

Thought for today

Balance is the real foundation of a blissful life. Keep this always in mind and your present and future will always remain bright.

COVID Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A&N

Port Blair, Oct 28: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,86,550 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,61,603 (approx.). A total of 1,72,732 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 27-10-2021. A total of 2050 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. Meanwhile, 1417

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MP bats for tourist vehicle operators, demands extension

Port Blair, Oct 28: Coming in support of all Tourist Vehicle operators, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary to take up the matter with the Government of India and get the extension of the permit period for all the Tourist Vehicles done to 31st March 2022. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has written a letter to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and mentioned that because of Covid-19 Pandemic and lockdowns, the Tourism Industry of Andaman Nicobar Island suffered a heavy blow.

He added that one of the sections in Andaman Nicobar

Tourism Industry, the vehicle Driver brothers and owners who have taken loans from banks to operate tourist vehicles have especially suffered heavy financial loss during this crisis time because in the last one and a half years, they couldn't operate their tourist vehicles. The Member of Parliament mentioned that now as the permit period for all the Tourist Vehicles to 31st October 2022, after this date tourist vehicle owners have to apply for fresh fitness and for this entire process and for this they will have to pay nearly Rs. 35,000 to Rs. 70,000 for the fitness of their vehicles.

Earlier, on 22nd September the Member of Parliament had called on the Chief Secretary, Mr. Jitendra

Narain and requested him to extend the permit period following which the last date was extended to 31st October 2021 from 30 September 2021.

Considering the last one and a half years, which was a severe loss period, it is impossible for any of the tourist vehicle owners to pay such a huge amount for the renewal of tourist permit, the MP added. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma pointed out that most of these tourist vehicle operators had taken loans from the banks and are under tremendous pressure from banks to pay the EMIs, adding to that they are facing a huge challenge to run their family in this present situation. Many of these tourist vehicle driver brothers and

owners are unable to pay room rent and going through extreme financial crisis. The Member of Parliament mentioned that when there is no income at this point of time forcing these vehicle driver brothers and owners to pay around Rs. 35,000 to Rs. 70,000 for fitness works for the renewal of tourist permit will not be fair and hence he requested the Chief Secretary to take up this matter with the Government of India and get the extension of the permit period for all the Tourist Vehicles done to 31st March 2022 so that in this coming tourist season, these tour vehicle operators can earn some amount and pay for the renewable of fitness after 31st March 2022.



Drawing Activities, Monitoring & Supervision at Bethany Children Home by DCPU

Port Blair, Oct 28: The team of District Child Protection Unit (SA) under the District Administration organised a drawing activity for the children of Bethany Children Home to mark the occasion of Diwali, on the theme "Victory over Evil". The main motto of the program was to teach children about discipline, kindness, goodness and brotherhood. These key values can play a significant role in shaping the future of children, so that they grow up and well rounded individual with positive

mind set and develop the insight about right and wrong. All the children actively participated in the programme and expressed their thoughts in drawing. Monitoring and Supervision of Bethany Children Home was conducted on 26th Oct. 2021 regarding the facilities available for children as per the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act 2015. The monitoring of the Child Care Institute is done on regular basis by District Child Protection Unit team to ensure the safety and welfare of the children.

Supreme Court clears the way to declare results of NEET-UG 2021 exam

The Supreme Court on Thursday cleared the way for the National Testing Agency (NTA) to declare the results of the NEET-UG 2021 examination by staying Bombay High Court decision to conduct fresh exams for two aspirants.

The aspirants had complained in the court that they were handed question papers and answer sheets with different serial numbers.

A Bench led by Justice L. Nageswara Rao froze the High Court order, allowing the NEET results to be declared. The Bench said it would consider the case of the two students, including what could be done for them, in detail later. "These students cannot be left in the lurch. The invigilator has accepted the mistake," Justice Rao noted.

The NTA had approached the Supreme Court to appeal against the High Court order. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, for the NTA, said the confusion had happened in the case of only six students, of which only two had come to court. The remaining four wrote the exam and got good marks. Mr. Mehta submitted.

The court reiterated that there was no reason to withhold the results because of a complaint made by two students. The future of lakhs of students was at stake. There are 16 lakhs of students who are eagerly waiting for the results. The court scheduled the case again on November 12 to examine in detail whether there is any relief that could possibly be granted for the two students who had filed their plea in the court.

Centre releases Rs 44,000 crore to states, UTs to meet GST compensation shortfall

The Finance Ministry has released 44 thousand crore rupees today to the States and Union Territories with Legislature under the back-to-back loan facility in lieu of GST Compensation. After taking into account earlier release of one lakh 15 thousand crore rupees, the total amount released in the current financial year is one lakh 59 thousand crore rupees. The Ministry said, this release is in addition to normal GST compensation being released every two months out of actual cess collection. Subsequent to the 43rd GST Council Meeting held on 28th May this year, it was decided that the Central Government will borrow one lakh 59 thousand crore rupees and release it to States and Union Territories to meet the resource gap due to the short release of Compensation on account of inadequate amount in the Compensation Fund.

Applicants advised to approach CSCs, SW Offices for welfare of PwDs

Dr. Bakultala Narayan
 Rangot, Oct 28: For getting the UDD Card and Digital Disability Certificate, People with disability (PwD) have to upload a valid disability certificate in 100kb size, clearly visible, clearly visible photo 30kb, clearly visible Aadhaar 30kb, in the portal www.sw.ayambancard.gov.in but despite repeated information/awareness, people upload expired disability certificate, not clearly visible certificate, unclear photo and Aadhaar from the Common Service Center. People who run CSCs, Private Computer Job Work Centres were repeatedly advised, but they are uploading defective application and the ignorant applicant remains in the wrong notion that their UDD will be issued. Defective applications are put under rejected list, with advices to rectify the defects. They need to approach nearest PHC/CHC for Disability Certificate Renewal, with old disability certificate, Aadhaar, 2 photos. For people with EYE and ENT approach the concern specialist for percentage assessment. Some PwDs of Rangot Tehsil area (PHC Baratang to PHC BILLIGROUND and Long Island) couldn't get the UDD/Digital Disability certificate verification by online in the UDD Portal due to the reasons noted above.

Events organized by Police to commemorate Commemoration Day

Port Blair, Oct 28: Police Commemoration Day is being observed every year on 21st October throughout the entire nation to remember the brave policemen who had sacrificed their lives while discharging their duty. To spread awareness about it, South Andaman District



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NGOA concerned over rising prices of essential commodities

Port Blair, Oct 28: The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands have expressed serious concern over the unchecked spiralling prices of essential commodities in these islands. Shri T.S. Sreekumar, General Secretary of the Association, in a letter

addressed to the Secretary and Director (Civil Supplies) as well as the Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman District has invited their attention towards the uncontrolled price rise of various day to day essential items during the past few weeks. The prices of several food

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Multispecialty Medical camp by AF Stn benefits Carnic residents



Port Blair, Oct 28: To commemorate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' a Medical Camp with multiple speciality was conducted by Air Force Station Carnicobar,

under the aegis of HQ Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), at Community Centre of Malacca Village on 28 October 21. The Camp, included 11 medical personnel from

Bishop John Richardson Hospital. Tribal population residing at various villages of Carnicobar island benefited from the Camp. Group

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Online Slot booking system, doc mgmt. system launched by Transport Dept

Port Blair, Oct 28: The A & N Administration has been continuously taking more proactive initiatives towards faceless transactions to bring more transparency and improve ease of

doing business. Recently Transport Department has implemented online applications i.e., Sarathi 4.0 and Vahan 4.0 in which process up to fee payment for all the transactions related to Driving License and

Registration of Vehicles were already made online. The transactions including slot booking of Annual Fitness for commercial has been made completely online

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Megha Kaur rocks with album "Jungli Billi"

Port Blair, Oct 28: In the journey of her milestone, our islander girl Megha Kaur as an actress had made a Super stroke after the launching of her previous musical album name "Lock down mein more Say aian" which is much more thrilling and entertaining of her newly released musical album namely "Jungli Billi" with full enthusiasm.

All the scenes of this musical album has been shot at Alibaug in Maharashtra in which our islander girl, Megha Kaur, was in main lead role with D. Abdul, Adnaan07, Hasnaik07 with the release of this musical album an her better performance with great achievement another bather is 'her' in her cap.



DEATH CONDOLENCE



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 Date of Death: 28-10-2021

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 H/o. Smti. T. Chandra
 R/o. Mallasamudram, Salem.

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 K. Ganeshan & Laxmi Ganeshan (In-Law)
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EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

29 October 2021

Close to Mirage deal

A high-level Indian delegation to Paris left for home after moving closer to signing a \$ 3.3 billion agreement for the purchase of Mirage 2000 jets and other armaments. Indian officials who declined to be identified said that the deal had not been completed but might be formalised by the time Prime Minister Indira Gandhi visits France on November 12. The Indian mission was led by P K Kaul, defence secretary, and included Air Force Chief of Staff, Air Marshal Dilbagh Singh. A French Defence Ministry statement said that the talks had been held to facilitate the continuation of an agreement. When the deal is finalised, India is expected to terminate the final part of a \$ 1.3 billion deal to buy Jaguar jets with British Aerospace.

Unrest in Poland

Polish troops virtually took over the administration of 2,000 villages to restore economic order and streamline food distribution, ahead of a proposed strike by the Solidarity Trade Union. The minister of general administration, Tadeusz Hupalo, said that the troops deployment ordered by the Polish government to put down "street provocation" would begin on October 26. The soldiers' first duty would be to ensure that "the food reaches the market".

Youth politics

The Opposition student bodies, speaking basically the same "Gandhian" language, couched in varying phraseology are a divided lot. And as most of their leaders admit, there is no hope of reconciliation between them. The Yuva Janata (Janata Party), Yuva Lok Dal and the Bharatiya Yuva Morcha (BJP) are pitted against each other.

These are excerpted from the paper on 27/10/1981. There was no edition of the paper on 28/10/1981 on account of Diwali

NGGCOA concerned..

Items like Onion, Vegetables, Chicken, Meat have increased manifold which is making the common people and the government servants difficult to manage their daily budget, who are already being the brunt of increased price of cooking oil, petrol, diesel and LPG. He also pointed that this indiscriminate rise in the price of

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essential items by the traders of these islands, is going uncontrolled as the Civil Supplies department and the Administration has failed to keep a check on the market price of essential items. The Association has demanded immediate effective measure by the Administration to arrest the unjustified abnormal price rise in the markets in these islands.

Multispecialty Medical ..

Captain Nifin Talwar, Station Commander Air Force Station Camricbar, inaugurated the medical camp. The medical team conducted screening of non-communicable diseases and screening of Tuberculosis under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) amongst the tribals apart from other OPD services. Squadron Leader Ragit P Rajesh, medical officer of Air Force Station Camricbar, along with four specialist doctors viz Dr. Ajith Palanichami, Pediatrician, Dr. Poornima, Dermatologist, Dr. Rubena Yusuf, General Duty Medical Officer, Dr. Ruth Christopher, Dental Surgeon, from BJR Hospital, Camricbar gave an

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added specialist edge to the medical service provided in the camp to the island population. Active support from the civil administration aided in the overall smooth conduct of the camp. Overwhelming response from the tribals of all the villages was witnessed at the medical camp. The villagers who have heartily appreciated the humane efforts made by the Indian Air Force, in organising the medical camp at a remote island of Camricbar. The camp culminated with the Station Commander thanking all the Doctors and other team members of BJR Hospital and other volunteers from the Air Force Station Camricbar, for making the camp a grand success.

Seed Treatment campaign by CIPMC at Chouldari



Port Blair, Oct 28: The DPPQ&S, Faridabad/Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched Seed Treatment Campaign Rabi 2021-22 all over India which was virtually inaugurated by Dr. Pramod Kumar Mehra, IAS, Joint Secretary (PP) on 27.10.2021. This programme was organized by Central Integrated Pest Management Center, Port Blair at Chouldari, District South Andaman. Dr. Ravi Prakash, PPA and Dr. O. P. Verma, APPA (IPM) said the main objective of campaign is to create awareness among the farmers regarding the importance of seed treatment in crop protection from seed-borne pest and diseases. Mr H. P. Ramesh, In-Charge,

CIPMC, Sh. Ramesh Kumar, ADA, Dr. L. B. Singh, Scientist, KVK, Port Blair, Smt. Beena Neogi, AA were actively involved and further said that Seed treatment is important to protect the crop and environment. Dr. Atul Gawande, APPO (PP) demonstrated seed treatment of vegetables with Pseudomonas fluorescens and distributed the literature to farmers. Sh. Shiva Kumar H. D., APPO (WS), Dr. Janardhan Saikia, APPO (E) initiated the farmers to treat seeds with *Trichoderma viride* and *Pseudomonas fluorescens* for better crop health and yield. More than 35 farmers participated and concluded by a vote of thanks from progressive farmer Smt. Chaitali Halder.

NEW QUAD OF INDIA, US, ISRAEL, UAE SHOWING SYNERGY, SAYS NEW ISRAEL AMBASSADOR

"Cooperation is never against something, it is always for something," said Naor Gilon, Israel's new ambassador to New Delhi, at his first interaction with the media. Gilon, who presented his credentials to President Ram Nath Kovind yesterday, was speaking about the formation of

the new Quad, with the US, India, Israel and the UAE as the four members.

Anti-Iran sentiments are a common factor binding the US, Israel and the UAE. The US walked out of the Iran civil nuclear deal during Donald Trump's presidency, and incumbent Joe

Biden has kept that status quo.

Gilon noted that Israel perceived Iran as a "real threat" with its nuclear capability and extremist ideology. He said they took threats seriously.

The UAE has become friendlier with Iran of late, but there is tension between the two nations.

India, however, has strong multilateral ties with Iran. The Chabahar port in Iran developed largely by India is an important

infrastructure project for both countries to access not just Afghanistan but also the markets of Central Asia. It is envisaged as part of the grand International North-South Transit Corridor.

Under US

pressure during the Trump regime, India was compelled to stop imports of crude oil from Iran, and this has already caused stress in ties. This was reflected in Tehran slowly easing India out of infrastructure projects, whether it was the rail line from Chabahar to Zahedan or a stake in the Farzad-B gas field, which was discovered by India's Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

Will this new Quad cause further strains?

According to Gilon, at the first ministerial meet of the new grouping, each country put forward its issues and concerns and India brought its ties with Iran to the discussion.

Gilon, however, said that there was much synergy between the four countries in how they viewed global events and that this grouping was looking at using this synergy for economic and

infrastructural development. He said that the plan being worked out was to facilitate company-to-company cooperation in these areas, rather than at the government-to-government level.

India and Israeli military are participating in the Blue Flag exercise in Israel, where the UAE is an observer but has also sent its soldiers to exercise with the other two. Is there a possibility that this grouping could get militarised in the future? "We do not exclude any cooperation with India and the UAE," said Gilon, unwilling to add anything further. India is largely the reason that the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue—involving the US, Japan and Australia—is not militarised, and instead focuses on infrastructure development, security, health, climate change and a host of other issues. The annual naval exercise called Malabar, however, has virtually become a Quad exercise since 2020.

India rejects net zero carbon emissions target, says pathway more important

New Delhi, 28th Oct, 2021: India on Wednesday rejected calls to announce a net zero carbon

emissions target and said that it was more important for the world to lay out a pathway to reduce such emissions and avert a dangerous rise in global temperatures.

India, the world's third-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases after China and the United States, is under pressure to announce plans to become carbon neutral by mid-century or thereabouts at next week's climate conference in Glasgow.

But environment secretary R.P. Gupta told reporters that announcing net zero was not the solution to the climate crisis. "It is how much carbon you are going to put in the atmosphere before reaching net zero that is more important."

The United States, Britain and the European Union have set a target date of 2050 to reach net zero, by which point they will only emit an amount of greenhouse gases that can be absorbed by forests, crops, soils and still-embryonic "carbon capture" technology.

"China and Saudi Arabia have both set targets of 2060, but these are largely meaningless without a tangible action now," critics say. "Between now and the middle of the century, the United States will release 92 gigatons of carbon into the atmosphere and the EU 62 gigatons," Gupta said, citing Indian government calculations. "China would have added a staggering 450

gigatons by its net zero target date," he added.

Representatives of nearly 200 countries will meet in Glasgow, Scotland, from Oct 31 to Nov. 12 for climate talks to strengthen action to tackle global warming under the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the conference in a sign of how the country is taking climate change seriously, officials say. Chinese President Xi Jinping is not expected to attend.

While working towards net zero, countries are expected to announce new and strengthened intermediate targets for cutting emissions. Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav said that India was on track to achieve targets set

at the 2015 Paris conference and would leave the door open to revisiting them. "All options are on the table," he said.

India has committed to cutting the emissions intensity of its GDP by 33% to 35% by 2030 from 2005 levels, achieving a 24% reduction by 2016.

Some environment experts say that India could consider lowering its emissions intensity by as much as 40 percent dependent on finance and whether it has access to newer technologies. Yadav said that he would measure the success of the Glasgow conference by how much developed countries helped the developing world cut their emissions while ensuring economic growth.

SC nod to NEET-UG Results: "Can't Stop for 2 Students"

New Delhi, 28th Oct, 2021: The Supreme Court of India has cleared the way for the National Testing Agency (NTA) to announce NEET UG result, by staying a recent Bombay High Court order which had directed the agency to hold the exam again for two undergraduate medical aspirants. Results of around 10 lakh students cannot be put on hold for two students, the top court has observed.

The Bombay High Court order said the NEET exam should be conducted afresh for two students,

Vaishnavi Bhopali and Abhishek Shivaji, who alleged they were handed question papers and answer sheets with wrong serial numbers. The centre had moved the Supreme Court saying the NTA cannot declare NEET result even if it is ready. Delay in NEET result will impact the undergraduate medical admissions, the central government said in its appeal.

One of the students answered 130 questions, while the other one attempted 160 questions. "They have scored good marks but total 6 students were there who

faced the same problem," Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court bench of Justices LN Rao, Sanjay Khanna and BR Gavai. The SC has now issued notice to the National Testing Agency. The matter will be heard next on November 12. This year, the undergraduate medical entrance exam has been surrounded by controversy.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had earlier arrested groups who allegedly helped students to solve question papers. Some medical aspirants had

moved the top court seeking its direction to the National Testing Agency to cancel and conduct the exam again as it was not held in a fair manner earlier.

The Supreme Court, however, dismissed their petition saying lakhs of students have appeared in the exam and results cannot be cancelled because of some FRs. In another recent development, the Kerala High Court has directed the NTA to probe into the alleged manipulation in the Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheet of a candidate in the state.

Events organized..

Police is organizing various activities/events from 21st October to 31st October, 2021.

In order to observe the Police Commemoration Day, South Andaman District Police organized various activities i.e. online essay competition titled as "Role of Police in Nation building", in which wards of Police personnel and school students actively participated and penned down their thoughts & observations. Besides this, tree plantation drives were also carried out at the campus of TTI College, Garacharma and all the Police Stations of South Andaman District. Swachh Bharat Abhiyan were also carried out in all Police Stations premises, high to fall areas and tourist sites like Kodiyaghat beach, Chidiyatapu beach, Colipnagar beach, Radhanagar beach, Bharatpur

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beach, Lakshmanpur Natural Bridge area, Chattan beach and near Manglajunction. Further, basic self defence techniques were demonstrated by the Police personnel to the students at G.S.S. School Swaraj Dweep. Accordingly, lectures were also delivered in schools for awareness on crime against children. The role of the public and students in maintaining Law & Order in the society and the bravery of martyrs was also highlighted. In order to honour the sacrifice of the Martyrs, personnel of A&N Police also paid visit to their villages throughout the week. These programs were organized and accomplished smoothly under the supervision of concerned SHO/SDOs as part of observance of Police Commemoration week.

Online Slot booking..

on 26.07.2021. With that, the vehicle owners do not need to visit office except to bring their vehicle for inspection. Now, adding a step further towards faceless transactions, the Department has now launched Document Management System (DMS) and Slot Booking for Learners License & Driving License. With the implementation of slot booking & DMS, the applicants can now have the privilege to complete the entire transactions including slot booking for LL & DL test as per their convenience by uploading the

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required documents without visiting the Transport Office. The visit of applicant to Transport Office has now been restricted for LL/DL test. The service was formally launched by Shri G. Sudhakar, Secretary (Transport) in the presence of Dr. Aom Dhole, Director (Transport) on 27.10.2021. First slot for DL test was booked on behalf of applicant in his presence and related documents were handed over to him. The services related to Driving Licenses can be availed online by the applicant on visiting the <https://parivahan.gov.in>.

COVID Vaccination ..

beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 91 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 260 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District

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out of which 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 373 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 6 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

Cleveland Clinic's breast cancer vaccine trial

Cleveland Clinic researchers have started phase I trial for a vaccine aimed at eventually preventing triple-negative breast cancer, the most aggressive and lethal form of the disease.

The US Food and Drug Administration has already approved an investigational new drug application for the vaccine, which permits Cleveland Clinic and partner Anixa Biosciences, Inc. to launch the study.

"This vaccine approach represents a potential new way to control breast cancer," said Vincent Tuohy, the primary inventor of the vaccine and a senior immunologist at Cleveland Clinic's Lerner Research Institute.

Why is it important? Data representing only about 12-15 percent of all breast cancers, triple-negative breast cancer accounts for a disproportionately higher percentage of breast cancer deaths and has a higher rate of recurrence. This form of breast cancer is twice as likely to occur in African-American women, and approximately 70 percent to 80 percent of the breast tumors that occur in women with mutations in the BRCA1

genes are triple-negative breast cancer. So there is a great need for improved treatments for triple-negative breast cancer, which does not have biological characteristics that typically respond to hormonal or targeted therapies.

Vaccine trial: Phase 1 The phase I trial is designed to determine the maximum tolerated dose of the vaccine in patients with early-stage triple-negative breast cancer and to characterize and optimize the body's immune response. The new study at Cleveland Clinic will include 18 to 24 patients who have completed treatment for early-stage triple-negative breast cancer within the past three years and are currently tumor-free but at high risk for recurrence.

During the course of the study, participants will receive three vaccinations, each two weeks apart and will be closely monitored for side effects and immune response. The study is estimated to be completed in September 2022.

Vaccine trial: Subsequent phases In the subsequent trials, healthy, cancer-free women will be enrolled to evaluate whether the vaccine can prevent high-risk patients from developing this type of breast cancer. The study will be done on women who are at high risk for developing breast cancer who have elected to undergo voluntary bilateral mastectomy to lower their risk. Typically, those women carry

mutations in either the BRCA1 or BRCA2 gene and are therefore at risk of developing triple-negative breast cancer or have high familial risk for any form of breast cancer.

"We are hopeful that this research will lead to more advanced trials to determine the effectiveness of the vaccine against this highly aggressive type of breast cancer," said G. Thomas Budd, of Cleveland Clinic's Taussig Cancer Institute and principal investigator of the study. "Long term, we are hoping that this can be a true preventive vaccine that would be administered to healthy women to prevent them from developing triple-negative breast cancer, the form of breast cancer for which we have the least effective treatments."

"The long-term objective of this research is to determine if this vaccine can prevent breast cancer before it occurs, particularly the more aggressive forms of this disease that predominate in high-risk women," said Dr. Tuohy who is as in ventor on the technology, which Cleveland Clinic exclusively licensed to Anixa Biosciences, Inc. He will receive a portion of commercialization revenues

received by Cleveland Clinic for this technology and also holds personal equity in the company.

The investigational vaccine targets a breast-specific lactation protein, alpha-lactalbumin, which is no longer found post-lactation in normal, aging tissues but is present in the majority of triple-negative breast cancers. Activating the immune system against this "retired" protein provides pre-emptive immune protection against emerging breast tumors that express alpha-lactalbumin. The vaccine also contains an adjuvant that activates an innate immune response that allows the immune system to mount a response against emerging tumors to prevent them from growing.

Transforming cancer research "This vaccine strategy has the potential to be applied to other tumor types," added Dr. Tuohy. "Our translational research program focuses on developing vaccines that prevent diseases we confront with age, like breast, ovarian and endometrial cancers. If successful, these vaccines have the potential to transform the way we control adult-onset cancers and enhance life expectancy in a manner similar to the impact that the childhood vaccination program has had."





Andaman & Nicobar State Co-operative Bank Ltd., Port Blair

FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021

(₹ in Lac)

SL. No.	PARTICULARS	31.03.2021 (Audited)
1	Interest Earned (i+ii)	10,221.06
i	Interest on Advances	6,466.35
ii	Interest on Investments	3,754.71
2	Other income	588.52
3	GROSS INCOME (1+2)	10,809.58
4	Interest Expended	5,929.72
5	Operating Expenses (i+ii)	3,083.63
i	Transaction Costs	2500.47
ii	Other Operating Expenses	583.16
6	TOTAL EXPENDITURE (4+5)	9,013.35
7	OPERATING PROFIT (3-6)	1,796.23
8	Provisions	1,076.17
9	NET PROFIT (7-8)	720.06

Deposits
₹ 1,15,356.67 Lac

Advances
₹ 67,921.84 Lac

Business per Employee
₹ 1,160.00 Lac

CRAR
14.81%

Interest Earned
₹ 10,221.06 Lac

Av. Working Capital
₹ 1,41,280.17 Lac

ABRIDGED BALANCE SHEET AS AT

31.03.2021

(₹ in Lac)

Items	31.03.2021 (Audited)
A LIABILITIES	
i Paid Up Capital	610.44
ii Reserves and Surplus	21,570.39
iii Deposits	1,15,356.67
iv Borrowings	3,298.90
v Other Liabilities	4,078.56
TOTAL	1,44,914.96
B ASSETS	
i Cash in hand / bank balances	1,337.04
ii Balance with bank & Money at call and short notice	28,714.11
iii Investment	38,417.09
iv Loans & Advances	67,921.84
v Fixed Asset	1,154.12
vi Other Assets	7,370.76
TOTAL	1,44,914.96
Growth (%)	5.41 %

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AUDITORS' REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on financial statements: We have audited the financial statements of 'Andaman & Nicobar State Co-operative Bank Limited' Port Blair, Andaman which comprise the Balance Sheet as at March 31st 2021, the Receipts and Payments Account and Income & Expenditure Account for the Year then ended.

Key Audit Matters

Impact of COVID-19 on Audit - Due to outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19 and consequent country wide Lockdown enforced by the Government of India and A&N Administration due to which we could not carry out the normal audit procedure by visiting any of the bank's branches except the banks Port Blair Branch and the Bank's Head Office, the audit was carried out in a limited manner using 'Work from head office' approach and on a test check basis of the documents and the details available at the bank's Head Office. This is considered as key audit matter, since alternative audit procedures were performed for carrying out the audit.

How to audit addressed the key audit matter

- Due to 'Work from Head Office' approach adopted, we performed following alternative audit procedure:-
 - Remote access to the Bank's financial accounting Software in Presence of the Bank's Head Office Officials.
 - Various date, Documents and confirmations were received electronically through e-mail.
 - For various audit procedures, reliance was checked basis of the documents, details and information available on the extent possible under the pandemic conditions.
 - Interview / discussion with the client via call conferencing and other verbal communications.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement: Management is responsible for preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance and Cash flows of the institution in accordance with the accounting standards generally accepted in India. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of Internal Control System relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility: Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with standards on Auditing issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. These standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. The procedures selected depend on the Auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making these risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion: In our opinion, and to the best of our knowledge and according to the explanation given to us, the financial statements give the information required by the act in the manner so required as give a true & fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India.

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- In case of Profit and Loss account, of the Profit / Loss for the year ended on that date;

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Mine's a light beer: UK to overhaul alcohol taxes

The tax on alcoholic drinks in the UK are being radically simplified in the biggest overhaul in more than 140 years, Britain's Treasury chief Rishi Sunak said in Wednesday in his annual budget.

The changes to the tax regime will now take into account a drink's strength as opposed to what type of drink it is. The changes were a

array of pet projects in the wake of a stronger-than-anticipated economic recovery after the worst of the pandemic.

Sunak criticised the current tax system, which raises more than £2 billion (₹17 billion) a year, as outdated, adding that the changes would not have been possible if Britain had remained within the European Union. Beer duties were first introduced in 1643 by his predecessors in Parliament, when they levied a tax on alcohol for the first time to finance the Roundhead armies in the English Civil War against Charles I's Cavaliers.

Our new system will be designed around a common-sense principle: the stronger the drink, the higher the rate," the budgeter Sunak said.

The changes, which take effect starting in February 2023, represent potentially good news for real ale, rose and sparkling wine drinkers; bad news for those preferring something a tad stronger such as certain red wines, port or sherry.

The alcohol changes certainly took up more words from Sunak than environmental issues.



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Letter to the EDITOR

To

Shri Satyendra Prakash (Pr.DG)
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Sub: Lack of PIB Officer at Port Blair - reg Sir

Greetings from The Andaman Express, one of the largest circulated daily newspapers published from Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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Through this letter, I wish to highlight concerns of the local media houses here due to lack of a PIB Officer at the regional office here located at Kendriya Sadan, Ranchi Tekrey, Port Blair. Since the transfer of the Deputy Director, PIB, Port Blair, Mr Nilesh Kumar Kalbhor, no substitute has been posted here as a result of which the local PIB Office has remained shut for the past many months.

The Press Information Bureau (PIB) of the Govt. of India plays a crucial role in disseminating information to the print and electronic media on government policies, programmes, initiatives and achievements as also functions as an interface between the Government and the media. Providing media facilitation is one of the important functions of PIB regional offices. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has been issuing advisories to print media to submit copies of their editions to the local PIB Office at regular intervals for onward submission to the PIB headquarters.

While the directions of the Ministry is being followed by the local media houses here, absence of the PIB Officer at Port Blair and the office remaining closed for months has become a cause of concern. For the past many months, I have been furnishing copies of my newspapers at the local PIB Office, but each time my delivery boy says that the office is closed and the bundle is lying outside.

In this light of the above stated circumstances, you are earnestly requested to issue necessary directions to the PIB headquarter to immediately post a PIB officer for the Port Blair Office.

Anticipating early action from your end.

Thanking you,
Yours sincerely
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INDIA LARGELY ON TRACK TO MEET ITS PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT TARGETS, SAYS NEW REPORT

India is largely on track to meet, and even exceed, its Paris Climate Agreement targets, said a new report by an international non-profit environmental organization on Wednesday.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), in its annual review of

as warned by the new UN emissions gap report unless countries agree to drastic and accelerated decarbonization soon, we are on course for a catastrophic 2.7 degrees temperature rise by the end of this century," it said.

The report said that just an additional

developing world, it said.

"The Indian government has largely espoused this vision. However, for India to achieve this, greater flows of climate finance and technical collaboration are essential, and are key issues of discussion at the Glasgow COP 26," the NRDC report said.

In the runup to the climate conference every year, NRDC and partners publish an annual review of India's actions on climate change.

Elaborating on the climate actions being taken by India, it said that the share of installed capacity from renewable energy sources has increased to 26 per cent (more than 100 GW out of 387 GW) in August 2021.

"To support its clean energy transition, India plans to launch a hydrogen mission which will explore how green hydrogen can be used by existing end users of hydrogen such as refineries and fertilizer plants, blended with natural gas for CNG users and piped natural gas used as fuel for longer-range vehicles and heavy-duty trucks and used in heavy industries like cement and steel."

Under Phase-II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacture of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicles (FAME) Scheme, India allocated Rs 10,000 crore for advancing electric mobility in public transportation fleets, four-wheelers, three-wheelers, private two-wheelers as well as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, the report said.

In August 2021, India committed to ratifying the Kigali Amendment, the global pact to phase down super climate-polluting hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) commonly used in cooling appliances and insulating foams. "India has made strong progress on its climate commitments and remains a key international stakeholder when it comes to increasing ambition and charting a low carbon future," it said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the upcoming international climate conference COP 26 in Glasgow which will be held from October 31 to November 12.



India's actions on climate change, said the country is likely to meet its targets of reducing emissions by 33 to 35 per cent of its GDP by 2030 from the 2005 levels and achieve 40 per cent of installed power capacity from non-fossil fuels by 2030.

The Road from Paris: India's Progress Towards its Climate Pledge review report, however, said that some more work needs to be done on its goal of creating an additional carbon sink.

India is key to a successful outcome at the global climate negotiations beginning next week in Glasgow, just as it was during the Paris talks six years ago, the NRDC report said. "Since the Paris Agreement in 2015, the world has made progress on climate goals, especially with an unprecedented expansion of renewable energy, but it is not enough."

"The planet is already 1.2 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial times and,

temperature rise by half a degree Celsius can have devastating consequences. Billions of people around the world along with incalculable loss of biodiversity.

"As compared to a temperature rise of 2 degrees, at 1.5 degrees, about 420 million fewer people would be exposed to extreme heat waves, 65 million fewer people would be exposed to exceptional heat waves and 61 million fewer urban dwellers would be exposed to severe drought," it said.

India has a pivotal role in future greenhouse gas mitigation and at the same time has massive climate adaptation needs with millions already suffering due to extreme heat, drought, and floods, the report said.

With most of the country's infrastructure still being built and the energy supply of the future yet to be installed, India has the opportunity to establish a low carbon development paradigm for the rest of the

MHA extends COVID-19 restrictions in view of festive season

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Thursday extended the COVID-19 restrictions across the country till November 30 in view of the festive season.

"In exercise of powers conferred under Section 10(2)(1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, undersigned hereby directs that the Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs of even number, dated September 28, 2021, to ensure compliance with

the Prompt & Effective containment measures for COVID-19, as conveyed vide Ministry of Health and Family Welfare dated

September 21, 2021, will remain in force up to November 30, 2021," read an MHA order.

No mass gatherings will be allowed in areas identified as containment zones and districts reporting more than five per cent positivity rate.

In districts where positivity rate is above five per cent, gatherings with prior permission and limited perimeter may be allowed. Meanwhile, India on

Thursday recorded the highest recovery rate since March 2020 at 98.20 per cent. More than 17,000 patients recovered in the last 24 hours.

The country's vaccination coverage has exceeded 10404 crore in over 49 lakh doses being administered in the last 24 hours. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandavkar said on Wednesday that the government will soon launch a mega vaccination campaign, 'Har Ghar Dastak' in poor performing districts aiming to achieve full vaccination by the end of this year.



IPL 2022 retention rules: All you need to know

The Indian Premier League 2022 will see the eight existing franchises being allowed to retain a maximum of four players, while the two new ones—Ahmedabad and Lucknow—will be able to get three players from the rest of the player pool before the auction next year, ESPNcricinfo reported today.

These rules were, reportedly, clarified by the IPL in informal discussions this week with the franchises.

The purse for the IPL 2022 auction is likely to be Rs 90 crore (USD 12 million approx)—it was Rs 85 crore in the 2021 auction. In the 2018 mega auction, the teams

had Rs 80 crore, of which they could spend a maximum of Rs 33 crore on retained players—the teams were then allowed to buy back five players through a combination of retention and two right-to-match (RTM) cards. There will be no RTM cards next year. The franchises will be able to apply

two different combinations while picking the four players they want to retain: three Indians and one overseas, or two Indians and two overseas, ESPNcricinfo reported. The two new franchises are allowed two Indian players and one overseas, but there is no clarity yet on whether these three players need to be from those released by the other teams or from the larger auction player pool. Retention will ultimately be the player's choice, as he can choose to go back into the auction pool for a better paycheck or a change in franchise, even if his current team wants to retain him. In fact, M.S. Dhoni's remarks during the recently concluded IPL can be a pointer. The former India skipper, who has been ordinary with his batting and keeping, is still valued for his cricketing acumen. Having led the CSK to the fourth IPL title, the franchise has said it will retain him next year. Dhoni, too, had initially hinted that he would like to play his farewell game in CSK colours in front of the Chennai crowd. However, he later raised speculations by saying that there are "uncertainties" over his future at the CSK given the two new teams in the mix. The deadline for retaining players is likely to be the end of November.



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