

Thought for today

If a man is unable to wipe out his own tendency to anger, how can he criticize anyone for the lack of ability in controlling themselves?

Live phone-in-prog at DDK

Port Blair, Sept 7: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast Agriculture Live Phone in Programme on the Topic: "Agricultural Technologies for Doubling the farmers income" on 09/09/2021, Thursday from 1730 to 1800 hrs. In this Programme Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist CIARI will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on the topic by dialling 244745/9476046367.

MP meets Secy(Fisheries); raises various issues of Guptapara fishermen

Port Blair, Sept 8: The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, along with a team of Congress leaders today met the Secretary (Fisheries), Ms. Peditha Reddy and raised various issues relating to the fishermen of Guptapara Area. He apprised the Secretary (Fisheries) about the difficulties faced by the residents due to non-operation of diesel bunk in the Guptapara jetty. In order to facilitate the fishermen to get diesel in the jetty premises, the IOC has installed a petrol bunk in the jetty, as done in Jungthatt fishery. However, over six months have since passed, operation of the petrol bunk has been done, resulting in fishermen facing difficulties in getting fuel for their boats. The Member of Parliament also raised the issue of providing power supply in the jetty so that the repair and maintenance of the boats can be undertaken. Since there is no power supply, fishermen are



unable to get their fishing boats repaired. He also raised the issue of providing the storage room in the jetty for the use of the fishermen. Presently, the storage room is lying unused. After hearing the issues, the Secretary, Fisheries immediately called upon the Director of Fisheries and directed him to visit the spot, along with a team of officials of the department. She directed the team to interact with the fishermen communities there and resolve their outstanding grievances. Earlier, in the morning the Member of Parliament visited the fisherman jetty of Guptapara and had discussions with the fishermen and local people. Shri Nipin Nag, BCCP President apprised about the problems of fishermen. One out to supply diesel funded by the fisheries department to the fishermen has been set up there but has not yet commenced the supply of diesel. About 85 fisherman of this area are using



Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, called on Admiral D. K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Discussed introduction of additional flights from Mairland to Port Blair and other major initiatives to give boost to Tourism and hospitality sectors in the Islands.

MP requests Lt. Governor to designate the new bridge over Humphrey Strait as 'Manoranjana Bhakta Bridge'

Port Blair, Sept 8: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today called on the Lt. Governor of ANI and requested his personal intervention in designating the name of the new upcoming bridge over Humphrey Strait as 'Manoranjana Bhakta Bridge'. During the meeting the Member of Parliament mentioned that the long pending demand of the people of North & Middle Andaman is being fulfilled by building a bridge over Humphrey Strait connecting Uttara - Gandhinagar locality encouraging all walks of life to see their dreams comes to reality. He mentioned that the

Humphrey Strait Bridge & Middle Strait Bridges are the lifeline of South Andaman and Middle & North Andaman Islands as it will provide a huge impetus and boost to the Tourism sector & fast connectivity resulting in the socio-economic development of the Islands. The Member of Parliament pointed out that the true brainchild of the construction of the bridges across Andaman & Nicobar Islands was actually conceived by Late Sri Manoranjana Bhakta, Ex-Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, the longest parliamentarian of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands i.e. from 1977 to 1999 and again from 2004 to 2009, he served eight terms as Member of Parliament

for this constituency. He had dreamt of connecting Mayabunder to Diglipur under North & Middle Andaman and other two bridges - one over Humphrey Strait and other over middle strait. In his tenure, he could fulfill his vision by constructing the Austin Bridge which connects from Mayabunder to Diglipur. The two bridges couldn't be completed due to various reasons. Now, to pay homage to the maestro and to the great veteran leader of the North & Middle Andaman, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma requested the Lt. Governor to designate the new bridge in the name of 'Manoranjana Bhakta Bridge' to See... Page 02

Health awareness prog. at Diglipur



Port Blair, Sept 8: A day long seminar on "Need of Skill Development of SHG" was organized at Navin Nagar, Under Diglipur Gram Panchayat by the ICDS Diglipur on the theme "YOGA and AYUSH" for better nutrition-focus on Anti Nabel check-up and nutrition during pregnancy and lactation. Inaugurating this event See... Page 02

Day-long seminar on "Need of Skill Development of SHG"

Port Blair, Sept 7: A day long seminar on "Need of Skill Development of Self Help Groups in the post Covid Scenario" is organized on 9 September 2021. Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, A&N Islands as a Chief guest will inaugurate the seminar at 9.30 am at the Conference Hall of A&N State Coop. Union, Teylerabad. The seminar will deliberate the urgent need of skilling of unskilled members and up skilling and re skilling of skilled persons in order to start/ restart their income generation activities in a sustainable manner. Seminar will also discuss the issues being faced by the SHGs and their measures to be taken. Eminent personalities and experts will also grace the occasion.

Vishal express gratitude for ex-gratia relief to victims of tree crashing incident

Port Blair, Sept 7: A tragic incident had taken two precious lives and loss of property after a tree crashed over their residence in Guptapara Village on 11.08.2021 and the said deceased family member had approached Shri Vishal Jolly one week back and raised about the issue and said that they have not received any kind of relief and compensation towards the loss of lives and property from administration. Accordingly, Shri Vishal Jolly rigorously took up the matter with District Administration and today Shri Suresh Anchiappa, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman handed over the cheque of Ex-Gratia of Rs. 300000/- @ Rs. 150000/- each deceased member as immediate relief under NDRF Fund in presence of Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP, A & N Islands and Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Gol and Shri L. Moorthy, Smt. Sheela Singh and Shri Ram Das. The Deputy Commissioner requested the forest department to clear their premises by removing the cut down trees and DC, SA informed the delegation that the work will be done soon by forest department. See... Page 02

National Lok Adalat on Sep. 11th

Port Blair, Sept 7: The District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands shall be holding National Lok Adalat in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre - "PRAYAS" and District & Sessions Court, Port Blair on 11.09.2021 from 10.00 AM to 02.00 PM by adopting all COVID SOP issued by the MHA from time to time. Bank loan recovery cases involving State Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, A & N Cooperative Bank Ltd. and the disputes relating to telephone and mobile bills pending before the BSNL at the prelitigation stage and Criminal Compoundable cases and MACT matters will be placed before the National Lok Adalat Benches for disposal upon consensual settlements between the parties. National Lok Adalat will also be held at Sub-divisional Court Complex at Mayabunder on 11.09.2021 by adopting all COVID SOP issued by the MHA from time to time.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A & N Islands

Port Blair, Sept 8: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 3,77,989 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1730 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands. A total of 1,53,235 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. 1122 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 642 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 490 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which, 221 were in the age group of 18-44 years. In Nicobar District, 118 beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which, 21 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Air India to operate non-stop Hyderabad-London flight twice a week

Air India is set to commence its first ever non-stop service between Hyderabad and London, with the first flight arriving Hyderabad from the UK capital on Thursday. The same flight will depart to London on September 10 strengthening the connectivity in the India-UK sector, a press release from the carrier said. The flight will operate twice a week with a Boeing 787 See... Page 02

Anganwadi workers conducted Awareness prog. POSHAN MAAH



Port Blair, Sept 8: As a part of celebration of 4th Poshan Maah PHC Billiground with the collaboration of Anganwadi workers has conducted awareness programme on 8.9.2021 at AWC Shantipur 2. On the commencement of programme Health Educator Shri Suresh Singh welcomed the gathering and detailed on the importance of celebration of Poshan Maah. After that Dr. Suryakant Singh, Medical Officer Ayurveda has talk on importance of nutrition for healthy life and what are the complications arises due to malnutrition. Also put light on causes of Anaemia, Diarrhoea and measures to be adopted for its prevention. Then Ayurveda medicine kit (shishu ka saathi kit) distributed to the anganwadi centres falls under jurisdiction of Sub centre Dhampur. Also immunity booster tablets (Samsamani vat) and Punamawadi majdoor were also distributed to all the participants. At last fruit bearing and medicinal seedling were planted at Shantipur Anganwadi centre. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

Leadership development programme for Chairmen /Directors of Fisheries

Port Blair, Sept 7: The Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union (ANSU), Port Blair under the Chairmanship of Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is continued its efforts to strengthen to Cooperative Institutions by imparting the quality education and training to develop the human resources of those Institutions through the Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training established by ANSU. The RGCTC conducts need based training programme to improve the Knowledge, Skill and Analytical aptitude adopting different training methods/tools of working personnel. A three days duration training on Leadership Development Programme for Chairmen/Directors of Fisheries Cooperative was on 08th See... Page 02

MP attends Teachers' Day celebration at Carmel School



Port Blair, Sept 8: To mark the Teachers' Day celebration which falls on September 5th 2021, a function was held at Carmel Senior Secondary School, Port Blair today. The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, was the chief guest and felicitated teachers of the school. He also presented awards to some of the outstanding students of the school on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Carmel School is one of the reputed English medium schools in the islands, imparting high standard of education See... Page 02



MP visits Lohabarrack jetty; interacts with fishermen



Port Blair, Sept 7: The Member of Parliament Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma has visited Lohabarrack jetty GP Choudhary and interacted with the members of Fishermen Union, South Andaman (Rural) Choudhary. As suggested by the fishermen, Shri K.P. Aboobacker, President of the Union has explained the problem being faced by the fishermen. He said that the Lohabarrack creek is the only passage to about 250 fishermen of surrounding villages having fishing licenses. The crocodile sanctuary was notified during 1983, but the settlement of revenue villages surrounded the sanctuary was made by the govt. See... Page 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

09 September 2021

strain in labour market

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (2019-20) points towards the steady build up of distress in the labour market in India. As the survey pertains to the July 2019 to June 2020 period, it captures both the economic slowdown prior to Covid, and the period after the national lockdown was imposed to restrict the spread of the pandemic. The survey data shows an increase in the labour force participation in agriculture during this period. This, as some have argued, implies that during this period of stress, agriculture emerged as an 'employer of last resort'. Equally significant is that much of the increase in the women's labour force participation recorded by the survey during this period was in the category of unpaid family workers, and not in more productive forms of employment. These are worrying developments. The PLFS data shows that the share of the labour force engaged in agriculture rose to 45.6 per cent in 2019-20, up from 42.5 per cent in 2018-19 — an abrupt reversal of the decades-long decline in the labour force participation in agriculture. This suggests that the movement of labour out of agriculture, which had gathered pace post 2004-05, seems to have been stymied by the economic slowdown. The reverse migration of labour from cities to villages would have only increased the pressure on agriculture to absorb the workers. The rise in the female labour force participation is also problematic. Under normal circumstances, considering the low rates of female labour force participation in India — for women aged 15 and above it stood at 24.5 per cent in 2018-19 — a rise in participation would be a positive development. However, much of the increase observed in 2019-20 was in the form of unpaid family work. In fact, according to the survey, the employment rate for unpaid workers in household enterprises in rural and urban areas increased to 15.9 per cent in 2019-20, from 13.3 per cent in 2018-19. What these numbers also reflect is the failure of the economy in not being able to create enough non-agricultural jobs (even in pre-Covid times) to absorb both those shifting out of agriculture, and the millions entering the labour force each year. Worryingly, even the jobs that are being created tend to be largely informal in nature.

Health awareness..

Chief Medical Officer, Diglipur, Dr. M. Siddharaju elaborated about nutrition, Anemia among adolescents, and COVID-19. Medical Officer, Ayurveda focussed on AYUSH for Nutrition. On this

occasion, a YOGA session was organized for adolescent girls, AWWs, pregnant & Lactating mothers. The programme was conducted by opting COVID-19 protocol.

Leadership development..

11th September 2021 to be conducted by RGCTC for the Board Directors/ Members and employees of Fisheries Cooperatives. This 03 days duration programme will be organized after the conference hall of Directorate of Fisheries, A&N

Administration. Academically qualified and professionally experienced faculties will conduct the classes. Altogether 30 Nos of participants working in different Fisheries Cooperatives are expected to attend the Training.

Air India to operate..

Dreamliner aircraft with a capacity of 256 seats, including 18 in Business Class and 238 in Economy Class configuration.

The flight from Hyderabad to London will operate twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. The total flight time on this route will be 10 hours and 30 minutes from Hyderabad to London and 9 hours 20 minutes from London to Hyderabad, depending on wind speed and other conditions on that particular day, the release said.

MP attends Teachers' Day..

to the islands. The high number of students enrolled in this school every year is testimony to the fact that more and more students are evincing interest to get admission in this school. Students who had done their studies from this school have done remarkably good in their careers and are now holding vital positions in the society. He also informed that most of the members of this family had also studied in Carmel School. The MP also greeted the entire teaching faculty,

At present, Air India operates non-stop flights to London from Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru, Amritsar, Kochi, Ahmedabad and Goa. Air India has been playing a major role in the Government's epic 'Vande Bharat Mission' and Air Transport Bubble Arrangement to fly people, left stranded due to the air route restrictions, back home. So far, Air India has flown over 40 lakh people and, the mission continues, it added.

adding that the teaching community has always played a pivotal role in nurturing young minds. Earlier, welcoming the chief guest, the Principal of the School said that he greeted the MP for attending the function. He expressed his gratitude to the MP for his support, concern and cooperation extended to this Institution in the past years and in the present too. He also appreciated the efforts of Shri Sharma for promotion of education in the islands.

Vishal express gratitude..

Further, Shri Vishal Jolly assured the family members that he will take up the matter for adequate relief and compensation from LG's relief fund to the deceased family members for their survival. He also assured that he will strongly raise voice regarding rehabilitation of the family along with securing a steady source of income in the form

of a Govt. job so that the family can bounce back from this calamity. Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP - A & N Islands has expressed their gratitude towards Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman for their intervention on the matter and timely providing immediate relief to the deceased family members.

MP visits Lohabarrack..

during 1960s. The Union demanded for construction of fish landing jetty with sufficient space to keep their dinghies and fishing gears. The MP has assured the Union and Fishermen to take up this matter with the Administration. Shri R. Agalal

Halder, President PCC, Shri K. Ganeshan AICC Member Shri Masilugun GS PCC Shri John Robert Ex President IYC Smt Alima Bibi Ex Secretary PCC and Shri Subas Day Ex Pradhan also accompanied the MP.

AIMS TO CONDUCT STUDY TO ASCERTAIN PRESENCE OF COVID IN EYE

The R P Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at AIIMS is conducting a study to ascertain the presence of the coronavirus in various parts of the eye of those who have died due to the infection, the centre's chief Dr. J S Tiliyal said on Tuesday.

Addressing a press conference on the 36th Eye Donation Fortnight celebration by the National Eye Bank (NEB), he said that five eye balls have been collected for carrying out the study.

"The research study will help ascertain the presence of the coronavirus in the cornea, optic nerve and retina of COVID-19 infected

deceased," Tiliyal said.

"These eyeballs will be subjected to various molecular tests to detect presence of the Covid virus in these tissues and also look for genetic evidence," he said.

Dr Namrata Sharma of the R P Centre said that there is no proven evidence so far which establishes any direct link between COVID-19 leading to blindness.

Because of COVID-19, cases of conjunctivitis have been reported but that does not lead to vision loss. COVID-19 leads to mucormycosis and there have been cases where it has impacted vision and led to blindness,

she said.

"There have been isolated cases of retinal and vitreous blocks which may lead to sudden diminishing of vision due to thromboembolism. But there has been no proven cause and effect relationship between them so far," Sharma said.

Tissue retrieval is performed only from presumed COVID-19 negative donors, according to established eye banking guidelines, she said.

"To ensure maximum safety we perform a post-mortem nasopharyngeal swab RT-PCR testing for all our potential donors.

Of the tissues retrieved by us between July 2020 and July 2021, we found that 5.5 per cent of the presumed COVID-19 negative donor tested RT-PCR positive for SARS-CoV2," Sharma said.

The tissues from these donors were not used for corneal transplantation and were subjected to further microbiological analysis, she said.

Eye banking services have been one of the worst hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, Tiliyal said.

Corneal tissue retrieval activities by the NEB which remained suspended from April 2020 to June 2020 during the nationwide lockdown were restarted through the hospital cornea retrieval program (HCRP) from July 2020 onwards.

From April 2020 to March 2021, the NEB collected 394 corneal tissues, and 311 keratoplasties were performed amounting to a utilisation rate of 78.9 per cent, Tiliyal said.

The national tissue collection and utilisation during this period was 18,359 and 12,998 respectively, amounting to a utilisation rate of 70.7 per cent, he said.

As compared to the corresponding period April 2019-March 2020, the NEB witnessed a 79.9 per cent decrease in tissue collection and 78.2 per cent decrease in tissue utilisation, demonstrating the severe impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its activities.

The corneal tissue collection recommenced in July 2020 and

peaked by January 2021. The collection figures steadily declined thereafter until May 2021, corresponding to the second wave of the pandemic, after which it has again shown an ascending trend.

Re-initiating corneal retrieval during the pandemic required the NEB to train its staff, including counsellors and paramedical personnel, in the use of personal protective equipment and the additional step of retrieval of nasopharyngeal swab for RT-PCR of donor.

Corneal tissue retrievals are performed in adherence to the prescribed COVID-19 preventive guidelines and none of our staff have been infected during tissue retrieval or processing, Tiliyal said.

For the last several years, the R P Centre is helping in the functioning of other eye banks by providing them with corneal preservation storage media (MK media), which is indigenously manufactured at the centre's department of ocular pharmacology and funded the government.

As many as 3,274 vials of MK media were distributed outside R P Centre between October 2019 and March 2021.

The NEB is routinely organising programmes in schools, colleges and residential areas to promote awareness regarding eye donation. This year, a cyclothon was organised on September 5 from AIIMS to India Gate as a part of this effort.

MP requests Lt. Governor..

mark a sense of tribute to the legendary leader of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During the meeting the Member of Parliament also raised the issue of C&H Lab and demanded to start operation of C&H Lab as soon as possible, considering the threat to the life of heart patients of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma also requested intervention of the Lt. Governor in controlling airfare in Mainland — Port Blair sector. According to the Member of Parliament said that the airfare from Chennai to Port Blair, in the month of September, ranges from Rs. 9,347 to Rs. 22,271. Similarly airfare

between Kolkata and Port Blair, in the month of September, ranges from Rs. 9,638 to Rs. 20,244, which is unaffordable for Islanders, especially people from low-income groups and Islanders, who need to travel to mainland for urgent needs such as specialized treatment and education.

Stretchers patients referred to mainland for further specialized treatment are the worst sufferers as they have to pay about Rs. 80,000/- to Rs. 90,000/- or more for one way airfare.

Mr. Sharma said that before lockdowns, the airfare in this sector was between Rs. 3500 to Rs. 6000 range, which has now gone

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beyond the reach of common man, even if he/she has to travel for treatment in mainland.

The Member of Parliament added that the high airfare is not only pushing Islanders of this remote UT to further remoteness but also has become a major hurdle in promotion of Tourism, which already suffered heavily loss because of the pandemic and left thousands of people unemployed.

He mentioned that because of the astronomical high airfare people are not booking tour packages of Andaman and even booked packages are being either cancelled or postponed.

Forest Dept on alert after multiple sightings of Crocs in Andaman near residential areas

New Delhi Sept 8: Due to rise in the water level in creeks and water channels (Nallah) of Andaman villages, several incidents of sighting of crocodiles have been reported in various parts of South Andaman District as well as North and Middle Andaman District. Following reports of sighting of multiple crocodiles in Joda Klam area of South Andaman and Billiground, Pinaki Nagar, Jaipur, Kamlapur and Nimbudra areas of Middle Andaman the Forest Department of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have now placed cages to trap the crocodiles in different locations. Officials in Andaman's Forest Department informed UNI that the staff of the department are presently maintaining continuous watch on places, where crocodiles were sighted by public. The staffs of Division Forest Officer Ranghat have set up multiple cages in and Billiground, Pinaki Nagar, Jaipur, Kamlapur and Nimbudra areas of Middle Andaman yesterday. Meanwhile, forest officials are advising people, living near these areas, to stay away from water channels and creeks. Every year dozens of crocodiles are captured from beaches, creeks and water channels close to residential areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and then are released near remote locations for the safety of the public. Andaman and Nicobar Islands have a number of crocodile sanctuaries and many crocodiles from these sanctuaries move towards residential areas in search of easy food.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 7: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 3,76,259 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2, 81, 603 (approx.). A total of 1760 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 1,52,351 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 07-09-2021. 1051 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 560 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 622 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which, 321 were in the age group of 18-44 years. In Nicobar District, 87 beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which, 7 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Centre allows induction of women into National Defence Academy

New Delhi, 8th Sep, 2021: In a path-breaking development, the Centre on Wednesday informed the Supreme Court that it has taken a

decision to allow the induction of women into the National Defence Academy (NDA). Additional Solicitor General



Aishwarya Bhati, representing the Centre, submitted before a bench headed by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul that there is a piece of good news as a decision has been taken at the highest-level that women will be inducted for NDA, and the chief of three Armed Forces have also agreed.

Justice Kaul said that the court has been periodically nudging the authorities to do it themselves, and sometimes things only move when the court steps in. "Armed forces are respected forces of this country. But on gender equality they have to do more," said Justice Kaul of the Supreme Court.

The Additional Solicitor General said it will be a "historic, path-breaking and generational

reform." "The bench responded that the court is extremely glad to learn that the Armed Forces themselves took decisions to induct females in the NDA. However, the top court emphasized that it is important for it to take a stand on these issues. The top court also asked the Centre to inform: "What it is doing now? What is it planning to do in the future?"

The Centre said it will file an affidavit regarding its submissions allowing girls into NDA. The top court was hearing a PIL filed by advocate Kush Kalra, seeking NDA to open its doors for women aspiring to join the Armed Forces. The plea was argued by senior advocate Chhimoy Pradip Sharma. The plea also sought a direction from the

court to allow women to get trained in the Indian Naval Academy as well. On August 18, the Supreme Court had said the mindset is not changing and emphasized why judicial orders are required to allow women candidates to take the entrance exam for National Defence Academy (NDA), even after the top court's judgment expanding the horizons and extending the permanent commission in the Army to women.

The top court passed an interim order allowing women to take the exam slated on September 5. However, Wednesday the top court was informed that the exam has been rescheduled to November 14. The matter has been adjourned to September 22.

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**MISSING**

My Sister URMILA BALA present aged about 75 years r/o Subhashgram, Diglipur is missing since about 55 years. Whoever is having her whereabouts kindly contact me on 9531878389. This advertisement is for settlements of revenue matters regarding Renu Bala Hira, Late Mukunda Hira, r/o Swarajgram, Diglipur.

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e- TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No-I, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate e-tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from the approved and eligible Contractors of APWD and non APWD contractors irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed similar nature of work in terms of cost in any of the government department in A&N Islands and they should not have any adverse remarks for following work:

- NIT No. :- 06/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Providing Internal Water connection and staging for 15 Nos Ty-I Qtrs at Camp No.3 Govind Nagar, Swaraj Dweep under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 9,97,287/- Time of completion:- 03 [Three] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3738_1]
- NIT No. :- 07/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Repair and Renovation and Painting work of Fire Station building at Swaraj Dweep under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** : Rs.18,61,472/- Time of completion:- 06 [Six] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3739_1]
- NIT No. :- 08/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Augmentation of water supply at Neil Kendra Neil Island Constr Ring well, Pump house, Over Head steel water tank, laying of pipe line and Installation of 28 HP Diesel pump, Under CDI, A.P.W.D., Port Blair SW- Providing and fixing G.I. square pipe over top of ring well for safe guarding 04 Nos 6 Mtr dia Ring well and 02 Nos 1.50 Mtr dia Ring well at Shaheed Dweep **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 22,41,967/- Time of completion:- 04 [Four] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3742_1]

Tender should be filled on line upto 3.00 PM on or before 22.09.2021. The tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM in presence of tenderers representative if any.

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

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IN CONVERSATION

NON-COVID DRUGS ARE BACK WITH A BANG

Non-COVID drugs are back with a bang in the growth story of the Indian pharma market. There was recovery in volumes of non-COVID-19 drugs and it has helped push the growth of the Indian pharma market by around 18 per cent in August 2021. The growth was driven by a volume bounce-back and recovery in sales of non-COVID-19 drugs.

As per a report by Anand Rathi, thenon-COVID-19 drug range that makes up around 63 per cent of the overall pharma market, has now started growing in double figures while the COVID-19 drug portfolio still continues to grow faster. At the same time, there was price hike as well as new drug launches that added to the growth.

The Anand Rathi report points out that, in August, acute therapy sales grew at a strong 24.5 per cent, while the chronic and sub-chronic therapies grew 10.1 per cent and 14.7 per cent respectively. The growth in the select chronic drug companies was much better with Sun pharma registering 20.9 per cent growth, Torrent 22.5 per cent, Ipca 38.5 per cent and Ajanta 31.7 per cent. Acute therapy companies also performed well in August 2021, with the pharma major Alkem's sales growing at 21.2 per cent, Dr Reddy's at 26.4 per cent, Indoco 33 per cent and FDC at 33.6 per cent. However, there were exceptions too, with the sales of the drug company Glenmark was down by 17 per cent and Natco had a 30.8 decline in August 2021.

Interestingly, as per the report, the sales of acute therapy products had borne the maximum brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. While growth in the initial months of FY22

was driven by COVID-19 drugs, non-COVID-19 drugs too have now started growing faster. Anti-infective therapies also grew. Similarly, pain management drugs which had not seen any major benefit of COVID-19 but have still grown. In August 2021, the sales of cardiac products grew at 6.3 per cent and anti-diabetes drugs at 8.6 per cent. Vitamins that had benefited from the COVID-19 outbreak, are now seeing moderation in growth.

The report also observes that performance of the MNCs improved in the India pharma market from July 2021. In August, Glaxo grew at 18.6 per cent and the Abbott group at 14.6 per cent grew in double digits, while the growth of Sandi and Pfizer is also catching up. Experts at Anand Rathi point out that the Indian pharma market is expected to grow in double digits in line with its past average. In the near term, recovery in volumes and higher acute therapy is expected to boost the pharma market. It is expected that in the long term, though, factors such as greater availability of medicines and healthcare facilities would be crucial for drug companies and chronic therapies would outstrip acute therapies in the long run as emerging lifestyle diseases boost demand

for chronic drugs. The sector continues to see average price hikes of around 5 to 6 per cent while new drug launches will contribute significantly to the pharma growth.

As per another research report by Motilal Oswal on the Indian pharma sector with the ease of access to capital for emerging pharma companies, there is a surge in biopharma companies focusing on R&D and outsourcing manufacturing at the research and commercial level. Along with cost-consciousness of larger pharma companies, it is also providing a major push to the segment. Indian CRAMS (Contract Research and Manufacturing Services) players are uniquely positioned to outperform the industry in this segment. The Motilal report also points out that a gradual recovery in domestic formulations, excluding COVID-19 related therapies, had shown growth after exhibiting a downturn in growth mainly due to a spike in consumption of COVID-19-related medicines. The enhanced usage of digital tools has also started transforming marketing in the domestic formulations segment.

As per the Motilal Oswal report, the product launch pace in the sector was with anti-infectives, cardiac, anti-diabetic drugs witnessing the highest number of launches over the past one year. Motilal Oswal analysts believe that while the COVID related off-take is subsiding with lower cases, it is expected that core therapies will revive gradually going forward.



SPORTS MINISTER ANURAG THAKUR FELICITATES TRIUMPHANT PARALYMPIANS

India's Medallists From Tokyo Paralympics

GOLD

India's Medallists From Tokyo Paralympics

SILVER

<p>Avani Lekhara Shooting R2 women's 10m Air Standing 50 ft</p>	<p>Sumit Antil Javelin Throw Men's F64</p>	<p>Manish Narwal Shooting M4 Mixed 50m Pistol 5 ft II</p>	<p>Bhavina Patel Table Tennis Women's Class 4</p>	<p>Nishad Kumar High Jump Men's T47</p>	<p>Yogesh Kathuniya Discus Throw Men's F46</p>
<p>Pranod Bhagat Badminton Men's Singles SL3</p>	<p>Krishna Nagar Badminton Men's Singles SH6</p>	<p>Devendra Jhajharia Javelin Throw Men's F40</p>	<p>Mariyappan Thangavelu High Jump Men's T42</p>	<p>Singhraj Adhana Shooting M4 Mixed 50m Pistol 5 ft II</p>	
<p>Praveen Kumar High Jump Men's T62</p>	<p>Suhas Yathiraj Badminton Men's Singles SL4</p>				

NEW DELHI: Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday felicitated India's just-returned Tokyo Paralympics medallists and hoped the country's para athletes would break their record performance in the 2024 Paris edition.

The Indian para athletes registered their best-ever performance for the country in the Tokyo Games by winning an unprecedented 19 medals, including five gold, eight silver and six bronze.

"I recall in the 2016 Paralympics, the size of the Indian contingent was 19, while this year the country has won as many as 19 medals. You have shown us that the human spirit is the most powerful of all. Our medal tally has increased by about five times. For the first time we have won medals in table tennis and archery, and competed for the first time in canoeing and powerlifting. We equaled two world records and we broke even more. India's para athletes delivered a perfect podium finish," Thakur said.

"The government's approach in extending support to athletes for international competitions has undergone a transformational change. The government will continue to support India's paralympians with facilities and funding so that they may continue to excel internationally.

"We'd like to encourage more regional and national tournaments for our paralympians so they can regularly compete and hone their skills," said Thakur.

The function was also attended by Thakur's predecessor and current Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijju and Minister of State for Sports Nisith Pramanik among others.

India's Medallists From Tokyo Paralympics

BRONZE

TOKYO 2020 INDIA'S BEST PARALYMPICS 19 MEDALS

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<p>Avani Lekhara Shooting Women's 50m Rifle 4xPSH1</p>	<p>Harvinder Singh Archery Men's Individual Recurve</p>	<p>Manoj Barker Badminton Men's Singles SL5</p>

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