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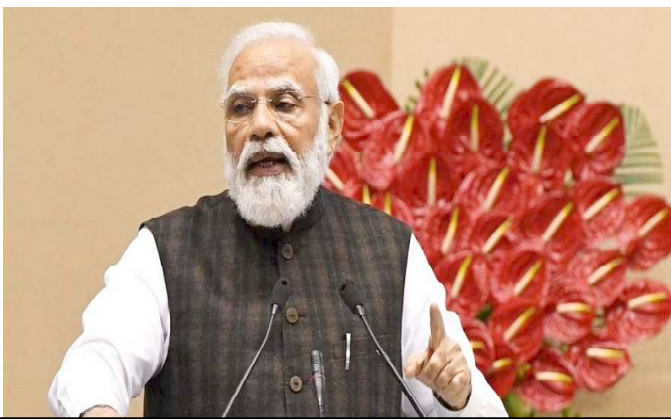
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A weekly echoing the mood of the people, comes to you on every Monday

People of Tripura prefer politics of good governance: PM Modi on local poll results

PTI, NEW DELHI: Lauding the BJP's big win in the Tripura local body polls, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday the people of the state have given a clear message that they prefer politics of good governance.

These blessings give us greater strength to work for the welfare of each and every people in Tripura, Modi tweeted. *contd. page-6*



District Administration (Nicobars) initiates series of activities as part of 'Jal Shakti Saptah' and 'Plantation Abhiyan'

Car Nicobar, Nov. 28

The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, Shri Yash Chaudhary along with Assistant Commissioner, Car Nicobar, officials, leaders of Tribal Council participated in 'Shramdan' during which water

trees were planted as part of the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' which began today. The District Administration has initiated 'Jal Shakti Saptah' and 'Plantation Abhiyan' and series of programs have been chalked out such as cleaning

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One positive case detected during test conducted on incoming flight passengers: Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Nov. 28

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar while giving information on COVID-19 status stated that during the RT-PCR test conducted on 377 passengers who arrived here yesterday, one positive case has been detected. Today, 11 flights with 1927 passengers arrived, out of which, 1508

were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 419 passengers and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 160 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 67 passengers and all were found

negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 9 passengers were tested with RAT and were found negative.

The Director, ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal informed that at present two COVID patients are undergoing treatment at GB Pant Hospital and no patient is on oxygen/ventilator

Free LPG connections to low-income families under Ujjwala 2.0

Port Blair, Nov.28

The Govt. of India on 10th August, 2021 has launched the ujjwala 2.0 under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna (PMUY) for providing deposit-free LPG connections to those low-income families who could not be covered under the earlier phase of PMUY. The salient features of Ujjwala 2.0 include a deposit free LPG connection along

with providing first refill and hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.

Further, to ensure that the benefits of the scheme are passed on to the intended beneficiaries, the enrolment procedure will require minimum paperwork. Apart from this, the eligible migrants residing outside their native place will also be covered *contd. page-5*

MP demands to earmark proper swimming area with double safety netting for tourists and local residents at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches

Port Blair, Nov 29:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to earmark a proper swimming area at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches

with double safety netting for tourists and local residents, so that safe swimming can be opened in these three prominent beaches.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Sharma added that as tourism has revived in Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

thousands of tourists are reaching Port Blair on a daily basis and many of them are going back deeply disappointed as they are unable to swim in any of the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas.

He pointed out that Andaman and Nicobar Islands *contd. page-6*

ECI launches Mobile Application 'Voter Helpline App

Port Blair, Nov. 27

Taking forward its continuous efforts of building an active democratic citizenry, the Election Commission of India has undertaken a new initiative by designing a Mobile Application 'Voter Helpline App' (VHA) for developing a culture of avid electoral management. The app aims to provide a single point of service and information of delivery to voters across the country. The app provides facilities to voters like verification of name in the electoral roll, submission of online forms for New Voter Registration, shifting, deletion,

correction of entries & transposition within assembly and many more.

CEO Office, A&N Islands has requested all the electors/citizens to download the Voter Helpline App from Play store (Android)/ App store (iOS) and follow the steps after installation of App.

- Agree the terms & conditions
- Click on new user from Login screen to register.
- Registered users may login using mobile number and password
- Skip login if you don't want to register



EDITORIAL

Link between menstrual changes and COVID vaccination should be investigated: BMJ editorial

LONDON: A link between changes in the menstrual cycle and COVID-19 vaccination is plausible, and should be investigated, according to an editorial published in the British Medical Journal on Thursday.

In the editorial, Victoria Male, a reproductive specialist at Imperial College London, UK noted that periods or unexpected vaginal bleeding are not listed as common side effects of COVID-19 vaccination.

Over 30,000 such reports had been made to the UK Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) surveillance scheme for adverse drug reactions by September 2, she said.

The expert, however, noted most people find that their period returns to normal the following cycle and, importantly, there is no evidence that COVID-19 vaccination adversely affects fertility.

"One important lesson is that the effects of medical interventions on menstruation should not be an afterthought in future research," Male said.

MHRA states that its surveillance data does not support a link between changes to menstrual periods and COVID-19 vaccines, since the number of reports is low in relation to both the number of people vaccinated and the prevalence of menstrual disorders generally.

However, Male said the way in which data is collected makes firm conclusions difficult.

She argues in the editorial that approaches better equipped to compare rates of menstrual changes in vaccinated versus unvaccinated populations are needed.

Reports of menstrual changes after COVID-19 vaccination have been made for both mRNA and adenovirus-vectored vaccines, she said.

This suggest that, if there is a connection, it is likely to be a result of the immune response to vaccination, rather than to a specific vaccine component, Male said.

The editorial also noted that the menstrual cycle may be affected by the body's immune response to the virus itself, with one study showing menstrual disruption in around a quarter of women infected with SARS-CoV-2.

If a link between vaccination and menstrual changes is confirmed, this will allow individuals seeking vaccination to plan in advance for potentially altered cycles, she explained.

She suggests that doctors should encourage their patients to report any changes to periods or unexpected vaginal bleeding after vaccination to the MHRA's scheme.

Submission of online application for admission to B.Ed. Degree Prog. In TGCE extended

Port Blair, Nov. 27

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 Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair has been extended up to 7th December, 2021 as

requested by Principal, JNRM, Port Blair due to non-receipt of results from Pondicherry University. Desirous candidates can now submit their online application up to 7th December via URL <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in>, a press release from Principal, TGCE said.

Lakshadweep admin revises travel restrictions in view of Omicron

KAVARATTI: In view of a new coronavirus variant Omicron being reported from various parts of the world, the Lakshadweep administration on Sunday revised the travel restrictions and quarantine norms in the island archipelago.

This new variant is reported to have a significantly high number of mutations and thus, has serious public health implications for the country, the administration said in an order.

It said that anyone wishing to visit the island archipelago shall carry with them a negative RT-PCR test report obtained within 48 hours of the travel and submit the same at the entry and exit points.

This is applicable to crews of mechanised sailing vessels and fish collection boats also, it said.

After reaching the islands, visitors need to follow COVID appropriate behaviour and undergo three days mandatory quarantine, it said and added



that this is not applicable for those who have taken both doses of vaccine 14 days prior to their travel.

No COVID-19 test result is required for inter-island travels for those vaccinated with two doses 14 days prior to their trip, but those who are partially or non-vaccinated not only have to carry a RT-PCR negative test report, they also have to undergo three-days mandatory quarantine.

The other norms are that shore leave would be granted only to those ship crew who have been fully vaccinated and

that thermal-scanning of passengers has to be carried out at Kochi and all ports of arrival.

"Wearing of face masks is an essential preventive measure. In order to enforce this core requirement, any person found without wearing a mask in public/workplaces shall be levied a fine of Rs 100 at the first instance and Rs 200 at second instance of violation," the order said.

Deputy Collectors or Block Development Officers have been directed to ensure strict enforcement of COVID-19 appropriate behaviour in all islands at all times, it said.

Nearly all terrorists involved in civilian killings in Jammu and Kashmir last month neutralised: Sources

NEW DELHI: Nearly all the terrorists involved in the killings of civilians in Jammu and Kashmir last month have been neutralised and the armed forces are now focussing on intelligence-based "surgical operations" involving smaller teams to deal with terror activities in the Union Territory, sources in the security establishment said on Sunday.

They said a "refined" approach to deal with terrorism has been put in place under a more nuanced framework of better coordination among the Jammu and Kashmir police, the intelligence agencies and the Army with an aim to minimise collateral damage.

After a spell of relative calm, Jammu and Kashmir witnessed a spate of killings of innocent civilians last month, triggering apprehensions of an intense cycle of violence and turmoil in the region.

The sources said a major focus of the anti-terror drill has been to achieve "zero loss" of innocent lives and all wings of the security forces have been trying to achieve it.

That is why the focus has been on "intelligence-based surgical operations" involving



smaller teams, with a focus on drawing support from the local population to such actions, they added.

According to intelligence inputs, Pakistan-based terror handlers have instructed their proxies operating in Kashmir to ensure at least 10 civilian deaths whenever the security forces undertake counter-terror operations, the sources said.

They said 24 civilians were killed and 49 injured in various counter-terror operations in 2018.

Over the past three years, the security forces undertook a series of measures to ensure minimum collateral damage and as a result of such efforts, only two civilians were killed and two received minor inju-

ries in 2021, the sources said.

Asked about the encounter in Srinagar's Hyderpora, they said a certain section is focussing on it to occupy "lost space".

Jammu and Kashmir police chief Dilbag Singh on Thursday said the ongoing investigation into the Hyderpora encounter suggests that the terrorists were supported by a network in carrying out terror activities.

The sources said the security forces have been getting support, including actionable intelligence, from the locals in several parts of Jammu and Kashmir as they have rejected the "false propaganda" unleashed by Pakistan.

"There were instances of

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Omicron variant: Government to review decision on restarting international flights, SOP for incoming passengers

NEW DELHI: The government on Sunday decided to review the decision on resuming scheduled commercial international passenger services as well SOP on testing and surveillance of incoming passengers, especially from countries identified as 'at risk', in the wake of the emergence of the new COVID-19 variant of concern 'Omicron'.

The decisions were taken at an urgent meeting chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and attended by various stakeholders, an official spokesperson said.

The meeting was held a day after a high-level review by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the new COVID-19 variant of concern 'Omicron'.

After a long hiatus of more than 20 months, the government had on November 26 announced the resumption of scheduled international commercial flights from December 15.

The home ministry spokesperson said at the meeting, chaired by the home secretary, the overall global situation in the wake of the Omicron virus was comprehensively reviewed and various preventive measures in place and to be further strengthened were discussed.

The government will review



the decision on the effective date of resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services as per evolving global scenario, the spokesperson said.

The new, potentially more contagious B.1.1.529 variant was first reported to the World Health Organisation (WHO) from South Africa on November 24 and has also been identified in Botswana, Belgium, Hong Kong and Israel.

It was on Friday designated as a "Variant of Concern" by the WHO, which named it Omicron.

A variant of concern is the WHO's top category of worrying COVID-19 variants.

"Government to review Standard Operating Procedure on testing and surveillance of incoming international passengers, especially for those countries identified 'at risk' category," the spokesperson said in a series of tweets.

The government has also

decided that the genomic surveillance for variants will be further strengthened and intensified and Airport Health Officials (APHOs) and Port Health Officials (PHOs) will be sensitised for strict supervision of testing protocol at airports and seaports.

"Decision on effective date of resumption of scheduled commercial international passengers service, to be reviewed, as per evolving global scenario," the spokesperson said.

A closer watch on the emerging pandemic situation within the country will be maintained, the spokesperson said.

The meeting was held with various experts including V K Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, Vijay Raghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser to Prime Minister, senior officers from Health, Civil Aviation and other Ministries.

Ahead of parliament session, NDA ally calls for repealing CAA



NEW DELHI: The ruling NDA is likely to be on the backfoot during the winter session of Parliament with the first sign of trouble coming up during the NDA coordination meeting on Sunday when ally National People's Party sought withdrawal of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

NPP leader Agatha Sangma told reporters that the government has taken note of her demand for repealing the CAA on the lines of the three farm laws. The government hasn't yet notified the rules of the CAA, which is seen highly-sensitive in the North-eastern states, including Assam.

After PM Modi's dramatic television announcement of the repeal of the farm laws, some opposition parties had called for similar action on the CAA since "a large number of people remains opposed to it".

The winter session, beginning Monday, is likely to take off on a stormy note as Lok Sabha will take up the Farm Laws Repeal Bill, 2021, with the Opposition throwing their weight behind the demands of the farmers' unions. Despite claims of multiple schemes benefiting small farmers, the NDA dispensation is not confident about its farm narrative in the absence of strong communicators within its ranks.

The legislative flurry shown by the NDA in the past may also take a pause with the Opposition in Rajya Sabha likely to press for sending bills to the standing committees for wider scrutiny before both Houses take them up for passage.

Unlike the previous sessions of Parliament when the government ensured passage of bills in a din, the resurgent Opposition, particularly the Trinamool Congress, which, eyeing a bigger role in national politics, may pose challenges for the ruling NDA, which barring the BJP and JD (U), is without any big ally in both the Houses. Making clear of its ambitions, the TMC has sought to dictate the agenda of Parliament, calling for passage of the Women's Reservation Bill.

Posturing of the opposition parties on Sunday clearly indicated that the Assembly elections in five states next year will weigh heavily on the winter session. It is likely to be an opportunity for the Opposition to set the narrative for the upcoming polls by putting spotlight on price rise, farm distress and unemployment.

Meanwhile, the BJP in its parliamentary party meeting on Sunday stressed on higher attendance of its MPs and asked them to come prepared to take on the opposition.

Some parties express concerns over SC commenting on functioning of Parliament, other legislatures

NEW DELHI: Expressing concerns over the Supreme Court commenting on the functioning of Parliament and other legislatures and the manner of law-making, some leaders on Sunday told Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu that it is for the presiding officers to act in case of any violation and other constitutional bodies should not make adverse remarks on it.

The issue was raised in a meeting of leaders of various parties convened by Naidu at his residence ahead of the Winter Session beginning Monday.

According to sources, the leaders said that it is for the presiding officers of legislatures to take appropriate action if norms of functioning are be-

ing violated by any member or party and other constitutional agencies should not comment adversely.

Responding to the leaders, Naidu said, "I can understand your concerns. But such comments should be viewed in the context of the functioning of legislatures marked by persistent disruptions, unruly behaviour and violent actions which have deleterious effects."

"The best way to counter them is to ensure proper functioning of the legislatures by maintaining dignity and decorum of the house since such comments are finding resonance with the public from what they see," a source quoted Naidu as having told the meeting.

About 40 leaders of vari-

ous parties and ministers attended the meeting. While Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi briefed the meeting about the legislative agenda, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge and leaders of other parties raised the issues that they want to be discussed during the Winter Session.

Some leaders expressed concern over the course of events during the last Monsoon Session when 70 per cent of the functional time of the House was lost due to persistent disruptions.

Many leaders stressed that they are in favour of smooth functioning of the House and called for a productive Winter Session.

Naidu urged the government and the opposition to regu-

larly talk to each other to enable effective functioning of the House. He appealed to all sections to cooperate in ensuring a productive Winter Session, the sources add.

The Monsoon Session of Parliament was washed out over the opposition demand for a discussion on the Pegasus snooping issue.

The issue is still alive and the opposition will continue to press its demand, even though the Supreme Court has intervened and set up a committee to look into it.

In the Winter Session, the opposition will also seek to raise the issue of farmers' protests and press for bringing a law to grant minimum support price for crops.

Hon'ble Lt Governor, A and N Islands felicitates winners of National Level Kala Utsav 2020



Port Blair, Nov 26:

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency felicitated the young talented students of A&N Islands for securing medals at the National Level Kala Utsav 2020.

Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Educa-

tion (MoE) under Samagra Shiksha, to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students at the secondary stage in the Country.

As per the NCERT guidelines, in view of the pandemic situation, Kala Utsav competitions 2020 were organised through online mode. In the State level competition, 83 participants from 9 art forms from

9 educational blocks have participated. Among them, 15 participants have been selected for representing the UT at National level competition.

The National Level competition was conducted through online mode from 11th January to 22nd January, 2021 by NCERT New Delhi, in which Ms. Diya Rajbanshi of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School Port Blair bagged Second Position in the Visual Art 3D category mentored by Smti. Shampa Ray, PGT(Fine Arts) and Ms. Jasmine Toppo of Govt. Senior Secondary School Rangat bagged Third Position in Visual Art 2D category mentored by Shri Krishnendu Chakroborthy, GTT (Fine Arts).

Hon'ble Lt Governor congratulated and blessed the students for their unparalleled achievements and bringing laurels to the UT. A cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- alongwith medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to Ms. Diya Rajbanshi and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/- alongwith medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to the father of Ms. Jasmine Toppo by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor. Commissioner - cum -Secretary (Education), Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Director (Education), Mentors and parents were also present during the function.



A Group of 17 Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) Probationary Officers, as part of their Tri-Services Command attachment to the Andaman & Nicobar Command, called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency at Raj Niwas on 26.11.2021.

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terrorists even being allowed to escape when there was a threat of collateral damage or when the lives of innocents were assessed to be at risk," said a source on condition of anonymity.

The sources claimed that the situation in Jammu and Kashmir has been under control and pointed out that compared to the 318 terror-related incidents in 2018, only 121 incidents were reported in 2021.

"Similarly, while 202 stone-pelting incidents were reported in 2019, only 39 have been reported in 2021," said another source.

The sources said elements close to the Pakistani establishment have been relentlessly attempting to instigate the Kashmiri people.

On October 7, terrorist Mehran Yaseen Shalla killed two teachers inside a govern-

ment boys' higher secondary school at Safa Kadal, Srinagar.

Shalla was killed by the security forces on November 24, the sources said.

Terrorist Adil Ah Wani killed Sageer Ahmed Ansari, a carpenter and a resident of Saharanpur, near the Litar bus stand in Anantnag.

Wani was killed by the security forces in Shirmal Shopian on October 20 under the "Operation Dragad", the sources said, citing certain anti-terror operations.

On October 17, terrorist Gulzar Ahmed Reshi was involved in the killings of two labourers from Bihar and one labourer was injured at Wanpoh in Kulgam.

Reshi was killed by the security forces on October 20 under the "Operation Sopat", the sources said.

MP demands to resuming 6.00 AM morning convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait and increasing the number convoy to four

Port Blair, Nov 26: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to resume 6.00 AM morning convoy and also to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today said that the unemployed youths associated with Tourism Industry in Baratang Island are suffering heavy loss because large numbers of Tourists are unable to reach Baratang

Island due to the limit of allowing only 90 vehicles in 8.30 AM morning convoy from Jirkatang.

He added that atleast 20 to 30 tourist vehicles are not getting permission on daily basis to travel to Baratang from Jirkatang, which is not only causing loss to Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang but also leaving a bad impression about Andaman, on the visiting Tourists.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma pointed out that most of the Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang are unemployed youths, who have

taken loan from Banks to run Tourism Activities in Andamans but due to the pandemic and lockdowns they have already suffered a huge loss in recent past and now when things have become normal, they are unable to reap the benefits, because of these restrictions.

He mentioned that there are three convoys from Middle Strait for Jirkatang at 6.30 AM, 11.30 AM and 2.30 PM but there are only two convoys from Jirkatang to Middle Strait, even when there is more pressure of passengers and tourists from Jirkatang side.

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DC (SA) inspects developmental activities in South Andaman

Port Blair, Nov 27:

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) along with SDM (SA) inspected various developmental activities being carried out at Sippighat, Meethakhari, Namunaghar, Shaitankhadi to Wimberlygunj. Officials from Revenue, RD and other line departments also accompanied.

During the inspection the DC(SA) had a brief meeting with ex- Pradhans, local Representatives and residents and gave a patient hearing to their grievances related to Road Condition, Drinking water, electricity, playground development at Ograbraj Middle School, Street lights and various other issues.

Directions were given to the officials of the line departments by DC (SA) for the redressal of the grievances at the earliest in a time bound manner. The DC(SA) along with the team also inspected the Health & Wellness centre at Wimberlygunj. During the visit the medical staff present there reported about the lack of



sufficient sanitary staff and medical equipments. DC (SA) assured to take up matter with concerned authorities for resolving the said issues.

The local residents lauded the efforts of DC (SA) for the works undertaken under the RURBAN mission such as market place, guest house at shore point, Shade at Bus stands, community hall and Road under PMGSY-I.

The DC(SA) reiterated

that the District Administration is committed to the development of infrastructure and its maintenance in South Andaman and also sought the cooperation of the local populace in its efforts. The DC(SA) asked the Revenue & RD field staffs to follow up on all the matters raised by the public. He further asked the public to feel free to reach out to his office for their genuine grievances.

District Administration (SA) exhibits 'Zero tolerance' towards encroachment on Govt. land

Port Blair, Nov 27:

The District Administration in its drive against encroachment on Government revenue land in the South Andaman District has been carrying out eviction drives.

In this connection unauthorised occupation an area measuring 2000 sq. mtrs out of Sy. No 203/P, situated at Teylorabad village under Port Blair Tehsil in the shape of plantation comprising coconut and temporary fencing has been removed today by the revenue officials of Port Blair Tehsil and same has been restored in favour of Revenue Department.

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) lauded the efforts of the revenue field staff and cautioned the general public to refrain from indulging in such illegal encroachments. He further reiterated that the drive against such illegal encroachments shall continue and also requested the public to come forward in case of any infor-



mation regarding such illegal encroachments and can pass on such information to the District Control Room on the following numbers 03192-240127/1077 or 9531888844 (Whatsapp).

The revenue department as a custodian of all government land will continue its efforts to protect land from illegal encroachments by conducting such drives.



Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency alongwith senior officers of A&N Raj Niwas today (Nov. 26) joined Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India in reiterating of the Preamble to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India.

MP requests Administration to procure Coconut/Copra from farmers of Campbell Bay at MSP

Port Blair, Nov 27:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the Department of Agriculture to procure Coconut/Copra at Minimum Support Price from the farmers of Campbell Bay.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Sharma added that in case procurement of Coconut/Copra by the Administration is not possible then I request you to kindly direct the private parties, purchasing Coconut/Copra from Campbell Bay at much lower rate to buy Coconut/Copra from farmer only at

Minimum Support Price, so that the farmers get justified rate for their produces.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that the farmers of Campbell Bay are solely dependent on Agriculture in which Coconut/Copra are the major produces but due to non availability of Minimum Support Price (MSP) these farmers are unable to sell their Coconut/Copra produces, since a long time and are suffering financial loss.

He mentioned that in case of COPRA, delay in procurement means further loss to the farmers as the COPRA gradually dries up and the weight decreases, hence immediate steps to resolve this issue is necessary.

District Administration....

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of water bodies, participation of school children in 'Catch the Rain' based painting, wall painting, slogan writing, essay competitions, community led initiatives like cleaning of water bodies, rain water harvesting, plantation of fruit bearing trees. Meanwhile, the

District Administration has appealed to everyone to participate whole heartedly in initiatives of 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan' to make it successful, a press release from Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar said.

Free LPG connections....

under Ujjwala 2.0.

All the eligible beneficiaries of South Andaman & Nicobar District have been requested to approach their respective authorized LPG distributors to avail the benefits of the

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scheme.

For any clarifications or queries, the Assistant Manager, LPG, IOCL may be contacted over mobile phone 7827728840, a press release from Deptt. of CS & CA said.

India's Ritu Phogat to face Stamp Fairtex in MMA



NEW DELHI: Former India wrestler Ritu Phogat will take on kick-boxing world champion Stamp Fairtex, who is also a former Muay Thai world champion, in the ONE Women's Atomweight World Grand Prix Championship MMA Final on December 3.

Phogat, ranked fourth, says she is leaving no stone unturned in preparing for her upcoming bout in the 48kg category at the Singapore Indoor Stadium.

"India has never had a female MMA champion in the past and now I have the power to change the narrative and place an Indian woman on the global MMA stage. I will try my best to make India proud," said Phogat in a release.

Muay Thai is also a form of martial arts which originated in Thailand, and is sometimes called "art of eight limbs".

"I've been focused on the finals for a very long time and I've trained for countless hours

for the past two years."

Her opponent, Fairtex, is widely regarded as the most dangerous striker in the atomweight division.

Phogat, 27, said her wrestling experience will give her advantage over her Thai rival.

"Stamp is definitely a formidable opponent but she doesn't have the kind of wrestling experience and background that I have built over the last seven years. I am certain that my superior wrestling background will give me an edge," she said.

"Also, I've been training extensively and pushing through my wins and my losses, and I plan to make 3rd December an extraordinary match in MMA history. My improved striking capability and game plan will be on display for everyone to see inside the circle."

Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan at Beodnabad Panchayat



Port Blair, Nov 26:

The District Child Protection Unit (SA) under District Administration organised an Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan at Beodnabad Panchayat commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

The purpose of the campaign was to raise awareness of different types of disabilities and how they impact lives of Divyangjan.

Shri Jeo Paul, Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology and In Charge of Composite Regional Centre, Brookshabad was the Resource Person for the programme. In his address, he explained in brief about the 21 different types of disabilities

under RPWD Act. The gathering was sensitized on the functions of Composite Regional Centre rendering services of Rehabilitation, Skill development and Empowerment through various means.

All the participants were encouraged to disseminate the information to the general public so that the needy people may access the Services of CRC, Brookshabad.

The District Administration ensures to conduct such awareness on Divyangjan so as to educate the society to treat them equally without any discrimination.

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Mr. Sharma added that together with tourists, residents of the North Andaman region are also going through a difficult time due to the availability of only two convoys from Jirkatang to the Middle Strait that too late in the morning.

He said that for Islanders, especially those who are traveling to Diglipur and other

parts of North Andaman, the early morning convoy at 6.00 AM is the best option as in that case, they can reach their destination before evening. Presently in 8.30 AM convoy, often because of vehicle breakdowns, adverse weather conditions, or delay in vehicle ferry movements, the ATR passengers reach Diglipur by late-night, which is both risky

and troublesome.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that when normalcy has returned in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the number of flights has increased there is also a need to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four, as it was before the lockdowns.

People of Tripura prefer.... from page 1

"I would like to applaud the @BJP4Tripura Karyakartas who worked tirelessly on the ground and served people. Under the leadership of Shri Biplab Deb Ji, the State Government has been at the forefront of many initiatives, which the people have duly blessed," he said.

The ruling BJP on Sunday swept the civic body elections in Tripura, having won all the seats of the 51-member Agartala Municipal Corporation (AMC) and clinching several other urban local bodies. The opposition TMC and CPI(M) failed to open their accounts in the

AMC.

The saffron party secured all the wards in the 15-member Khowai Municipal Council, 17-seat Belonia Municipal Council, 15-member Kumarghat Municipal Council and nine-member Sabroom Nagar Panchayat, state election commission officials said.

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being a beach destination, tourists mainly plan to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands to experience swimming in sea and also to enjoy water sports activities but in all the beaches in and around Port Blair, viz Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove swimming is prohibited because of threat of crocodile attack.

The Member of Parliament said that tourists who spend thousands of rupees to visit

Andaman and Nicobar Islands get very disappointed when they are told that swimming is only allowed in Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep and not in Port Blair and adjoining areas.

This is sending a negative signal to all over the world and will surely harm Andaman's Tourism Industry in the coming future, he mentioned.

Mr. Sharma added that not only tourists, local residents are also unable to swim in any of

the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas even when they live very close to sea, which is a major source of disappointment.

He said that Tourism is the main Industry in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and thousands of people are solely dependent on Tourism for their livelihood and this is extremely important to look into these important issues to promote Andaman Tourism globally.

