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Schools without teachers yet no recruitment in the Education Dept.

Despite availability of CTET qualified candidates no induction since 2015

Port Blair, 27th Sep, 2021: Quality of Education seems to be no more a matter of concern for the top brass in the Education Department as hardly anyone talks about the teaching learning process, effective delivery system, availability of teachers, availability of adequate & appropriate infrastructure etc. Probably, the department has learnt a lot from the Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Department of the UT Administration. No matter what is the outcome and how is the show going on, the concern is that the show must go on.

Educationalists believe that lack of infrastructure and other resources can be managed if the education system is well equipped with eligible and efficient teachers. In the case of the Education Department, availability of eligible and effective teachers/Principals is the major concern.

To a greater extent, effectiveness of Teaching-learning in the school depends on the eligibility and efficiency of the

Principal. Presently, in the Department of Education, altogether 39 posts of Principals are lying vacant as neither any promotion nor recruitment to the Post of Principal has been done in the Department since 2010 after the infamous UPSC recruitment of Principals for islands. Within a few weeks the figure of vacant posts will touch 40 and only 4 UPSC selected Principals will be let in the Department. The reason for no promotion and no recruitment is better known to the Officials of the Education Department.

At the execution level, non-availability of teaching staff is seriously hampering the teaching-learning process. More than 700 posts of regular teachers are presently vacant and due to such vacancies, on one hand the future of students are at stake and on the other hand the quality of education of these islands who are aspiring candidates of being appointed as a teacher continue to remain

unemployed, adding up fuel to the menace of unemployment.

Appointing teachers of Contractual has never been a good option as the accountability of performance could not be fixed. But several schools in islands are still managed by a large number of Contractual appointees under Samagra Shiksha. The teachers on contractual basis should be appointed only as a stop gap arrangement and should never be made as an appointment normal course as it hampers the quality of teaching-learning in the education system.

Several unemployed qualified youths are crossing the prescribed age limit to apply for the job, adding up fuel to this social evil of unemployment which gives birth to various other social evils like poverty, increase in crime rate, frustration etc., which can be avoided if appropriate steps are taken to fill the vacant posts. In Andaman and Nicobar Islands,

there are more than 400 candidates who have qualified CTET Paper-II for GTTs, more than 300 candidates for PGTs and more than 300 candidates for PET. Due to non-initiation of the induction process, these qualified and eligible candidates are made to run from pillar to post.

Despite assurance from the Lt. Governor (Retd) Admiral D.K. Joshi in a press conference held at Raj Niwas that about 10,000 posts in various categories would be filled up by July 2018, nothing has changed and no induction done in the Education Department.

The steep increase in the number of admissions in the private schools and decrease in enrolment in Govt Schools are glaring evidence of the fact that there are shortcomings and something is lacking in the Govt Schools which compels the parents to get their respective wards admitted at private schools.

MP requests CS to withdraw the system of seeking permission from DC, NMA for travelling to SA from N&M Andaman

Port Blair, Sept 27: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary to withdraw the system of seeking permission from DC, N&M Andaman for travelling to South Andaman from North and Middle Andaman District. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament mentioned that certain restrictions imposed on islanders during the second wave of COVID-19 are still continuing, which are causing great troubles to the islanders. He pointed out that one such restriction was to seek permission from the Deputy Commissioner of North and Middle Andaman for travelling to South Andaman from North and Middle Andaman, which has become a constant source of harassment for people of North and Middle Andaman. The MP mentioned that Andaman and Nicobar Islands have a negligible number of



COVID-19 patients and there are hardly any COVID-19 cases in North and Middle Andaman and hence seeking permission from DC, N&M Andaman, every time for travelling to South Andaman, is unnecessary. Moreover, for villagers living in remote pockets of North and Middle Andaman, it becomes too difficult to find someone to write an application on their behalf for a movement permit. He added that in other cases of urgency like attending funerals, medical cases, court cases the process of seeking permission for the movement causes further agony for the islanders. Considering all these issues, the Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to withdraw the system of seeking permission from DC, N&M Andaman for travelling to South Andaman from North and Middle Andaman region and allow people to travel to South Andaman as per their own convenience and time, without any restriction, as it was the case before the second wave of COVID-19.

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Despite reminders by PBMC, ANC delays online approval of building plans

Port Blair, Sept 27: Despite several requests by the Port Blair Municipal Council and the matter raised by the local media, the Andaman Nicobar Command is yet to clear the approval of building plans. Hundreds of people have applied for approval of online building plans to the Andaman Nicobar Command (ANC). However, after many months, the ANC is delaying the clearing of the building plans. Residents are angry that despite the passing of several months, the ANC has not given the approval of the online building plans due to which they are unable to take up the construction of their building. The Port Blair Municipal Council has also taken up the matter with the ANC with no officials of the ANC responding to the request of the PBMC. Residents living in close proximity of the Port Blair airport and wanting to construct houses are facing a lot of hardship in getting their new building plan approved due to lack of cooperation and coordination by the Defence establishment. As per norms, residents willing to construct buildings near the airport area have to obtain building plan approval from the PBMC and the Defence establishment. Building plans submitted to PBMC are further submitted by the civic body to the Defence

establishment for approval and only after the approval of the defence establishment, the resident can construct the building. In order to ensure speedy approval, the PBMC has initiated process of securing online approval of building plans. The online system of securing building plans has eased the procedure as the new system has ushered in more transparency and eliminates corruption in the civic body. Once the documents are uploaded and after verification, the building plan approval is issued by the Council. The online system is in vogue in most city corporations and smaller towns in the country, but Port Blair was lagging behind. But now in a good initiative, the PBMC has also introduced the online approval of a building plan system which is doing good for the citizens in the municipal area. However, residents who are living in close proximity to the Port Blair airport also have to obtain approval of their building from the Defence establishment. Earlier, building plans submitted to PBMC are sent to the Defence establishment which takes about 5-6 months for granting their approval. But after the introduction of the online system, files pertaining to approval of building plans piled up in the

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Mr. Mohammad Rizki Safary, charge d'affaires Republic of Indonesia to India 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 today at Raj Niwas. Discussed follow up measures subsequent to the visit of 24 member Indonesian delegation led by His Excellency Mr. Iftansyah, Governor Aceh during February 2020 to promote tourism & trade, import of quarry products, construction materials, cement, stone aggregate and pre-fab structures. Improved Air/Sea connectivity, Yacht Tourism, processing of raw materials, Free Trade Zone, fishing etc. and ongoing infra development projects in the Islands were also reviewed.

MP will inaugurate the "Rural Mart Supported by NABARD"

Port Blair, Sept 27: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, A&N Islands will inaugurate the "Rural Mart supported by NABARD", Port Blair on 28th September 2021 at the premises of A&N State Cooperative Union, Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Complex, Garachampa, Tezpur. Rural Mart is a marketing outlet

set up under the grant assistance of NABARD, Port Blair for selling the products made by Self Help Groups. Coming up of this rural mart will help in the marketing of the products made by Self Help Groups of A&N Island to be addressed. The Rural Mart is a permanent platform for the SHGs to display and sell their products so that the

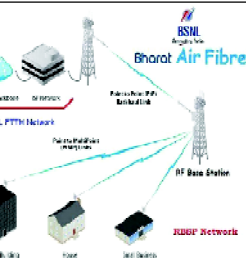
SHGs could be ensured a sustainable income by marketing their products. The General Manager, NABARD Port Blair and officers of Development departments under A&N Administration will also grace the inaugural function. Large numbers of Self Help Groups will display and sell their products through this Rural Mart.

BSNL Air Fibre Broadband Services now available in Diglipur

Subhashgiam, Sep 26: Broadband services in Diglipur and other places emerged in the Diglipur region. BSNL Air Fibre Services is now available in Diglipur. BSNL Bharat Air Fibre service is a wireless or more precisely radio-based last mile telecom broadband connectivity solution. It uses unlicensed spectrum (which has not been licensed to any entity) that has less interference to provide internet service. It

also uses line-of-sight radio waves to deploy the service. Bharat Air Fibre is completely wireless and offers broadband up to 70Mbps up to a distance of 5 Kms which can go beyond 5 Kms based on the Air media and thence. Unlike FTTH Air Fibre is cheaper in Diglipur. Full set installation costs Rs. 4,000/- Existing FTTH plans are presently available which are starting from Rs. 799/- which are supposed to get cheaper

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Business meet by ACCI



Port Blair, Sept 27: The Executive Committee and other members of Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry held a business meet on 26th September at TSG Conference Hall, Port Blair, with the visiting ambassadors and officials from ASEAN countries which included Myanmar, Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia, Cambodia,

Vietnam and Laos. During the discussion, it was emphasized by both sides that the potential of the geographical closeness of the A&N Islands v.s. a v.s. ASEAN nations, has never been tapped. The time is, therefore, now right, that in line with the Government of India policy, linkages between A&N Islands and ASEAN should be strengthened for

mutual benefit and development of trade and commerce in the region. As a first step towards this effort, a consensus was established in the meeting, that connectivity by air and sea is the first step for initiating any exchange. Therefore, the airlines and shipping companies of these nations must be encouraged to start

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Condolence message

Port Blair, Sept. 27: The State President and committee members of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, A & N Islands express the deepest condolence on the demise of Late Protima Chatterjee aged 73 years at CHC, Choudhary, mother of Shri. Rabindra Nath Chatterjee, President, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, A & N Islands. We pray to give strength to the bereaved family.

Fit India Run, VK Pur, Little Andaman



Port Blair, Sept 27: As part of Fit India Freedom Run was held in Little Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands which was organized by Nandu Yuva Kendra in association with Hindu Rashtira Shakti.

Before that Smt Sita Sarkar, State Vice President (Mahila Morcha) spoke about the day of

APPEAL FOR CLAIMING OF DEAD BODY

Port Blair, Sept 27: It is informed to the general public that on 23/09/2021 an accident had occurred at Choudhary, under PS Ograaj jurisdiction leading to the death of one namely Litnus Min (Photograph enclosed). Since then no family member/relative has come forward to take over the body of the deceased. Further, the body of the deceased has been shifted to cold mortuary of GB Pant Hospital. In this regard, the family members of the aforesaid person are hereby requested to approach PS Ograaj and take over the deceased body from GB Pant Hospital. The general public is hereby requested to share/pass on information to Police if the aforesaid



person belongs to their family members to Phone No. 9531866271 or 100 and may approach to PS Ograaj to identify the dead body.

MP demands concession in flight fares for senior citizens of ANI once in a year

Port Blair, Sept 27: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Island, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to provide concession in flight fares for senior citizens of Andaman and Nicobar Islands atleast once in a year (to and fro). In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that senior citizens across India get concession in bus fare, train fare for inter-state as well as intra-state movement. On similar grounds, there is a concession for senior citizens in buses and boats/ships for their movement inside Andaman and Nicobar Islands but there is no concession for senior citizens flight fares for inter-state movement from the

side of A & N Administration. The MP added that as travelling in ships is very troublesome, problematic and time consuming for old age people, journey through flights to the mainland is the only prominent and sensible option for them. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma mentioned that for specialized treatment, old age people often need to visit Mainland India which becomes expensive for them and their family members, considering the economic setback due to COVID-19 impact on the economy of the entire country. He said that not only medical emergencies but also for family matters and other emergency purposes senior citizens need to travel to the mainland but for this inter-state journey, there is no special

concession in flight fares from the side of the UT Administration. Andaman and Nicobar Islands are situated far away from Mainland India and in absence of road or rail connectivity, flights are the main mode of transport for islanders and considering this issue the Member of Parliament requested the Lt. Governor to provide concession in flight fare for senior citizens of Andaman and Nicobar Islands atleast once in a year (to and fro) so that in case of medical emergencies or other purposes they can easily visit mainland, without depending on others help. The MP also suggested that for these purposes, the subsidy given to them in ship-fare can be diverted for flight ticket subsidies.

EDITORIAL

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Symbolic of a new India

There was a time when the US used food aid as a powerful diplomacy tool to contain hunger-induced discontent that, it feared, could trigger communist revolutions in underdeveloped countries. Successive post-World War II administrations made the Food for Peace programme, better known as PL-480, a cornerstone of US foreign assistance. India alone imported nearly 24 million tonnes (mt) of wheat under PL-480 during 1964-66. The US even supplied some 9.1 mt of subsidised wheat and corn to the Soviet Union in 1973, whose ideological significance wasn't lost on anybody. For the US, food shipments, on concessional or outright grant terms, served both as a bulwark against communism and a means to relieve its massive farm surpluses. John F Kennedy estimated that it cost 20 cents a year to store a bushel of wheat and 38 cents to ship the same grain to India. Exporting grain free, then, was cheaper than stocking beyond two years.

The same opportunity — what Kennedy called "turning our great agricultural abundance into a blessing, for ourselves and for all the world" — presents itself, albeit in a smaller manner, to India today. At 90.41 mt as on September 1, the country's public stocks of wheat and rice were the highest ever for this date, with the new paddy arrivals from October only going to add to these. Moreover, the stock pileup has taken place, despite a record 93 mt-plus grain offtake from the Central pool during 2020-21, much of it given out free/near-free post the pandemic. With government agencies procuring over 103 mt last year, the quantities flowing into the Food Corporation of India's warehouses are far in excess of that going out. The "carrying cost" — interest, storage and other expenses — of the excess buffer has been estimated at Rs 5,589 per tonne for 2021-22. Clearly, there is economic as well as diplomatic sense in donating or bartering this surplus grain abroad. And where better to do it than in our immediate neighbourhood?

Afghanistan is now facing an acute food crisis from a combination of prolonged drought, regime change and associated instability. Sri Lanka, too, is grappling with food shortages, worsened by dwindling foreign currency reserves. What stops India from offering, say, 2 mt of wheat to Afghanistan as humanitarian aid and one mt of rice to Sri Lanka against payment in local currency similar to that under PL-480? Wheat can only be eaten or, at worst, diverted as animal feed. There should be no moral compunction, hence, in supplying it even to a regime that India cannot recognise. Grain diplomacy — a simple message that nobody in South Asia shall starve while we are here — can be symbolic of the New India: One that cares and matters to the world.

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operations and the Governments should provide necessary incentives for doing so. Such connectivity will lead to impact of construction materials (stone, cement, sand etc.), fruits and vegetables and other essentials into the A&N Islands from and also aid in export of marine products which have a captive market in these nations. It was

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also decided in the meeting that the visiting Ambassadors would facilitate business to business meetings with ACCI and the Chambers of Commerce and business houses in their respective countries so that the potential of business including trade, tourism, fisheries could be further explored and relationships can be built.

Fit India Run...

relevant yesterday as are today and will remain so in the future. The Guests, members of HRS & participants paid tribute to Late. Deen Dayal Upadhyay ji. As a part of the month-long celebration of the birth centenary celebrations of HRS IDOL.

The Hindu Rashtira Shakti team of V.K. Pur committee members of Little Andaman

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organized many events at Vivekanandapur village at 4pm where about 38 members attended the event with much enthusiasm. Major support was accorded by the self-help groups. The Hindu Rashtira Shakti played a vital role in making the whole event a grand success. Concluding the event the participants were given "Certificate of Participation".

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INDIA NEEDS 4-5 'SBI SIZE' BANKS TO MEET GROWING NEEDS OF ECONOMY: FM

India needs 4-5 'SBI size' banks to meet the growing needs of the economy and industry, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Sunday.

Addressing the 74th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Banks' Association (IBA), she said the industry needs to imagine how Indian banking has to be in the immediate and long-term future.

As far as the long-term future is concerned, she said it is going to be largely driven by digitised processes and there is a need for seamless and interconnected digital systems for a sustainable future for the Indian banking industry.

"Although I did say that in the amalgamation process, your systems have spoken to each other, there wasn't a problem of those amalgamating banks. And, I remember the banking secretary at that time, Rajiv Kumar, telling me that we have ensured that the amalgamating banks do have their systems in such a way that they can align with each other," she said.

Mega consolidation was announced in 2019 when Kumar was the financial services secretary but was implemented by his successor Debashish Panda effective April 2020.

As part of the mega consolidation exercise, Oriental Bank of Commerce

and United Bank of India were merged into Punjab National Bank; Syndicate Bank into Canara Bank; Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank into Union Bank of India; and Allahabad Bank into Indian Bank.

Following the consolidation, there are now seven large public sector banks and five smaller ones. There were as many as 27 public sector

banks (PSBs) in 2017.

Kumar, now an Election Commissioner of India, was instrumental in laying a digital pipeline that was leveraged during the pandemic to transfer money into accounts of crores of the vulnerable and needy with a click of button.

The finance minister said banks, whether public or private sector, cannot

work in digital silos and systems should be speaking to each other.

"So, I would think that's one of the areas in which you would give some more time and make sure that bridge crossed," she said.

Appreciating the efforts of bankers to carry out smooth consolidation exercise during the challenging time of the pandemic, the Finance Minister said it did not cause inconvenience to the customer and there was no aberration.

Amalgamation, after all, is an important exercise even as important to the Indian Banks' Association because of the way in which the economy is shifting to a different plane altogether, the way in which economy together with the industry is also looking at various different ways of adapting to a post-pandemic era, she said.

Asserting that the driving force for the amalgamation was to build scale, Sitharaman said India needs a lot more banks and a lot of global size banks.

"India needs at least four different SBI size banks. So, one of the driving forces was for the amalgamation that we need to scale up banking."

We need to scale up banking to meet the new changing and growing requirements but that was

thought of even before the pandemic. Now, all the more reason why we would need four or five more SBIs in this country," she said.

Paying homage to bankers who lost their lives in the line of duty during the pandemic, the finance minister urged IBA to help and support the families of the deceased.

"I do pay my humble homage to those who have served, but also suffered because of the pandemic but unfortunately couldn't survive it. I am sure the IBA will do everything that it takes to support their families, and keep them spirited and morally sound because the loss is irreparable," she said.

IBA came into being in 1946 with 22 members has grown into 244 members from the public, private, foreign, co-operative banks besides financial institutions and NBFCs.

Observing that not many organisations or associations have the fortune of having their course of establishment and lifespan running parallel to that of its own country, Sitharaman said "several of your milestones match with the Indian economic history".

Going forward, she said IBA is going to derive the benefit of a greater vibrant economy that India is becoming as much as contributing to that.



Adults over 40 with diabetes, COVID-19 more likely to be hospitalised than children

Adults over 40 years of age with type 1 diabetes if suffered from COVID-19 are seven times more likely to be hospitalised in comparison to children with same respiratory problem, according to a study.

People with diabetes are at higher risk for COVID-19-related complications, especially if they are over the age 40, the study, which was published in the Endocrine Society's Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism, said.

Children with COVID-19 rarely develop severe respiratory symptoms and often remain asymptomatic, the study said.

In contrast, adults experience respiratory symptoms of varying severity, with older adults and those with diabetes at higher risk of acute respiratory distress syndrome and death.



Our study shows people over 40 with type 1 diabetes have worse outcomes from COVID-19 than children and young adults. Children and young adults experienced milder disease and a better prognosis, said Dr Carla Demetrescu-Berggren, from the University of California San Diego.

"These findings indicate the need for age-tailored treatments, immunisation and clinical management of individuals affected by type 1 diabetes and COVID-19."

be hospitalised with COVID-19 compared to the younger group. No patients from the 18 and under group died, while three died from the over 40 age group and two died from the 19-40 age group.

People with diabetes and COVID-19 who were 40 and older were more likely to experience adverse outcomes such as death, diabetic ketoacidosis or severe hypoglycaemia.

This group also had a significantly higher prevalence of obesity, hypertension or cardiovascular disease and chronic kidney disease when compared to the younger groups. The goal of our study is to prevent poor COVID-19 outcomes for adults with type 1 diabetes and to highlight the need to base health care decisions on data as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves, said Demetrescu-Berggren.

The researchers studied data from 767 patients with COVID-19 and type 1 diabetes from 56 diabetes clinics across the US. Fifty-four percent were 18 or younger, 32 percent were 19-40 years old and 14 percent were over 40.

The study found patients over 40 were seven times more likely to

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defence establishment due to lack of coordination between the civilian body and the defence establishment. After the introduction of the online system, till date no meeting of authorities of civilian body and defence establishment has been held in this regard and both the agencies are moving in the opposite directions in regard to granting approval to building plans. While approval is given fast and quick by the PBMC, citizens blame the defence establishment for taking months to grant approval. Since March 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the approval work has totally halted, but has now resumed. In order to ensure fast approval of the building plans, senior officials of the PBMC has also visited the Defence establishment and requested the concerned authorities of the defence establishment for fastening up the process of providing NOC. The PBMC in a letter to the Commander-in-Chief, A&N, has said as envisaged under the mission

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of Ease of Doing Business under Governance and AMRUT with a view to introduce single window system for building plan approval and directed all the ULBs to implement 'Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS)' as mandatory reform. The Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) is only ULB in Port Blair city and has dispensed with manual processing of building Plan of all 24 wards. In this regard the application for approval of building plan in respect of Tumelara area to seek 'No Objection Certificate' is being forwarded to A&N Command through manual procedure. Henceforth, the approval to the Building Plan will be Online. For the effective implementation of OBPAS, the applications to seek NOCs from A&N Command will be sent through online. However, no serious efforts are visible from the defence establishment for providing fast approval as hundreds of citizens are still waiting for NOC to build plans from the A&N.

Covid pandemic caused biggest decrease in life expectancy

The COVID-19 pandemic led to the biggest decrease in life expectancy since the World War II, and wiped out years of progress on mortality, according to a study published on Monday by the University of Oxford.

The research team assembled an unprecedented dataset on mortality from 29 countries, spanning most of Europe, the US and Chile - countries for which official death registrations for 2020 had been published. The study, published in the International Journal of Epidemiology, found that 27 of the 29 countries saw reductions in life expectancy in 2020, and at a scale which wiped out years of progress on mortality. Women in 15 countries and men in 10 countries were found to have a lower life expectancy at birth in 2020 than in 2015, a year in which life expectancy was already negatively affected by a significant flu season. "For Western European countries such as Spain, England and Wales, Italy, Belgium, among others, the last time such large magnitudes of declines in life expectancy at birth were observed in a single year was during WW-II," said study's co-lead author Jose Manuel Aburto, from Oxford's Leverhulme Center for Demographic Science (LCDS).

"However, the scale of life expectancy losses was stark across most countries studied, with 22 countries included in the study experiencing larger losses than half a year in 2020," Aburto said. The researchers noted that females in eight countries and males in 11 countries experienced losses larger than a year. It took on average 5.6 years for these countries to achieve a one-year increase in life expectancy recently, while the progress was wiped out over the course of 2020 by COVID-19, they said. Life expectancy, also known as period life expectancy, refers to the average age to which a new born lives if current death rates continued for their whole life. It does not predict an actual lifespan. Across most of the 29 countries, males saw larger life expectancy declines than females, according to the researchers.

The largest declines in life expectancy were observed among males in the US, who saw a decline of 2.2 years relative to 2019 levels, followed by Lithuanian males (1.7 years), they said.



Vaccinated pregnant women pass high level of antibodies to babies: Study

Women who receive the mRNA COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy pass high levels of antibodies to their babies, according to a study.

The effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines lies in their ability to trigger the production of the right antibodies, blood proteins capable of protecting individuals from infection, researchers said.

Whether this protection could pass from mothers to their infants before birth had remained a question, they said.

The study, published in the American Journal of Obstetrics & Gynecology Maternal-Fetal Medicine on Wednesday, was conducted on 36 new births whose mothers received either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy.

The research team led by NYU Grossman School of Medicine in the US found that 100 per cent of the infants had protective antibodies at birth.

Antibodies can either be produced as part of the natural response to infection or triggered by vaccines.

Though the sample size is small, "it is encouraging that neonatal antibody levels are high if women are vaccinated," said Jennifer L. Lightner, an associate professor at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone, and the study's senior author.

The team was able to tell apart antibodies in the neonatal blood that were created in response to natural infection from those made in response to the vaccines.

The researchers noted that the result is

relevant because natural antibody responses against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that causes COVID-19, are not sufficiently protective for many people.

Recent data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggests that just 23 per cent of pregnant women have been vaccinated, despite growing evidence of prenatal vaccine safety.

The researchers observed the highest

"If babies could be born with antibodies, it could protect them in the first several months of their lives, when they are most vulnerable, Roman said.

Roman and colleagues confirmed the strong evidence that mRNA vaccines are safe during pregnancy in a study published on August 16 in the same journal.

That study found no increased risks during pregnancy, birth complications, or identifiable risks to the fetus among those who received the vaccine.

Existing studies analyse antibodies to the spike protein (anti-S IgG) alone, which may be present after natural infection or vaccination, and do not include antibodies to the nucleocapsid protein (anti-N IgG), which is only present following natural infection.

Among the 36 samples collected, all had high levels of anti-S IgG. Of those samples, 31 were tested for anti-N IgG and were negative.

"High levels of transplacental antibody transfer are not surprising. It is consistent with what we see with other immunizations," Lightner said.

"Our findings add to a growing list of important reasons why women should be advised to receive the COVID-19 vaccine during pregnancy for the added benefit of their newborn receiving crucial protection," he said.

The researchers emphasised that more study is needed to determine how effective the infant antibodies are, how long protection will last, and if vaccination in the second half of pregnancy may confer higher levels of antibody transfer than vaccination earlier in pregnancy.

Charges against Amazon serious, can't be ignored; what RSS says is irrelevant: Congress

A day after RSS-linked weekly Panchjanya dubbed Amazon as 'East India Company 2.0', the Congress, on Monday, said whatever the Sangh says is irrelevant as it does not say anything in national interest, but in the interest of the ruling BJP.

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khara, however, said the allegations against the US e-commerce giant are serious and cannot be ignored.

"The issue of Amazon is a serious one and it merits everybody's attention. The allegations against Amazon are very serious and they cannot be ignored," he said.

Asked about the comments of the RSS, Khara said, "What the RSS says about Amazon is irrelevant because there is a deal going on between the RSS and the BJP."

"We have seen that deal and they stand exposed in the farmers' agitation. We have seen the dubious role played by the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh as it has not come in support of the farmers even for one day in the last 10 months."

The Congress leader said "nobody takes what the RSS says seriously anymore, because they do not speak the



language in national interest, they talk in the interest of the BJP." Amazon was dubbed as "East India Company 2.0" by Panchjanya, which has also alleged that the firm has paid crores of rupees in bribes for favourable government policies. In its latest edition, which will hit the stands on October 3, the RSS-linked weekly has carried a cover story that is highly critical of Amazon.

"Whatever the East India Company did in the 18th century to capture India, the same is visible in the activities of Amazon," the article titled 'East India Company 2.0' reads. Claiming that Amazon wants to establish its monopoly in the Indian market, it says, "For doing so, it has started taking initiatives for seizing the economic, political and personal freedom of the Indian citizens."

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The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 01.10.2021 (Fri) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/ loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from 28.09.2021 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consignors are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

Deputy Director (SS)
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PRESS NOTE

This is for the information of the passengers/general public that the Directorate in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Coral Queen for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 29.09.2021. As per the schedule the vessel will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 29.09.2021 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 30.09.2021 at 1500 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

Passenger tickets will be issued on 29.09.2021 from 1800 Hrs onwards at Haddo Wharf as per latest COVID 19 SOP in effect.

Deputy Director (SS)
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

No. 130-DB/RCD/e-tender/2021-22/ 2278 Wimberly Gunj Dt. 24/09/2021

The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Division, A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj invites on behalf of President of India online item rate tenders from contractors open for all 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 Island and do not have any adverse remarks:-

1. NIT No. 67/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/21-22 (Tender ID: 2021_APWD_3922_1).

Installation of float valve and water meter for Residential and Non Residential Building under Wimberly Gunj Sub Division under RCD, APWD, Wimberly Gunj. Estimate Cost:- ₹. 14,67,408/- Time of completion:- 02 (Two) Months.

Last date of Submission: 12/10/2021 at 3.00 PM and Opening date : 14/10/2021 at 10.00 AM

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

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South Central Railway Recruitment 2021, Apply for Technician Vacancies

@ scr.indianrailways.gov.in

South Central Railway Recruitment 2021 [Technician] 21 Vacancies | Last Date: 25.09.2021 | SCR Job Notification @ scr.indianrailways.gov.in

South Central Railway Recruitment 2021: South Central Railway has released recruitment notification for engagement of Technician II posts. Candidates who are searching for Railway jobs may apply for these 21 vacancies. Eligible candidates are invited to apply for this SCR Recruitment. These advertised vacancies will be filled on LDC/Quota. Candidates need to read the terms & conditions. Interested candidates may apply for this South Central Railway recruitment through proper channel on or before 25.09.2021. Application received after the last date will be rejected.

South Central Railway recruitment 2021 notification & application form for this SCR vacancy are active at www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in. Applicants who have passed Class 8th/ Class 10th are eligible to apply for this SCR jobs. Applicants should have attained the prescribed educational qualification & age limit. Candidates must submit the self-attested copies of documents like educational qualification, age proof, experience certificate, etc. Selected candidates will be placed at Secunderabad Division. Above said details are taken from the South Central Railway recruitment 2021 notification dated on 26.08.2021.

Steps to Download SCR Recruitment 2021 Notification
Go to official website scr.indianrailways.gov.in.
Click on About Us >> Divisions >> Secunderabad >> Personnel >> Notifications & Results.
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Read the notification thoroughly.
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SHRIMAD BHAGWAT SApTAH (KATHA)
From September 26 to October 3, 2021 from 5 pm to 8 pm
At Chinmaya Mission Auditorium, Police Line, Port Blair

Blessed Devotees,
In the fortnight of PITRU-PAKSH Chinmaya Mission Port Blair will be organizing Week long **Shrimad Bhagwat SApTAh (KATHA)** from September 26 to October 3, 2021 at Mission Auditorium. The Katha will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Bhagwat Katha has a great positive effect in our lives. Specially when the whole world is suffering from CORONA, the Katha will spread the positivity in society and will help us to develop inner strength to face and fight the situations. By this Katha will also pay our homage to the people or our Islands who died due to CORONA.

KATHA VYAS (SPEAKER)
By SWAMI SHUDDHANANDA SARASWATI
(Resident Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair)

KATHA PROGRAMME

Sunday 26.9.2021	5-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Bhagwat Mahatmya Katha, Birth of Parikshit Varsh & Kapil Avtar
Monday 27.9.2021	6.00 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, Galendra Moksh, Samudra Manthan, Vaman & Ram Janmotsav
Wednesday 29.9.2021	6-00 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 Vadha Rukmini Vivah
Friday 01.10.2021	5-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Jarasandha Vadha & Shishupal Uddhar, Sudama Charit
Saturday 02.10.2021	5-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Nav yogeshwar Savand, Uddhav Geeta, Kali Dham, Parikshit Moksh

On Sunday 3rd October Purnamahasti Homam will be held at 10 am followed by Mahaprasad.
Kindly follow the COVID protocol. Wear the Mask and maintain the social distance.
Transportation shall be arranged after the Katha on request.
We request your contribution for the Katha on request.
Donations are exempted under section 80G of Income Tax.

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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?
Common in people with cardiopulmonary diseases, weakened immunity, infants, and older adults.

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

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 while sneezing.
- Avoid touching face, nose or mouth with dirty hands.
- Wear protective masks to avoid spreading onto others.
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IN CONVERSATION

YOUNG OBESE MAN SAVED AFTER HEART ATTACK, THANKS TO RADIAL ANGIOPLASTY

A 25-year-old man, who weighed over 100kg and had suffered a heart attack, was given a new lease of life after undergoing a surgery that involves a minimally invasive approach at a leading private facility here, hospital authorities said on Thursday.

The patient was brought to Max hospital, Saket in south Delhi after having suffered a heart attack, and was diagnosed to have 99 per cent obstruction in his left anterior descending artery (LAD), doctors said.

Doctors opted to carry out radial angioplasty recently on him to open the blocked coronary arteries and restore blood flow. This was via the artery that supplies the blood to the hand from the heart.

Radial Angioplasty is a minimally invasive approach that allows experts to reach the heart via the radial artery in the wrist. It requires clinical expertise and is considered safer than the femoral route since veins and arteries are not at risk of getting punctured; and patient is also mobilised faster post the procedure, the doctors said.

With early intervention and stent placement, doctors were successfully able to manage his condition and stabilise the patient, the hospital said in a statement.

Dr Vivek Kumar, principal director and chief of Cath Labs (Pan Max) - Cardiac Sciences, who led the case, said, "In this particular case, the procedure became vital since the patient was obese. We chose radial angioplasty to minimise blood loss. We also wanted early mobilisation since obese patients like him, are at a high risk of complications". Traditionally, coronary angioplasty has been done through the femoral artery, accessed from the patient's groin. However,

in this case the chances of complications and bleeding were higher. While radial angioplasty is a clinically challenging procedure as the blocked artery is reached through narrower blood vessels in the hand, this procedure is safer than the femoral route with lowered chances of puncture in major blood vessels, he said.

Kumar added that in view of the patient's young age, he was implanted with an absorbable stent which will get absorbed in two years and the patient does not have to take blood thinners life-long.

In radial angioplasty procedure, a wire

thrombus aspiration to remove the clot. Thankfully he responded well to the procedure and normal blood flow was restored in the LAD artery. He recovered soon and was sent home just after two days of hospital stay," the doctor said.

While this patient was never infected with Covid, Kumar pointed out that there was a "definite link" between Covid and increased incidence of heart attacks.

"During the Covid and post-Covid era, a significant number of people are experiencing cardiac issues and there has been an alarming rise in episodes of heart attacks as well. It is mainly the post-Covid patients who are more prone to heart attacks, however, they can be treated successfully if brought to the hospital on time," he added.

The risk of heart attack and stroke increases three-fold in the first two weeks following COVID-19, according to a study published in The Lancet journal, the statement claimed.

"COVID-19 patients with pre-existing cardiovascular disease have increased case fatality rates as compared to others. Most cardiovascular events in patients with COVID-19 are the result of severe immune over-reaction by the body, he said.

Symptoms of a heart attack, include uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness and pain in the centre of the chest lasting more than a few minutes, or intermittently erupting. Pain or discomfort in one or both arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach, shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort, cold sweat, nausea or light-headedness are some other symptoms to be aware of, doctors said.



BANKS IN INDIA TO BE CLOSED FOR 21 DAYS IN OCTOBER

Those who do bank transactions in the coming month of October should plan them in advance as banks are to remain closed for more than two-thirds of the month. There could be huge delay in processing as many workers will be availing their leaves as well.

As per the list of holidays issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks in India will remain closed for up to 21 days in October 2021, including second and fourth Saturdays, and Sundays. However, since most of these days are state-specific holidays, banks will not be closed for all 21 days in all the states.

The banks will be closed in the first two days of the month—October 1 being Half Yearly Closing of Bank Accounts and October 2 being Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti. Holidays declared by RBI go under three categories—Holiday under Negotiable Instruments Act; Holiday under Negotiable Instruments Act and Real-Time Gross Settlement Holiday; and Banks' Closing of Accounts.

Here's the list of holidays notified by RBI:

- 1 October 2021 – Half Yearly Closing of Bank Accounts
- 2 October 2021 – Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
- 6 October 2021 – Mahalaya / Amavasya
- 7 October 2021 – Mera Chaoren Houba of Lainingthou Sanamahai
- 12 October 2021 – Durga Puja (Maha Saptami)
- 13 October 2021 – Durga Puja (Maha Ashtami)
- 14 October 2021 – Durga Puja/Dussehra / Ayutha Pooja
- 15 October 2021 – Durga Puja/Dussehra (Vijaya Dashmi)
- 16 October 2021 – Durga Puja (Dashain)
- 18 October 2021 – Kali Bihu
- 19 October 2021 – Id-E-Milad/Eid-E-Miladunnabi/Milad-i-Sharif (Prophet Mohammad's Birthday)/Barafat
- 20 October 2021 – Valmiki's Birthday/Lakshmi Puja/Id-E-Milad
- 22 October 2021 – Friday following Eid-i-Milad-ul-Nabi
- 26 October – Accession Day

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WEAR A FACE MASK: IT'S REQUIRED

While on campus, you must wear a properly fitted face mask that covers your nose and mouth with no gaps.



For detailed guidance and updates, visit buffalo.edu/coronavirus

Together, we are stopping the spread.



Are you 18+?

Here is how you can register on Co-WIN Portal and get the COVID vaccine

1. Go to the COWIN portal – cowin.gov.in
2. Register yourself from 28th April, 2021 onwards
3. Schedule vaccination appointment
4. Vaccination for people from 18 yrs upto 45 yrs would be done at private Vaccination Centres and those Government Vaccination Centres where vaccine has been procured directly by the respective State Government
5. Check the confirmation of appointment on registered mobile number
6. Carry the appointment slip and photo ID card used for registration

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3. Disinfect surfaces you touch. Use hand sanitizer. Wash hands with soap and water.
4. Avoid contact with people who are sick. Do not share food and drinks.
5. Avoid contact with animals. Do not touch animals. Do not touch people who are sick.
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