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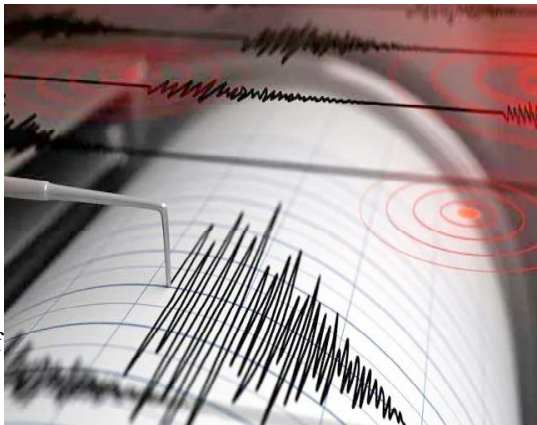
## 4.3 Magnitude Earthquake Hits Andaman And Nicobar Islands

ANI, Portblair (A&N Island):

An earthquake of magnitude 4.3 jolted South-east of Port Blair in the early hours of Monday, the National Center for Seismology (NCS) informed.

According to NCS, the tremors of the earthquake had a depth of 16 kilometres and occurred at around 5.28 am.

"Earthquake of Magnitude:4.3, Occurred on 08-11-2021, 05:28:29 IST, Lat: 9.98 and Long: 93.82, Depth: 16 Km, Location: 218 km SE of Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar island," NCS tweeted.



## MP Demands to supply drinking water in Manjeri every second day and construction of water filter bed for Manjeri area

Port Blair, Nov 7:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands recently visited Manjeri village of South Andaman and during his visit, the villagers informed him that they have been getting untreated and muddy drinking water, which is causing health issues to the villagers.

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## Applications invited for admission to RIMC Dehradun; written exam to be held on Dec. 18

Port Blair, Nov. 7

The Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC), Dehradun has invited applications from Boy and Girl students for admission to Class VIII in the college for the Term July 2022. The written examination for the same will be conducted on 18th Dec., 2021 in Tagore Govt. College of Education, Middle Point. At the time of Admission to RIMC (i.e., July, 2022), the boy/girl should either be studying in Class VII or should have

passed Class VII from any recognized school. They should not be less than 11½ years in age but should not have attained the age of 13 years as on 1st July, 2022 i.e., they should not be born earlier than 2nd July, 2009 and not later than 1st Jan., 2011. The Prospectus-cum- Application Form and Booklet of Old Question Papers can be obtained from the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Garhi Cantt., Dehradun, Uttarakand, Pin-248003 by making online payment of Rs. 600/- for Gen-

eral Candidates & Rs.555/- for SC/ST candidates on RIMC website [www.rimc.gov.in](http://www.rimc.gov.in).

Applications, in duplicate, on prescribed form accompanied by documents are to be attached with the application form - 2 passport size photographs, Domicile Certificate, Birth Certificate (issued by Municipal Corporation/ Gram Panchayat), SC/ST Certificate and a Certificate from the Principal of the school (in original) in which the student

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## Circuit Court from Nov. 8

Port Blair, Nov. 7

Hon'ble Justice Rajasekhar Mantha and Hon'ble Justice Amrita Sinha, Judges of Calcutta High Court shall be sitting /holding Circuit Court at Port Blair on and from Nov. 8 to 22, 2021, a press release from Registrar Circuit Bench, High Court, Calcutta at Port Blair said.

## Four positive cases detected during test conducted on inter-island bound passengers : Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Nov. 7

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar giving details on COVID-19 status informed that 4 positive cases have been detected, of which 3 were passengers bound for Hut Bay while 1 was heli passenger bound for Nicobar group of Islands. He further informed that during the RT-PCR test conducted on 479 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. 12 flights with 2040 passengers arrived, out of which, 1531 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 486 passengers and the reports are

awaited. RAT was conducted on 195 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj and no positive case has been detected.

At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 82 passengers and all were found negative. Apart from this, RAT test was carried out on 8 passengers at Phoenix Bay Jetty who arrived from Shaheed Dweep and all the reports were negative.

The Director, ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal informed that presently, 2 COVID patients are undergoing treatment at GB Pant Hospital and no patient is on oxygen/ventilator.

## A & N Islands reduces VAT for both Diesel & Petrol from existing 6% to 1%

Port Blair, Nov.5

In exercise of power conferred under Section 113 read with Sub-Section (2) of Section 4 of Andaman and Nicobar Value Added Tax Regulation 2017 and in partial modification of Notification No. 1-2/DC (SA)/VAT/Notification/2018-19/ 4070 dated 20th June, 2019 and Notification No.1-2/DC(SA)/VAT/ Notification/2021-22 dated 23rd September, 2021, the Lieutenant Governor ( Government ), Andaman and Nicobar Islands has notified the revised rate of taxes in respect of High Speed

Diesel and Motor Spirit (Commonly Known as Petrol) mentioned in the First Schedule of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Value Added Tax Regulation 2017.

With this, the revised rate of taxes in respect of both High Speed Diesel and Motor Spirit (Commonly Known as Petrol) has been reduced to 1% from the existing 6%.

The revised rate has come into force with effect from 5th November, 2021, a notification to this effect issued by Commissioner (VAT) said.





## EDITORIAL

## Fuel price cut in consonance with national mood

*For the first time in three years, the Centre reduced fuel taxes and the move was dutifully followed by some state governments. But opinion is divided whether it's a trick or treat. Announced on the eve of Deepavali and coming after an unimpressive haul during the recent bypolls, the Centre claimed it was a festive gift, while the opposition called it populist for two reasons—one, the setback in the latest Assembly polls and two, eyeing the upcoming state elections, including in key regions like UP. Regardless, the reduction gives a breather to consumers amid rising global crude oil prices.*

*Strange, but fuel prices have the duality of bringing fortune and misfortune. They fetch revenue prosperity for governments alright, but they also have the potential to topple them. So it's only logical that the world over, politicians wield it wisely, choosing between economic and political gains. Interestingly, despite the surging pump prices, an IMF official recently recommended maintaining existing fuel taxes in India, as a reduction disproportionately benefits higher-income households, making it 'highly regressive'. The view was endorsed by others too, citing macroeconomy and the moderate impact that duty cuts have on inflation at just about 0.15%. Truth is, the chasm between headline and household inflation is wide and the Centre's pick to go with the latter indicates its willingness to part with economic gains, foregoing Rs 35,000-45,000 crore in taxes. This is an about-turn from what the Union finance minister said in August, outrightly ruling out fuel tax cuts citing the burden of UPA-era oil bonds.*

*That said, we've seen the benefits of a seemingly bad decision last fiscal, when the Centre raised fuel taxes during the pandemic year, earning itself a neat Rs 3.9 lakh crore in excise duties. Consumers have chipped in for the much-needed revenue generation drive during tough times, and it's only natural that the government reciprocates now via tax cuts. If prices breach the estimated \$90 per barrel, it should lower duties further and shoulder the taxpayers' burden.*

## “Will Definitely Win Bengal One Day”: BJP Chief At Party Leadership Meet

ANI, New Delhi, Nov 7:

In his speech at the BJP's national executive meeting today, the party's national president JP Nadda said that a day will come when the BJP will "definitely" come to power in West Bengal and party workers should be ready to make every sacrifice to achieve that, said BJP leader Dilip Saikia.

According to the BJP leader, Mr Nadda said, "One day BJP will definitely come to power in Bengal and for that the worker should be ready for whatever sacrifice the worker has to make. He said that the workers should be ready for any situation, we have to expand the party in Bengal and South, the party should be ready for that."

"JP Nadda condemned the way atrocities were conducted after the assembly elections in West Bengal and said, 'We believe in democracy and we will

definitely show victory in West Bengal one day'," said Mr Saikia.

With many leaders who played a crucial part in the recently concluded Assembly polls in Bengal, including

Swapn Das Gupta, Anupam Hazra and Kailash Vijayvargiya, present in the audience, the BJP president assured that the BJP will write a new story in West Bengal. "I want to assure the people of West Bengal that we will be with you and we will chart a new story in the state," said Mr Nadda.

Mr Nadda delivered the inaugural speech at the BJP's national executive meeting held today at the NDMC Convention Centre of New Delhi.



## BJP Only Political Party Which Remained Functional During Covid: BJP Leader Jitendra Singh



New Delhi:

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Sunday said the BJP is the only political party which remained fully functional during COVID-19 and its organisational activities continued uninter-

rupted throughout the pandemic.

Speaking to the media after the conclusion of the BJP National Executive Committee (NEC) meeting here, he said what makes the BJP different from

other political parties is that it has a well-established structure with a constitution, and its work culture is determined by certain firmly laid down conventions, traditions and practices.

This enables the party to be perpetually prepared to adjust and instantly reorient itself to any challenge, whether it is political or otherwise, and the same was also witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic, said Mr Singh, the Minister of State for Personnel.

It is the inherent resilience and consistency of the BJP which became distinctly visible during the pandemic, he said.

## Was Warning "Anti-Social" Elements: BJP MP On "Will Gouge Eyes" Remark

ANI, New Delhi:

Terming those who held BJP workers hostage at Rohtak's Kilo Shiv Temple "anti-social elements", Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Arvind Sharma on Sunday while issuing clarification over her "eye gouged out, hand chopped off" remarks said that he was issuing a warning to the above-mentioned elements for targetting former Haryana Minister Manish Grover.

Mr Sharma further alleged that the "anti-social" elements



present at the temple targeted BJP leader Manish Grover by saying that he was responsible for MP Deepender Hooda's defeat in Haryana.

"There were more than 300 BJP workers were present at the temple and they were held hostage for 9 hours. There were 7-8 drunk people who hurled abuses at the BJP leaders present at the temple. They were taken out of the temple. They collected a mob by contacting people through phones and social media outside the temple. I gave warning to the anti-social elements, they targetted Manish Grover by saying that this is the man who has led to the defeat of Deepender Hooda and forced them to apologize," Mr Sharma told ANI.

Mr Sharma's clarification comes after he threatened Congress and Haryana MP Deepender Hooda on Saturday a day after BJP leader Manish Grover and other party leaders were allegedly kept hostage for seven hours at the Shiv temple in Rohtak and said, "Congress and Deepender Hooda should listen that if anyone dares to look towards Manish Grover

(BJP leader) then we'll take their eyes out. If they put hands on him then their hands will be chopped off."

Earlier on Friday, locals of Rohtak's Kilo village released former Haryana minister Grover and other party leaders who were allegedly kept hostage for seven hours in the Shiv temple.

About two dozen leaders and workers, including Mr Grover, and several others who came to watch Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme in Kedarnath live at the Kilo's Shiv Temple, were allegedly taken hostage by farmers and villagers.

Meanwhile, responding to a question on the Haryana government's law providing 75 per cent reservation to locals in private jobs to come into force from January 2022, Mr Sharma said, "Haryana youth has welcomed this decision as more opportunities would be created through this. The youth of Haryana is extremely talented in every field. I think they should be given preference



## Lakshadweep to become first in India to achieve full COVID vaccination



IANS, New Delhi: Union Territory Lakshadweep is likely to achieve complete Covid vaccination of its eligible population soon.

Lakshadweep may become the first among states and Union Territories to achieve complete vaccination coverage of its eligible population. A source said that the UT has vaccinated 99.2 per cent of the eligible population with both

doses.

As per the Health Ministry's statewide Covid vaccination data, a total of 1,01,759 doses of vaccines have been administered in the UT so far. It includes 55,144 shots as the first dose and 46,615 as the second dose.

Meanwhile, India's mass vaccination drive has crossed the 108 cr landmark achieving 108,18,66,715 vaccinations on

Saturday.

The cumulative number of the first dose administered in India so far stands at 739322908, while the total number of the second dose stands at 342543807, as per the health ministry report.

The ministry earlier said that 78.7 per cent of India's adult population has received at least one dose of the Covid vaccine. Among all the states and Union Territories, nine of them have administered the first dose to all the 18 plus population.

Union Health Minister Mandaviya in a meeting with the states' health ministers earlier urged them to make local level plans with all the stakeholders to vaccinate those whose jabs are overdue.

## Sameer Wankhede's father files Rs 1.25 crore defamation suit against Nawab Malik



New Delhi: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede's father, Dhyandev Kachruji Wankhede has filed a defamation suit against Maharashtra cabinet minister Nawab Malik. The father of the NCB officer has moved to the Bombay high court saying recent statements by the NCP leader have defamed his family.

According to the details, Wankhede's father has sought a compensation of Rs 1.25 crore in the case. The suit will be heard on Monday.

The NCB had arrested Aryan Khan and at least 19 others in the drugs on cruise case on the intervening night of October 2-3 and Wankhede is facing a departmental vigilance probe after an independent witness, in this case, alleged an extortion bid by those involved in the investigation.

Wankhede had denied any wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, the NCB on Friday said a total of six cases, including the drugs on cruise case from NCB Mumbai Zonal Unit, will now be taken over

by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) comprising officers from the Operations Branch of NCB Headquarters in New Delhi.

"No officer or officers have been REMOVED from their present roles and they will continue to assist the Operations Branch investigation as required until any specific orders are issued to the contrary. It is reiterated that the NCB functions across India as a single integrated agency," it said.

Wankhede refuted that he has been "removed" from the investigation in the Aryan Khan case and said the agency's move is about coordination between NCB teams of Mumbai and Delhi.

However, Malik said the NCB officer's removal from the case "is just the beginning".

"Sameer Wankhede removed from 5 cases including the Aryan Khan case. There are 26 cases in all that need to be probed. This is just the beginning... a lot more has to be done to clean this system and we will do it," the NCP leader said.

## Zika virus case reported from UP's Kannauj; infection tally in state crosses 80



New Delhi: Even as the Zika virus continues to create havoc in Kanpur, a confirmed case has now been found in Uttar Pradesh's Kannauj district. According to health officials, a 45-year-old man in Kannauj was

detected with the virus on Saturday.

The man may have contracted the virus from Kasamau village in the Shivrajpur area of Kanpur, which he visited recently, according to health officials.

cials.

Meanwhile, with 13 more cases of the Zika virus in Kanpur, the total tally of the mosquito-borne disease in the district stands at 79.

The district administration has stepped up surveillance to check its spread, health officials said.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that spreads through the bite of an infected Aedes species of mosquito, which bites during the day.

Symptoms of this disease are mild fever, rashes, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain and headache.

## Rahul Gandhi slams Centre over LPG price hike, says people forced to use 'chulhas'



PTI: Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi on Saturday hit out at the Centre over the rise in the price of LPG, saying that far away from the government's development rhetoric, lakhs of families have been forced to use

'chulhas'.

The development vehicle of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in the "reverse gear", he said.

"Miles away from the rhetoric of development, lakhs of families are forced to use 'chulhas'.

"Modi ji's development vehicle is in the reverse gear and its brakes have also failed," Gandhi tweeted in Hindi, using the hashtag "PriceHike".

The Congress leader also shared a screenshot of a news report which said that according to a survey, 42 per cent of people in rural areas have stopped using LPG cylinders for cooking food because they can't afford them anymore and are back to using firewood.

Gandhi and his Congress party have been critical of the government over the issue of inflation and have been attacking the BJP-led dispensation over it.

## Govt declares Srinagar airport as 'major airport'



Srinagar: The Ministry of Civil Aviation has declared the Srinagar International airport as a 'major airport'. "In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (i) of Section 2 of the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India Act, 2008 (No.27 of 2008),

the Central Government hereby declares the airport at Srinagar as Major Airport," according to the gazettes notification issued by the ministry.

This comes just weeks after Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated Srinagar-Sharjah international flight.



## Grant of additional scholarship to ST students for pursuing higher studies

Port Blair, Nov. 7

The Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration is providing 'Grant of additional scholarship to ST students for pursuing higher studies' under UT Scheme for the academic year 2021-22 to the students belonging to Scheduled Tribe community notified by the A&N Islands. ST student pursuing graduation, post graduation and post matriculation level non-degree courses for which educational qualification is vocational stream, ITI course, 3 year Diploma Course in Polytechnic etc are eligible to avail the scheme.

In order to avail this opportunity, the applicants have been advised to apply online

on the website of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) at [www.scholarships.gov.in](http://www.scholarships.gov.in). Value of additional scholarship is Rs. 1000/- per month which will be paid to the eligible students through NSP/ PFMS. The additional scholarship shall be payable for ten months in an academic session. It shall be normally admissible to the pass-out students of previous academic session.

The last date for submission of online application for scholarship under the scheme is 30.11.2021.

Applicants are strictly advised to choose "incentive scheme" under 'scheme type' drop down box at the time of registration and filling up of the application form. Further, they

are also advised to give details of only active bank account which remains in active mode and is compliance as per bank's instructions so that payment of scholarship does not fail.

Detailed instructions for filling in the online application and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are available on the National Scholarship Portal homepage. For any further clarification, the eligible ST students may contact Head of Department of their college/institute or Junior Research Officer of Directorate of Tribal Welfare over-phone on 9933210933 or through email at: [director.tribal@gmail.com](mailto:director.tribal@gmail.com), a press release received from Director (TW) said.

## Lockdown/restricted movement continue to be in force in the entire District of South Andaman

Port Blair, Nov. 3

In partial modification to Order No.1211 dt. 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021, in order to ensure containment measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District with continuous focus on the fivefold strategy for effective management of COVID-19 i.e., Test- Track -Treat-Vaccination and adherence to COVID appropriate behavior to control any surge of the cases of COVID-19 again and also to prevent any disturbance to the peace and tranquility and taking into consideration the request of the public representatives and general public, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, District

Magistrate, South Andaman District, in exercise of the powers vested U/s 144 of Cr.P.C. has ordered that lockdown/ restricted movement shall continue to be in force in the entire District of South Andaman and restrictions on all activities have been relaxed till 11.30 pm midnight and there shall be no movement of men and materials between 11.30 pm and 5 am except for those specified vide the Order No.1211 dated 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. In view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex- parte and is addressed to the public in general.

Further, the Superintendent of Police/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/

Executive Magistrates and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of this order and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries to note that these restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential services.

Any disobedience of the above orders shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against the violator(s) and fine shall also be imposed as per Order issued by this office from time to time. This order has come into effect from Nov. 3, 2021 and shall remain in force till further orders.

## Answer key of written exam conducted for post of EO& Panchayat Secretary uploaded in website

Port Blair, Nov. 7

The Department of RD, PRIs & ULBs has conducted written examination for recruitment to the post of Extension Officer and Panchayat Secretary on Nov. 7. The answer key of all three sets has been uploaded in the web portal of the Administration i.e. [www.erecruitment .andaman .gov.in](http://www.erecruitment.andaman.gov.in). Claims & objections, if any, may be sent to the

email-ID : [recruitment .rd.and@gmail.com](mailto:recruitment.rd.and@gmail.com) of the Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs on or before Nov. 9 by 8 pm. No claims& objections will be

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is studying with photograph attested stating date of birth and the class in which the candidate is studying. The filled in application form should be submitted to the Principal, Tagore Govt. College of Edu-

cation, Port Blair on or before Nov. 15, 2021. The viva-voce test is to be conducted by the State Govt. for only those candidates who get qualified in the written examination, a press release received here said.

## "Zilla Prashasan Aapke Dwar"



Port Blair, Nov:

The District Administration held a Revenue Camp Court with the theme "Zilla Prashasan Aapke Dwar" at Beodnabad panchayat. Shri Suneel Anchipaka, DC(SA) chaired the event along with Sub Divisional Magistrate (SA) and Assistant Commissioner (U/T). The Officials of line departments such as Electricity, Medical, APWD and Rural Development were also present during the camp.

The Camp was well attended by the general public of the village and raised various pertaining to the Revenue Dept. and other line departments. The DC (SA) gave a patient hearing of all their grievances and assured them of its early disposal. He gave on the spot directions to the Tehsildar and officers of other line department to take up the

issues concerning them and to dispose them at the earliest. Further the DC(SA), SDM(SA) and AC (U/T) planted fruit bearing tree saplings in the premises of Gram panchayat Beodnabad. The Ex-PRI members and the general public thanked the District Administration for organising such revenue camp at the grass root level and its efforts to address the core issues.

The DC(SA) asked the Revenue field staffs to follow up on all the matters those were placed before the Revenue Camp Court. The DC(SA) assured the gathering that the District Administration is committed to the overall development of the Panchayat and asked to the public to feel free to reach out to his office for their genuine grievances.

## MP Demands to.....

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The villagers further informed him that despite the fact that the village is located very close to Dhaniakhali Dam, the villagers are getting drinking water only on every third day, which is grossly insufficient for their daily routine.

The Member of Parliament personally visited various water sources in the village and found that water supplied to them is untreated and muddy.

Considering the problems being faced by the villagers of Manjeri, the Member of Parliament requested the Secretary of APWD to provide water to the village every second day and also construct a filter bed for water treatment in the village, so that the villagers can get treated water and save themselves from water related diseases.



## Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan assumes charge as Chief of Staff of Western Naval Command



**MUMBAI :** Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan has assumed charge as Chief of Staff of Western Naval Command, a defence official said on Sunday.

Commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1987, Admiral Swaminathan, who took charge on Thursday, is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare and an alumnus of National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla, the Joint Services Command and

Staff College, Shrivenham, United Kingdom, the College of Naval Warfare, Karanja and the United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, a release said.

A recipient of Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal, he has held several key operational, staff and

training appointments in his career, including the command of missile vessels INS Vidyut and Vinash, the missile corvette INS Kulish; the guided missile destroyer INS Mysore and aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, the release further informed.

On promotion to flag rank, he served as Chief Staff Officer (Training) at Headquarters Southern Naval Command, Kochi and played a key role in the conduct of all training in

the Navy, and was simultaneously instrumental in raising the Indian Navy Safety Team that oversees operational safety across all verticals.

It said he went on to become Flag Officer Sea Training, and was, thereafter, privileged to tenant the extremely prestigious appointment of Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet, after which he was appointed Flag Officer Offshore Defence Advisory Group and Advisor Offshore Security and Defence to the Government of India.

Admiral Swaminathan's educational qualifications include a BSc degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, MSc in Telecommunication from the Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, MA in Defence Studies from King's College, London, MPhil in Strategic Studies and PhD in International Studies from Mumbai University.

## PM FME offering Branding & Marketing support for SPV of Micro Food Enterprises/ FPOs/ SHGs/ Co-operatives

Port Blair, Nov. 5

Pradhan Mantri Scheme for Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PM FME), Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Govt. of India under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan offers Branding and Marketing support for the SPV of Micro Food Enterprises/ FPOs/ SHGs/ Co-operatives on the principle of One District One Product (ODOP). The enterprises would be provided branding and Marketing support limited to 50% of total expenditure for expanding one or more food products.

A legal entity would be eligible that brings together Micro units of an area including FPOs/ SHGs/ Co-operatives for common branding and marketing of their pro-

duce under the scheme. It could be private entity or in association with state agencies including SRLM. The proposal for Branding and Marketing must fulfill following pre-requisites:

- The product short-listed should be within ODOP Scheme. The ODOP identified for South Andaman district is Marine Fish products while Coconut based products for other two districts of A&N Islands.

- Minimum turnover of product should be Rs. 5 Crore.

The final product should be the one to be sold to the consumer in retail pack.

- Product and produces should be scalable to larger levels.

- Management and entrepreneurship capability of promoting entity should be established in the proposal.

The eligible entities

should prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) and submit physical copy/ Electronic copy of the proposal containing details mentioned in these guidelines with necessary supporting documents. Support up to Rs. 5 lakhs would be available from the State Nodal Agency for preparing DPR for Branding and Marketing proposals.

Since the scheme is operational from 2020-2021 to 2024-2025, all the proposal should be submitted well within this period to ensure timely and effective implementation. For further details, contact Directorate of Industries, Port Blair over Phone No. 03192-234360 or branch Office of Industries Department on any working days between 9 am & 5 pm, a press release from Industries Department said.

## MP demands to allow small tourist boats of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep to operate from 8.00 AM instead of 10.00 AM

Port Blair, Nov :

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Island Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today called on the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr. Jitendra Narain and during the meeting, the Member of Parliament highlighted the issue of tourist boat operation timing in Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep.

The Member of Parliament informed the Chief Secretary that instead of 8.00 AM presently the small tourist boats are being permitted to operate only after 10 AM as per the latest SOP.

He informed that before lockdowns the small tourist boats were allowed to operate in these two Islands from 8.00 AM. Now because of this change in timing, the boat operators are unable to reap the benefits of the arrival of a large number of tourists after a prolonged period of lockdowns.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma added that because of the con-

stant efforts of Andaman Nicobar Administration the tourism has finally reopened in Andaman Nicobar Island and a large number of tourists are coming to these islands but due to present timing, the boat operators are unable to visit tourists for various water sports activities.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of unemployed youths of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep have purchased these small tourist boats for tourism activities by taking loans from Banks and now they are suffering a huge loss, even after the opening of Tourism.

Hence the Member of Parliament has requested the Chief Secretary to change the timing of the boat operation from 10.00 AM to 8.00 AM, as it was there, before the COVID-19 lockdown.

During the meeting, the Chief Secretary assured the Member of Parliament to do needful in this regard.

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## T20 World Cup: India fail to qualify for knockout stage of ICC tournament for 1st time since 2012



It's over for Team India. Indian fans were left heartbroken after New Zealand's 8-wicket win over Afghanistan in a crucial T20 World Cup 2021 encounter ensured that the Virat Kohli-led side failed to qualify for the knockout stage of the ICC tournament for the first time since 2012.

This means that Virat Kohli's reign as the captain of the Indian T20I side will come to a close without the celebrated cricketer winning the coveted ICC T20 World Cup title. Pakistan, England and Australia had all booked their spots in the semi-finals by Saturday night. With their victory over Afghanistan on Sunday, New Zealand locked down the fourth berth.

### India's journey in T20 World Cup

India crashed to a humili-

ating 10-wicket defeat against arch-rivals Pakistan in their first match of the tournament. It was followed by another crushing loss, this time by New Zealand. Despite these two defeats, India were still in a three-team fight to finish second in Group 2. That sure was the overarching narrative of this tournament, which was supposed to be held in India.

With New Zealand and Afghanistan winning three and two matches from their respective four matches, and with a better net run rate, the 2007 champions needed a massive win against Scotland in Dubai, UAE. And they did it in style. India first dismissed Scotland for a lowly 85, then chased it down in just 6.3 overs for their biggest T20I win (in terms of balls to spare).

India managed to leapfrog

both New Zealand and Afghanistan in terms of the Net Run Rate (NRR) following their emphatic 8-wicket win in just 6.3 overs against Scotland on Friday. However, despite the massive win, India's semi-final chances were not in their hands. All that India could do was hope for Afghanistan to beat the Kiwis and beat Namibia in their final group match on November 8. But fate had other plans.

### New Zealand beat Afghanistan to reach the semi-final

New Zealand earned the last semi-final slot with a comprehensive eight-wicket win against Afghanistan in their final Group II match on Sunday. Najibullah Zadran smashed a career-best 73 to rescue Afghanistan from a top-order collapse and propelled them to 124-8 at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

New Zealand gunned down the target in 18.1 overs to become the second team from Group II, behind Pakistan, to make the semis. The outcome eliminated India, who finish their group campaign against Namibia on Monday. The second match of the day, between Pakistan and Scotland, will confirm who finishes first in the group.

## Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani announce Jug Jugg Jeeyo schedule wrap with new pic



Mumbai:

Varun Dhawan today, November 7, shared a new photo with his Jug Jugg Jeeyo co-star Kiara Advani. The actor revealed that they have wrapped up another schedule of the film. He said that he is looking forward for the final schedule. Directed by Raj Mehta, the film also stars Anil Kapoor, Neetu Singh and Prajakta Koli.

Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani will be next seen together in Jug Jugg Jeeyo. Today, November 7, he shared a black-and-white picture of himself with Kiara. He announced that they have wrapped up a schedule of the film and he is looking forward for the final one. He added that he is missing Anil Kapoor, Neetu Kapoor, Prajakta Koli and Maniesh Paul.

WHEN KIARA, VARUN DANCED TO DILJIT DOSANJH'S LOVER

Varun Dhawan and Kiara Advani restarted the shooting of Jug Jugg Jeeyo in August. The film's shooting was stopped because of the coronavirus pandemic. The actors have a lot of fun on the sets of the film. Kiara had shared a video from the film's set where she is seen having a blast with her co-star. They are seen dancing to Diljit Dosanjh's Lover. Sharing the video, Kiara wrote, "Being Adults (sic)."

Jug Jugg Jeeyo also stars Anil Kapoor and Neetu Kapoor in lead roles. YouTuber Prajakta Koli is making her Bollywood debut with the film. It is produced by Hiroo Yash Johar, Karan Johar and Apoorva Mehta.

## DCPU (SA) conducting drive for identification of children who lost either parent or surviving parents or legal guardian or adoptive parents due to COVID-19 pandemic

Port Blair, Nov.5

The District Child Protection Unit under District Administration, South Andaman is conducting identification drive for identification of children who lost either parent or surviving parents or legal guardian or adoptive parents due to COVID-19 pandemic. The scheme aims to ensure comprehensive care and protection of children in a sustained manner, enable their overall well being through health in-

surance, education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support of Rs.10 lakh, on reaching 23 years of age.

In addition, financial support would be provided to such children under existing Child Protection Scheme of Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Therefore, the general public have been requested to contact District Child Protection Unit (SA) at Deputy Commissioner Office, South

Andaman with the details before 17th of November, 2021. Gram Panchayat, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers and staff involved in COVID Care or Surveillance have also been requested to report to office of DC (SA), if any case received.

For further query, one may contact District Control Room (1077), District Child Protection Officer (SA) 9474200343), Protection Officer (NIC) (9531823509), a press release from DCPU (SA) said.

## Last date for IGNOU admission extended till Nov. 12

Port Blair, Nov. 2

The last date for admission to Indira Gandhi National Open University for July 2021 has been extended upto 2th November, 2021 without any late fees. For online admission, log on to <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> and for offline admissions, forms can be collected from Regional Centre Office at Mohanpura during working hours

ensuring social distancing norms. For details, visit IGNOU Website - [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, phone number 03192-242888 Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in), a press release from IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair said.