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COVID-19 status in isles

Port Blair, Jan 20: Port Blair, Jan. 19: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 124 passengers who arrived here yesterday, 43 positive cases have been detected

Private media continues to face financial hardship, time to stop private advts in DT

Port Blair, Jan 20: Print media in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands had registered a NICODA' ISlands had registered a sharp dip in the advertisements as well as circulation figures. During this hard time when print media in the islands suffered heavy losses, instead of coming out in support of the private print media, the UT administration has adopted double standards while

gazette is released full page the focus of the UT admini the tocus of the U1 administration
was to support the official
mouthpiece The Daily Telegrams'.
During the lockdown period when
most of the private media were
struggling to surv ive, the official government tenders and notices of a every day basis, private print media, particularly private dailies are denied advertisements. In the past few days, private media were released only minimum governmen media was given priority in every aspect. Besides issuing press advertsements in comparison to The Daily Telegrams. As a result of this, releases on a regular basis, the government media was also issued ex cept a few private dailies, mos government tenders on a regular basis. Here, the people of the

official media does not have any financial issue as it is run by the borne entirely by the gov ernment The situation of private print media has not improved even after the unlock period. Due to slow down

islands should know that the manacalissue as it is run by the gov emment. The Daily Telegram is a gov ernment department and the staff salaries and other expenditures incurred in publishing this new spaper is

Supreme Court upholds validity of **OBC** quota in **NEET** admissions

pronounced its decision upholding the constitutional validity of providing 27% guota to Other Backward Classes (OBC) in NEET All India Quota (AIQ) seats

Quota (AIQ) seats for <u>undergraduate</u> and postgraduate medical courses, saying reservation is not at odds with merit." A Benchled by Justce D.Y. Chandrachud observed that 'merit' could not be narrowed to the



CBSE Term I Results 2022: Know Class 10, 12 result declaration process

New Delhi, Jan 20: CBSE Term 1 Results 2022 is awaited.
The result when released by the
Central Board of Secondary Education will be available on the official site of CBSE on cbse.gov.in. The result for Class 10, 12 will also be av ailable after declaration on the official site of CBSE results or



India Ratings projects economy to grow at 7.6% in FY23



New Delhi, Jan 20 India Ratings and Research on Thursday y ear in 2022-23. The agency said after a gap of two years, the Indian economy will show a meaningful expansion, as the real GDP in 2022-

FY23 GDP trend value. A continued weakness in private consumption and investment demand is estimated to contribute 43.4 per cent and 21

higher than that in 2019-20 (pre-COVID lev el). "How ever, the size of the Indian economy in FY23 will the fourth quarter grow thurns out to be 10.2 per cent lower than the there could be some upside to 2022-23 grow th originating from the base effect. Earlier this month, the National Statistical Office (NSO) in

When Will Vaccination For Children Under 15 Begin? What Centre Said

New Delhi, Jan 20 The Union explained, "COVID-19 vaccination of 15-18 years are active the Ministry will decide about for 12 years old is our next goal. participating in the COVID-19 vaccination of 15-18 years are active. Health Ministry will decide about COVID-19 vaccination for children less than 15 years ofage only after scientific evidence, said Rajesh Bhushan, Health Secretary while addressing a press briefing on Thursday. 'From January 16, 2021, COVID-19 vaccination has been started and rolled out based on scientific evidence and assumptions of protecting the most vulnerable people. So, as the scientific people. So, as the scientific evidence evolved, we will be expanding the coverage of vaccination. We will ake a decision on the basis of scientific evidence for below 15 years old children,"

These decisions will only be taken after scientific information and scientific decision. We are working

on it also."

Earlier, the official sources reported ANI that vaccination for those under 15 years of age has not been yet taken by the Union Health Ministry

The Central gov emmentalso informed that 72 per cent of India's adultpopulation is fully vaccinated whereas around 52 per cent of children in the 15-18 years old age Mr Bhu shan said. Further, Dr VK Meanwhile, the health officials said Paul, Member (Health) Niti Aay og that the adolescents in the age group

participating in the COVID-1 vaccination drive. On Monday, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviv a also said that over 3.5 Mandaviya also said that over 3.5 crore teenagers between the age limitof 15 to 18 years hav ereceived the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. "Amazing enthusiasm among young India for COVID-19 vaccination. Over 3.5 crore children between the 15-18 age group have received 1st dose of the COVID received 1st dose of the COVID vaccine since January 3. Congratulations to all my young friends who have got vaccinated," the health minister tw eeted. Sofar, hdia has administered

3.45 crore first doses of COVID-19 See...Page 02

Third covid wave: Why is India not seeing severe illness, deaths/ ICMR chief explains

New Delhi, Jan 20: We have officials said that vaccination been able to prevent severe illnesses and deaths due to Covid-19 in the third wave due to the cination coverage across the

vaccination coverage across the county, said he central government on Thursday.
It also informed that 94% of India's adults have been administered the first anti-Covid dose, hithe 15-18 years age group, around 52% have received their first dose of the vaccine. "Vaccines have dose of the vaccine. "Vaccines have remained beneficial in India. Deaths have considerably reduced due to vaccinations. In this third surge of Covid-19, we are currently not witnessing severe illness and deaths due to high vaccination uptake," said Dr Balram Bhargava, directorgeneral of ICMR, during a press briefing. Further, gov ernment

coverage will be expanded fo those under 15 years of age based on scientific evidence. scientific evidence ev dv es, w e w il be expanding the coverage of vaccination. We will take a decision vaccinaton. We will take a decision on the basis of scientific data," said Rajesh Bhushan, the Union health secretary. Speaking about the coronavirus situation in the country the officials said that 11 states and union territories have more than union territories have more than 50,000 active Covid-19 cases and 515 districts are reporting aweekly case positivity of overfive percent. In addition to this, they informed that Maharashta, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Delhi and Rajasthan are among the top

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Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in Isles

Port Blair, Jan 20: The beneficiaries were vaccinated in vaccination drive is continuing South Andaman District, out of vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data a vailable, a total of6, 02,225 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 18,691 beneficiaries have been v accinated in the age group of 15 to vaccinated in the age group of 15th 0 beneficiaries were in me age group of 15t-18 years against the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The rumber of heneficiaries a dministered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stoodal 3517. A bala of 715 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands y esterday. 585

which, 108 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 63 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 84 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 29 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44y ears.
46 beneficiaries were court atted in
Nicobar District, out of which, 13

Delhi Hits 43 Deaths, Highest Since June; Cases 10% Lower Than Yesterday

New Delhi, Jan 20 Delhi today reported 43 Covid deaths, which is the highest number of deaths due to the viral infections ince June 10 last year when 44 people had died. The national capital logged 12,306 new Covid cases, which is 10.72 per centil ower than ye sterfay's number centil ower than ye sterfay's number. centlower than y esterday's number (13.785). The number of total Covid

(13,785). I henumber of total Covid cases in the city is 17,60,272. The positivity rate (thenumber of cases detected per 100 tests) dropped to 21.48 per cent for 23.8 per cent a day before. Total deaths stand at 25,503. The death rate is now 1.45 per cent.

18,815 Covid patients were discharged in the last24 hours, the



total number of discharged patients is 16,66,039. The number of infections in the national capital has seen a marked decline over the lastfew days, exceptfor vesterday

when the capital saw a spike.
On Tuesday, the city
registered 11,684 cases, on
Monday, it was 12,587 cases, on
Sunday it was 18,286, on Saturday

Death condoled

Association have condoled the sudden demise of Shri S Pandian, aged 67 yrs, R/o Chennai who died on 19th Jan 2022, at Chennai. May the almighty give

Port Bair, Jan 20: The Barbar cotation have condoled the den demise of Shri S Pandian, d 67 yrs, R/o Chennai who to the departed soul. for peace to the departed so Inserted by L Vellasamy, Lellavellasamy R/o Delanipur.

MP demands electric connection for flood lights placed at Guptapara Ground

Port Blair, Jan 20: The Member of Parliament of Anda Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today met the Director of Rural Development Mr. Vinay Kumar Jindal and requested him to provide electric connection to the flood lights, which have been already installed in the playground of Guptapara Village, infront of Humferygunj Police Station. He mentioned that a large number of youths of nearby villages utilize the ground for sports and other recreational activities on a daily basis and once the flood lights become operational, youths of the region will be able to utilize the ground even in late evening and night hours. The Member of Parliament said that sports and other related activities are good means to keep youths of our Islands engaged in constructive activities and will centainly save them from drugs and other addictions. The Director of Rural Development assured the Member of Parliament to provide necessary electric connection to the flood lights as soon possible and necessary directions were given immediately over phone by him.

IGNOU launches Master of Arts (Urban Studies)

Port Blair, Jan 20: The developmentand capacity building School of Extension and Development Studies of Indira

in the area of Urban Dev elopment. It is meant for any graduate and Gardhi Natonal Open University
(IGNOU) has launched a new
programme Mastrof Ats (Uthan
Studies) (MAUS) programme
commencing from Jaunay 2022
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sassion The MADS programme
Alagar Panchay ats; Architects
aims at promoting professional

(Bachelors and Master in

Disciplines; Civil Engineers Corporate real Estate Professionals: Employees of the Govt. Institutes /NGOs. Private or Corporate Sectors Research Organizations working in various Urban Planning and Development Sectors; Programme Officers, See... Page 02

Rangalal Halder flags concerns of MNGREGA employees

Congress Committee President Mr. Rangalal Halder on Thursday Mr. Rangala Halder on I nursday met with several M NGREGA employees of North & Middle Andaman and they highlighted him about the non-pay ment of salaries to Gram Rozgar Sevaks, Programme Officers, Technical Assistants Pa

Port Blair, Jan 20: The Operators and Engineers from Andaman & Nicobar Terribrial around four months. Mr. Halderhas Mr. Halder said. Congress Committee President urged the A&N Administration to Mr. Rangalal Halder on Thursday immediately release the pending said that during the prevailing salaries of MNGREGA employ ees

under it's jurisdicton.
"The A&N Administration has Articularia and uney ingringined him about the non-pay ment of salaries to Gram Rozgar sevaks, Programme Officers, Technical Assistants, Data Entry

In a statement, Mr. Halder said that during the prevailing said that during the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic, the payment of salaries of MNGREGA employees should be prioritised over other discretionary expenses as they

DCC President interacts with peoples of Bambooflat

Port Blair, Jan 20: Th villagers of Bambooflat <u>Panchayat</u> 02 poured out their problems and issues with the District Congress Committee President Mr. V.K. Abdul Aziz during a interaction programme organised on programme organised on Wednesday night. Majority offhe villagers expressed their problems to the DCC President and urged him to use his good office to convey it to the



Administration and get them resolv ed. The villagers and local leaders brought to the notice of DCC leaders brought to the notice of DCC leaders... Page 02

Bairagi raises anganwadi related issues with CS

Port Blair, Jan 20: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has written a letter to the Chief

mentioned that during his recent mentioned that during his recent visit to Swaraj Dweep the general public raised the issue of Anganwadi Centres and informed that the Anganwadi Staffare not paid on time and the children are also nas written a letter to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration informing him of issues with the Anganwadi Centres. Mr. Bairagi in his letter has

to know that the situation is same in almost all the Islands and also some Anganwadi Centres are about to close down due to non-payment to private owners. Mr. Ajoy Bairagi mentioned that it is a matter of

CONVICTION UNDER POCSO ACT

PortBlair, Jan 20: A Special by taking undue advantage of the periods, her father used to force Court (POCSO) in South trust reposed in him by the daughter her b consume pills likewise lastly Louri (POUSO) in Soutin Andamanpresided by the Honble Special Judge (POCSO) Shri. Raja Chatterjee, today on 20.01.2022 senbnceda 49 years old man, a resident of Dhanikhari Vilage, with the life conviction who committed repeated rape upon his own daughter in Special Case own daughter in Special Case No. 29 of 2019. Pronouncing the order on Thursday, Special Judge (POCSO) of South Andaman District observed that "father is fortress and trustee of his daughter, in the instantcase, the said father by way of betraying the trust and

Trustrepose in nim by the daughter ravished the chastity of his daughter and jeopardized her future prospect. The plight of the victim' is vurivor and the shock suffered by her can be well visualized. The victim gif / surviv or with efflux of time would live the traumatic experience and will always be haunted by the will always be haunted by the memory of unfortunate incidents" The case dated to 25 04 2018 when the victim girl made complaint that she was staying with her parents and herfather on repeated occasions committed rape upon her and whenever she used to miss her

in the month of April 2018 once again she conceived and was given with pills to terminate pregnancy but the pills could not work and she was taken to a Private Hospital where it was debcted that she has half abortion, thus the mather was referred in G.B. thus the matter was referred to G.B. Pant Hospital and there she has to undergo MTP for halfabortion. The victim being flightened, thereafter, gathered courage and rushed with all papers and narrated the atrocity underwent by her to the ther See...Page 02

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& The Andaman **EXPRESS**

US coin depicting Maya Angelou was a long time coming

It seems fitting that the first quarter minted under the American Women quarters programme — to commemorate notable women in US history — should feature Maya Angelou, the globally loved writer, poet Angelou, the globally loved writer, poet and memoririst who died in 2014. In her long and astonishingly creative life, Angelou was many things. Apart from building a prolific career in letters, she had also been, at different times, a singer, actor, dancer, composer, journalist and teacher, as well as Hollywood's first black female director. With the new commemorative quarter, she's also become the first black woman to feature on a US coin. Many Americans view the development as one that has been a long time coming. It was in the Obama era that the proposal to put a black woman on US currency was first mooted — the \$20 bill, which currently features the seventh US president, Andrew Jackson, was to be redesigned to feature the abolitionist and political activist Harriet Tubman. The project fell by the wayside during the Trump presidency, although the current president, Joe Biden, announced last January that the proposal for the Tubman \$20 bill will be revived and the process "speeded up". The demand for more diverse representation in official iconography as well as in public art street names etc — especially of women and people of colour — has been growing louder in the US and elsewhere in the world. It comes on elsewhere in the world. It comes on the back of movements, such as Black Lives Matter and #MeToo, that seek to remake the world, not only in its essence — through the politics of empowerment — but also in its visual iconography and symbolism. This was what lay behind the scene, a few years ago, when BLM protestors toppied a slave trader's statue into the sea at slave trader's statue into the sea at Bristol, UK. While there has been a conservative resistance to this impulse, which is sometimes (mis)characterised as a part of "cancel culture", the inclusion of Angelou on official currency has elicited little backlash. This is a welcome development in a hopefully more inclusive world.

private print media.

in the business, private print media in the islands is finding it difficult to administration should pass orders stopping the publication of private get private advertisements. Advertisers are not willing to pay as they too are running short of cash due to slow business. The UT administration instead of supporting the private print media is actually harming their financial interest by allowing the Daily Telegrams to publish private

stopping the publication of private advertisements in the Daily Telegrams. Such a move will help the private print media earn some revenue to run their new spapers. If no measure is taken by the administration on an immediate basis, there is a apprehension that some of the private dalies may be forced to shut down advertisements. It is hightime, the permanently.

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the figure was 20,718 while on Fridey it was 24,383. Sovernment tasks conducted in the last 24 hours, dat, the number of active cases in the city shands at 68,730, including 53,593 patients in home isolation.
The recovery rate stands at 94.64

RT-PCR tes antigen tests. RT-PCR tests while 13,843 were

There are 40 756 containment PromotedListen to the latest zones in the city

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vaccination to children in the age only on JioSaavn.com Notably group of 15-18 y ears old.

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The country began
vaccinating children between the
ages of 15-18 years from January
3 after Prime Minister Narendra
Modi made the announcement on December 25 last year. PromotedListen to the latest songs,

Indiamay begin inoculating children in the age group of 12-14 years against COVID-19 in March this y ear, as per the statement given by Dr NK Arora who is the Chairman of the COVID-19 w orking group of NTAGI.

Amid Covid, No Foreign Head Of State As Chief **Guest This Republic Day**

There would be no foreign leader as the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations, but a day later Prime Minister Narendra Modi will host the first India-Central Asia Summit in a virtual format on January 27.



This year there will be no foreign head of state or government as the chief quest for the Republic Day event, sources said today. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic continuing and the cases rising, this would be the second year in a row when there would be no foreign leader as the chief guest at the Republic Day celebra-

"This year there will not be a Foreign Head of State or Head of Government as the chief guest for our Republic Day event," a source told news agency Press Trust of India. There would be no for eign leader as the chief guest at the Republic Day celebrations, but a day later Prime Minister Narendra Modi will bost

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the first India-Central Asia Summit in a virtual format on January The summit will be held with the participation of the presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajiki stan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

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limit of success in onen competitive any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, sex, place of a sum total of "lived experiences" and his orherstruggle to overcome gov emment to craft reservation for the OBC amplified the principle of "substantive equality" manifested cultural and social setbacks. "Merit cannot be reduced to narrow definitions of performance in an open through Article 15 (1). Ex ams did competitive examination, which only provides formal equality of not reflect how social, economic annortunites. Current competencies and cultural advantages that accrued to certain classes are assessed by competent examinations but are not reflective of excellence, capability and potential of an individual, which are not a proxy for merit. Merit should also affected by lived experiences be socially contexualised and reindividual character, etc." Justice conceptualised... Reservation is not Chandrachud read out from the at odds with merit but furthers its distributive impact," Justice judgment. In a significant v ictory judgment. In a significant victory for States such as Tamil Nadu, the courtconfirmed their power to make "special provisions" and provide reservation in educational admissions, whether in aided or Chandrachud observed. The court reasoned that material affuence of certain individual members of a socially backward group or creamy layer' could not be used against the unaided institutions, and government jobs for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens or for the Scheduled Castes entire group to deny it the benefits of reservation. "It may be that individual members of an identified group which are being given reservation are not backward or individuals belonging to non-identified group may share and Scheduled Tribes". Reading out excerpts from the judgment, Justice Chandrachud said the power of the characteristics of a backward group with members of an identified group. State governments to provide reservations under Article 15(4) and The individual difference may be a (5) of the Constitution was not a result of privilege, fortune and circumstances but it cannot be used "exception" to Article 15 (1), which enshrines the mandate that "the egate the role of circumst State shall not discriminate against

further confirmed that there was no need for the Centre to have got the prior consent of the Supreme Court before introducing OBC quota in the AIQ seats under NEET. The petitioners, several NEET aspirants, had argued that since the aspirains, had argued natisinited with top courthad limited reservation to 50% in the Indira Saw hney judgment, the government should have first applied to the court before trikening with the quota calculations. 'Policy decision' "Providing reservation to AIQ is a policy decision that yould not be subject. decision that would not be subject to judicial review," the court underscored. The court also rejected the argument made by the rejected the argument made by the petitioners that the Centre changed the "rules of the game midway", well into the middle of the NEET admission process. "The government introduced OBC/EWS quota before the counselling. Thus, it cannot be said that the rules of the It cannot be sat that the rules of the game have been changed. Reservation would be notified by the counselling authority before the beginning of the counselling process. Therefore, the candidates applying for NEET PG are not provided any information on the provided any information on the distribution of the seat matrix. Such information is provided by the counselling authority only after the counselling session is to begin," the

active cases reported in India."

Union health secretary asserted that

Europe has been contributing around 38% of the total Cov id-19 positive

cases across the country. "Asia is

COVID-19 pandemic had hit the Indian economy, the reportsaid. The

R Bl's Consumer Confidence Survey shows that consumer sentiments, which had collapsed

May 2019 onwards, have yet not recovered to the pre-COVID levels. Wage growth both in the

rural and urban areas is facing

significant headwinds and has been

declining since mid-2020. More

importantly, real (inflation-adjusted) wages are indicating an erosion of

sehold's purchasing power, the

based on petitions filed by doctors in August 2021 against a July 29, 2021, notification issued by the Directorate General of Health Services of the Ministry of Health implementing 27% and 10% reservation for OBC reservation reservation for OBC
and Economically Weaker
Sections (EWS), respectively,
while filling up 15% undergraduate
and 50% postgraduate AIQ seats
under NEET. This part of the
judgment concerning the OBC
under specified in the Juky 29 2021 quota provided in the July 29, 2021 notification is final. Questions on the validity of the 10% guota for the EWS would be heard finally in the third weel of March, Meanwhile, on January 7 the court had allowed NEET counseling for 2021-22 admissions for AIQ seats to proceed in accordance with the July 29, 2021 notification in order to solely ensure there is no "dislocation" in medical admissions this year when the need for doctors is more due to the pandemic. The ¹8 lakh gross annual family income limit criterion for identifying EWS, as originally notified by a January 2019 official memorandum recommended for retention by the government appointed former Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey-led Expert Committee on December 31, Expert Committee of 2021, would be imcourt reasoned. The judgment was

showing a sharp surge in global

contribution from 7.9% to approximately 18.4 per cent in four

weeks, out of which Europe has been contributing around 38%. A

sharp surge is also seen in Covid-

19 cases in India." Bhushan added

trends may be cyclical in nature

but the picture even at the structural level is not healthy for households,

it said. Households savings have declined and their lev erage has gone

up significantly since FY12, suggesting that a large part of the consumption demand in the past has been financed through either reduced

savings and a higher debt or both the report said. The agency

estimates investments, as

measured by gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), to grow 8.7 per

cent year-on-year in FY23. It expects merchandise exports to grow 18.3per cent year-on-yearin FY23 due to a fav ourable global trade

Project Officers, Research Investigators and Research Assistants dealing with Urban Planning and Development in various hternational and National Organizations; Any graduate interested to pursue carrier in Urban Planning and Development. The two years Master of Arts (Urban Studies) (MAUS) is offered in English Medium, Total Fees engin Medium, Total Fees Rs.14,400/- (each year –Rs.7200/ -). Any Bachelor's degree of minimum three year duration from a recognized University is eligible for MAUS programme. Online Admissions for January 2022 session are open. students may directly click Blair. IGNOU. . DCC__.

Abdul Aziz has assured the villagers to take up their issues with the concerned authority at the earliest.

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the Admissions Link: https:// the Admissions Link: https:// ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/ or contact Dr. Nehal A Farooque; em ail id. nafaroquee@ignou.ac.in.contact no: 011-29571664, Prof. B.K. Pattanik, email id: <u>bkpatlanaik@ignou.ac.in</u> contact no.:011-29571662, Dr. Grace Don N e m c h i n g , email id:gdnemching@ignou.ac.in, contact no.011-29571669. The Study Centre located in Port Blair-0201 is activated to offer this programme under Port Blair Regional Centre of IGNOU. Dr. S. Raja Rao, Senior Regional Director, IGNOU, Regional Centre Port

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despite the risky scenario on the ground. He also requested the Administration to consider regularizing the jobs of contractual employees under MNGREGA in Development

these Islands and to increase the number of guaranteed days of work from 100 to 200 with the consent of Ministry of Rural

drinking water supply, sanitation and Mr. V.K Abdul Aziz was

others pertaining to the welfare and accompanied by District Congress development of the village. Mr. V.K. Committee General Secretary Mr. Abhibhushan Ghosh, Congress leaders Mr. Sajid Shan and Mr.

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Pradhan of Humfry gunj. Thus the case was then registered against the accused father and accused mother. The mother was booked as she failed to report about the commission of the offence inspite of having knowledge. The Humfry gunj PS took up the investigation and chargesheet was filed against accused persons under relevant section of IPC and POCSO Act. The prosecution examined 12 witnesses and after full dress trial the accused mother was acquitted from the charges but the father has been sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life for the offence punishable under Section 6 of POCSOAct and was also liable to pay fine of Rs. 2,00,000/- and he

was further sentenced to suffer to rigorous imprisonment for 10 years with a fine of Rs. 10,000/- for the offence punishable under Section 315 of IPC in default to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 06 months. The victim who is now under the care of a Shelter Home is being awarded a sum of Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs only) as compensation w hich will be paid by the state within a period of one month. The trial was conducted by Ms. A.S.Zinu, Special Public Prosecutor on behalf of the State. The instant news item is in complance with Section 23(2) of POCSO Act w hich prohibits publishing the identity of the victim and her parents.

vesterday, 8 flights with 538 yesterday, 8 flights with 538 passengers arrived, out of which, 431 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 102 passengers was conducted on 102 passengers (I foreign traveler) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 35 passengers bound for North & Midde Andaman at Ferrar gunj, two positive cases have been detected. At Mohanpura

on 37 passengers, one positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 12 passengers were tested with RAT and one were tested with RAT and one positive case has been detected. At Helipad, 10 passengers were tested with RAT and no positive case has been detected. yesterday, till 3 pm, 221 eligible persons were vaccinated.

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be termed as PASS or FAIL. As per the official notice released by the Board on October 14, the Board has stated that after conduct of Term lexam, resultinthe form ofmarks scored will be declared. No student will be placed in PASS. Compartment or Essential repeat category afterTerm I exams. The final result for Class 10, 12 will be released by CBSE after Term 2

examinations are over. The Term II exam dates have not been released by the Board yet, but CBSE has released CBSE Term II Exam 2022 sample papers. The sample question papers have been released for both Class 10 and Class 12. The papers can be downloaded through the official site of CBSE Academic on cbseacademic.nic.in.

Keep Alleged Rapist's Identity Secret Too: Journalist Tarun Tejpal

Journalist Tarun Tejpal today moved the Supreme Courtseeking an in-camera hearing of the rape case appeal after his plea was rejected by the Bombay Hgh Court where he had argued that the identity of the accused is just as important to protect in his case. His plea will be heard tomorrow by a bench comprising Justice L Nageswara Rao and

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ten states in terms of active cases

Following these observations. Bhushan said that Maharashtra

Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Dehi and Uttar Pradesh are among the "States of Concern". "We have sent

Central health teams to these States

its first advance estimate said gross

domestic product (GDP) is expected to grow at 9.2 per cent in

2021-22. The economy had contracted 7.3 per cent in the

contracted 7.3 per cent in the previous financial year. Speaking to reporters, Inda Ratings' Principal Economist and Director Public Finance Sunil Kumar Sinha said the government and the RBI are

expected to support the growth

recovery. He said the gov ernment

will not be in a hurry to move towards fiscal consolidation, which

means there will be a significant amount of fiscal deficit even in the

India Ratings .

24 last year, the Bombay HC had rejected his plea seeking an incamera hearing of the proceedings camera nearing of the proceedings that challenge his acquitation he 2013 rape case. Mr Tejpal had argued that the identity of the accused in an appeal against the acquital is equally important to be protected like that of the victim Tarun Tejpal, former editor-

and are confinuously reviewing the

surge, Bhushan said, "In the last surge of Covid-19, on 30 April 2021, there were 3,86,452 new cases,

3.059 deaths, and over 31 lakh

at 5.8-6 per cent of GDP in 2022-

23. Sinha said as inflation trajectory is on the higher side and economic

recovery is still fragile, RBI will resist from raising policy rate in the near future. The agency expects the current account deficit in FY23 to

widen to 2.3 per cent of GDP. Highlighting the risks to the ongoing recovery, it said NSO's advance estimate for FY22 shows that private

final consumption expenditure

nnal consumption expenditure (PFCE), grew only 6.9 per centy-o-y in FY22, despite a low base and sales data of many consumer durables showing robust grow th. This indicates that the consumption demand is still weak and notbroadbased. In fact, the slowdown in

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accused of sexually assaulting his woman colleague in the lift of a fivestarhotelin Goain November 2013. In May 2021, he was acquited by a sessions court in Goa. In the a sessions could in our mule acquittal verdict, the judge had commented extensively on the woman's behaviour and faulty investigation in the case, to grant

Justice BR Gav ai. On November in-chiefof Tehelka' magazine, was Mr Tejpal the benefit of the doubt The judge had said that the rape victim did not be have like one. At the time of his acquittal. The acquitta was later challenged by the was later challenged by the government of Goalench of the Bombay HC. The state government had said that the courts judgement was "coloured by prejudice and patriarchy".

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Pak Drone With Drugs Taken Down By **Border Force In Punjab**

Amritsar: BSF troops engaged the Pakistani drone by firing on it and also illuminated the area by firing illumination bombs, according to the border guarding force.

The Border Security Force (BSF) has foiled another attempt of smuggling of tolled another a talempt of smuggling of contraband by engaging a "flying object" coming from Pakistan in Punjab's Amritsar Secbr and seizedheroin over 7 kg dropped by it in the area.

The nefarious attempt of anti-national alemants accurately a contraband when

elements to smuggle contraband was thwarted by the BSF troops on the intervening night of Wednesday and

intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

"On the intervening night of 19/20th January 2022, alert BSF troops heard the humming sound of aftying object coming from Pakistan. Troops as per drill engaged the object by fring on it and also illuminated the area by firing illumination bombs. As per Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), all sister agencies were informed," said the BSF. As the BSF

troops heard the sound of dropping from the flying object, the BSF said, the area was cordoned and seve nackets of suspected heroin were recovered from the area during a search operation conducted in the morning. The gross weight of the heroin was approximately 7.250 kg, said the BSF, a border quarefulon force mandated to quard.

border guarding force mandated to guard 3,323 km India-Pakistan border as well as curb illegal activities like smuggling of

curb illegal activities like smuggling of contraband and Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) among other activities. Promoted Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSavan.com "Vigilant BSF toops, despite adverse climatic conditions, once again foiled the netarious attempts of anti-national elements to smuggle contraband. BSF is committed in the first hardisst druse." The RSF further in the fight against drugs," the BSF further

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IN CONVERSATION



PM Modi To Host First India-Central Asia Summit On January 27



New Delhi, Jan 20 Prime Minister Narendra Modi wil host the first India-Central Asia Summit in a virtual format on January 27, the Ministry of External Affairs announced today. The summit will be held with the participation of the

Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajkistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, the MEA said in a statement. This will be the first engagement of its kind between India and the Central Asian said. The first India-Central Asia

paid a historic visit to all Central Asian countries in 2015. Asian countries in 2015. Subsequently, there have been exchanges at high-levels at bilateral and multilateral forums. The inception of the India-Central Asia Dialogue at Foreign Ministers' level, the third meeting of which was hald in New Delhi of which was held in New Delhi from December 18-20, 2021, has provided an impetus to Indiaprovided an impetus to India-Central Asia relations, the MEA said. The participation of the secretaries of National Security Councils of Central Asian countries in the Regional Security Dialogue

Summit is a reflection of India's growing engagement with the on November 10, 2021 outlined Central Asiancountries, which are a common regional approach on a part of India's "ex tended Afghanistan, itsaid During the first neighbourhood", the MEA said. India-Central Asia Summit, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi leaders are expected to discuss paid a bistopic with thal Carden Lange to the forward India. steps to take forward India-Central Asia relations to newer heights, the MEA said. They are also expected be exchange views on regional and international issues of interest, especially the evolving regional security situation. PromotedListen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com The summit is symbolic of the importance attached by the leaders of India and the Central Asian countries to a comprehensive and enduring

Deep In Snow, Soldiers Patrol J&K Forward Areas, Check Infiltration

into a tapestry ofheavy snow, Indian soldiers brave extreme weather and inhospitable terrain to conduct patrolling and keep a 'hawk's eve on infiltrating terrorists ready to sneak into this side of the Line of sneak into this side of the Line of Control (LoC) in the Poonch sector. Sepoy Surinder Singh (named changed), walks through deep snow daily to man the listening post in forward area at a height of 7,000 feet along LoC in Poonch sector to teeralong Loc in Poonch sector to keep vigil on the movement of infiltrating terrorists camped in launching pads across the border ready to sneak into this side, if they get slightest opportunity on the

surv eillance font.
"Snow fall or no snow --chilly winters or dangerous gorges—threat of attacks - our morale is high to keep round the clock vigilance along LoC. We are not scared of such situations and circumstances", a soldier guarding a forward post through his surveillance equipment tells the visiting journalists in Poonch. The troops had to battle with nefarious designs of cunning enemy troops and their snipers, terrorists awaiting for opportunity to sneek in, and threat of a ttacks by Pakistan's border action teams (BATs) on one side and ex treme cold climatic conditions, inhospitable terrains and deep gorges on their side of the borderline with Pakistan

Another soldier says that they



conditions and inhospitable terrains during long range patrolling to guard LoC

fall conditions along the LoC becomes so poor that we cannot see our own jawans ev en at a distance of some metres. At the same time, we have to protect ourselves from nefarious designs of Pakistan", he said.

Ahead of the winter army es rope networks to forward and hilly posts to patrol the LoC with the help of these ropes, they said adding that they are armed with a new set of rifles including Israel made light machine guns 'Negev NG-7' and high tech surveillance equipment. NG-7 SLR, which in

automatic mode has a rate of fire of into Army along LoC last year as it

"Due to heavy snowfall, we move and patrolLoC with the help of the rope. It is put in place ahead "Visibility in cloudy and snow

of winters as a part of winter strategy," one Army man said. Another soldier manning a high-altitude post at Hajipur bulge says that they have now Isreali w eapons, w hich had replaced old Indian INSAS rifle.

"It is effective weapon. It is an breali rifle. Its weight is 8.2 kgs. It has a one kilometer range. Its cy cling fire rate is 600-800 rounds per minute", he said.

The Indian Army along with

fighting the enemy has to secure their own safety in the changing weather conditions from time to time.

"The w eather conditions can turn ex treme and thus bunkers have been revamped. Now army personnel guarding the borderline have graded its bunker to Fiber Reinforced plastic (FRP) to sustain guarding LoC and patrolling aftersix hours in this FRP bunker. We instantly feel comfortable from Instantly feel comfortable from extreme chilly weather as the temperature is hot inside. We have heating arrangements as well inside", a soldiersaid. He says inside it "we feel

homelike conditions".

Soldiers maintain that they had ov er 200 to 250 terrorists staged or

across through high tech equipments," aarmy mandeployed on a surveillance, said.

border belt oftwin border districts of Rajouri-Poonch in 2021 by pushing in more terrorists to engineer terrorists incidents in the area but the Indian Army foiled those bids.

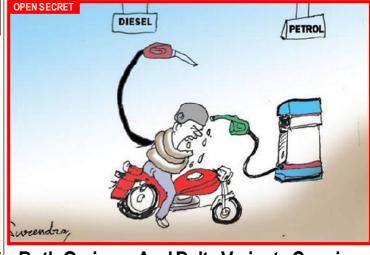
Situation in the past year in Poonch-Rajouri sector has become fragile following series of encounters, and killing of half-a-dozen terrorists

A soldier manning a LMG post, bang on Zeroline in HP subsector pointed out in the dark and said in a defiant tone. "We will not

nching pads across LoC in

Pakistan tried to activate

w hich has forced soldiers, oficers and commanding officers to remain on their toes along the 225-km-long



Both Omicron And Delta Variants Causing Covid Surge: Kerala Health Minister Kerala Health Minister Veena George also warned of stringent action against those unleashing false propaganda regarding the pandemic and vaccination through social media platforms.

New Delhi, Jan 20 Kerala New Delhi, Jan 20 Kerala Health Minister Veena George has cautioned people against the rapid spread of COVID-19 in the state during the third wave and said both Delta and Omicron variants of the virus are contributing to the ongoing unprecedented surge in daily cases. Though its severity is lesser, icron varianthas the potential to ead the disease 5-6 times more than the Delta variant and so it should not be taken lightly. Every single person should adhere to Covid protocol strictly to keep the pandemic under control, she told reporters. Ms George also warned reporters. Ms George also warned of stringent action against those unleashing false propaganda regarding the pandemic and vaccination through social media platforms. Stating that a section of people are spreading lies like Omicron is a "natural vaccine" and

campaigns were baseless. Whatever be the variant, the eople should take extra care to

so it was not dangerous to contract the infection, she said such

keep the disease atbay, the minister said. "Delta (variant) was the reason for more cases during the second wave. The third wave happened before it was completely over. Now both Delta and Omicron are contributing to the surge in Covid

contributing to the surge in Covid cases," Ms George said.

Making it clear that the infectivity was very high these days, she said compared to the second wave, five percent more cases were expected during the third

Stressing the need to follow Ith protocols without any fail in the present circumstance, the minister said vaccination was a defence against the infection, so every one should take the jab at the

Urging people to avoid unnecessary hospital visits, she said aged people and those having co-morbidities should take more care. Rubbishing news reports

stating that there was scarcity of essential medicines in the state, she said the health departmentw as fully prepared to tackle the situation and the slight rush witnessed by hospitals of late was natural.

There are 3, 107 ICU beds in government hospitals across the state while 7,468 are there in private sector health facilities. There are



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