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Thought for today
Silence gives rest to the mind and this means giving rest to the body. Sometimes rest is the only medicine needed.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 29: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,39,493 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,70,259 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 28-09-2021. A total of 1787 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. 1532 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 238 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 164 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 40 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 91 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

PBMC conducts meeting on online building plans with ANC

Port Blair, Sept 29: Acting Surveyor on new report published in this new papers regarding delays in granting NOC of online building plans, the Secretary, PBMC today held a meeting with representatives of Andaman Nicobar Command, APWD, Revenue and PBMC officials in the conference hall of PBMC to transact on delay in

getting online NOC in respect of online building plan approval system. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Kishore Kshirsagar Lakshman, Secretary, PBMC informed that the Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) has brought transparency and accountability in the building plan approval system.

The Superintending Engineer of PBMC briefed regarding delay in getting NOC (No Objection Certificate) in respect of Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS). The Online Building Plan Approval System launched by PBMC has brought transparency and accountability in the building plan approval system. A & N Command has already been issued with their OBPAS dashboard logs.

The representative from the ANC stated the files received from PBMC for seeking NOC wherein the GPS coordinates received are varying with the actual site-GPS coordinates. This misleading the site location resulting in delays in issuing the NOC. He suggested for integration of cadastral revenue map with existing contour map and geo tagging, to ease in locating the site.

On this, the Tehsildar (Settlement) stated that the UT administration has entered into a MOU with the Survey of India, for taking up large scale mapping of revenue areas using the latest technology. The ground survey work is going on which will take 3 to 4 months to complete and finalize the survey.

The Secretary, PBMC has proposed a joint survey with the Survey of India. Inspector of PBMC and Officials of Command. On which the representative of A & N Command accepted the proposal and proposed for one trial live cases amongst the 38 building plans submitted to the Command. It was decided that every Thursday joint inspection of the site will be carried out.

The representatives of A & N Command, have proposed for integrating CCZM (Colour Coded Zonal Map) with the cadastral map on which the Secretary, PBMC directed the Town and Country Planner for necessary action.

The Commander, ANC stated that the reason for delay in getting NOC is due to late receiving of the Police verification report from CID Dept. On this point, it was decided that before submission of the building plan, the individual should get a police verification report and submit along with the application through the online portal of OBPAS which is mandatory for all the cases which come under the vicinity of Port Blair Airfield area. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



MP requests to repair roads of ANI to bring relief for Islanders



Port Blair, Sept 29: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to take some immediate measures to repair the roads so that it brings some relief to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today mentioned that the condition of the roads in these islands is becoming worse since last one year. He added that almost all roads of PBMC, Zilla Parishads, State Highways and National Highways are equally

damaged and full of potholes causing enormous problems to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially the old age people, children and medical patients etc. The MP mentioned that as Pachayats, Zilla Parishads and PBMC are being run without a head the situation has become further worse. He added that roads are a basic necessity, which is required for the growth of any society but in Andaman and Nicobar Islands since last nearly one year it has been observed that the condition of roads has become so bad that people are now scared to use the roads.

Counseling for B.A., LL.B., degree course at Andaman Law College

Port Blair, Sept 29: Counseling for admission to five year B.A., LL.B., Degree Course offered in Andaman Law College will be held on 30.09.2021 (Thursday) at 09.00AM in Andaman Law

College Auditorium. This news item published on 29.09.2021 mistakenly mentioned that the counseling will be held at Andaman College instead of

Andaman Law College Auditorium. The interested candidates who had already applied for the said course are requested to be present for counseling at Andaman Law College only.

ICAR-CIARI, KVKs conducts farmers scientists interface and screened live telecast of PM's interaction with innovative farmers

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Central Island Agricultural Research Institute along with three ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra organized screening of live telecast of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri. Narendra Modi's address to farmers & scientists of our country and launch mass awareness campaign for large scale dissemination of climate resilient technologies & methods on 28th September, 2021. During the programme, Hon'ble Prime Minister, interacted with five innovative farmers from different parts of the country and dedicated 35 new climate resilient crop varieties along with ICAR-National Institute of Biotic Stress Management, Raipur, Chhattisgarh to the nation. On the occasion, Hon'ble Prime Minister, distributed Green Campus Awards



to four (4) Agriculture Universities. Shri. Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare and Shri. Bhupesh Baghel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh also gave their remarks in the programme. Earlier, Dr. Eknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair presided over the offline Farmers-Scientists interaction on climate adaptation and mitigation at ICAR-

CIARI, Port Blair. He explained the farming community about various climate resilient practices and methods developed by ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair and are suitable to the agro climatic conditions of these fragile island ecosystem. Dr. Debasis Bhattacharya, Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Dr. T. P. Swarnam and Dr. P. K. Singh also interacted with the farming communities gathered on the occasion. A film

show on Climate Resilient agricultural practices adopted under "National Innovation on Climate Resilient Agriculture" project implemented by ICAR-KVK, Port Blair was screened. Similar programmes were also conducted at ICAR-KVK, Nicobar and Nimbudera. A total of 166 farmers from Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated in the programme.

India achieves major milestone in vaccination against COVID-19; Almost 25% of eligible population fully vaccinated

More than 87 crore 66 lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the country so far under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. Health Ministry said, over 54 lakh 13 thousand doses were administered yesterday. With this, almost 25 per cent of the estimated adult population have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Almost one in every four eligible Indians have been fully vaccinated. With yesterday's vaccinations, 68 per cent of the estimated adult population has received their first dose and 24.8 per cent are fully vaccinated.



Almost a quarter of the adult population being fully vaccinated has significant public health implications. Today, India reported daily new cases of less than 20 thousand. More than 18 thousand new cases were reported in the last 24 hours. The Ministry said, the recovery rate is currently at 97.83 per cent, highest

since March last year. Over 28 thousand people recovered in the last 24 hours and total recoveries touched three crore 29 lakh 86 thousand 180. The death toll due to the pandemic has reached four lakh 47 thousand 751. In all, 378 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours.

Help desk by ABVP

Port Blair, Sept 29: As the admission process in different colleges of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has begun ABVP ANI established a Help desk for Admission in Colleges under the banner #Student for Seva, for creating awareness about admission process among students. This Helpdesk will be very useful for those students who have applied for admission in different colleges and desirous of attending counselling. Students who need any help & guidance for the admission may contact our office bearers. 1) Ramesh Paramank: +91 790899 2833 2) R. Rajshakar: +91 94760 16200

Govt. extends ban on Intl. flights till Oct. 31

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation DGCA yesterday extended the suspension of scheduled international commercial passenger flights till 31st October. A circular issued by the DGCA stated that the restrictions shall not apply to international all-cargo operations and flights specifically approved by it. The Aviation regulator stated that the international scheduled flights may be allowed on selected routes by the competent authority on a case to case basis. The Centre banned international flights on 23rd March last year, to contain the Covid spread. Later, flight restrictions were eased under air bubble arrangements with certain countries. India has also been operating Vande Bharat flights to many countries.

Cabinet approves continuation of PM POSHAN for five years

Cabinet has approved continuation of PM POSHAN for five years with a financial outlay of fifty thousand crore rupees from the Central Government and thirty one thousand crore rupees from state governments and UT administrations. Cabinet has also approved continuation of the National Expenditure Insurance Account (NEIA) scheme and infusion of 1,650 crore rupees Grant-in-Aid over five years. This move is to enable NEIA support project exports worth up to 33,000 crore rupees.

BJP State Mahila Morcha participates in National Exe. meeting

Port Blair, Sept 29: The State President of Andaman and Nicobar BJP Mahila Morcha Smt. Sampa Banerjee and National Executive Member Smt. Sheela Singh participated in the 2-day National Executive meeting of BJP Mahila Morcha organized in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The meeting which was held on 26 and 27 September, Mahila Morcha organizations of all the states and union territories

presented their reports and were informed about the upcoming works. National President BJP Mahila Morcha Smt. Vanathi Srinivasan said that during the tenure of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the mother power has become the strongest. Mahila Morcha Prabhari and National General Secretary Shri. Dushyant Kumar Gautam, National General Secretary (organization) Shri B. L. Santhosh,

Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri. Pushkar Singh Dhami, Minister of State for Railways Smt. Darsha Jadhav, State Minister Smt. Rekha Arya, about 200 representatives including National office bearers of Mahila Morcha, Women Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs of the nation were participated in the meeting. National President Shri J. P. Nadda addresses party workers. "BJP

Online chess coaching camp

Port Blair, Sept 29: All India Chess Federation under "Chess for Everyone Project" is going to organise an online Coaching Camp, free of cost for players with a motive to develop the game of chess at grass root level.

Each state association is allowed to nominate two boys and two girls from each district for this programme spread over 6 days. In case, players from any district fails to fill its quota, the vacancies so caused will be filled from other districts as per the merit. Interested players may register their names with the General Secretary, Andaman Nicobar Chess Association on or before 05.10.2021 at 9434293379 / 9679563366 or anchessassociation@gmail.com or www.anchessassociation.com

Agriculture live phone in prog on DDK

Port Blair, Sept 29: Doodarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast Agriculture Live Phone in Programme on the topic: "Native Duck Farming" on 30/09/2021, Thursday from 1730 to 1800 hrs. In this programme Dr. T. Sujatha, Senior Scientist CIARI will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone in programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

Training programme on GST

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre of A & N State Cooperative Union is continuing its efforts to enhance the Human Resource of Cooperatives, Government Department and other Agencies by quality and need based training. Since its inception in 2012, the Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre has been conducting different training programmes for stakeholders which have been fully accepted by them. Recently we had a training programme on Goods & Services Tax (GST) for the personnel working in Government

Departments in which some private establishment also attended. In the said programme there was unanimous suggestions emerged that RGCTC may organize training programme on GST for private Business Establishment / Resorts etc, because these establishments face extremely difficult and having confusions on GST, process, filing etc.

In view of the above RGCTC propose to organize training on GST from 07th-09th October 2021. This 3 days duration programme will enlighten participants on GST, GST

RBI removes Indian Overseas Bank from PCA framework

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday said it has removed Chennai-based Indian Overseas Bank from the PCA (prompt corrective action) restrictions framework, subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring. "Taking all the above into consideration, it has been decided that Indian Overseas Bank is taken out of the PCA restrictions subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring," the RBI said in a statement.

The performance of the Indian Overseas Bank, currently under the Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) of RBI, was reviewed by the Board for Financial Supervision. It was noted that as per its published results for the year ended March 31, 2021, the bank is not in breach of the PCA parameters, the bank said. "The bank has provided a written commitment that it would comply with the norms of Minimum Regulatory Capital, Net NPA and Leverage ratio on an ongoing basis and has apprised the RBI of the structural and systemic improvements that it has put in place which would help the bank in continuing to meet these commitments," it added. This means Indian Overseas Bank will

no longer face strict lending restrictions that were put in place by the RBI in October 2015. Under PCA, the RBI imposes business restrictions on banks with weak financial metrics. The severity of the PCA restrictions will be decided on a case to case basis. In the first quarter, the public sector lender had reported a net profit of Rs 327 crore as provisions for bad loans declined. Gross non-performing assets declined 11.48 percent from 13.90 percent (in absolute terms) to Rs 15,952 crore from Rs 18,291 crore while net NPAs declined to 3.15 percent (Rs 3,998 crore) from 5.10 percent (Rs 6,081 crore).



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IMF loan

India's application for \$ 5 billion in SDRs will be considered by the executive body of the International Monetary Fund on November 9, the fund's managing director Jacques de Larosiere told Finance Minister R Venkataraman. The staff has more or less agreed on the terms. It is rarely that the terms agreed on by the country and managing director are altered by the board. It is assumed that whatever be the public stance of the USA and whatever the US treasury officials might be leaning to the press, in actual practice there will be no problems. Venkataraman told officials that he cannot disclose the conditions to the press before they are placed before Parliament.

Illegal arrest

Two Bihar youths arrested nine days ago for an alleged conspiracy to kill the Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were ordered released on bail by metropolitan magistrate Jaswant Singh who observed that their very arrest 'appears to be illegal'. The magistrate, however, directed that the two suspects be produced before a Bihar court on September 30 in connection with a decoy case. Delhi police brought Kameshwar Prasad Singh and Ganesh Dutt from Hajipur to the capital on September 16.

PM talks peace

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has warned of the dangers posed by the revival of Cold War postures in India's immediate neighbourhood. She was referring to the massive acquisition of arms by Pakistan. She regretted that in a world rich with natural resources and with significant scientific discoveries, that the vast knowledge was put to destructive purposes.

Pilot engines

A pilot engine will precede all express and mail trains half-an-hour before their departure during the night in Punjab.

Training programme..

Registration, GST Return Filing, GST - 1, GSTR-3B, & CMP-08, GST - 2A and GSTR-2B, GSTR-04, GSTR-09, GSTR-9C etc. This programme will also deal cases related to GST.

The details of the programme:- Duration, Date & Time: 03 days from 07th-09th October 2021 from 10:00am-4:30 pm. Target Group: Personnel working in Private/Business Establishment/Resorts etc.

Programme Fee: Rs 2500/- per head for 03 days (Fees includes tea, snacks and lunch, training kits like bag, folder, writing pad, pen & study material).

Venue: Rajiv Gandhi

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Cooperative Training Centre, Teylerabad, South Andaman. Professionally & academically experienced faculties will conduct the classes. Online demo Practical classes will also be arranged to make clear the doubts of participants.

It is requested to nominate the staff from your esteemed firm in the programme. Nomination of participants may be reached to RGCTC by 04th Oct/October 2021 for the necessary arrangements. Fees may be paid by Cheque/DD of any bank of Port Blair of Port Blair drawn in favour of Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre, Teylerabad, Ganachama, south Andaman.

BJP State Mahila Morcha..

ensures women participation in all aspects — policy, programme, administration and governance. Nutrition campaign, center's plans for women and

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children, policy of Mahila Morcha and research freedom, role of media and internet media in Mahila Morcha, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav were discussed.

India, US sign two MoUs for cooperation in Health and Biomedical Sciences



Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the closing session of the 4th Indo-US Health Dialogue being hosted by India. The two-day Dialogue was leveraged as a platform to deliberate upon multiple ongoing collaborations in the health sector between the two countries. Two MoUs were also signed at the concluding session. One MoU was signed concerning cooperation in the field of Health and Biomedical sciences. The other MoU was

signed for cooperation with International Centre for Excellence in Research (ICER).

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Mandaviya said, India and US are global partners, and need to work collaboratively in reforming the global health architecture, whose fault lines have become amply visible during the current pandemic. Headed that constructive and positive cooperation amongst both countries can lead to Peace, Harmony and Growth, not only for both sides but the world at large.

EMPLOYEES OF ORDNANCE FACTORY BOARD VOW TO FIGHT AGAINST ITS CORPORATISATION

Employees of the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) have said they would oppose the Narendra Modi government's order to dissolve the OFB.

The order issued on Tuesday said that employees and assets belonging to the OFB would be transferred to seven public sector units.

This will finally bring to an end the existence of the OFB, which was established by British India in 1775.

The order will come into effect on October 1, but the OFB employees' federation has said it would observe the day as a black day with the entire ordnance factories workforce boycotting their lunch.

The OFB employees' federation has also gone to the Madras High Court challenging the Union government's move of the corporatisation of 41 ordnance factories.

The court has issued notice to the Centre in this regard.

"We will fight till the end as the move is against the employees' wishes," C. Srikumar, general secretary of the employees' federation, told.

"In a referendum carried out recently in all 41 factories and OFB headquarters, 61,199 out of 61,564

employees (who participated in the referendum) voted against the government's decision. Only 365 employees were in favour of it," he said.

The employees' union of ordnance factories has been opposing the move fearing privatisation of factories.

On June 16, 2021, the Union government gave the go-ahead to the long-pending "corporatisation" of

OFB—which has an annual turnover of around Rs19,000 crore—into seven 100 per cent government-owned entities.

While taking this decision, the government assured existing Central government employees of OFB that their service conditions would be protected. Also, pension liabilities of retirees and existing employees will continue to be borne by the government.

Fearing backlash from the OFB employees union in July, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh introduced the Essential Defence Services bill, 2021, to prevent workers in defence establishments from going on strike. The bill was eventually passed by Parliament in August.

Accordingly, with effect from October 1, the management, control, operations and maintenance of these 41 production units and identified non-

production units would be transferred to seven government companies—Munitions India Limited, Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited, Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited, Troop Comforts Limited, Yatra India Limited, India Optel Limited and Gliders India Limited.

"The government has decided that all employees of OFB belonging to the production units and also the identified non-production units... shall be transferred en masse to the new DPSUs on terms of foreign service without any deputation allowance initially for two years from the appointed date (October 1)," the order added.

Defence ministry officials claimed that the new structure will help in overcoming various shortcomings in the existing system of OFB by eliminating inefficient supply chains, providing these companies incentive to become competitive and exploring new opportunities in the market, including exports.

Official sources maintained that the functioning of the Ordnance Factory Board has come in for study by various high-level committees over the last two decades, intending to improve their functioning and making these factories as vehicles of self-reliance for defence preparedness of the armed forces.



CPI(M) distributes leaflet containing demands list

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee distributed leaflets in Rural South Andaman & Port Blair Town containing 15 All India demands at the call of Central Committee and 8 local demands finalized by the State Unit. The demand includes procure vaccines globally and speed up the free universal mass vaccination drive immediately; adequate compensation for those who lost their life due to Covid; vastly expand public health care system. Implement free cash transfers of Rs. 7,500 per month to all families outside the income tax bracket. Distribute free food kits containing all essential commodities of daily consumption to all the needy. Withdraw hikes in Central Excise duties on all petroleum products and control galloping inflation. Repeal agrilaw and legislate right to sell at MSP which is C2+50 per cent. Stop and reverse the privatisation of public sector, repeal the labour codes. Restore the rights of the working people to protest through

strikes and for wage bargaining. Announce monetary stimulus packages for revival of MSMEs, not provision of loans. Vastly enlarge MGNREGA with increasing guarantee for 200 days with at least doubling of wages. Legislate an urban employment guarantee programme on similar lines. Increase public investments to build our economic and social infrastructure generating jobs and boosting domestic demand; fill up vacancies in government jobs. Prioritise the vaccination of teachers, staff and students to ensure early re-opening of educational institutions.

Immediate Supreme Court monitored judicial enquiry into the use of Pegasus spyware for surveillance of people. High level investigation into the Rafale deal—the cancellation of the earlier order and placing of a new order at higher cost. Release all political prisoners including those under draconian UAPA in Bhima Koregaon case and anti-CAA protests. The State Organising Committee demands the following issues must be implemented

by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration: Political & Trade Union activities should be allowed as the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has allowed social and religious gatherings.

Augmentation of Health infrastructure in the Islands Restoration of CGHS health Schemes to Union Territory Govt employees and pensioners. Providing sufficient ordinary bus service in rural areas as poor people cannot afford AC bus service. Stop privatization of electricity & Transport Department. Filling up vacant posts under Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Regularisation of Services of Daily Rated Mazdoors serving in various department of Administration for years together without any Social Security. Speed up construction of Bridge between Chatham and Bamboole. The leaflet also contained an appeal to people to support the Bharat Bandh on 27th September, called by Samyukta Kisan Morcha supported by Left parties and other opposition parties demanding repeal of the Agrilaw and legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price.

New Delhi, Sept 29: Separately, the stock of ONGC was up 2% at Rs 144.90 today and was trading at its highest level since November 2019. Shares of Oil India hit an over three-year high of Rs 240, up 3 per cent on the BSE in Wednesday's intra-day trade, in an otherwise weak market. The stock has surged 10 per cent in the past two trading days amid bullish momentum in global natural gas prices. In comparison, the S&P BSE Sensex was down 0.65 per cent at 559,281 points at 10:02 am.

The stock of the state-owned exploration & production (E&P) company was trading at its highest level since May 2018. In the past one month, it has outperformed the market by soaring 38 per cent as compared to a 5.7 per cent rise in the S&P BSE Sensex.

On Tuesday, Brent crude prices hit their highest level since October 2018. Higher crude oil prices boost oil explorers' average realisation from every barrel of the oil sold.

Oil India is the country's second largest National 'Navratna' E&P Company, in terms of total

proved plus probable oil and natural gas reserves. The company became the first Operator to commence seismic data acquisition in Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP)-V block (Biswanath district in Assam).

Oil India has been awarded a total of 25 (twenty-five) blocks under OALP Round covering a total area of 48,796 sq. km. These acreages are in the states of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Nagaland, Odisha, Rajasthan and offshore areas in Andaman and Kerala-Konkan. "This spreads the domestic E&P acreage significantly with Pan India presence and will help in future growth of the Company through successful exploration efforts."

The Company is also taking various other initiatives to boost exploration & development activities and to step up production of oil and gas. Oil India said.

Meanwhile, Bharat Petroleum Corporation's (BPCL's) upcoming divestment and Assam Aardro restrictions have made Oil India an unintended beneficiary of Numaligarh Refinery (NRL), according to analysts at Emkay Global Financial Services.

"Although we believe NRL's acquisition should have been 100 per cent with the Assam government holding Oil India's share instead, the effective 69.6 per cent stake is also material. Oil India stands to benefit from NRL's massive exercise driven earnings and its ongoing 3x capacity expansion," the brokerage firm said in a company update.

Separately, the stock of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) hit a fresh 52-week high of Rs 144.90, up 2 per cent on the BSE in intra-day trade today, and was trading at its highest level since November 2019. In the past one month, the stock has rallied 21 per cent.

"Recovery in crude oil prices seen from the lows of about \$20/bbl during the end of April 2020 to about \$80/bbl currently, along with recovery in crude oil demand with the easing of lockdown globally, is expected to lead to improvement in the financial performance of ONGC. Moreover, the expected increase in domestic natural gas prices in the next revision will also be a positive," ICRA said in a rating rationale.

Japan: Fumio Kishida wins party election, set to become the next PM

Former Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida won an election to the ruling party on Wednesday and is set to become the next prime minister to face the immediate task of tackling the economy, which has been affected by a pandemic and secures a strong alliance with Washington in the fight against growing regional security threats.

Kishida, who has a reputation as a consensus builder, won in a runoff against the vaccination minister, Taro Kono.

Kishida replaces outgoing party leader Yoshihide Suga, who resigned after serving just one year after taking office last September.

The new leader is under pressure to change the reputation of the party, which has been tarnished

by Suga, who angered the public about his coronary pandemic and his insistence on hosting the Tokyo Summer Olympics.

he two female candidates, Sanae Takaichi, a former communications minister, and the LDP executive acting secretary-general Seiko Noda lost out in the first round of voting earlier on Wednesday.

The long-ruling conservative Liberal Democratic Party urgently needs to reverse the slump in public support before the upcoming two-month parliamentary elections.

Kishida called for growth and distribution under the "new capitalism", saying that the economy had benefited only large companies under the longest tenure of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Outgoing Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, on September 3 announced that he won't be contesting for party leadership, thus ending his tenure as prime minister. Suga faced a challenging year, trying to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, the heated discontent over his handling of the pandemic. Kishida will get time to settle into his new role as he will be sworn in on October 4. Japan

is scheduled to have general elections in November. 64-year-old Kishida's first mission would be to lead the LDP in the presidential elections.

Kishida, who visited India as foreign minister in 2015, promised that Japan will continue to contribute to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' initiative. Kishida had said, India and Japan were wartime allies and Japanese war criminals depended on the safety of sea lanes". Kishida backs the idea of passing a resolution condemning China's treatment of Uighur Muslims.

Known to be a moderate-liberal politician, Kishida will become Japan's 100th prime minister.

Yuichi Yamaga, a professor of political science at Tokyo University, said: "Overall, key foreign and security policies are expected to change little under the new leader. All candidates support close relations between Japan and the United States in terms of security and partnership with other like-minded democracies in Asia and Europe, in part to counter growing influence.



How new norms for auto-debit payment will impact customers

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced pre-transaction notification facility for recurring online transactions that would give customers better control over transactions that occurs on a regular basis.

The RBI has directed customers to make use of this new auto-debit facility to pay recurring bills or EMIs from their bank from October 1. All banks including RRBs, NBFCs, and payment gateways that process of recurring transactions have been asked to implement the mandated changes in the auto-debit rules.

Under the new system, Banks will alert customers at least 24 hours before they can go ahead with processing the money transfer slated on a specific date. It will be sent to users' registered phone number and email ID. Details such as name of the merchant, reference number of transaction, e-mandate, transaction amount, date, time of debit, the reason for debit will be part of this pre-debit message. On receipt of this notification, the

customer has to approve the automated payment about Rs 5,000 by using a one-time passcode (OTP). The customer can modify or cancel the payment. The bank can go ahead with transaction if the customer takes no action before the deadline.

It is applicable to remit recurrent bills such as EMIs, vehicle loans, utility bills, home mortgage, property loans etc on the payment due date from your bank account.

The auto-debit facility for cardholders for purchasing goods or services provided over a period of time has to be added by the new RBI guidelines. Payments without the OTP approval of the customer can be done only for instalments up to Rs 5,000.



BANKS TO NET RS38,000 CRORE AS PIRAMAL GROUP COMPLETES DHFL ACQUISITION

Ajay Piramal-led Piramal Group on Wednesday completed the acquisition of DHFL (Deewan Housing Finance Ltd) for Rs 34,250 crore. Following the completion of the deal, DHFL will be merged with Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd (PCHFL) and the resultant entity will be named PCHFL.

DHFL, once the second largest housing finance company in the country, was the first firm in the financial services sector against which proceedings were initiated under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code in November 2019 after it had defaulted on its payment obligations. DHFL's promoters Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan were arrested last year in connection with money laundering.

On Wednesday, Piramal Enterprises said it has made the payment for the acquisition of DHFL. The resolution plan involves an upfront cash payment of Rs 14,700 crore and issuance of debt instruments of Rs 19,550 crore.

The debt instruments are in the form of 10-year non-convertible debentures at 6.75 per cent per annum.

Apart from this payment from Piramal,

they had voted in favour of Piramal's resolution plan. Most of the DHFL's creditors will recover around 46 per cent of their dues through this resolution, Piramal said.

Piramal's announcement lifted shares of public-sector banks. SBI shares surged 3.5 per cent, Canara Bank gained 3 per cent and Union Bank jumped 4 per cent. Among others, Bank of Baroda also rose 3 per cent and Indian Bank was up 2 per cent. The wider BSE Sensex was down more than 0.5 per cent.

This deal will give Piramal access to over 1 million customers, network of 301 branches across 24 states and 2,338 employees. Acquiring DHFL will also help Piramal scale up its retail loan book five times. The share of the retail loan book is expected to improve to 50 per cent in the near-

term and 67 per cent in medium-to-long term.

Piramal said the acquisition was in line with a strategic roadmap to transform its financial services business over the last two years. It has raised Rs 18,000 crore in equity, helping it strengthen its balance sheet.

"This (acquisition) accelerates our plans to become a leading digitally oriented, diversified financial services conglomerate that focuses on serving the financial needs of the unserved and underserved customers of our country," said Ajay Piramal, chairman of the Piramal Group.

Anand Piramal, the executive director of the Piramal Group, separately said that the company will now be a dominant player in the fast-growing affordable housing segment. The company will also offer services such as used cars and two-wheeler loans, education loans for vocational and online courses, small business finance to meet construction finance requirement, unsecured business loans, personal loans and loan against securities.



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By SWAMI SHUDDHANANDA SARASWATI
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Monday 27.9.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Sati Katha, Dhruv Charit, Bharat Charit
Tuesday 28.9.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Prahlad Charit, Gajendra Moksh, Samudra Manthan Vaman & Ram Janmotsav
Wednesday 29.9.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Yayati Charit, Shri Krishna Janmotsav & Bal Leela
Thursday 30.9.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Govardhan Leela, Rase Leela, Kama Vadhya Rukmini Vivah
Friday 01.10.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Jarasandha Vadhya & Shishupal Uddhar, Sudama Charit
Saturday 02.10.2021	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Nav yogeshwar Savand, Uddhar Geeta, Kali Dharm, Parikshit Moksh

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US SAYS IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER, 22 OTHER SPECIES EXTINCT

Death's come knocking a lot for the splendid ivory-billed woodpecker and 22 more birds, fish and other species: The U.S. government is declaring them extinct.

It's a rare move for wildlife officials to give up hope on a plant or animal, but government scientists say they've exhausted efforts to find these 23. And they warn climate change, on top of other pressures, could make such disappearances more common as a warming planet adds to the dangers facing imperiled plants and wildlife.

The ivory-billed woodpecker may be the best known species the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Wednesday will announce is extinct. It went out stubbornly and with fanfare, making unconfirmed appearances in recent decades that ignited a frenzy of ultimately fruitless searches in the swamps of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Others such as the flat pigtoe, a freshwater mussel in the southeastern U.S., were identified in the wild only a few times and never seen again, meaning by the time they got a name they were fading from existence. When I see one of those really rare ones, it's always in the back of my mind that I might be the last one to see this animal again, said Anthony Andy Ford, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist in Tennessee who specialises in freshwater mussels.

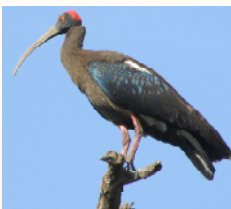
The factors behind the disappearances vary too much development, water pollution, logging, competition from invasive species, birds killed for feathers and animals captured by private collectors. In each case, humans were the ultimate cause.

Another thing they share: All 23 were thought to have at least a slim chance of survival when added to the endangered species list beginning in the 1960s. Only 11 species previously have been removed due to extinction in the almost half-century since the Endangered Species Act was signed into law. Wednesday's announcement kicks off a three-month comment period before the species status changes become final.

Around the globe, some 902 species have been documented as extinct. The

actual number is thought to be much higher because some are never formally identified, and many scientists warn the earth is in an extinction crisis with flora and fauna now disappearing at 1,000 times the historical rate. It's possible one or more of the 23 species included in Wednesday's announcement could reappear, several scientists said.

A leading figure in the hunt for the



ivory-billed woodpecker said it was premature to call off the effort, after millions of dollars spent on searches and habitat preservation efforts. Little is gained and much is lost with an extinction declaration, said Cornell University bird biologist John Fitzpatrick, lead author of a 2005 study that claimed the woodpecker had been rediscovered in eastern Arkansas.

A bird this iconic, and this representative of the major old-growth forests of the southeast, keeping it on the list of endangered species keeps attention on it, keeps states thinking about managing habitat on the off chance it still exists, he said.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature, a Switzerland-based group that tracks extinctions globally, is not putting the ivory-billed woodpecker into its extinction column because it's possible the birds still exist in Cuba, said the group's Craig Hilton-Taylor.

Hilton-Taylor said there can be unintended but damaging consequences if extinction is declared prematurely. Suddenly the (conservation) money is no longer there,

and then suddenly you do drive it to extinction because you stop investing in it," he said.

Federal officials said the extinction declaration was driven by a desire to clear a backlog of recommended status changes for species that had not been acted upon for years. They said it would free up resources for on-the-ground conservation efforts for species that still have a chance for recovery.

What's lost when those efforts fail are creatures often uniquely adapted to their environments. Freshwater mussel species like the ones the government says have gone extinct reproduce by attaching fish with a lure-like appendage, then sending out a cloud of larvae that attach to gills of fish until they've grown enough to drop off and live on their own.

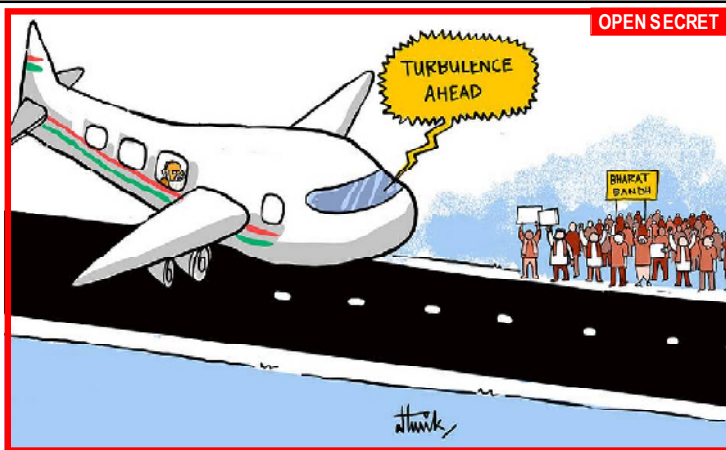
The odds are slim against any mussel surviving into adulthood a one in a million chance, according to Ford of the wildlife service but those that do can live a century or longer.

The most recent to go extinct was the teeny po'ouli, a type of bird known as a honeycreeper discovered in 1973.

By the late 1990s just three remained: a male and two females. After failures to mate them in the wild, the male was captured for potential breeding and died in 2004. The two females were never seen again.

The fate of Hawaii's birds helped push Duke University extinction expert Stuart Pimm into his field. Despite the grim nature of the government's proposal to move more species into the extinction column, Pimm said the toll would probably have been much higher without the Endangered Species Act.

It's a shame we didn't get to those species in time, but when we do, we are usually able to save species," he said. Since 1975, 54 species have left the endangered list after recovering, including the bald eagle, brown pelican and most humpback whales. Climate change is making species recovery harder, bringing drought, floods, wildfires and temperature swings that compound the threats species already faced.



Air pollution linked to nearly six million preterm births globally: Study

Air pollution likely contributed to nearly six million premature births and almost three million underweight babies around the world in 2019, according to a study published on Wednesday.

Researchers at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) and University of Washington in the US quantified the effects of indoor and outdoor pollution around the world using data from 204 countries. The finding, published in the journal PLOS Medicine, is the most in-depth look yet at how small particulate matter (PM2.5) affects several key indicators of pregnancy, including gestational age at birth, reduction in birth weight, low birth weight, and preterm birth.

It is the first global burden of disease study of these indicators to include the effects of indoor air pollution, mostly from cook stoves,

which accounted for two-thirds of the measured effects, the researchers said.

"Our findings suggest that about 2.8 million low birth weight and 5.9 million preterm birth infants, globally, could have been averted in 2019 if the mean PM2.5 exposure during the entire pregnancy was reduced to the theoretical minimum risk exposure level," the authors of the study noted.

"South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa combined could have decreased the 2019 low birth weight and preterm birth incidence by about 78 percent," they added.

The researchers noted that preterm birth is the leading cause of neonatal mortality worldwide, affecting more than 15 million infants every year.

Children with low birth weight or who are born premature have

higher rates of major illness throughout their lives, they explained. "The air pollution-attributable burden is enormous, yet with sufficient effort, it could be largely mitigated," said lead author Rakesh Ghosh, a public health specialist at UCSF. The World Health Organization estimates that more than 90 percent of the world's population lives with polluted outdoor air, and half the global population is also exposed to indoor air pollution from burning coal, dung and wood inside the home.

The study concluded that the global incidence of preterm birth and low birth weight could be reduced by almost 78 percent if air pollution were minimised in Southeast Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, where indoor pollution is common and preterm birth rates are the highest in the world.

However, it also found significant risks from ambient air pollution in more developed parts of the world. In the US, for example, outdoor air pollution is estimated to have contributed to almost 12,000 preterm births in 2019.

Previously, the same research team quantified the effects of air pollution on early life mortality, concluding that it contributed to the deaths of 500,000 newborns in 2019.

"With this new, global and more rigorously generated evidence, air pollution should now be considered a major driver of infant morbidity and mortality, not just of chronic adult diseases," Ghosh said. "Our study suggests that taking measures to mitigate climate change and reduce air pollution levels will have significant health co-benefits for newborns," he added.

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