



150 candidates rue inordinate delays in compassionate appointment in PBMC

Family members of deceased employees now rest hopes on CS for appointment

Port Blair, Aug 17: After the sudden demise of the sole breadwinner of my family, her husband, a deceased employee in the Port Blair Municipal Council, managing the family has become very difficult as there is nobody in the family to provide livelihood support. Troubled by financial destitution, I applied for a compassionate appointment in the PBMC, said Asha. However, her distress went unnoticed as the Municipal Council has not yet provided a job to her on compassionate grounds. Like

Asha, about 150 persons who appeared for the test conducted by the PBMC for compassionate appointment are yet to get the jobs in PBMC as they are still waiting for the appointment orders. With many pending cases of compassionate appointments, the state of affairs in the PBMC is another sad commentary - joblessness, poverty and so on for the family members of the employees who served the Council for many years and died serving the civic body. After running pillar to post for many years, the PBMC

conducted tests where the family members of the deceased PBMC employees were called and tested. These candidates were asked to clean the drains which they did to the best of satisfaction of the authorities. Despite a physical test by the Council, these members of the deceased employee have not been given the job due to inordinate delays by the Council. Now the family members rest their hopes on the Chief Secretary of these islands, who in his initial few months in office, has drawn wide acclaim as a proactive

Administrator. "Various Courts of the country including the Apex Court have held that in cases of compassionate appointments, the competent authority should examine the financial condition of the family of the deceased employee and job should be offered to the eligible candidates. The Courts even ruled that compassionate appointments can be made in any government department of the State or UT government. Definite GO regulations and SC orders proved of no help to these families as

PBMC had adopted a delay approach in making compassionate appointments. 'I have been running from pillar to post all these years pursuing my genuine request for appointment in PBMC. I sincerely hope that the Chief Secretary of these islands will come to the aid of the poor widows and issue necessary instructions to the PBMC authorities to consider our case for compassionate appointment at the earliest,' says Palaniyandam, a widow of a deceased employee in PBMC with tears rolling down her eyes.

Ceremonial Function at Air Force Station Car Nicobar



Port Blair, Aug 17: A Ceremonial function was organised to mark the visit of Swaminiji Varsh Flame to Air Force Station Car Nicobar. Various officials of Civil Administration primarily including Mr Yash Chaudhary IAS, District Commissioner, Car Nicobar, Mr Rajiv, Superintendent of Police, Car Nicobar along with other dignitaries and war veterans attended the event. The ceremony began with the arrival of the Victory Flame which was honoured by a

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Youth Congress honours martyrs, freedom fighters

Port Blair, Aug 17: Youth Congress has honoured martyrs & freedom fighters at Cellular Jail & Balidan Vadi at Humphrey Guri. On the directions of Member of Parliament Shri Kuldeep Ra Sharma & guidance of PCC President Shri Ranganath Haldar, Team Youth Congress led by Shri John Robert & Shri Elyaraja Alsu visited Cellular Jail & Balidan Vadi at Humphrey Guri to pay respect & homage to the freedom fighters & the 44 Martyrs of 30th Jan 1944 shot dead by Japanese in Humphrey Guri.



Youth Congress felicitates health workers

Port Blair, Aug 17: Youth Congress has felicitated health workers, Distributes Fruits & Sanitization Kits to patients at PHC Garacharma, Choudhari & Manglutan. Youth Congress led by



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MP demands setting up high level expert Committee to review NH4 upgradation works and completing the project at the earliest

Port Blair, Aug 17: Highlighting about the pathetic condition of Andaman Trunk Road, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has written a letter to the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and demanded setting up high level expert Committee to review NH4 upgradation works and completing the project at the earliest.

In his letter mailed to the Minister, the Member of Parliament pointed out that the Andaman Trunk Road (NH4) upgradation works began in Andaman and Nicobar Islands to transform the mode of road transport in these islands and to bring happiness among the residents of North and Middle Andaman nearly five years back but in last five years people of Andaman and Nicobar



Islands have suffered heavily due to delay in starting of work, problems in executing the works and in many places due to poor quality of works carried out by NHIDCL contractors. He mentioned that several protests and agitations have been staged across South Andaman and N&M Andaman by Islanders against delay in NH4 upgradation works

and also against poor quality of works. The MP said that people of North and Middle Andaman have suffered the maximum amount of such delay and poor quality of work. He added that today due to unprofessional working style of NHIDCL contractors, it has become too risky to travel through ATR in North and Middle Andaman and in

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Media briefing on COVID-19

Port Blair, Aug 17: No positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected on Tuesday. One of the passengers, who arrived here in flights on Monday, had tested positive for the infection on re-testing. The passenger was carrying

a negative RT-PCR test report from Kolkata. Altogether, 556 passengers arrived here in four flights on Tuesday. RT-PCR tests were conducted on them and the results will be available tomorrow. None of the 233 passengers bound for the

North and Middle Andaman district tested positive for the infection at Ferrargung today, said the Secretary, Information, Publicity & Tourism, Mr SK Singh. At the daily press briefing, Mr Singh informed that

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NABARD celebrates 40th foundation day



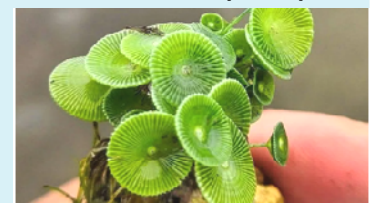
Port Blair, Aug 17: NABARD, Regional Office celebrated the 40th Foundation Day of NABARD on 17 August 2021 along with the SHG Awards function. Ms. Vedha Reddy, IAS, Secretary-Agriculture, AH&VS, Fisheries & Env. & Forests was the Chief Guest. The other Guests of Honor are Dr. Eaknath B Chakurkar, Director, ICAR - Central Islands Agriculture Research Institute and Shri Suman Bakshi, Convener-UTLBC & RM, State Bank of India. After the welcome address, Shri H Manoj, GM highlighted the various activities of NABARD and the "Focus Areas" of NABARD, A&N

RO for FY 21-22. Ms. Vedha Reddy, in her Keynote Address stated that the focus areas enumerated by NABARD resonates with the ideas of the A&N Government. She advised NABARD to provide the lead in organizing a Stakeholders Meeting so that there is convergence of the efforts of all Departments in taking forward the schemes of NABARD and the Government. The Director, ICAR-CIARI highlighted their association with NABARD wherein around 25 projects for transfer of technology are already in progress. He also suggested that SHGs

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Indian scientists discover 'mermaid' plant species

Indian scientists have discovered a new plant species in India's Andaman archipelago. Biologists found a marine green algae during a trip to the island in 2019. Identification is laborious, and it took the scientists nearly two years to confirm that the species had been discovered for the first time. Scientists say this is the first discovery of a species of algae in the islands in nearly four decades. Scientists from the Central University of Punjab have named the species *Acetabularia*



jalakanyaka. *Jalakanyaka* in Sanskrit literally means mermaid and a goddess of oceans. The

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Shri V K Abdul Aziz, renowned social worker of the area provided free pickup & dropping service for villagers, around 50 persons vaccinated. He also visited door to door and collected the data of name, Aadhar, mobile etc. He helped the villagers on vaccination. He appeal to general public of the nearby area for vaccine, if need any help from his side, he will provide like transportation and registration of vaccine etc. The villagers and youth gratitude to Shri V K Abdul Aziz for his social service.

Shri K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson, PBMC hoisted national flags at Delanipur market Mohanpura Opp Tamil Medium school mini cargo auto association Mohanpura Truck and van drivers associations fruit market junglighthat Sonia Gandhi

vegetable market fish market junglighthat truck and van driver associations on the occasion of 75th Independence Day celebration on 15th August 2021. Distribution of sweet and face mask During the conduct of events all COVID protocols were followed.

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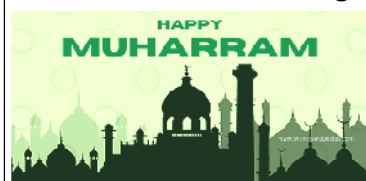


Last date for IGNOU admission and re-registration extended till 31st August

Port Blair, Aug 17: The last date for Admission and Re-Registration in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended upto 31st August, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on -

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Muharram on 19th Aug



Port Blair, Aug 17: Based on the sighting of moon in these islands, the A&N Hlal Committee is pleased to announce that the "Islamic New Year" 1443 Hiji has started from 10th August, 2021 and Yaum-e Aashura that is the 10th day of Muharram will be observed

in these Islands on 19th August 2021. Two days of fasting will be observed on 18th & 19th August, 2021. May this New Year strengthen world peace; prosperity; the bonds of brotherhood and bring happiness amongst all the people.

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Return of Taliban has implications for India

The dramatic events in Kabul over the weekend have shocked India, which seemed quite unprepared like much of the world for a precipitous collapse of the government headed by Ashraf Ghani. Through the last few weeks, Delhi had stiffened its opposition to the Taliban and doubled down its support for Kabul. This was reinforced by the broader Indian elite and popular sentiment in favour of Kabul. The genuine warmth for the Afghan people and a deep commitment for their welfare might have prevented India from recognising the weaknesses of the government in Kabul. Delhi had also perhaps overestimated the domestic political support in Washington for a strong posture against the Taliban and the Biden Administration's ability to manage the end-game of its plan to withdraw all troops from Afghanistan. While a post-mortem of the developments in Afghanistan must take place at an appropriate time, Delhi's current focus must be on addressing the immediate challenges confronting it in Afghanistan. The first is to securely evacuate Indian diplomatic personnel and other citizens from Afghanistan. This will require a major logistical effort. The government of India must also offer refuge to a large number of those Afghans who have worked with Indian initiatives and are desperate to avoid potential retribution from the Taliban. The second is diplomatic. As the world deals with new facts on the ground created by the Taliban, Delhi must make all possible efforts to get the international community to hold the Taliban to its word on letting all foreigners leave in peace, protecting the lives of all Afghan citizens, including those who worked with the government and foreign institutions, and respecting international humanitarian law. The reports from various cities in Afghanistan, including from Kabul, suggest the opposite.

As a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council, Delhi will have a voice in shaping the international debate on the situation in Afghanistan. India also chairs the Taliban Sanctions Committee of the UNSC and will have an important role in framing the international response to the Taliban's demands for the lifting of all sanctions against its leaders. India also must step up its diplomatic outreach to all the major powers and key regional actors to develop political and policy coordination in responding to the dynamic situation in Afghanistan. Meanwhile, delivering international humanitarian assistance to the large number of Afghan people displaced by fighting in the last few weeks must be taken up as a high priority at the UN. The final challenge is domestic. As Islamabad's triumphalism at the successful re-installation of the Taliban begins to rise and Pakistan-based jihadi groups turn their attention to Kashmir, tensions are bound to rise on India's western borders. Delhi must maintain vigil against a resurgence of cross-border terrorism that could quickly destabilise Kashmir and escalate the conflict between India and Pakistan.

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ceremonial salute. The August gathering was briefed about the 1971 war in general and in particular about the role of Armed Forces in the ensuing victory. All the veterans present were felicitated by the Station Commander, Air Force Station Car Nicobar. The event culminated by paying homage to the martyrs and

singing of the National Anthem. Thereafter, a victory run by 200 personnel of the Armed Forces was conducted at Air Force Station Car Nicobar along with the Victory Flame. As part of the Green India Campaign, a tree plantation drive was also conducted in the premises of Air Force Station Car Nicobar.

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Shri. John Robert & Shri. Elayaraja Alsu visited all Garachama, Choudhary & Manglani PHC to honour & felicitate the Health care workers for all their contribution to society as well as distributed Fruits & Sanitization Kits to the

patients. Independence Day is also a day to bring forth Goodness, Thankfulness & the Joy of Giving around us. A very small effort by Team Youth Congress to do something meaningful on this great auspicious day.

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many stretches, roads are full of mud and loose earth. Many accidents have also taken place in ATR due to bad road and also vehicles are suffering heavy damages due each puny in ATR, he wrote.

Considering the suffering of general public of North and Middle

Andaman and all other ATR users, the Member of Parliament demanded to form a high level expert Committee to review NH4 upgradation works and also to complete the work at the earliest, so that islanders can reap the benefits of this megaproject, after a suffering for more than five years.

INDIA STARTS SINGLE ENTRY E-VISA FACILITY FOR AFGHANS; HERE'S WHAT IT

In the wake of the prevailing situation in Afghanistan where the Taliban have seized power, India has introduced a new category of e-visa for Afghan nationals to fast-track their applications for entry into India. These visas will be valid for six months only and will be granted only after security clearance, sources said.

"MHA reviews its visa provisions in view of the current situation in Afghanistan. A new category of electronic visa called 'e-Emergency X-Misc Visa' introduced to fast-track visa applications for entry into India," a statement from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said on Tuesday.

Sources said the visa is being granted to facilitate the stay of Afghan nationals fleeing Afghanistan for six months in India. There is no clarity yet on what will happen after this validity period expires. India does not have a refugee policy and grants shelter to foreigners facing persecution in their countries on a case-by-case basis.

"India already provides X Miscellaneous category visa to foreigners whose purpose of entry into India does not match with any prescribed category. In the case of Afghanistan, the e-visa facility was not extended to the nationals of that country

until now. However, since our mission is now shut in Afghanistan, people are being allowed to get online visas. All these applications, however, will first be cleared by security agencies," a home ministry official said.

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According to MHA's visa policy, foreign nationals applying for a visa for a purpose, which is not specifically covered under any visa category, may be granted 'X-Misc' Visa for appropriate duration. "Such a visa may be granted only with single entry and for the specific duration taking into account the purpose of visit. If the visa is granted for a period of stay exceeding 180 days, the foreigner will have to register himself/herself with the FRRO/ FRO concerned within 14 days of arrival. This visa will be non-extendable and non-convertible to any other type of visa," the MHA policy document on X-Misc visa says.

X-Misc visas are granted in general either independently or in conjunction with other visa categories such as a dependent child of a medical visa applicant. India has in the past granted long duration visas to Afghan nationals — of all religions —



facing persecution in that country and a large number of Afghans who fled the country during the first Taliban takeover and during the two decades of war after that continue to live in India. Stay Visa/Residential Permit for one year at a time is granted by FRRO/ FRO to such Afghan nationals on a case-to-case basis with prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

This is, however, available only to those facing persecution and not to economic immigrants. These permits are also State/UT specific with movement of such Afghans being restricted to the State/UT

where they are permitted to stay. For visiting any place in any other State/UT, such Afghan nationals have to seek prior permission of the FRRO/FRO concerned.

Grant of Stay Visa/Residential Permit is also subject to police reporting every year at the place where the Afghan national is allowed to stay.

Notably, Afghanistan already falls under the Prior Reference Category (PRC)

countries for grant of visa to India. This means that to visit India for any purpose, an Afghan national has to take clearance from MHA. Other foreigners in this category include those from Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and stateless persons.

Indian scientists ..

scientists say they were influenced by the fictional character Little Mermaid in the eponymous fairy tale by Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen. "The newly discovered species is stunning. It has caps with intricate designs as if it were umbrellas of a mermaid," said Dr Felix Bast, who led the study. The main feature of the newly discovered species is that the plants made up of one gigantic cell with a nucleus. The scientists spent more than 18 months sequencing the plant DNA and comparing its form with other plants in the lab. A paper describing this discovery has been accepted

COVID-19 ..

currently there is one active case of COVID-19 in these islands and the patient has been placed in home isolation. "A total of 156 were tested at Mohanpura, 74 at Phoenix Bay and all tested negative for the infection. 553 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at INRM today and 400 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-45 years," said Mr Singh. More than 3.25 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in these islands. Over 2.27 lakh beneficiaries have received the first dose of the vaccine and around

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should be encouraged to take up activities like mass production of organic pesticides and Organic Fertilisers like Vermicompost, Jeevamrut, Trichoderma, to strengthen the Integrated Nutrient Management and Integrated Pest Management programmes. He suggested that women SHG members can also take up Nurseries for vegetable cultivation which has the capacity to enhance the economic status of women besides providing food security. Shri Suman Bakshi, RM, SBI stated that NABARD may take the lead role in guiding

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social distancing norms. For online Re-registration, the students are advised to log on to <https://online.ignou.ac.in/> for timely payment of their 2nd year or 3rd year fees. Similarly, BCA, MCA student are advised to pay the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th semester fees through online. For more

IYC celebrates Independence Day

Port Blair, Aug 17: On the instructions of Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma and under the guidance of PCC President, Mr Ranganath Haldar, Youth Congress, A&N Islands celebrated Independence Day with members of the Auto Union. Mr John Robert, Ex President IYC, A & N Islands was the guest of

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in the the journal Indian Journal of Geo-Marine Sciences. Andaman and Nicobar Islands has some of the last remaining healthy coral reefs in the world. These reefs support a host of other organisms, including a rich diversity of algae. However, there is tremendous stress from looming climate change in the form of rising seawater temperature and making oceans more acidic, scientists say. Rising seawater temperature decreases oxygen concentration in water, dangerously affecting all organisms that depend on oxygen to live, including this species, Dr Bast said.

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97,939 beneficiaries have been administered both the doses. 118,625 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 45,990 samples have been sent for tests at the designated laboratories of which reports of 45,990 have been received taking the rate of testing to 114,975 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the media was informed.

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the Branch Managers of banks on Financial Literacy and areas having scope for lending in agriculture and rural development. A booklet on the Performance Highlights of NABARD A&N RO FY 20-21 was released from the hands of Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS. Awards were given under the categories of Best Performing SHGs, Best SHPIs, Best Performing Branches and Best Performing Branches. The occasion was also utilised for inaugurating the Conference Hall on the top floor of NABARD Complex by Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS.

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100 percent COVID vaccination Coverage in Child Care Institutions of SA

Port Blair, Aug 17: The team of District Child Protection Unit under the District Administration in collaboration with the Medical team conducted a vaccination drive in all the Child Care Institutions of South Andaman to administer second dose of the COVID Vaccine for the children (above 18 yrs) and staff in these Institutions. Shri. Suneel Anchapka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) and Shri. Hari Kalikkat, SDM (SA) visited the vaccination drive conducted at Seva Niketan, Dairy Farm, and ensured vaccination is conducted as per guidelines and also interacted with the vaccinated children and staff. All the children and staff were vaccinated. The vaccination team carried out

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UK Expresses Willingness For Collaborating With India On Green Hydrogen

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UN Climate Change Conference President Alok Sharma met Union Minister of Power and Renewable Energy RK Singh on Tuesday and expressed UK's willingness for collaborating with India on green hydrogen. Mr Sharma, who is MP for Reading West, raised the issue of phasing out of coal-fired power plants in the meeting which was also attended by senior officials and High Commissioner of the United Kingdom in India.

Mr Singh said India has already retired 16,369 MW of inefficient thermal units till March 2021. An official release said both sides expressed their willingness to explore the possibility of establishing a World Bank for Green Energy which could materialise the proposal for \$100 billion climate finance pledged by the developed countries under the Paris Agreement.

The UK side requested India's support for organizing a successful COP26 (UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties) which is to be held



Research study on the “Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescent’s in South Andaman District

Port Blair, Aug 17: A research study was carried out by an islander student namely Shri. Saurav Nair, studying in Department of Sociology & Population Studies at Bharathiar University, Tamil Nadu to find out the impact of COVID-19 on adolescents in South Andaman District.

Adolescents are the backbone of any society as they represent potential influencers of future economic growth and development.

Adolescents have different developmental needs than adults. Teenagers are at the stage in life when they are very invested in social connections. Adolescents strive to become independent and focus more on spending time with friends than families.

To slow down the spread of COVID-19, the UT Administration have taken radical measures to minimize social interactions by closing public places, demanding people to stay at home. These measures of social distancing created drastic changes in distinct domains such as family, life, school and work suddenly coincided and families faced an unforeseen increase in hours spent under the same roof. Regarding this, the researcher Shri. Nair prepared a Questionnaire consisting of 60 questions based on the emotional and behavioral problems that can be used in the context of COVID-19. The Questionnaire was filled by 125 participants (70 males and 55 females) aged between 10-19 years.

The main research findings were that, 92.8% of respondents were satisfied with the “COVID-19 crisis management at their locality”, 64.8% of respondents suffered from “Depression”, 72% of respondents experienced “Fear”, 61.6% of respondents felt “Helpless & Frustrated”, 92.2% respondents were worried about their “Educational Career”, 62.4% of respondents lost interest in doing “Household Works”, 70.4% of respondents felt “Loneliness” during lockdown, 65.6% of respondents observed a significant increase in their “Family Conflicts”, 43.2% of respondents suffered

from “Sleeplessness”, 76% of respondents expressed that their relationship with friends has been impaired, 61.8% of respondents expressed that communication with their teachers had not worked well during pandemic, 69.6% of respondents motivation to study had decreased, 87.2% of respondents were using mobile phones for more than 5 hours a day, 60% of respondents agreed that they played “Digital Games” more than before lockdown, 50% of respondents had experienced “Loss of Hunger” due to COVID-19, 76.8% of respondents were doing no exercise during pandemic, 65.6% of respondents experienced trouble in concentrating things such as reading newspaper or watching television, 71.2% of respondents thought about themselves as a worthless person during the pandemic.

By analysing these data, the researcher has suggested that doing meditation or yoga, eating nutritious food, keeping touch with friends and family at least virtually, using social media, talking about your feelings with parents & accepting the situation positively can be extremely helpful in taking care of the adolescents mental health.

Further, a greater time spend to relax can increase sleep quality and a lower frequency of watching pandemic related news were associated with better psychological well-being. Excessive digital gaming was associated with psychosocial problems such as lack of sleep, concentration problem, poor self-control & poor academic performance. Efforts should be made by parents so that a consistent routine is followed by their adolescent child with enough opportunities to play, read, rest and engage in physical activity. It is recommended that family engages in indoor sports activities to avoid longer duration of playing digital games. It is quite possible that parents observe some amount of change in the behavior of children during the times of pandemic. If the behavior problems are minor and not harmful for children and others, then parents should

consider ignoring and stop paying attention to them. This would help in giving space to each other.

In the present times, when most of the schools and colleges in A&N Islands are organizing online academic activities, teachers are in regular touch with students and therefore are in a position to play a critical role in the promotion of psychological well-being among adolescents. They can conduct creative online academic and non-academic sessions by making their classes more interactive, engaging students in the form of quizzes, small competitions and giving creative home works to break the monotony of online education. With the support of school/college authorities, teachers need to ensure that the reading materials related to academics and life skills is made available to the underprivileged students who do not have access to the internet. Moreover, the pediatricians must generously keep the option open for tele or online consultation for parents. They need to develop stronger networks and build partnership with mental health providers such as clinical psychologist, child psychiatrist and psychiatrist. Pediatricians should work in collaboration with them and refer adolescents to them as and when the need arises for special mental health care during the COVID-19 pandemic. The health care system should make separate rules for the rural, urban and suburban domicile adolescents. Further, policies should be formulated taking into account the development stages of the adolescents such as teenage and puberty. They should ensure the sustained financing for the delivery of psychosocial support. They can also train the social workers and counselors regarding adolescent care. The adolescents can be trained as COVID Warriors and can be utilized for community health education. The findings of these research can guide and inform strategies to mitigate potential harm during future pandemics.

‘Govt. need not disclose anything that compromises national security’: SC on Pegasus row

New Delhi, 17th Aug, 2021: The Centre Tuesday told the Supreme Court that it has “nothing to hide” in the Pegasus row, and that the matter concerns “national security.” A Bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N.V. Ramana issued a notice to the Centre and said that the government must reply within ten days on allegations that the Israeli spyware was used for snooping, adding it will decide on forming a committee after getting the response. The bench, also comprising Justices Surya Kant and Anurudha Bose, told Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the apex court does not want the government to disclose anything which may compromise national security. Stating that the matter cannot be “subject to a public debate,” Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told the apex court, “These soft are purchased by every country and the petitioners want to be divided if the software has not been used. If we divulge this then the terrorists can take preventive steps. These are national security issues and we cannot hide anything from the court.” Mehta further added that the details can be submitted to a committee of experts. During the hearing on Monday, the Centre “unequivocally” denied all allegations made by the petitioners in the Pegasus matter and told the Supreme Court in an affidavit that “with a view to dispel any wrong narrative spread by certain vested interests and with an object of examining the issues raised”, it would set up a “Committee of Experts in the field which will go in to all aspects of the issue. Several petitioners have moved the court seeking a probe into the findings of a global media investigation, that the spyware may have been used to infiltrate phones used by a wide range of targets including critics of the government. The Israeli firm has said that it licenses Pegasus only to “vetted governments” for use against criminals and terrorists.

PM Modi Holds High-Level Meeting On Afghanistan, Top Ministers Present

The meeting is being attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security this evening, to assess the situation in war-torn Afghanistan. The meeting was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. India has evacuated its staffers from the embassy in Kabul, which fell to Taliban on Sunday. The embassy personnel, including the Indo-Tibetan Border Police on security duty, have been flown back on two Air Force planes -- the second one took off this morning, sources have said. The Prime Minister has been constantly in touch with officials regarding the situation, sources said. He was taking stock of situation till late in the evening yesterday and was updated when the flight took off. He instructed that adequate arrangements be made to ensure providing food for all those who returned at Jamnagar. The first transport aircraft left Kabul yesterday under challenging circumstances and amid chaos at the airport, where thousands of Afghans desperate to fly out of the country. The rest of the diplomatic and security contingent were unable to leave due to the curfew declared by Taliban. More than 120 people, including Ambassador Rudrendra

Tandon, left this morning -- their departure suspected to have been helped by an over-night conversation between the US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar. “Movement of the Indian Ambassador and the Embassy staff from Kabul to India was a difficult and complicated exercise. Thank all those whose cooperation and facilitation made it possible,” Mr Jaishankar later tweeted.

For India, the big challenge is seen to be the repatriation of Afghan nationals who have been of help during the occupation. The government has said that it would “stand by” the Afghans “who have been our partners in the promotion of our mutual development, educational and people to people endeavours”. It has also said Hindus and Sikhs from Afghanistan will be given priority for repatriation.

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News agency ANI reported that more than 1,650 people have applied to return to India.

The Embassy is currently being run by the local staff, who are providing consular services, reported news agency ANI quoting sources.

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2. Wash your hands often and with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
3. Disinfect surfaces you touch a lot, like cell phones, door knobs, doorknobs, etc.
4. The COVID-19 situation is a stressful time for everyone. If possible, you can play a game with an individual friend and family to stay connected.
5. Limit how much social media and news you consume. Read news and information as well as reliable news from trusted sources.
6. Exercise or meditate at home.
7. Maintain a familiar routine -- while still practicing physical distancing -- to help you feel calmer and more in control.
8. Reach out to a trusted adult or professional if you need help or are feeling sad or stressed.
9. Do not reason you house if you are sick. Follow guidance from your health authorities on how to prevent and treat COVID-19 if you need medical care.
10. Listen to your local authorities for other advice and information on how to stay safe.

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By this deed, I the undersigned P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shanthakumari (New Name) previously called P.L. Karthik, S/o. Paranthaman & Shantakumari, (Old Name) doing private business (give profession or vocation) and resident of Atlanta Point Village, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District (address) solemnly declare:-

1. That for and on behalf of myself my wife/husband children and my parents and remitter issue wholly renounce/ relinquish and abandon the use of former name/ surname of P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & Shantakumari and in place thereof I do hereby assume from this date the name/ surname P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari and so that I and my wife/husband, children and remitter issue may hereafter be called, known and distinguished not by former name/ surname, but assumed name/ surname P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari.
2. That for the purpose of evidencing such my determination declare that I shall at all times hereafter in all records, deeds and writings and in all proceedings, dealings and transactions, private as well as upon all occasions whatsoever use and sign the name of P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari as my name/ surname in place and in substitution of my former name/ surname.
3. That I expressly authorize and request all persons in general and relatives and friends in particular, at all times hereafter to designate and address me, my wife/ husband, my children, remitter issue by such assumed name/ surname of P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari accordingly.
4. In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed by former and adopted name/ surname of P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari and P.L. Karthik, S/o. G. Paranthaman & P. Shantakumari affix my signature and seal if any, this 13th day of August, 2021.

Deponent

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T20 World Cup: Schedule announced, arch-rivals India and Pakistan clash on October 24

India will begin their T20 World Cup campaign against Pakistan at the Dubai International Stadium.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Tuesday announced the groups for the Men's T20 World Cup 2021 which will be hosted in Oman and the United Arab Emirates from 17 October to 14 November. Former champions India will open their campaign against Pakistan in Dubai on October 24. India, champions in the inaugural edition played in South Africa in 2007 and finalists in 2014, will also have Afghanistan, New Zealand and two qualifiers from Round 1 to contend with in Group 2 while Group 1 comprises England, Australia, South Africa, the West Indies and two qualifiers from Round 1. Oman will take on Papua New Guinea in the opening match of the tournament on 17 October while the Super 12 stage begins with a fixture between Australia and South Africa at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi.

Group A consisting of Ireland, Netherlands, Sri Lanka and Namibia will play in Abu Dhabi on October 18. The top two teams in each group will conclude on October 22 will proceed to the Super 12 stage of the tournament, beginning 23 October. The Super 12 stage will get underway in Abu Dhabi on October 23, with the Group 1 contest between Australia and South Africa and will be followed by the match between England and West Indies but in Dubai.

Old rivals England and Australia will lock horns in Dubai on October 30. The group will conclude on November 6 with



matches between Australia and West Indies in Abu Dhabi, and England and South Africa in Sharjah. The first semifinal will be held in Abu Dhabi on November 10 at 6 pm local time and the other in Dubai on November 11. Both semis have reserve days. The final will take place in Dubai on November 14 (Sunday at 6 pm local time) and Monday will be reserve day.

All day matches are scheduled for 1400 local time and the day-night matches are slated for 1800 local time (+4 GMT). The groupings:

Round 1
Group A: Sri Lanka, Ireland, the Netherlands and Namibia
Group B: Bangladesh, Scotland, Papua New Guinea and Oman

Super 12s
Group 1: England, Australia, South Africa, West Indies, A1 and B2.

Group 2: India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Afghanistan, A2 and B1.

T20 World Cup T20 World Cup groups. (ICC) Complete

schedule:

Round 1
17 Oct: Oman v Papua New Guinea, Muscat (1400); Bangladesh v Scotland, Muscat (1800)

18 Oct: Ireland v Netherlands, Abu Dhabi (1400); Sri Lanka v Namibia, Abu Dhabi (1800)

19 Oct: Scotland v PNG, Muscat (1400); Oman v Bangladesh, Muscat (1800)

20 Oct: Namibia v Netherlands, Abu Dhabi (1400); Sri Lanka v Ireland, Abu Dhabi (1800)

21 Oct: Bangladesh v Papua New Guinea, Muscat (1400); Oman v Scotland, Muscat (1800)

22 Oct: Namibia v Ireland, Sharjah (1400); Sri Lanka v Netherlands, Sharjah (1800)

Super 12s
23 Oct: Australia v South Africa, Abu Dhabi (1400); England v West Indies, Dubai (1800)

24 Oct: A1 v B2, Sharjah (1400); India v Pakistan, Dubai (1800)

25 Oct: Afghanistan v B1, Sharjah (1800) 26 Oct: South

Africa v West Indies, Dubai (1400); Pakistan v New Zealand, Sharjah (1800)

27 Oct: England v B2, Abu Dhabi (1400); B1 v A2, Abu Dhabi (1800)

28 Oct: Australia v A1, Dubai (1800)

29 Oct: West Indies v B2, Sharjah (1400); Pakistan v Afghanistan, Dubai (1800)

30 Oct: South Africa v A1, Sharjah (1400); Australia v England, Dubai (1800)

31 Oct: Afghanistan v A2, Abu Dhabi (1400); India v New Zealand, Dubai (1800)

1 Nov: England v A1, Sharjah (1800)

2 Nov: South Africa v B2, Abu Dhabi (1400); Pakistan v A2, Abu Dhabi (1800)

3 Nov: New Zealand v B1, Dubai (1400); India v Afghanistan, Abu Dhabi (1800)

4 Nov: Australia v B2, Dubai (1400); West Indies v A1, Abu Dhabi (1800)

5 Nov: New Zealand v A2, Sharjah (1400); India v B1, Dubai (1800)

6 Nov: Australia v West Indies, Abu Dhabi (1400); England v South Africa, Sharjah (1800)

7 Nov: New Zealand v Afghanistan, Abu Dhabi (1400); Pakistan v B1, Sharjah (1800)

8 Nov: India v A2, Dubai (1800) Knock-out stage

10 Nov: Semi-final 1 (A1 v B2), Abu Dhabi (1800)

11 Nov: Semi-final 2 (B1 v A2), Dubai (1800)

14 Nov: Final, Dubai (1800)



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Tuesday 17 Aug (Day-2)

Wednesday 18 Aug (Day-3)

NIL

Thursday 19 Aug (Day-4)

Friday 20 Aug (Day-5)

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WARNING

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

PORT WARNING

Nil

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