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Dharna at Shaheed Dweep

Port Blair, Nov 29: Along with local residents, Former Zilla Parishad Member of Shaheed Dweep has intimated the Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman on holding a Mass Dharna in the region to seek resolution to some of their major demands. Some of the demands raised by the residents include dependable mobile network and internet connectivity including OFC cable connection, posting of Bengali PGT and GTTs in Maths, Humanities at the Senior Secondary School of Shaheed Dweep and improvement of the road network in the island.

MP demands earmarking of swimming area with double safety netting for tourists and local residents at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches

Port Blair, Nov 29: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to earmark a proper swimming area at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches with double safety netting for tourists and local residents, so that safeswimming can be opened in these three prominent beaches. In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Sharma added that as tourism has revived in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, thousands of tourists are reaching Port Blair on a daily basis and many of them are going back deeply disappointed as they are unable

to swim in any of the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas. He pointed out that Andaman and Nicobar Islands being a beach destination, tourists mainly plan to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands to experience swimming in sea and also to enjoy water sports activities but in all the beaches in and around Port Blair, viz Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove swimming is prohibited because of threat of crocodile attack. The Member of Parliament said that tourists who spend thousands of rupees to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands get very disappointed when they are told that swimming is only allowed in Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep and not in

Port Blair and adjoining areas. This sending a negative signal to all over the world and will surely harm Andaman's Tourism Industry in the coming future, he mentioned. Mr. Sharma added that not only tourists, local residents are also unable to swim in any of the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas even when they live very close to sea, which is a major source of disappointment. He said that Tourism is the main industry in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and thousands of people are solely dependent on Tourism for their livelihood and this is extremely important to look into these important issues to promote Andaman as Tourism globally.



Andaman Tamizhar Sangam felicitates child prodigy Shiva Yogetha

The 4 year old entered the national and international book of records by reciting backward numbers 100 to 1 in a round time



Port Blair, Nov 29: All children are born with some inherent talent and it depends on how the talent is brought out in a child during its formative stages. In a classic example of how parents can play vital role in identifying the inherent and inborn talent in a child, parent namely Sivakumar and Radhika, residents of Shore Point in Bamboofel brought out the inborn talent



Shri K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson of Municipal Council, inaugurating ALEPH Driving School at Buniyadabad, opposite Old BSNL Building, Port Blair. In presence of Pastor Raja, Owner of G. Kamaleswarar. Amid growing unemployment in these islands, the Driving School will provide an opportunity to youth in these islands to secure license after training and get jobs both in the government and private sectors, said Shri Ganeshan on the occasion.

Dharna and Chakka Jam by Diglipur Congress Unit to press various Demands

Port Blair, Nov 29: To condemn the callous attitude of the Administration in resolving the grievances of the public, the Pradesh Congress Committee has organized Dharna and Chakka Jam in Diglipur along with other parts of North & Middle Andaman from 10.30 AM to 12.00 Noon at Subhashgram Bazar. The demands include repair of National Highway in North & Middle Andaman, Conducting PRIs Elections, resolving of shortage of lifesaving pills and emergency medicines, demand for the visit of respective administrative Secretaries to have a firsthand



Plea for development of sports infra in Mayabunder

Mayabunder, Nov 29: There is an adage that healthy minds live in healthy body. And for that every human man being needs to practice physical activities like games and sports. After nearly two years of corona pandemic sports and games activities needed to develop infrastructure for physical activities at Mayabunder for keeping their

physique healthy and develop a well-disciplined and moral life and keep their mind and body flexible, especially for keeping the youths away in indulgence in developing bad habits. Youths in Karen community irrespective of men and women, old and young, are keen interested in football, and in Diglipur, Mayabunder, Billy

Andaman State Committee of IUML meets

Port Blair, Nov 29: The Andaman State Committee of All India Kerala Muslim Cultural Centre, an Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) affiliated organization held its first General Council Meet and Palliative Care Awareness Programme in



ANCA hold maiden Chess Tourney in N&M Andaman

Port Blair, Nov 29: First ever North & Middle District Open Chess Tournament 2021 was organised by Andaman Nicobar

Chess Association (ANCA) on Sunday the 28th November 2021 at Youngster's Club, Keralapuram, Diglipur. The event was sponsored

by Saravana Xerox Diglipur and Andaman Trad Syndicate, Port Blair. All safety norms for COVID were adhered during the entire

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Black Boys win Buniyadabad Premier League Cricket tourney



Port Blair, Nov 29: Organized in memory of Late Rajesh & Paul, Buniyadabad Premier League Cricket concluded on Monday. Former Chairperson of Municipal Council, Shri K. Ganeshan was the chief guest on the occasion. Shri Jagdev Ram SO ICMR, Smt Laxmi Ganeshan, and Mr Ellaraja (Asst) President, Youth Congress, Smt Mohini, Mr Raju ICMR were present as the guests of honor. The finals of the tournament was played between Black boys Vs Lashwith Warriors and the former won the tournament, which got underway on Nov 8 with a total six teams namely Lashwith Warriors, Tamil Warriors, Freboys, Black

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

30 November 2021

Obesity is a social problem

The path to a nanny state is paved with good intentions. According to local reports, the council in the most obese area in Lancashire is planning to place restrictions on takeaway food to control the health menace. While this isn't a standalone measure — there is also talk of encouraging exercise and addressing mental health issues — it is of a piece with the notion that health and well-being stem primarily from the decisions individuals take — smokers get cancer, obese people diabetes and heart disease. Even sitting down — in sedentary jobs, people don't have a choice — is seen as a culprit. Hence, every so often, people must be subject to anodyne phrases like 'sitting is the new smoking' and before that, 'sugar is the new smoking'.

Restricting fast-food perhaps isn't a bad idea, particularly for young people amongst whom research indicates it is both a consequence of and cause for mental issues. But what do you replace it with? Kids having KFC and McDonald's for multiple meals in the West are statistically more likely to belong to lower-income groups. In the West, it is more expensive and difficult to procure healthy produce than to walk down to the takeaway or order in.

Like most addictive substances, fast food targets the poor and vulnerable and the solution to it cannot just be restricting individual choice. Like most short-cuts in life, prohibition tends to backfire in the long run. What is more important is to ensure food habits and economies that do not make eating healthy a function of wealth, or something that requires intervention from the state. Obesity, like most public health issues, is a social problem. Tackling it requires expanding choice — especially the ability to make healthy ones — rather than restricting them.

Dharna and Chakka..

account of the problems faced by the public in islands, the resolve of Power shortage issue, filling up of vacant posts for islanders, disbursement of pending wages, regular disbursement of old age pension to elderly people, etc.

PCC President Shri Rangalal Halder, Shri G. Bhaskar, Chairman, Campaign Committee, N&M

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District President Shri Madhai Murshid, OBC Committee Chairman Shri Sushil Mondal, and other party workers and EX-PR members participated. During the stage of Chakka Jam, Police interfered and removed all of them and brought them to the PS Diglipur in a bus, and released them after a while.

Plea for development..

ground, Rangat and Baratang are well known for their skill in Football, cricket and hockey (in Diglipur) also. In Mayabunder there is a good number of Government servants, for refreshment they need some physical activities but lack of sports and games facilities they are deprived of such refreshments. A girls team was selected from North and Middle Andaman for National Hockey championship. But after return because of lack of infrastructure and without practice the team is forgotten. Four years back a foundation stone for swimming pool was laid in Luknow village but after that, that too was

also forgotten. Recently an authorized official from State Olympic Association Regional Office has been set up at Mayabunder for developing infrastructure and encouraging youth in sports and games activities at Mayabunder for North and Middle Andaman. People in Mayabunder are happy to receive such encouraging information after a long time. For people of Mayabunder, Diglipur, Billigound and Rangat, residents in the region have requested the administration to provide and extend support for development of infrastructure for sports and games.

Andaman State ..

a function held at CePee's Dawath Mahal, Wimberly gunj, South Andaman on 28th November, 2021 supported by Shihab Thangal Centre for Humanity, Shri M P Abdul Rasheed, (Social Worker), Director, Ration Rashheed

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Foundation was also felicitated during the function for the works done by him towards the needy persons during the outbreak of COVID. Shri Rashheed expressed his sincere gratitude towards all the members of the Committee.

ANCA hold maiden..

tournament. Mr. N. S. Stalin, Inspector, SHO, Diglipur was the chief guest of the event who inaugurated the tournament by making first move on the top board in presence of Shri. Singaram, a leading businessman of Diglipur who led the occasion as the guest of honour.

A good number of players participated in the event in which Sarath Menon of Mayabunder secured first position, N. Eshwar Rao of R K Gram stood second place, Darshak Mishra of Shipkur & P J Eppan of Keralapuram secured third and fourth position

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respectively. The top four players of the tournament were awarded with trophies, cash prize and certificates. by the chief guest and guest of honour. Prizes were also given to Best young player, best veteran and best women of the tournament. Mr. H. Dinesh, IAW as the chief arbiter for the tournament who presented the Arbitrator's report at the end of the event. As a goodwill gesture of the event, ANCA distributed new chess boards along with pieces to the Youngster's Club for the promotion of game of chess in the vicinity.

PMJDY accounts surge to 43 crore 85 lakh with deposit over one lakh 48 thousand crore rupees: Centre

The government has said that Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana accounts have surged to 43 crore 85 lakh with deposit balance of over one lakh 48 thousand crore rupees. Minister of State for Finance Dr. Bhagwat Kisanar Karad informed this in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today. He said, as of 29th March last year, the total number

of Jan Dhan accounts were around 38 crore. In reply to a question, the Ministers said the Government is not planning to come up with any scheme to provide monetary benefits to the beneficiaries of Jan Dhan accounts as at saving bank accounts including Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan accounts earn interest on deposits.

STAR HEALTH IPO OPENS TOMORROW: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

What a year it has been for India's capital markets. Till October, 43 companies had raised close to Rs 73,524 crore through a public issue. In the previous three years (2018, 2019, 2020), companies had raised Rs 30,959 crore, Rs 12,361 crore and Rs 26,613 crore respectively.

There have been several big ticket startups and fintech IPOs this year — Zomato, Paytm, Nykaa, Policybazaar — to name a few. Now, the issue of Star Health and Allied Insurance, a standalone health insurance company (SAHI) backed by billionaire investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala is set to open for subscription on Tuesday.

The company plans to raise Rs 7,249 crore from investors, which includes a fresh issue of Rs 2,000 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of Rs 5,249 crore from existing investors. A price band of Rs 870-900 per share has been set for the issue.

The proceeds from the fresh issue will be used towards augmenting the capital base and maintaining solvency levels, Star Health said.

Promoters Safecorp Investments, Konark Trust and MMPL Trust as well as a few other investors are looking to trim their stake in Star Health through the IPO. Jhunjhunwala holds 14 percent stake in the company while wife Rekha holds 3.26 per cent. Both are not pairing their stake.

Insurance industry in the country

remains under-penetrated. As of 2019, health insurance penetration in India was at just 0.36 per cent of GDP, compared with a global average of about 2 per cent. But, the awareness as well as growth is increasing due to

Khatri, analyst at Religare Broking. In this backdrop, Star Health is well placed being one of the largest private health insurers in India, with a market share of 15.8 per cent in financial year 2021. It has also built

The company's net premium earned has grown to Rs 5,022.8 crore in the fiscal year ended March 2021, compared with Rs 4,692.9 crore in the previous year and Rs 3,579.5 crore in 2018-19.

Star Health, however, reported operating loss of Rs 1,071.2 crore in 2020-21 versus operating profit of Rs 360.7 crore in 2019-20 and Rs 164.7 crore in 2018-19.

The company's performance was impacted by the pandemic last year and analysts say there remains a continued risk as a further impact of COVID-19 could lead to increase in claims.

Strong competition is another factor that must be also looked at. There are four other standalone health insurers (SAHI) in the market—Care, Max BUPA, Aditya Birla and Manipal Cigna. That apart, most general insurance companies, be it private or state-owned, offer a bouquet of health insurance products.

While Star remains a dominant player among the SAHI companies, the other SAHI players as well as the general insurance rivals like ICICI Lombard, HDFC Ergo and Bajaj Allianz have been growing at the same or higher rate in the range of 31-72 per cent, according to a report by Prime Investor. There is also increasing competition from digital-only players like Go Digit, Acko and Navi, which have the

advantage of offering products at a lower cost.

Another risk factor is whether the strong growth rates will continue once COVID-19 is behind us. Regulatory risks remain too.

"IRDA has recently made life-time automatic renewal of policies compulsory while not putting any restrictions on premiums. Any decision to cap premium increases based on inflation can be a jolt to health insurers as it would under score the current underwritten based premium calculation adopted by insurers as well as loading practices linked to lifestyle diseases," the Prime Investor report notes.

IPO valuations have been a contentious issue, especially after the steep discount listing of Paytm. How does Star Health fare on this front? Opinions are divided.

"The valuations commanded by Star Health at 5.5 times FY21 market cap gross written premium, are in-line with recent deals in the SAHI space and appears fair considering its positioning," says Maurya of ChoiceOne.

Rajnish Yadav of Angel Broking, however, opines that the higher price paid for Star Health is demanding a market cap to net premium earned multiple of 10.3 times, which is at a premium to the peer average. The demanded valuation is also at an elevated premium to recent capital issuances, the analyst added.

ANACS organizes Blood Donation Camp at INS Kumbhir

Port Blair, Nov 29: The Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp which was organized by INS Kumbhir, Port Blair on 26th November 2021 at INS Kumbhir, Port Blair as part of Navy Week. A total of 57 Defence personnel voluntarily donated blood and participated for this noble cause.

The camp was organized under the leadership of Dr. M. Joy, Project Director, A & N AIDS Control Society and Director, State Blood Transfusion Council, A & N Islands. Dr. Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health), Director of Health Services was the Chief Guest and inaugurated the camp.

The Blood Donation was facilitated by the Dr. Ganesh Samadder, CMO (NFSG), Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood



and briefed the donors on various aspects and importance of blood donation. Voluntary Blood donation is the best way to celebrate any occasion. Blood has no replacement and is the best gift to mankind. He motivated all voluntary blood donors to donate blood fearlessly in the forthcoming camp with all covid-19 protocols.

Augustin Raja, Lieutenant Commander Executive Officer for Commanding Officer, NS Kumbhir C/o. Navy Office, Port Blair organized the camp and made arrangements for conducting the camp successfully. The technical team from Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and A & N AIDS Control Society ensured that the donated blood units are screened for the blood transmissible diseases. They also examined the donors for eligibility. Donors certificates were also distributed to the voluntary donors.

Driving licence test in N & M Andaman

by DJ Venkatesh :: Mayabunder informed that the following schedule at Diglipur, Nov 29: State the transport Department Mayabunder and Transport Service, shall be conducted as per

NOTICE

The various categories of driving licence test at mayabunder and diglipur shall be conducted as per the following schedule:

AT MAYABUNDER

| Sl. No. | Category of test | Date | Timing | Venue |
|---------|------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | 2-Wheeler | 7/12/2021 | 8.00 AM | STS Workshop, Lucknow, Mayabunder |
| 2. | 4-Wheeler | 7/12/2021 | 9.00 AM | do |
| 3. | HGV & others | 7/12/2021 | 3.00 PM | do |

AT DIGLIPUR

| Sl. No. | Category of test | Date | Timing | Venue |
|---------|------------------|------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | 2-Wheeler | 10/12/2021 | 8.00 AM | In front of APWD Guest House |
| 2. | 4-Wheeler | 10/12/2021 | 9.00 AM | Tri-junction near APWD Guest House |
| 3. | HGV & others | 10/12/2021 | 3.00 PM | do |

Researchers try producing potato resistant to climate change

University of Maine researchers are trying to produce potatoes that can better withstand warming temperatures as the climate changes.

Warming temperatures and an extended growing season can lead to quality problems and disease, Gregory Porter, a professor of crop ecology and management, told the Bangor Daily News.

The predictions for climate change are heavier rainfall events, and potatoes don't tolerate flood or wet conditions for long without other quality problems, Porter said. If we want potatoes to be continued to be produced successfully in Maine, we need to be able to produce varieties that can be resistant to change.

Around the world, research aimed at

mitigating crop damage is underway. A NASA study published this month suggests climate change may affect the production of corn and wheat, reducing yields of both, as soon as 2030.

Maine is coming off of a banner potato crop thanks in part to the success of the Caribou russet, which was developed by Maine researchers. But Porter fears that even that variety isn't as heat tolerant as necessary to resist the future effects of climate change.

Pests are another factor. The Colorado potato beetle and disease-spreading aphids have flourished with the changing climate, said Jim Dill, pest management specialist at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Breeding seemingly small changes like

hairier leaves that make it difficult for insects to move around on the plant can cut down on pests' destruction and also the need for pesticides, he said.

Breeding such characteristics into potatoes is a long process of cross-pollinating different potato varieties. The process is well underway. They're in a research testing phase right now at sites throughout the United States. Test potatoes in Virginia, North Carolina and Florida are testing high temperature stress. It takes 10 years of selection after that initial cross pollination, and it might take two to five years before enough commercial evaluation has taken place to release a new potato variety, Porter said.



Andaman Tamizhar..

in their kind namely Shiva Yogatha. The kid aged four years has now created a world record by becoming the fastest reciter of

number from 100 to 1 backwads in a record time of 51 seconds Shiva Yogatha who is yet to attend school has been tutored by her mother who identified the talent in her kid and brought the talent into Shiva Yogatha has now entered the India Book of Records and International book of records to become the youngest to recite backwards from 100-1, Recognizing her talent, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman also felicitated Shiva Yogatha last week. The Andaman Tamizhar Sangam organized a function at 6.00pm on 26.11.2021 to felicitate Shiva Yogatha. In the function held at the hall of Andaman Tamizhar Sangam Shiva Yogatha along with her parents were felicitated by the executive & general body members of the Sangam

Show casing her talent as part of the felicitation ceremony, Baby Shiva Yogatha along with her parents were felicitated by the executive & general



body members of the Sangam Show casing her talent as part of the felicitation ceremony, Baby Shiva Yogatha recited back the number

from 100 to 1 in a record time before

an audience of about hundreds present at the hall of Andaman Tamizhar Sangam. She also took the audience by surprise when she could spell out 210 English vocabularies flawlessly in a record time. Appreciating the young talent, the Andaman Tamizhar Sangam presented a memento with citation and a cash prize of Rs.10000/- to Baby Shiva Yogatha. Besides, the Andaman Tamizhar also assured all help to the child in her future education.

Applauding the young talent, the awestruck audience appreciated the parents for having brought out in the child, which other wise, would have gone unnoticed. Members of Executive and General body of Andaman Tamizhar Sangam appreciated the talent of Shiva Yogatha and lauded her parents for making her child achieve the rare feat.

Parliament passes bill to repeal three farm laws

Parliament Monday passed The Farm Laws Repeal Bill, to repeal the three contentious laws against which farmers have been protesting for over a year. The bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on the very first day of the winter session, amid ruckus from opposition leaders demanding a discussion. The bill, however, was passed without any discussion after it was introduced by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. The opposition sought a debate on the bill and came to the well of the House raising slogans and banners. Speaker Om Birla said that he was ready for the debate provided there is order in the House. As the

opposition continued the protests, the Speaker announced the passage of the bill after voice vote. In the Rajya Sabha, before the motion was adopted for the passage of the bill, Deputy Chairman Harivansh allowed Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to speak for two minutes. Kharge was of the view that the government has taken back the three farm laws in view of the forthcoming elections in five states after reviewing the results of recent bypolls. Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait called it a tribute to farmers who lost their lives in the agitation. He, however, added that farmer protests will continue till pending demands are

sorted. "This is a tribute to all 750 farmers who lost their lives during the agitation. The protest will continue as other issues including MSP are still pending," Tikait told ANI on Saturday. Farmers defied their 'sanskad chalo', or 'march to Parliament' call, which was initially scheduled for Monday. "We are postponing 'Parliament march' for November 29. In a special address to the nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 19 announced that all three farm laws, which were passed by Parliament in September last year, will be repealed in the winter session. The Supreme Court had stayed the implementation of the three laws in January.

RBI working on digital rupee, govt informs Parliament



India's digital currency is on its way. The government informed Parliament the first day of winter session that it is working on a digital rupee. This is the first official confirmation of the move, after days of speculation over RBI's blueprint for digital currency following the listing of the Cryptocurrency Bill for consideration in the present session. RBI sent the proposal to the finance ministry last month to amend the definition of 'bank note' to include currency in digital form. "The RBI has been examining use cases and working out a phased implementation strategy for introduction of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) with little or no disruption," said the finance ministry note in response to a question in the Lok Sabha on Monday. There has been major turmoil and confusion in the cryptocurrency market ever since the Cryptocurrency Bill was listed to be taken up in the winter session of the Parliament, which kicked off today. The bill's description that it is to "create a facilitative framework for creation of the official digital currency to be issued by the RBI" as well as its supposed aim of prohibiting "all private cryptocurrencies in India" had caused significant price fluctuations in the crypto market. While the Parliament confirmation still leaves many ambiguities over the future for private cryptocurrencies, at least until the provisions of the bill become public, Monday afternoon's statements the first clear indication of the official stance. "The introduction of CBDC has the potential to provide significant benefits such as reduced dependency on cash, higher seigniorage due to lower transaction costs, reduced settlement risk," says the note. The introduction of CBDC would also possibly lead to a more robust, efficient, trusted, regulated and legal tender-based payment system. But there is a caveat. There are also associated risks which need to be carefully evaluated against the potential benefits, the government warns.

e-TENDER NOTICE

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The Executive Engineer, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from the approved and eligible Enlisted Electrical Contractors of the **Andaman PWD and Non APWD Contractors** irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed work dealing with Electrical works in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Govt. Organizations & do not have any adverse remarks, for the work mentioned below.

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I, **BALSARA RAJU**, D/o B. Raju, aged about 20 years, by faith Hindu R/o Bethany Child Home, Bathu Basti, Garacharma, South Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. As Permanent Address, Presently Residing at Valluvar Nagar, Near Valluvar Nagar Panchayat, Bambooflat, South Andaman, Andaman Nicobar Islands, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have completed 20 years of my age and my date of birth is 08.11.2001.
2. That I have so many Muslim friends, and I am very much impressed by my friends and the teaching of Islam and culture.
3. That, I intend to embrace Islam religion and renounce Hinduism.
4. That, there is no any criminal force or undue influence or any coercion of any person or persons behind embracing Islam but only as per my will and wish.
5. That hereinafter I shall be known as **SAIRA BANU** as a member of Islam religion.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration of false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as **SAIRA BANU** instead of **BALSARA RAJU** for all purposes and intends.

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

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1. That I have completed 20 years of my age and my date of birth is 08.11.2001.
2. That, in all my documents my name is mentioned, printed and written as **BALSARA RAJU**.
3. That, now I have embraced Islam religion and renounce Hinduism as per my will and wish and I adopted new Islamic name as **SAIRA BANU**.
4. That hereinafter I shall be known as **SAIRA BANU** as a member of Islam religion.
5. That this affidavit is made for adopting new name and making correction in all my personal and official documents.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

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NEHRU MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY Teen Murti House, New Delhi-110011 (Autonomous Body set up by the Govt. of India)

The Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML), an Autonomous Body under the Ministry of Culture, seeks qualified candidates for appointment to the post of Director, Nehru Planetarium.

Post: Director, Nehru Planetarium

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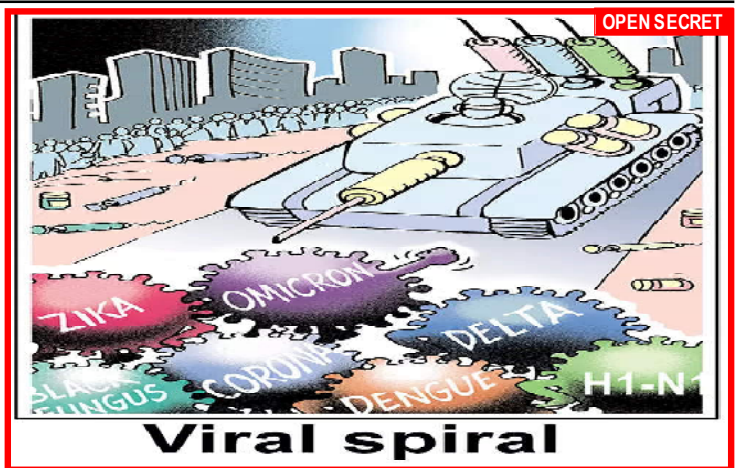
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First Saudi female racer appointed ambassador for F1 GP

Saudi Arabia's first female racing driver Reema Juffali has been appointed an ambassador for the country's inaugural Formula One Grand Prix in Jeddah this week, organisers said on Monday.

The 29-year-old, who competed in the British Formula Three championship this year, will be one of the first to drive a lap of the street circuit along the shores of the Red Sea.

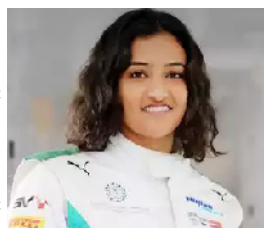
She will also take part in a track shakedown of a 1979 Williams Formula One car, which carried sponsors tip for national airline Saudia.

"I'm really looking forward to taking part

in the activities over the race weekend and I hope that my story and journey can provide some inspiration to anyone thinking of following their dream," she said in a statement.

Saudi Arabia lifted a ban on women driving in 2018 and Juffali became the first Saudi female license holder to compete in a series that same year.

Saudi's Formula One race will be the third of four in the Middle East this season and could also be a title decider. Red Bull's Max Verstappen leads Mercedes' seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton by eight points ahead of the penultimate round.



Rahul Dravid gives Rs 35000 to groundsmen for preparing sporting pitch

KANPUR: He has always been different from the rest and Dravid's new head coach Rahul Dravid proved it once again by giving Green Park's groundstaff, led by Shiv Kumar, Rs 35,000 for preparing a sporting pitch for the first Test against New Zealand.

The Indian-born Ajaz Patel and Rachin Ravindra showed remarkable resilience under fading light and on a deteriorating track to defy India's famous spinners and take out a thrilling draw for New Zealand after an engrossing fifth and final day of the opening Test on Monday.

We would like to make an official announcement. Mr Rahul Dravid has paid Rs 35,000 personally to our groundsmen," the Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association

(UPCA) announced in the press box after the game.

During his time, Dravid was known to play the game fair and square and things haven't changed one bit even after so many years. The tip was taken of appreciation for not dishing out an under-prepared track where the pitch would explode and the match would end inside three days. It was a proper pitch where batters who have applied and on a deteriorating track to defy India's famous spinners, such as Shreyas Iyer, Shubman Gill, Tom Latham and Will Young, while pacers Tim Southee and Kyle Jamieson tormented India's top-order and the home team tweekers got 17 wickets. Dravid's appreciation means that the template going forward would be sporting wickets with a bit of everything rather than something diabolical.

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