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Admin intensifies COVID-19 vaccination drive in A&N Islands

Health Care Workers reaches out to people through door to door vaccination during a special drive



Port Blair, Sept. 12

During the special vaccination drive, a total of 3500 persons were vaccinated in a single day today. The team of Directorate of Health Services in association with NGOs and Community Based Organizations organized

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One positive case detected during RT-PCR test conducted on incoming flight passengers: Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Sept.12

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar briefing media persons on COVID-19 in the conference hall of IP&T here this evening said that during the RT-PCR

test conducted on 712 passengers who arrived here yesterday, one positive case has been detected. Today, 6 flights with 826 passengers arrived and the RT-PCR reports are awaited. He further

disclosed that RAT was conducted on 247 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj and two were found positive. At

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MP demands extension of last date for submitting application for seat distribution in Mainland Colleges

Port Blair, Sept.12:

Referring to the Press Note issued by the Development Section IV of the Secretariat wherein the Education Department invited applications for seats, reserved for students of A&N Islands in the mainland

institutions for the academic session 2021-2022. (Published in Daily Telegrams on Aug 4, 2021), the Member of Parliament has requested the Lt. Governor to extend the last date for submitting applications.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the MP mentioned

that in view of the limited avenues of higher education in the Islands, every year the Government of India and various State Governments, Universities and Institutions allocate seats for the students of A&N Islands in various

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Online submission of applications for various trades by Directorate of Industries under Skill Development extended

Port Blair, Sept. 11

The Directorate of Industries, A & N Administration has extended the dates for online submission of applications for various trades under Skill Development

Training. The applicant should be between 14 to 45 year with minimum qualification of VIII pass. The trades to be conducted in Port Blair are Carpentry - 1 year (Male), General Engineering - 1 year (Male), Cane

& Bamboo Handicrafts - 1 year (Male & Female), Tailoring & Garment Making- 1 year (Female).

Similarly in Diglipur, training will be imparted for trades

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Leadership development in minority women

‘Nai Roshni’ scheme- providing knowledge tools and techniques for interacting with Govt. & other institutions

Port Blair, Sept.12

The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI is implementing Nai Roshni- the Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women. The target group includes women belonging to all minorities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 viz. Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Bud-

dhist, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence among minority women, including their neighbours from other communities living in the same village/locality, by providing knowledge tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks

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‘Voter Helpline App’ developed by ECI App aims to provide a single point of service and information delivery to voters

Port Blair, Sept. 11

Taking forward its continuous efforts of building an active democratic citizenry, the Election Commission of India has undertaken a new initiative by designing a Mobile Application ‘Voter Helpline App’ (VHA) for developing a culture of avid electoral management. The app aims to provide a single point of service

and information delivery to voters across the country.

The app provides facilities such as verification of name in the electoral roll, submission of online forms for New Voter Registration, shifting, deletion, correction of entries & transposition within Assembly and many more to the voters.

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National Lok Adalat organized by DLSA at Port Blair & Mayabunder

Port Blair, Sept. 11

The District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands held National Lok Adalats in the District Court Building, Port Blair, ADR centre- ‘PRAYAS’, Port Blair and Sub-Divisional Court Complex at Mayabunder today by adopting all COVID SOPs issued by the MHA from time to time. The National Lok Adalat at District Court premises at

Port Blair was inaugurated by Hon’ble Mr. Justice Harish Tandon, Judge, High Court, Calcutta in the presence of Hon’ble Mr. Justice Shivakant Prasad, Judge, High Court, Calcutta presently presiding over the Circuit Bench at Port Blair, High Court, Calcutta. The Lok Adalat was inaugurated in a simple ceremony in the pres-

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EDITORIAL

Gujarat: The BJP’s poll card

When a strong leader, with a mass base and a high degree of political control, leaves office, there is a vacuum. This vacuum is sometimes filled by another leader who is able to assert authority and win polls. But, often, the vacuum is hard to fill. And that is the story of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Gujarat. The immediate trigger for Vijay Rupani’s resignation as chief minister (CM) lies in his government’s Covid-19 mismanagement, Patidar discontent, and internal organisational rivalries — all in the run-up to polls next year. Indeed, Bhupendra Patel’s elevation as CM makes it clear that the BJP is sending a signal to Patidars. But both Anandiben Patel’s resignation in 2015, and the change now, prove that the BJP’s real crisis is that it has not found a leader to fill the vacuum in Gujarat after Narendra Modi moved to Delhi.

Mr Modi closely tracks political realities in the state. His stamp over the current power transition is unmistakable. The party’s win in the state in 2017 was almost entirely due to his campaign, and his presence makes the BJP the front-runner in 2022 again. The switch from Mr Rupani to Mr Patel also shows that BJP’s central command has the ability to effect relatively smoother transitions, unlike the Congress. Be it in Uttarakhand (Trivendra Singh Rawat was replaced by Tirath Singh Rawat who was replaced by Pushkar Dhami) or Karnataka (BS Yediyurappa gave way to Basavaraj Bommai) or Assam (Sarbananda Sonowal left office for Himanta Biswa Sarma) or, now, Gujarat, organisational discipline, and Mr Modi’s word, prevail. The party is alert to feedback, decides when a leader is an electoral liability, and ruthlessly executes its decision.

But this churn also denotes weakness. It is a sign of centralisation of BJP’s political authority in Delhi, ironic since Mr Modi himself rose as a challenger to the Delhi-centric party order. It shows that many CMs are either unable to develop autonomous political strength, or are not allowed to do so— this should be particularly worrying for the party in a state such as Gujarat where the organisation is strong and there shouldn’t have been a leadership deficit. It indicates an effort to direct any anti-incumbency sentiment against state BJP CMs, to insulate the Centre from any backlash. And it shows that, electorally speaking, politics in the states is far more competitive than at the Centre. The BJP may well win Gujarat, but the fact that it has felt compelled to make frequent changes even in its own bastion should serve as a warning.

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vaccination camps at different places besides door to door vaccination was also carried out to cover maximum persons who are yet to receive their first dose. A list of left out persons has been prepared and they will be vaccinated next day. To facilitate the special vaccination drive all the designated vaccination centres were made functional today wherein a good number of eligible beneficiaries were inoculated.

As per data available, a total of 3, 87, 285 doses of vaccines have been administered to the beneficiaries so far in A&N

Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2, 81, 603 (approx.). 2541 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 1921 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18- 44 years. Similarly, 928 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 650 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 31 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 18 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18- 44 years. A total of 1, 58, 617 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date, a press release from DHS said.

India to get 3rd set of Swiss bank details this month; info on real estate assets included for 1st time



PTI: India will get this month the third set of Swiss bank account details of its nationals under an automatic exchange of information pact with Switzerland and this will include for the first time the data about real estate properties owned by Indians there, officials said on Sunday.

Marking a key milestone in the Indian government’s fight against black money allegedly stashed abroad, India will get this month the complete information on flats, apartments and condominiums owned by Indians in Switzerland as also on earnings made from such properties to help it look into tax liabilities associated with those assets.

The move assumes significance on the part of Switzerland as well as the European Alpine nation is trying hard to reposition itself as a key global financial centre while warding off the long-persisting perception about the Swiss banking system being an alleged safe haven for black money.

While it would be the third time that India will get details about bank accounts and other financial assets held by Indians in Switzerland, it will be the first time that the information being shared with India would include information about the real estate assets.

While the Swiss government has agreed to share details of real estate assets, the information about contributions to non-profit organisations and other such foundations, as also details on investments in digital currencies still remain out of bounds from the automatic exchange of information framework, officials said.

Experts and those engaged in the business of attracting investments to Switzerland said the move would help clear misconceptions about all fund inflows into Swiss assets being illicit and would go a long way in establishing Switzerland as a preferred investment destination, including for real estate properties.

Himanshu, Founder and CEO of Switzerland For You SA, the parent firm of IDDI Investments, which is engaged in the business of attracting investments from India and other countries to Switzerland including in startups and real

estate, said transparency has its own virtues and the proposal of the Switzerland government to share information about property ownership of foreign clients with other countries including India is welcome.

“We find no valid reason for Swiss authorities to hide such information. After all, the ownership of property is not something which can be kept under wraps,” said the India-origin entrepreneur who goes by his first name only and is settled in Geneva for many years.

“Sharing of such information with other countries under AEOI will bring in more transparency and act as deterrence for those intending to buy Swiss properties from ill-gotten wealth. The move will go a long way in making Switzerland an attractive investment destination,” he added.

India had received the first set of details from Switzerland under AEOI (Automatic Exchange of Information) in September 2019. It was among 75 countries to get such information that year.

In September 2020, India received the second set of Swiss bank account details of its nationals and entities, along with 85 other recipient countries with whom Switzerland’s Federal Tax Administration (FTA) exchanged information on financial accounts within the framework of global standards on AEOI last year.

From this year, Switzerland’s Federal Council, the country’s top governing body, has decided to implement a key recommendation of the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes, under which Swiss authorities will also share details about investments made by foreigners in the Swiss real estate sector.

However, some other recommendations of the Global Forum, including about sharing of information on digital currency accounts and contributions made to foundations and non-profit organisations are yet to be accepted and therefore those details would not be shared by Switzerland with India or any other countries for now.

Hectic lobbying is underway globally to convince Switzerland to start sharing information about digital currency accounts and contributions made to non-profit entities as well.

In each of the last two years, Switzerland has shared details about nearly three million financial accounts with various jurisdictions, while the count is

expected to be higher this year.

For the last two years, India has been among prominent countries with which Switzerland has shared details about financial accounts of clients of Swiss banks and various other financial institutions, while it is also expected to figure high this year with regard to details about real estate properties.

Resident and non-resident Indians, as well as Indian companies, would account for a sizeable number in the overall list of those figuring in this year’s exchange of information by Switzerland, officials privy to the development said.

Besides, Swiss authorities have already shared information about more than 100 Indian citizens and entities so far this year on receipt of requests for administrative assistance in cases involving probes into financial wrongdoings including tax evasion, the officials added. This count has been similar in the past few years.

These cases mostly relate to older accounts that might have been closed before 2018, for which Switzerland has shared details with India under an earlier framework of mutual administrative assistance as Indian authorities had provided prima facie evidence of tax-related wrongdoing by those account holders. AEOI is applicable only to accounts that are active or were closed during 2018.

Some of these cases relate to entities set up by Indians in various overseas jurisdictions like Panama, the British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands, while the individuals include mostly businessmen and a few politicians and erstwhile royals as well as their family members.

The officials, however, refused to share details about the exact number of accounts or the quantum of assets held in the accounts held by Indians, for which the information has been shared with India, citing strict confidentiality clauses governing the exchange framework.

The information shared by Swiss authorities includes identification, account and financial information, such as name, address, country of residence and tax identification number, as well as information concerning the reporting financial institution, account balance and capital income.

The exchanged information allows tax authorities to verify whether taxpayers have correctly declared their financial accounts in their tax returns.

MP demands relaxation of criteria for the youths of A&N Islands to apply for the post of Tradesmen (Skilled) posts in NSRY, Port Blair

Port Blair, Sep;

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested Mr. Rajnath Singh, the Union Defence Minister of India to exempt the condition of compulsory ex-naval Dockyard Apprentices far the candidates of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the Tradesman post (Skilled) so as to enable the eligible candidates to apply for the post. However, the candidates in the event of their selections may be given an opportunity to undergo Dockyard Apprentices course at the Dockyard Apprentices schools of Indian Navy.

In a letter addressed to the Union Defence Minister, Government of India, the Member of Parliament pointed out that the Naval Ship Repair Yard, Port Blair under HQ Andaman & Nicobar Command has invited applications from the eligible candidates for recruitment of 304 Tradesman (Skilled) posts. In the said vacancy notice, the eligibility criteria fixed for the said posts is

that the candidate must an ex-Naval Dockyard Apprentices schools of Indian Navy having qualification of matriculation or equivalent from recognized Institute or Board can only eligible to apply for the posts.

He added that the facilities for undergoing apprentice courses do not exist in the Naval Dockyard at Port Blair under A&N Command whereas these facilities are only available at Visakhapatnam, Mumbai, Goa etc. Therefore, the unemployed youths of these Islands who belong to poor and economically weak did not get scope to undergo apprentice course at the aforesaid Naval Dock Yards schools. Hence, if the criteria of Ex-naval Dockyard apprentices for the above said posts are mandatory, in that case, none of the unemployed youths of these Islands having passed ITI courses of different trades from the Government Industrial Training Institute are eligible to apply for the said posts.

The Member of Parlia-

ment further mentioned that in the earlier recruitment of such posts till 2017, the eligibility criteria prescribed for the posts was 10th Pass with ITI and many unemployed youths of these Islands got employment in the Naval Repair Ship Yard on the basis of ITI qualifications. However, due to the imposition of new conditions of Apprentices schools of the Indian Navy, the unemployed youths are unable to apply for the present posts notified by the Naval Ship Repair Yard, Port Blair.

The MP pointed out that due to the absence of industries in these Islands, no employment opportunities in the private sectors are available for unemployed youths in Andaman & Nicobar Islands other than govt. job in the government departments. Moreover, the economic condition of the public in A&N Islands has been drastically affected and because of which, the unemployed youths also victimized due to employment problems.

Beach Cleaning Drive at Haddo Foreshore road area by Member of Parliament



A beach cleaning drive was organized by the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma this morning. The beach cleaning drive began at 6.00 AM, in which a large number of youths of the area and the Youth Congress workers participated.

Youths of Amar Rajiv Youth Club (ARYC), Haddo, took part in this drive with great enthusiasm.

The drive was organized with an aim to clean the

beaches and maintain the beauty of Port Blair city and thus the drive got a huge response from people.

Later Garbage collected during the beach cleaning drive was handed over to PBMC for further processing.

During the drive Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma urged the participants to take out some time every week to clean beaches of these Islands, which will keep our Islands garbage free and attract more tourists.

Vishal Jolly wrote a letter to the Defence Minister requesting for “One Time Relaxation” in various posts recently announced under NSPY, Indian Navy

Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President & Core-Committee Member, BJP A & N Islands & Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GoI requests granting of “One Time Relaxation” to all the otherwise eligible candidates for participating in the recruitment process for filling up of various posts recently announced under the Naval Ship Repair Yard, Indian Navy for posting at Port Blair and Vishakhapatanam through a letter addressed to Hon’ble Union Minister of Defence, GoI, Shri Rajnath Singh.

In his letter Mr. Jolly stated that in Port Blair the Industrial Training Institute (ITI), Dollygunj, provides training programs for obtaining Diploma and Certificate Courses which makes a candidate eligible for several categories of posts, such as Plumber, Fitter, Refrigerator & AC Mechanic, Electrician and Weldar etc

He further added that the vacancy notice although has been published requiring the eligibility requirements of having these Diploma

& Certificate Courses which the students hailing from our Islands does have, but an additional requirement of having undergone a “Dockyard Apprenticeship” is made mandatory, making all eligible candidates of our Islands ineligible for participating the same, for want of necessary permission to undergo Dockyard Apprenticeship in these Islands

He also mentioned that out of 302 posts, incumbents from our Islands would have been eligible for competing around 105 posts for which courses are offered in the ITI, but for want of merely the Dockyard Apprenticeship, they are not in a position to participate in the recruitment process, which is meant for Port Blair. Further he wrote that they have been constantly harping upon 100% job reservation for our islanders, but here our Island’s candidates are not able to participate for the recruitment of jobs meant for our Islands, which is a matter of serious concern. Unemployment is a serious issue which our islands are facing.

He also stressed that as per

the National Apprenticeship Scheme, the Government of India has strongly advocated for providing apprenticeship programme facilities at all States and Uts. But, here our students were not provided with any such opportunities, for lack of taking pro-active steps in this regard by the concerned department having responsibility to coordinate and provide them these opportunities at the Dockyard available in Port Blair and merely because of not having undergone the Dockyard Apprenticeship, hundred plus eligible candidates of our islands will be deprived of participating in the recruitment process.

Concluding in his letter he requested the Hon’ble Union Minister to kindly grant “ONE-TIME RELAXATION” to all the otherwise eligible candidates to participate in the recruitment process by permitting/allowing them to participate in the recruitment process and after the selection, they may be asked to undergo “in-service” Dockyard Apprenticeship within a specified period.



Shri Vishal Jolly, Former President of Bharatiya Janata Party, ANI and Member, Home Minister’s Advisory Committee, GoI visited the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium on 11.09.2021 in Naya Puram village under Kanyapuram Gram Panchayat on the invitation of the villagers and players residing in this area.

The lone Multipurpose Indoor Stadium under Ferrargunj Tehsil was constructed on 27th February, 2017, and worth Rupees 5.5 crore was spent on its construction.

Mr. Jolly reached the stadium at 11 am and listened to the grievances of the people in respect of stadium’s poor condition and maintenance. People told that due to dripping of water this stadium is no longer playable, and out of four badminton courts only one is worth playing. Leakage started following one month of its construction and out of 54 lights only 20 lights are working, due to which it is very difficult to play at night.

Mr. Vishal Jolly has assured the gathering to take up this matter with the concerned department making all efforts to redress the problems immediately.

Can't let Afghanistan become terror safe haven: India, Australia



Echoing India's concern, visiting Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said Saturday "we share very strong interests in ensuring that Afghanistan never again becomes a safe haven for the breeding or the training of terrorists" and this is "an abiding concern of the international community".

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said Afghanistan "must not allow its soil to be used in any manner, by anybody for terrorism".

Although they did not name the Taliban, the two ministers — India and Australia held the 2+2 talks between their Foreign and Defence Ministers — flagged issues of **concern about human rights**.

Jaishankar said they had a "very detailed exchange of views" and "our approach is very similar", which is summed up by the UN Security Council Resolution 2593 passed on August 30 — under India's Presidency of the UNSC.

He flagged concerns of "inclusiveness" in the "dispensation in Kabul".

"There were issues of concern about the inclusiveness of the dispensation, concerns about treatment of women and minorities, matters related to travel of Afghans, issues regarding humanitarian assistance. So it is an evolving situation," he said.

Payne said: "For Australia's part, we are also very focused on seeking safe passage for those in Afghanistan — citizens, foreign nationals, visa holders of other countries who seek to leave Afghanistan, and we have urged that they be allowed to leave safely and means are available for them to do so. We are very conscious of the impact of violence and breaches of human rights on the Afghanistan community."

"And, again, would call

for those human rights, fundamental human rights to be observed... humanitarian assistance will be a very important focus for the international community. We know that not only the recent events will have exacerbated any issues that were already being dealt with, but the ongoing drought, the significant internal and external displacement of citizens, the need for the World Food Program, the UNHCR, the International Organization for Migration, to be allowed, unimpeded, and safe access to provide humanitarian support is something which is very front of mind for Australia and for the international community," she said.

Payne, who is also Australia's minister for women, said: "I would also strongly reinforce Australia's views in relation to the position of women and girls. For 20 years, we have worked with the international community and the people of Afghanistan, to ensure that the circumstances for women and girls, in relation to education, participation in the workforce, the protection of their basic rights were preserved and, in fact, allowed to grow. And there are many women and girls who attest to the achievements of those two decades, and Australia stands with other members of the international community in seeking to ensure that it is not wound back. And the participation of women and girls in their own right, in a just way in the community is allowed to continue."

Jaishankar asserted on the importance of combating terrorism without any compromise. "Today is the 20th anniversary of 9/11, it is a reminder, if one is still needed, of the importance of combating terrorism without compromise. Close as we are to its epicentre, let us appreciate the value of international cooperation to that end," he said.

Defence Minister Rajnath

Singh said they discussed various institutional frameworks for wide-ranging collaboration including defence cooperation and the fight against the global pandemic. "We exchanged views on Afghanistan, Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific, cooperation in multilateral formats and other related topics... we will work towards taking them to greater heights," he said.

Australian Defence Minister Peter Dutton said there is desire in both countries to see peace and prosperity in the region. "Neither Australia nor India are aggressive nations. We stand for our values. And we work very closely together because our values align," he said.

"And so the arrangements between our respective defence agencies are more important than ever," he said.

Asked about Quad being called the Asian NATO, Jaishankar said: "We call ourselves Quad and Quad is a platform where four countries have come to cooperate for their benefit and for the benefit of the world. I think that a term like NATO is very much a Cold War term... (it's about) looking back."

"I think Quad looks to the future. It reflects globalisation, it reflects the compulsions of countries to work together. And if you look at the kind of issues Quad is focused on today — vaccines, supply chains, education, connectivity... I can't see any relationship between such issues and NATO or any other kind of organisations like that. So I think it's important not to misrepresent what is the reality out there," he said.

Later in the day, Payne and Dutton met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a Twitter post, Arindam Bagchi, spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs, said: "Our leaders' guidance and commitment to the relations has lent significant momentum to our ties."



Haryana's first sports injury rehab centre to come up in Panchkula, 3 more in offing



Haryana's first sports injury rehabilitation centre, the first of the four such centres in the state, will be set up in Panchkula at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex in Sector 3.

The announcement was made by Haryana Sports Minister Sandeep Singh after a meeting with a delegation of Gujarat Sports Department at Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex on Saturday morning. Singh also said the centre will be ready before next year's Khelo India games to be held in Haryana.

"Four new sports injury rehabilitation centres will be opened in Haryana. Injuries are part of a sportsperson's life but some players are unable to continue due to the injuries. Players have to go to other countries for their rehabilitation process. With the establishment of these centres, the first of which is being set up at Panchkula, players will be able to recover under expert supervision in the state itself," said Singh.

He also informed that 200 new coaches will be recruited in the Haryana Sports Department and more than 1,000 sports nurseries are being opened in the state. While the state has sports complexes in Gurgaon, Sonapat, Panchkula apart from other cities, the state saw a closing of sports nurseries in 2016.

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Mohanpura Bus Terminus, 167 passengers were tested and no positive case has been detected. Apart from this, 108 passengers travelling to Swaraj Bay Jetty were tested at Phoenix Bay Jetty and all were found negative. RTPCR test was conducted on 14 crew members of MV Kamorta and the reports are awaited.

The Director said,

"Apart from increasing the number of 533 coaches in various sports in the state by recruiting 200 new coaches, more than 1,000 sports nurseries in various disciplines are being opened in Haryana to increase the interest in sports among the children of Haryana. The Haryana Sports Department is also giving high-level training to the players of the state to encourage them to do well in sports competitions and bring laurels to the state. The state government will also honour the medallists and participants of Tokyo Paralympics in a ceremony to be held at Gurgaon on September 19," said Singh.

Apart from Singh, the Gujarat sports delegation met Haryana director, sports, Pankaj Nain, Haryana deputy director, sports, Kavita Devi, former Indian hockey captain Sardar Singh, former Indian volleyball captain Amir Singh and former volleyball coach Omprakash. The Gujarat delegation included Manish Jhiladiya, Nimesh Patel, Ramesh, Magendra Tomar, Kanji Bhalia, Sanjay Yadav, Vishwa Dhiman, Poonam Fumakia, Balwinder Kaur, Upasana Randeria and Usha Chaudhary as the officials discussed about Haryana sports policies as well as infrastructure.

today 354 beneficiaries were administered vaccines, out of which, 276 were in the age group of 18-44.

The Director, ANIMS, Dr. AK Mandal said one COVID patient has been admitted in GB Pant Hospital. The Deputy Director, GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De stated that there are no COVID patients in COVID Care Centres.



Recently a delegation of Bharatiya Janta Party, A & N Islands led by Shri Anil Kumar Tiwari, State Secretary and Convener Training Cell along with Shri Om Prakash Singh Senior leader of BJP & Shakthi Kendra Pramukh and Shri Dipankar Mystry, Ex- Zilla Parishad Ahyaksh, North & Middle Andaman met the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur Shri Ankit Yadav, IAS discussed regarding the long standing demands of the general public of the Diglipur region and highlighted their grievance before the Assistant Commissioner. The delegation further emphasized that the burning issues were pending for a long time which needs to be redressed for the welfare of the general public.

After a patient hearing, Mr. Ankit Yadav, AC, Diglipur sorted out many issues on the spot by discussing with concerned officials and left the issues will be looked into after discussing with the higher authority as assured to the delegation by AC Diglipur.

We the delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party, ANI would like to thank the Assistant Commissioner for the proactive approach towards the issues and very positively took up the matter for immediate redressal.

The Islanders got as a dynamic officer who is working for the betterment of the people as well as development of the islands.

'Nai Roshni'

and other institutions at all levels.

The leadership development training scheme shall be implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs through selected organizations. The selected organizations should implement the project directly through their organizational set-up in the locality/ village/ area. The Central Government and UT Administration training institutes including universities and institutes of higher learning can also implement the scheme. Organizations which would be eligible for applying for financial assistance under this scheme are Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860; a public Trust registered under any law for the time being in force, a private limited non-profit company registered under Section 25 of the Indian Companies Act, 1956; Universities/ Institutions of higher learning recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC), Training institutes of Central and State Government/ UT Administration including Panchayati Raj Training institutes and Duly registered Cooperative Societies of Women/ Self Help Groups.

The selected organization would have the responsibility to motivate, identify and select women to be trained in accordance with the criteria of the scheme from villages/ur-

ban localities having a substantial minority population. The organizations will involve Head of the Gram Panchayat/ Municipal Body/ Local Authority for identification/ selection of women trainees.

The details of the trainees will be submitted by the organization before the start of training through the Online Application Management System (OAMS) for Nai Roshni, once the project is approved. Although there will be no annual income bar, a woman/parent or guardian of woman having annual income not exceeding Rs.2.50 lakh from all sources would be given preference in selection. They should be between the age group of 18 years to 65 years.

The proposal should be submitted in the prescribed format through Online Application Management System (OAMS). The link of OAMS is available on official website of Ministry of Minority Affairs i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. After filling up the complete proposal in the OAMS, a print of the same may be taken and submitted to the District Collector/ District Magistrate for their recommendation in the prescribed format. The detailed guidelines of the scheme are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

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like Tailoring & Garment Making- 1 year (Female), Carpentry- 1 year (Male), General Engineering -1 year (Male).

At Bakultala training will be conducted on Manufacturing of Coir based products -1 year (Male & Female), Cane &

Bamboo Handicrafts - 1 year (Male & Female), Carpentry- 1 year (Male), General Engineering - 1 year (Male) and at Hutbay training will be imparted for trades like Carpentry - 1 year (Male) and General Engineering - 1 year (Male).

The last date for receipt of online applications complete in all respect in the portal <https://eservices.andaman.gov.in/> has been extended from September 10 to October 9, 2021, a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

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Emma Raducanu scripts history, beats Leylah Fernandez to win maiden US Open



Unseeded British teenager Emma Raducanu went from qualifier to champion at the US Open in just her second appearance at a Grand Slam tournament.

Raducanu beat Canadian teenager Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-3 in the final at Flushing Meadows on Saturday to become the first player to go preliminary qualifying rounds all the way to a major title in the professional era.

The 18-year-old Raducanu, who is ranked 150th, wound up winning all 20 sets she played in New York — six in qualifying, 14 in the main draw — and is the first woman to win the singles championship without dropping a set since Serena Williams in 2014.

This was the first major final between two teens since Williams, 17, beat Martina Hingis, 18, at the 1999 U.S. Open and the first between two unseeded women.

Raducanu broke to go up 4-2 in the second set, held for 5-2 and twice was a point from winning the title in the next game. But she let both of those opportunities slip away by putting groundstrokes into the net.

Then at 5-3, while Raducanu was serving for the match, she slid on the court chasing a ball to her backhand side, bloodying her left knee. A trainer came out to put a white bandage on the cut and, during a delay of more than four minutes, Fernandez — a 19-year-old left-hander from Canada ranked 73rd — spoke to chair umpire Marijana Veljovic.

When they resumed, Raducanu saved a pair of break points, then converted on her third chance to close it, ending a 108 mph ace. She dropped her racket, landed on her back and covered her face with both hands.

Raducanu is the first British woman to win a Grand Slam trophy since Virginia Wade at Wimbledon in 1977.

She is also the youngest

player to claim a women’s major title since Maria Sharapova was 17 at Wimbledon in 2004.

Fernandez was asked during a brief pre-match interview in the hallway that leads from the locker room to the court entrance what she expected Saturday’s greatest challenge to be.

“Honestly,” she responded, “I don’t know.”

Fair. Neither she nor Raducanu could have truly known what to expect in one of the unlikely final matchups in Grand Slam history.

Both walked out to loud ovations — Fernandez’s was slightly louder — and wearing their equipment bags with both straps over their shoulders, the way someone their age might do with a backpack for high school (Raducanu recently completed her exams) or college.

They both have played like veterans over these weeks in Flushing Meadows, with the poise and shot-making of veterans. The final was entertaining and, for the most part, even, filled with lengthy points and lengthy games. The talent and affinity for the big stage both possess is unmistakable.

Took 28 minutes for merely four games, with a break and a hold apiece making it 2-all. Both blew chances at times. At others, both came up with the

goods, producing on-the-run baseline excellence.

The second set’s initial four games unfolded in the same manner — 2-all after a break and a hold apiece.

One of the significant differences came at the start of points, because that is where Fernandez faltered more. She put only 58% of her first serves in, finished with five double-faults, helping Raducanu accumulate 18 break points.

The crowd was so quiet right before and during points that one could hear the right-handed Raducanu’s slap of a leg while waiting to receive serves or her whisper of an exhale while swinging her racket.

And folks — thrilled to be back on-site after last year’s pandemic ban of all spectators — got so loud after them, especially celebrating along with the left-handed Fernandez’s physical trainer, who would leap out of his front-row corner seat and shake his fists when things went his player’s way.

Fernandez’s group — including Mom, but not Dad, who stayed home in Florida, where they moved after early success in the juniors several years ago — was in the guest box assigned to the higher-ranked player. That’s a status Fernandez was unaccustomed to in the tournament as she beat four straight seeded women, each in three sets: defending champion Naomi Osaka and 2016 champ Angelique Kerber, No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka and No. 5 Elina Svitolina. So Fernandez came in having spent more than 12 1/2 hours on court through her six matches; Raducanu’s total was a tad more than 7 1/2 hours in the main draw. That seemed to be a factor.E

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Professional, Technical and Non-Technical courses.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that though the last date for submission of online forms was Aug 30, 2021, a large number of students could not fill the forms within that date due to extremely bad internet in rural pockets, especially in the inter Islands. Apart from this, another reason for not filling the form is that the result of NATA was declared on Sept 8 and of JEE phase 4 on Sept 10, 2021.

He said that this is the reason why a lot of good

students have not filled the forms for the mainland institution seats.

There are 272 seats that will be distributed through this process. Under these circumstances, the MP requested the Lt. Governor to instruct the Education Department to extend the dates by a week. i.e from September 13 to 19, 2021 so that all those who qualified in different entrance tests may get an opportunity to get a seat in the Government Colleges on the mainland, as distributed by the A&N Administration.

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ence of District and Sessions Judge - cum- Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, A&N Islands, Port Blair, the Registrar, High Court, Calcutta, Circuit Bench at Port Blair, the Secretary (Law), A&N Administration, Judicial Officers and others. Out of the total 318 pre-litigation bank recovery cases, 73 pre-litigation BSNL recovery cases, 1 pre-litigation case registered at the ADR Centre and 1689 cases pending in different courts at Port Blair were referred to the National Lok Adalat, out of which 77 pre-litigation bank recovery cases, 5 pre-litigation BSNL recovery cases and 1272 criminal cases pending in Courts have been settled and finally disposed of by the National Lok Adalat at Port Blair. Disposing of 77 bank recovery cases, the involved amount of Rs. 2,72,74,350.08/- have been settled at Rs.1,38,40,195/- thus paving a benefit of Rs. 1,34,34,155.08/- to the bank loan customers. A sum of Rs.8,82,800/- was realized on the spot. Disposing of 5 BSNL recovery cases, the involved amount of Rs. 1,62,780/- have been settled at Rs. 1,25,000/- thus paving a benefit of Rs. 37,780/- to the customers. An amount of Rs. 1,000/- was realized on the spot. Disposing of 1272 Criminal cases, a sum of Rs. 91,550/- was realized as fine amount.

In Mayabunder, one bench was constituted and 24 pre-litigation cases were taken up, out of which 14 were disposed and settled at Rs. 14,30,000/- , out of which Rs. 40,000/- was paid on the spot. 83 cases pending in different courts were taken up out of which 33 were disposed of. 31 criminal compoundable cases were disposed and a fine amount of Rs. 20,350/- was realized. 1 bank recovery case was settled at Rs. 5,50,000/- and an amount of Rs. 10,000/- was paid on the spot. 1 matrimonial dispute was also settled at the Lok Adalat.

The District Legal Services

Authority has constituted four benches at Port Blair and one Bench at Mayabunder. The Benches at Port Blair were presided over by Shri Raja Chatterjee, Additional District and Sessions

Judge, Port Blair, Shri Prasanta Kumar Sil, Judge, Family Court, Port Blair, Shri. Sanjay Naskar, Joint Civil Judge (Sr. Division), Port Blair and Shri. Md. Nurjaman Khan, Judicial Magistrate First Class-I, Port Blair sitting with Shri. Maheswar Lall, Advocate, Ms. Anita Hegde, Advocate, Shri. Navin Kumar Misra, Advocate and Ms. Preeja Menon, Advocate, Shri. Nand Kishore Lall, Ex-Councillor, PBMC , Ms. Sheela Singh, Ex-Councillor, PBMC, Shri. Uday Kumar, Ex-Councillor, PBMC and Ms. Ratna Kannan, Former Member Juvenile Justice Board. The bench at Mayabunder was presided over by Shri. Jimut Bahan Biswas, Additional District and Sessions Judge -cum- Chairman, Sub-Divisional District Legal Services Authority, North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder sitting with Shri. Arabinda Nandi, Advocate and Shri. Ajoy Mondal, Post Graduate Teacher, Govt. S.S.S. Bakultala.

In the National Lok Adalat held at Port Blair, Shri Soundara Pandian, Principal, Andaman Law College alongwith faculty members and students of Andaman Law College were present. Shri. Sudipta Kumar De, Secretary (Law), A&N Administration and the Member Secretary, SLSA was also present on the occasion. The entire programme was arranged by Shri. Ayan Majumder, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, DLSA, Port Blair under the supervision and guidance of Shri. Subhash Kumar Kar, Chairman, DLSA -cum- District and Sessions Judge, A&N Islands, a press release from Secretary, DLSA said.

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The CEO Office, A&N Islands has requested all the electors/citizens to download the Voter Helpline App from Play store (Android)/ App Store (iOS) and follow the steps after installation of App viz. Agree the terms & conditions; Click on new user from Login screen to register; registered users may login using mobile number and password and Skip login if you don’t want to register, a press release from CEO Office, A&N Islands said.