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PM unveils hologram statue of Netaji at India Gate Also confers Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars

PIB Delhi, New Delhi:

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a hologram statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at India Gate. This hologram would be in place till the work of the statue of Netaji is completed. The statue would be unveiled in the same place to mark the year-long celebration of the 125th birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

PM also conferred Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars for the year 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 in the investiture ceremony. This award was instituted by the Union Government to recognize and honour the invaluable contribution and selfless service rendered by the individuals and organisations in India in the field of disaster management.

The Prime Minister paid tribute to the brave son of Mother India, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 125th birth anniversary. Addressing the gathering, he said that the grand statue of Netaji, who had established the first inde-

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Rich tributes paid to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his birth anniversary in Isles

Port Blair, Jan. 23

Along with the rest of the country, the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was also observed in A&N Islands today. Rich tributes were paid to Netaji at a function held at the statue of Netaji at Marina Park. The Principal Secretary, A&N Administration, Dr. V. Candavelou paid floral tributes to



Netaji followed by floral tributes by Officers of A&N Administration, senior Police officials and others.

MP pays rich tributes to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Port Blair, Jan 23:

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today paid rich tributes to the iconic freedom fighter, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on his

125th birth anniversary.

The Member of Parliament, who is presently visiting North and Middle Andaman, garlanded the statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Diglipur Bazaar this morning to pay his tributes.

Chief Secretary directs NHIDCL to devise mechanism for grievance redressal pertaining to NH-(ATR-223) from Chidiya Tapu to Lamiya Bay

NHIDCL notifies contact details for registering complaints

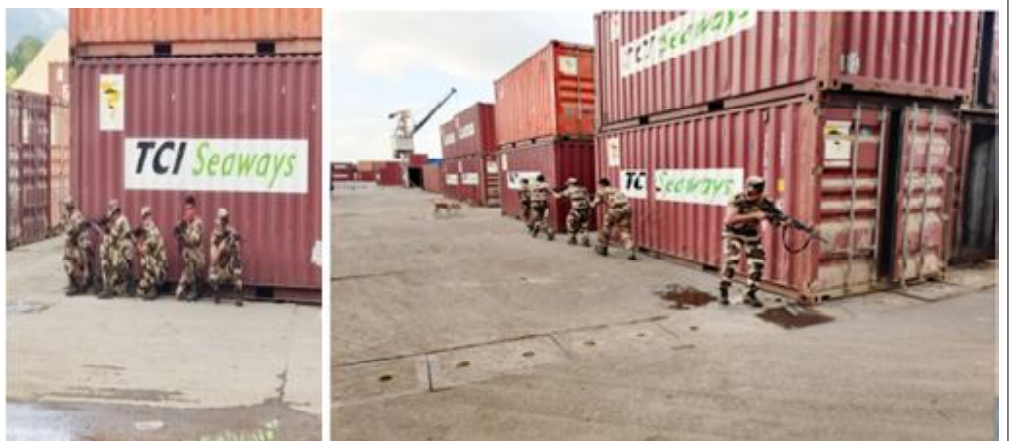
Port Blair, Jan 21:

In light of the various issues raised by the public and public

representatives with regard to the condition of the National Highway, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri

Jitendra Narain has directed Executive Director (P), NHIDCL to devise a from page-4

A&N Islands add yet another feather in its cap! International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Qualification awarded to Port Blair Port



Counter Terror Exercise to Eliminate Terrorists Hiding in a Container in progress

Port Blair, Jan 21:

It is to the credit of the Port that it qualified for the prestigious 'International Ship

and Port Facility Security Code' (ISPS) certification awarded by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) on 20th Janu-

ary, 2022. The ISPS qualification was confirmed by Capt RK Muduli, Deputy Nautical Ad-

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EDITORIAL

Take states on board before tinkering with IAS rules

The Union government's proposed amendments to the IAS (Cadre) Rules regarding Central deputation of officers have, not surprisingly, set it on a collision course with state governments. Although how many states have objected to the rule changes is not clear as only West Bengal has come out in the open against the amendments, it will not be surprising if more do so in the coming days. Under the present arrangement on cadre of all-India services such as the IAS, IPS and the Indian Forest Service, the Union government asks for a list of officers from state governments every year who are willing to be deputed to Delhi.

So far this system of sharing officers between the Centre and the states has worked in a more or less congenial manner, free of any rancour or dispute. But in the recent past, there have been some occasions when differences have cropped up, particularly with Bengal. Last year the then state chief secretary, Alapan Bandyopadhyay, was asked to report to the Centre on the day of his retirement because he was not present for a meeting convened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. But the state refused to let him go. Earlier the two governments had clashed over the Centre summoning three IPS officers after the BJP president J P Nadda's motorcade was attacked outside Kolkata. Whether the proposed amendments have been prompted by these face-offs is unclear, but the bone of contention is that if implemented, then the Union government's view will prevail whenever there is any disagreement over central deputation of officers.

According to data unofficially shared with the media, the number of IAS officers on Central deputation has been declining over the years. It was 309 in 2011 but that has come down to only 223 currently. Even if the Centre's concerns over the meagre numbers are genuine, it must take a considered decision only after it has taken into account the views of the states. The federal system of governance has worked well so far, and any unitary tendency will be wholly avoidable and unnecessary.

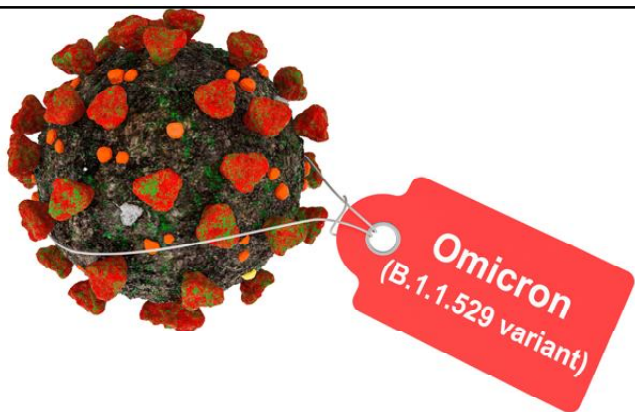
Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, Jan 23

The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,03,007 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 19,091 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against

the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 4430.

A total of 11 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District while the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 10.



District Admn (SA) inspects measures taken to contain spread of COVID infection in Child Care Institutions

Port Blair, Jan 22:

Keeping in view the present scenario of pandemic situation prevailing in the Islands, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka along with the Additional District Magistrate visited Balika Niketan (CCI), Attam Pahad on 22nd January 2022 and inspected the arrangements made to contain the spread of COVID infection in the Child Care Institutions. The officers also interacted with the children and enquired about their health and status of vaccination.

During the visit, District Administration, South



Andaman in a collaborative venture with the Civil Society (Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi) distributed hand sanitizers to all the children and staff of Child Care Institutions of South Andaman.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman during his interaction, instructed all the

children as well as staff of Child Care Institutions to strictly follow the COVID Protocol to protect them from infection.

Apart from the Child care Institutions, hand Sanitizers were also provided to the staff performing surveillance duty in the field.

Republic Day parade will be a mix of modern and vintage with smaller marching contingents

NEW DELHI: Keeping in mind the fast infections of the new variant of the COVID 19, the strength of the marching contingents on the Republic Day have been reduced this year.

Briefing the media persons in virtual formation, Chief of Staff of the Delhi Area and deputy parade commander Lt Gen Alok Kakkar said, "The troops will be marching in 12 rows and 8 columns." Earlier the contingents used to have a strength of 144 personnel.

Also, this time a total of 6 marching contingents from the Indian Army will be participating on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day parade celebrations on January 26. The contingents will be wearing uniforms depicting the change in it since independence and also will carry the weapons of those times.

The first contingent to march forward will be of Rajput Regiment, wearing the uniform of 1950 and carrying .303 rifle, followed by Assam Regiment, donning the dress of 1960s. Then, the Jammu & Kashmir Light Infantry troops will be attired in the 1970s uniform with 7.62 mm self-loaded rifle.

The personnel of the Sikh Light Infantry and Army Ordnance Corps would be wearing the current uniform and would be carrying a 5.56mm rifle.

The newly-inducted combat uniform will be donned by the Parachute Regiment contingent. The troops will be carrying Israel-origin Tavor rifles.



Major Vishesh, Parachute Regiment's contingent commander said, "Wearing the new combat uniform at the Republic Day parade will be a proud moment for the elite force,".

Major Varun Pratap Singh will lead the Rajput Regiment contingent. "It's an honour for us to participate in the Republic Day parade." He spoke.

This time the parade will display a unique mix of vintage and new equipment in the mechanised column.

Among the Armoured columns the first column will be of one PT-76, one centurion tank, two Main Battle Tank Arjun MK-1 tanks, one APC Topas armoured personnel carrier, one BMP-1 infantry fighting vehicle and two BMP-II infantry fighting vehicles will be shown to the public.

One 75/24 pack howitzer, two Dhanush howitzers, one PMS bridge-laying system, two Sarvatra bridge-laying systems, one HT-16 electronic warfare system, two Taran Shakti electronic warfare sys-

tem, one Tiger Cat missile system and two Akash missile systems will also be the part of the mechanised columns.

Besides, one each marching contingent of the Indian Navy and Indian Air Force will be participating. There would be a total of 16 marching contingents, including four CAPF contingents, two NCC, one each Delhi Police and NSS.

There will be two motorcycle display teams and two animal contingents. The motorcycle team will be from the BSF and ITBP while the animal contingents would be from 61 Cavalry and BSF camels.

Maj Gen Kakkar added that two new events have been added in the Beating the retreat ceremony this year.

There would be laser mapping protection on the north and south blocks of the Raisina Hills and a coordinated show of 1000 drones. They will display various shapes when it is dark at Vijay Chowk. It will be held for the first time in India.



Port Blair: 22/ 01/2022. Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the Video Conference Chaired by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India for interaction with different Aspirational Districts of States/ UTs to review implementation of various Schemes/Programmes of Government of India with the support of NITI Aayog.

MP along with Stake-holders of Tourism Industry meet Secretary Tourism; Highlight crucial issues



Port Blair, Jan 22:

Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, MP on 21.01.2022 led a delegation of Water Sports, Tourist Fiber Boat, Boat Owners Association, North Bay, Dive Club, Havelock Scuba Diving Association, Tourist Vehicle Owners' Association, Port Blair to discuss various tourism related issues with the Secretary Tourism, A&N Administration.

The Member of Parliament expressed concern of the Tourism and allied industries in these Islands and particularly in the prevailing COVID -19 Pandemic scenario. He said that

in the private sector tourism and allied industries are undoubtedly the major source of providing employment for the Islanders.

He said that livelihood of as many as 50,000 families in these Islands are dependent on the tourism related industries which for past two years has suffered major financial setback due various restrictions imposed under the National Disaster Management Act by the Central Government and the local administration to prevent the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in these Islands.

He urged that there is paramount need to bring normalcy in the tourism and allied industries though carefully and steadily so that several socio-economic problems, now being faced by Islanders served by these industries, get subsided to a large extent.

The representatives of various tourism related associations expressed their need before the Secretary (Tourism), Andaman and Nicobar Ad-

ministration of which major were repairs of floating jetty at Aberdeen Water Sports Complex and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (Ross) Island, Parking Stand for Tourist Vehicle at Port Blair, Development of Viper Island as one day tourist destination, opening of extension centre of National Institute of Water Sports (NIWS), Ministry of Tourism, Government of India at Port Blair to facilitate easy and timely inspection, certification and licencing of the Water Sports facilities and equipments, Jolly Buoy to be opened for tourism, implementing easy procedure for replacement of trained and certified personals, securing beaches from Crocodile attack, maintenance of civic amenities such as toilets, changing

The Secretary (Tourism) assured Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament and the representatives of various tourism related associations to look into the matter for consideration.

German Navy Chief resigns over his Ukraine comment in India



NEW DELHI: The head of the German Naval forces on Saturday tendered resignation after his comments on Russia raised a major international controversy.

While speaking at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MPIDSA) on Friday, Vice Admiral Kay-Achim Schonbach had stated that Russian President Vladimir Putin was not up for a strip of land in Ukraine but wanted respect. Crimea would never go back to Ukraine, he had added. Crimea from Ukraine was occupied by Russia in 2014.

Schonbach said "the Crimean Peninsula is gone. It's never coming back. This is a fact."

"Is Russia really interested in a small tiny strip of Ukraine soil to integrate into their country? No, this is nonsense. Putin is probably putting pressure because he can do it and he knows, he split us, he splits the European Union. What he really wants is respect," he said.

His comments came amidst the Russian move of amassing more than 100,000 troops along the border. Also, while the UK and the US have been sending weapons to Ukraine, Germany has refused to do it.

Raising objection to Schonbach's comments

Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba tweeted on Saturday, "Recent statements by Germany about the impossibility of transferring defence weapons to Ukraine, in particular due to permission to third parties, the futility of returning Crimea, hesitations to disconnect Russia from SWIFT, do not correspond to the level of our relations and the current security situation."

Kuleba added further that such comments would encourage Russia. In two more tweets he added that "the unity of the West with Russia is more important than ever" today to and to "achieve it and deter the Russian Federation, we are all working together. German partners must stop such words and actions to undermine unity and encourage Vladimir Putin to a new attack on Ukraine."

Ukraine's government summoned German Ambassador Anka Feldhusen on Saturday and conveyed that Schonbach's comments were not acceptable.

While Germany distanced itself from Navy Chief's comments Schonbach admitted his comments were "rash" and tendered resignation on Saturday which was later accepted by the German Defence Ministry in Berlin.

A&N Administration takes action against Junior Engineer of APWD by serving order of 'dismissal from service'

Port Blair, Jan 21:

In yet another crack-down on corruption by the A & N Administration, a Junior Engineer of the Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) was served with an order of 'Dismissal from Service' which shall be a disqualification for future employment under the Government by the Competent Authority on 15th January, 2022.

The officer was charge-sheeted under the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 with the charge of having assets disproportionate to known sources of his income. An enquiry was conducted in the matter and finally the Competent Authority, viewing the matter as that of serious concern, issued the order. The order has been served immediately upon the officer concerned.

It is to mention that the Administration has been firmer than ever in taking stern actions against officials engaged in corruption. Only a few months ago, a senior officer of the Administration was also dismissed from the service on charges of bribery. This step will again send a strong message to other serving employees of the Administration against engaging in corrupt practices.

Strict actions being initiated against violators of COVID-19 guidelines

Port Blair, Jan 21:
In order to ensure containment measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District and with strategic intervention focusing on containment, test, track, surveillance, clinical management, vaccination and Covid Appropriate Behaviour to control any surge of the cases of COVID-19 strict enforcement drive was carried out by the District Administration in all the places of South Andaman District.

The Flying Enforcement team constituted in all Tehsils of South Andaman District by the District Magistrate comprising of Revenue and Police officials imposed fines for violation of COVID protocols and not following proper guidelines such as wearing of face mask and not maintaining social distance in premises of all Market areas of South Andaman including Little Andaman, Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep under the supervision of Sub-Divisional Magistrate, South Andaman.

The enforcement team imposed challans at the market places and an amount of Rs. 93,400/- (Rupees Eighty nine Thousand only) was remitted to government treasury till



date. The District Magistrate, South Andaman has iterated that strict actions shall be enforced from now onwards for violations of Covid-19 guidelines and that awareness teams have also been formed to encourage people to follow anti-coronavirus measures. He further added that it is imperative to maintain a strict watch on the situation with focus on district level and sub-district level.

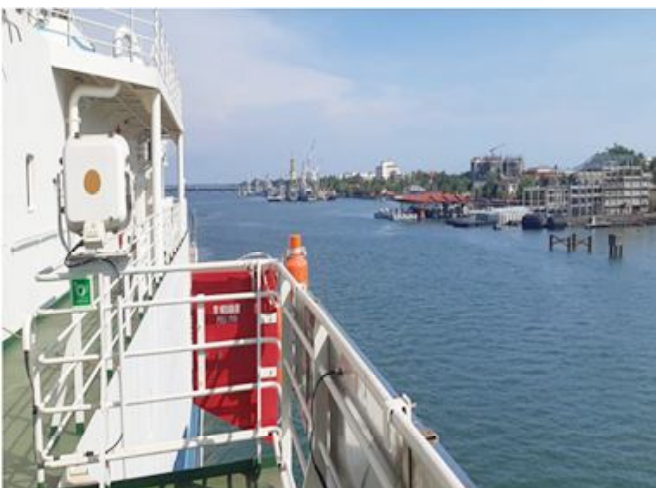
The general public has also been requested to co-op-

erate with the Administration to curb the spread of the pandemic by following the Covid-19 guidelines meticulously keeping in view of upcoming festivals and that the flexibilities being allowed and activities being permitted across the District must be done in a calibrated and cautious manner.

The general public are requested to inform the District Control Room in case of any Covid violation on 03192238881/1077.

International Ship.....

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The port has dual use, both Commercial and Military



Capt. RK Muduli de-briefing the CISF on completion of the exercise



Chief Secretary directs NHIDCL....

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mechanism inviting grievances from general public on issues related to NH-(ATR-223) from Chidiya Tapu to Lamiya Bay for its speedy redressal. Accordingly, the ED (P), NHIDCL has notified the contact details of Site Engineer with phone numbers for registration of grievances. The grievance can also be registered through email ID - pmumayabunder@gmail.com, Col Shri Ram Keleneya (Retd.), GM (P), NHIDCL, phone no. 9413747345.

The Contact Number for registering grievances are as mentioned below:

S. No	From	To	Package	Authority's Engineer (Ph. No)	NHIDCL Site Engineer (Ph.No.)
1	ChidiyaTapu Km 0.00	Beodnabad Km 12.00	Package-V	Sh. Parmood Kumar (7015718141), Sh. Anil Kumar 9476023538	Sh. Chandra Prakash Meena (8900942209)
2	Beodnabad Km 12.00	Ferrargunj Km 45.00	Package-I	Sh. R.K Choudhary (9531914570) Sh. G.V.Rambabu (9476057103)	
3	Ferrargunj Km 45.00	Jirkatang Police Post Km 59.20	Package-VI	Sh. Parmood Kumar (7015718141), Sh. Anil Kumar 9476023538	
4	Jirkatang Police Post Km 59.20	Nilambur Jetty Km 107.00	Jarwa-I		
5	Nilambur Jetty Km 107.00	Baratang Jetty Km 107.776	Middle Strait Creek Bridge		
6	Baratang Jetty Km 107.776	Humphrey Strait Creek Jetty Km 129.445	Package-III (PART-I)		
7	Humphrey Strait Creek Jetty Km 129.445	Humphrey Strait Creek Jetty (Kadamtala) Km 130.608	Azad Hind Fauz Setu	Sh. R.K Choudhary (9531914570) Sh. G.V.Rambabu (9476057103)	Sh. Arun Kmar (8900984306)
8	Kadamtala Jetty Km 130.608	Gate No. 03 (Phooltala)Km 138.330	Package-III (PART-II)	Sh. Parmood Kumar (7015718141), Sh. Anil Kumar 9476023538	
9	Gate No. 03 (Phooltala) Km 138.330	Gate No. 15 (Jarwa-II) Km 158.00	JARWA-II		
10	Gate No. 15 (Jarwa-II) Km 158.00	Rangat Km 181.00	Package-III (PART-III)		
11	Rangat Km 181.00	Swadesh Nagar Km 206.00	Package-VII		
12	Swadesh Nagar Km 206.00	Mayabunder Km 239.445	Package-IV		Sh. Jatin Arora (8900984296)
13	Mayabunder Km 239.445	Kalara Junction Km 298.00	Package-II	Sh. R.K Choudhary (9531914570) Sh. G.V.Rambabu (9476057103)	
14	Kalara Junction Km 298.00	Lamiya Bay Km 330.620	Package-VIII		

Wide expanse of Haddo Wharf covered under ISPS

visor-cum-Surveyor-in-Charge, MMD, Port Blair after a gruelling 10 hour audit which involved among others, Document Review, Audit of Security infrastructure, inspection of Port Control Tower, Mock Terrorist Strike, Inspection of weapons, arms, equipment, security procedures, night exercise and illumination facilities at the Port .

As is well known, the ISPS Qualification is a sought after Certificate which announces to the World Maritime Community that the Port is safe for use. A major part of Mercantile Shipping does not risk sending their fleet to countries which are disturbed such as West Africa, Mozambique, Somalia and Yemen due to the lack of such certification.

The ISPS Certification has 3 Levels viz Level-1 is the most desirable which announces that the Port is safe for com-

mercial use, Level-2 that the Port is under Terrorist threat and Level-3 that a Counter-Terrorist Operation is underway. Level-2 and Level-3 are short term states that indicate that Security procedures are enhanced temporarily.

The ISPS Certification will enable reputed Maritime Companies viz. Fleet Management, PIL, Dockendale, Maersk & MMD to quote the top 5, to consider their vessels safe for transit to the Port.

As the Marine sector opens and prepare for a post-corona environment, the upkeep of the International Standard would be at the forefront to ensure that the port provides a safe and secure sanctuary for Merchant Shipping. The above was possible due to the efforts of the Port facility and Security Officer, the CISF and the entire team of Port Officials.

MP highlights issue of acute scarcity of potable water in Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages

Port Blair, Jan 22:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has highlighted the issue of acute scarcity of potable water in Chouldary area in front of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and also suggested some measures to solve this problem.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor dated 21.01.2022, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the residents of Chouldary Gram Panchayat and its surrounding villages are experiencing severe scarcity of potable water, which need to be resolved on priority before the ensuing summer season.

He added that in order to cater to the need of potable water of the Defence establishment located in Port Blair and of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, a Dam at Chouldary was constructed. As per the Agreement dated 27th day of November, 2005 executed between the Defence establishment represented through Director General (works) Engineer-in-Chief's branch Army Headquarters, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India New Delhi and the Andaman and Nicobar Administration represented through the Chief Engineer, Andaman Public Works Department out of the total quantity of approx. 9.2 lakhs gallons per day of raw water released from the Dam, 70% will be utilized by the Defence and remaining 30% to be reserved for utilization for the A&N Administration.

The Member of Parliament added that a provision also exists in said agreement that should there be excess or shortage of raw water available than expected, that will also be shared in the same proportion between the Defence and the A & N Administration.

He mentioned that predominantly the A&N Administration's 30% share of raw water from the Chouldary Dam was intended to meet the potable water requirement of Chouldary Gram Panchayat and the nearby villages, hence these areas are not served by any other sources of raw water except the Chouldary Dam.

The Member of Parliament added that according to the latest data available, the Public Health Engineering Division, Prothrapur of Andaman Public Works Department have to cater piped and treated water to 1451 individual water tap connections, 09 Schools, 07 Anganwadis, 25 Offices and Community Halls, 01 Primary Health Center and 03 Health Sub-Centers besides shops and commercial establishments of Chouldary Gram Panchayat and the nearby villages.

He mentioned that the total requirement of water to be supplied through the water tap connections to the families and other institutions as stated above are 1.59 LGPD (7,25,000 liters per day) but according to the reports 1.25 LGPD (about 5.68 lakh liters) of raw water are being released from the Chouldary Dam to the filter bed of Andaman Public Works Department at Chouldary which is much less than the per day supply of 30% of the raw water available in the dam as per the agreement. This being the reason the residents and various establishments in the Chouldary Gram Panchayat and the nearby villages are facing acute shortage of piped and treated water.

The Member of Parliament requested the Lt. Governor to direct the Andaman and Nicobar Command to release the entire share of 30% of raw water released from the Chouldary dam as per the agreement dated 27.11.2005 to the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for its

treatment and subsequent supply by the Andaman Public Works Department to the consumers of Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages consisting of Chouldary Portmout, Badmash Pahad (Gopal Nagar), Bloomsdale (Nimbu bageecha), Nayabasthi, Chouldary, Craikabad, Bachada Pahad, Lal Pahad and part of Dhanikhadi.

Alternatively, the Member of Parliament suggested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that since the pumping of raw water from the Rutland Water Project to the Dhanikhadi Dam has commenced, possibilities may be explored to resolve the scarcity of potable water at Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages by providing raw water from the Dhanikhadi Dam.

The Member of Parliament suggested that a scheme to connect the existing filter bed of Mangluatan and Chouldary has already been prepared and submitted by the Public Health Engineering Division (PHED), Prothrapur of Andaman Public Works Department and if the additional quantity of raw water required for Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages is provided from the Dhanikhadi Dam to the existing Filter bed at Mangluatan the shortage could be managed to a great extent at Chouldary area.

Hence the Member of Parliament requested to sanction a proposal to connect the filter beds of Mangluatan and Chouldary as also direct the authority concerned to release sufficient additional quantity of raw water for Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages from the Dhanikhadi Dam through the existing pipeline so that the scarcity of piped and treated (potable) water is resolved to great extent in the Chouldary Gram Panchayat and nearby villages.

Of 2,847 tests done in Parliament during third Covid wave, results of 875 positive: Sources



NEW DELHI: Results of 875 people, who were tested for Covid in Parliament, have returned positive, sources said on Sunday, days before the start of its Winter Session.

The data, they said, is of tests conducted since the beginning of the third wave of the pandemic till January 20.

The session is scheduled to start from January 31 and its first part will conclude on February 11.

As many as 2,847 tests have been conducted in Parliament since the starting of the third wave, and out of these results of 875 returned positive, the sources said.

Out of the total tests, 915 were conducted by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat and 271 samples were found to be positive for the infection, they said.

According to the sources, the session will be held following Covid-related

protocols.

In the wake of a spike in Covid cases, a call has to be taken whether Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha will sit simultaneously or in different shifts, they said.

Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has also tested positive for Covid.

This is for the second time that Naidu has been infected with the virus.

"Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, who is in Hyderabad, tested COVID positive today. He has decided to remain in self-isolation for a week. He has advised all those who came in contact with him to isolate themselves and get tested," the Vice President Secretariat tweeted.

It seems unlikely that he will participate in Republic Day celebrations on Wednesday.

Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs to recognize outstanding sports persons

Port Blair, Jan. 20

In order to recognize outstanding sports persons having shown excellence at National and International competition/meet, the State Level Sports Association recognized by A&N SSC have been informed to submit details of achievements of the

sportspersons who have won the medals / position in the recognized National and International meet held during April 2020 to March 2021.

It is pertinent to mention here that from this year onwards, the cash award application will be accepted via online

and the applicants have been requested to apply in the hosting web application of U R L : <http://sca.andaman.gov.in/> only. The registration will start from tomorrow (Jan.21) and the last date to apply online is Feb.10, 2022.



Ministry of AYUSH
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Simple Ayurvedic Procedures

1. Nasal application - Apply sesame oil / coconut oil or Ghee in both the nostrils (Pratimarsh Nasya) in morning and evening.
2. Oil pulling therapy - Take 1 table spoon sesame or coconut oil in mouth. Do not drink, Swish in the mouth for 2 to 3 minutes and spit it off followed by warm water rinse. This can be done once or twice a day.

During dry cough / sore throat

1. Steam inhalation with fresh Pudina (Mint) leaves or Ajwain (Caraway seeds) can be practiced once in a day.
2. Lavang (Clove) powder mixed with natural sugar / honey can be taken 2-3 times a day in case of cough or throat irritation.
3. These measures generally treat normal dry cough and sore throat. However, it is best to consult doctors if these symptoms persist.



Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar State AYUSH Society, A & N Administration

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pendent government on the soil of India, and who gave us the confidence of achieving a sovereign and strong India, is being installed in digital form near India Gate. Soon this hologram statue will be replaced by a granite statue. This statue is a homage to the hero of freedom by the grateful nation and will keep on reminding our institutions and generations the lesson of national duty, he said.

The Prime Minister traced the historical evolution of disaster management in the country. He informed, for years the subject of disaster management was with the Agriculture Department. The basic reason for this was that the Ministry of Agriculture was responsible for dealing with the conditions created by floods, heavy rains, hailstorms etc. The Prime Minister said But the 2001 Gujarat earthquake changed the meaning of disaster management. "We have deployed all departments and ministries into relief and rescue work. Learning from the experiences of that time, the Gujarat State Disaster Management Act was enacted in 2003. Gujarat became the first state in the country to enact such a law to deal with the disaster. Later, the Central Government, taking lessons from the laws of Gujarat, made a similar Disaster Management Act in 2005 for the entire country", he continued.

The Prime Minister said emphasis is on Reform along with stress on Relief, Rescue and Rehabilitation. We strengthened, modernised, and expanded the NDRF across the country. From space technology to planning and management, best possible practises have been adopted, he said. The Prime Minister noted that youngsters are coming forward with schemes like 'Aapda Mitra' of NDMA. Whenever calamity strikes, he said, people do not remain victims, they fight the disaster by becoming volunteers. That is, disaster management is no longer just a government job, but it has become a model of 'Sabka Prayas'

The Prime Minister emphasized the need to strengthen institutions to im-

prove capacity to deal with disasters. He cited examples of cyclones in Odisha, West Bengal, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat for illustrating the new preparedness as these disasters saw much lesser damage than earlier times. He said that the country has an end to end cyclone response system, much better early warning system and tools of disaster risk analysis and disaster risk management.

The Prime Minister elaborated the holistic approach, a hallmark of thinking in every sphere of today's governance, in disaster management. Today disaster management is part of civil engineering and architecture courses and there is a Dam Safety law now. Similarly, upcoming massive infrastructure projects have built-in disaster resilience. He cited disaster preparedness of PM Awas Yojana houses in earthquake prone areas, Char Dham Maha Pariyojana, Expressways in Uttar Pradesh as examples of vision and thinking of the New India.

The Prime Minister also highlighted India's leadership in the sphere of disaster management at global level. In the CDRI- Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, India has given a big thought and gift to the global community and 35 countries along with the United Kingdom are already part of the coalition. The Prime Minister said Joint Military Exercises among armies are common in various countries of the world. But for the first time India has started the tradition of Joint Drill for Disaster Management.

The Prime Minister quoted Netaji that "Never lose faith in the dream of independent India, there is no power in the world that can shake India." The PM said that today we have a goal to fulfil the dreams of independent India. We have the goal of building a new India before the hundredth year of independence.

The Prime Minister said that it is the grand resolve of Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav that India will revive its identity and inspirations. The Prime Minister regretted that after independence, along with the

culture and traditions of the country, the contribution of many great personalities was also erased.

The Prime Minister said the freedom struggle involved 'tapasya' of lakhs of countrymen, but attempts were made to limit their history as well. But today, after decades of independence, the country is boldly correcting those mistakes. He cited Panch Teerth associated with Babasaheb Ambedkar, Statue of Unity to commemorate the contribution of Sardar Patel, Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in the honour of Bhagawan Birsa Munda, Tribal Museums to remember the great contribution of the tribal community, naming an Island in Andamans after Netaji to commemorate 75 years of tricolour in Anamans and Sankalp Smarak in Andamans to honour Netaji and INA, as some key steps in the direction of correcting the mistakes of the past. The Prime Minister recalled with emotion his visit to Netaji's ancestral residence in Kolkata on the Parakram Diwas last year. The Prime Minister said he also cannot forget the day of 21 October 2018 when the Azad Hind government completed 75 years. "In a special ceremony held at the Red Fort, I had hoisted the tricolour wearing the cap of the Azad Hind Fauj. That moment was wonderful, unforgettable", he said.

The Prime Minister said if Netaji Subhash was determined to do something, then no power could stop him. We have to move ahead taking inspiration from Netaji Subhash's 'Can Do, Will Do' spirit.

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP & Former State President BJP-A&N Islands and Member Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India expressed his sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Union Govt. for releasing funds to UT Administration, Andaman for a road project from Chunna Bhatta to North Bay tourist spot and the same has been sanctioned and approved by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration costing Rs. 27 Crores.

Further he praised the commitment of the Union Govt. to release this huge amount when the country facing a severe COVID pandemic crisis for the last two years.

By this road connectivity project, socio-economic development of Bambooflat area, tourism, trade and new employment opportunity will be generated, said Mr. Jolly.

Lata Mangeshkar showing signs of improvement, still in ICU: Doctor



PTI, MUMBAI: Singing legend Lata Mangeshkar is showing signs of improvement but remains in the ICU, her doctor said on Saturday.

The 92-year-old singer tested positive for coronavirus with mild symptoms and was admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the Breach Candy Hospital in south Mumbai on January 8.

Sharing the health update, associate professor Dr Pratit Samdani from the Breach Candy Hospital told PTI, "She is showing signs of improvement. She is in the ICU. It is difficult to say for how many days she will be in the hospital."

Anusha Srinivsan Iyer, a close friend of the family, also said the veteran singer is doing well.

"Lata Didi is showing signs of improvement from before and is under treatment in the ICU from the amazing team of doctors spearheaded

by Dr Pratit Samdani. We are looking forward and praying for her speedy healing and coming back home," Iyer said in a statement.

On Friday, rumours started doing the rounds on social media that Mangeshkar's health had deteriorated.

Iyer had dismissed the rumours and said, "A sincere appeal. Please do not give wind to any false news...The family and the doctors need their space. Let us pray for Lata Didi's speedy recovery and return home."

Regarded as one of Indian cinema's greatest singers, Mangeshkar started her career at the age of 13 in 1942 and has over 30,000 songs to her credit in several Indian languages.

In her over seven-decade career, she has sung various memorable tracks such as "Ajeeb dastan hai ye", "Pyar kiya to darna kya", "Neela asman so gaya", and "Tere liye", among others.

The singer -- known as Melody Queen of India -- has been lauded with numerous awards and honours including the Padma Bhushan, the Padma Vibhushan and the Dada Saheb Phalke Award, and multiple National Film Awards.

She is also a recipient of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour.