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Cabinet Okays Rs 77.45 Crore For Revival Of North Eastern Agri-Marketing Corporation

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on Wednesday approved a ₹ 77.45 crore package for the revival of state-run North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation. See... Page 02

Construct modern sanitary offices in 24 wards with more facilities for conservancy workers

Port Blair, Aug 18: In order to ensure that the city remains neat and clean, municipalities across the country construct sanitary offices in each ward of their municipal areas. While the majority of the Municipality in various states have modern sanitary offices in each ward of their municipal limit, the Port Blair Municipal Council is the only municipality in the country which is yet to construct sanitary offices in each of the 24 wards. Presently, the PBMC has only few

sanitary offices and in most of the wards, the sanitary offices are functioning either from community halls or dilapidated structures in the wards. While the PBMC has vacant lands in each ward for construction of modern sanitary offices, due to lack of interest and will, the PBMC has not taken up construction of modern sanitary offices in all these municipal wards. Sanitary offices under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors supervise the

conservancy of the municipality. He undertook supervision of measures taken for the cleanliness and sanitation of the city, markets and other sanitation related activities on his ward. Other activities like ensuring cattle don't roam on roads, supervision of municipal trenching grounds and burning ghats. Supervision of measures taken for cleanliness of roads, drains and public thoroughfares, and repairs to drains. With Port Blair selected as one of

the smart cities, new sanitary offices with more facilities for conservancy workers, with office room for the Sanitary Inspector and washing and changing room for the workers will become of the measures to improve the working conditions of the conservancy workers. Presently, all the sanitary offices are hugely inadequate in meeting the basic requirements of the workers and officials. Modern green buildings for the Sanitary offices with See... Page 02

MP demands Identification and removal of dangerous trees and compensation to victim families of tree falling accidents

Port Blair, Aug 18: Highlighting about some of the recent fatal accidents, where people have lost lives or properties due to falling of trees on residential areas, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Lt. Governor to set up a task force, consisting of



officials of Forest, Revenue, APWD Departments and fire Services to identify all trees, which are potential threats to human life and properties. In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor the Member of Parliament mentioned that Andaman and Nicobar Islands receive two monsoons viz northeast monsoon and the southwest monsoon. Other See... Page 02

IGNOU launches PG Diploma in Animal Welfare

Port Blair, Aug 18: The School of Extension and Development Studies of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched a new programme - Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare (PGDAW). The one year Post Graduate Diploma in Animal Welfare is offered in English medium. Fees Rs. 5400/- consists

of 4 courses namely Animal Welfare Issues, Animal Welfare Laws, Policies and Organizations and Animal Welfare Practices, Economics and Livelihood. Graduation in any discipline from a recognized University are eligible for the programme. The PGDAW programme is activated at Regional Centre, Port Blair. The

Admissions are going now for July 2021 session both online and offline mode. (Interested students may visit I G N O U website: www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kamada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111. Email: portblair@ignou.ac.in

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in Isles

Port Blair, Aug 18: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 3,29,103 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1623

people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 119,584 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till 17-08-2021. 1108 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North Andaman District, out of which 701 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Similarly, 451 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 241 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 64 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which 17 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Schools can't deny admission in Class 11 to their Class 10 pass outs

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: The Department of Education, A & N Administration has made it clear that no school can deny admission in class 11 to its class 10 pass

outs. In a circular issued by the Director of Education, schools of the UT have been asked to give admission in class 11 to students that have passed class 10 from their

school. The circular is issued by the Department following inputs regarding denial of few schools in giving admission to its class 10 pass out students in class 11.

Covishield: WHO flags fake jabs in India, Africa

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: The World Health Organization (WHO) said it has identified counterfeit versions of India's primary COVID vaccine, Covishield. The doses were seized by authorities in India and Africa between July and August, a WHO statement said. It also said the vaccine's maker, Serum Institute of India, confirmed that the doses were fake. The WHO warned that fake vaccines "pose a serious risk to global public



health". It called for their removal from circulation. There has been no official statement by the Indian government, but local reports said the country's health ministry was investigating the matter. "Although we have a strong system to prevent such cases, with this development, the only thing we want to ensure is that no Indian received a fake vaccine," an unidentified health official told the Mintnews website. Covishield is the Indian-made version of AstraZeneca's jab and is the most widely used vaccine in India with more than 486 million doses administered so far. Serum had supplied millions of Covishield vaccines to countries in Asia, Africa See... Page 02

Drawing & Singing competition onboard Coral Queen

DJ Venkatesh



Hutbay, Aug 18: To commemorate the 75th Independence Day celebrations, the management of Coral Queen ship

organized a drawing and singing competition onboard on 16th August 2021 during the vessel's voyage from Hutbay to Port Blair. All the winners

were felicitated with prizes. It's an appreciative public interest measure continuing since the ship is providing services in the islands.

Women Can Take NDA Exam, Says Supreme Court, Slams "Mindset Problem"

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: Women can sit for the NDA (National Defence Academy) admission exam - which has been rescheduled for November 14 - the Supreme Court said Wednesday afternoon in a landmark interim order that could allow more women to serve in India's armed forces. The court slammed a "mindset problem" when it comes to equal service opportunities for men and women in the country's armed forces, and

warned the government "you better change". The court also expressed hope that today's interim order would persuade the Army to initiate that change of its own accord, rather than be forced to do so because of a directive from the judiciary. "This is a mindset problem. You (the government) better change it, don't force us to pass orders," the top court said, adding, "This policy decision is based on gender discrimination. We direct the respondents to take a constructive

view of the matter in view of the judgment of this court." "The endeavour is to persuade the Army to do things itself. We would prefer if the Army did something itself, rather than us passing orders," the top court added. A division bench of Justice SC Kaul and Justice Hrishikesh Roy also expressed displeasure over women being denied equal opportunities despite the other verdicts on the matter, including a ruling by Justice DY See... Page 02

PBMC yet to take up construction of sheds for waste segregation activities, sufficient land available with civic body

Port Blair, Aug 18: Hundreds of safai karmachari engaged in the waste segregation work in the Port Blair Municipal Council are working in the most horrible condition due to lack of sheds for waste segregation work and without basic amenities. In heavy rain or scorching heat, these sanitary workers of the municipal council had to perform their duties without basic amenities. As a result, some of these sanitary workers risk health issues. These safai karmacharies of PBMC had

to perform the waste segregation works, one of the dirtiest work in a horrible condition due to absence of sheds, drinking water and other basic amenities. The Council has its own land for construction of the waste segregation task, but the Council has yet to construct shed and the compound wall here these safai karmacharies of the Council can sit and perform the waste segregation work. The construction of sheds for segregation activities by the sanitary workers should be undertaken under the Smart City

Project. The Smart City Mission has various projects for which sufficient funds were made available to the Port Blair Municipal Council which is laying unutilized. Only a few projects have been successfully completed under the SCM and the bulk of the funds remain unused by the Council. The PBMC has separate lands in all the wards for construction of sheds for waste segregation. While some municipal wards have sheds, but most of the wards, the Council has yet to develop

sheds. These sheds are meant to protect the sanitary workers from rain and sun. The Port Blair Municipal Council under the Solid Waste Management Scheme of Swachh Bharat Mission is mandated to provide sheds at places where waste segregation work is carried out by the sanitary workers engaged by the Council. The construction of such sheds at various points will help the sanitary worker to perform their duties in a proper manner.

Live phone-in prog at DDK

Port Blair, Aug 18: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast Live Phone in Programme on the Topic: "Agro Eco Tourism: A Boon for the Island Economy" in Agriculture programme on 19/08/2021, Thursday from 1730 to 1800 hrs. In this Programme Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director CIARI will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

Media briefing on COVID-19

COVID-19: No new +ve cases detected, people advised to follow CAB

Port Blair, Aug 18: No positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected on Wednesday. Altogether, 463 passengers arrived here in three flights on Wednesday. RT-PCR tests were conducted on all of them and the results will be available tomorrow. All the 556 passengers arrived here in four flights on Tuesday tested negative for the infection. None of the 263 passengers bound for the

North and Middle Andaman district tested positive for the infection at Farrangji today, said the Secretary, Information, Publicity and Tourism, Mr SK Singh. At the daily press briefing, Mr Singh informed that currently there is one active case of COVID-19 in these islands and the patient is undergoing treatment at a COVID Care facility in South Andaman. A total of 165 passengers

were tested at Mohanpura, 196 at Phoenix Bay and all tested negative for the infection. 500 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at JNRM today in which 200 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-45 years, said Mr Singh. More than 3.29 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in these islands. Over 2.30 See... Page 02

IGNOU invites online application for the post of Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors

Port Blair, Aug 18: Indira Gandhi National Open University invites Online applications from the eligible candidates, in the prescribed application form available on the website of the University (www.ignou.ac.in), for appointment on deputation basis, to the posts of Regional Directors and Assistant Regional Directors, in various Regional Centres of IGNOU

located in the North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir (Srinagar) and Port Blair (Andaman & Nicobar). The online portal will be open from 05.08.2021. The last date for the submission of online application is 15.09.2021 or 30 days from the date of publication of advertisement in the Employment News, whichever is later. The hard copy of the printed See... Page 02

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's Family Seeks DNA Test Of Ashes Kept In Japan

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: Seven decades have elapsed since Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose went missing on this date in 1945, with many historians suggesting that he might have died in a plane crash, but the recurring demand to bring back his purported remains from a temple in Japan for DNA examination has not been met with thus far. The freedom fighter's grandnephew, Surya Kumar Bose, issued a statement on Tuesday, making a fresh appeal to authorities to facilitate DNA testing of the ashes that have been interred in Renkoji temple, in an attempt to put a lid on the controversies surrounding his See... Page 02

Banned commodities seized from District Jail

Port Blair, Aug 18: Based on confidential information received from sources that there is usage/circulation of contraband articles in the District Jail premises, Port Blair, a team of A&N Police led by a Deputy Inspector General of Police and other Senior Officers conducted searches inside the Jail premises on 17th August,

2021. A team of about 60 Police personnel along with Superintendent (Prisons) and two Executive Magistrates reached the District Jail and conducted searches. Thorough searches were conducted in the cells of the prisoners, library, kitchen and other common areas of the Jail premises. During the searches, 2

Mobile phones, 2 SM cards, 10 Knives, 28 packets of Bidi, 4 tins of Zarda, loose tobacco, betelnuts, 14 lighters, Myanmar currency amounting to 6500 Kyat and other documents and articles were recovered. These items are strictly prohibited within the Prison cells and premises. The search operation lasted for about 04 hours. In this regard, a case vide FIR No. 74/21 dated 17/08/2021 has been registered at Police Station Paharganj U/S 414, 120(B) IPC r.w.s. 42 of Prisons Act, 1894 and investigation has been taken to ascertain the source and origin of these prohibited articles found inside the prison.

COVID-19 Vaccine for Children Will Be Available In India by September, Says Director of ICMR-NIV

New Delhi, 18th Aug, 2021: The ICMR-National Institute of Virology (NIV) in Pune has been at the forefront of scientific research on SARS-CoV-2 in the country. "2021 was a difficult but rewarding year for us", said Ms Priya Abraham,



Director of ICMR-NIV in an interview with India Science, the OTT channel of the Department of Science & Technology. Giving an overview of vaccine development process at the institute, she said, "We quickly isolated and gave a

statement to Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL) by the end of April (2020), after which they developed a whole virion-inactivated vaccine in the month of May and gave us back for review. We checked it out See... Page 02

Shri K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson, PBMC hoisted national flags at Delanipur market Mohanpura Opp Tamil Medium school mini cargo auto association Mohanpura Truck and van drivers associations fruit market junglighthat Sonia Gandhi vegetable market fish market junglighthat truck and van driver associations on the occasion of 75th Independence Day celebration on 15th August 2021. Distubution of sweet and face mask During the conduct of events all COVID protocols were followed. See... Page 02



EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

19 August 2021

Bringing women into the workforce

As we celebrate India's 75th Independence Day, there are many reasons to cheer for all those committed to gender equality. Women have made rapid strides in access to education, even at the secondary and tertiary level. Large scale public investment is being made in improving sex ratios at birth, reducing maternal and infant mortality, improving access to sanitation, menstrual health services as well as family planning methods. Most importantly, successive governments have put in place policies and programmes to address gender bias. But, the recent release of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2019-20 clearly establishes women's exclusion from the labour force. Crucially, the latest PLFS covers the period of July 2019 to June 2020, including the Covid-19 induced national lockdown in March to June 2020. A review of the PLFS 2019-20 and the earlier surveys highlights the glacial pace of improvement in women's labour force participation and employment, and signs of Covid-linked distress. First, the gap between the male and female labour force participation continues to exceed 45 percentage points. The Female Labour Force Participation Rate (FLFPR) for working ages (15 years and above) declined from 47 per cent in 1987-88, hitting its nadir at 23 per cent in 2017-18. FLFPR has now recovered marginally to 30 per cent in 2019-20. In comparison, men had an FLFPR of 92 per cent and 77 per cent in 1987-88 and 2019-20 respectively — more than double the FLFPR. Second, even as the proportion of rural women at work increased, they remained predominantly employed in agriculture as wage labourers. Between 1987-88 to 2018-19, the rural female workforce participation rate (FWPR) fell from 53 per cent to 25 per cent. This decline was driven by gendered occupational segregation and continued gender gaps in skilling, which create barriers to women's employment in the manufacturing sector. However, between 2018-19 to 2019-20, the rural FWPR increased from 25 per cent to 32 per cent, the proportion of women employed in agriculture rose from 72 per cent to 76 per cent, and the share of rural women working as unpaid helpers in household enterprises rose from 38 per cent to 42 per cent. These rapid changes which occurred just in the last one year clearly reflect the distress caused by Covid-19 for rural women, hospitality, hotels, and restaurants sector (from 14 per cent to 22 per cent), and in construction, even as the proportion of women employed in manufacturing, professional, social and government services declined. Moreover, the casualisation of the urban women's labour increased, clearly indicating that even though more urban women were at work, their employment is riskier and working conditions more precarious post Covid-19.

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adequate facilities for the gents and women workers will not only fulfill the requirements of the sanitary workers and officials, but will also motivate the conservancy workers for efficient work. The former Chairperson, PBMC, Shri K. Ganeshan who has vast knowledge and experiences on municipal related affair and have detail ideas about the land allotted to the PBMC for such projects, if requested can assist the Council in

identifying the land allotted for such projects in each of the 24 wards. The construction of a sanitary office can be taken up under the Smart City Project. The Smart City Mission has various projects for which sufficient funds were made available to the Port Blair Municipal Council which is laying the foundation. Only a few projects have been successfully completed under the SCM and the bulk of the funds remain unused by the Council.

COVID-19 ..

lakh beneficiaries have received the first dose of the vaccine and around 99,026 beneficiaries have been administered both the doses. 119,584 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 463317 samples have been sent for tests at the designated

COVID-19 Vaccine ..

its complete inactivation, did its complete characterisation and started pre-clinical trials on hamsters and non-human primates, that is, monkey s. In the next phase, we assisted them in the Phase I, II and III clinical trials in areas such as diagnostic aspect and laboratory support. Here are some excerpts from the interview on the scientific developments on COVID-19. Presently, Phase I and II trials of COVAXIN are going on for children in the age group of 2-18 years. Hopefully, the results are going to be available very soon. The results will be presented to the regulators. So,

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laboratories of which reports of 463317 have been received taking the rate of testing to 1158293 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the media was informed.

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by September or just after it, we may have COVID-19 vaccines for children. This apart, Zydus Cadila's vaccine trial is also going on. This can also be applied for children and will be made available. Zydus Cadila's vaccine will be the first DNA vaccine which will be available for use. Besides, there is Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd's m-RNA vaccine, Biological-E vaccine, Serum Institute of India's Novavax and, another interesting one — an intranasal vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech International Limited. This vaccine does not require a jab and can be delivered through nostrils.

CABINET NOD FOR RS. 11,040 CRORE NATIONAL MISSION ON EDIBLE OILS-OIL

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEOP) with a financial outlay of ₹ 11,040 crore to promote the domestic cultivation of oil palm in the next five years, and reduce the country's dependence on edible oil imports. The decision comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the new central scheme on August 15 during his Independence Day speech at Red Fort Briefing reporters, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said the Cabinet approved the NMEOP with a focus on the northeast region and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Due to heavy dependence on imports for edible oils, it is important to make efforts for increasing the domestic production of edible oils in which

increasing area and productivity of oil palm plays an important part, he said.

The new central scheme has been approved with a financial outlay of ₹ 11,040 crore, he added. Under the NMEOP scheme, the government will give price assurance to oil palm growers. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said. Promoted listen to the latest songs, only on JoSaavn.com

The government has also more than doubled the assistance to ₹ 29,000 per ha from ₹ 12,000 per ha to oil palm growers for planting material under the central scheme, the agriculture minister told reporters. To address the shortage of planting material for oil palm cultivation, the Centre will give assistance up to ₹ 100 lakh for 15 hectare under NMEOP, Mr Tomar added.



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Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068 on or before 10 days after the closing date of submission of Online application, through registered/speed post. The envelop containing application form should clearly indicate the name of post and Advt. No.

Netaji Subhas Chandra ..

"disappearance". Several theories have persisted since Netaji went missing, with some experts having claimed that he did not die in the crash and lived in disguise till death. Suryakumar Bose, who lives in Germany, said, "Almost two decades ago in the course of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI), a precious opportunity to conduct a DNA test, and to bring the remains of Netaji home to his beloved motherland, was sadly lost. According to the JMCI Report, the Renkoji Temple authorities were not willing to allow a DNA test of the alleged remains."

In his statement, he pointed out that the chief priest of Renkoji Temple, Reverend Nichiko Mochizuki, had written to Indian embassy in Tokyo in 2005 insisting that the remains be returned.

Mr Bose, an IT consultant, quoted excerpts from a letter written by Nichiko Mochizuki, whose father is known to have received the purported remains of Netaji in September 1945, to make his point.

According to the excerpt, Nichiko Mochizuki told the embassy, "I felt that if I accepted the proposal for DNA testing and the remains are eventually returned to India, my father's soul and spirit could finally be at rest in this way, I agree to offer my co-operation for

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the testing."

The translation of the chief priest's original letter was commissioned by Madhuri Bose, Netaji's grandniece.

Renkoji Temple authorities were fully supportive of a DNA test on the remains, Mr Bose said. "It is time to seize the opportunity missed by Justice Mukherjee to conduct a DNA testing procedure on the reported remains of Netaji. There is every reason to believe that this entire process would be fully acceptable to and supported by the Renkoji Temple authorities, as well as by the governments of both Japan and India," the IT consultant stated.

Mr Bose had in 2015 met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Berlin to raise the demand for declassification of all secret files related to the freedom fighter.

"Subhas Bose did not belong just to his family. He had himself said that the whole country is his family," the grandniece had said back then.

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Earlier, Netaji's daughter Anita Bose Pfaff had also requested the governments of India and Japan to make arrangements to bring her father's purported remains back home.

Justice BV Nagarathna Could Be India's First Woman Chief Justice

Justice BV Nagarathna is in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India in 2027. Led by Chief Justice NV Ramana, the Supreme Court Collegium has recommended the names of nine judges for the elevation to the top court. Justice BV Nagarathna, who is presently a judge with the Karnataka High Court, has also been recommended by the Collegium. She was appointed as an Additional Judge of the High Court of Karnataka in 2008 and as a permanent judge nearly two years later. She is likely to have a month-long tenure. Her appointment will be a historic moment for the country's judiciary. She will be following in the footsteps of her father ES Venkataramiah, who was the Chief Justice of India between June 1989 and December 1989. One of the key comments by Justice Nagarathna made during her recent court hearings is: "India's patriarchal society doesn't know how to treat empowered women." Earlier this year, while hearing a case on mid-day meals, Justice Nagarathna said: "Nobody can study on a hungry stomach." In July, a division bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Hanchate Sanjeev Kumar, observed: "There may be illegitimate parents but there can never be illegitimate children."



Justice Hima Kohli and Justice Bela Trivedi are the other two women judges in the list of recommendations by the Collegium. Justice Hima Kohli became the first woman to hold the post of Chief Justice of Telangana High Court in January. She has also served as a judge in the Delhi High Court in 2006. Justice Bela Trivedi is presently a judge in the Gujarat High Court. In May, she criticised the Gujarat government over fire at a Covid hospital that killed 18 people. It "amounts to the contemptuous action on the part of the state for not being vigilant so that such incidents are not repeated again and again," she had told the government. Other judges who have been recommended by the five-member Collegium are Justice Abhay Chaudhary, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice JK Maheshwari, Justice CT Ravikumar and Justice MM Sundresh.

MP demands ..

than this, formation of depression, low pressure and cyclones around Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a common phenomenon, because of which the threat of falling trees on houses, increases manifold. He suggested that this task force should be given responsibilities to submit reports in a time bound manner and cut trees which ever are becoming a threat for people, so that in future no one dies because of falling trees. The Member of

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Parliament also requested the Lt Governor to set up an emergency control room to register complaints from the public in this regard so that identification of dangerous trees becomes easy and precise. He mentioned that every life lost in such accidents is unfortunate and therefore he requested the Lt Governor to declare compensation to each family, which fell victim to such tree falling incident in the recent past.

Covishield ..

and South America — as part of deals that we are linked with various governments and the global Covax scheme for poorer countries. India also sent Covishield doses to some of its neighbours as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "vaccine diplomacy". But in the wake of a devastating second Covid wave in April and May, the government decided to accelerate the vaccine

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drive and banned exports. Serum has since maintained that their priority remains India's own needs — and they may not export again until the end of this year. India, which is the second most-affected country in the world, aims to vaccinate all its people by the end of this year. About 13% of the population has been fully vaccinated since the beginning of the drive in January.

Women can sit for the NDA ..

Chandrachud and Justice Ajay Rastogi in February last year. "Why are you continuing in this direction? Even after Justice Chandrachud's judgement expanding the horizons and extending Permanent Commission in the Army to women? This is unfounded... We are finding it absurd" a displeased Justice Kaul asked of the Additional Solicitor General. The government had argued that its recruitment policy was not discriminatory and that there were a wide number of ways in which women could apply. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhatnagar was also quoted as saying, "... there is a different kind of training" and claimed that "ultimately it (the barring of women) is a matter of national security". The top court has said the final hearing in this matter will be held three days later — September 8. The court was responding to a petition that argued that the categorical exclusion of

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eligible female candidates from the NDA was unconstitutional and done entirely on the basis of their sex. Even after Justice Chandrachud's judgement expanding the horizons and extending Permanent Commission in the Army to women? This is unfounded... We are finding it absurd" a displeased Justice Kaul asked of the Additional Solicitor General. The government had argued that its recruitment policy was not discriminatory and that there were a wide number of ways in which women could apply. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhatnagar was also quoted as saying, "... there is a different kind of training" and claimed that "ultimately it (the barring of women) is a matter of national security". The top court has said the final hearing in this matter will be held three days later — September 8. The court was responding to a petition that argued that the categorical exclusion of

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Limited (NERAMAC). NERAMAC is a central public sector enterprise under the administrative control of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MoNER). "CCEA, chaired by the Prime Minister has approved a revival package of ₹ 77.45 crore for NERAMAC." Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur said in a media briefing. The revival package will help NERAMAC to implement various innovative plans like providing better farming facilities, training to farmers in clusters, organic seeds and fertiliser, post-harvesting facilities in order to promote the products of north eastern farmers in the old market, he said. In a statement, the government said out of the total revival package, ₹ 17 crore is towards fund-based support and ₹ 60.45 crore is non-

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fund based support. With the implementation of the revival package, the government said remunerative prices to farmers of the north eastern region of their products will be ensured. GI (Geographical Indications) tagging and marketing of organic products of north eastern region in other parts of India and globe, will enhance the export of these products which will improve the economic status of farmers. That apart, it will help increase revenue of the Corporation and reduce overheads as a result of VRS and other cost cutting measures. The Corporation will start making profits on a sustained basis and its dependency on the central government loan will cease. After the implementation of revival of NERAMAC, employment is expected to be generated to about 33,00 persons, it added.

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In Sheena Bora Murder Case, CBI Tells Court Investigation Over

Indrani Mukerjea, the former owner of a TV channel along with Peter Mukerjea, was arrested in 2015 for the murder of 25-year-old Sheena Bora, her daughter from her first marriage.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has decided to close its investigation into the sensational Sheena Bora murder, in which her mother and former media executive Indrani Mukerjea faces trial. Sources say the investigating agency has held a special court in Mumbai that its investigations in the 2012 murder are over. The CBI has filed three chargesheets and two supplementary charge sheets naming Indrani Mukerjea, her driver Shyamvar Rai, her former husband Sanjeev Khanna and Peter Mukerjea. Indrani Mukerjea, the former owner of a TV channel along with Peter Mukerjea, was arrested in 2015 for the murder of 25-year-old Sheena Bora, her daughter from her first marriage. Three months later, Peter Mukerjea was also arrested on charges of helping Indrani in the murder. The murder was exposed with the arrest of Indrani Mukerjea's driver in a separate case. Shyamvar Rai is also accused in the case and turned approver. Sheena Bora was murdered allegedly by Indrani, with help from her driver and her second husband Sanjeev Khanna. Investigators said Indrani was furious about Sheena's relationship with Rahul Mukerjea - Peter Mukerjea's son from an earlier marriage.



After the murder, Indrani told friends that Sheena - whom she had always pretended was her sister - had shifted to the US. Based on the driver's statement, Sheena's half-brother was dug up from a forest near Mumbai. The CBI said Sheena Bora had threatened to expose her mother after a financial dispute between them.

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France Evacuated 21 Indians From Kabul: French Envoy

Twenty-one Indian nationals were on the first French evacuation flight from Kabul, said Emmanuel Lenain, ambassador of France to India on Wednesday. Lenain said that Elte Gurkhas were ensuring security to this evacuation flight. The first French evacuation flight from Kabul yesterday included 21 Indian nationals: the Elte Gurkhas who were ensuring security of the French Embassy.

Lenain said in a tweet. France and India are actively coordinating to tackle the Afghanistan crisis, Lenain added. "As discussed in a call between Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Jean-Yves Le Drian and External Affairs Minister of India S Jaishankar, France coordinates actively with India on Afghanistan, especially at UNSC," the ambassador said in a series of tweets. In a recent development,

the Joe Biden administration has frozen about USD 9.5 billion of Afghan reserves to keep cash away from the Taliban after the takeover of the country, The Washington Post reported. The world is closely watching the unfolding situation in Afghanistan as the countries have scrambled to evacuate their citizens from Afghanistan in an attempt to secure their people.



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The OSD(Technical), ANIMERS, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from the approved and eligible Experience 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 of work dealing with Electrical works in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with Govt. Organizations & do not have any adverse remarks, for the work mentioned below: -

NIT No : 03/OSD(T)/ANIMERS/2021-22
Name of work : Renovation of IEI to Nursing Home and Special Ward at GB Pant Hospital Port Blair.
Estimated Cost : ₹ 17,67,085/-
Time of completion : 01 (One) Month

Last date and time of submission of Bid : 01/09/2021 15:00 Hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Bid : 02/09/2021 10:00 Hrs.

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

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2021/MR/603

STAY HOME
STAY SAFE

Fight Against Covid-19

10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE

1. This outbreak can help protect you from COVID-19. Stay home with members of your household. If you are asked to, meet up with family members or other family members.
2. Wash your hands often and well with soap and water or alcohol based gel.
3. Disinfect surfaces you touch a lot, like cell phones, door knobs, door handles, etc.
4. The COVID-19 situation is a stressful time for everyone. It's okay to feel sad, but stay with an individual friend and family member.
5. Follow local media, news and news you consume. Avoid rumors and misinformation as well as news from untrusted sources.
6. Exercise or meditate at home.
7. Maintain a familiar routine - while still practicing physical distancing - to help you feel calmer and more in control.
8. Reach out to a trusted adult or professional. If you need help or are feeling sad or stressed.
9. Do not leave your house if you are sick. Follow guidance from your health authorities on how to contain your illness. If you need medical care, call your local authorities for other advice and information on how to stay safe.
10. Listen to your local authorities for other advice and information on how to stay safe.

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PRESS RELEASE
Quarterly Pension Adalat for DoT & BSNL Pensioners of A & N Circle will be conducted by this office at Swaraj Dweep (Havelock) on 21.08.2021 at 11.00 hrs. DoT & BSNL Pensioners of A&N circle, are requested to submit their grievances, if any, through post or email (dvccan.and@nic.in) so as to reach this office latest by 20.08.2021. All the pensioners are invited to attend the above Pension Adalat on given venue & time please. For any query, Contact to AO(Pension)- 03192-231073 / 9492462301.

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India Post Office Recruitment 2021: Applications are invited via online mode by the respective recruiting authorities from eligible candidates for the selection and engagement to the following posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks. India Post is going to fill up 2357 vacancies in West Bengal. It has recently published the recruitment notification for 2357 vacancies and these vacancies are assigned for GDS Vacancy. India Post Office invites online application from 10th passed candidates to fill up India Postal Vacancy 2021. Applicants who are looking for 10th Std Jobs in central govt can make the India Post online registration from 20.07.2021 to 19.08.2021. India Postal Circle recruitment notification pdf & apply online link is available @ www.indiapost.gov.in.

Candidates can submit India Post Recruitment Application from 20.07.2021. Applicants should pass 10th Std and age limit should be 18 to 40 years. Contenders have to pay required fee and make the payment via either online or offline. India Post Office will recruit the aspirants on Academic Background/ Interview/ Written Test/ Merit. Shortlisted candidates will be appointed in West Bengal. Incomplete application & application after the due date will be rejected. More details of Post Office Jobs in WB, upcoming WB Postal jobs notices, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming India Post notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website. India Post is a government of India agency, executing postal services in India. It has been functioning since 1854. Headquarter is located in Sansad Marg, New Delhi until now. They provide services such as letter post, parcel services, EMS, delivery, freight forwarding, third-party logistics and also deposit account. Presently, there are 22 postal circles in India and it has more than 4 lakhs employees are working in this department. Postal Circles are J&K Postal Circle, Punjab Postal Circle, Uttarakhand Postal Circle, West Bengal Postal Circle, North Eastern Postal Circle and Kerala Postal Circle.

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ITBP Recruitment 2021 | Constable Post | 65 Vacancies | Last Date: 02.09.2021 | Apply Online @ itbpolice.nic.in ITBP Recruitment 2021: Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force has issued the recruitment notification for the post of Constable (General Duty) under Sports Quota in the Sports disciplines. The ITBP invites both Male & Female candidates for filling up 65 vacancies for non-gazetted and non-ministerial for Group 'C' posts. These vacancies are not available for physically challenged persons or ex-servicemen. Eligible Indian citizens may apply this ITBP sports quota recruitment through online mode only, another mode of application form will not be accepted. The online application form starts from 05.07.2021 and the last date of receipt of online application is 02.09.2021. Candidates are requested to fill the online application carefully, because if any mistakes declared in the application form will not be entertained. Those candidates who are applied for ITBP recruitment may be recruited by the process of interview/ test. After the interview, applicant will be appointed at anywhere in India with the scale pay of Rs. 21,700 to Rs. 69,100. If you want more details about ITBP Sports Quota recruitment, ITBP Constable recruitment, ITBP jobs, upcoming recruitment notification, selection list, results, merit list etc. check the official website. This is the great opportunity for the candidates who are seeking for Central Govt jobs.

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ICC Test Rankings: Joe Root Moves To Second Spot, Virat Kohli Firm On Fifth Position

England captain Joe Root jumped two spots to claim the second position in the ICC men's batting Test Rankings while Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma are firm at the fifth and sixth spots.

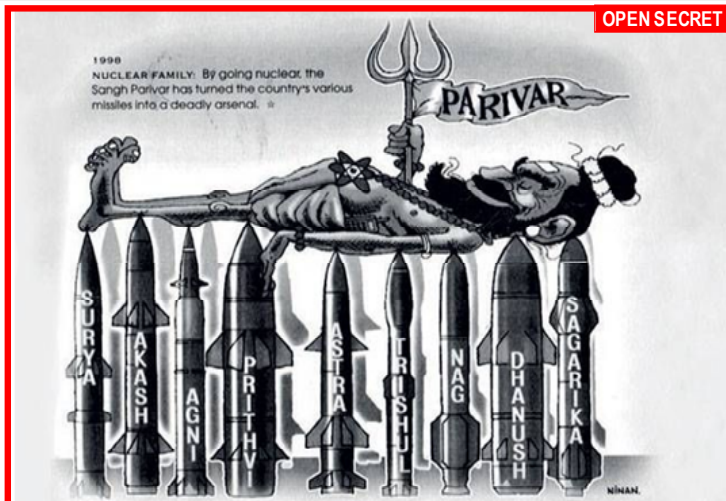
India skipper Virat Kohli and opening batsman Rohit Sharma remained firm at their respective fifth and sixth spots, but England captain Joe Root jumped two spots to claim the second position in the ICC men's batting Test Rankings. Root's valiant 180 not out in the first innings of the Lord's Test has taken him to within striking distance of top-ranked batter Kane Williamson in the Test rankings. The England captain, who started the series against India at fifth place and overtook Kohli after the first match, has risen another two spots to seal the second position after the Lord's Test. Root, a formerly top-ranked batter in the format, is on 893 rating points, only eight behind New Zealand skipper Williamson. KL Rahul, who was adjudged player of the match in the Lord's Test, moved up 19 places in the rankings after his 129 runs in the first innings. The 29-year-old is now on 37th spot. Among bowlers, veteran pacer James Anderson moved up a place after his five-wicket haul in the first innings against India at Lord's. Mohammed Siraj and Mark Wood also jumped up the ladder with impressive show with the ball. Siraj picked up eight wickets while Wood got five in the second Test. Siraj is on 38th place while Wood is on 37th. In another Test match that ended recently,



Pakistan lost a thriller to the West Indies but Babar Azam's half-century in the second innings saw him move up two spots to reach eighth in the rankings. For the West Indies, who won the first Test by one wicket, Jermaine Blackwood has gained nine slots to reach 36th position after scoring a half-century in the second innings. All-rounder Jason Holder is

up to five spots to 43rd position in the batting rankings and captain Kraigg Brathwaite, who missed the first innings century by three runs, has advanced 18 places to go at 45th spot. Holder has also moved into the top 10 in bowling rankings. His four wickets in the match lifted him to the ninth position. Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com

Fast bowler Jayden Seales has soared 39 places to 58th after the eight-wicket match haul, while Kemar Roach has moved up to the 11th spot. For Pakistan, left-arm fast bowler Shaheen Afridi has gained four slots to reach 18th position after taking four wickets in each innings, and Faheem Ashraf is up to four places to 71st.



Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Symptoms:

Fever, dry cough, cough and sore throat. For some, it can be more severe, leading to pneumonia or breathing difficulties. Symptoms may develop within 14 days after exposure.



Protect yourself from getting COVID-19

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



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



Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use



If you suspect you may have COVID-19, contact +91-29-2506 0777 (Use and English, contactable 24/7)



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WEAR A FACE MASK: IT'S REQUIRED

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IMD'S WEATHER FORECAST FOR NEXT 05 DAYS

Monday 16 Aug (Day-1) Heavy rain (7-11cm) likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Tuesday 17 Aug (Day-2)

Wednesday 18 Aug (Day-3)

NIL

Thursday 19 Aug (Day-4)

Friday 20 Aug (Day-5)

FISHERMAN WARNING

Due to squally weather over Andaman sea and adjoining South east Bay of Bengal, wind speed likely to exceed 45 kmph, fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea on 16th and 17th August, 2021.

PORT WARNING

NIL

For further enquiries / information contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554. State Control Room: 03192- 238880 (Tele-Fax), 1070(Helpline). District Control Room: 03192-238881, 1077(Helpline). EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020 EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222 EOC (N&M): 03192-262960 EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014 EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241 EOC (Swaraj Dweep): 03192-282030 EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527

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