





# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

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### Education vision

Crunching down-the-line backhands and smacking deep forehands cross-court saw Emma Raducanu keep it all crisp in her breakout Grand Slam title victory at the US Open. Even by women's tennis' non-jaded standards, where 20 different players have become Slam champs in the last 10 years, the all-teen final featuring 18-year-old Raducanu and Leylah Fernandez, 19, at Flushing Meadows, seemed to speak of dewey spring in the autumn tournament. Raducanu, with her backstory of immigrant upbringing in the United Kingdom, while being born in Canada to Romanian and Chinese parents, made it a persuasive watch. In an Olympic year, the history-making champion — British Virginia Wade last won a Slam in 1977 — is expected to edge out Tom Daley of August Tokyo Olympic vintage for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year honours.

Raducanu's story is different from so many other teenage prodigies. Call it the immigrant's enterprise or the genius of the young woman, Emma aces academics with straight-A's and could've taken her pick from among swimming, golf or table tennis. Tales continue to trickle out about her unwavering focus in training through the pandemic, on streets outside her home and at the neighbourhood tennis club.

Women's tennis doesn't recreate the Big Four aura of the men's game. With no one dominating, it tends to lean back and observe how many waves the likes of Angelique Kerber, Simona Halep, Garbine Muguruzza, and most recently Naomi Osaka and Ashleigh Barty, can ride. Time will tell if Raducanu can hold aloft a few, or many, trophies and string together consistent seasons. There's the additional challenge to live up to British expectations, which are never tempered, nor proportional, and Sweet Caroline is a fluttering hope away.

### Hindi Diwas celebrated..

introduced. LILA-Rajbhasha (Learn Indian Languages through Artificial Intelligence) is a multi-media based intelligent self-tutoring application for learning Hindi. Using LILA, learning a language on our mobile can indeed be as enjoyable as playing Hindi Prabodh,

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### Awareness programme..

conducted awareness programme on 15th Sept 2021 at AWC Jaipur. On the commencement of programme, Shri Surinder Singh welcomed the gathering and detailed on the importance of celebration of Poshan maah. After that Dr Surinder Singh, Medical Officer Ayurveda spoke on importance of nutrition for healthy life and the complications arises due to malnutrition. He also spoke on Dincharya, a Rutcharya, a Sadvrit and appealed to the participants to

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enhance the traditional food and local fruit in your daily meal. Then Ayurvedic medicine kit (Shishu ka Saathi) distributed to the Anganwari centres falls under jurisdiction of Nimbudra Sub Centre. Also immunity booster tablets (Samsamani vati) distributed to all participants. At last due to bad weather few numbers of fruit bearing seedling were handed over to Incharge AWC Jaipur. The programme ended with vote of thanks and light refreshments.

### Vaccination drive..

In South Andaman District, out of which 1326 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 631 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which

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144 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 424 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which 16 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

### Release of music..

first of its kind for an Islander to achieve going to be released soon this month.

He is a very active social worker which we have seen in these times of pandemic also, this

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is a very proud moment for our islander and we need to support him and bless him for the success of his first single video track which has been totally filmed in our island.

### Hindi fortnight closing ..

The function was graced by HoM Mr. M. Sundaram and HoP Mrs. Meena Prakash. They addressed the gathering highlighting the importance of the official language

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"Hindi" and distributed prizes along with certificates to officers/employees of the Kendra, who participated and performed well in various competitions.

### Make dialysis unit..

to look into the issue and do the needful for the benefit of the patients. In Jan 2021, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, A&N Islands has requested Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to make the dialysis units at CHC Diglipur operational

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at the earliest to safeguard the health of dialysis patients of Rangatang and Diglipur Tehsil since the number of dialysis patients here is very high. Hope the Directorate of Health Services will look into other important health services apart from COVID-19

## CABINET APPROVES PLI SCHEME FOR AUTOMOBILE AND DRONE INDUSTRY

The Union cabinet has approved the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for automobile and drone industry with a budgetary outlay of Rs 26,058 crore. Along with the

earlier PLI scheme for the auto sector, the government wants to give a push to new green technologies so that dependence on the fossil fuels is reduced.

With this announcement, the

government has completed the PLI schemes for 13 sectors that it had announced during the budget with an outlay of Rs 1.97 lakh crore. The government says the additional production in India is expected to be around Rs 37.5 lakh crore over five years and minimum expected additional employment over five years is nearly one crore.

In case of the automotive sector, the PLI scheme will incentivize high value advanced automotive technology vehicles and products.

"It will herald a new age in higher technology, more efficient and green automotive manufacturing," Union minister Anurag Thakur said.

The PLI scheme envisages to overcome the cost disabilities to the industry for manufacture of AAT products in India by incentivising them to

make fresh investments for indigenous global supply chain of Advanced Automotive Technology products.

"It is estimated that over a period of five years, the PLI Scheme for Automobile and Auto Components Industry will lead to fresh investment of over Rs 42,500 crore, incremental production of over Rs 2.3 lakh crore and will create additional employment opportunities of over 7.5 lakh jobs. Further this will increase India's share in global automotive trade.

The PLI scheme will be open to existing players and even the new ones. It will have a separate component - 'Champion OEM Incentive scheme - a sales value linked' scheme, applicable on battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles of all segments.

Earlier, the government had launched a PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) (?18,100 crore) and Faster Adoption of Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles (FAME) (?10,000 crore). The government is hopeful that clubbed with the new scheme, it will enable India to leapfrog from traditional fossil fuel based automobile transportation system to environmentally cleaner, sustainable, advanced and more efficient Electric Vehicles (EV) based system.

To give a fillip to the drones and its components industry, the PLI scheme will incentivise their manufacturing for "strategic, tactical and operational uses of this revolutionary technology."

A product specific PLI scheme for drones with clear revenue targets and focus on domestic value addition is key to building capacity and making these key drivers of India's growth strategy. The PLI for drones and drone components industry, will over a period of three years, lead to investments worth ? 5,000 crore, increase in eligible sales of ? 1500 crore and create additional employment of about 10,000 jobs, the government said.



## SpiceJet to start 38 new flights during Sep 15-25

SpiceJet will start 38 new domestic and international flights during September 15-25, the airline said on Wednesday. In a statement, SpiceJet said it has launched flights on the Delhi-Surat-Delhi, Bengaluru-Varanasi-Bengaluru, Mumbai-Jaipur-Mumbai, Mumbai-Jaipur-Mumbai, Chennai-Pune-Chennai, Chennai-Jaipur-Chennai and the Chennai-Varanasi-Chennai routes.

The airline said it will resume flights to and from Dubai, connecting it with Mumbai, Delhi, Ahmedabad, Kochi, Kozhikode, Amritsar and Mangaluru.

Ajay Singh, chairman and managing director, SpiceJet, said, "We are happy to announce the

launch of 38 new domestic and international flights on our network." The launch of these new flights is a sign of steady revival not just

for us, but for the entire aviation industry, he noted.

"SpiceJet will be connecting Visakhapatnam with Mumbai, Udaipur with Chennai, and Delhi with Male for the first time in its network, and we expect these routes to do very well," Singh added.



## Egypt team identifies fossil of land-roaming whale species

Egyptian scientists say the fossil of a four-legged prehistoric whale, unearthed over a decade ago in the country's Western Desert, is that of a previously unknown species. The creature, an ancestor of modern-day whales, is believed to have lived 43 million years ago. The prehistoric whale, known as semi-aquatic because it lived both on land and sea, sported features of an accomplished hunter, the team's leading paleontologist, Hesham Salam, told The Associated Press.

features that make it stand out among other whale fossils. The fossil was first found by a team of Egyptian environmentalists in 2008 in an area that was covered by seas in prehistoric times, but researchers only published their findings

confirming a new species last month. Salam said that his team did not start examining the fossil until 2017 because he wanted to assemble the best and the most detailed Egyptian paleontologists for the study. This is the first time in the history of Egyptian vertebrate paleontology to have an Egyptian team leading a documentation of a new genus and species of four-legged whale, said Salam. The fossil sheds light on the evolution of whales from herbivore land mammals into carnivorous species that today live exclusively in water. The transition took place over roughly 10 million years, according to an article published on the discovery in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B. Egypt's Western Desert regions

already known for the so-called White Valley, or Wadi Al-Hitan, a tourist attraction and the country's only natural World Heritage site that contains fossil remains of another type of prehistoric whales. The newly discovered creature belongs to the family of Proboscidea, extinct semi-aquatic whales that lived from 59 to 34 million years ago, Salam said. It would have walked on land but also hunted in the water. This is yet another new species of early whales from the time when they retained four functional limbs, said Jonathan Geisler, an expert on the evolutionary history of mammals with New York Institute of Technology. The oldest fossil whales are about 50 million years old and are believed to have

originated in modern-day Pakistan and India. However, scientists have not been able to reach a conclusive answer as to when whales moved out of their point of origin to all the world's oceans. We chose the name Andia because it had a strong and ready bite, said Salam, professor of paleontology at Mansoura University in Egypt. It could kill any creature it crossed paths with. The discovery followed a four-year collaboration between Egyptian paleontologists and US-based scientists, Salam added. His team has previously made headlines worldwide with their 2018 discovery of a 25-megagram dinosaur, a new species of long-necked herbivorous dinosaurs that lived in the Nile Delta province of Mansoura.

## Live phone-in-prog at DDK

Port Blair, Sept 15: Doorsdhan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast Agriculture Live Phone in programme on the Topic "Mini Feed Mill for Rural Poultry Feed Production" on 16/09/2021, Thursday from 1730 hrs to 1800 hrs. In this programme Dr. T. Sujata, Scientist CIARI will be the expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on by dialling 244745/ 9476046367.

## Vishal advocates provision of cash payment for purchase of fertilizers

Port Blair, 15<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2021: Shri. Vishal Jolly, Former State President & Core-Committee Member, BJP A & N Islands & Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Gol has requested for making provisions for disbursement of Fertilizers and Pesticides to the farmers of A & N Islands without insisting for making payments through online mode.

In his letter to the Chief Secretary, UT Administration, Shri. Vishal said that the Department of Agriculture is accepting payment for sale of subsidized fertilizers and pesticides only through digital mode. Due to poor mobile data connectivity, farmers fail to make the payment through digital mode. Hence, fail to avail the benefit of getting subsidized fertilizers and pesticides.

Elaborating on the hardships being faced by farmers in procuring fertilizers and pesticides due to mandatory digital payment, the authority is informed that digital payments are possible only through Android or iOS smartphones, which many farmers don't have. Even if they manage to procure it from the market, they are not competent enough to operate the system and ensure safer digital transactions. This factor also hinders in obtaining subsidized fertilizers and pesticides in time. This results in damage to crops and farm products. Shri Vishal Jolly has urged the administration to consider hardships of island's farmers being faced by them in obtaining subsidized fertilizers and pesticides by making digital payment. Hence enable the option of cash payment in addition to the existing mode of digital payment.

## AATO requests increasing passenger carrying capacity of IV boats in Swarajdweep & restarting of Kayaking operations

Port Blair, Sept 15: A delegation of AATO comprising General Secretary Shri. K. Hamza & Jt. Secretary Shri. Sakat Biswas met Director tourism Shri. Alok Kumar Jha and discussed various issues regarding tourism sector. On directions of AATO President Shri. M. Vinod, the delegation urged Dept. of tourism to restart Kayaking operations for tourists. Shri. Sakat Biswas requested Director tourism to consider increasing the passenger carrying capacity of IV boats to 90% capacity for commercially viable operations. Director Tourism has considered the demands and assured suitable directions soon.

## Moderna Covid vaccine produces lasting immune response

Immunity generated by the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine lasts for at least six months, and there is no indicator that vaccinated people will need a booster shot, according to a study.

The research, published in the journal Science, noted that this time point of six months is critical because that is when

true immune memory has formed.

While the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine led to strong immune and antibody responses for at least six months after clinical trial participants were fully vaccinated, it is likely that the immune response could last much longer, the researchers said.



They also show that this strong immune memory lasted in all age groups tested, including people over age 70, a demographic especially vulnerable to severe COVID-19.

"The immune memory was stable, and that was impressive. That's a good indicator of the durability of mRNA vaccines," said Shane Crotty, a professor at La Jolla Institute for Immunology (LJI) in the US.

The researchers compared recovered COVID-19 patients to vaccine trial participants who received a 25-microgram dose of the Moderna vaccine during the phase 1 clinical trials.

"We wanted to see if a quarter of the dose is able to induce any immune response," said study first author Jose Mateus Trivino, a postdoctoral fellow at

LJI.

"We had the opportunity to receive the samples from the original Moderna phase 1 trial participants who had received two 25-microgram injections of the vaccine, 28 days apart," Trivino said.

This vaccine dose is a quarter of the 100-microgram Moderna dose given emergency authorization by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

While researchers don't know whether this smaller dose is as effective as the standard dose, the study shows that the T cell and antibody responses in the smaller dose group is still strong.

They found that the Moderna vaccine spurs an adaptive immune response to the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein nearly identical to the immune

system's response to a natural infection. The coronavirus uses the spike protein to enter and infect the cells.

"The response is comparable. It's not higher and it's not lower," said LJI Research Assistant Professor Daniela Weiskopf.

The study also shows the power of "cross-reactive" T cells, immune cells which trigger a faster and better antibody response.

The researchers found that people with cross-reactive T cells had significantly stronger antibody responses to both doses of the vaccine.

"If you have this immune reactivity, your immune system may kick in faster against the virus. And multiple studies have shown that how quickly the immune system reacts is key, the researchers added.

### Stay Home! Stay Safe!



## Cong panel on agitations meets, Priyanka lays stress on follow-up



A panel set up by Congress president Sonia Gandhi under the chairmanship of senior leader Digvijay Singh to plan 'sustained agitations' on national issues met for the first time on Tuesday. At the meeting, AICC general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra suggested that the party should try to ensure that the message of the agitation reaches people and that there should be 'follow up' action after agitational and campaign programmes, its learnt. Sources said Priyanka pointed out that the party organises campaigns and programmes at the national level while impact at the district, taluk and panchayat levels making them a little exercise. Her focus, sources said, was on how to take the message of the agitation to every household. The meeting identified inflections as the main issue on which the party should launch a national agitation immediately. The committee also saw the view that the party should wage campaigns against the farm laws and asset monetisation to highlight the high-handedness of the government. The deliberations were on 'how to sustain an agitation... what happens now is that every body will come together one day and hold an agitation for a day... then it is over... we need to plan continuous agitation. We are putting up these suggestions to the Congress president,' a member of the panel told The Indian Express.

One leader said Priyanka was very forthright. 'Her suggestion was the party will have to establish a connect with the people and that whatever message we are trying to send through these agitations should penetrate. Often our people hold programmes and then forget the issue. She said there should be a trickle down effect,' a leader said.

## Criticism of Supreme Court: A-G nod to contempt proceedings against portal editor

Attorney General K K Venugopal on Monday granted consent to initiate contempt of court proceedings against Ajeet Bharti, editor of the newsportal dopdip.in, over a video critical of the Supreme Court and judges.

"I find that the contents of the video which has been watched by about 1.7 lakh viewers are derogatory, gross and highly derogatory to the Supreme Court of India and the judiciary as a whole being clearly intended to denigrate the courts. The allegations made by Mr Ajeet Bharti against the Supreme Court are, among other things, of bribery, favouritism and abuse of power," the A-G said in his letter granting consent.

The A-G referred to some of Bharti's remarks, including one where he said "the Supreme Court was shown its real place by Prashant Bhushan, all at the expense of Rs 1" and where he spoke about judges withdrawing from hearing "Mamata Banerjee's case" and said "whatever might have been the movie behind the making of these scurrilous statements, it was obvious that the speaker who is quite educated would have known that the result would be to attract the contempt jurisdiction of the Supreme Court."

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## IN CONVERSATION

## COVID VACCINE BOOSTERS NOT "APPROPRIATE" AT THIS STAGE: LANCET STUDY

Vaccine efficacy against severe COVID-19, even for the delta variant, is so high that booster doses for the general population are not appropriate at this stage in the pandemic, according to a review by an international group of scientists published in The Lancet on Monday.

The review by experts, including those from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) summarised the currently available evidence from randomised controlled trials and observational studies published in peer-reviewed journals and pre-print servers.

The results reported from the observational studies, on average, show that vaccination had 95 per cent efficacy against severe disease both from the Delta variant and from the Alpha variant, and over 80 per cent efficacy at protecting against any infection from these variants.

The authors noted that across all vaccine types and variants, vaccine efficacy is greater against severe disease than against mild disease.

Although vaccines are less effective against asymptomatic disease or against transmission than against severe disease, even in populations with high vaccination coverage the unvaccinated minority are still the major drivers of transmission, as well as being themselves at the highest risk of serious disease, they said.

"Taken as a whole, the currently available studies do not provide credible evidence of substantially declining protection against severe disease, which is the primary goal of vaccination, said lead author Ana Maria Herero-Restrepo from WHO.

"The limited supply of these vaccines will save the most lives if made available to people who are at appreciable risk of serious disease and have not yet received any

vaccine," Herero-Restrepo said.

The authors noted that even if some gain can ultimately be obtained from boosting, it will not outweigh the benefits of providing initial protection to the unvaccinated.

If vaccines are deployed where they would do the most good, they could hasten the end of the pandemic by inhibiting further evolution of variants, they added.

The authors explained that even if levels of antibodies in vaccinated individuals wane over time, this does not necessarily predict reductions in the efficacy of vaccines against severe disease.

This could be because protection against severe disease is mediated not only by antibody responses, which might be relatively short lived for some vaccines, but also by memory responses and cell-mediated immunity, which are generally longer-lived, they said.

"The vaccines that are currently available are safe, effective, and save lives," said study co-author Soumya Swaminathan, WHO Chief Scientist.

"Although the idea of further reducing the number of COVID-19 cases by enhancing immunity in vaccinated people is appealing, any decision to do so should be evidence-based and consider the benefits and risks for individuals and society," Swaminathan added.

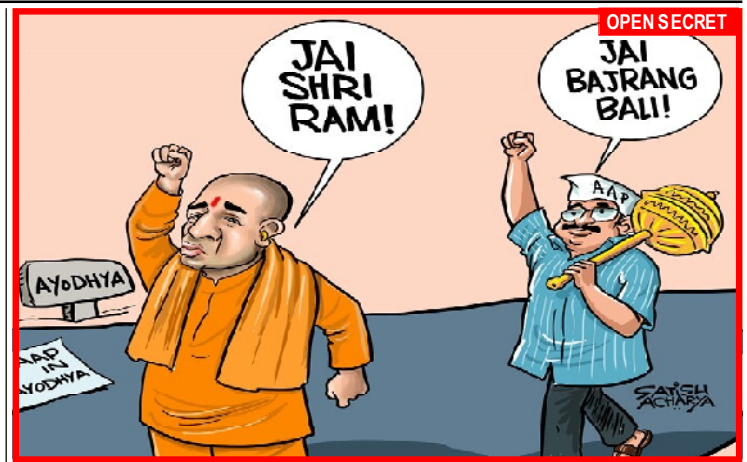
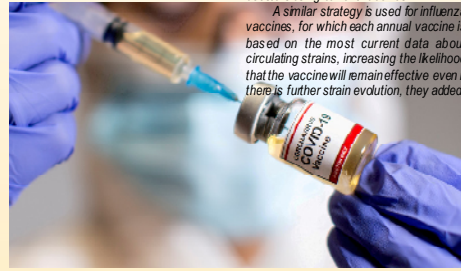
According to the review, if boosters are ultimately to be used, there will be a need to identify specific circumstances where the benefits outweigh the risks.

The authors also noted that the ability of vaccines to elicit an antibody response against current variants indicates that these variants have not yet evolved to the point at which they are likely to escape the memory immune response induced by the vaccines.

Even if new variants that can escape the current vaccines are going to evolve, they are most likely to do so from strains that have already become widely prevalent, they said.

Therefore, the authors said, the effectiveness of boosters developed specifically to match potential new variants could be greater and longer lived than boosters using current vaccines.

A similar strategy is used for influenza vaccines, for which each annual vaccine is based on the most current data about circulating strains, increasing the likelihood that the vaccine will remain effective even if there is further strain evolution, they added.



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**10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE**

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3. Maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between you and others.
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**India emerging as WSH for cost-effective launch of satellites: Dr Jitendra Singh**

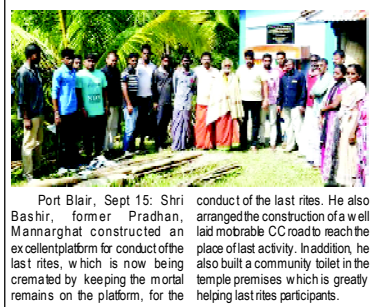
Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh today said that India is fast emerging as World Space Hub for cost-effective launch of satellites. Speaking at the India Leads-2021 Summit organized by FICCI in New Delhi, he said, India has earned worldwide recognition for launching lunar probes, building satellites and ferrying foreign satellites. Dr Singh said, over the past few years, Space industry is emerging as one of the most lucrative industries globally and demand for Nano, micro and minisatellites and reusable and small satellite launch vehicle systems are anticipated to drive the market. He said, ISRO has forged a strong relationship with many industrial enterprises, both in the public and private sector, to implement its space projects.

## Social Worker assists admit lady in hospital



Port Blair, Sept 15: Mr. V.K. Abdul Aziz, renowned social worker of Brindaban, who has been volunteering to help needy families get access to the healthcare services they need for the past fortnight. He has been working up to 21 hours a day, every day, helping save lives. He is among hundreds of citizen volunteers across the country who are doing everything they can to help with Covid aid, relief efforts, mortuary van etc. Yesterday, he got information Smti Devika of Stewertgunj condition is not good her both legs are not working & can't able to move. The team of Mr Aziz reached the spot and admitted her in Wimberly gunj hospital and handover Rs. 2000 to her family with ration items. Three volunteers were deployed to take care of Smti ladies, now, the condition is stable.

## Platform for conducting cremation constructed



Port Blair, Sept 15: Shri Bashir, former Pradhan, Mannarghat constructed an excellent platform for conducting the last rites, which is now being cremated by keeping the mortal remains on the platform, for the