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If you miss an opportunity, do not cloud your eyes with tears; keep your vision clear so that you will not miss the next one.

Last date for IGNOU admission extended

Port Blair, Dec 08: The last date for Admission to all UG & PG programmes (except semester based, Certificate/Diploma/PG Diploma programmes) in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended up to 12th December, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on - <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> and for Offline Admissions, forms can be collected from Regional Centre Office at Mohanpura during working hours ensuring social distancing norms. For more details, visit IGNOU Website - www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: rcportblair@ignou.ac.in.

Shortage of teachers mars quality education in govt. schools in isles

Former civic chief bats for CTET qualified candidates, demands filling up of sanctioned vacancies

Port Blair, Dec 08: An adequate student-teacher ratio is the cornerstone of quality teaching-learning process and without the appointment of sufficient number of teachers in place education is bound to suffer. With insufficient recruitment of teachers, there are several aspirants who have passed the CTET exams and are waiting for the Education Department to initiate the recruitment drive to fill up sanctioned posts of teachers. However, due to the delay, they fear losing the opportunity after crossing the age-limit, said a CTET qualified teacher.

Former Chairperson of Municipal Council, Mr K Ganeshan says that there are many students who tell him that they sit clueless as teachers are forced to teach subjects they themselves don't understand well. The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development had directed the UT Administration to fill up 570 posts of elementary schools, 20 posts of Headmasters/Principals and 100 posts of subject teachers in secondary schools by August 2020. Various political parties have time and again raised the issue of shortage of teachers in government schools before various authorities. However, the Directorate of Education has taken no steps in this regard. It should immediately launch a recruitment drive to fill up vacant posts in the larger interest of the students in these islands, said Mr Ganeshan.

It may be recalled that in December 2019, Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament raised the issue of shortage of Principal, Vice Principal and Teachers in education department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the Parliament. The Member of Parliament had stated that though there are 329 Government schools in the islands out of which there are 46 Govt Senior Secondary Schools, only nine posts of Principals have been filled in so far. He also stated that out of 182 Primary schools only 46 posts of Headmasters have been filled up. "Since 2013 no post of Principal has been filled in whereas since 2017 no post of Headmaster has been filled. In Andaman and Nicobar Islands, there remains acute shortage of Principal, Head Master and teaching staff and informed the Parliament that in these islands there are lots of CTET passed unemployed teachers, who can be accommodated to these vacant posts for which immediate remedial action is needed to be taken," he had stated.

Final rites of Mithun Das performed at Madhupur in Diglipur

Life of 25 yr old lost allegedly due to lack of basic Scan services, inapt treatment at GBPH

Port Blair, Dec 08: The shattered family of 25 year old, Mithun Das, performed the final rites of the deceased at their native place in Madhupur, Diglipur on Tuesday. Hundreds of villagers of the area attended the funeral ceremony. While praying for eternal peace for the departed soul, the villagers rued the poor health care services at the lone referral hospital, GB Pant Hospital at Port Blair, for which the 25 year old lost his life, as per reports. This daily reported that the deceased, Mithun Das, accidentally fell from the fourth floor of his residence at around 8am on Dec 1. He was immediately shifted to GB Pant Hospital for treatment. In the absence of a Radiologist, CT Scan could not be performed and doctors attending the patient recommended an X-Ray to ascertain the extent of injuries sustained in the mishap. Official procedures such as a copy of the patient's was done on a mobile phone and the preliminary treatment



of the patient started. Subsequently on Dec 2, the patient was referred to Amrita Hospital for a CT Scan where family members were charged Rs 4000/- for the scan. The CT Scan report was forwarded to the GB Pant Hospital, but the patient slipped into coma on the next day. The condition of the patient showed some improvement and family members are prepared to admit the patient to mainland for specialized medical care. Unfortunately the patient succumbed to injuries on the 4th of this month. "When there is adequate infrastructure and equipments available, failure of the health department to ensure proper functioning of equipments and availability of components is generating anger among residents here. This is sheer waste of taxpayers' money. Poor people, in particular, are forced to dish out huge money from their pockets to undergo tests at private diagnostic centres. Lack of doctors to prepare MRI Scan report has rendered the facility redundant and needy patients from remote parts of these islands are forced to return dejected from the referral hospital. The hospital authorities should ensure proper functioning of the surgical equipments for the benefit of patients," said some residents of Madhupur.

CDS RAWAT KILLED IN CRASH

New Delhi, 8th Dec, 2021: Military chopper carrying Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat and 13 more crashed shortly after take-off in Tamil Nadu. Thirteen people have died and one male survivor is being treated for severe injuries. There is no official word on General Bipin Rawat's condition. General Rawat's wife, his Defence Assistant security commands and Air Force personnel were on board.

"An IAF Mi-17 V5 helicopter, with CDS Gen Bipin Rawat on board, met with an accident today near Coonoor, Tamil Nadu. An inquiry has been ordered to ascertain the cause of the accident," tweeted the Air Force.

The crash took place shortly after the Russian-made Mi-17 V5 chopper took off from the Air Force base in Coonoor.

"India's foremost military officer, Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat, was killed in a chopper crash near Coonoor on Wednesday. According to the Air Force, Gen Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat and 11 other persons died. Union defence minister Rajnath Singh is likely to give a statement on the accident in Parliament tomorrow. Sources said that at least three injured from the crash have been taken to hospital. There were nine people on board, apart from the crew. According to sources, Rawat's staff and some family members were also on board the Mi-series helicopter. The helicopter belonged to the 109 Helicopter Unit based at the Sullur airbase near Coimbatore. It was a Mi-17 V5 variant, one of the latest versions of military transport helicopter available around the world."



BSNL to start Wi-Fi hotspot from tomorrow in Diglipur bazaar

Port Blair, Dec 08: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) is launching Wi-Fi hotspot in Diglipur from tomorrow. The Wi-Fi hotspots are being launched under the Prime Minister's Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) project to provide internet service through Public Data Offices (PDOs). The Wi-Fi will be available at a very affordable price. To access data need to get authenticated, available plan, and thereafter access Broadband. Users need to stay within range of the signal which covers a 100 meters radius currently. The internet signals are broadcasted out through the nearby access point.

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AATO, Ministry of Tourism celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav with befitting events



Port Blair, Dec 08: The Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with Ministry of Tourism celebrated Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in a befitting manner. In a grand function organized by the association at the Maharashtra Mandal on Monday, the association also felicitated the brave Jet Ski operators who recently saved lives of six fishermen from drowning. The function was part of the series of events organized by AATO as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The association had earlier organized a heritage walk, FAM tours for the BBA Tourism students of JNRM college, a photography competition and

12 arrested for selling illicit liquor

Port Blair, Dec 07: In continuation to the intensive drive, the Police teams of South Andaman District Police are continuously making all possible efforts to curb down the menace of illegal sale of illicit liquor in their concerned jurisdictions. All the history sheets are being continuously monitored and raids are being conducted daily. During the period from 01/12/2021 to 06/12/2021, a total of 12 Excise cases were registered in different Police Stations of South Andaman District against bootleggers. A total of 33 Nos. 750ml IMFL, 01 No. 375 ml IMFL, 92 Nos. 180ml IMFL and 03 Kg of Handia were seized. All the 12 accused persons were arrested for illegal sale of liquor. Preventive actions are also being taken against them. The South Andaman District Police is taking all possible steps to make this district free from See... Page 02

Capacity building prog. for staff of CCIs

Port Blair, Dec 08: The District Child Protection Unit, South Andaman organized a programme on "Sensitization of Staff of Child Care Institution in handling Different Medical Ailments" on Wednesday in the Conference Hall of Seva Niketan (CC). The main aim of the program was to sensitize the staff of CCI to handle different ailments and respond to it in an appropriate manner. Dr. Nazma Siddiqui, Member-Child Welfare Committee was the Resource Person for the session. In her address she emphasized on various common ailments and their management. See... Page 02

9th Vaccination Camp organised by Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi



Port Blair, Dec 08: With a sole motto of eradicating the coronavirus from the islands and vaccinating each and every islander the team of Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi in collaboration with District Administration, South Andaman conducted its 9th Vaccination Camp at Round Basti. Till now more than 1000 people have been vaccinated in the camps organised by the team PBGRK. Let it be door to door drive or Some camps which were organised in municipal area and others in farflung remote areas and islands like Rutland the team with the help of District Administration, SA and PHCs have not left any areas See... Page 02

3500 paper bags made of waste papers prepared by new DBRAIT wards



Port Blair, Dec 08: The newly inducted students of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology during their induction program initiated making of 3500 paper bags out of waste papers. These waste paper bags were distributed today by the students to the pharmacy counters of G.B. Pant Hospital and PHC Garacharma for distribution of medicines to the patients by using See... Page 02

Training on Mass Production of Bio-Fertilizers conclude

Port Blair, Dec 08: The three-day training programme on Mass Production of Bio-Fertilizer organized by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CIARI, Port Blair at Tushnabad Panchayat community hall from 3-6th Dec 2021. A total of 32 women were participated from different villages of Tushnabad Panchayat. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Head enlightened the scope and importance of bio-fertilizers in agriculture. In his speech, he briefed the journey of mass production of Bio-fertilizers. See... Page 02

Doordarshan Kendra telecast

Port Blair, Dec 08: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast Agriculture Live Phone in Programme on the Topic: "Community based vaccination for Rural Poultry" on 09/12/2021, Thursday from 1730 to 1800 hrs. In this Programme Dr. T. Sujatha Senior Scientist CIARI will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone in programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

Unnati conducts training on food processing of fish based products at Brichgunj



Port Blair, Dec 08: Unnati organized food processing training on fish based products at Brichgunj for Self Help Group members of Brichgunj area on 08.12.2021 in which 20 women of different Self Help Groups participated. On this occasion Shri. H. Manoj, General Manager NABARD was the Chief Guest who narrated the activities of NABARD and also interacted with group members to ascertain their problems and assured his support for empowering women through various skill upgradation and other programmes of NABARD. Shri. C. Mohammed, President Unnati, in his speech mentioned that due to certain problems in the food See... Page 02

COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Dec 08: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,65,366 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,400 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 1890 people were vaccinated in these islands on Wednesday, 1555 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 90 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 305 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 12 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 30 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

09 December 2021

Anger of Qutub

Angry members in both Houses of Parliament chastised the government for the lapses leading to the tragedy at Qutub Minar, which claimed 45 lives. The Opposition in the Lok Sabha took Home Minister Jai Singh to task for giving the police a clean bill and questioned the statement of the Minister of State for Education that students had ignored the pleas of the watchman and went into the monument.

India-China talks

The Indian delegation arrived in Beijing on December 6 night to start talks on the Sino-Indian border dispute. Eric Gonsalves, head of the delegation, told reporters it would be premature to forecast what would happen during the talks. "But we come with expectations of making further progress," he said. Gonsalves was received at the airport by Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Han Naifeng, who will head the Chinese side at the talks. This is the first time in 21 years that the two sides will sit together to begin sorting out the tangled border question, which New Delhi believes continues to stand in the way of the complete normalisation of ties between the two countries. The last time officials from India and China had discussions on the issue was in November 1960 in Rangoon — those talks were unsuccessful.

South Africa

South African soldiers knocked out the central headquarters of the South-West Africa People's Organisation during their deepening invasion of Angola since the 1975 Angolan war, a military spokesman said on Monday. However, the spokesman said the three-week operation that ended on November 20 but was only disclosed on Monday was much smaller than an invasion launched in August. Unlike the August operation, there was no contact with Angolan forces or their Soviet advisers during the 240 km deep strike, the spokesman said.

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bootlegging and other anti-social activities and is keeping strict vigil over bootleggers. General Public is requested to pass on credible information on narcotics substance.

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celebrations in our islands, which is witness to the immense struggle and sacrifice of the freedom fighters for our Independence.

Welcoming the gathering, Shri Saikat Biswas, Jt Secretary of AATO briefed the gathering on the various initiatives and activities of AATO. The Assistant Director, India Tourism, Port Blair, Shri Rama Krishna appreciated AATO for being

the voice of tourism stakeholders in A&N Islands and felicitating the brave hearts and talented youths of the islands.

Shri K Hamza, General Secretary of AATO, proposed the vote of thanks. He lauded the efforts of team AATO and its supporting sponsors for the successful celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav by AATO.

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where it is a challenge for the residents to reach the nearest PHC for the vaccine.

"We are thankful to Shri Sunil Anchiappa, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman and Shri Hari Kalikot, ADM, SA and the entire

team of South Andaman Administration along with the PHC, ANIMS and Asha Workers for support and guidance to carry out the vaccination camps across the district said Shri Mandep Grewal, President, PBGRK.

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diseases that a child may face and its instant remedy to handle such situations. She also informed the participants to identify the emergency situation and take proper consultation and advice of doctors from the nearby Health Institution.

Training was imparted to all the CCI in-charges by the Nodal Officer, ICPS on Individual Care Plan (ICP). The plan is prepared for each child in order to ensure

the holistic development of the child. After evaluating the history of the child, a detailed plan is prepared covering all the aspects of physical, emotional and mental growth of the child, which is mandatory for all Child Care Institutions as per the Juvenile Justice Act (Care and Protection) Act 2015. The District Administration ensures to conduct such programmes time to time for the welfare of children.

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these packets. The main objective is to suggest alternatives for the plastic bags, promoting an eco-friendly

approach by using biodegradable materials and inculcate students among students.

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FUTURE LOOKS PROSPEROUS FOR FOOD SERVICE INDUSTRY; ORGANISED PLAYERS WITNESSING RAPID GROWTH

The Indian food service industry (FSI), which is around Rs 4.2 trillion, is expected to see healthy growth of nine per cent CAGR over the financial year 2020-25. This is mainly due to the rising income levels, urbanisation, innovative offerings that appeal to the youth, and the changing dynamics of the sector with the growth of online food delivery and food technology.

As per a report by M&L Oswal, within FSI, organised players are

growing faster than the industry, with some of the companies covered in the Motilal report recording even faster growth. The report observed that in the 2020-2025 period, the organised industry is expected to deliver 15.4 per cent CAGR, while the companies featured in the report are expected to deliver an aggregate sales CAGR of 18.5 per cent.

As per the report, the contribution of organised FSI players has increased

to 38 per cent in FY2020 from 29 per cent in FY2015. By 2025, this is likely to be increased to 50 per cent. The post-COVID scenario has been helpful for the organised players in the FSI, who witnessed enhanced growth prospects.

The report said organised players gained due to sustained high delivery levels compared to the past, aided by increased technology adoption by consumers. Besides, there has been a move towards more trusted brands that have better hygiene standards, and there has been an accelerated store expansion by organised players, apart from increased supply of real estate, due to closures of restaurants and other retail players, making it attractive for the survivors to expand their store networks.

With better opportunities, organised players raised their potential number of stores and annual store addition targets and are well placed to recover rapidly. The report stated that while the dine-in was affected by the restrictions on operations, branded players with a strong delivery presence and supported by their investments in technology, were far more resilient compared to smaller and unorganised players as the delivery channel continued to drive sales. With enhanced prospects and recovery in

momentum, these players are likely to witness robust earnings growth prospects going forward.

The report said among the organised players, Jubilant Foodworks (franchisee of Domino's Pizza in India) has historically had the best business model for QSRs (quick service restaurants) in India, with its emphasis on success in delivery (70 per cent of sales prior to the COVID-19 outbreak). This has given the company a huge advantage over its peers in this market, where lease rental and overhead costs are high. With the addition of technology and value moats in recent years, the business has strengthened further.

According to the report, future opportunities for Westlife Development (franchisee of McDonald's in Western and Southern India) are extremely exciting. The report mentioned that with an entry price point of Rs 45, McDonald's offers highly affordable products. A strong value platform would mean that it would continue to significantly gain from the conversion from unorganised to organised players in the FSI market. Innovations and brand extensions are being executed well, leading to an improvement in long-term profitability for the company, and despite the COVID-19 challenges, the company seems to be on track to achieve its vision CY

22 (FY23) of all-round growth, driven by store network expansion, and improving unit economics with a slight lag.

The report also mentioned Devyani International, which is doing well. The report said Devyani's KFC business enjoys a strong brand equity due to its unique offerings, leading to robust average daily sales (ADS) and profitability. The business is expected to deliver 41 per cent sales CAGR over FY20-2024, led by rapid store network expansion from 264 to 574 over the same period. Devyani's Pizza Hut is focusing on under-performing delivery channel through the rapid addition of delivery-focused small format stores. These will reduce the distance to the consumer and consequently, lower delivery time.

The report observed that the player Barbeque Nation's 'all you can eat' concept, with live grills, is a unique offering in the Indian casual dining restaurant (CDR) space. Its three pronged value proposition (experience, value for money, and service) enables strong turnover and operating margin metrics, despite having a relatively large outlet size compared to QSRs. The company's success in delivery through 'Barbeque in a box' and UBQ enables it to participate in the tailwinds that favour organised FSI players.



45% of single Indians believe online, virtual dating is the normal way of dating, finds a report

Port Blair, 8th Dec, 2021: With virtual dating having taken over during Covid lockdowns, new research has revealed how the pandemic has changed various facets of dating, with 48 per cent of single Indians claiming there is an "increased focus on personality rather than someone's looks".

The nationwide survey commissioned by social networking platform Bumble, and conducted by YouGov last month, reveals that 45 per cent of single Indians polled believe that virtual or online dating is the normal way of dating in India.

People also seem to be finding virtual dates to be safer to engage with someone they met online before deciding to meet in-person. According to the findings, the most popular reason (48 per cent) why single Indians surveyed enjoy

virtual dating is because it feels safer than meeting up with someone in person for the first time. Around three-fourths (72 per cent) think it is possible to fall in love with someone online they have never met in person. Many also seem to take a liking to the saving of time and money on virtual dates, as they only have to get "half-dram" or partially ready for a video date.

Bumble has also found that people are now dating more intentionally than before the pandemic — they're being more honest about what they're looking for in a relationship, whether it's something casual or serious. In fact, 74 per cent of single Indians surveyed feel there is a decline in negative behaviour during dating such as ghosting, breadcrumbing, catfishing, among others.

Do safety concerns also extend to vaccination status? The survey says safety is still on top of the mind for single Indians. With wider rollout of vaccinations among younger age groups in India, more than one in three (33 per cent) dated surveyed are feeling hopeful about dating in 2021, says S Bumble. However, vaccination status matters to many as 38 per cent dated surveyed say they would not go on a date or have sex with someone who hasn't received the Covid vaccine. Many also claim that they are more conscious of safety after the deadliest second wave of coronavirus, says the recent nationwide survey. Many daters, including those on Bumble, are increasingly including their meeting preferences and other Covid-related information on their bios or profiles.

CDS chopper crash: Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari rushes to Coonoor

Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari has rushed to Coonoor where an Indian Air Force helicopter carrying Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and others crashed on Wednesday afternoon.

Five people were killed in the mishap that happened reportedly due to low visibility owing to foggy conditions.

There was no immediate information on the condition of Gen Rawat, even as the IAF said a Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the accident, involving a Mi-17VH chopper that took off from the Sulur IAF Station in nearby Coimbatore. Rawat was on his way to the Defence Staff College in Wellington. Official sources in New Delhi said all the injured people on board the helicopter had been evacuated from the spot of the accident. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will visit Coonoor and will leave for Coimbatore by air later in the day. Meanwhile, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is expected to make a statement in Parliament on the accident shortly.



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Sulur, Coimbatore, for Wellington in the Nilgiri Hills. The helicopter was already making its descent and would have landed in 10 more minutes. It came down around 10 km from the nearest road, forcing emergency workers to trek to the accident site, said news agency AFP. Reports of the crash emerged around 12.20 pm.

General Rawat, 63, took charge as India's first Chief of Defence Staff in January 2019. The

position was setup with the aim of integrating the three services — the Army, the Navy and the Air Force. A former Army Chief, General Rawat, was also appointed the head of the newly created Department of Military Affairs.

Many former army chiefs expressed grief they described the Mi-17 double engine chopper as a very stable aircraft used for VIP flights. The President, Daily News Papers Association (DNPA), has

mourned the demise of Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and others in the chopper crash.

The Mi-17V5 helicopter, which crashed with Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat and 13 other people onboard on Wednesday, is an advanced military transport chopper that has been with the Indian Air Force (IAF) since 2012. Manufactured by Russian Helicopters' subsidiary Kazan, the helicopter has an onboard weather radar and is equipped with the latest generation of night vision devices. It also has the new PKV-8 autopilot system and a KNEH-8 avionics suite. It can carry a maximum take-off weight of 13,000 kg and maximum payload weight of 4,000 kg.

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Unnati conducts...

processing training could not be conducted in Unnati's food processing training centre in Industrial Estate, Dollygunji. Therefore, training of fish based products was organized by mobile unit of Unnati at Brichguri. As regards ingredients and packing materials required in food processing,

President Unnati informed that matter already taken up with the Administration. Smt. Vaishali Rani Dayal, ex-Counselor who extended excellent support for organizing the programme. She appreciated NABARD and Unnati for organizing such useful programme at Brichguri. She also demanded to organize

training programmes of Computer, Beautician and Mushroom Cultivation. On this occasion certificates to 20 trainees who completed one year training course in tailoring and fashion design were also distributed by the Chief Guest, Shri. H. Manoj, General Manager, NABARD.

Scientists discover 'stealth version' of Omicron variant that is 'harder to track' using PCR tests

London, 8th Dec, 2021: Scientists have discovered a 'stealth version' of the Omicron Covid variant that is difficult to detect using the standard lab tests, the Guardian reported.

The scientists in the UK found that the stealth variant has a number of mutations similar to the Omicron variant, but it lacks a particular genetic change, called S-Gene drop-out, that helps PCR tests to flag probable cases.

As the variant needs to be

confirmed through testing through genome analysis, the scientists are calling the new variant 'stealth Omicron'. The new version of Omicron was discovered in samples from South Africa, Australia, and Canada.

Professor Francois Balloux, director of the University College London Genetics Institute, told The Guardian that 6 per cent of the Omicron genome samples submitted to the GISAID genome database were the new stealth

version of the variant, which is known as BA.2.

"There are two lineages within Omicron, BA.1 and BA.2, that are quite differentiated genetically," Balloux said, adding, "The two lineages may behave differently." Meanwhile, the World Health Organisation has said that the Omicron variant is "not more severe than the Delta variant" while adding that the existing vaccines would still protect people against the new

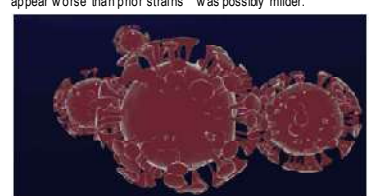
variant.

"The preliminary data doesn't indicate that this is more severe. In fact, if anything, the direction is towards less severity," WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan told AFP on Tuesday, insisting though that more research was needed.

Ryan also said there was no sign that Omicron could fully sidestep protections provided by existing Covid vaccines. Echoing similar views, top US Anthony

Fauci said that Omicron did not appear worse than prior strains

based on early indications and was possibly milder.





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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas as the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., For Port Blair Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 07.07.2021 calling upon the borrower **Mr.Manikandan S/o.R.Chellapandi, Prop.M/s.Manikandan Electricals**, MB 74/75 Delanipur, Prem Nagar, Haddo Post, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District-744102 and guarantors **Mrs.M.Maheswari W/o.Mr.C.Manikandan**, 11 D.P.Cottage, Lillypur, Near Reliance Disel, Village Lillypur, PO Haddo, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District-744102 and **Mr.M.Chellamani S/o.C.Manikandan**, 11 D.P.Cottage, Lillypur, Near Reliance Disel, Village Lillypur, PO Haddo, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District-744102 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.70,77,689.78 (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Paise Seventy Eight Only) with subsequent interest and expenses, within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower and Guarantor having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on the undersigned, Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., under sub-section (4) of section 13 of act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, on **06th December 2021**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Port Blair Branch, for a total amount Rs.73,81,656.78 (Rupees Seventy Three Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six and Paise Seventy Eight Only) (For OD- Rs.69,08,215.40 and TL- Rs.4,73,441.38) as on 30.11.2021 with subsequent interest and expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Land to the extent of 165 sq.mtrs bearing sub divisional Plot No.3 at S.No.198/12/3 situated at Lillypur Village, Haddo, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman and building constructed thereat to the extent of 390 sq.mtrs (Basement – 130 sq.Mtr GF – 130 sq.mtrs and FF – 130 sq.mtrs), standing in the name of Mr.M.Maheswari W/o Mr.C.Manikandan **BOUNDARIES:** North By: S.No.198/12/4; South By: Reliance Land; East By: Private Land; West By: Foot Path

Date : 06.12.2021
Place : Port Blair

Authorised Officer
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(For Port Blair Branch)



TAMILNAD MERCANTILE BANK LTD
Regd. Office at 57 V.E. Road, Thoothukudi
PORT BLAIR BRANCH
Kalaingar Arivalayam, 1st Floor,
Opp to B.R.Ambedkar Auditorium,
Mohanpura, Port Blair – 744 101

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas as the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Port Blair Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice dated 13.08.2021 calling upon the borrower **Mrs.M.Rupa W/o.P.B.Murugan, Prop.M/s.V Hotel**, S.No.84, School Line, Junglignhat, Port Blair – 744 103 and guarantor **Mr.P.B.Murugan, S/o.Balakrishnan, House No.1, HUDCO Colony, School Line, Port Blair – 744103** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.60,48,509.98 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and Nine and Paise Ninety Eight Only) with subsequent interest and expenses, within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The Borrower and Guarantor having failed to repay the entire amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on the undersigned, Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., under sub-section (4) of section 13 of act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, on **06th December 2021**.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower and guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd., Port Blair Branch, for a total amount Rs.62,80,198.98 (Rupees Sixty Two Lakhs Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Eight and Paise Ninety Eight Only) as on 30.11.2021 with subsequent interest and expenses thereon.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

On eqm of commercial land situated at S.No.85 to the extent of 120sq.mtrs, situated LAMBA Line Village, W.No.15, Port Blair under Port Blair Tehsil in the district of Andaman & commercial Hotel building constructed to the extent of 540 Sq.meters (Five Floors), standing in the nme of Mrs.Rupa W/o P.B.Murugan. **BOUNDARIES:** North By: Footpath; South By: S.No.84; East By: S.No.86/2; West By: Main Road

Date : 06.12.2021
Place : Port Blair

Authorised Officer
Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd.,
(For Port Blair Branch)

LOST

I, Prosanjit Halder, S/o Kishore Mohan Halder, R/o Durgapur, Diglipur, North & Middle Andaman lost my Driving License No.40208/npdl/2012 on 29/11/2021 at Diglipur Bazar. Finder please contact 9434273020.

LOST

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Applied candidates kindly submit your hard copy of the online form given address on or before 28.12.2021. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited selection will be based on Written Test and test will be held on 02.01.2022. GRSE Supervisor recruitment online application link and GRSE Kolkata Recruitment notification is available in official website. Candidates who are seeking Degree Jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. Applications via online mode only will be accepted. More details of GRSE latest notification, latest jobs, upcoming GRSE vacancies, merit list, selection list, result, admit card and etc. will be available at GRSE official website.

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CMRL Recruitment 2022, Apply B.E Vacancies @ chennai metro rail.org

CMRL Recruitment 2022 | General Manager, AGM & Other Post 10 vacancies | Last date: 07.01.2022 & 22.01.2022 | Download Application Form @ chennai metro rail.org

CMRL Recruitment 2021: Chennai Metro Rail Limited invites applications from 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 a 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 of filled 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 Chennai 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-attested copies of certificates in 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 application.

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

AIC India Recruitment 2021, Apply 31 MT & Hindi Officer Vacancies @ www.aicofindia.com

AIC India Recruitment 2021 | Management Trainee & Hindi Officer Posts | Total Vacancy 31 | Last Date 13.12.2021 | Download AIC Agriculture Recruitment Notification @ www.aicofindia.com

AIC India Recruitment 2021: Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC) a leading Crop Insurance Company, invites online applications from Indian Citizens for recruitment of Management Trainee & Hindi Officer. According to the AIC Notification [Ref. No. AIC/Recr/MT & Hindi Officer -2021-22], there are 31 vacancies will be filled by AIC Agriculture and these vacancies are assigned for AIC MT Vacancy. Candidates who are searching Central government jobs kindly make the online registration from 23.11.2021. As per the AIC Recruitment notification, online applications will be received up to 13.12.2021. AIC recruitment notification & AIC of India recruitment Apply online link is available @ www.aicofindia.com.

Agriculture Insurance Company of India selection will be based on Online Exam and Personal Interview. Selected candidate will be at any where in India. Candidates who are seeking Engineering jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. Candidates applying for the post of Management Trainee should apply for any ONE discipline only. Not more than one application for the post of Management Trainee & Hindi Officer should be submitted by any candidate. More details of AIC Agriculture vacancy, upcoming AIC Insurance Jobs notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

Here you will get information of MT & Other like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check www.dailyrecruitment.in regularly to get latest updates.

OPaL Recruitment 2021(New), Apply Executive Vacancies @ www.opalindia.in

OPaL Recruitment 2021 | Executive Posts 13 Vacancies | Last Date: 12.12.2021 | ONGC OPaL Job Notification @ www.opalindia.in

OPaL Recruitment 2021: ONGC Petro additions Limited (OPaL) is going to activate the online application link for OPaL Executive vacancy. In OPaL latest vacancy notification, they are announced 13 vacancies in following functions such as Marketing, Material Management, Information Technology & Company Secretary. Link for online application for these Central Government jobs will be enabled from 20.11.2021 @ OPaL Careers. The Last date to submit the online application form for OPaL job notification is 12.12.2021. ONGC OPaL recruitment 2021 notification & apply online link for this current job openings will be updated @ www.opalindia.in.

OPaL expect competent personnel at executive cadre to fill this ONGC OPaL latest vacancy 2021. Candidates must have proven track record in Petrochemicals/ related industry to apply for this ONGC Petro additions vacancy. Before applying, aspirants need to check the eligibility. Selection of candidates may be based on test/ interview. Incomplete application or applications received after the last date will be rejected. Remuneration for selected candidates will be provided on CTC basis. More details of ONGC Petro additions recruitment, www.opalindia.in recruitment, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job notices will be uploaded at official website.

Visit www.opalindia.in to get more career opportunity @ ONGC OPaL. Link for OPaL Latest vacancy has provided below. For latest updates, check @ www.dailyrecruitment.in.

FACT Recruitment 2021, Apply for 179 Apprentice Vacancies @ fact.co.in

FACT Recruitment 2021 | Graduate, Trade & Technician Apprentice | 179 Vacancies | Last Date: 18.12.2021 | FACT Job Notification @ fact.co.in

FACT Recruitment 2021: Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is going to hire candidates for engagement of Apprentices under Apprentices Act in Graduate, Technician & Trade categories. Eligible candidates are invited to apply for these 179 vacancies. Candidates who are searching for ITI Diploma/ Engineering jobs may apply for this current job openings to join at FACT. Candidates are advised to register their name in BOAT (www.mhrd.nats.gov.in) / NAPS (www.apprenticeshipindia.org). The Last Date to submit the application form for FACT Apprentice Recruitment 2021 is 18.12.2021.

Selection process for FACT Apprentice jobs will be based on merit list. Central Govt job seekers are instructed to apply for these FACT vacancies. Merit list will be prepared on basis of marks 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. Applicants 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.

Steps to Apply for FACT Recruitment 2021 Notification

Go to official website fact.co.in.
Notification will open, read it & check eligibility.

Download the application form.
Submit the filled form through prescribed mode.

Check www.fact.co.in for more details about FACT recruitment. Educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode & steps to apply have provided above. Looking forward with www.dailyrecruitment.in to get recent updates.

IN CONVERSATION

RBI MONETARY POLICY: EXPERTS FORESEE INTEREST RATE HIKE IN 2022

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s monetary policy committee (MPC) left its benchmark repo rate as well as the reverse repo rate unchanged on Wednesday, while also maintaining its accommodative policy stance. This was the ninth consecutive time that the MPC left the repo rate on hold at four per cent, as a resurgence of COVID-19 cases in many countries and a fast-spreading new virus strain add to uncertainties at a time the economic recovery in the country was seen gathering momentum.

The policy was as expected and cautious on the uncertainty due to the Omicron variant. Also, the RBI continued with the liquidity normalisation on expected lines without any explicit signal of liquidity withdrawal. The inflation estimates are also lower than what the markets are expecting. Broadly, the policy is more dovish than expected possibly given the uncertainty from the new COVID-19 variant," said Suvodeep Rakshit, senior economist at Kotak Institutional Equities.

The RBI left India's GDP growth forecast unchanged at 9.5 per cent for the year ending March 2022, while also maintaining the consumer inflation expectation at 5.3 per cent.

Abheek Barua, chief economist at HDFC Bank, however, expects inflation to surprise on the upside and sees it averaging at 5.6 per cent for the current financial year, "driven by elevated input fuel costs and the base effect waning off."

While the MPC chose to keep the interest rates on hold, it did announce further steps to unwind the excess liquidity that was injected in the system in the wake of the pandemic and plans to enhance the 14-day variable reverse repo rate auction amounts on a fortnightly basis.

In doing so, the central bank tried to strike a balance between supporting the ongoing economic recovery and responding to challenges emanating from inflationary pressures and external risks, said Dharmakirti Joshi, chief

economist at CRISIL.

"The MPC is taking cautious steps towards normalising policy as the Indian economic recovery remains uneven, with private consumption trailing pre-pandemic levels until the second quarter," said Joshi.

He, however, feels the RBI may not have leeway to stand pat in the coming months, given the risks from persistent inflation and the US Federal Reserve expected to withdraw its monetary policy stimulus sooner than earlier expected.

CRISIL expects the MPC to raise the reverse repo rate in February to reduce the gap with the repo rate and then hike the repo rate by 25 basis points in March.

Rakshit of Kotak, too, feels if the Omicron

variant of COVID-19 is benign, then the central bank will raise the reverse repo rate by 20 bps in February and also look at a little more aggressive liquidity withdrawal.

Umesh Revankar, vice-chairman and MD of Shriram Transport Finance, feels continued benign interest rates will be positive to support broader economy, particularly, small and medium enterprises and the unorganised sector.

The continued low interest rates will also augur well for the real estate sector and home loan borrowers, said experts.

How ever, investors should expect their interest rates on both deposits and loans to rise gradually in the coming year, feels

Pankaj Pathak, fund manager – fixed income, Quantum Mutual Fund.

"As the RBI sucks out the excess liquidity in the banking system over the next month, we would expect the overnight rates to move from the current levels of 3.35 per cent (reverse repo rate) towards the repo rate of 4 per cent," said Pathak.

Aurodeep Nandi, India economist at Nomura Securities anticipates the MPC will raise policy rates by 100 basis points (1 per cent) in 2022.

"There is a latent normalisation underway with the RBI's increased focus on the variable reverse repo rate window from the fixed rate reverse repo one. On the forward outlook... upside risks on inflation make an inflation in monetary policy trajectory inevitable," said Nandi.

Arun Singh, global chief economist at Dun and Bradstreet also opined that the RBI is likely to change the accommodative stance from the second half of 2022 when growth gathers a firmer ground and there is some clarity on future movement of inflation.

Apart from the monetary policy, the RBI made several other announcements on Wednesday. One of them was related to infusion of capital in overseas branches and subsidiaries of banks.

Under the existing rules, banks incorporated in India can infuse capital in their overseas branches and subsidiaries, retain profits as well as transfer profit. But, a prior approval from RBI is needed. Banks will no longer have to seek such approval from the RBI if they meet the regulatory capital requirements.

"The decision to allow banks to infuse capital in their overseas branches and subsidiaries and repatriate profits without seeking prior approval of RBI will provide much needed operational and financial flexibility to the banks," said Ragesh R, chief ratings officer at Brickwork Ratings.



Car and bike sales continue freefall during festive month of November

Logic has it that the month of Diwali is the peak period for automobile sales in the country. Yet, 2021 is seeing logic taking a walk, thanks to reasons not just limited to the semiconductor crunch, as car and bike sales continued their free fall through the festive period.

Retail sales figures for last month released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) on Wednesday morning showed that overall sales fell by 2.70 per cent compared to the same period last year. Ironically, that figure itself wasn't anything threatening as it was during the initial Covid wave.

The new sales gets worse once November sales of this year are



compared with that of 2019, when Covid was yet to hit. The drop is even more acute—by a huge—20 per cent.

"Auto retail for the month of November continued to remain in the negative zone despite Diwali as well as marriage season in the same month. The unwanted rains

in southern states further spoiled the party. Unless Rural India starts showing signs of strength, overall retail will continue to remain weak," said FADA president Vinodh Gulati.

Cars and other passenger vehicles (PV) registered the highest drop in sales, indicating customer wariness beside supply chain issues. PV sales fell 19.44 per cent. The other big personal mobility category, two-wheelers, fared slightly better, with the fall in sales only just below one per cent.

Commercial vehicle sales fell 13.32 per cent (the drop is a sharper—21.28 per cent when you compare the figure to the pre-covid period).

The total vehicle sales in India (with data from 1,378 out of 1,589 RTOs) came to 18.17 lakh, less than the 18.88 lakh registered in November 2020. Compare that to nearly 23 lakh vehicles sold pre-Covid in November 2019, despite the economic slowdown since 2018.

Worse, sentiments are not exactly rising as per a poll conducted among vehicle dealers

across the country. Nearly half say they expect the fall in sales to continue into December, the last of the festive period, before the conventionally dull last quarter of the financial year.

While semiconductor shortage crippling vehicle manufacturers over the past few months (companies like Maruti Suzuki even cut short production due to lack of chips back in September) is the primary reason, that's not the only reason for the bleak figures. The new variant of Covid 'Omicron' has once again gripped the entire nation in fear. This will further impact the overall vehicle demand," feels Gulati.

"The new variant of Covid 'Omicron' has once again gripped the entire nation in fear. This will further impact the overall vehicle demand," feels Gulati. "Educational institutions and offices which were planning to reopen fully have once again deferred their plans and are allowing work/study from home. Price rise due to high input costs and high fuel costs are continuing to add (to) customers' woes."

2002 riots: Probe finds Gujarat govt took steps to stop violence, SC told

The Gujarat government on Tuesday told the Supreme Court that the inquiry panel headed by Justice G.T. Navare, which examined the action taken by the state to prevent communal violence in the immediate aftermath of the 2002 Godhra train burning, had concluded that "all reasonable steps" were taken by the administration at the time.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for Gujarat government, said that the commission of inquiry had said in its report that "all reasonable steps... keeping in mind the history of communal violence... were taken by the government and the police department". The court was hearing an appeal filed by Zakia Jafri, wife of late Congress MP Ehsan Jafri who was killed in the riots, challenging the Gujarat High Court order upholding the decision of the

Metropolitan Magistrate Court in Ahmedabad to accept the closure report filed by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) giving a clean chit to the then state Chief Minister Narendra Modi and others in not related cases.

They collected voluminous documents and came to a conclusion... Regular police force was put on alert, the ones on leave were asked to join immediately," Mehta said and pointed to the deployment of Rapid Action Force (RAF) and CRPF.

Pointing out that what happened on February 28, 2002, was unprecedented, he said those found guilty were convicted by judges appointed on the choice of the Chief Justice. "It's nobody's case that they have gone unpunished... Convictions and acquittals have taken place," he said opposing the appeal.

Pointing out that activist Teesta Setalvad was petitioner number 2 in the Jafri matter, Mehta said "in the name of petitioner no. 1, petitioner no. 2 wants to keep the pot boiling... This would be a travesty of justice, which the court may not allow."

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Jafri, took exception to the submission and pointed out that "in 2003, SC took the extraordinary step of staying 9 trials, but the arguments every time was ok. The Gujarat government had on the previous date of hearing referred to the alleged misuse of funds received by Setalvad's NGO. On this, Sibal said "so called misuse of funds... some of these were awards given by international organisations to me, none of the donors ever complained, only Government of India complained, and the reason is not far to see". Sibal further sought to

know how an SIT appointed by the top court can dismiss tapes of the sting operation conducted by 'Teheka' magazine as 'unreliable'. He said people were convicted on the basis of these tapes.

Sibal pointed out that some of the senior police officials had recommended prosecution of 'Sandeep' newspaper for hate speech. "Why is SIT not prosecuting?... That's why I said this is completely corrupt," he said adding that "all those who recommended action are in the dock today. And all these accused are scot-free". The SIT he said was saying that 2,000 hate speech cases are being prosecuted. "What is the status of those cases?... How is that relevant for these material of ours. When VHP says 'khoo ka badla khoo (blood for blood)', why are they not arrested?"

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Symptoms:

Fever, runny nose, cough and sore throat. Flu seems, it can be more severe leading to pneumonia or breathing difficulties. Symptoms may develop within 14 days after exposure.



Protect yourself from getting COVID-19

Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
Avoiding close contact with people who have fever and coughing.

When coughing and sneezing cover your mouth and nose with tissue or elbow of elbow.

Throat lozenges (sore throat) help immediately after use.

If you suspect you may have COVID-19, contact your doctor at 03192-249888/249889/249890/249891/249892/249893/249894/249895/249896/249897/249898/249899/250000.



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