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#### Thought for today

Always wear the costume of humility the love and cooperation of others.

#### Counseling for vacant seats in ALC

Port Blair, Dec 14: The fourth counselling for the vacant seats available in the firsty ear of the B.A., available in the tristy ear of the B.A., LL.B., Degree Course in Andaman Law College will be conducted on Dec 16 at 9 am in Andaman Law College, PortBlair. The interested candidates of all the categories including general are requested to attend the above mentioned counselling session. Seats will be allotted on the merit of the candidates Principal (i/c), Andaman Law



# **Continue ANISHI scheme for Islanders: MP urges Centre**

Port Blair Dec 14: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi to allow Andaman and Nicobar Administration to continue Andaman & Nicobar Islan continue Andaman & Nicobar Islands
Scheme for Health Insurance (ANISHI)
for the resident of Andaman and Nicobar
Islands in place of Ayushman Bharat
Scheme, as a special case, until proper
medical teatment facilities for all the serious
diseases are created in the Hospitals in
ASN Islands. A&N Islands.

In a letter addressed to the Minister of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi the Member of Parliament mentioned tha

Insurance (ANISHI) was introduced in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 2015 for treatment of patients suffering from serious disease at mainland as referred by the GB

Pant Hos pital, A & N Islands.
He added that permanent residents of these Islands with family income upto income below 3lakhs rupees perannum were eligible for treatment under this scheme. The Member of Parliament pointed out that the Health Insurance scheme (ANISHI) provided cashless treatment upto Rupees 5 Lakhs per patients treatment upto Rupe treatment upto Rupees Stakins per patents per illness which included indoor and outdoor treatments and free travel expenses for patients with one attendant. Critically ill patients, if referred under the scheme to travel by flight, used to be entitled for reimbursement of the air ticket

He informed the Minister this scheme was stopped in 2020 and presently patients suffering from serious presently patients suffering from senous diseases are being sent to the mainland only under Ay ushman Bharat Scheme. The Member of Parliament pointed out that all though the Ay ushman Bharat Scheme provides free treatment to BPL patients, but this scheme is not suited for Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He mentioned that as Andaman and

Nicobar Island are situated nearly 1200 KM away from Chennai and Kolk ata travelling by flight is the only option for Islanders to reach Mainland India, in absence of passenger ships. For referred patients, in most ofthe cases it becomes unaffordable to travel to Mainland India for specialized treatment due to high remote Islands are so poor that they often find it difficult to travel to Port Blair for treatment. The Member of Parliament added that under ANISHI scheme they used to get travel expenses for patients and one attendant but under Ay us hman Bharat Scheme no such travel expense

He pointed out that under Ay ushman Bharatscheme patients are being asked to pay for all medical tests before treatmentin Mainland Hospitals, which again becomes unaffordable for the most of the patients, who as per present rule, are from BPI category. In normal cases these medica category. In normal cases these medicatests cost nearly Rs. 20,000 per patient However, under ANISHI scheme all cost of medical tests were also included, the

### CBSE Schools advised to form Culture and **Heritage Clubs**

Education (CBSE) has suggested Heads of all affiliated schools to establish Culture and Heritage Clubs for formally taking up classical/folk music, dance, arts, crafts and other culture activities to inspire students to appreciate the intrinsic value of our national

heritage.
The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture among Youth (SPIC MACAY) has been rendering services in this field for the last 44 years and creates opportunities for the students to enjoy the performances and interactive sessions rendered by renowned artists and artisans. SPIC MACAY will extend their resources as Knowledge Partners

Port Blair, Dec 14: The Schools have been requested to entral Board of Secondary coordinate with SPIC MACAY to opportunity, at contact details of Nodal Person of SPIC MACAY The National Coordinator (Schools), 41/42, Lucknow Road Near Vishwav idyalay a Metro Station, Delhi-110054, Email: heritageclub@

spicmacay.com or nehasharma @spicmacay.com, Mobile/ @spicmacay.com Whatsapp: +91 6263556213, Website: https://spicmacay.org,\* the Board said in a circular

Reiterating the importance of holistic education for the all-round development of the students and the support extended by co-scholastic activities such as music, dance and art towards achieving the same, the Board said that providing opportunities for Clubs in students to nurture

## **ANTCC Prez demands** security for islanders

'Jobs, infra, roads, age-relaxation in govt. job

Port Blair, Dec 14: The President of ANTCC has submitted a memorandum to the Home Minister Mr Amit Shah wherein he has highlighted various issues being faced by the Islanders. The most important issues of 100% job for islander, filling-up of vacant posts in the government sector, completion of NH road, age relaxation, etc. were raised by Mr Rangalal Halder. Mr Rangalal Halder has also submitted a set of demands to the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman sNicobar Island which includes 100% job reservation, filling up the vacancies

He has also appealed to the yount to take part in the signature campaign for 100% job reservation for islanders. Youth interested in signing for the signature campaign may contact Mr. Tanmay Malick – 9933221110, Mr. M. A. Sajid – 9679528684, Mr. Abhibhusan Ghosh – 9791024099 or Mr. Sajid Shan-

#### **Conveners of Matua Religious** Community for ANI appointed

PortBlair, Dec 14: The Matua Community of Andaman & Nicobar Community of Andaman & Nicocoa Islands has expressed graftitude to Mr Subrata Thakur, Maha Sanghadhipati and Mr Shantlanu Thakur, Sanghadhipati of All India Matua Maha Sangha (AIMMS), Thakur Nagar, Thakur Bari, West Bengal and Minister of State, 60% of India for anopinifing Mr Sudhir of India, for appointing Mr Sudhir Biswas, son of Late Manindra Nath Riswas resident of Prothranur as Biswas, resident of Profirapur as Chief Convener of of Matua Religious Community of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI). Four other persons have also been appointed as Deputy and Joint

Conveners in October this year for the upliftment and welfare of the Matua Community with enrichment ofmutualism and ideology of Matua religious in these islands. Mr Binoy

Krishna Sarkar of Shaheed Dw eep has been appointed as Deputy Convener, while Mr Harasit Jaidhar Convener, while Mr Harasst Jaindrar of Chouldari, Mr Haridas Biswas of Tugapur and Mr Mrinal Chandra Halder of Billy ground have been appointed as Joint Conveners. AIMMS is a non Political Matua Religious Organization and a solicitious consideration and a solicitious consideration and a solicitious consideration and as designation. religious, social, economic and cultural organization. "On behalf of the peoples and devotes of Matua the peoples and devotes of Mattua community of these islands, we congratulate Mr Suchir Biswas and his teams on the appointments. We hope under the leadership of the persons, the Matua religious and Matua community will be enriched in these islands," said Mr Mahananda Gomastha, President/

## Candle Light Tribute to CDA General Bipin Rawat



Port Blair, Dec 12: Baruva Abhy uday a Sangham, Sree Sree Near Kangamatha Temple in coordination with the Haddo residents paid homage to India's first CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat, Mrs. Madhulika Rawat, and 11 other Defence personnel who lost their

Coonoor, Tamil Nadu.

Agathering of Haddo residents of Port Blair Executive members of Baruva Abhyudaya Sangham (A Community foundation of Baruva Villagers) Haddo, and K Ganeshan

lives in a helicopter crash IAF's Ex Chairperson, PBMC P. Mi-17V5 on 8th December near Deenabandhu, T. Somashekar Rai, T. Na rendranath, T. Eswar Rao Smti M.Brinudawathi, Smti. K. Dilliamma with volunteers graced the candle light march on today 14-12-2021 evening 6.30pm in loving

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ANI Secretary of VHP meets Minister

Secretary of Shri Shri Guru Chand Mission, A and N Islands.



Islands met the Minister of State for x 7 for saving Cow / Bulls and Animal Husbandry, Fisheries & other cattle. The Secretary, VHP

Dairy on Sunday at Circuit House, Atlanta Point. He demanded introduction of Helpline number 24

also urged the Minister to consider establishment of a modernised

Animal Treatment hospital with equipped Ambulance facility in all

#### Low Pressure over South Andaman sea likely, heavy rains for Bay Islands

A cy clonic circulation is become a depression over the A cy clonic circulation is become a depression over the marked over extreme western same area on 16° and parts of South China Sea, closer 17° December. Moving to southern parts of Gulf of westward, it is likely to shiftover Thailand. It is likely to become northern parts of Strait of Malacca more marked and may become a on 18° and 19° December. On the low pressure area over the same 2° day, 19° Dec, the weather cases in the second of the control of the region in the next24hr. Further, system will be placed in the close the weather system is expected proximity of South Andaman Sea nce facility in all several systems is expected proximity of South Andaman Sea to come over southern parts of and Nicobar Islands. The low See...Page 02 Malay Peninsula and may See...Page 02

## **Swachh Technology** Challenge



Port Blair, Dec 14: The Affairs (MOHUA), has launched a nationwide Swachh Technology Chellengea part offee Azadi @75 Swachh Survekshan 2022, under the Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0 on 6th December, 2021, in order to promote an enabling environment for enterprise development in the waste management sector. The

#### India votes against move to enable climate change discussions at Security Council

Port Blair, 14<sup>h</sup> Dec, 2021: As against a draft resolution seeking to change-related discussions at the expected, Indiaon Monday voted create a formal space for climate UN Security Council. Theresolution



UN Security Council. The resolution fell through following a veto from

India and Russia were the only countries to have opposed the draftresolution; China abstained.

The draft resolution,

The draft resolution, sponsored by Ireland and Nigeria, sought to enable the Security Council to take up routine discussions on climate change from the perspective of its impact on

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## **Good governance Day** observed by State BJP Unit

Port Blair, Dec 14: Good governance Day is observed annually on December 25. The day is also celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's former Prime Minister, Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpay ee Ji, who was very commitment towards providing transparent, effective and accountable governance to the people of this country.
With regards to the above

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### **COVID-19 Vaccination** going smoothly in isles

Port Blair. Dec 14: The beneficiaries were vaccinated in out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,873 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2038 people were vaccinated in these islands on Monday. 1760

Port Blair, Dec 14: The beneficianes were v accinated in accination drive is continuing South Andaman District, out of smoothly in A&N Islands. As per which 106 beneficiaries were in data available, a btall of 5, 76, 729 the age group of 16-44 years. beneficiaries have been Similarly, 245 beneficiaries were vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, vaccinated in North & Middle South Andaman District, out of Andaman District out of which 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 33 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

Gulatifurther added that "the boost in hiring outlook reflects employers' sustained confidence in achieving a

post-pandemic recovery. The 'Great Resignation' is additionally impacting

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#### Poland Emergency

Poland's communist leaders, declaring that the independent trade union Solidarity had pushed the country intelligent and entire the control studied in the brink of civil war, proclaimed a state of emergency and established military rule on December 13. The Solidarity union chief, Lech Welesa, held high-level talks with communist officials hours after the emergency was declared, a government spokesman said. "Welesa is not arrested and not interned," he added. "He is being treated with all due respect. He is considered the head of Solidarity activities have not been suspended." In an and Solidarity's activities have only been suspended." In an and Solidarity's activities have only been suspended. In an emotional amouncement, the party leader and Prime Minister, General Wojciech Jaruzelski, said other Solidarity officials, former communist leaders and dissidents had been rounded up and interned. The communist rulers also suspended a wide range of civil liberties.

Morarji's offer Former prime minister Morarii Desai offered to lead a nationwide non-cooperation movement against Congress (I) "missule" and sought the peoples' cooperation in this venture. Speaking at a public meeting organised by the Janata Party in Ahmedabad soon after the end of the Januar Farly III Immensional south after the end of the mational council session, Desai said he could sacrifice his life in the cause of democracy and clean public life. Referring to the party's decision to forge opposition unity, he was emphatic that the Januar Party would not break up again if different parties came together. Desai said that care would be taken while admitting in to the party those who had brought about its downfall. Desai advised the people not be disheared by the deterioration political styliction by be disheartened by the deteriorating political situation but to face it holdly

Bengal cyclone
The death toll in Thursday's cyclone ravages in the
Sunderbans of the 24-Parganas district and parts of
Midnapore district has now reached 95, as more casualty reports were coming in on December 13. Returning, from her visit to the devastated areas, 24-Parganas district magistrate Ranu Ghosh, told UNI that she feared the death toll could be even higher.

certificate for slaughtering in the past 5 years, construction of Cattle Inhouse Maintenance pound for up-keeping all Overaged cattle instead of recommending for slaughtering

and providing Cattle feeds in a subsidised low costing, based or

Aadhar seeded cattle to each Farmer / Household / Entrepreneur

onward. As a weak low associated

with feeble cyclonic circulation, the with feedle cydonic circulation, the system will move away from Andaman Sea and head for Gulfo Thailand and adjoining landmass. It is ex pected to get filled up by 22<sup>∞</sup>December.

Under the influence of this system, Andaman and Nicobar

Islands may have heavy rains on 20th and 21th December, Rains will

not be very intense and continuous, as the islands will be

placed at a safe distance from the core area of the system.

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Explaining its decision to vote

against the draft resolution, hdia said UNFCCC already offered an "elaborate and equitable architecture"

with equal voice forevery country and adequate recognition of every country's "national circumstances"

"We, therefore, need to ask ourselv es what is it that we can

collectively do under this draft resolution which we cannot achieve under the UNFCCC

process," Tirumurti said. "Why is it that one needs a UN Security Council resolution to take action

on climate change when we have commitments made under

UNFCCC towards concrete

climate action? The honest answ e

is that there is no real requiremen is that there is no real requirement for this resolution except for the purpose ofbringing climate change under the ambit of Security Council, and the reason for that is now decisions can be taken without involvement of method.

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developing countries and withou

recognising consensus." "And all this can be done in the name of

preserving international peace and

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#### ANI Secretary of VHP.

districts for in-house treatment, providing Cattle lifting (Modern Crane facility – Light Vehicle mounted) Vehicle, prohibition on Cow & Bull slaughtering as No Modern Slaughter house exists here, conduct of disciplinary proceedings against Govt. Veterinary Doctors who issued

Low Pressure over ..

pressure/depression is lying in the equatorial region between 0° and 7°N. Therefore, the system lacks support of 'Coriolis Force', very essential for strengthening of weather perturbations. Higher the latitude, more is the magnitude of Coridis force. Practically, it is zero at equator and negligible between 5°N and 5°S. Accordingly, this weather system is not likely to weather system is not likely to grow in to any significant system. On the contrary, this will weaken over Strait of Malacca and Malay Peninsula from 20th December

India votes against move...

peace and conflicts worldwide. As ofnow, the appropriate UN forum to Explaining its decision to vot discuss all matters on climate change is the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), whose more than 190 members meet multiple times every year, including at a two-week annual conference tow ards the end

One of the lesser discussed aspects of climate change is its impact on international peace and security, a direct effect of climate induced food and water shortages loss of land or livelihoods, or migration. The sponsors, and supporters, ofthe draft resolution argued that this had implications for the UN field missions deployed to maintain peace and security, and therefore, itw as a subject appropriate to be taken up at the Security

Council.
India, China and Russia had been opposing this move from the beginning, arguing that Security Council interventions on climate change will undermine the UNFCCC process, and provide disproportionate influence to a handful of dev eloped countries on

#### CBSE Schools advised...

their innate creative talents is a responsibility of the school and responsibility of the school and society in general. Performing arts and fine arts help the students develop aesthetics, balance, self-fulfilment etc. Also, in this fast-changing globally connected world,

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it is crucial to strengthen the cultural roots by preserving, promoting and popularizing national heritage. The ideal way to do it is by encouraging the students to develop a taste and interest in classical/ folk music, dance and art, the Board said.

# 49% INDIAN COMPANIES PLANNING TO HIRE IN JANUARY-MARCH: SURVEY

Indian employers have robust hiring intentions for the next three months, with 49 per cent of companies planning to add more staff in the January-March quarter, as employers are positive about achieving sustained post-pandemic recovery, a survey

According to the latest
ManpowerGroupEmploymentOutlook
Survey, hiring sentiment in India is the strongest reported in eight years, improving by five percentage points in comparison with the prior quarter and

companson with the prior quarter and by 43 percentage points when compared with this time one year ago. The survey of 3,020 employers noted that 64 percentex pect b increase their staffing levels, 15 per cent anticipate a decrease and 20 per cent do not anticipate any change, resulting in a seasonally adjusted net

employ ment outlook of 49 percent. The net employ ment outlook is derived by taking the percentage of

hiring activity and subtracting from this the percentage of employers expecting

a decrease in hiring activity.
"India registered a V-shaped recovery owing to increased consumer

spending, educational sector opening up and the government's sustained efforts to accelerate vaccination coverage, thereby breaking the virus chain. Sandeep Gulati, managing director, ManpowerGroup Indiasaid

the hiring sentiments in companie especially in the IT and especially in the II and technology sectors". However, due to the skill gap, telent shortage continues to prevail and it has become increasingly difficult for companies to find and hire the right Helpt Guldi said WE ARE HIRING! the right talent. Gulati said. adding that "Coupled with that

is the new variant that is seemingly creating volatify forthe administrators". Employers in large organisations report the most optmistic outlook with 51 per cent intending to hire in the first quarter compared with 25 per cent in small companies. Employers in the north report the strongest hiring intentions for January-March quarter, followed by south and west. When asked about mandating vaccines, the survey revealed that 91 per cent of employers will mandate double vaccination and require prooffor all staff, while 3 per cent will allow individuals to decide

The survey further noted that digital roles are most in demand. IT, technology, telecom, communications and media telecom, communications and media reported the strongest outlook (60 per cent), followed by restaurants and hotels (56 per cent) and banking, finance, insurance and real estate (52 per cent). According to the survey, more employ ers are embracing the blend of work at office and work from home. Corporates expect to adopt hy brid working for 51 per cent of finance and accounting and 49 per cent of human resource staff, while 45 per

#### Swachh Technology ..

find cost-effective and implementable technology solutions that can be adopted and replicated at scale across urban hdia.

As per the challenge toolkit 04 basic thematic areas for challenge viz. Social inclusion. Zero dump viz, Social inclusion, Zero dump, Plastic Waste Management, Transparency in solid waste management & sanitation and any other. Top 03 solutions across the country will be felicitated with an awardin the Swachh Survekshan 2022 Award ceremony. The competition will be assessed at City level, the best submission will be ended for State UT Level

nt and the best 03 State/ UT level entries will be recommended for National Level

assessment The Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) invites City& State Level innovative solutions on solid waste & sanitation related issues from individuals, startups, companies, academic institutions, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Parastatals, etc. the more information of this Challenge is available on PBMC's website

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www.andaman.gov.in For participation may visit to https:// forms\_gleix.bRmNwFBVXpoGuo9

or scan QR C ode
The last date of receipt of online entries is 31st December. 2021 and the best 05 selected proposals will be awarded as per the recommendations of Selection the recommendations of Selection Committee at Urban Local Body Level (Port Blair Municipal Council) & same will be forward to the State Level for selecting best 03 nominations to recommend at at https://pbmc.gov.in and the National level. The results for the A&N Administrations page ULB level challenge will be at https://announcedon6\*January, 2022 National level. The results for the ULB level challenge will be

Shri. Ajoy Baragi, State BJP President speaking about Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpay ee Ji who was an Indian polifician, extraordinary orabr and writer. Infrastructure projects got a priority during the Vajpayee Ji years which later governments have maintained. Shri. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJF also shared the working of present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri. Nardena Modi Ji is unbiased, transparent, development-oriented and public-centric. Many sustainable development projects for infrastructure and modern facilities

Andaman Bridge, Airport Project, OFC cable etc.
Dr. Poonam Arora, State Coordinator, Good Governance briefed about the activities planned to celebrate the Good Governance Day by Bharatifus Langua Party A Day by Bharatiy a Janata Party, A & N Islands which will connect to 70 Panchay at and 24 wards were the beneficiaries of various Govt. Schemes will be invited, felicitate and the State & local leaders will educated and motivate them on

Good Gov ernance. A contest will be organized for Young Indians (Age group:18-25), where they can write Slogan/Poem

be run from 16th - 25th December 2021 #My Stories #Beneficiaries, where any beneficiaries of Govt. Schemes can pen down or write their successful stories bencourage more and more people to avail the benefits under the schemes. The winners of the contest will be winners of the contest will be announced in an event on 25th December 2021 at State BJP Karyalay, MiddlePoint, Port Blair. The 1st prize –Rs. 10,000/- 204 Prize –Rs. 8,000/- & 3rd Prize – Rs. 5,000/- Thelast date ofertries for the contest is 24th December 2021. All details regarding the contest of the contest of the contest is 24th December 2021. contestcan be seen at BJP Twitter.

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#### Pfizer Covid vaccine cuts Omicron hospitalisations by 70% in real-world study

Wales, 14th Dec, 2021: Two ses of Pfizer-BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine appear to have given 70% protection against 70% protection against hospitalisation in South Africa in recentweeks, a major real-world study on the potential impact of Omicronshowed on Tuesday, as the country battles a spike in infections linked to the new variant.

The study released by South Africa's largest private health insurance administrator Discovery Health, was based on more 211,000 positive Covid-19 test results from 15 November to 7 December, around 78,000 of w hich were attributed to Omicron.

The 78,000 results are not confirmed Omicron cases, meaning the study is not able to draw

conclusive findings about the variant labelled "of concern" by the World Research Council (SAMRC), the

Health Organization. South African scientists hav e so far confirmed around 550 Omicron sequences, with the variant accounting for 78% of sequences from November, more than the previously dominant Delta

South Africa alerted the world to Omicron late last month, tiggering to Umcron are last month, regering alarm that it could cause another surge in global infections, and leading to the imposition of travel restrictors on southern Africa. South Africa's daily infections have since risen to around 20,000 in recent days. Based on analysis by Discovery's clinical research and

real-world study calculated thattwo doses of Pfizer-BioNTech offered doses of Hizer-BioN lech offered 70% protection against hospitalisation during the recent surgein cases and 33% protection against infection. South Africa is using the Pfizer-BioNTech and Johnson Lechters and Lech

Johnson vaccines in its Covid-19 immunisation campaign, with more than 20 million Pfizer doses administered so far. It concluded the

adminstered so far. It concluded that there was a higher risk of reinfection during the fourth wave than during previous waves and that the risk of hospitalisation among adults diagnosed with Covid-19 was 29% low er than during the country's first actuarial teams, and in collaboration wave early last year.

### initiatives have be laiddown forour showcasing #My ldea for Good WhatsApp, Instagram & Facebook Islands viz. North & Middle Governance 2022. A campaign will handle from 16h onwards. Over 8.5 lakh Indians gave up citizenship in past 7 years till Sept 30: Govt

renounced their citizenship in the past seven years till Septe

the Lok Sabha o Tuesday citing da av ailable with the Union ministry of home affairs.

Union minister of state for home affairs Nity anand Ra the December 1 that 6,08,162 Indians

gave up their citizenship in the past sev en y ears till September 20. Of this, 1,11,287 people renounced their Indian citizenship this year itself till September 20. He added that September 20. He added that 10,645 foreign nationals, mostly from Pakistan (7,782) and Afghanistan (795), applied for Indian citizenship between 2016 and 2020. He also said that more than 100 lakh Indians are currently living overseas. As many as 8,81,254 Indian nationals

time when the Union home ministry

has announced that it is vet to take any decision on creating a pan-India National Register of Citizens

(NRC). The Centre, how ever, said any one who comes under the umbrella of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) can apply for Indian citizenship after the rules of the law are notified.

New Delhi, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2021: have given up their citzenship since across the country soon after its More than 8.5 lakh Indians 2017, the government stated. initial notification in December 2017, the government stated. initial notification in December
This development comes at a 2019. One of the most prominent

incidents among them was the Delhi riots, which people.

The CAA that

was cleared to provide citizenship to Hindus, Sikh, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christans from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and

Pakistan, who crossed overto Indiatil December 31, 2014, was termed unconstitutional and discriminatory by the opponents of the law. It was also called out for secluding Muslims

and associating cifizenship with faith in a secular nation like India. The Bharatiy a Janata Party led central gov ernment has asked The law, w hich Rai said came into effecton January 10, January 2022 to prepare the rules 2020, led to enormous protests under CAA.

## now available at Rs 149 per month Port Blair, 14th Dec. 2021:

Netflix is reducing its India pricing for the first time since the service'

that allows subscribers towatch its shows and films in standard definition (SD) on a single mobile tablet, computer or television screen at a time, has been slashed to R 199 per month from Rs 499 pmonth.

content along with support for two concurrent screens, has been reduced to Rs 499 per month from Rs 649 per month. The serv ice's most ex pensiv e Premium tier that offers Ultra high-definition (Ultra HD) content with support for four concurrent screens, is now priced atRs 649 permonth, down from Rs 799 per month Netflix's mobile-only

in July 2019 at Rs 199 per month. in July 2019 atks 199 per month, will now be available for Rs 149 per month. The new pricing will be applicable from the user's nextbilling cycle. Monika Shergill, VP-Content, Netflix India, told Money control they are also rolling out a new auto-upgrade feature for

For instance, if the user is on the old Rs 499 Basic plan and they confirm the upgrade, they will automatically be moved to the next tier 'Standard' which now has the same Rs 499 price. Alternatively, users can also decline the upgrade to avail the lower pricing.

plan w hich was introduced in India such as Disney + Hotstar, Amazon Prime Video, Zee Entertainment's

Prime Video, Zee Entertainments
ZEE5, and Sony Pictures
Network's Sony LIV among others.
While the company doesn't
offer a country-wise breakup of its
members, a recent report by independent research and consulting firm Media Partners Asia (MPA) had projected the service's subscriber base at 5.5 million by the end of

This includes testing a cheaper entry-level plan earlier this year, giving free weekend access to non-subscribers in December 2020, and testing weekly plans and discounted long-term subscription plans last year. It also made select shows and movies available for free to all users across the world in August last year.
The company has also

ramped up its content programming in India, releasing its largest-ever roster of more than 40 original titles in March this year.

#### 7.3-Strong Earthquake Hits Indonesia, No "Threat of Tsunami"

#### Earthquake In Indonesia: The USGS said the quake struck at a depth of 76 kilometres (47 miles) in the Flores Sea at 0320 GMT.

Jakarta: A 7.3-magnitude earthquake struck eastern Indonesia on Tuesday, the US Geological Survey said, causing panic but no deaths or major damage were

reported.

The epicentre was in the Flores Sea, north of East Nusa Tenggara province, where the guake sparked terror after hitting in the late moming (0320 GMT).

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"I was in the field. Peopleran in panic. I am stil... scared," said Nurani, a resident of Adonara island in the East Flores regency. No significant damage or falatilies were immediately reported, the Indonesian authorities uroand.

but Indonesian authorities urged caution with more than a dozen smaller aftershocks detected

smaller aftershocks detected.
One person was injured in
Manggarai, East Nusa Tenggara,
and a school building was damaged
on Selayar island, national disaster
agency spokesman Abdul Muhari said in a statement.

The impact of the quake was still being assessed, he added.

The intensity of the shaking sparked panic in many areas, with videos from some towns and villages shared on social media showing people running outside, some holding small children.

with traffic as vehicles attempt leave for safe locations.

The USGS placed the epicentre at a depth of 18.5 kilometres (11 miles), around 100 kilometres north of the Flores island town of Maumere, home to more than 80,000 people, where the quake disrupted coronavirus

"People were receiving vaccines when the quake ht. They ran in panic," said Maumere resident/yulius Tara.
"There were more than 200

people... and the (vaccination) event stopped because of the quake."
Thousands in Maumere

sought safety on higher ground, fearing a tsunami. "Wewill stay here... because e are afraid of aftershocks," said sri Tamrin.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center said the quake no longer posed a threat of tsunamis after posed a threat of tsunamis after earlier warning that such waves were possible within a 1,000-kilometre radius of the epicentre. Indonesian authorities also lifted their tsunami warning. "I was

checking my phone when the quake hit. I felt it for 30 seconds. It was

Streets were seen clogged strong," said Alwan, a resident of traffic as vehicles attempted to Buton in Southeast Sulawesi — one of the areas where the tsunam

or the areas where the tsunami waming was issued. Indonesia experiences frequent quakes and volcanic eruptions due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of intense seismic activity where tectonic plates collide that stretches

teconic pates coilide tratstretches from Japan through SoutheastAsia and across the Pacific basin. Among Indonesia's history of deadly quakesis a dev asting 9.1-magnitude tremor in 2004 that struck off the coast of Sumatra and tripored at humani that killed triggered a tsunami that killed 220,000 throughout the region, including about 170,000 in

Indonesia.

The Boxing Day tragedy was one of the deadliest natural disasters in recorded history. In 2018, powerful quake shook the island Lombok and several more tremors followed over the next couple of weeks, killing more than 550 people on the holiday island and

on the holiday island and neighbouring Sumbawa. Later that year, a 7.5-magnitude quake and a subsequent tsunami in Palu on Sulawesi island let more than 4,300 people deador

# Netflix slashes its India pricing,

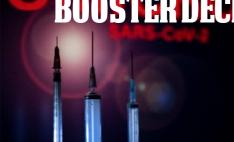
for the first time since the service's foray in 2016 as it looks to ramp up its user base amid intense competition and a rising appetite for digital contentin the country. The entry-level Basic plan,

out a new auto-upgrade reature for existing members starting December 14, wherein he service will show apopup hat allow susers to auto-upgrade heir plan to the next ter if they are comfortable paying the existing prices. Meanwhile, the Standard tier hich offers high-definition (HD)

Netflix's costly pricing has been one of the key roadblocks for

the service's growth in the county, especially as it competes with rivals

# **OMICRON NO REASON TO RUSH BOOSTER DECISION: EXPER**



NEW DELHI: The government's consucering a pooser or third dose of Covid vaccines for those who are immunocompromised or people at high risk, including elderly, even as new variant Omicron is not as yet seen as a reason to speed up a decision on the third dose.

"The clinical pietres assertion."

"The clinical picture emerging & Communicable Diseases at Indian worldwide is that Omicron is causing Council of Medical Research (ICMR). only mild disease. Even a third dose

Anurag Agarwal, director, CSIR
will not prevent acquisition of Institute Of Genomics and Integrative

scientific advisory groups are prevent infections. They only reduce considering a booster or third dose of severity. So, those who have already seventy. 30, into who have aiready received the vaccine, even if they get infected with Omicron, it will cause mild disease only. 50, the argument that lower efficacy of vaccine caused mild disease does not hold true," says Samiran Panda, Head of Epidemiology.

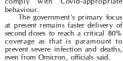
Biology, holds that boosters may help even as he suggests high-risk people receiving inactivated virus vaccines may be prioritised first. Other high-risk and high-exposure healthcare workers should be next, while ensuring the pool

snourd benext, while ensuring the pool of fully vaccinated expands.

"The inherent transmissibility of Omicron is unknown because in today's world, there is enough immunity (infection, vaccine) that immune escape can explain most of the current exhaustine scape to Nets. should benext, while ensuring the pool of fully vaccinated expands.

"The inherent transmissibility of Omicron is unknown because in today's world, there is enough immunity (infection, vaccine) that immunity (infection, vaccine) that immunity (infection, vaccine) that Immunisation are exploring various the current advantage against Delta.

However, it is likely to be high high (transmissible) and (transmissible) and comparable to Delta," Agarwal said that even though there is high immunity post-Delta and vaccination, Omicron may still spread faster due to the changes in spike protein. This





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### The Andaman Express 05 CMRL Recruitment 2022, Apply B.E Vacancies @ chennaimetrorail.org

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qualified and experienced personnel for the appointment to the post of General Manager, AGM, JGM, DGM, Manager, DM and AM. These 10 vacancies will be assigned through CMRL recruitment. Candidates must be Indian citizen are must have completed B.E. B. Tech are eligible to apply for this General Manager and other post. Before final submission of application form candidate must review their application form carefully. The closing date

offilied application form for General Manager is 22 01 2022 and other should be 07 01 2022.

Central government job seekers may download the CMRL recruitment application form and Chemai Metro Rail recruitment notification from official website. The CMRL will conduct the interview/written test. Persons already working in Government/PSU organization should apply through proper channel. At the time of interview candidates should produce the NOC certificates. Candidates may send their filled application form along with the self-atle sted copies of certificates is support of educational qualification, experience certificate, birth certificates, community certificates and passport size photo and Bio data should be submitted to the proper channel. Belated application form will not be considered for after the due date of

Details regarding Chennai Metro Rail jobs like educational qualification, age limit, , ection process, & How to apply are provided above. Check out the latest current job notification is available at Daily recruitment site.

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ofmarks secured in qualifying examination, FACT recruitment 2021 notification pdf & application form are available from 23.11.2021 @ www.factco.in. Training will be provided for 1 year.

Training location is FACT Kerala. Applications must be reached the prescribed address on or before the last date. More details of FACT Apprentice recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job notices will be uploaded at official website.

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#### IN CONVERSATION



# **MGNREGS SOCIAL AUDIT HIT, KERALA**

Social auditing, a crucial component of the flagship MGNREGS, has come to almost a standstill in Kerala, with a largenumber of resource persons quitting due to non-disbursement of wages and

honorarium. The financial crisis comes even as the audit, which is conducted every six months to check official records against ground realities, faces resistance from

ground realities, faces resistance from local-level politicians in manyvillages. Kerala claims to have received only Rs 1.46 crore of its due share of Rs 9.33 crore for this year, and said salaries and honamrium for more than

half a year are pending. The funds for the social audit unit are released by the Union Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD). The MoRD did not respond to queries on

Kerala has 16 000 wards under 941 panchayats, and a social audit unit of thee resource persons is stipulated of thee resource persons is stipulated for each panchayat. Recently the number of village resource persons, who are paid Rs 350 per day, per panchayat wasreduced to two.

Kerala Social Audit Unit Director

Dr NRamakanthan said: "On account of the non-release of funds during the of the non-release of flunds auring the last financial year and inadequate release in the current fiscal, the social audit process in Kerala is facing a severe crisis. Of the due share of Rs. 9.33 crore, the audit unit in Kerala has got only Rs. 1.46 crore. A sizeable number of resource persons have quit for want of payment of wages. We are also unable to recruit new hands at the

village and block level."

Ramakanthan said they had taken
up with the issue with the MoRD, and

the governing body of the social audit unit has decided to fill vacant posts anticipating allotment of funds. Sources in the unitsaid thenumber of social audits conducted have been falling. In 2019-2020, 2,831 were held as against the mandatory figure of 16,000. "What is happening is only a concurrent audit, done with the work. Even that does not happen in all panchayats. Of 941 panchayats in the tate. concurrent audit is held only in

state, concurrent audit is held only in half, "a source said.

Officials at the State MGNREGS Mission pointed out that independent audits were necessary to prevent irregularities. Incidentally, as a source irreguarities. Incaentaly, as asource pointed out, despite audits held from 2017 to 2020 pointing out several anomalies, "not a single paisa could be recovered from the erring parties".

Anotherhurdle in MNREGS social to the auditin Kerala is the

managemen information system template. Under the ational-level plan the basic field of activity is the village activity is the village panchayat, whereas in Kerala it is the ward. "Every village panchayat in Kerala has 14 to 18 wards and the same number of gram sabhas. We have to abhus. resolve rematic issue n official said



## Big Tech companies raise new global challenges, says IT minister Vaishnaw

Union telecom and IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw listed Big Tech as one of the top 5 challenges being faced globally. Big technology organisations have a significant impact on democracy and society at large, he said on Monday at the

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Partnership Summit organised by the Confederation of Indian Industries (CII). "They also have the power to change behavioural aspects and affed decision-making

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activities of the country." he added.

Vaishnaw had generally kept his silence when it came to Big Tech like Google, Facebook etc ever since he took over the highcapabilities which makes a fundamental difference in the vital profile cabinet slot from Ravi Shankar Prasad back in the summer predecessor.

course, had spentthe lastfew months ofhis ministership taking on Big Tech—first by passing ntermediary Rules and then coming down harshly on Big Tech firms like Twitter which failed to comply with its stipulations at first.

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He also noted that the challenge of cy ber security has become a global phenomenon and as a society, itis imperative to establish a synergy amongst countries. "In its preparedness to overcome the threats being posed by cyber security, India has been

security, india has been consistently working tow ards bringing in relevant technology and investment in the country," he said. Under the aegis of the Digital India Initiative, which aims to provide universal internet access to the country's 1.3 billion. to the country's 1.3 billion population, the Ministry of Telecommunications has been lelecommunications has been undertaking several steps to ensure that connectivity is available even at the last mile. "As every thing went digital, the pandemic made us realise the importance of digital nectivity and availability fo all," Vaishnaw added



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## **Union Environment Minister calls for** innovative scientific steps to secure planet

climate change and its challenges, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav has said while calling for innovative and scientific steps to secure the planet.

steps to secure the planet.

In his key note address at the recently concluded 'Sustinability Conclave: TargetNet Zero', a two-day event organised by Bombay in Mumbai, Yadav said India has notcontributed

to climate change.
"We need innov ative, scientific and urgent steps to secure our planet for future generations India's announcement at COP26 to reach Net Tero by 2070 is a great step considering that our country is not the cause for climate change and has not been a historic contributor to greenhouse emissions," he said.

"Having said that, India as a responsible global power realizes that only collective global action can combat climate change and its

action can combat climate change and is challenges, "Yadav said. Pointing out that India has been pursuing a gradual transition b "NetZero" while striking a balance between ecology, economic development and sustainability, he said the private sector plays an important role in the journey towards Net Zero.

"I appeal to Bombay Chamber that your actions, resources, capacity to innovate and greater reach are vital to swiftly decarbonize

"Private sector players are already playing a key role in this climate fight, with 64 Indian companies having pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions last year," he said in his virtual address.

Taking about investments, he said higher capital is expected to be diverted to companies at the forefront of the climate transition with huge financing for companies lagging behind.

"The Indian cement industry has already achieved one of the biggest low carbon milesbnes across the world. We mustensure

milestones across the word. We mustensure thatsustainable fifest by and dimate justice are at the core of this journey," Yadav said. He reiterated that "we have not inherited this planet from our arcestors, but instead we have borrowed it from our children and hence must leave it green and clean"

In his address on the first day of the conclave, Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog said India's ambitious targets in COP26 should be studied in the context of consistent demand

De siuded in the context of consistent demand and domestic push towards clean technology. "India is today investing billions of dollars in electric vehicle subsidy, demoi blending and gasdine, solar PV and battery manufacturing," Kantsaid.

"Despite our track record in emissions India has already undertaken multiple initiatives for reducing economy -wide emissions, especially those from the energy sector,"he Energy transition in India is happening in four forms, increasing electrification, higher penetration of cleaner fuel in the energy mix, accelerated adoption of energy efficient technologies and driving digitalsation, "he said. Kant added, "The prime minister has announced that by 2047 w hen India completes 100 years of Independence, we will become

100 years of Independence, we will become independent of fossil fuel imports."

"Technology and innovation can help address."

address this difficult trade-off and solve developmental challenges by unlocking exponential scale and accelerating inclusion exponental scale and accelerating inclusion. The intersection of technology and innovation with sustainability can already be seen in paradigm-shifting solutions such as electric vehicles, solar power, carbon capture and storage technology, et.," shesaid.

Covering two days of dialogue and discussions on Target Net Zero, the Sustainability Conclave saw the stakeholders come together to talk about how to create a sustainable tomorrow.

The panel discussion on Sustainability
Makes Business Sense saw some of the
country's leading CEOs sharing their insights

The panelists included R Mukundan, MD & CEO, Tata Chemicals; Neeraj Akhoury, CEO. Holcim India and MD & CEO. Ambuia Cements Ltd; Anita Marangoly George, executive vice-president, deputy head - CDPQ Global CDPQ India and Anjali Bansal.



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