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Thought for today
Be yourself, be natural. It is far easier than pretending to be someone else.

K. Ganeshan
Condoles demise



AE Correspondent :
Port Blair, Oct 18: Shri. K. Ganeshan Ex. Chairperson PBMC Port Blair along with Smt Laxmi Ganeshan Councilor PBMC Port Blair has condoled the demise of Janab M.A. Mujtaba (Mustafa Sir), Retired Principal, Boys School, Residence of Aberdeen Bazaar on 18th October 22 at GB Pant Hospital. The leaders have pray to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

NO END TO STRAY CATTLE MENACE IN CITY

PBMC can acquire vacant land opposite AIR. Port Blair for compounding of cattle, grazing

Port Blair, Oct 18: Tall claims of the Port Blair Municipal Council stands exposed as stray cattle roaming on roads cause traffic problems and inconvenience to commuters continues to be a headache for residents in many parts of the city. Leave alone areas like Bhatu Basti, Dollygunj, Pathergudda, Garacharma, the civic body has apparently failed to contain the menace even in highly secured zones of the city like the Raj Niwas. The claims of the Municipal Council in catching stray cattle and imposing fine on their owners has been exposed as scores of stray cattle they can be seen roaming and sitting right on the roads creating nuisance for the commuters, sometimes causing accidents. "Stray cattle are omnipresent - on the roads, vital road junctions, garbage pits, blocking the free flow of traffic or rummaging through the garbage in almost every part of the city. The stray cattle menace simply refuses to vanish to the chagrin of the urban population here. These stray cattle pose a serious risk to the lives of the commuters. The risk increases manifold during the night hours as the drivers fail to spot the animals present on the roads due to



darkness. There have been numerous accidents in the past when motorists suffered grievous injuries due to the presence of stray cattle on the main roads in the city. Most of the city roads are infested with the menace. The Municipal Council should strictly implement existing rules and mull over new ideas to deal with the menace," said a resident of Aberdeen Bazar. Residents are now demanding that the District Administration should allot grazing land to Municipal Council near Kumera Kheti where the stray cattle after catching from the roads can be set free for grazing. Several hectares of grazing land are available in this area which can be allotted to Municipal Council for using as grazing land for cattle

Centre shuts down MDMA formed to probe Rajiv Gandhi assassination case

Port Blair, Oct. 18: The Central government has closed the Multi-Disciplinary Monitoring Agency (MDMA) which was constituted about 24 years ago to investigate the larger conspiracy behind the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The order to disband the MDMA, which was functioning as part of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), was issued in May. In 1998, the MDMA was established for a period of two years on the M.C. Jain Commission's recommendation to probe the wider conspiracy behind the assassination by a LTTE suicide bomber at a rally in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur on May 21, 1991. However, it was being given annual extensions. Over a period of time, the unit had sent about two dozen Letters Rogatory to several countries, including Sri Lanka, Malaysia and the United Kingdom, seeking information. Responses to most of the letters had been



received. However, there were no significant inputs. As the MDMA has now been disbanded, the pending Letters Rogatory would be pursued by the CBI (Source: The Hindu).

Major fire reported in Diglipur, 9 shops gutted



Aerial Bay, oct 18: Today at around 02:30 pm a fire incident was reported in Aerial Bay, Diglipur. In this about 9/10 shops totally gutted. Both the Fire tenders of Diglipur Police Fire Service were reportedly on Off-road. Inspector in-charge Mr Dilip Karmakar who was in Mayabunder proceeds to Aerial bay to look into the incident. Fire loss is yet to be estimated by the authorities. Asst Commissioner Diglipur and other officials reached the spot. Fire tenders of Indian Navy and Police fire service, Kalighat assisted in controlling the fire. One Fire tender was met with an accident about 6 months ago with a Coast Guard truck. The spares were reportedly procured a few days ago and the other running fire tender was reportedly off-

road this morning due to a faulty starter. Due to this the tender reached the spot after 30 minutes only. Ironically the Indian Coast Guard which also had an fire tender at nearby 200 metres and Indian Airforce Fire tender which is within 300 metres not reached initially the shopkeepers complained to this daily. (Reporter: DJ Venkatesh)

Over 9,500 delegates vote to elect a new Congress president from outside the Nehru-Gandhi family

New Delhi, Oct 18: As 9,500 Congress delegates across the country voted on October 17 to choose between Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor as their next party chief, outgoing Congress president Sonia Gandhi said she had been "waiting" for this day for a long time. For the first time in the past 24 years, no member of the Gandhi family is a candidate for the Congress party's top post. While Mr. Tharoor pitched himself as the candidate for change, Mr. Kharge is being seen as the "establishment" candidate for his proximity to the Gandhi family. Several senior leaders, including



Merit list of UG courses in JNMR uploaded in CCAP website

Port Blair, Oct. 18: The category-wise final merit list of candidates who have applied for admission to various Undergraduate Courses in JNMR, Port Blair for the Academic Session 2022-23 has been

uploaded duly attending all the claims and objections in the Common College Admission Portal (CCAP) website (<https://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in/>). The counseling for admission to these courses shall be held in

JNMR, Port Blair as per the following schedule. No separate information will be given for counseling. Candidates selected for admission during counseling session shall be given admission. See... Page No. 02

Secretary, Director (Health) visit Billiground hospital



Billiground, October 18: The Health Secretary, Shri Arjun Sharma and Director of Health, Dr. Munni Singhania visited PHC Billiground in North & Middle

Andaman on 17th October 2022 at 03.45 pm on the basis of these inputs and inquired in detail about the shortcomings of the Hospital. On the arrival of the Health

Secretary, ANI & Director of Health Service ANI, local leaders welcomed him. The Health Secretary and Health Director

41.5 crore Indians exited multi-dimensional poverty since 2005-06



New Delhi, Oct 18: As many as 41.5 crore people exited poverty in India during the 15-year period between 2005-06 and

2019-21, out of which two-thirds exited in the first 10 years, and one-third in the next five years, See... Page No. 02

ASNVMs to go for protest at APWD office today



Port Blair, Oct 18: The General Body meeting of the ASNVMs was held at Port Blair on 15.10.2022. Hundreds of workers from various Divisions of APWD at Port Blair attended the

meeting which was presided over by Shri B. Chandrachudhan, President of the Union. The meeting discussed the pending demands of the workers. The pending demand of 1/30th of pay

plus DA to all Daily Rated Mazdoors as per the Govt. of India's order of 1988 is yet to be considered favourably by the Administration despite favourable See... Page No. 02

Eye screening camp at Chatham Saw Mill



Port Blair, Oct. 18: Under the National Programme for Control of Blindness & Visual Impairment, an Eye Screening Camp was conducted at Chatham Saw Mill Monday by an eye team headed by Dr. Kapil G. Shahare, Ophthalmologist, G. B. Pant Hospital as part of the observance of World Sight Day 2022. The eye

APWD install water tanks in Afra Bay, Macachua in Great Nicobar

Port Blair, Oct. 18: Towards ensuring continued access to adequate quantity of potable water in extreme dry season to remote areas of Afra Bay and Macachua in Great Nicobar Island, APWD has successfully completed 2 tanks of capacity 10.66 lakh litres each. Every year, during summer, the tribal inhabitants residing in permanent shelters at Afra Bay and Macachua faces acute scarcity of



Change in timing of 'Hello FM' progs

Port Blair, Oct 18: Henceforth, AIR VB FM Port Blair will broadcast film songs based live listeners request programme 'HELLO FM' on every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 pm to 7 pm on 100.9 MHz. It was earlier broadcast from 7.15 pm to 8 pm on these days. Listeners can call on phone number 232540 or 232541 during this period to listen to their favourite Hindi songs. - Source : AIR

Seat reserved in UG, PG progs in Calicut University

Port Blair, Oct. 18: All concerned candidates have been informed that the Assistant Registrar, Directorate of Admissions, University of Calicut has informed that the University of Calicut has reserved one seat each in all UG & PG programmes, additional created and reserved over and above the sanctioned strength in the affiliated Arts and Science Colleges under this University, but within the Statutory maximum limit for the native students of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the academic session 2022-23.

The closing date for admission for Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes in the affiliated colleges under University is Oct 28, 2022. The candidates who are interested for admission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut have been asked to go through the website of the University (<https://www.uoc.ac.in/>) for details of the courses offered in UG and PG programmes. Interested and eligible candidates seeking admission in UG & PG See... Page No. 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

19 October 2022

Voice of reason

Bombay high court has sent a strong message on the sanctity of due process and procedural safeguards by acquitting ex-Delhi University professor GN Saibaba and five others given life terms on charges of membership of the banned CPI(Maoist) and "aiding" and "abetting" its activities. The wheelchair-bound Saibaba was jailed in 2014 and convicted in 2017. Section 45 of UAPA has two key safeguards to prevent wrongful implication of innocents by the police. Both, Bombay HC noted, were violated.

UAPA judges must await prosecution sanction before taking cognisance of chargesheets. This prosecution sanction, in turn, must be considered and granted by government only after an independent authority conducts a "review of the evidence gathered in the course of investigation and makes a recommendation". But the trial court framed charges against Saibaba before prosecution sanction arrived. The Director of Prosecution reviewing the chargesheet recommended prosecuting the accused without giving any reasoning. HC wondered how a few "laconic" sentences helped the prosecution sanctioning authority make informed decisions. The conviction was struck down, citing a constitution bench ruling that a trial proceeding without valid sanction would stand vitiated.

The judges exhorted the state to fight terrorism with "unwavering resolve" but said the rule of law must tower over loud refrains that "the end justifies the means, and that the procedural safeguards are subservient to the overwhelming need to ensure that the accused is prosecuted and punished". They signed off by warning that "empirical evidence suggests departures from the due process of law foster an ecosystem in which terrorism burgeons and provides fodder to vested interests whose singular agenda is to propagate false narratives." Food for thought for all of us.

ASNVMs to go.

orders of the High Court and Supreme Court. The demand of the Union to regularise the services of the daily rated workers against the vacant posts available in the APWD is also yet to be considered by the authorities. The meeting also observed that the APWD workers are not being paid the bonus as per the orders of the Govt. of India. The meeting after a detailed discussion decided to resort to agitation as intimated to the

department earlier on the above demands. The meeting further decided to stage mass dharna in front of the office of the Chief Engineer, APWD from 19th October, 2022 onwards till the demands are achieved. Shri R. Surendran Pillai, President, CITU, Shri D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. SP Kalairajan, General Secretary, ASNVMs proposed vote of thanks.

Eye screening camp.

team examined all the eye cases with special focus on cataract among 50 years or above, Glaucoma and Diabetic Retinopathy. Altogether 101 eye cases were examined, of which 12 cataract cases (11 cataract cases from above 50 years), 3 glaucoma, 3 diabetic retinopathy, 14 refractive error cases were detected and given spot treatment. All needy eye patients have been referred to G.B. Pant Hospital for further investigation and further treatment. Earlier, Dr. Kapil sensitized the staff and

workers in details about management of eye disease like cataract, glaucoma, refractive error, dry eye, diabetic retinopathy and age related macular degeneration. The camp was facilitated by the officials of State NCD Cell, NPCDCS and Department of Community Medicine, ANIIMS. The team screened around 101 persons for diabetes and hypertension who were advised for proper diet and lifestyle changes. Some patients were diagnosed and referred to G. B Pant for specialized treatment.

APWD install water.

water due to drying up of wells/ available spring sources there. Both these places are accessible only through mechanized boat or engine dinghy by sea. Due to which, every year, potable water had to be transported from Campbell Bay to Afa Bay and Macachua by boat or engine dingy during extreme peak summer for consumption of the residents. To meet the demand, sufficiently large water storage tanks were proposed for construction by making use of prefabricated GI tank with liner for storing 10.66 lakh litres water in each tank. Despite several unforeseen

hurdles in the wake of COVID pandemic, construction of the tanks has been successfully completed and commissioned by APWD. The augmented water storage will benefit 150 people of Afa Bay and 175 residents of Macachua. With the completion of this project, 10.66 lakh litres of water can be stored in each tank during the rainy season when it is available abundantly in the local water sources. This stored water can be utilized for consumption by the native tribal inhabitants during peak summer without having to face any hardship. - Source : APWD

Seat reserved.

Programmes in the University of Calicut have been requested to submit the application to the Development IV Section, Secretariat by Oct 21, 2022 upto 5pm, so that

the same can be forwarded to the University of Calicut for consideration of the admission against the seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands.

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct 18: No COVID positive case has been detected yesterday in A&N Islands. Yesterday, 14 flights with 2184 passengers arrived, out of which, 1987 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 145 passengers and the reports are awaited. - Source : IP&T

KARIM BENZEMA AND ALEXIA PUTELLAS WIN BALLON D'OR AWARDS

Karim Benzema won the men's Ballon d'Or for the first time after a brilliant season with Real Madrid capped by the Champions League and Spanish league titles.

Spanish player Alexia Putellas on Monday won the women's trophy for the second straight year following another standout season with Barcelona.

Benzema had his best season ever at Madrid, being the top scorer in both leagues. He scored 44 times for Madrid, including 15 in Europe's top competition, and equaled Ral Gonzlez as the club's second-highest scorer behind Cristiano Ronaldo.

Benzema, at 34, became the oldest winner since the first recipient in 1956, Stanley Matthews.

"Age is just a number for me," he said.

"People play until their later years now and I still have this burning desire. It is this drive that has kept me going and never allowed me to let up."

Benzema won ahead of Sadio Man and Manchester City playmaker Kevin De Bruyne. Man played for Liverpool last season and joined Bayern Munich in the summer.

"I'm really proud, it's a lot of work and a kid's dream come true," Benzema said.

He succeeded Lionel Messi, who won the award for a record-extending seventh time last year but was not among the nominees this time after his first season with Paris Saint-Germain.

For the first time this year, the Ballon d'Or was based on achievements from the past season. It had previously been awarded based on performances throughout calendar years.

Awarded by France Football magazine, the Ballon d'Or has been given out to men for 66 years. The

women's trophy was created in 2018, and both were canceled in 2020 because of the pandemic.

Benzema became the fifth Frenchman to win it after Raymond Kopa, Michel Platini, Jean-Pierre Papin and Zinedine Zidane, who was crowned in 1998, the year France won its first World Cup.

Benzema was not part of the France squad that triumphed at the 2018 World Cup in Russia but, barring an injury, will compete at the tournament in Qatar next month.

After nearly six years out following his involvement in a sex tape scandal, Benzema was recalled by France coach Didier

Deschamps last year ahead of the European Championship and has played regularly since.

"There were much more difficult moments for me, when I was not selected (with France) and I did not give up," Benzema said after Zidane, his former coach at Madrid, handed him the trophy.

"I am really proud of my career. This is the Golden Ball of the people."

Leading an attack that also included Vincius Jnior and Rodrygo, Benzema played a crucial role last season to drive Madrid to a record-extending 14th European title, and his fifth since he joined from Lyon in 2009. The Frenchman was the tournament's top scorer and found the net when it really mattered, with 10 of his goals in the knockout stages.

Putellas scored 42 goals and delivered 22 assists last season. She became the first player to win the award twice.

With Barcelona, she won the Spanish League and reached the Champions League final. She has been sidelined since July after injuring her left knee and

undergoing surgery on the eve of the Women's European Championship.

"When I got injured I didn't think I'd be here today, but it makes me proud to get recompense for all that hard work, she said. I miss playing so much and doing what I like to do the most."

Putellas beat out fellow forwards Beth Mead of Arsenal and England and Sam Kerr of Chelsea and Australia for the award at the ceremony in Paris. A panel of international journalists chose the winners.

In other awards, the Kopa Trophy for the best under-21 player went to 18-year-old Barcelona midfielder Gavi, while Robert Lewandowski won the Gerd Miller award for the best striker of the year.

The Lev Yashin award for best goalkeeper went to Real Madrid's Thibaut Courtois.

Ballon d'Or organisers added a humanitarian prize named after the late Brazil midfielder Socrates. The trophy went to Man for his charity work in Senegal including building a hospital and school donations.

- Source : Theweek

Merit list of UG..

on the same day. Candidates have been advised to attend counseling as per the all category final merit list with their serial number/session-wise/ subject-wise as mentioned below:

S.No.	Date of Counselling	Course	No. of seats	Session		Designated place in JNRM
				Forenoon 09:00 AM to 01:00 PM	Afternoon 02:00 PM to 05:00 PM	
1.	26/10/2022 (Wednesday)	B.PES	56	S.No. 1 – 156	----	B.PES Dept.
		B.Sc. Geography	100	S.No. 1 – 600	S.No. 601 – 1503	Lecture Gallery
		B.Sc. Chemistry	56	S.No. 1 – 400	S.No. 401 – 637	Old Lib Hall
2.	27/10/2022 (Thursday)	B.Sc. Physics	56	S.No. 1 – 419	----	Lecture Gallery
		B.Sc. Botany	56	S.No. 1 – 400	S.No. 401 – 615	Botany Dept.
		B.A English	100	S.No. 1 – 600	S.No. 601 – 2079	Auditorium
3.	28/10/2022 (Friday)	BBA (Tourism)	34	S.No. 1 – 400	S.No. 401 – 1284	Lecture Gallery
		B.Sc. Maths	56	S.No. 1 – 369	----	Old Lib Hall
		B.A Economics	100	S.No. 1 – 600	S.No. 601 – 1085	Auditorium
4.	29/10/2022 (Saturday)	B.Sc. Zoology	56	S.No. 1 – 400	S.No. 401 – 676	Zoology Dept.
		B.Sc. Home Sc.	56	S.No. 1 – 270	----	Old Lib Hall
		B.A Political Sc.	100	S.No. 1 – 600	S.No. 601 – 1582	Lecture Gallery
5.	31/10/2022 (Monday)	B.A History	100	S.No. 1 – 600	S.No. 601 – 1174	Auditorium
		B.A Bengali	90	S.No. 1 – 308	----	Old Lib Hall
		B.A Hindi	100	S.No. 1 – 400	S.No. 401 – 704	Lecture Gallery
6.	01/11/2022 (Tuesday)	B.A Tamil	34	S.No. 1 – 32	----	Tamil Dept.
		B.Com	90	S.No. 1 – 323	----	Lecture Gallery
		BCA	56	S.No. 1 – 380	----	Old Lib Hall

The candidates who have applied online for admission to above said courses have been asked to be present by 8.30 AM on their respective day of counselling in the places designated at JNRM. They should bring documents in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission) viz. XII Marks Statement and Pass Certificate (Original will be detained in JNRM); School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM); X Pass

certificate for verification of date of birth; Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS); Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrolment Slip and one Passport size photo of candidate. Certificates downloaded through Digilocker are valid during counseling session for taking provisional admission by JNRM. However, original marksheet of 12th is required to be submitted to JNRM in due course of time for verification and grant of final admission by the Pondicherry University. As per the Pondicherry

University norms, Physical Fitness Test will be conducted for admission to BPES and the candidate must come in proper sports dress on the day of counseling for their Fitness Test for the events viz. 100 Meter Sprint, Shot Put, Standing Board Jump, Vertical Jump & 12 Minutes Run/Walk Test. Those who fail to attend the counseling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission to the respective course and the next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission.

Secretary, Director..

inspected all the units of the PHC, Billiground very minutely and the Chief Medical officer, Dr. Ajit Kumar put forth the requirements of the PHC in details. After completion the inspection, the Secretary Health & Director collectively addressed the public and PRIs. On the occasion, Shri Sankar Mondal, ZPM Harinagar Constituency informed the Secretary about the shortage of ANMS, renovation of ward for in patient including toilet electrification, renovation of all residential accommodation of Doctors and other staff, providing an Ambulance for PHC Billiground and enhance of monthly honorarium for Rs 2,000/- to

minimum Rs 7,000/- for Asha worker. He said that the Hospital immediately requires the appointment of a new Lab assistant and appointment of X-ray technician. The PHC Billiground is in dire need of Digital X-ray machine, a new 50KV Gen set. Dr. P.K. Mandal, SGS, BJKM, ANI very effectively highlighted the different issues of PHC Billiground. He said that the Hospital weekly 6 days visits/services of Ayush Doctor and at least weekly 2 days Homeo Doctors services at the Health Centre. Providing instruments and staff for Thyroid examination is also a requirement of the PHC. He

further informed that the building where inpatients are kept is in bad condition which requires it to be urgently restored in the interest of the public. Shri Manoranjan Mondal Congress party seiner leader request to health Secretary, up gradation of PHC to CHC is a long pending demand in Billiground Hospital is covered a vast area of four Panchayat i.e. Shivapuram, Swadeshnagar Harinagar and Basantipur more than 20,000 population from panchawati to Basantipur are totally depended on this PHC, daily more than 150 to 300 out patients have been taking treatment facility from this

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Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, former Union Minister P. Chidambaram, Ambika Soni, and Mukul Wasnik, asserted that the Gandhi family will continue to play key role in the future. Apart from being the interim Congress president, Ms. Gandhi also heads the Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP). "I have been waiting for a long time for this day," Ms. Gandhi told reporters after voting at the All-India Congress Committee (ACC) headquarters here. Apart from Ms. Gandhi, former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, Mr. Chidambaram, and party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, were among those who voted at the polling booth at the AICC office. Former party chief Rahul Gandhi is among the 50

delegates who are part of the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra. They voted at a specially made booth inside a container at Ballari in Karnataka. In all, there were 36 polling centres across the country to conduct the sixth presidential election in Congress' nearly 137-year-old history. While voting started at 10 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m., counting as well as declaration of results will take place on October 19. Briefing reporters, Madhusudan Mistry, who heads the party's central election authority, said that 96% of the 9,915 Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) delegates or voters had voted. He asserted that other political parties could take a lesson from the Congress' inner party

41.5 crore Indians..

according to the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released on Monday. The report produced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) shows that the incidence of poverty fell from 55.1% in 2005/06 to 16.4% in 2019/21 in the country and that deprivations in all 10 MPI indicators saw significant reductions as a result of which the MPI value and incidence of poverty more than halved. Improvement in MPI for India has significantly contributed to the decline in poverty in South Asia and it is for the first time that it is not the region with the highest number of poor people, at 38.5 crore, compared with 57.9 crore in Sub-Saharan Africa. Globally, of the total 610 crore people across 111 developing countries, 19.1% or 120 crore live in multidimensional poverty. Nearly half of them live in severe poverty. The report doesn't fully assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on poverty in India as 71% of the data from the National Family Health Survey-5

(2019-2021) relied upon for MPI were collected before the pandemic. The global MPI constructs a deprivation profile of each household and person through 10 indicators spanning health, education and standard of living. All indicators are equally weighted within each dimension. The global MPI identifies people as multidimensionally poor if their deprivation score is 1/3 or higher. The MPI is calculated by multiplying the incidence of poverty and the average intensity of poverty. The MPI ranges from 0 to 1, and higher values imply higher poverty. By identifying who is poor, the nature of their poverty (their deprivation profile) and how poor they are (deprivation score), the global MPI complements the international \$1.90 a day poverty rate, which was revised by the World Bank last month to \$2.15 per day. Bihar, the poorest State in 2015/2016, saw the fastest reduction in MPI value in absolute terms. The incidence of poverty there fell from 77.4% in 2005/2006 to 52.4% in 2015/2016 to 34.7% in 2019/2021. However, in relative terms, the poorest States have not

democracy. The election to the top post was necessitated after Mr. Gandhi stepped down as the party president in May 2019, owning moral responsibility for the party's debacle in the Lok Sabha election. Though Ms. Sonia Gandhi was appointed as the interim president in August that year, the party witnessed a political storm with as many as 23 leaders — referred to as the G-23 — writing to Ms. Gandhi to demand internal reforms and a visible leadership. While the G-23 leaders endorsed Mr. Kharge as their choice in these elections, one of their key demands to have an elected Congress Working Committee (CWC) is yet to be fulfilled. (Source: The Hindu)

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caught up. Of the 10 poorest States in 2015/2016, only one (West Bengal) was not among the 10 poorest in 2019/2021. The rest—Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan—remain among the 10 poorest. Despite the strides made, the report notes that the ongoing task of ending poverty remains daunting. India has by far the largest number of poor people worldwide at 22.8 crore, followed by Nigeria at 9.6 crore. Two-thirds of these people live in a household in which at least one person is deprived in nutrition. There were also 9.7 crore poor children in India in 2019/2021—more than the total number of poor people, children and adults combined, in any other country covered by the global MPI. The report also notes that nationally, "the relative reduction from 2015/2016 to 2019/21 was faster: 11.9% a year compared with 8.1% from 2005/2006 to 2015/2016. This is unsurprising because relative poverty reduction is easier to achieve when starting levels of poverty are lower." (Source: The Hindu)

Heavy rain likely to occur in Isles

Port Blair, Oct. 18: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Oct. 19, 20 & 21. Due to squally weather, wind speed exceeding 45 kmph is likely to prevail over Andaman Sea along & off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into

the sea from Oct. 18 till further order. For further enquiries/information contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554. - Source : IP&T

NOTICE

Vacancy notice was published in “The Daily Telegrams” dated 30.9.2020 inviting online applications for recruitment of Senior Investigator/Assistant Statistical Officer (Group-B Non-Gazetted) of Directorate of Economics & Statistics, A&N Administration.

After scrutiny of online applications a list of eligible and ineligible candidates was uploaded in Recruitment Portal of NIC vide notice dated 23.2.2021 published on 25.2.2021 in “The Daily Telegram” for inviting claims and objections.

Claims and objections received were scrutinized and a provisional list of Eligible and Ineligible candidates have been uploaded in the online Recruitment Portal of NIC <http://ls.and.nic.in:8080/home/index.php> and the same has also been displayed in the Notice Board of this Directorate for inviting further claims and objections.

Candidates may submit relevant documents in support of their claims/objections by Registered/Speed Post to Statistical Officer (HQ), Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Quarry Hill, Near Tamizhar Sangham, Phoenix Bay, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands –Pin-744101 (Phone No.03192-232476) on or before **28.10.2022 by 5.00 PM**. Claims/objections received after the closing date i.e. **28.10.2022** will not be entertained at any circumstances.

Note:-

i) *This is specifically made clear that the list of eligible candidates is purely provisional and the final eligibility shall be verified/considered only at the time of scrutiny of original documents after declaration of result. No candidate shall have any claim of his/her eligibility merely being included in the list of eligible candidates.*

ii) *Present Recruitment is subject to outcome of the O.A No.351/1009/2020 (Shri Shyamal Roy & Ors. vs A&N Administration).*

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Statistical Officer (HQ)
Directorate of Economics & Statistics

e-TENDER NOTICE (IIIrd Call)

No. DB-Tender/Elect/WSD/2022-23/4045dt.14/10/2022

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

- 1. Name of Work:-** Routine Operations and Maintenance of Reach Stackers at Haddo Wharf, Port Blair. **Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ‘.18,49,734/- **Earnest Money:-** ‘.36,995/- **Time of Completion:-** 08 Months **TENDER ID: 2022_APWD_7670_1** & last time & date of Submission of bid: **28/10/2022 (10:00 hrs).**

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the web site eprocare.andaman.gov.in.

Executive Engineer
Workshop Division
APWD, Port Blair

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

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ICSI Recruitment 2022, Apply for 40 CRC Executives

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Bairagi Condoles demise

Port Blair, Oct 18: Shri. Ajay Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands, along with all Office bearers of BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has condoled the demise of Janab M.A. Mujtaba (Mustafa Sir), aged 83 years Retired Principal, Boys School, Residence of Aberdeen Bazaar on 18th October 22 at GB Pant Hospital. The leaders have pray to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

CPI (M) Condoles demise

Port Blair, Oct 18: Andaman and Nicobar State Organising Committee of CPI (M) condoled the sudden demise of Shri MA Mujtaba retired Principal of the Education Department today early morning at Port Blair. He was 83 years old. CPI (M) conveyed its deepest condolences to the members of late MA Mujtaba.

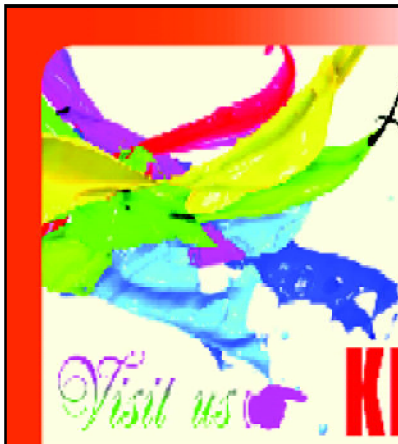
Vishal Jolly Condoles demise

Port Blair, Oct 18: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP A&N Islands has condoled the demise of M. A. Mujtaba (Mustafa Master) Retired Principal, resident of Aberdeen Bazaar & F. Joseph, Ex- Quarry Operator, (Aged 66 yrs.) R/o Prothrapur F/O Dr. J Arokia Raj yesterday on 17.10.2022, who passed away at G.B. Pant Hospital early this morning. In his message Shri Jolly prayed to the Almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

Govt raises minimum support price for six rabi crops

Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for six rabi crops for 2023-24. The decision has come ahead of the elections in BJP-ruled Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat.

The government increased the MSP to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. “The absolute highest increase in MSP has been approved for lentil (masur) at Rs 500 per quintal followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 400 per quintal. For safflower, an increase of Rs 209 per quintal has been approved. For wheat, gram and barley, an increase of Rs 110 per quintal, Rs 100 per quintal respectively has been approved. Information and Broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur said, “The increase in MSP for rabi crops for marketing season 2023-24 is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of at least 1.5 times of the all-India weighted average cost of production, aiming at reasonably fair remuneration for the farmers. The maximum rate of return is 104 per cent for rapeseed and mustard, followed by 100 per cent for wheat, 85 per cent for lentil, 66 per cent for gram, 60 per cent for barley, and 50 per cent for safflower.” The government said that since the year 2014-15, there has been a renewed focus on increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses. The oilseeds production has increased from 27.51 million tonnes in 2014-15 to 37.70 million tonnes in 2021-22. Pulses production has also shown a similar increasing trend. The seed mini-kits programme is a major tool for introducing new varieties of seeds in the farmers’ fields and is instrumental for increasing the seed replacement rate. “The government’s priority is on increasing production of oilseeds and pulses and thus fulfilling the objective of ‘Atmanirbhar Bharat,’” Thakur said. - Source : The Week




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CHINA ON MIND, INDIA WOOS AFRICA, MAKES SALES PITCH IN DEFEXPO 22

In a fulsome filip to India's mega Africa Outreach plan, 50 African countries—including 20 defence ministers, seven CDS and service chiefs, and eight permanent secretaries—took part in parleys with India's defence minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday on the sidelines of DefExpo—India's biennial military production showcase event being held in Gandhinagar.

India's defence minister expressed his commitment "to explore new areas of convergence for defence engagements, including capacity building, training, cyber security, maritime security and counter-terrorism." The commitment was suitably encapsulated in the 'Gandhinagar Declaration.'

India's Africa Outreach effort focused on wooing Africa with promises of military equipment sale, joint exercises and training focusing on traditionally warm historical ties and commonalities, even as an effort to wean them away from China—without the Asian giant being named—continued.

The China focus was obvious when Singh said, "India and Africa are important stakeholders in ensuring a safe and secure maritime environment, especially in Indian Ocean Region." He also conveyed India's commitment to "strengthening capabilities in combating terrorism and extremism, supporting UN peacekeeping missions and work for open and free oceans."

"Free and safe maritime environment" and "open and free oceans" are terms regularly used by the US-led West to slam China's aggressive posturing on the seas by an increasingly powerful and assertive Chinese Navy.

The Indian effort seek to counter and circumvent China's strategy of establishing a network of Chinese military and business establishments in the entire swath, stretching from western Africa in the west to the Chinese mainland in the

unavoidable route that Chinese ships have to take through the narrow Malacca Straits, which has the potential of being a 'choking point' for Chinese ships in times of hostility.

The Indian defence minister then made a sales pitch to the African nations for Indian-made military systems. "We have created a robust public and private defence industry. A defence manufacturing ecosystem has been created in India which has the advantage of abundant technical manpower. Our defence industry can work with you to fulfil your defence requirements."

Seeking African support for India's aim to be a permanent UN Security Council member, the minister said, "UN Security Council needs to be more representative for a sustaining global order, wherein, international peace, security and order are respected universally."

Demographically, more than 17% of humanity comprises Indians. Being held on the sidelines of the DefExpo, the India-Africa Defence Dialogue (ADD) is themed 'India-Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergising and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation.'

Source: The week



east, often referred to as the 'String of Pearls' strategy.

It is believed that the 'String of Pearls' would result in India's encirclement by China's 'Spheres of influence.'

Besides a bid to establish itself as the main power in this side of the world, China's strategy has to be seen in the light of its 'Malacca Dilemma' or the

Myanmar court says Suu Kyi's last corruption trial to go on

A court in military-ruled Myanmar ruled Tuesday that the last trial for corruption of the country's ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi will go ahead after finding that state prosecutors submitted enough evidence to sustain her indictment.

Suu Kyi, who was arrested when the military seized power from her elected government in February last year, has since been charged with a total of 12 counts under the anti-corruption law, each punishable by up to 15 years in prison and a fine. The corruption cases are among several charges pursued by the military against her.

Rights groups and supporters of Suu Kyi say the charges against her are politically motivated and an attempt to discredit her and legitimize the military's seizure of power while preventing her from returning to politics.

Suu Kyi has already been sentenced to 26 years' imprisonment after being convicted on charges of illegally importing and possessing walkie-talkies, violating coronavirus restrictions, breaching the country's official

secrets act, sedition, election fraud and seven other counts of corruption.

The case the court considered on Tuesday concerned five counts of corruption against her and former president Win Myint related to the rental, purchase and maintenance of a helicopter by a third member of the Cabinet in her former government. Suu Kyi was the de facto head of government, holding the title of State Counsellor.

The state-run Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper reported in December that the Anti-Corruption Commission found that she and Win Myint abused their power and caused a loss of state funds and property by neglecting to follow financial regulations in granting permission to then-Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Minister Win Myat Aye to rent and buy a helicopter.

Win Myat Aye is currently serving as minister of Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management in the National Unity Government, an opposition group that lays claim to being the country's legitimate,

parallel administration. It is widely popular but the military has declared it a terrorist group.

A legal official familiar with Tuesday's court proceedings confirmed that Suu Kyi and Win Myint pleaded not guilty after they were formally indicted on five counts of corruption. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to release information, said they appeared to be in good health.

The indictment followed the prosecution's presentation of its case. With the court's acceptance of the indictment, the court will hear the defense arguments in the coming weeks, including re-examination of the prosecution's witnesses.

Under Myanmar law, a judge can order an end to a trial after the prosecution has presented its case if it is found not to have merit. This first phase is roughly similar to a grand jury process in Anglo-American law. If the judge finds the prosecution case credible, the trial continues into a second phase in which the defense presents its case and a verdict is delivered.

Suu Kyi's trials have been held in a purpose-built courtroom in the main prison on the outskirts of the capital, Naypyitaw. The hearings are closed to the media and the public and because Suu Kyi's lawyers were served with gag orders last year, they are barred from releasing details of the proceedings. The army's takeover in 2021 was met with widespread non-violent protests that security forces tried to crush with lethal force, eventually triggering significant armed resistance leading to what some United Nations experts have characterized as a civil war.

Source: The week



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I wish Roger Binny all the best: Former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly

MUMBAI: Sourav Ganguly, the outgoing Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) president wished Roger Binny good luck for being selected as the new BCCI president.

The former India captain also stated that the new office bearers of BCCI will take the Indian Cricket governing council forward.

"I wish Roger (Binny) all the best. The new group will take this forward. The BCCI is in great hands. Indian cricket is strong so I wish them all the luck," said Ganguly.

Ganguly was earlier not considered for a second term as the BCCI president and was stripped of the post after a BCCI meeting at the Trident on October 11.

The former cricketer had earlier expressed his thoughts on

his tenure as the BCCI President. "I was the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal for five years. I have been president of BCCI for years. After all these terms, you have to leave and go. As an administrator, you have to contribute a lot and make things better for the team. Me being a player, who was around for a long time, understood it. I enjoyed my time as an administrator thoroughly. You cannot play forever and you cannot remain in administration forever," said Ganguly at an event earlier.

Ganguly is slated to contest for president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB). The former India captain was offered the post of IPL chairman which he denied.

The former India captain was the president from 2015 to 2019 before moving to the BCCI.



The CAB polls are scheduled to be held on October 31.

Former Indian cricketer Roger Binny was elected as the 36th president of the Indian cricket body, BCCI, replacing Sourav Ganguly on Tuesday.

The 91st Annual General Meeting of the BCCI was held in Mumbai. Notably, Binny was the only candidate to have filed a nomination for the top post

Sourav Ganguly ended his BCCI president's stint after three long years. Jay Shah will continue to serve as the BCCI secretary. Ashish Shelar has been appointed as BCCI treasurer. Rajeev Shukla will be the vice president, whereas Devajit Saikia will be the joint secretary. Arun Dhimal has been appointed as the IPL chairman.

Source: Timesofindia

Jay Shah confirms Team India won't travel to Pakistan for Asia Cup 2023

MUMBAI: BCCI secretary Jay Shah on Tuesday made it clear that India will play the Asia Cup next year at a neutral venue. The 2023 edition, which will be played in the 50 over format ahead of the ODI World Cup in India, has been allotted to Pakistan.

"We have decided to play at a neutral venue," Shah was quoted as saying by multiple cricket websites after the conclusion of the BCCI AGM.

The Asia Cup being held at neutral venues is not unprecedented.

Shah also happens to be the Asian Cricket Council president, after the BCCI's Annual

General Meeting (AGM) here. He was re-elected as secretary for a second term.

The 2022 Asia Cup was held in the UAE last month after hosts

Sri Lanka expressed their inability to host the event amid the economic crisis back home.

India and Pakistan only play each other in Asia Cup and global events due to political tensions between the two countries.

Both teams played twice in the Asia Cup last month and are set to clash in Melbourne on October 23 in the T20 World Cup.

BCCI's cash reserves grew by approx Rs 6000 crore in last 3 years

At the AGM, outgoing treasurer and new IPL chairman Arun Dhimal informed the state units that the BCCI's treasury grew from Rs 3648 crore to Rs 9629 crore in the last

three years. The Ganguly-led regime had taken charge in 2019 after the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators' 33-month tenure.

"When the current team took over the reins of the BCCI in 2019, the BCCI's coffers had funds of Rs 3648 crore. We are handing over an organisation that sits over a treasury that has Rs 9629 crore of funds which is roughly thrice of what we got at the time of our taking over from COA," said Dhimal in his speech.

"The disbursement to the state associations has seen a jump of nearly five times, from Rs 680 crore in the COA time to Rs 3295 crore now," he added.

Source: Timesofindia

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