



Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 22: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in ANI & Islands. As per data available, a total of 42,658 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in ANI & Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 68,481 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 21-09-2021. A total of 7972 people were vaccinated yesterday in ANI & Islands. 7680 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 5281 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 1433 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 42 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 679 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

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Forty Years Ago

The Prime Minister is going to Chandigarh on September 22 to study the situation in Punjab after the violence two days ago in the wake of the arrest of Sant Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. She has kept herself in touch with developments in the state on Monday through intelligence reports. Home Minister Giani Zail Singh discussed the situation with the cabinet and home secretaries. He apprised Mrs Gandhi of the latest developments. The PM, it is believed, has doubts on whether Chief Minister Darbara Singh will be able to handle the situation. She is also worried because she will be on an 18-day tour abroad. She has, therefore, asked the Chief Minister to call an all-party meeting on Tuesday to seek the cooperation of the Opposition in maintaining peace and harmony in the state. She also wants to take the Opposition into confidence in dealing with the situation.

Antulay's future

The mystery around Mrs Indira Gandhi's inability to find a successor for Maharashtra Chief Minister A.R. Antulay remained unsolved. There is a chance of Antulay being given a reprieve till the second week of October, when the PM returns to the country. The central leadership is keen to settle the future of the trusts floated by Antulay before removing him from office.

Haryana no-trust

The Haryana Vidhan Sabha rejected a no-trust motion against the Bhajan Lal government by 50 votes to 37. The motion tabled by the BJP, Lok Dal and the Janata Party was the first against the government.

Power crisis

Due to an acute power crisis in the entire northern region, the Centre has asked DESU to curb power consumption. The directive follows the curtailment of power from Bhakra for Delhi with immediate effect.

Rain damaged city...

Satish, a resident of Haddo, said not only the rain, but the roads being dug up by telecom companies in various localities in the city is also a major contributor in damaging the roads. "The telecom companies have been carrying out digging work for laying down wires, but they are not filling the roads properly, which

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has resulted in potholes after it rained in almost all areas of the city," he added.

According to sources, neither Port Blair Municipal Council nor APWD has prepared plans to restore the city roads to motorable condition as no repair works are visible in the city.

60-year-old woman...

unconscious and collapsed. The medical personnel at the airport were immediately alerted. A team that came to the spot to attend to her said Fatima died due to asudden

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cardiac arrest. The Airport police sent her body for post-mortem examination to the Chrompet government hospital. They have also registered a case.

BBMC distributed...

of jack fruit in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

The short term training program was attended by a total of 25 participants wherein they were educated and exposed on the diverse uses of jack fruit by preparing pickles, jams and jellies. The training program also focused on product packaging, preserving, labeling and

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branding, thereby educating the members on commercial lines.

The Secretary, BBMC emphasised on women empowerment and ensured to extend all possible handholding support to the trainees, encouraged them to make use of these training programs which will in turn enable them to become self-dependent in life paving way for a better future.

Haddo Theft Case...

Bipul Halder cracked the theft case within 48 hours resulting in 100% recovery of the gold ornaments worth 1.7 lakhs. The accused person's August 12, 2020, was arrested on 20th September,

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2021 in connection with the case. The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

Vishal condole demise

Port Blair, Sept 22: Shri Vishal Jolly, Core-Committee Member & Former State President, BJP A&N Islands, Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GOI, has condole the demise of Shri A.K. Nag aged 97 years, R/o Prem Nagar as he expired on 21.09.2021 at 03:15 PM. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He prayed for peace to the departed soul.

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CONFUSION REIGNS OVER COVISHIELD ON UK'S TRAVEL ADVISORY AS INDIA NOT ON ELIGIBILITY LIST

There is confusion over the UK government's vaccine recognition process for Indian travellers as even though Oxford/AstraZeneca Covishield, the India-manufactured Oxford/AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine is on an updated international travel advisory, India is not yet

on a list of 17 approved countries.

The UK's Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has said on Wednesday that they are unable to confirm this and will require further clarification even though the advisory states: Formulations of the 4 listed vaccines, such as AstraZeneca

Covishield, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria and Moderna Takeda, qualify as approved vaccines.

There has been widespread condemnation of the Serum Institute of India manufactured vaccines not being included in a list of eligible COVID-19 vaccines recognised under Britain's reviewed international travel norms, effective from October 4.

From October 4, England's current traffic light system of red, amber and green countries based on levels of

COVID-19 risk will be scrapped and replaced with one red, one amber and one green list only. However, there is a lack of clarity over whether Indians vaccinated with any vaccine in India including Covishield fall within the UK's eligibility criteria or not.

We have to see how it goes. But if we do not get satisfaction we would be within our rights to impose reciprocal measures, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said in response to a question on the issue in New Delhi on Tuesday.

The basic issue is that here is a vaccine, Covishield, which is a licensed product of the UK company, manufactured in India of which we have supplied five million doses to the UK at the request of the government of the UK. We understand that this is being used under the national health system, and, therefore, non-recognition of Covishield is a discriminatory policy and does impact those of our citizens travelling to the UK, he said.

Covishield and other Indian vaccines being covered as eligible would mean that a pre-departure PCR test is no longer required as long as vaccinated travellers pre-book a day two test post-arrival

in England and complete the compulsory passenger locator form in advance.

From October 4, travellers from 17 additional countries with eligible vaccines, including Australia, Japan, Singapore and Malaysia, will fall under the UK's list of recognised Jabs of Oxford/AstraZeneca, Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or Janssen vaccines. The DHSC has said this list is reviewed fortnightly.

So far it means, under the new rules from October 4, travellers from India must take a COVID test three days before departure and book in advance for two COVID tests to be taken upon arrival in England. On arrival in England, the passengers must self-isolate in the place they have confirmed on their passenger locator form for 10 days.

A privately paid-for "Test to Release" option does exist at day five, which allows an early end to the 10-day quarantine with a negative PCR test.

The Indian government has said it is working with several countries to recognise India's vaccine certification on a mutual reciprocal basis.

Civil Aviation Minister interacts with LG

Port Blair, Sept 22: Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia has held interactions with Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Admiral DK Joshi and Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh R K Mathur.

During the virtual interactions, Scindia discussed ways to strengthen the aviation infrastructure in the respective places. For the growth of the aviation ecosystem in Uttarakhand, Scindia discussed with Dhami various issues, including reducing VAT (Value Added Tax) imposed by the state on Air Turbine Fuel (ATF) to 1 per cent from 20 per cent.

Upgradation of 8 UDAN airports and starting construction works for 5 new heliports by the end of this fiscal were part of the discussion, according to a release issued by the civil aviation ministry on Tuesday. The new terminal at Dehradun airport will be inaugurated on October 7. It has been built at a cost of Rs 457 crore.

Further, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) work for the construction of a new greenfield airport at Pantnagar will be completed by the ministry in three months, the release said.

Efforts to boost tourism development and the civil aviation sector in Andaman & Nicobar Islands were discussed during the minister's interaction with LG Admiral DK Joshi. Reduction of VAT to be levied by the Union Territory by 1

per cent on ATF will soon be approved by the LG, according to the release.

Besides, construction work of the new Integrated Terminal at Port Blair would be completed by mid-2022 and development of water aerodromes has been initiated. With LG of Ladakh R K Mathur, there was a detailed discussion on the construction of airports and air connectivity. The issue of reduction of VAT on ATF was discussed. Besides, a feasibility study done by Pawan Hans for the reconstruction of four heliports would be given to the Ladakh administration by October 1. "A team of experts from AAI & DGCA will be sent to investigate the technical issues related to the Kargil airport," the release said.

West Bengal to count big herbivores during tiger census

West Bengal for the first time will count big herbivores such as deer and elephants while undertaking the tiger census this year, a senior forest official said on Wednesday.

Earlier, the tiger census was done solely focussing on the big cats but from this year, the population of big herbivores will be included in the count as stipulated by the All India Coordinated Tiger Census, Chief Wildlife Warden Debali Roy told PTI. "Herbivores are important to the ecosystem inhabited by tigers. Thus, it is imperative to know how many herbivores are co-existing with tigers in a forest area," he explained. Deer, antelopes,

gaurs, rhinoceroses and elephants will be counted depending on the region, Roy said. While the 2019-2020 census put the number of tigers in Sunderbans at 95, the Forest Department hopes the upcoming census that will begin in December and continue till January will throw up higher figures. "Apart from camera trapping technique, other statistical models will be used to arrive at the most probable figure and minimum probable figure," Roy said. The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) will analyse the data, following the census, he said. Sunderbans National Park, Buxa Tiger Reserve, Gorumara National Park, Jalapara National Park and Chapramari National Park will be covered during the exercise, he said.



UK recognises Covishield as COVID-19 vaccine; grants no respite to Indian travelers from 10-day quarantine

London, Sept 22: Days after it drew severe diplomatic flak from India for 'discriminating' against Covishield by not including it in the list of approved COVID-19 vaccines, the UK government on Wednesday revised its travel advisory said that Covishield qualifies as an approved vaccine. India had threatened that it will reciprocate the same discriminatory protocols if the British government did not recognise the Covishield vaccine.

Despite the approval of Covishield, however, the UK government has denied imparting validity to the Indian vaccine certificate, keeping Indian in the amber list of countries. This necessarily means that the mandatory 10-day quarantine rule stays for Indians travelling to UK.

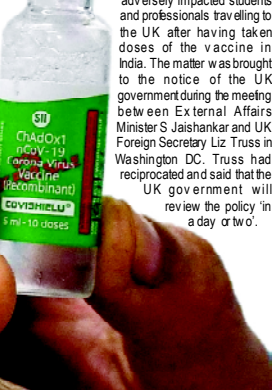
"We are engaging with the Government of India to explore how we could expand UK recognition of vaccine certification to people vaccinated by a relevant public health body in India. Indian travellers to the UK must follow the non-vaccinated rules," a British High Commission spokesperson in New Delhi said.

Formulations of the 4 listed vaccines, such as AstraZeneca Covishield, AstraZeneca Vaxzevria and Moderna Takeda, qualify as approved vaccines," the revised advisory on the UK government's official website said.

"You must have had a complete course of an approved vaccine at least 14 days before you arrive in England," it further said.

Earlier, speaking to the media, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla had, on Tuesday said that non-recognition of Covishield was a 'discriminating policy' and claimed that "it impacts our citizens travelling to the UK. The EAM has raised the issue strongly with the new UK foreign secretary". "I am

told that certain assurances have been given that this issue will be resolved," he had said. The non-recognition of the vaccine by the UK government adversely impacted students and professionals travelling to the UK after having taken doses of the vaccine in India. The matter was brought to the notice of the UK government during the meeting between External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss in Washington DC. Truss had reciprocated and said that the UK government will review the policy in a day or two.



"Can't Deny Girls Hope": Supreme Court turns down centre's NDA plan

New Delhi, Sept 22: Women should be allowed to take the National Defence Academy (NDA) exams this year, the Supreme Court said today, rejecting the government's request to defer the move until next year to establish a new system. "We gave hope to the girls. We cannot deny them that hope now," said the judges.

The "no exam today, exam tomorrow" approach would go against the aspirations of young women, the court said, directing a notification for exams on November 14. The government had suggested that the first-ever women candidates for NDA take the exams in May next year. There was too little time to let

women take the exams this year, the government had told the court.

"The armed forces have dealt with very difficult situations and emergencies. They are trained in dealing with emergencies. And they will be able to deal with this," the Supreme Court responded.

"If they appear in exams in May 2022 then the intake will take place in January 2023. We cannot delay things by a year," said Justices SK Kaul and BR Gavai. The court had earlier called the NDA induction policy discriminatory to women. The government had said it is in the process of establishing "appropriate" medical and physical fitness standards, and building

"required infrastructure", which includes "robust physical separation between male and female residential areas". The government had also said there were "no parallel (physical) standards for women candidates", so these were being formulated; "... the issue needs detailed analysis, including expert inputs to maintain operational readiness." Gynaecologists, sports medicine experts and counsellors, nursing staff and female attendants would also need to be in place for women cadets, it had said. Earlier this month, the government had told the Supreme Court women could now sit for the NDA entrance exam. This was after the court underlined a "mimicset

problem" and "gender discrimination" when it came to equal service opportunities for men and women in the country's armed forces. "It is a delight to share this. Women will be admitted in the NDA," Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhat, representing the Centre, had said.

A petition had argued that the categorical exclusion of eligible female candidates from the NDA was unconstitutional and done entirely on the basis of their sex. The government's previous stance on the petition was that a "different kind of training" was needed and "ultimately it (barring women) is a matter of national security".



Air Marshal V.R. Chaudhari to be new chief of Indian Air Force



Ending suspense and without surprises, the government on Tuesday finally made the announcement, appointing Air Marshal V.R. Chaudhari as the next chief of the Indian Air Force.

Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhaduria completes his innings on September 30 after two years of service in the Air Headquarters. And, the delayed announcement on new IAF chief was leading to speculations in the Air Headquarters in the national capital.

Traditionally, the government declares the name of the succeeding chief two to three months before the superannuation of the current chief. The idea is to give sufficient time for the new person to understand and coordinate with the present chief for the continuation of the work.

After ACM Bhaduria, whose appointment was announced in very late in September 2019, this is the

second time that the government has taken time to announce the name of next chief of the world's fourth largest air force.

By picking Air Marshal Chaudhari, the government has followed the seniority principle as well as the merit.

Air Marshal Chaudhari is presently the vice chief of IAF. Commissioned in the fighter stream of the IAF on December 29, 1982, he has a flying experience of more than 3,800 hours on a wide variety of fighter and trainer aircraft, including missions flown during Operation Meghdoot and Operation Safed Sagar.

Operation Meghdoot was the code name for the Indian Armed Forces' operation to seize control of the Siachen Glacier in Kashmir in 1984, and Operation Safed Sagar was for IAF's role in the 1999 Kargil conflict.

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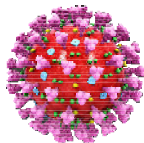
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'NEW DISRUPTION IN GIG ECONOMY': FLIPKART LAUNCHES MARKETPLACE 'FLIPKART XTRA'

Walmart-owned Flipkart on Wednesday said it is introducing a separate marketplace model 'Flipkart Xtra' to offer flexible earning opportunities to individuals, service agencies and technicians.

Through the 'Flipkart Xtra' app on Google Play Store, Flipkart will provide a simple and seamless onboarding experience to interested individuals.

After background verification, individuals will be able to onboard themselves for various roles, including delivery executives to start with, and service partners or technicians in the coming months, a statement said.

The new platform will help bolster Flipkart's supply chain to ensure seamless and faster delivery of shipments and service to consumers across India while creating part-time opportunities for individuals, it added.

The launch, which comes ahead of the festive season and the company's Big Billion Days, will help thousands of individuals, technicians and service agencies across the country providing access to opportunities for additional work and earnings as delivery partners, the statement said.

Flipkart aims to onboard 4,000 part-time associates via Flipkart Xtra for the entire festive season leading until December 2021, it added.

"As an organisation committed to creating value for all stakeholders including sellers, artisans, MSMEs, Kiranas and customers, we are constantly expanding the scope of our partnership to equitably distribute the benefits of e-commerce... we are pleased to launch Flipkart Xtra, our service marketplace, to give flexible earning opportunities to individuals, local stores and even service technicians," Flipkart Senior Vice-President and Head of Supply Chain Hemant Badri said. This is a new disruption

in the gig economy space and will help individuals find an alternate source of income while contributing to the country's economic recovery, he added.

Reports from BCG suggest that the gig economy has the potential to service up to 90 million jobs in India's non-farm economy alone, transact over \$250 billion in the volume of work, and contribute an incremental 1.25 per cent (approximately) to India's GDP over the long term.

In a separate statement, Flipkart group



As a Flipkart Xtra partner, you can choose to work full-time or part-time, on your own schedule, to earn money.

firm Mynta said it is expanding its 'Kirana network' to 25,000 stores and is hiring 11,000 people for last-mile delivery and customer support ahead of the festive season.

The fashion e-commerce platform said it is gearing up for the upcoming festive period and its "Big Fashion Festival" by scaling up recruitment of its on-ground staff.

"With its robust supply chain, consisting largely of MENSA (Mynta Extended Network for Service Augmentation) partners, who are typically Kirana store owners in the neighbourhood, and its own Distribution Centers, Mynta is poised to deliver products and joyous experiences to millions of shoppers, while creating seasonal job opportunities, across the country," Mynta said in its statement.

Of the total last-mile recruitments, about 7,500 are for its Kirana network and

about 1,000 would be undertaken at Mynta's Delivery Centres (DC), distributed across the country.

Roles that are being closed include the positions of DC assistant, DC support staff and delivery staff. A majority of the hiring, including for diversity, is being undertaken at Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Pune and Lucknow.

In addition, about 2,700 people are being hired to boost the contact centre capability to manage and help with customer queries during the festive season, the statement said.

"For this festive season, over 70 per cent deliveries are expected to be fulfilled by these specially trained Kirana partners. Mynta is set to expand its Kirana store network by about 30 per cent from the previous festive edition, taking the total Kirana store count to over 25,000," it said.

E-commerce companies see a large chunk of their business coming in during the festive sales and they make significant investments ahead of time to ramp up their capacity and add features to be able to handle the spike in orders while ensuring a smooth experience for shoppers and sellers.

"This has been the largest hiring drive ever at Mynta, for on-ground and customer support during any festive season, as we anticipate a strong demand across pin codes, with people eagerly looking forward to shopping on Mynta for their festive needs," Mynta chief executive officer Amar Nagaram said. The majority of the recruitments are being undertaken to enhance capabilities for last-mile delivery and, therefore, Kirana store partners make up for the bulk of hiring, taking the total number of store partners to 25,000—which is about 30 per cent higher than last year—to cater to about 70 per cent of the deliveries, he added.



Chirag-Satwik pair withdraws from Sudirman Cup on medical grounds

NEW DELHI: The Indian men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy has pulled out of the Sudirman Cup mixed team championships on medical grounds.

The World No. 10 pair was part of the 12-member Indian team announced by the Badminton Association of India for the prestigious event to be held from September 26 to October 3 in Finland.

"Chirag and Satwik have withdrawn on medical grounds as the former is not well," a BAI source told PTL.

The Thomas and Uber Cup will be held from October 9 to 17 at Aarhus in Denmark. Double Olympic medalist P.V. Sindhu had



recovery from illness. The nature of illness couldn't be ascertained as neither Chirag nor Satwik answered calls.

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already requested not to be considered for the two events citing post-Olympics recovery.

The Sudirman Cup will be the first BWF tournament to be held this year since the world body was forced to cancel or reschedule a number of events due to the

COVID-19 pandemic.

In Chirag and Satwik's absence, the onus will be on Dhruv Kapila and MR Arjun, who were the top-ranked doubles pair in the selection trials, to win the men's doubles matches in the tournament, which comprises two singles and three doubles ties in a rubber.

The squad also comprises Kidambi Srikanth, B Sai Praneeth, women's doubles pair of Ashwini Ponnappa and N Sikki Reddy and youngsters such as Malvika Bansod, Aditi Bhatt, Tanisha Crast, Rutupama Panda.

The biennial tournament will see the Indian team competing against defending champions China, Thailand and hosts Finland in Group A.

ICC charges Marlon Samuels for breaching anti-corruption code

DUBAI: The International Cricket Council on Wednesday charged former West Indies all-rounder Marlon Samuels of breaching four counts of the anti-corruption code during a T10 league, including failure to disclose

hospitality benefits that could bring disrepute to the sport. The game's governing body charged the West Indian on behalf

of the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB), the organiser of the T10 League which is four seasons old.

"Samuels will be given a time period of 14 days to respond to the charges," an ICC release said.

The 40-year-old Samuels played 71 Tests, 207 ODIs and 67 T20Is in his international career, scoring 11,134 runs and taking 152 wickets. He retired from international

cricket in November 2020. According to the ICC, Samuels breached articles 2.4.2, 2.4.3, 2.4.6 and 2.4.7 of the Code. The three articles deal with failure to disclose

to the Anti-Corruption Official, receipt of any gift, payment, hospitality or other benefit that was made or given in circumstances that "could bring the participant or the sport of cricket into disrepute", non-cooperation with

the investigation, and obstructing or delaying the investigation by "concealing information that may have been relevant..." The T10 league's latest edition was held in Abu Dhabi in January-February earlier this year. Samuels was a part of the event in 2019 when he turned up for Kamataka Tuskers, which was led by South African star Hashim Amla.

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