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SAFETY MEASURES

Thought for today
God's Blessings go only to those who are honest.

MV Bharat Seema to sail for Diglipur via MB on Jan 08

Port Blair, Jan 4: The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 08.01.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 09.01.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued from 06.01.2022 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Sars Ticketing Counter, Phoenix Bay by following latest COVID 19 SOP in effect.

Dairy Farm becomes new hotbed for ganja consumption, peddling

Port Blair, Jan 4: The recent death of a Physical Education Teacher of GSS Bathubasti allegedly by ganja peddlers has come as a blow to the efforts of the law enforcing agencies to totally eliminate ganja peddling and consumption from the islands. The recent incident is a clear pointer that consumption and supply of ganja is rampant and local Police are clueless. It has become a challenge for the police department to control its flow and nab those involved in peddling this drug.

According to sources, the stretch from Seva Niketan CPWD quarters in Dairy Farm has become

the new bet for ganja peddlers. The empty CPWD quarters here have become the new hub for ganja consumers and peddlers. A good number of youth gather in these empty quarters in late evening hours to consume ganja and indulge in all sorts of anti-social activities.

Ganja, also known as marijuana has become the most popular among drug addicts in the city. Data also suggests gone are the days when people used to rely on alcohol and cigarettes, ganja has become the new high for addicts particularly teenagers here. More stark is the fact that almost all the arrests made were of traffickers and



distributors, while none are of financiers or of those running the drug trade at a large scale – an

MP demands COVID-19 vaccination of children in their respective schools

Port Blair, Jan 4: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have requested the Lt. Governor to direct the health department and education department to arrange vaccination of children in their respective schools, as per a well-planned schedule. In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member Parliament expressed gratitude towards Andaman and Nicobar Administration for starting vaccination for children between 15-18 years in Port Blair from today, which will greatly benefit children of these islands and protect them from severe COVID-19 infection. He pointed out that several parents have however informed him that they are worried about sending their children to already crowded vaccination centers, fearing infection because of avoidable exposure. The Member of Parliament mentioned that according to parents instead of calling several groups of

Students made to in queue for long hours for receiving jabs; parents allege poor coordination between agencies

Port Blair, Jan 4: "You will receive the jabs only if you have registered yourself on the CoWIN app as only those children in the age group of 15 to 18 will receive the dose who have registered in this portal", this was told to hundreds of children by the staff of the children who gathered at the JNRM vaccination centre for immunization. Students of about 4-5 schools were called for vaccination at the JNRM Covid center. Accordingly, students along with their parents and teachers started lining up in front of the CoWIN centre at JNRM from 8.00 am. However, at about 12.00 pm, they were told that the vaccine will be given to only those students who have registered themselves in the CoWIN app and others were told to



come after registration. Harassed and tired students and their parents protest against the conduct of the health staff.

Finding the situation going out of hand, the staff contacted their higher ups and agreed to vaccinate the students. According to reports,

Services of MV Mus withdrawn

Port Blair, Jan 4: This is to inform that Due to technical snag the vessel MV Mus has been withdrawn from the vehicle ferry service for rectification of defects. However, all efforts are being made by this Directorate to rectify the defects and restore normalcy. Till such time, the commuters are requested to cooperate with this Directorate. Inevitable inconvenience caused to the general public is deeply regretted.

The District Congress Committee President Mr. V. K. Abdul Aziz on Tuesday inaugurated a vaccination drive for children aged between 15 and 18 years at PHC Ferrargunj. Mr. Aziz was invited in the function as Guest of Honour by Dr. Chakraborty.



Awareness for adherence of COVID protocols and restrictions

Bakultala Narayan
 Bakultala, 4th Jan, 2022: Following declaration for enforcement of restrictions to contain the spread of virus in islands, a short awareness programme was conducted by the Police at Post-Bakultala. Immediately after release of restriction guidelines, the in-charge

10 positive Covid-19 cases reported in isles

Port Blair, Jan 4: During the RT-PCR test conducted 379 passengers who arrived here yesterday, 10 positive cases have been detected. Yesterday, 13 flights with 2170 passengers arrived, out of which, 1773 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 397 passengers (includes 34 international travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 93 passengers belonging to North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, all were found negative. At Mohanpur Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 58 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 54 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. At Hailpad, 15 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative.

Meanwhile, the vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,94,997 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 1934 people were vaccinated yesterday. 1607 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 1010 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, while 104 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 327 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 283 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, while 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Last rituals of deceased PET will be held on Jan, 6

Port Blair, 4th Jan, 2022: The last rituals of Late Krishna Murthy, Physical Education Teacher, said to be held on 6th January, 2022. As per information received from the family of the deceased, the son of Late Krishna Murthy will be arriving in Port Blair tomorrow. Thereafter rituals will be held. Presently the body has been kept in the mortuary of G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. Krishna Murthy got injured while trying to mediate and calm two drunken people engaged in physical quarrel.

ISRO targets launch of uncrewed flights under Gaganyaan mission before Independence Day

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is targeting the launch of first of the two planned uncrewed flights under the Gaganyaan mission before Independence Day this year.

ISRO Chairman Dr. K. Sivan said the third lunar mission Chandrayaan-3 will be launched by middle of the next year. In a letter encouraging the scientists at the organization, Dr. Sivan said, launch of EOS-4 and EOS-6 onboard PSLV and launch of EOS-02 onboard maiden flight of SSLV are immediate tasks at hand this year.

He said, there is a directive to launch the first uncrewed mission before the 75th anniversary of middle of the next year. In a letter



Selvanus Runda (SHIJU) BJP State General Secretary Yuva Member Joint Congress party today in the presence of PCC MEMBERS Shri Saw Thompson and Block president Shri P. Jaiselam, with Executive Members of Congress party.

More than 152.96 crore COVID vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

The Union Government has said that more than 152.96 crore COVID vaccine doses have been provided to States and Union Territories so far. Health Ministry today said that more than 19 crore 69 lakh balance and unutilized vaccine doses are still available with the States and UTs to be administered.

As part of the Nationwide Vaccination Drive, the government has been supporting the States and Union Territories by providing them COVID vaccines free of cost. The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country.

Tree plantation drive at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram



Port Blair, Jan 4: The Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable Trust (YBSCT) in collaboration with the Forest department held a tree plantation drive on 03-01-2022 at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram (VKA), Shadipur, Port Blair. Also, children from Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram participated in this event.

The program began with the worship of Mother Earth by Shri. T. Sreehariri, Incharge of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Shadipur. Further, two staff from the department of environment and forest guided the gathering for planting the saplings. A broad array of 30 flowering plants were planted in the Ashram premises.

YBSCT extends heartfelt gratitude to Shri. R. Ajay Kumar, IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Extension and publicity Division, Haddo, Port Blair for providing flower saplings. This is a small

Centre suspends Biometric Attendance for government employees till 31st Jan

Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr. Jitendra Singh has announced the suspension of the Biometric Attendance for government employees with immediate effect due to rise in Covid cases. In a tweet, Dr. Singh said, the decision has been taken in the interest of safety and health of the employees.

DoPT said that biometric attendance will remain suspended till 31st January. Heads of Departments have been asked to

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PM on scientists

A national entrepreneurship development board will be set up to check unemployment among scientists and technologists, Indra Gandhi announced in Mysore. Addressing the 69th annual session of the Indian Science Congress at the Mysore University campus, she said that all vacancies in the field of science and technology would be filled. She said the national science and technology entrepreneurship board would be constituted to link life science and technology manpower with under-utilised institutional facilities. The PM said the government was launching a three-pronged programme, which would take care of the inappropriate employment of such qualified persons.

No war pact
India has an "open mind" on a no-war pact with Pakistan, External Affairs Minister said in an interview to PTI. He said that the government's response on the issue had been "positive and correct". The minister was answering questions on the hectic diplomatic activity between the two countries. Rao recalled his statement in Parliament that Pakistan had "conveniently" rejected India's repeated offers of a no-war pact, first made in 1949. Still, this country had responded in a positive manner.

Sikh-Hindu unity
Militant Sikh leader Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale said in New Delhi that Hindu-Sikh unity was an article of faith with him. Addressing a huge congregation at Gurdwara Rakabganj, organised to end the mourning period for Jathedar Santokh Singh, Bhindranwale said the press had wrongly depicted him as a Hindu baiter. The Sikh leader said he wanted Hindus and Sikhs to live peacefully. He said Hindus and even Muslims, who did not smoke, should be honoured at Sikh platforms and presented with "siraps". He said he was surprised that Hindu leaders were not reciprocating the call for "Sikh-Hindu unity".

ISRO targets launch...

Country's independence (i.e., August 15th this year and all the stakeholders are putting their best efforts to meet the schedule.

Dr. Sivan said, Chandrayaan-3 design changes incorporating and testing has seen huge progress and the mission could be launched by the middle of next year.

Awareness for...

members, general public and discussed various aspects of the restrictions and urged all the participants to adhere to restrictions in letter and spirit. Mr. Halder briefed participants about various aspects

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ensure that employees wear masks at all times and follow COVID-appropriate behaviour.

Physical attendance of Government servants below the level of Under Secretary has been restricted to 50 percent of the actual strength. 50 percent of the staff will work from home. Persons with disabilities and pregnant women

Tree plantation...

endeavour by the YBSCT to indicate the importance of the environment among the citizens of Port Blair. The initiatives of

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The launch of the three earth observation satellites - EOS-02, EOS-04, and EOS-06 have been delayed for several months now. All big-ticket scientific missions, including India's first solar mission Aditya-L1, which were to be launched in 2021 were pushed when the launch schedule was revised after the second wave of the pandemic.

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of Covid infection and responsibility of every citizen in fighting the pandemic. At the end of his briefing, he gave his mobile number to participants and urged them to inform him about any illegal activity.

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employees have been exempted from attending the office but they will work from home. DoPT has further ordered to follow staggered timing to avoid timings to avoid overcrowding. DoPT said, all officers and staff residing in the containment zone will be exempted from coming to offices till the containment zone is de-notified.

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similar kind will help us to combat against climate change together and have the need of the hour.

ANTCC President condoles demise

Port Blair, Jan 4: ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder has expressed deep sadness at the passing away of Shri. Sathar Mandal (age 53), resident of Mitkhari village who breathed his last at PHC Tushnabad. He condoled the demise of Mr. Nepal Biswas (age 40), resident of Minibay (Ward no. 16) who breathed his last on Tuesday 4:10 am at G.B Pant Hospital. He prayed to the almighty for the strength and perseverance of all bereaved family members to get through this difficult time of irreparable loss.

Over 40 lakh people between 15 to 18 age group received their first dose of COVID vaccine: Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

Over 40 lakh people between 15 to 18 age group received their first dose of COVID vaccine till 8 PM today on the first day of vaccination drive for children. In a tweet, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said this is another feather in the cap of India's vaccination drive.

Stay Home! Stay Safe!

HOW TATA MOTORS BECAME THE SECOND LARGEST CAR MAKER IN DECEMBER

It's been a bumpy drive for automobile companies in the last several months. While passenger vehicle demand has been strong, production and supplies have failed to keep pace due to the acute semiconductor shortage that has affected car makers globally. Not so it may seem for Tata Motors. The homegrown car maker continues to cruise along a smooth highway and, in December, raced ahead of Hyundai Motor to become the second largest car maker in the country in terms of monthly sales.

Tata Motors shipped 35,299 passenger vehicles to its dealers last month, compared to Hyundai's

domestic wholesales of 32,312 units. Tata Motors sales were up 50 per cent year-on-year, while Hyundai's domestic sales declined 32 per cent. This is the first time since Tata Motors entered the passenger vehicle market that it has become the second largest in the space.

To be fair, Hyundai still remains the second largest car maker in the country, on an annual sales basis. The Korean car maker sold 5.05 lakh units in India in 2021. On the other hand, Tata Motors' PV sales in the same period stood at around 331,178 units, which was still the highest ever since the inception of the passenger vehicle business. Also to note is that Hyundai

is also one of the largest auto exporters from India. It exported 16,621 units in December and 1.30 lakh units in 2021. Add these figures and Hyundai gains further ground over Tata Motors.

Despite this, the decade high quarterly and monthly sales for Tata Motors suggests it has been making all the right moves. The Harrier, Safari and Nexon sports utility vehicles have found good traction for Tata Motors amid a general industry-wide rise in demand for SUVs in the country. To cash in on this demand further, Tata Motors last year launched the Punch micro-SUV,

which also received a strong reception. Launched only in October, the Punch, which competes with the likes of Mahindra KUV and Nissan Magnite, is already the second most selling product in Tata's existing portfolio following the Nexon. The Nexon and Punch grabbed the third and sixth position in SUV sales in the country in November.

Analysts say the Punch will help Tata Motors gain market share further in 2022 among ICE (internal combustion engine) vehicles. Separately,

Tata Motors' early aggression in the electric PV segment is also reaping big dividends for the car maker.

EV sales touched 10,000 units in nine months of FY22 and crossed 2,000 monthly sales landmark for the first time in December 2021 (2,255 units). The ever-increasing demand for Nexon EV and Tigor EV as well as progressive revival of the EV fleet segment were instrumental in driving this steep growth, said Shailish Chandra, president, passenger vehicles business unit, Tata Motors.

Nexon EV back in 2020. In 2021, it rolled out the Tigor EV for the passenger segment and the XPRES-T EV for the fleet segment. This has helped it gain a huge leap over rivals, who are either still drawing up plans or offer only one-two EVs in the market, that too in the premium or luxury segment. In December, Tata Motors' EV sales jumped 439 per cent from a year ago to 2,255 units.

Recent reports suggest that the company is likely to launch the Nexon with a bigger battery, which should give it a longer range, sometime this year. This will certainly give Tata's EV market share a further boost. The new launch of Tigor EV (approved for governments FAME II subsidy) is likely to improve EV sales, while the recently launched Punch could further aid ICE market

share," said Basudeb Banerjee, research analyst at ICICI Securities.

Buoyed by the strong sales momentum, investors have lapped up Tata Motors shares, which are up 166 per cent over the past one year. In comparison, the BSE Auto index has gained only 20 per cent in the same period.

Despite the stellar performance thus far, worries do remain. Semiconductor supplies will remain key source of uncertainty, said Chandra of Tata Motors. Furthermore, the impact of the new Omicron variant of COVID-19 will need to be closely tracked, he added. Already, coronavirus cases are surging in several states like Maharashtra and Delhi, prompting the governments there to impose fresh set of restrictions.

On Tuesday, broking firm CLSA downgraded Tata Motors shares to 'sell' from 'buy'. This downgrade was premised on lower valuation for Tata Motors' domestic PV business, below the valuation ascribed to its private equity fund, CLSA. Also ascribed a lower valuation for Tata Motors' luxury Jaguar Land Rover unit. The broker cited slower EV ramp up by JLR versus competitors for the same.

Tata Motors shares were down 2 per cent to Rs 487.50 in afternoon trade post the CLSA downgrade.

RBI allows offline digital payments

Topush digital transactions in rural and semi-urban areas, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday issued a framework allowing offline payments up to Rs 200 per transaction, subject to an overall limit of Rs 2,000. On offline digital payment means a transaction that does not require internet or telecom connectivity.

Under the offline mode, payments can be carried out face-to-face (proximity mode) using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, and mobile devices.

These transactions will not require an additional factor of authentication (AFA), the Reserve Bank of India said, adding that since the transactions are offline, alerts (by way of SMS and/or e-mail) will be received by the customer after a time lag.

"Transactions are subject to a limit of Rs 200 per transaction and an overall limit of Rs 2,000 for all transactions until the balance in the account is replenished. Balance replenishment can only occur in an online mode," said the Framework for Facilitating Small Value Digital Payments in Offline Mode.

The framework incorporates the feedback received from the pilot experiments on offline transactions conducted in different parts of the

country during the period from September 2020 to June 2021, it said. "Offline transactions are expected to give a push to digital transactions in areas with poor or weak internet or telecom connectivity, particularly in semi-urban and rural areas. The new framework is applicable with immediate effect," the RBI said. The offline mode of payment, it said, can be enabled after obtaining the specific consent of the customer. The customers, it added, will continue to enjoy protection under the provisions of circulars limiting customer liability and will have

recourse to the Reserve Bank Integrated Ombudsman Scheme for grievance redress. Offline payments can be made using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, and mobile devices. "Offline payments shall be made in proximity (face-to-face) mode only," it said and added that such transactions may be offered without AFA. Also, such transactions using cards should be allowed without a requirement to switch on the contactless transaction channel. Further, the acquirer should incur all liabilities arising out of technical or transaction security issues at the merchant's end. The RBI also emphasised that offline payments will be covered under the provisions of its limited customer liability circulars.

The RBI has asked the authorised payment system operators (PSOs) and payment system participants (PSPs) to acquire and issue (banks and non-banks) to ensure compliance with the instructions.

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes found guilty of fraud, conspiracy

A jury found fallen Silicon Valley star Elizabeth Holmes guilty of fraud for turning her blood-testing startup Theranos into a sophisticated scam one that duped billions and other unwitting investors into backing a seemingly revolutionary company whose medical technology never worked as Holmes promised. The 37-year-old Holmes was found guilty on 2 counts of wire fraud and 2 counts of conspiracy to commit fraud on Monday after 7 days of deliberation. The jury decision followed a three-month trial featuring dozens of witnesses including Holmes herself and numerous exhibits. She now faces up to 20 years in prison for each guilty count, although legal experts say she is unlikely to receive anything close to the maximum sentence. The jury deadlocked on the three remaining charges. The split verdicts are a mixed bag for the prosecution, but it's a loss for Elizabeth Holmes because she is going away to prison for at least a few years, said

David Ring, a lawyer who has been following the Holmes case closely. Federal prosecutors spent much of the trial providing testimony and evidence to depict Holmes as a charlatan obsessed with fame and fortune. In seven days on the witness stand, Holmes cast herself as a visionary trailblazer in male-dominated Silicon Valley who was emotionally and sexually abused by her former lover and business partner, Sunny Balwani. Holmes founded Theranos when she was 19, dropping out of Stanford to pursue a "bold, humanitarian idea". Possessed of seemingly boundless new ork chutzpah, Holmes built Theranos blood-testing technology as a breakthrough that could scan for hundreds of medical conditions using just a few drops of blood. By 2015, 11 years after leaving Stanford, Holmes had raised hundreds of millions of dollars for her company, pushing its market value to \$9 billion. Half of that belonged to Holmes, earning her the moniker of the world's youngest

self-made female billionaire at 30. Just three years later, though, Theranos collapsed in scandal.

When young Holmes was a competitive prodigy who openly aspired to make a vast fortune. She started studying Mandarin Chinese with a tutor around age 9, and talked her way into summer classes in the language at Stanford after her sophomore year in high school. In her sophomore college year, she took the remainder of her tuition money as a stake and dropped out to run her company.

The company's fairy-tale success started to unravel in 2016, when a series of Wall Street Journal articles and a federal regulatory audit uncovered a pattern of grossly inaccurate blood results in tests run on Theranos devices. The Holmes trial has exposed Silicon Valley's fakery to make a fortune in painful detail. Tech entrepreneurs often overpromise and exaggerate, so prosecutors faced the challenge of proving that Holmes' boosterism crossed the line into fraud.

PRESS NOTE

This is for the information of the commuters/general public that to curb the spread of COVID positive cases in A&N Islands for the safety of the people the District Administration has imposed Night Curfew from 09 PM to 5 AM. In view of this, this Directorate has decided to curtail the existing passenger/Vehicle ferry service between Chatham - Bambooflat, Chatham- Dundus Point, Phoenix Bay - Bambooflat/Panigat during night hours. The last passenger/vehicle ferry service will be available for commuters during night hours in the above routes as under:-

1. Route No. I - Chatham to Dundus Point.

Station	Departure Time	Remarks
Chatham to Dundus Point	1900 Hrs	
Dundus Point to Chatham	1930 Hrs	Last Ferry

2. Route No. II - Chatham to Bamboo Flat. (Vehicle & Passenger Ferry)

Station	Departure Time	Remarks
Chatham to Bamboo Flat	2000 Hrs	
Bamboo Flat to Chatham	2000 Hrs	Last Ferry

3. Route No. III - Between Phoenix Bay & Bamboo Flat.

Station	Departure Time	Remarks
Phoenix Bay to Bamboo Flat	1915 Hrs	
Bamboo flat to Phoenix Bay	1945 Hrs	Last Ferry

4. Route No. IV - Between Phoenix Bay & Panigat.

Station	Departure Time	Remarks
Phoenix Bay to Panigat	1915 Hrs	
Panigat to Phoenix Bay	1945 Hrs	Last Ferry

The above schedule will come in force with effect from 4th January, 2022.

It is, further, advised to all the passengers to adhere to the following measures while travelling on board

- Vessels operating in the Harbour Sector and Foreshore Sector (Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep) shall carry only 70% of its carrying capacity with staggered seating arrangement thereby following safe social distancing.
- Passengers shall maintain orderly embarkation and disembarkation and avoid congregation on board vessels and maintain social distancing.
- All passengers shall compulsorily wear face mask and carry sanitizers at all times.
- Consumption of liquor, paan, ghutka, tobacco etc on board vessel and spitting is strictly prohibited.
- Avoid congregation and maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.
- While travelling, in case any passenger feels fever, cough or difficulty in breathing, he/she may immediately report to the ship's staff for taking further necessary action.
- Passengers travelling onboard shall strictly adhere to the instructions of ship's staff.

The Directorate of Shipping Services solicits cooperation from all commuters so as to enable the vessels to provide a safe and comfortable journey.

Deputy Director (SS)

A & N Admn.

e-TENDER NOTICE

No. DB-Tender/Elect/WSD/2021-22/2755dt.31/12/2021

The Executive Engineer, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from the **Enlisted contractor of APWD and Non APWD Contractors** irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed work dealing with Providing Services of vehicle's driver in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Govt. Organizations & do not have any adverse remarks registered labour contractors/Agencies for providing services to drive Heavy Vehicles with those who have professional driving license for the under mentioned work..

- 1. Name of Work:-**R&M of 12Nos. Ashok Leyland Truck procured under MOT fund During 2021-2022. SW:- Providing services to Drive Heavy Vehicles under Transport Sub-Division. **Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** 29,26,440/-, **EMD:-** 58,529/- & **Time of Completion:-** 06 Months **TENDER ID:-** 2021_APWD_4840_1
- 2. Name of Work:-**R&M of 6nos. Maruti Gypsy King, 06 Nos. Maruti Gypsy, 02 Nos. Maruti Omni and 07 Nos. Commander Jeep under Workshop Sub-Division, during 2021-22. SW:- Providing services to Drive Light Vehicles. **Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** 21,80,510/-, **EMD:-** 43,610/- & **Time of Completion:-** 06 Months **TENDER ID:-** 2021_APWD_4842_1 & last time & date of Submission of bid **12/01/2022 (10:00 hrs).**

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the web site eprocure.andaman.gov.in.

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CMRL Recruitment 2022, Apply B.E Vacancies @ chennaiemrtrorail.org

CMRL Recruitment 2022 (General Manager, AGM & Other Post) 10 vacancies (Last date: 07.01.2022 & 22.01.2022) Download Application Form @ chennaiemrtrorail.org
CMRL Recruitment 2021: Chennai Metro Rail Limited invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for the appointment to the post of General Manager, AGM, JGM, DGM, Manager, DM and AM. These 10 vacancies will be assigned through CMRL recruitment. Candidates must be Indian citizen and must have completed B.E/B.Tech. are eligible to apply for this General Manager and other post. Before final submission of application form candidate must review their application form carefully. The closing date of filled application form for General Manager is 22.01.2022 and other should be 07.01.2022.

Central government job seekers may download the CMRL recruitment application form and Chennai Metro Rail recruitment notification from official website. The CMRL will conduct the interview/written test. Persons already working in Government/PSU organization should apply through proper channel. At the time of interview candidates should produce the NOC certificates. Candidates may send their filled application form along with the self-attested copies of certificates in support of educational qualification, experience certificate, birth certificates, community certificates and passport size photo and Bio data should be submitted to the proper channel. Belated application form will not be considered for after the due date of application.

Details regarding Chennai Metro Rail jobs like educational qualification, age limit, selection process, & How to apply are provided above. Check out the latest current job notification is available at Daily recruitment site.

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

FACT Recruitment 2021 | Graduate, Trade & Technician Apprentice | 179 Vacancies | Last Date: 18.12.2021 | FACT Job Notification @ fact.co.in

FACT Recruitment 2021: Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is going to hire candidates for engagement of Apprentices under Apprentices Act in Graduate, Technician & Trade categories. Eligible candidates are invited to apply for these 179 vacancies. Candidates who are searching for ITI Diploma/Engineering jobs may apply for this current job openings to join at FACT. Candidates are advised to register their name in BOAT (www.mhrdnats.gov.in) / NAPS (www.apprenticeshipindia.org). The Last Date to submit the application form for FACT Apprentice Recruitment 2021 is 18.12.2021.

Selection process for FACT Apprentice jobs will be based on merit list. Central Govt job seekers are instructed to apply for these FACT vacancies. Merit list will be prepared on basis of marks secured in qualifying examination. FACT recruitment 2021 notification pdf & application form are available from 23.11.2021 @ www.fact.co.in. Training will be provided for 1 year. Training location is FACT Kerala. Applications must be reached the prescribed address on or before the last date. More details of FACT Apprentice recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job notices will be uploaded at official website.

Check www.fact.co.in for more details about FACT recruitment. Educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode & steps to apply have provided above. Looking forward with www.dailyrecruitment.in to get recent updates.

Why are so many vaccinated people getting COVID-19 lately

A couple of factors are at play, starting with the emergence of the highly contagious omicron variant. Omicron is more likely to infect people, even if it doesn't make them very sick, and its surge coincided with the holiday travel season in many places. People might mistakenly think the COVID-19 vaccines will completely block infection, but the shots are mainly designed to prevent severe illness, says Louis Manksky, a virologist at the University of Minnesota. And the vaccines are still doing their job on that front, particularly for people who've gotten boosters. Two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine still offer strong protection against serious illness from omicron. While those initial doses aren't very good at blocking omicron infection, boosters particularly with the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines rev up levels of the antibodies to help fend off infection. Omicron appears to replicate much more efficiently than previous variants. And infected people have high virus loads, there's a greater likelihood they'll pass it on to others, especially the unvaccinated. Vaccinated people who get the virus are more likely to have mild symptoms, if any, since the shots trigger multiple defenses in your immune system, making it much more difficult for omicron to slip past them all. Advice for staying safe hasn't changed. Doctors say to wear masks indoors, avoid crowds and get vaccinated and boosted. Even though the shots won't always keep you from catching the virus, they'll make it much more likely you stay alive and out of the hospital.

भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनियम बोर्ड Securities and Exchange Board of India

RECRUITMENT - 2022

APPLICATIONS FOR THE POST OF OFFICER GRADE A - GENERAL,
LEGAL, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE STREAMS

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is a statutory body established by an Act of Parliament to protect the interest of investors in securities, to promote the development of and to regulate the securities market. SEBI invites applications from Indian citizens for recruitment to the post of Officers in Grade A - General, Legal, Information Technology, Research and Official Language Streams.

The applications can be filled **ONLINE** from January 05, 2022 to January 24, 2022.

For the detailed advertisement and online application form, visit SEBI website at: <https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/about/AboutAction.do?cvVacancies=-es>



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SOCIAL MEDIA COMMERCE TO BECOME \$1.2 TRILLION MARKET BY 2025

The pandemic has already changed the way we shop. E-commerce and contactless payments have become a way of life whether or not we prefer in-store browsing over online shopping.

In the backdrop of the Omicron variant topping infectivity charts everywhere, a new study led by Accenture has predicted that shopping on social media will reach a global market size of \$1.2 trillion by 2025, growing three times faster than the rate at which traditional e-commerce grew.

The report, "Shopping Set for a Social Revolution," examines the social commerce opportunities via an online survey of over 10,000 social media users in China, India, Brazil, the US and the UK. Social commerce means a person's entire shopping experience—from product

discovery to the check-out process—takes place on social media platforms like Facebook and Instagram. This can range from being directed to a Marks & Spencer sale on a Facebook feed to stumbling onto a niche, small-time ice-cream company on Instagram.

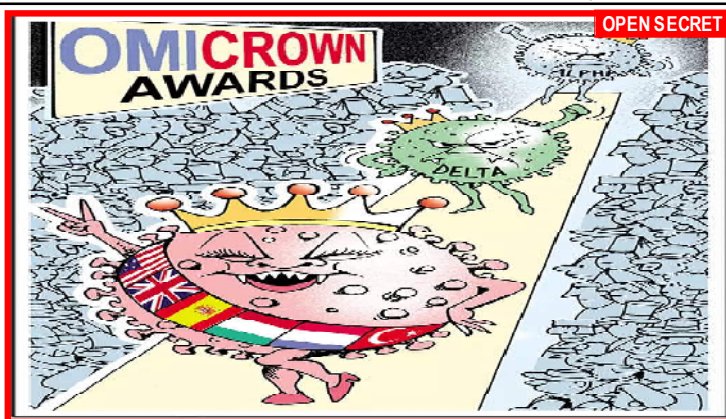
Just under two thirds (64 per cent) of social media users surveyed said they made a social commerce purchase in the last year, which Accenture estimates to reflect nearly 2 billion social buyers globally. Growth is predicted to be driven primarily by Gen Z and Millennial social media users, accounting for 62 per cent of global social commerce spending by 2025.

"We designed and fielded an online survey of 10,053 social media users in China, India, Brazil, the U.S. and the U.K.

The online study was conducted between August 12 and September 3 2021. We also conducted in-depth interviews with shoppers and sellers from those same five markets between May 26 and June 2, 2021," says a spokesperson from Accenture.

While China will remain the most advanced market both in size and maturity, the most growth is expected to be seen in developing markets like India and Brazil. Other key insights include how nearly eight out of ten social media users in India use social commerce to make purchases. While India is a mature market, almost half of its consumers make more impulse purchases than they do planned ones. Also, users from India are more than twice as likely to sell on social platforms compared to users in the US and UK. The report found that by 2025 the highest number of social commerce purchases globally are expected in clothing (18 per cent of all social commerce by 2025), consumer electronics (13 per cent) and home décor (7 per cent). Fresh food and snack items also represent a large product category (13 per cent) although sales are nearly exclusive to China. Beauty and personal care, although smaller items of total social commerce sales, is predicted to quickly gain ground on e-commerce. "Driven by mobile-first consumer preferences and the launch of new hyperlocal social commerce platforms, the emerging success of social commerce in India is a testimony to the power of people and communities," said Anurag Gupta, Managing Director and Lead - Strategy & Consulting, Accenture in India.

"To take advantage of this growing opportunity, it will be crucial that these social commerce platforms offer consumers the right experience built around trust and satisfaction, and broaden their appeal through the use of local languages and video interfaces," said Gupta.



Good outing in Asia Cup key for success in 2022: Savita

Defending the title at the women's Asia Cup and sealing a direct berth in the FIH World Cup later will be the key focus for India as it will set the tone for the side ahead of a busy season, said team's vice-captain Savita.

The Indian women will begin the new year with a trip to Oman in January where they will defend their Asia Cup title to be held from January 21 to 28.

Top eight teams of the continent — India, China, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and Singapore — will vie for the top honours in the Asia Cup, from where top four sides will qualify for the FIH Women's World Cup 2022 to be held in Spain and the Netherlands in July.

"In 2017, we won the Asia Cup to win direct qualification for the FIH Women's World Cup in London. I felt that win was one of the stepping stones for us to establish steady growth in our performance in the past four years."

"Definitely starting the season with a good show in Asia Cup will give us the right

momentum as we play back-to-back tournaments," ace goalkeeper Savita in a Hockey India statement.

After the conclusion of the Asia Cup, the Indian women will make their FIH Pro League debut, playing against Netherlands, Spain, Germany and England in Bhubaneswar.

The Indian will then travel to Belgium and the Netherlands to play against Belgium, Argentina and USA in June.

"I feel the Pro League matches will provide us with the best exposure ahead of the World Cup (in July). Last time, we made it to the quarterfinals for the first time in many decades."

"With our recent performance in the Olympics, and the support we garnered, we need to live up to the expectations by doing well in these major competitions to keep the interest alive in women's hockey," Savita said.

That follows the Indian women team's two big assignments of the year — Birmingham Commonwealth Games in July followed by the 19th Asian Games in Hangzhou, China,



where they will aim for a gold to seal a direct qualification for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Indian women will wrap up the season with the FIH Women's Nations Cup in December which will be played in Valencia, Spain.

"Having a good core group in such a hectic year will mean a lot in terms of ensuring our performance doesn't drop whenever someone needs to fill in for another player," added Savita.

Omicron tally rises to 1,892, with Maharashtra recording maximum 568 cases

A total of 1,892 cases of Omicron variant of coronavirus have been detected across 23 states and Union Territories so far, out of which 766 have recovered or migrated, according to the Union health ministry's data updated on Tuesday. Maharashtra has recorded the maximum number of 568 cases, followed by Delhi (382), Kerala (185), Rajasthan (174), Gujarat (152) and Tamil Nadu (121). A top epidemiology and communicable diseases expert on Monday said people should get themselves vaccinated at the earliest and not be thinking the Omicron variant of COVID-19 is milder because the virus will hunt for the 'unvaccinated, the old and immunodeficient'. Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, former head of epidemiology and communicable diseases at the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), further said one must not wait for herd immunity to set in as that process

will take time and a lot of people may die. "Instead of waiting for natural immunity (by infection), if we go for induced immunity through the vaccine, it will be good and the damage will be minimal. Getting an infection is never good even if it's mild. Today, if (Omicron) may look milder, but has any one thought of long-term effects on the human body," the health expert asked. Asked if the current situation was the beginning of the end of the pandemic, Dr Gangakhedkar said the scare would persist till the vaccination coverage rises dramatically. "After this, one thing will happen. The virus will start hunting for those who are unvaccinated, those who are older, and those who have immunodeficiency," he asserted.

As per research, the Omicron variant has the ability to spread rapidly and even evades vaccine-induced immunity, he added.

Indian-origin umpire Paleker has the trade running in his blood

Allahudein Paleker was at Mecca, just done with his pilgrimage to Hajj in 2017, when he found out that he had been elevated to the ICC panel of umpires. He saw it as a blessing and a blessing he umpired in the ODIs, stood in India's top of South Africa in 2018, and now has made his debut as a Test umpire, 15 years after first taking up the profession.

Incidentally, his umpiring partner was Marius Erasmus, his mentor who had started him on the umpiring path a decade and a half ago. It was an impressive start but tough days will come soon, no doubt. The steepest test of his career so far must surely be that fateful day in Cape Town in March 2018 when he was the fourth umpire in the Sandpapergate game. Together with the on-field umpires, Paleker

charged Australia's Cameron Bancroft, who had shoved sandpaper in his trousers, under Article 2.2.9.

The Indian connection is apt though, as he traces his origins to Rahagiri in Maharashtra. His father too is an umpire though he could never make it to the higher level, and still plies his trade behind the stumps in his 70's.

A few years back, in 2015, Paleker was in India, as part of umpire-exchange programme between two boards, and umpired in Ranji Trophy games in Mumbai and Chennai. He made the local papers then, talking about how in 2000, he had tried to enter the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai as a visitor but was denied entry. And now he was umpiring there. Circle of life, and all that.

It's been an interesting life, alright. A first-class player for South African franchise Titans in 2006, and a club player from Cape Town who even played in leagues in England. When he was 20, he went to play in the Sussex leagues but found the life as a Muslim difficult.

"There was no halal food available readily, the closest masjid was an hour away, and it wasn't easy," Paleker once told AccidentalMuslim.com. He was more careful next year and made the decision that most Asian-origin people do, and especially of Muslim faith. He chose Birmingham, where 21% of population is Muslim. With Halal food and lots of masjids around, he was in a far happier space and had a couple of successful years in the leagues.

One day Peter Kirsten, former South African batsman, called when he was in Birmingham and offered him a chance to play for Titans. Paleker didn't have to think much.

Even as his playing career was winding down, advice from Erasmus would turn out to be sagely. "He told me, if you are interested in umpiring, take it up as soon as your playing career ends," Paleker says in that interview. "Don't waste time by trying other things. It was the best advice I ever got." So, even when two years remained in his playing contract, he started taking umpiring courses. And when his contract ended, happily at his home ground New Lands in his hometown of Cape Town, he took the umpiring plunge immediately in 2007.

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