Sd/  
(Rakesh Kumar)  
Secretary, JERC

## THDC Recruitment 2021, Apply ITI Trade Apprentice Vacancies @ thdc.co.in

THDC Recruitment 2021 | Apprentice Post | 47 Vacancies | Last Date: 29.12.2021 | Download Application Form @ thdc.co.in

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Interested candidates are advised to apply BSNL recruitment in time to avoid last minute rush. After applying online, candidates need to take printout of the application form for some reference. Incomplete application or application form without attaching relevant documents will not be considered. BSNL selects candidates through merit/ personal interview, shortlisted candidate will be intimated through e-mail for document verification & joining if selected. Selected candidates will be placed at Maharashtra Circle. More details of BSNL Apprentice recruitment, Careers, upcoming notification, apply online link, BSNL jobs, selection list etc. will be available on the official website.

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## BSF Recruitment 2021, Apply 195 Group A, B & C vacancies @ bsf.gov.in

BSF Recruitment 2021 | Constable, HC & ASI Posts | 72 Vacancies | Last Date: Within 45 Days | BSF Bharati Notification @ bsf.gov.in

BSF Recruitment 2021: Border Security Force (BSF) invites online application from capable persons to fill up ASI, HC & Constable posts. They are announced 72 vacancies for these Group- C Combatized posts in Engineering set up of BSF. Applicants who are seeking for Central Government jobs may apply for this BSF jobs. Before applying for these advertised vacancies, candidates should read the notification to check the eligibility. Interested candidates need to submit the application through online mode. Aspirants must register themselves within 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement.

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IMA Dehradun Recruitment 2021 | MTS, LDC & Other Posts | Total Vacancies 188 | Last Date Within 45 days | Download Indian Army Recruitment Notification @ [www.indianarmy.nic.in](http://www.indianarmy.nic.in)

IMA Dehradun Recruitment 2021: Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun has issue new notice regarding appointment of Cook Special, Cook IT, MT Driver (Ordinary Grade), Boot Maker/Repairer, LDC, Masochi, Waiter, Fatigue man, MTS (Safawala), Groundsman, GC Orderly, MTS (Chowkidar), Groom, Barber, Equipment Repairer, Bicycle Repairer, MTS (Messenger), Laboratory Attendant posts. It invites online application from eligible candidates. There are 188 vacancies will be filled by IMA Dehradun and post wise vacancy details are given below. Candidates who are searching Defence Jobs kindly submit the application in the prescribed format within 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News S. IMA Dehradun Group C Recruitment 2021 Notification & Indian Military Academy Recruitment application form is available @ [www.indianarmy.nic.in](http://www.indianarmy.nic.in). Candidates who are seeking 10th pass jobs/12th pass jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience etc. Selection will be based on Written Test & Skill Test and selected candidates will be appointed at Dehradun. More details of www.indianarmy.nic.in recruitment, IMA New vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming central govt jobs notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

### 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?**  
Susceptible to people with significant medical illnesses, weakened immunity, infants, and older adults.

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

**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 when sneezing.
- Avoid close-range face-to-face contact or mouth-to-mouth contact with others.
- Avoid contact with people who are showing symptoms of the disease.
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## IN CONVERSATION

# INCREASE TESTING, STRENGTHEN HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS, IMPROVE VACCINATION: CENTRE TELLS EIGHT STATES, UTS

The Union health ministry has written to eight states and Union territories to enhance testing, strengthen hospital preparedness, increase the pace and coverage of COVID-19 vaccination drive and ensure strict enforcement of restrictions to counter the spread of the infection.

In the letter, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan asked Delhi, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka and Jharkhand to be vigilant in view of the recent increase in domestic travel and various events such as marriages, festive celebrations, and vacations having either recently concluded or underway.

With the onset of winter and increased pollution in some states, prevalence of ILLI/SARI and respiratory distress symptoms should be closely monitored, he said in the letter dated

December 29.

The letter was issued as the country reported single-day rise of over 13,000 new COVID-19 cases after around 49 days and cases of Omicron variant increased to 961.

Bhushan said it has been seen that there has been an increase in the cases and lessening of doubling time in detection of the cases in few states.

Delhi has reported a sudden and

**There has been an increase in COVID-19 cases and lessening of doubling time**

significant surge in cases in the last two weeks.

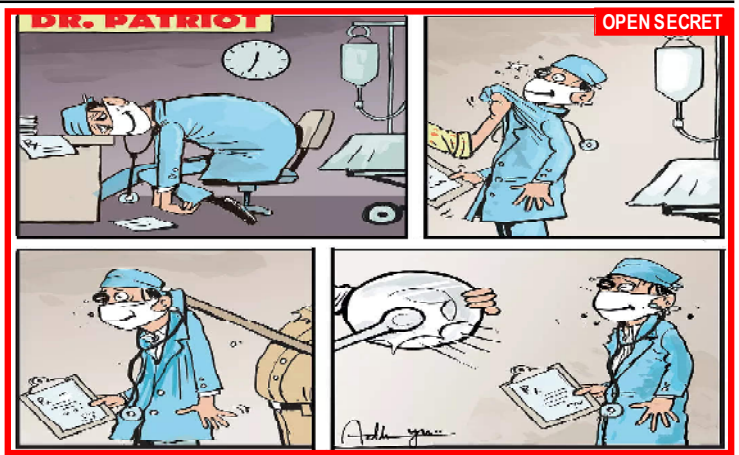
"This issue needs to be addressed proactively and immediately to ensure that neither the transmission spreads further nor do we reach a situation of increased mortality due to late detection of the cases," the letter stated.

As for Gujarat, the letter highlighted that the districts of Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Surat have reported a sudden and significant surge in cases in the last two weeks.

Jharkhand's Ranchi, Karnataka's Bengaluru Urban, Haryana's Gurgaon, Tamil Nadu's Chennai, Maharashtra's Mumbai, Mumbai Suburban, Pune, Thane and Nagpur, and West Bengal's Kolkata have also reported a sudden and significant surge in cases in last two weeks, it said.

The ministry thus advised these states/UTs to undertake immediate measure like enhanced testing in a focused manner, with the maintenance of the ratio between RT-PCR and RAT and do pro-active contact tracing and isolation/quarantine of contacts of positive cases, their testing and follow up.

It also advised setting up containment zones and buffer zones as per extant standard operating procedures, strengthen hospital-level preparedness, ensure optimal utilisation of financial resources under ECRP2, increased pace and coverage of Covid vaccination drive, adherence to Covid appropriate behaviour and enforcement of strict and appropriate restrictions to counter the spread of infection.



Best Wishes from...  
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## Govt declares entire Nagaland 'disturbed area' as demand for AFSPA withdrawal continues

The Centre on Thursday declared the entire Nagaland as a "disturbed area" for six more months with effect from December 30 under the AFSPA while terming the state's condition "disturbed and dangerous".

The move came days after the Union government constituted a high-level committee to examine the possibility of the withdrawal of the controversial Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act from Nagaland.

The AFSPA has been operational in Nagaland for decades. "Whereas the Central government of the opinion that the area comprising the whole of the State of Nagaland is in such a disturbed and dangerous condition that the use of armed forces in aid of the civil power is necessary."

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (No. 28 of 1958) the Central Government hereby declares that whole of the State of

Nagaland to be 'disturbed area' for a period of six months with effect from December 30, 2021, for the purposes of the said Act," a home ministry notification said.

The notification was issued by the additional secretary in the Home Ministry, Piyush Goyal, who has been named the member secretary in the panel to examine the possibility of the withdrawal of the AFSPA. The committee is headed by secretary-level officer Vivek Joshi. The high-level committee has been set up apparently to soothe the rising tension in Nagaland over the killing of 14 civilians.

Protests for the withdrawal of the AFSPA have been going on in several districts of Nagaland ever since an Army unit killed 14 civilians in the state's Mon district earlier this month, mistaking them as insurgents. The AFSPA empowers security forces to conduct operations and arrest anyone without any prior warrant. It also gives immunity to the forces if they shoot someone dead.

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3. Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.

4. Use hand sanitizer or wash your hands frequently.

5. Wear a face mask in public places.

6. Avoid sharing personal items like cups, plates, and utensils.

7. Avoid traveling by public transport.

8. Avoid visiting places with a high number of cases.

9. Avoid visiting places with a high number of deaths.

10. Avoid visiting places with a high number of recoveries.

**Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

**Symptoms:** Fever, cough, sore throat, loss of taste and smell, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, and loss of consciousness.

**Protect yourself from getting COVID-19:**

- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact with people who have fever and coughing.

**When coughing and sneezing cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow.**

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