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Thought for today

If your thoughts are pure, it becomes easy to say what you think and do what you say.

Last date for filling up online Haj online application

extended till Feb 15
Haj Committee of India has extended its last date for filling up online Haj applications by 15th of this month. Haj Committee stated that in view of the representation received from several state Haj Committees, the last date for filling up of online Haj application forms by the intending pilgrims is extended to 15th of February instead of 31st January.

Traffic Police's action to decongest city roads yield good results

Need to bring roads in Delanipur, Haddo & Phoenix Bay also under one-side parking fold

Port Blair, Feb 01: In a bid to decongest the busy city roads, the Traffic Police here has taken up a series of measures by way of identifying critical bottlenecks/congestion points and accordingly taken measures to remove them. Though traffic police have been deployed in various places in the city for better traffic management, traffic congestion has become quite disturbing in some busy roads in the city as traffic chaos can be witnessed on a daily basis in the city, especially during peak hours. As part of the traffic decongestion plan, the Traffic

Police has implemented one sided parking norms on some road stretches in Aberdeen Bazaar, Junglighat and Bathubasti. Two wheeler riders and cars are allowed to park their vehicles on one side of the road. In the same manner, auto drivers have been directed to park their autos in a particular area in the city. Separate areas have been designated for the autos and passengers availing auto-rickshaw as people can now hire autos from this specified place marked as an auto parking stand. In the stretch of road leading from Junglighat Radha Krishna Temple to Mr. Bhagat Singh

house, four wheelers can park their vehicles on one side of the road while two wheelers can park their vehicles on the other side of road. Motorists now say that despite robust parking plans, still few areas like Phoenix Bay, Haddo, Delanipur etc witness traffic chaos due to haphazard parking by two wheelers. Motorists have now demanded that the Traffic Police should also bring these areas into one-side parking fold so that two wheelers can park their vehicles on one side of the roads. Besides, Traffic Police should also monitor the thrill-

seekers as it has been reported that some thrill-seekers perform dangerous stunts on roads with their motorbikes. They identify isolated areas like Corbyn' Cove roads to perform their stunts. The Traffic Police has a mobile squad which can be activated to crack the thrill-seekers. The mobile squad equipped with cameras and other gadgets can easily check rash driving and also prevent youngsters performing dangerous stunts on road. A majority of the bikers who participate in these activities are youngsters and many are minors.

MP seeks repair of landslide area near Mayabunder District hospital

Port Blair, Feb 01: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has raised the issue of a landslide area near Mayabunder District Hospital, which is now posing threat to hospital's approach road and the Hospital building. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration the Member of Parliament mentioned that during his recent visit to North and Middle Andaman, he visited the Mayabunder District Hospital and witnessed that there was a massive landslide in front of the District Hospital. He mentioned that the landslide happened nearly four months ago. He added that if the landslide area is not repaired, this may also lead to serious accidents in coming days. Considering the threat to the patients, para-medical staff and public properties, he requested the Chief Secretary to order the concerned department to immediately repair the landslide area to save the Hospital's



approach road and the RP Hospital building from any kind of damage in coming days.

Frequent power cuts goes unchecked in the city

Residents clueless as Electricity Department kept mum over the issue

Port Blair, 1st Feb, 2022: Uninterrupted power supply seems to be a distant dream for residents of Port Blair and South Andaman region as the Department of Electricity has failed to ensure continuous supply of Electric power despite adequate man and machinery. The Department has miserably failed to fulfill the commitment of the Modi led Government for

providing 24 X 7 Electric supply. Power and Health are the two sectors in the UT Administration that never had any dearth of funds. Ample funds and sanctions were accorded to the Electricity Department so as to ensure that residents are provided with uninterrupted power supply. But the Department of Electricity has failed to address the objectives behind all those provisions.

Throughout the day, unprecedented and unannounced power cuts in different parts of the city have become the daily routine. The power situation has worsened in the past few days and unscheduled power-cuts for at least a dozen times a day has now become the order of the day. Unannounced and prolonged power-cuts are posing all sorts of problems for residents. Almost everyone, be it housewives, office-goers, school students are suffering due to the power-cuts these days. Frequent power-cuts have led to damage of several electrical appliances and fittings.

Functioning of offices and business establishments located in the city are hampered badly as computers, other equipment don't work. Educational institutions are unable to conduct online classes for students due to frequent power cuts. How can they (electricity officials) expect children to study if they constantly cut power in the evening? It's a pathetic situation, but the department, it seems, cares hardly about the plight of the people. The Department of Electricity didn't come-up with any clarification on the issue and residents continue to experience the haunt of frequent power cuts. If the Department of Electricity is well aware of the issue and its causes, they should come-up with a clarification. In absence of any words from the Electricity Department residents have several speculations regarding inefficiency of the Department and its functionaries.

Director, PME calls all political party meeting to discuss ensuing elections



Port Blair, Feb 01: Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, Director, Panchayat and Municipal Elections conducted an all political party meeting at the Conference Hall of the office of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman. The DPME, A & N Islands Election briefed the party representatives that the Election Commission for UTs has called upon all for General Elections in constituencies of all Gram Panchayats (except Gram Panchayats of Netaji Nagar and Hutbay), Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman and Zilla Parishad, North and Middle Andaman and all wards of Port Blair Municipal Council notification of which shall

be issued on 04th of February 2022 by the Administrator of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It was further informed that with the Model Code of Conduct has been enforced from the date of announcement of election schedule by the Election Commission and shall be operational till the process of election is over and further requested all to abide by the principles embodied in the Model Code and also to respect and observe it in its letter and spirit. It was briefed that the complete set of Electoral rolls may be collected for Panchayat and Municipal Elections 04.02.2022. The office of the Director, The

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Offline classes from X to XII commences

Port Blair, Feb 01: Consequent on approval accorded by Competent Authority, Classes for Std. X, XI & XII in all Management (Govt., Govt. Aided, Private Unaided and Local Body) schools across Islands will reopen on a daily basis with effect from 1st February, 2022 subject to certain conditions.

All educational institutions are directed to ensure COVID protocol, follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour and vaccination of all eligible students in the age group of 15 and above. Students will be permitted to attend school only with the written consent of parents /guardians. Physical attendance will not be compulsory and online instructions via the existing mode will continue. For classes I to IX teaching through existing online mode shall continue as usual. Specific directions and Standard Operating Procedures to be followed in the schools have been communicated to all the schools through Zonal Officers in order to comply with the COVID-19 protocols.

ICG, Diglipur conducts health camp, community interaction prog.

DJ Venkatesh ::
Diglipur, Feb 01: The officials of ICG have explained to the local population regarding safety

security, crisis management in case of any emergency, including fire safety and medical emergency in the middle of the sea. Health talk

was also given on early detection and early treatment of tuberculosis, Dulari scheme, the practice of Yoga and distributed immune booster Ayurveda and H omeo medicines. The multi-specialty health camp was conducted on 31st Jan, a total of 42 patients were examined and treated, most of them were elderly patients with

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Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, Feb 01: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,04,194 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 22,119 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 a precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 5650.

A total of 1048 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in

A&N Islands yesterday. 690 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 64 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 29 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 137.

312 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 28 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44years and

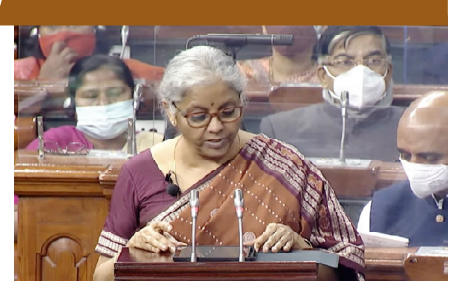
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Budget 2022: The 10 most important things you need to know

Port Blair, 1st Feb, 2022: First things first. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman's budget speech was all of 9,701 words. This was around 43% shorter than the 17,031 words long speech she delivered last February. And it was 54% shorter than the 20,931 words long speech she delivered in February 2020.

The shortness of the budget speech notwithstanding here's a one-stop shop for what the Narendra Modi government's tenth budget had to offer.

The minimum taxable income continues to remain the same and so do the basic tax slabs. Nonetheless, the government proposes to tax gains made from the transfer of any virtual digital asset at the rate of 30%. This basically means that capital gains made while selling cryptos will now be taxed



at 30%. Also, if a capital loss is suffered when selling crypto that loss cannot be set off against any other income. The government also plans to allow tax filers to file an updated return in case they "have committed omissions or mistakes in correctly estimating their income for tax payment". This

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COVID-19 status in Isles

Port Blair, Feb 01: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 168 passengers who arrived here Sunday, 4 positive cases have been detected. yesterday, 7 flights with 800 passengers arrived, out of which, 644 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 140 passengers (4 foreign travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 33 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrarguni, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on

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Indian Coast Guard celebrates 46th Raising Day

Port Blair, Feb 01: Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) congratulated the Coast Guard Component on the occasion of Indian Coast Guard's 46th Raising Day on 01 Feb 22. From a modest beginning with just 07 surface platforms in 1978, Coast Guard has grown into a formidable force with many ships and a large number of aircraft in its inventory. Under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar command, the Coast Guard has focused on operational excellence and quality. Its

performance has been stellar in maintaining vigil along with the Navy, all along the 1962 Km of coastline in the 836 Islands. It has safeguarded national interests by providing security in the 6 lakh Sq Km of A&N Islands Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) besides effective Search and Rescue in an area covering 9 lakh Sq Km.

In the past one year the Coast Guard at ANC has saved 109 lives at sea. Additionally, the hawk eye vigil by maintaining 24 x 7 patrols, both at Sea and Air, has enabled A&N Command

to apprehend more than 22 poachers and 04 foreign fishing boats operating illegally in the islands. Amongst the other notable achievements, Coast Guard successfully towed MV X-Press Yamuna amidst rough sea and bad weather conditions, thereby averting a likely grounding of the vessel which would have caused irreparable damage to the sensitive ecology of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. On another occasion Tug Ganga-I which experienced

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ISRO maps 1.3k Islands in A&N archipelago

Bengaluru, Jan 01: The Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) has identified and mapped more than 1,300 islands and submitted the report to the government, which is expected to use the



information for holistic planning and development, including putting in place infrastructure for strategic reasons. A senior department of space (DoS) official told TOI earlier this month: "...NRSC has found around 34 attributes and important

schematic layers such as land use, geomorphology, lithium, groundwater prospects etc in 1,382 islands. The Prime Minister took a review at a high-level meeting in 2016 and it has been decided that in the first phase around 26 islands will be taken up for holistic development." Another source said the project was taken up after PM Narendra Modi took interest in the matter, while the first official said that development of 10 of the 26 will be led by the Niti Aayog, while the remaining will be carried out by other stakeholders. "...It has been decided that out of all the islands some of them were identified by Niti Aayog for development. The

work on that has begun. The Niti Aayog will provide theoretical plans while implementation will be done by various ministries," VK Saraswat, member, Niti Aayog said.

He added that the idea is for a holistic development that will take into consideration ecological, economical and strategic aspects. The DoS official said that the information from NRSC is a part of the Island Information System (IIS) that has been submitted to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). As reported by TOI earlier, the MHA, having realised the advantages of space science, and based on recommendations

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MUNICIPAL AND PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS -2022 **32 DAYS LEFT**

EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

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Nadal steals a march

The tyranny of reverence towards tennis' holy trinity was always going to be tricky for those biding their time in the wings. Daniil Medvedev, perhaps, has picked up the gauntlet of dislodging their pedestal, and is feeling the heat of howling crowds who aren't sensitive to how their vocal love for the Big Three can end up sounding like jeers for their younger challengers. The three-way debate on who is GOAT will continue unabated, and Rafael Nadal stole a march over Federer and Djokovic by reaching his 21st at Melbourne.

But what the 6-hour-long battle, where the Spaniard came from two sets down to jostle past Medvedev, did to the Russian, showed that in tennis' fervent dogma for the three presiding divinities, sport's enduring underdog story has crumbled. So insistent are the fans in their devotion to the trio, that anyone not playing second fiddle to them will have to play the antagonist, and no more.

A disruptor of the near-two-decade-long hegemony, owing to his hard-court consistency, Medvedev is acutely feeling the un-love of the crowds. The 25-year-old who might've started out as a fan of the trinity, finds himself in the unenviable position of being good enough to take them apart in Grand Slam finals. But he's simultaneously hit by the whiplash realisation that his childhood dream where the crowds would root for an underdog as he slayed the giants, is not coming true. Medvedev is uniquely in the hot seat when New York whimsically starts showering love on Djokovic and Melbourne shushes audibly so Nadal can peacefully serve out. All that Medvedev wanted was love while accumulating his own Grand Slam trophies. It's the one thing he'll have to do without, apparently, while the search for the GOAT bleats on.

Director, PME..

DPME detailed the gathering about various measures being undertaken for conduct of free and fair elections in the Islands viz. the enforcement team for strict implementation of Model Code of Conduct, Flying squad shall be deployed to monitor violations ahead of election to local bodies and the team will videography all their inspections and track poll code violations apart from monitoring of all political activities. The DPME requested the representatives of political parties that bare minimum supporters along with candidates shall be allowed at the time of filing nomination and only candidates, election agents, a proposer shall be allowed on the day of filing nominations following all COVID protocols. The DPME informed that advance permission for holding

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meetings by political parties should be obtained by the candidates as well as political parties and further that there shall be prohibition on defacement of public property and campaigning. A dedicated 24X7 Control Room has been set up to attend to receive complaints during the election process candidates should refrain from such activities during The DPME, A & N Island briefed that the training for Returning Officers/Assistant Returning Officers and to the master trainers shall commence from 01.02.2022 at the Green Building Conference Hall at DBRAIT, Dollygunj. The representatives of political parties also shared their views and sought clarifications with the Director, Panchayat & Municipal Elections which was redressed in the meeting.

ICG, Diglipur ..

diabetes and hypertension, blood sugar was also checked, and medicines were distributed medicines. The medical team

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consists of Dr. Siddharaju, CMO, Dr. Suresh sake, medical specialist, Dr. Ravi M, anesthetist, and Dr. Farheen Kamil, Dentist.

Vaccination- shield..

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Indian Coast Guard..

flooding onboard was successfully provided assistance by a coast guard Ship. The search and rescue operation led to the rescue of 09 persons. The year bygone has witnessed

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numerous such valiant efforts which resulted in saving of men and material at sea by the Coast Guard under Andaman and Nicobar Command in service to the Nation.

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30 passengers, no positive cases have been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 21 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case

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has been detected. At Helipad, 10 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected.

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of a special task force, has envisaged a multi-faceted project with special focus on island development and security for strategic purposes besides a host of other applications for national security. Among other things, the panel has recommended that Isro help with enhancing border surveillance, border infrastructure monitoring, providing GIS and operation planning system and communication and navigation. The MHA has earmarked Rs 280 crore for the first phase. "This project will strengthen island and border security by providing observation, communication and navigation capability to border guarding and internal security forces in remote areas. It will also help MHA in planning and

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monitoring of development of border and island infrastructure," the panel feels. Also, as per information made available by the ministry of tourism, "Holistic Development of identified islands taken by Niti Aayog has resulted in Master plans for sustainable development of four islands — Long, Aves, Smith and Ross of Andaman & Nicobar and five islands of Lakshadweep namely Bangaram, Cheriyan, Minicoy, Suheli and Thinnakara have been prepared." Multiple tourism-based projects have also been mooted in the Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands. And the newly-created Island Development Agency (IDA) is working on implementation of several projects.

ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT TO REVIVE IRAN NUKE DEAL, WARNS US

There are only "a few weeks left" to save the Iran nuclear deal, a senior State Department official said. Adding that Washington has not set any deadline, he cautioned that "This can't go forever."

Signalling that the negotiations are close to a deal, the US official said it is now up to the Iran government to dismantle its nuclear

production facility. State Secretary Antony Blinken had recently warned that Washington and its allies may change tactics if a deal isn't reached.

Reminding that Iran is advancing its nuclear program, Blinken said: "Iran is getting closer and closer to the point where they could produce on very, very short

order enough fissile material for a nuclear weapon".

He said that the longer Iran fails to comply with the 2015 Vienna accord—intended to rein in Tehran's nuclear program—the closer it would get to being able to build an atomic weapon.

"We are indeed at a decisive moment," Blinken said in Berlin after

meeting senior diplomats from Germany, France and Britain. He added that he believed modest progress had been made during the ongoing round of talks in the Austrian capital.

"But we are not where we need to be. And if we don't get there very soon, we will have to take a different course," he said.

The US withdrew from the Vienna accord under President Donald Trump and reinstated economics sanctions on Tehran. Iran responded by increasing the purity of uranium it enriches and its stockpiles, in breach of the accord.

Iran demands all the US sanctions imposed by Donald Trump Administration be lifted, and also wants the US not to impose sanctions or other restrictive measures in future.

President Joe Biden has signaled that he wants to rejoin the deal.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock, whose country remains part of the accord known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action along with France, Britain, China and Russia, echoed Blinken's

words.

"Our objective is to maintain and to preserve the agreement and above all, to make Iran see sense and to ensure that Iran can no further increase its enrichment capacity," she said.

Baerbock indicated that European nations had sought to ensure China and Russia also maintain pressure on Tehran. Both countries have in recent days spoken of new trade and economic cooperation agreements with Iran, which some fear could undermine efforts to get Tehran to make concessions at the Vienna talks.

French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian agreed that progress is needed urgently.

"It's been almost two months since the negotiations resumed in Vienna," he said in a statement. He acknowledged that some progress has been made, but that "negotiations cannot continue at such a slow pace while in parallel the Iranian nuclear program is advancing so quickly."

"We will very quickly find ourselves in an untenable situation," Le Drian said.

Budget 2022: The..

updated return can be filed within two years from the end of the relevant assessment year.

It was widely being speculated that in order to encourage home-ownership the government might increase the tax deduction available on the interest that is paid on a home loan, from the current ₹200,000. But that hasn't happened. Nonetheless, employees of state governments will be pleased. As of now, the central government contributes 14% of the salary of its employees to the National Pension System (NPS) Tier-I. This is allowed as a deduction when calculating the taxable income. When it comes to state government employees, such deduction is allowed only to the extent of 10% of salary. The budget has proposed to increase this to 14% even in the case of state government employees. Other than this, there wasn't much for the salaried middle class in this budget.

The revised fiscal deficit for 2021-22, the current financial year, is expected to be at ₹15.91 trillion or 6.9% of the gross domestic product (GDP). It was budgeted to be at 6.8% of the GDP. Fiscal deficit is the difference between what a government earns and what it spends during a given year expressed as a percentage of the

2021-22 is at ₹17.65 trillion against the budgeted ₹15.45 trillion. This increase has helped maintain the fiscal deficit at 6.9% of the GDP despite the higher expenditure.

The collections of corporate income tax, personal income tax and goods and services have jumped considerably this year. This jump is expected to continue next year as well, with the government budgeting to earn a total gross tax revenue of ₹27.58 trillion, which is 9.6% more. This seems like a reasonable assumption given that the government expects the economy to grow by 11.1% next year in nominal terms, not adjusted for inflation. Due to this jump in tax revenues, the fiscal deficit for the next year is expected to come down to 6.4% of the GDP. Also, the government has planned to increase the capital expenditure in 2022-23 to ₹7.50 trillion against ₹6.03 trillion this year, a jump of around a fourth. This increase should help in creation of physical and other assets which will be beneficial in the years to come.

When the budget was presented in last February, the government had hoped to earn ₹1.75 trillion through the disinvestment of its stake in public sector enterprises. In the current budget, the revised estimates suggest that the government hopes

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is a good move given that construction of housing has a multiplier effect on the economy, with everything from cement demand to labour demand being positively impacted.

The government plans the use of 'Kisan Drones' to be promoted for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides, and nutrients. Further, the government plans efficient use of land resources by encouraging state governments to adopt Unique Land Parcel Identification Number to facilitate IT-based management of records. Over and above this, the government is also looking to raise money through the issuance of sovereign green bonds to fund green infrastructure. The money thus raised "will be deployed in public sector projects which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy". The government also plans to open up defence R&D for industry, startups and academia with 25% of defence R&D budget being earmarked for them.

Different sections of the society have been impacted differently in the aftermath of the covid pandemic. This is referred to as a K-shaped recovery. It can be seen in the fact that the demand for work from households under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) from April 2021 to January 2022 has been just 8% lower this year than between April 2020 and January 2021. It is 39% higher than during the same period in 2019-20. This tells us clearly that rural distress continues to remain high. The government had allocated ₹73,000 crore towards MGNREGS this year. This has been increased to ₹98,000 crore in the revised estimate. The allocation for the next year continues to be at ₹73,000 crore. Hopefully, if the demand for work under MGNREGS continues to remain high, the government will increase the allocation.

The government should have looked at putting more money in the hands of the people. Adjusted for inflation, the private consumption expenditure in 2021-22 is expected to be at 97% of where it was in 2019-20. Also, as mentioned earlier, sections of the economy continue to struggle. There had been some talk of an urban version of MGNREGS being introduced. But nothing of that sort has been proposed. Also, with the tax revenues surging, the government could have possibly looked at cutting the high excise duty on petrol and diesel and in the process, indirectly putting more money in the hands of people. Of course, this isn't contingent on the annual budget and can be done at any point of time.

Vishal hails Union Budget

Port Blair, Feb 01: Mr Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & former State BJP President and Member Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India hails the Union budget 2022 announced by Union Finance Minister.

Mr. Jolly said that the Budget is futuristic and the blueprint of the country's next 50 years development. While hailing the Union Budget, Mr. Jolly also

stressed that A & N Islands also got the allocation for Rural Infrastructure, Rural Road, Health infrastructure, Fishery, Animal Husbandry and ongoing projects in Andamans which will boost the economic prosperity and overall development of the Islands.

He further added that the Government is all set to introduce a block chain-central based Central Bank Digital

Currency (CBDC) made by the Finance Minister during the budget announcement which will give a big boost to the economy and many entrepreneurs welcomed the decision.

Concluding in his remarks, Mr. Jolly congratulated Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister for presenting a futuristic Union Budget 2022-23 despite of COVID pandemic crisis.

MSME and Logistics segment upbeat about budget

Industry experts believe that the Union budget presented by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman bodes well for the already challenged MSME segment in India that has been badly hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. The fine part has been the extension of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) by one more year. This will help the MSME segment to have better credit flows and will help them in their economic growth. The raising and accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP)

both entrepreneurs and students with the help of technology will empower and enhance the productivity of the country altogether," remarked Anand Kumar Bajaj, Founder, MD and CEO, PayNearby.

On the other hand, the logistics sector is also upbeat by

modal connectivity through the PM Gati Shakti programme between mass transport and railway stations, setting up 100 New Cargo Terminals in the next three years, expansion of highways and railway development projects will give entrepreneurs more confidence to invest in the sector.

"The government's drive to encourage integrated logistics and multi-modal connectivity is definitely a positive move towards the progress of the logistics industry in India. The new proposed measures under the PM 'Gati Shakti' plan for expanding the National Highway Network by 25,000 kms in 2022-23 will further boost logistics connectivity and improve last mile deliveries. Additionally, the one window platform for the exchange of data among all stakeholders will bring in more transparency and ensure ease of doing business for leading enterprises as well as Indian logistics startups, providing real-time information, enabling efficiency and reducing the overall logistics cost and time," pointed out Vivek Chopra, acting CEO – Cluster India and Indian Sub-Continent, DB Schenker.



GDP or the size of the economy.

The interesting thing is that the revised fiscal deficit is only marginally higher than the budgeted one, despite the government's expenditure for the year being revised to ₹37.70 trillion which is around 8.2% higher than the budgeted ₹34.83 trillion. This has happened on the back of a surge in tax collections.

The revised gross tax revenue for 2021-22 is expected to be at ₹25.16 trillion against the budgeted ₹22.17 trillion, a jump of 13.5%. Gross tax revenue is the total tax that the central government earns through different kinds of taxes like personal income tax, corporate income tax, goods and services tax, union excise duties and more. A portion of these taxes is shared with the state governments and what remains is the net tax revenue of the central government. The revised net tax revenue for

to earn ₹78,000 crore. Between April and December 2021, the government had earned just ₹9,364 crore from disinvestment. With no big disinvestment on the cards, the only conclusion one can draw is that the disinvestment of Life Insurance Corporation of India is scheduled to happen before March. The finance minister Sitharaman did say in her speech that "the public issue of the LIC is expected shortly." For 2022-23, disinvestment is expected to ₹65,000 crore, around 17% lower than this year.

During the course of the next financial year, 80 lakh houses will be completed for the identified eligible beneficiaries of PM Awas Yojana, across both rural and urban India. The government has allocated ₹48,000 crore for this purpose. In the current financial year, the government plans to spend ₹47,390 crore in total under the scheme, a significant jump from the budgeted ₹27,500 crore. This

Biometric Attendance will remain suspended till February 15: DoPT

Department of Personnel and Training, DoPT has said that as preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID -19, the Biometric Attendance will remain suspended till 15th of February, 2022.

In its Office Memorandum, DoPT has reiterated that the employees will mark their attendance in the Attendance Register to be maintained manually. All the Heads of the Departments will also ensure that all employees wear masks at all times and continue to follow Covid Appropriate behaviour strictly.





MUNICIPAL AND PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS -2022



Review of municipal, panchayat poll result 2015

WARDWISE RESULT OF ELECTED CANDIDATES IN PBMC ELECTIONS 2015

WARD	NAME OF CANDIDATE	PARTY NAME	VOTES	MARGIN
1	S. KARUNAKARAN	Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	1892	1208
2	R. SOMESWARA RAO	Bharatiya Janata Party	2152	1117
3	RAMJAN ALI	Independent	1849	96
4	E. RANI	All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam	851	267
5	S. SELVI	Telugu Desam Party	1105	363
6	PROTIMA BANERJEE	Telugu Desam Party	1369	931
7	INDRA PAL SINGH	Bharatiya Janata Party	1846	1042
8	K.GANESHAN	Indian National Congress	687	260
9	ANUSIA DEVI	Bharatiya Janata Party	901	193
10	SHEELA SINGH	Bharatiya Janata Party	1063	208
11	VINITA MALHOTRA	Bharatiya Janata Party	803	186
12	S . N . N . GREGORY	Bharatiya Janata Party	1297	474
13	UPASANA PRASAD	Indian National Congress	1166	1
14	B ESWAR RAO	Bharatiya Janata Party	1210	134
15	C. H. BABU	Bharatiya Janata Party	1210	387
16	S USHA	Bharatiya Janata Party	706	349
17	DHARMENDRA NARAYAN	Independent	1150	653
18	RUBANA AZIZ	Bharatiya Janata Party	2248	1294
19	K.MUTHU	Indian National Congress	925	65
20	M. ARUMUGAM	Indian National Congress	1259	307
21	K. ARUBADI	Indian National Congress	1095	599
22	VAISHALI RANI DAYAL	Indian National Congress	631	177
23	SANJAY MESHACK	Independent	1026	330
24	N. K. UDHAYA KUMAR	Bharatiya Janata Party	1154	270

AFFIDAVIT

I, **NAGINI JYOTI** (Old name) **AFREEN SHEIKH** (Adopted Name) D/o Nagarajan, aged about 29 years by faith Christian presently R/o Devpur (RV), north and Middle, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby declare as follows:-

- That I have completed 28 years of my age and my date of birth is 16.11.1993.
- That in all my documents my name is mentioned, printed and written as **NAGINI JYOTI**.
- That, now I have embraced Islam religion and renounce Christianity as per my will and wish and I adopted new Islamic name as **AFREEN SHEIKH**.
- That hereinafter I shall be known as **AFREEN SHEIKH** as a member of Islam religion.
- That this affidavit is made for adopting new name and making correction in all my personal and official documents.
- That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as **AFREEN SHEIKH** instead of **NAGINI JYOTI** for all purposes and intends.

The Above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

AFFIDAVIT

I, **NAGINI JYOTI**, D/o Nagarajan, aged about 29 years, by faith Christian presently R/o Devpur (RV), north and Middle Andaman & Nicobar Islands do hereby declare as follows:-

- That I have completed 28 years of my age and my date of birth is 16.11.1993.
- That, I have so many Muslim friends, and I am very much impressed by my friends and the teaching of Islam and Culture.
- That, I intend to embrace Islam religion and renounce Christianity.
- That there is no criminal force or undue influence or any coercion of any person or persons behind embracing Islam but only as per my will and wish.
- That hereinafter I shall be known as **AFREEN SHEIKH** as a member of Islam religion.
- That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as **AFREEN SHEIKH** instead of **NAGINI JYOTI** for all purposes and intends.

The Above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

'SHOW CAUSE NOTICE'

No-110300221, CONST/GD, Amit Sharma, S/o Lt. Sh. Hans Raj Sharma, Village+Post-Guda Mundian, Distt-Kathua, (J&K)-184142 is hereby informed that you are absenting from leave w.e.f. 20.09.2021(FN) without any intimation and approval of competent authority. You have been directed to report on duty vide Commandant, 16th Bn ITBP Registered Office Memo No-1127-28 dtd 24.09.2021 and No-12516-17 dtd 01.10.2021 but you have not reported so far.

2. To find out the reason of your prolonged absence a Court of Inquiry was constituted vide Commandant 16th Bn order No-13785-88 dtd 26.10.2021 in terms of Section-74 (1) of ITBPF Act 1992. On the basis of the recommendation of COI you have been declared **deserter** w.e.f. 20.09.2021 (FN) vide this office order No.14461 dtd.22.11.2021 in terms of Section-74 (2) of ITBPF Act. 1992 and copy of desertion order has also been sent to you on your home address through registered letter.

3. You are, hereby directed to report at 16th Bn ITBP, Leh (Ladakh) within 15 Days on receipt of this notice failing which, it will be presumed that you have nothing to say in the matter and there after ex-parte order will be issued as per ITBPF Act & Rule in which you would liable to be dismissed from service.

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Officer Commanding
16th Bn ITB Police Force

AFFIDAVIT

I Laxmi Mondal W/o. Chitta Ranjan Mondal, age about 62 years, R/o. Swarajgram, under Diglipur Tehsil in North And Middle Andaman District do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

That I have been known my correct name is Laxmi Mondal in Islander Identity Card, Aadhaar Card, Ration Card, Bank Book and mistakenly written my name in land record to Sita Lakhi Samaddar as land record bearing H.No.56 and sy.no.116, 118/1, 118/2, 194,439. land situated at Swarajgram village under diglipur Tehsil North and Middle Andaman.

I need correction my name as **Laxmi Mondal** instead of Sita Lakhi Samaddar in above mention land record.

That I would like Known **Laxmi Mondal** and Sita Lakhi Samaddar are same person and one identical person as on Affidavit.

That I am officially mention name as **Laxmi Mondal** through the Affidavit for above land record correction.

That the above declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief nothing have been concealed thereof.

Deponent

OFFICE OF THE PRADHAN
GRAM PANCHAYAT SHYAMNAGAR
SWARAJ DWEEP

Tender No.1-7/SN/GP/SJDP/2020-21/16 Dated: 28/01/2022

Notice Inviting e-Tender

TENDER NOTICE FOR DEPLOYMENT OF CARGO VEHICLES OF MINIMUM 2.5 CBM CAPACITY WITH MANPOWER FOR COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION & DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE FROM THE JURISDICTION OF GRAM PANCHAYAT SHYAM NAGAR, SWARAJ DWEEP

e-Tenders are invited from Registered Firms / Contractors / Cooperative Societies / SHGs / Transporters etc. for Deployment of **CARGO VEHICLE OF MINIMUM 2.5 CBM CAPACITY** with Manpower for Collection, Clearance and Disposal of waste from all Commercial Establishments & Garbage Bins placed under the jurisdiction of Gram Panchayat Shyam Nagar to SLWM Cluster at Radhanagar Village, Swaraj Dweep & de-silting of major drains.

The e-tender document containing terms & conditions can be downloaded from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> from **28-01-2022 to 09-01-2022** till 17:00hrs. However, the submission of the tender will be done online at <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

Earnest Money Deposit - Rs. 25,000/-

Last date of submission of e-tender - 10th February, 2022 till 11:00 AM

Date & Time of Opening of e-tender - 11:30 hrs. On 10th February, 2022

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained / downloaded from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

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IN CONVERSATION

India to introduce chip-based ePassports. How does it work?

Indian nationals can soon travel with ePassports. India is set to issue next-gen ePassports for citizens applying for new passports or renewing their old ones. Globally, around 150 countries, including the US, UK, and Germany, have the biometric passport system and many nations are on the move to adopt this system. The increasing adoption is due to easy travel, smooth immigration process and enhanced security.

The Secretary of the Consular, Passport & Visa (CPV) Division at the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Sanjay Bhattacharyya, tweeted on Thursday, "India to soon introduce next-gen ePassports for citizens".

What is an ePassport?

An ePassport or electronic passport or biometric passport is one that incorporates an electronic chip with a biometric identifier.

The passports of all countries are obliged to follow the UN's International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) standard, though the countries can make some choices. In 2016, the ICAO made a new rule that newly issued passports must be Machine-Readable Travel Documents (MRTD); i.e., the passports should have two lines at the bottom of the first page that have the details of the holder.

The current Indian passport is a printed booklet that falls under the category of machine-readable passports. The new regulation is to upgrade to international standards of

the ICAO.

The ePassport will have a security chip embedded on the second page of the passport with personal data, including the biographical information of the holder. It will also have a digital signature unique to each country that can be verified using a certificate. In

Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh have moved to implement ePassports.

According to the research by Allied Market Research, the global ePassport market will be worth \$97.6 billion by 2021.

What are the benefits of the change?

With biometric data, the security of the passport is higher than the traditional paper booklet. Officials say that the forgery of the passport can also be controlled. The ePassports will enable a smoother transition through immigration.

India is in the 90th position globally concerning the number of places its citizens can access with a prior visa, as depicted by the records of the Henley Passport Index for

2021. Thus, the increased security can allow the acceptance into more countries without a prior visa.

Moreover, unauthorised data transfer can also be blocked through radio-frequency identification or RFID.

With many of the population, especially the youth migrating abroad, this decision can make passport access easier. The government has also launched the mPassport Seva app, making everything from passport applications to registering changes hassle-free.

Though the government had plans to issue ePassports in 2021, it was delayed. The application process for the passports will be the same as the current method of obtaining traditional passports.



India, the ePassport was under trial and the government had issued about 20,000 of them for officials. The Indian Passport Authority issued the first ePassport to the then President of India, Pratibha Patil, in 2008.

IIT Kanpur and the National Informatics Centre (NIC) developed the software used in the new passport. The Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), along with the Indian Security Press, Nashik and National Informatics Centre, is working on advanced security features on the ePassport.

Countries with ePassports According to ICAO, currently over 100 states and organisations like the United Nations issue ePassports. Countries like Zimbabwe, Malawi, Ireland along with India's neighbours

OPEN SECRET



Vaccination mandatory for all F1 personnel in 2022 season



The FIA has announced that all personnel involved in Formula One races will have to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 ahead of the 2022 season.

There will be no exemption and will apply to all members of the racing teams in the paddock as well as the drivers themselves.

This will also extend to all members of media attending races, as well as guests and hospitality workers.

In the current roster of drivers, all of them are double vaccinated, so the new mandate is unlikely to face any resistance from them. F1 will require all traveling personnel to be fully vaccinated and will not request

exemptions," the FIA spokesperson said. Further, the teams will all have to strictly abide by the Covid-19 rules and restrictions of the countries they travel to. F1 was one of the first major sports to restart after the first wave of Covid-19 in 2020. Stringent restrictions and tightly maintained bio-bubbles have prevented any massive outbreaks as hundreds of personnel are involved in every race.

The 2022 F1 season is expected to start on March 20 in Bahrain and the caravan will travel to 23 countries across continents until November. Max Verstappen is the defending champion.

10th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. MOOKKAMMAL

W/o. Late. K.R. CHELLAM, PBMC

Date of Death : 02-02-2012

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**K.R. Muthu & Family
and All Family Members & Relatives**

Hockey: India beat China, 7-1 in their opening encounter of FIH Women Pro League

Indian Women's Hockey team began their debut campaign in the FIH Pro League with a resounding 7-1

win over China at Muscat in Oman yesterday.

Navneet Kaur opened the scoresheet of the match by

scoring India's first goal of the night, five minutes into the game. With a close-range finish by Neha in the 12th minute, India finished the first half on 2-0 lead.

The Indian side's victory was sealed by two goals from Sushila Chanu Pukhrabam in the 47th and 52nd minutes and one goal each by Navneet Kaur in the 5th minute, Neha in 12th, Vandana Katariya in 40th, Sharmila Devi in 48th while Gurjit Kaur in the 50th minute. Deng Xue scored the solitary goal for China in the

43rd minute.

Sharmila Devi was adjudged as Player of the Match.

For Goalkeeper Savita Punia led Indian Women's team, this was their first match in the FIH Hockey Pro League, following the withdrawal of Australia and New Zealand from the competition because of COVID-related travel restrictions. India will take on China again today. The match will begin at 4:30 PM (Indian Time).



Reduce your risk of COVID-19

Clean your hands often

Cough or sneeze in your bent elbow – not your hands!

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Avoid close contact with someone who is sick

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Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever



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