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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) SAFETY MEASURES

- USE THE MASK
- WASH HANDS
- USE DISINFECTANT
- KEEP 2M DISTANCE
- SELF ISOLATE IF YOU ARE SICK
- AVOID GATHERINGS
- DO NOT WASH FACE
- DO NOT TOUCH YOUR FACE
- DO NOT TRAVEL
- DO NOT VISIT SICK PEOPLE

Thought for today
Remember! The conduct of the parents is an education to the children.

Last date for filling Haj Application Forms extended upto Feb. 15

Port Blair, Feb 2: As per the communication received from the Haj Committee of India, Mumbai, the last date for filling up of Online Haj Application Forms by the intending Haj pilgrims have been extended upto 15th February, 2022. Consequently, applicants See... Page No. 02

Tour operators desperately seeks help from UT admn to overcome financial crisis

Port Blair, Jan 02: The Covid restriction of tourism activities has hit the tour operators engaged in the tourism industry very hard. The curbs on tourism activities have left thousands of tour operators jobless as without tourists, their vehicles are laying unused at their homes. These tour operators are unable to meet everyday expenses like monthly rents and two square meals for families. Tour operators and others associated with the tourism sector, who are entirely dependent on the tourism sector for their livelihood, are in a crisis, due to closure of tourism spots. The fear of banks declaring their loan accounts as

Non Performing Assets is haunting those who had taken loans to purchase vehicles. Finding survival tough, some tour operators have sold their vehicles while some are looking for buyers to sell their vehicles as they are presently under huge debts. The situation is so bad that many vehicle owners, who had taken tourist vehicles on loans, are desperately looking for buyers to dispose of. With no income, they are unable to pay their EMIs. In these troubled times, when getting a two square meals for them is difficult, some of the tour operators are looking for alternate jobs.

There are some in the tourism industry whose The daily income of these tour operators depends on tourism activities and since the tourism activities have come to a total standstill, their financial condition is pitiable. Majority of the tour operators have availed loans from friends and relatives to meet their expenses as income from the tourism field has come to a total halt. The administration needs to step in to help the tour operators by providing financial help. The waiving of the loan amount from the bank should be a breather for the tour operators who are desperate due to livelihood loss.

MP seeks sufficient number of cargo vessels for transporting fuel, LPG cylinders to Shaheed & Swaraj Dweep, LA and Carnic

Port Blair, Feb 2: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to direct the concerned departments to ensure the availability of cargo vessels, authorized to carry dangerous cargo, for LPG Distributors and fuel

distributors so that petrol and LPG Cylinders reach to all the Islands as per schedule. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary he mentioned that there is a huge delay in transpiration of fuel as well as LPG cylinders in Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Little Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands are frequently facing a shortage of LPG Cylinders.

unavailability of cargo vessels, that are authorized for carrying dangerous cargo, recently the people of Little Andaman Islands and Car Nicobar Islands had faced a shortage of petrol while Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Little Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands are frequently facing a shortage of LPG Cylinders.

CS directs Engineers to complete Flat Bay Water Supply Project on time

Port Blair, Feb 2: The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain has directed the Engineers of APWD to complete the Flat Bay Water Supply Project in a time bound manner. The Project aims to provide water supply to Port Blair Municipal area as well as the adjoining areas of Mithakhari, Chouldari and Namunaghar. The Chief

Secretary further directed that the project must be executed on war footing by the concerned Engineers of APWD in public interest and shall be regularly monitored by the Secretary (APWD) so that there is no slip-up in the time lines and project cost aspects and in any such over-runs, the respective Engineers shall be held personally responsible. It

may be recalled that the Geo Technical Investigation has begun and the completion of the project will yield 65 MLD of water. It is also worth mentioning that it shall the sufficient to meet the water demand for the next 50 years for Port Blair and surrounding fast growing rural areas of Mithakhari, Namunaghar and Chouldari.

Auto union threatens strike if issues not resolved amicably, go off roads from today

Port Blair, Feb 2: The All Auto Union has decided to stop all autos rickshaw services from roads on 03rd Feb 2022, onwards to press their demands. The auto union has made several representations to the authorities, but their demands have not been resolved yet. In a letter to the Lt Governor, they have apprised him about the difficulties they have been facing on this count. They stated that the auto rickshaw drivers are facing untold hardships due to harassment by the enforcement authorities. It has been noticed that violators of various traffic rules are fined under relevant sections but at the same time, their driving licenses are also seized for a period of more than four months, due to various government producers



being complied which takes a considerable amount of time. In such cases, the violators are forced to undergo double to triple punishment, i.e. huge rate of payment of seizure of driving license/Police custody in the event of non-payment of fines on the spot as per their will. In this matter, it has been seen that only cash receipts as TR-5 are provided on the spot fine payment with no provision of duplicate copy of challan. They have also emphasized that on such stringent punishment the entire livelihood of the auto rickshaw drivers gets totally disturbed and their family are forced to go hungry. They also

complain that when a RTO /Motor Transport Department is looking after their affairs, then Police officials also imposing traffic fines on them is dual punishment for them. Whereas, it is the sole responsibility of RTO to impose fines for violation and without the presence of the RTO/Motor Vehicle Inspector, fines are imposed by Police. Narrating their plight, they said that the deplorable conditions of the Auto rickshaw drivers are unexplainable as they are forced to undergo untold hardships due to their inability to pay huge amounts on spot fines. They have also alleged that on most occasions only the auto rickshaw drivers are booked for traffic violations but the

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MV Chowra to sail for Diglipur via MB on Feb 05

Port Blair, Feb 2: The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Chowra for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 05.02.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 06.02.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued from 03.02.2022 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Stars Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay by following latest COVID 19 SOP in effect.

Govt. Polytechnic at Diglipur needs aftercare



Port Blair, Feb 01: Govt. Polytechnic, Diglipur which is located in Govt Model Senior Secondary School, Sitanagar Campus since its establishment cries for aftercare. The Govt. Polytechnic operating in the

Model school is running short of rooms with no labs facility even after 4 years, even though the land has been allocated for Polytechnic at Laxmipur, but no groundwork visibly seems in process. The Andaman Express also came to know that the

Polytechnic is running with only two staff and three more staff who are engaged without any duty order. The concerned students are also waiting for theory results since last month. Recruitment for the post (all contacts) of Lecturer

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SA Police resolve blind burglary case

Port Blair, Feb 2: Three persons arrested by PS Aberdeen for burglary of 14 bundles of wire worth Thirty Thousand Rupees recovered within 03 hours of registration of FIR.

On 29-01-2022, a written complaint was received at PS Aberdeen against an unknown accused person from a resident of Babu Lane, Camp at 4th Cross Road, Junglighat, Port Blair, regarding theft of around 14-15 bundles of wire (Make: Anchor) worth around Rs. 30,000 (Rupees Thirty thousand only) from her under construction house at Babu Lane.

Upon this, a case Vide Crime No. 20/2022, dated 29.01.2022, under appropriate sections of law was registered at PS Aberdeen against unknown

accused person and investigation was entrusted to SI Regan Isaac. Immediately, after registration of FIR, a team consisting with SI Regan Isaac (Investigating Officer), HCl/Sunil Singh Yadav, PC/S.N Rao, PC/Sandeep Lakra, PC/Sonu Yadav, PC/Ashish Kumar and PC/Shiv kumar of PS Aberdeen was constituted. The team swung into action and nabbed the accused persons namely Jagernath Lakra @ Ajay, S/o Sh. Budhwa Lakra (43) yrs, Pvt. Worker, R/o Bargat Line, Port Blair, Rajiv Biswas @ Raju Biswas, S/o Robin Biswas (21) yrs, AKS Bus Conductor, R/o Sarder Tikrey, Diglipur, presently at Shadipur and Balvir Beck, S/o Sh. Stephen Beck (40) yrs, Pvt. worker, R/o Aberdeen, with the

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India Tests BrahMos, Uran Anti-Ship Missiles In A & N Islands

New Delhi, Feb 2: India has successfully tested two anti-ship missiles, BrahMos and Uran, in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Indian Navy said today (2 February).

The missiles were test-fired by the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), a tri-service theatre command of the Indian Armed Forces.

While the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was fired from a ground-

based launcher on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Uran anti-ship missile was launched from a Guided Missile Corvette of the Indian Navy. The ANC said that "exNaval ship LCU 38" served as the target for the test.

"Ship Launched and Land based ASHM [anti-ship missile] fired from Indian Navy's Guided Missile Corvette and ANC hit the target at maximum range with

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BJP, ANI attends Virtual Meeting on Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha by PM



Port Blair, Feb 2: The State Unit of Bharatiya Janata Party, today attended a Virtual Meet chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Mananiya Narendra Modi Ji, on Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha. The video Conference was Chaired by

Mananiya Dilip Saikia Ji, National General Secretary BJP, Hon. Member of Parliament from Mangaldoi Assam & Election Prabhari, BJP A & N Islands along with State President Shri Ajoy Bairagi Ji, Shri Vishal Jolly Ji

National Executive Member BJP and Former State President, Along with all State District, Morcha Office Bearers and karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party. Key points of the

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ANIIDCO installs QR Codes in all IMFL outlets

Port Blair, Feb 2: As part of continuous endeavour to ensure accountability and bring transparency in



the sale of liquor, ANIIDCO has introduced QR code based mechanism at each outlet that provides real time stock availability of liquor. Shri Kishore Kshirsagar Lakshman, Executive Director (IMFL), ANIIDCO started the QR code based mechanism today at IMFL Self Service Shop of ANIIDCO, Delanipur. QR codes have been installed at all IMFL outlets of ANIIDCO and now customers can scan QR code from their mobile phones and can plan their purchase by checking the real time stock of liquor available in the concerned shop.

Result of online Drawing/Painting competition by AN Police announced

Port Blair, Feb 2: To mark the observance of 'Police Flag Day' and 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' events from 21st Oct., 2021 to

31st Oct., 2021, an online Drawing/ Painting competition on the theme 'Role of Police during COVID-19' was organized on 28th

Oct, 2021 for school students of Class VI to VIII standard of A&N Islands. An overwhelming

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EDITORIAL

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Nadal steals a march

The tyranny of reverence towards tennis' holy trinity was always going to be tricky for those biding their time in the wings. Daniil Medvedev, perhaps, has picked up the gauntlet of dislodging their pedestal, and is feeling the heat of howling crowds who aren't sensitive to how their vocal love for the Big Three can end up sounding like jeers for their younger challengers. The three-way debate on who is GOAT will continue unabated, and Rafael Nadal stole a march over Federer and Djokovic by reaching his 21st at Melbourne.

But what the 6-hour-long battle, where the Spaniard came from two sets down to jostle past Medvedev, did to the Russian, showed that in tennis' fervent dogma for the three presiding divinities, sport's enduring underdog story has crumbled. So insistent are the fans in their devotion to the trio, that anyone not playing second fiddle to them will have to play the antagonist, and no more.

A disruptor of the near-two-decade-long hegemony, owing to his hard-court consistency, Medvedev is acutely feeling the un-love of the crowds. The 25-year-old who might've started out as a fan of the trinity, finds himself in the unenviable position of being good enough to take them apart in Grand Slam finals. But he's simultaneously hit by the whiplash realisation that his childhood dream where the crowds would root for an underdog as he slayed the giants, is not coming true. Medvedev is uniquely in the hot seat when New York whimsically starts showering love on Djokovic and Melbourne shushes audibly so Nadal can peacefully serve out. All that Medvedev wanted was love while accumulating his own Grand Slam trophies. It's the one thing he'll have to do without, apparently, while the search for the GOAT bleats on.

THREE TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY MOTIVATED TO KEEP EXERCISING ALL YEAR LONG

February. The month of shattered dreams and ambitions. The trainers are gathering dust and chocolate bars have replaced protein bars. The gusto with which we attacked our new year resolutions is a vague memory.

If your motivation to stick to your resolution to exercise more this year is waning, you're not alone. It's suggested around 80% of people will have given up on their new year resolutions by February.

But the reason your motivation wanes might actually be because you chose the wrong motives and goals to begin with. And research shows us that choosing the right type of goal is the key to keeping us motivated over the long term.

Lower the effort

Many of us believe that we need to grimace, contort, sweat and pant our way to a healthier life. So at the beginning of January, we put in a load of effort to help us reach our goals.

Unfortunately, our brain encourages us to avoid physical effort. This is why the excessive effort we use when exercising will work against us in the long run – leading us to feel less motivated to exercise by the end of January. Our brain is constantly monitoring our body for any changes from our resting state, which could mean danger to our health. The more physical effort we use, the more a signal is activated and our brain tells us that the activity just isn't worth the effort and potential risk.

This is why minimising the effort we need to put into exercise may

actually better help us stick to our resolutions in the long-term. For example, if you're dreading even a fifteen minute jog, do five minutes instead. Or if you hate running but enjoy zumba, do that instead. The golden rule is that the activity you're trying to motivate yourself to do needs to be pleasurable. And research shows we're much more likely to do something if it requires less effort – especially when we're starting new exercise regimes.

The same principle applies to reducing the psychological effort required to exercise, as our brains also encourage us to avoid it – to such an extent that, when given the choice, we often prefer physical pain instead. It does this because it wants to save psychological effort for times of emergency.

When it comes to starting a new exercise regime in the new year, things like fitting workouts into our schedule or getting out of bed an hour earlier all require psychological effort. To reduce psychological effort, it may help to minimise needless decision-making. When it's time to exercise, remove decisions like whether to walk or drive to exercise class, or put your trainers in the same place so you don't have to look for them.

Although these sound like small decisions to make, they can all add

up to us feeling less motivated to exercise when we're required to make them. Research even shows that when we think our goals require little effort to achieve, we're more likely to achieve them.

Choose short-term goals
Another basic motivational mistake many of us made in January was to set our goals too far in the future. Many people start exercising with the aim to lose a few pounds – perhaps in order to fit into their favourite jeans again. But when the outcome is far in the future, our brains don't associate the motivation (fitting into our jeans) with exercising – so we're less inclined to exercise.

By choosing a goal that has a more immediate outcome, our brains will associate the outcome positively with exercise because they occur simultaneously. For example, the mood-boosting benefits of exercise occur more quickly than physical health changes so this may be a better motivator for you to keep exercising well past January. In short, make the reason for exercise an immediate one you can achieve – and the long-term benefits will follow.

Focus on 'being' instead of 'having'

The final motivational fix is switching the type of goal you have. So-called "have" goals serve little

purpose for our motivational brain, which focuses on more important things – such as being effective at what we do and making social bonds. An example of a "have" goal would be exercising so that you can have a better body. This type of goal is viewed as less important by our brain because it does not help us meet essential goals that help us thrive.

On the other hand, the types of goals that are more likely to keep us motivated are "be" goals. An example of a be goal would be exercising to be healthy, or to be more athletic. Be goals are superior because humans tend to want to bond with other like-minded people based on our identities. This motivation is thought to have developed in our ancestral past, as forming bonds helped us to survive. So someone may find exercise easier to stick with if they're doing it as a way to demonstrate their athleticism, for example. As a result, people do a better job of sticking to be goals, compared to other types of goals.

Even if you have fallen off the wagon slightly by the end of January, that doesn't mean you have to give up on your goals entirely. But making some tweaks to them – and your approach to exercise—may help you better stick to your goals for the rest of the year.

NGGOA raises concern on Union Budget

Port Blair, Feb 2: The Non Gazetted Govt. officers' Association, A & N Islands observes with concern that the Union Budget 2022-23 presented by Smti. Nirmala Sitaraman, Union Finance Minister is full of sounds without any benefit for Govt. employees and workers. It does not address any of the issues raised by organisations of the central govt. employees and workers. The Union Budget proposes nothing to address the burning issues being faced by the nation like rise in unemployment, continuing slowdown of economy, rising prices, etc.

The present budget provides no tax benefit or change in income tax slab for the govt. employees. The Govt employees and the pensioners were once again neglected by the Finance Minister in this budget. The

Non Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, A&N Islands terms the budget presented by the Finance Minister for the financial year 2022-23 as pro-rich and pro-corporate. The budget shows the overall background of the desperate and destructive privatisation drive embracing the infrastructure, manufacturing sectors as a whole and facilitating the transfer of these resources to private hands. On the other hand the Govt. has become more liberal in giving concessions to big business and corporate houses by the way of sharp reduction in corporate tax and scrapping of dividend distribution tax. The Association strongly opposes the proposed stake disinvestment move in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) as it is against the national interest.

Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, Feb 2: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,04,415 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 22,214 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered a precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 5860. A total of 1817 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands yesterday. 1165 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 82 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 24 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 150. 577 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 56. 75 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 15-18 years, 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 4.

Rs 50,000 ex-gratia ..

Grievance Redressal Committee shall be responsible to address any grievances with regard to certification of death as prescribed in the MoHFW and IC MR Guidelines and to propose necessary remedial measure,

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including issuance of amended official document of COVID-19 death after verifying facts in accordance with the guidelines and in the letter and spirit of Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 04/10/2021.

Govt. Polytechnic..

(Civil, CSE), Lab Technician (Civil, CSE), Physical Instructor & MTS was published on 25/11/2021 & 26/11/2021 but till now as of 31 Jan 2022 results/merit list of any post haven't been released. The candidates for the above exams are also waiting for the results for a long time.

In spite of having 60 seats

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in Civil Engineering and Computer Science & Engineering, last year only a handful of students enrolled herein and preferred to join at Port Blair shows the declining status of the Polytechnic and "apathy" as well as lack of "swiftness and alacrity from Administration.

SA Police resolve..

stolen property, under the supervision of Insp. K. Joju, SHO PS Aberdeen and under the overall supervision of Sh. Saurabh Chandra, DANIPS, SDPO, South Andaman.

The general public is

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requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 03192-232100, 03192-232400 and 9474233934. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

Result of online..

response was received through email and after careful deliberation the winners have been declared. In the competition, M. Sahla Yousuf of IQRA Public School won the first position, Kushboo Kumar of Kamraj English Medium School stood second and Joshena of Kamraj

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English Medium School bagged the third position. A total of 173 students submitted their paintings, out of which, 3 above mentioned students have been declared as the winners by the jury members. The winners shall be given certificate and suitable cash prizes.

BJP, ANI attends ..

Budget were highlighted by Hon'ble Prime Minister in his speech. The entire programme was Coordinated by Shri Mohan Vinod, State Incharge for Atmanirbhar

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Arthvyavastha Programme and State Vice President and Smti Sunita Sarkar State Co Incharge Atmanirbhar Arthvyavastha and State Secretary BJP.

India Tests Brah..

devastating impact," the Navy said on Twitter.

This test of the BrahMos missile comes just days after the Philippines signed a \$375 million deal with BrahMos Aerospace Limited for the purchase of missiles for its land-based anti-ship missile system.

The test was also the second launch of the BrahMos missile in the last two weeks. India test-fired a BrahMos missile from the Integrated Test Range Chandipur off the coast of Odisha

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on 20 January. On 8 December, the air-launched version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile was successfully test-fired from a Su-30MKI fighter jet, clearing it for serial production. The air-launched version of the BrahMos missile, also called BrahMos-A, is being integrated with Su-30 MKI fighters of the IAF. The IAF had test-fired the air-launched version of the BrahMos missile from a modified Su-30 MKI fighter for the first time in 2017.



MHA allocated Rs 35,581 cr for J-K; maximum amount in all UTs

New Delhi, Feb 2: Of the total eight Union Territories, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has been allocated a maximum amount of Rs 35,581.44 crore in Budget Expenditure (BE) for the recently carved Jammu and Kashmir in the Union Budget 2022-2023 tabled in the Parliament on Tuesday. Besides, there is an additional fund for Jammu and Kashmir as Grant for Prime Minister Development Projects (Rs 273 cr), Grant for RATLE Hydro Electric Plant (Rs 476.44 cr), Grant for 624 MW Kiur Hydro Electric Plant (Rs 130 cr) and Grant for Capital Expenditure (Rs 500 cr). The amount fixed for Jammu and Kashmir is more

than half of the total of Rs 60,784.23 crore BE allocated to the MHA for all the UTs. Of the total budget allocation for the UTs, those without legislature are allocated an amount of Rs 22,305.10 crore and those with the legislature are allocated Rs 38,479.23 crore. UTs without legislature are Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Ladakh and Lakshadweep while UTs with the legislature are Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir, Puducherry. Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been allocated Rs 5,763.65 crore, an increase of Rs 376.24 crore (6.98 per cent) from BE 21-22 (Rs

5387.41 crore) while Chandigarh has been Total allocation in BE 22-23 is Rs 5,382.79 crore, an increase of Rs 196.67 crore (3.79 per cent) from BE 21-22 (Rs 5,186.12 crore). The allocation for Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu in BE 22-23 is Rs 3,781.10 crore, an increase of Rs.217.51 crore (6.10 per cent) from BE 21-22 (Rs.3563.59 crore). The Capital Allocation in the UT has been increased from 764.83 crore in BE 21-22 to Rs 875.10 crore in BE 22-23 (an increase of Rs.110.27 cr - 14.42 per cent. The allocation in BE for Ladakh is the same as Rs 5,958 crore which was kept in fiscal year 21-22.

KHV condoles sudden demise of Pandit Vibhuti Pandey

Port Blair, Feb 2: The State Unit of Kesaria Hindu Vahini Trust Andaman and Nicobar Islands expressed deep condolence at the sad demise of Pandit Vibhuti Pandey Ji, aged 85 years, F/o Pandit Shyam Narayan Pandey Ji, Pandit in Police Temple, R/o Mahaveer Nagar, who expired on 1/2/2022. KHV conveys heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the bereaved members of his family. Om Shanti

Auto union threatens ..

government vehicles ply with violations, but are unnoticed by the authorities for traffic violation which is totally unjustified and unlawful. Rules are to be followed in an impartial manner, they alleged. It is a matter of grave concern that the rules applicable in New Delhi are implemented in these far flung Islands which needs to be reconsidered due to the inaccessibility of these places.

Putting their genuine issues, the auto owners and drivers wanted resolution of various

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issues such as Fitness Fine, Permit fine, Night parking challan, Rate /fare increase, cancelled all unjustified rules of Andaman Motor Vehicles rules and to follow common motor vehicles rules followed by GOI, road maintenances, reduce of starting challan charge due to far flung isolated islands. The auto union has set a two days deadline, failing which the auto union will withdraw their autos from roads on 3rd Feb 2022, onwards for all public services.

CS orders to ensure..

section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act 2005, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in the capacity as Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee, for the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has ordered to ensure compliance of Containment Measures for COVID-19 as well as increase detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), 'Omicron', in different parts of the country as per the advisory issued by the

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Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) dated 21st December, 2021 for ensuring strict compliance prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures at district/local level for the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and shall remain in force up to 28th February, 2022. The Deputy Commissioners and Departments concerned may issue necessary Standard Operating Procedures to implement the orders.

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Feb 2: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 140 passengers who arrived here Monday, 1 positive case has been detected, yesterday, 5 flights with 393 passengers arrived, out of which, 336 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 50 passengers (3 foreign travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 36 passengers bound for

North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, one positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 26 passengers, no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 41 passengers were tested with RAT, two positive cases have been detected. At Helipad, 9 passengers were tested with RAT, one positive case has been detected.

Zydus begins supply of ZycoV-D vaccine to govt

Zydus Cadila, the pharma major with headquarters at Ahmedabad, on Wednesday announced supply had commenced of its Covid-19 vaccine ZycoV-D to the Government of India.

The rollout has been delayed by a couple of months and the company has not mentioned the quantity supplied in the first consignment.

A company spokesperson said that the supplies have

begun from the newly commissioned state-of-the-art Zydus Vaccine Technology Excellence Centre at the Zydus Biotech Park in Changodar, Ahmedabad.

In November 2021, it was

announced that the Centre was to buy 1 crore doses of the vaccine.

The first needle-free vaccine—Plasmid DNA vaccine—in the world comes in three doses, taken in durations of 0, 28 days and 56 days. The vaccine is also considered good for children of 12 years and above.

The company spokesperson said that they are also planning to make the vaccine available in the private market.

The vaccine will be priced at Rs 265 per dose and the

applicator is being offered at Rs 93 per dose, excluding GST.

Zydus has also entered into a definitive agreement with Shilpa Medicare Limited, a contract manufacturing organisation, to produce mutually agreeable doses of ZycoV-D. The company has also entered into an agreement with Enzychem Lifesciences from Republic of Korea for the manufacturing under licence and technology transfer for the Plasmid DNA vaccine. Zydus Cadila managing director Dr. Sharvil Patel had earlier said that they would be able to manufacture 10 million

doses by October 21. The company was to keep ramping up the production capacity in coming months.

Sources said that the delay in rollout was a result of delay in production.

Soon after Covid-19 pandemic began, Zydus Cadila was one of the early companies to have announced it was formulating a vaccine against the deadly virus. Earlier last year, it was also given emergency use authorisation by the Drugs Controller General of India. Zydus has a workforce of 23,000 people worldwide.



MUNICIPAL AND PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS -2022



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The Election Commission of India has developed Know your Candidate (KYC) Applications for both Android and iOS platforms for informing about "Criminal Antecedents" status of candidates. This allows citizens to browse candidates with/ without Criminal Antecedents and empowers the citizens to know the criminal antecedents of the candidates.



The Know your Candidate (KYC) is available on both the Google Play Store: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.eci.ksa> and Apple App Store: <https://apps.apple.com/in/app/kyc-eci/id1604172836>

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F. No. 17(20)/2021-PL/NGT
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Policy and Law Division
NGT Cell

Level-III, Jal Wing,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj,
New Delhi-03

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change invites applications for filling up of the four (4) vacant posts of Expert Members in the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The qualifications, terms of office, age limit, conditions of service etc. are available on the Ministry's website www.moef.gov.in.

Details of the advertisement including the Application Form can be downloaded from the aforementioned Ministry's website.

The last date for submitting the application by email is four weeks from the date of publication i.e. 02/03/2022 (midnight). All applications together with enclosures have to be sent by the respective applicants online only i.e. through email to policyandlaw-mef@gov.in. The Ministry shall not entertain any other mode of submission of application nor shall process any application received beyond the due date and time.

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Defence Ministry makes induction of women fighter pilots in IAF a permanent scheme

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that his Ministry has decided to convert the Experimental Scheme for Induction of Women Fighter Pilots in the Indian Air Force into a permanent scheme. In a tweet, Mr Singh said, it is a testimony to the capability of India's Nari Shakti (Women Power) and our Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment towards women empowerment.

AIR correspondent reports that Indian Air Force undertakes various induction publicity measures to encourage youth, including women to join it. A total of 16 women have been commissioned as fighter pilots after the experimental scheme for their induction. Supreme Court had directed the Centre last year to allow women candidates to appear for the entrance exam to the National Defence Academy. In 2018, flying officer Avani Chaturvedi of the Air Force became the first Indian woman to fly a fighter aircraft solo. India's first woman Rafale fighter jet pilot Shivangi Singh captured the imagination of every girl child in the country when she took part in the Republic Day parade this year. Steadily and surely, the dream of women to become fighter pilots is taking flight.

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Pfizer asks FDA to allow Covid-19 vaccine for kids under 5

Pfizer on Tuesday asked the US to authorize extra-low doses of its Covid-19 vaccine for children under 5, potentially opening the way for the very youngest Americans to start receiving shots as early as March.

In an extraordinary move, the Food and Drug Administration had urged Pfizer and its partner BioNTech to apply earlier than the companies had planned—and before it's settled if the youngsters will need two shots or three.

The nation's 19 million children under 5 are the only group not yet eligible for vaccination against the coronavirus. Many parents have been pushing for an expansion of shots to toddlers and preschoolers, especially as the Omicron variant sent record numbers of youngsters to the hospital.

"I would say the parents in my office are desperate" to get young kids vaccinated, said Dr. Dyan Hes, who runs a pediatrics practice in New York City, where vaccination rates are high. For many, "that's the first thing they ask when they walk through the door: 'When do you think the shot is going to come out?'"

Pfizer aims to give children as young as 6 months shots that contain one-tenth of the dose given to adults. The company said it had started submitting its data to the FDA and expects to complete the process in a few days.

An open question is how many shots those children will need. Two of the extra-low doses turned out to be strong enough for babies but not for preschoolers in early testing. Pfizer now is testing a third shot, data that's expected in late March.

That means the FDA may consider whether to authorize two shots for now, with potentially a third shot being cleared later if the study supports it.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla said in a statement that company scientists believe this age group ultimately will need three of the extra low-dose shots but that FDA action

now could let parents begin the vaccination process while awaiting a final decision.

The FDA said it will convene a panel of independent researchers and physicians in mid-February to help review the Pfizer data. The agency isn't required to follow their advice, but the input is a key step in publicly vetting vaccine safety and effectiveness.

The question of how long to wait for new vaccine data — and how much to require — is a concern for FDA regulators, who face pressure to be more proactive against a virus that has repeatedly

Yet vaccination rates have been lower among children than in other age groups. As of last week, just 20% of kids ages 5 to 11 and just over half of 12- to 17-year-olds were fully vaccinated, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Nearly three-quarters of adults are fully vaccinated.

"What we're seeing right now is still a lot of hospitalizations and unfortunately some deaths in this age group," said Dr. Sean O'Leary of the University of Colorado, who is on the AAP's infectious disease committee. If the FDA clears vaccinations for these youngsters, "that's going to be really important because all of those hospitalizations and deaths essentially are preventable."

For kids under 5, Pfizer's study is giving participants two shots three weeks apart, followed by a third dose at least two months later. The company is testing whether the youngsters produce antibody levels similar to those known to protect teens and young adults.

In December, Pfizer announced that children under 2 looked to be protected but that the antibody response was too low in 2- to 4-year-olds. It's not clear why, but one possibility is that the extra-low dose was a little too low for the preschoolers.

Since the preliminary results showed the shots were safe, Pfizer added a third dose to the testing in hopes of improving protection.

Chicago health officials have been trying to prepare parents for months for the day the shots are available, said Dr. Nimmi Rajagopal, a family medicine physician for Cook County Health, which oversees the public hospital system. Some parents wonder how rigorously the shots will be evaluated or have other questions that she said are critical to address.

Rajagopal is excited about getting her own 2-year-old son vaccinated if FDA clears the way, so it will be safer for him to play with other children. "I have been waiting and waiting and waiting," she said.



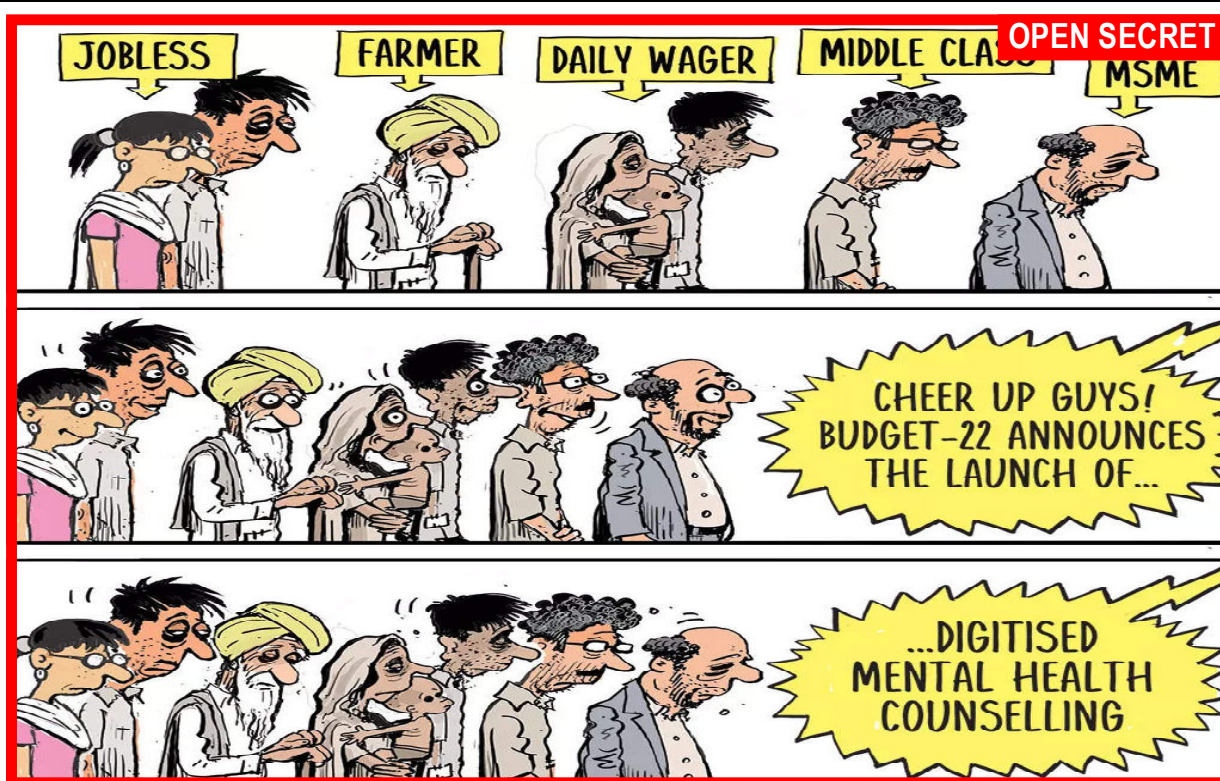
confounded health experts.

The FDA asked Pfizer to begin submitting its application now due to omicron's "greater toll on children," an agency spokeswoman said, citing a peak in cases among children under 5.

"In light of these new data and the rise in illnesses and hospitalization in this youngest age group, FDA believed that it was prudent to request that Pfizer submit the data it had available," agency spokeswoman Stephanie Caccamo said in an emailed statement.

The FDA's ultimate decision could come within the month, but that isn't the only hurdle. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also has to sign off.

The Biden administration has been trying to speed the authorization of Covid-19 shots for children, contending vaccinations are critical for opening schools and day care centers and keeping them open, and for freeing up parents from child care duties so they can go back to work.



CBSE Term 2: CBSE warns of fake date sheet doing rounds on Internet

New Delhi, 2nd Feb, 2022: Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE Term 2 Board Exam dates 2022 are awaited. In view of this, a fake CBSE exam dates 2022 notice was circulated on the internet.

CBSE on Tuesday, debunked the fake notice through its official Twitter account. Students are advised to rely only on the notices released on the official CBSE websites and in case of any forwarded notice, they must cross-check with their school authorities or check on the official website before sharing it with anyone. CBSE has released the

Term 2 sample question papers on the official website and accordingly it can be said that CBSE Term 2 exams will be

shared of the official websites - cbse.gov.in and cbseacademic.nic.in. CBSE board exam dates 2022 are awaited to be released by lakhs of Class 10, 12 students and amid this any fake notice will increase the confusion so students must be careful while sharing things. CBSE Term 2 board exams 2022 are scheduled to be conducted in March-April 2022 but no specific dates have been released yet. CBSE term 1 exam was conducted in November- December, 2021 and

the Term 1 result is also awaited. However, some sources suggested that CBSE term 1 result will be released in the first week of February but there is no official confirmation of CBSE term 1 result date as of now.

As per the information shared by CBSE, Term 2 board exams will be conducted in March-April but due to the pertaining COVID-19 situation and surge in cases in the country, students and parents were demanding to cancel the CBSE board exams 2022. CBSE has not said anything on the entire matter so it can be speculated that exams will be conducted as per the schedule.



India's GDP expected to grow 7.8% in FY23: CRISIL report

Port Blair, 2nd Feb, 2022: Domestic rating agency CRISIL on Wednesday estimated FY23 real GDP growth at 7.8 per cent as compared with the 8.5 per cent projected in the Economic Survey.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's Budget proposals focused on loosening the purse strings by boosting capital expenditure and going slow on fiscal consolidation are aimed in the right direction, the rating agency said.

"All said, risks to India's economic outlook are still skewed towards the downside," it said, estimating the growth to slow to 7.8

per cent in FY23 from the 9.2 per cent in FY22. The agency said global growth is expected to slow this year as major economies see a withdrawal of monetary and fiscal stimulus. It will have a direct bearing on India's growth prospects as exports have been a key demand driver of domestic growth during the pandemic. Energy prices, especially that of crude oil, are likely to continue firming up, partly owing to geopolitical issues and Brent crude will average up to USD 85 a barrel as against USD 70.44 in 2021, which will curtail growth, stoke inflation and widen the

current account deficit.

Additionally, even if global supply chain disruptions are expected to ease, critical raw material shortages such as those of chips could take time to tide over, the agency said. The agency expects the nominal growth to come at 12-13 per cent, higher than the 11.1 per cent Budget Estimate, and the headline inflation to average 5.2 per cent. The Budget makes way for the 35 per cent increase in capital expenditure by tightening the belt around revenue expenditure, and the government has refrained from giving any direct consumption support in the Budget, it said. It added that frontloading infrastructure spending could bring about faster growth. The agency said the commitment to the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has been reduced to Rs 73,000 crore for FY23 from the Rs 98,000 crore in FY22 and Rs 1.11 lakh crore in FY21, as part of the expenditure cuts. "Extending this job guarantee scheme could have acted as a bridge for boosting short-term incomes and consumption in the rural areas before growth becomes broad-based and the investment cycle kicks off," it said. Spending has also been curtailed towards food subsidies to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and for the procurement of wheat and paddy. But, they remain well above pre-pandemic levels, suggesting that the Budget is normalising some of these spends, it said.

On the revenue side, the agency commended the pairing of divestment targets to a realistic level but warned that tightening of financial conditions amid monetary policy normalisation could further add challenges on this front.



Reduce your risk of COVID-19

Clean your hands often

Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow – not your hands!

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Limit social gatherings and time spent in crowded places

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If you have these signs/symptoms please call State helpline number or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's 24X7 helpline at 011-23978046

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