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Delegation of South Andaman Teachers' Branch of NGOs' Association meets Secretary (Education)

Port Blair, Oct 19: A delegation of the South Andaman Teachers' Branch of the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association met the Secretary (Education), Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan, IAS today (19.10.2021) and discussed various issues pertaining to teachers working in Education Department. The delegation led by Shri P. Jay Murthy, Secretary of branch brought to the notice of the Secretary (Education), the issue of non-posting of Principals and Vice Principals in

Power House at Raj Niwas cries for attention, needs urgent renovation and modernization

Port Blair, Oct 19: While the Raj Niwas hosts VIPs of the country and top dignitaries from the world during their visit to these islands, poor maintenance of the Power House in the complex is



earning bad names for the official residence of the Administrator of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. As per reports, the Power House at Raj Niwas has been lacking maintenance and modernization for



the past many years and any further delay in this regard could lead to failure of the setup in the days to come. As per reports, the Power

House at Raj Niwas functions from a temporary type structure with no proper Control Room and Systems. The Power House in the official See... Page 02



GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, I extend my warm wishes and heartfelt greetings to all the people of A&N Islands. This festival of Eid-E-Milad, being celebrated as the birth anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Mohammed, who spread message of love for humanity, harmony and brotherhood for welfare of human kind. Taking inspiration from these moral values, we try to always take the islands forward on the path of peace and harmony. I appeal to the Islanders to sincerely follow COVID-19 guidelines and COVID appropriate behaviour and get vaccinated on time for ensuring good health of self and family members. On this occasion, I sincerely wish and hope that peace, harmony and prosperity is always maintained in the Islands and we keep progressing on the path of development. (Admiral D K Joshi) PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) L.G. A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Prophet Mohammed stood for precious human values such as discipline, kindness, compassion and charity. Let us all, on this day, resolve to foster love and strive to promote peace and harmony in society. Prophet Mohammed's mission is fulfilled when we serve our fellowmen with faith, trust, care and compassion. May the birthday of Prophet Mohammed usher in peace and goodwill amongst all. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament

GREETINGS

Shri VK Abdul Aziz, Social Worker Bindraan extend their warm greetings on the auspicious occasion of Eid-E-Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Islamic Prophet Muhammad. It is believed that the Prophet was born on the 12th day of Rabi-ul-awwal, which is the third month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Shri VK Abdul Aziz extended heartiest greetings to the Islanders on celebration of Eid-E-Milad-un-Nabi and pray to Allah to shower his divine blessings and fill your home, life and heart with bliss as well as bring spirit of joy, happiness and open up newer opportunities for success.

MP raises 21 crucial issues of isles with Home Minister

Port Blair, Oct 19: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah at Raj Niwas on Sunday and highlighted major issues in front of him and raised several demands. Among major issues the Member of Parliament demanded establishment of an IT park in A&N Islands and laying of 2nd OFC line from Diglipur to Digha in West Bengal.

The MP suggested establishment of IT park in A & N Islands at Rutland Island, which is in close proximity to Port Blair and having sufficient land and water for developing the said IT Park as Port Blair and other parts of South Andaman not having any vacant land available for development of the proposed IT Park. He mentioned that the IT park will provide thousands of jobs for youths of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He suggested that for this purpose approximately 3000 Acres

of land should be earmarked with a budgetary provision of Rs. 10,000 Crores for the project which will solve unemployment issues and generate revenue. The Member of Parliament also demanded parallel net connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands through undersea OFC cable between Diglipur Islands in North Andaman and Digha in West Bengal which is the shortest distance between the two places, to ensure uninterrupted connectivity even if the other

grid fails due to any reason. Among other demands, the Member of Parliament demanded setting up of Fisheries College in Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Extension of validity of documents related to Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the validity of Fitness, Permit (all types), License, Registration or any other concerned document for all tourism vehicles upto 31.03.2022; Subsidy in airfare for the Islanders between

mainland and Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Construction of bridge over sea connecting Chatham and Bamboo Flat; Setting up of Central University in A&N Islands; Resettlement of Tamil settlers of Katchal Island; Regularisation of excess land of Pre 1961. Old inhabitants, settlers and providing land to landless Islanders and regularise encroachment prior to 2012; Grant 1/30th Pay - DA to the left out 3000 DRMs out of 7000 DRMs under See... Page 02

Wishing RANGALAL HALDAR PCC PRESIDENT ANTCC A Very Happy Birthday

V K ABDUL AZIZ
 TCC MEMBER, WIMBERRY GANGI BLOCK

Wishing you A Very Happy BIRTHDAY

K GANESHAN, Chief Spokesperson, Pradesh Congress Committee

on 20-10-2021

When we look at you, we are awed by your energy, joy and kindness. You're so fresh and beaming. We wish you to continue to embrace life like you do.

BEST WISHES: Zahid Hussain, State Secretary, Pradesh Youth Congress, Mahinder Prasad, Ex-Senior Vice Chairman of PBMC and Rajender Raju, Congress Block President.

Congress Unit of Kadamtala stage protest to press for various demands

Bakulab Narayan :: Kadamtala, Oct 19: The Congress Unit of Kadamtala staged a Dharma at Kadamtala bazaar on Monday. More than 100 Congress workers participate in the dharna to press for various demands viz early repair and renovation of the NH stretches in Kadamtala, resumption of MNREGA projects for the benefit of needy people, compensation for families who suffered losses due to invasions by members of the Jarawa tribe, Ration kits for the Covid-19 sanctioned by the Govt. Of India and restoration of boat services from Port Blair via Rangat Bay, Long Island, Kadamtala, Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep. Other demands raised by the party workers include issue of new Labour Card for labourers and stop of muster rolls for old Labour Cards, stop issue of online fertilizer to farmers and manual issue of boat services, increase in honorarium of See... Page 02

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Chouldhari Branch Committee of A&N Auto Union constituted

Port Blair, Oct 19: During the recent visit of the Member of Parliament and President, INTUC, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma along with Shri Elayaraja Als, President, A&N Auto Union to Chouldhari, a group of auto drivers of the area along with the office bearers of A&N Auto Union, Bathu Basthi Branch Committee expressed their willingness to join INTUC and support the Congress party.

Accordingly, with the approval of the President of INTUC, a Branch Committee of the Union has been formed with Shri Biswanath Das as Vice President, Shri Sajeeth Kumar as Secretary and Shri Murugesan as Treasurer. Five executive members were also elected for the Branch Committee. Shri Gyan Prakash Krishna, Shri K.P. Aboobacker, General Secretaries of INTUC, Shri Masilugun, General Secretary of ANTCC and Shri N.N. Nag, President BCC, Humferygunj were present in the meeting.

Grameen Mahila Mandal constituted

Bakulab Narayan :: Port Blair, Oct 19: A meeting of the Women Social Workers of Chouldhari, Humferygunj, Wandoor and Guptapara was held in the Community hall G.P. Humferygunj. Smt Laxmi Singh, a veteran social worker of Humferygunj chaired the meeting. Mr N N Nag, social worker of Guptapara was the special invitee on the occasion. The meeting discussed welfare issues of women and children, role of women in the institutions of democratically elected and women empowerment. The meeting unanimously resolved to constitute an association of women under the constitutional framework. Accordingly, a Mahila See... Page 02

HAN Scheduled Senior Men Hockey Championship

Port Blair, Oct 19: The Hockey Andaman & Nicobar has scheduled its Block to State Championship-2021 at different Blocks in these Islands. The Hockey championship for Block will be conducted in all the Blocks from 01st-04th Nov 2021. District Championship in all the three District from 06-09th Nov, 2021. The State Championship for forthcoming S Men Championship will be conducted from 12th - 18th See... Page 02

ANTA, ANCA to organize Inter-Departmental Open Chess tourney on Oct 31

Port Blair, Oct 19: An Inter-Departmental Open Chess Tournament 2021 will be organized by Andaman & Nicobar Teachers Association (ANTA) in collaboration with Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on Sunday the 31st October 2021 at Tagore college multipurpose hall, Middle Point, Port Blair. The tournament will be an individual event which will be held over-the-board Swiss league format. Interested players may register their names along with the Entry fee @ Rs. 250/- at the office of the See... Page 02

Priyanka Gandhi announces to reserve 40% Congress tickets for women in Uttar Pradesh

Declaring their first pledge for the upcoming polls, AICC General Secretary **Priyanka Gandhi** Vadra Tuesday announced to reserve 40 percent party tickets for women for the 2022 Assembly election in Uttar Pradesh. "In Uttar Pradesh, Congress will reserve 40 percent tickets for women. It is our pledge that women will have full participation in the politics of Uttar Pradesh," said Priyanka. Asking more women to come and join the fight with her to change the politics of Uttar Pradesh, Priyanka said the collection of applications for party tickets has been extended till Nov 15. She also said she had wanted to reserve 50 per cent seats but after consultations with others, she decided to reserve 40 per cent for women. In UP, which has 403 Assembly seats, it would mean Congress will keep 160 tickets for women candidates. Asked why 40 per cent, Priyanka said, "It is just the beginning and in the next election, it can be 50 per cent also. I announced for Uttar Pradesh being the AICC General Secretary in See... Page 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

20 October 2021

Indian cricket team's difficult

Which Indian batsman would you want to be at the crease, in a high stakes cricket game? Who at the peak of his batting form took the additional load of keeping the wickets for the sake of the team? Who did the BCCI trust to groom the country's young talent? Who has the BCCI sent an SOS to now, as they look for a coach to work with Virat Kohli? Rahul Dravid is the easy answer to all of the above questions. Close to a decade after his retirement, the cautiously correct batsman with the famed diplomatic articulation continues to be Indian cricket's Mr Dependable. After trying his best to avoid the two most coveted addas for retired cricketers — national team dug out and commentary box — Dravid seems to have given in. If reports are to be believed, national interest proved to be the game-changing pitch.

There's a relatively unknown Dravid record that sums up his body of work and amplifies his coaching credentials. India's best-ever No 3 has faced the most number of balls in the history of Test cricket. It's proof of his solidity and the sweat he poured on pitches around the world to score his runs. Dravid's bat was no magic wand that would be found in the kit bags of a Tendulkar or Lara. Dravid gave hope to even the less talented that stardom was attainable. He has the bandwidth to understand the present-day greats in the Indian team and also the empathy for the strugglers.

Now, for the elephant in the room, Kohli, who is said to have played a role in the sacking of coach Anil Kumble in the past. Will there be another power struggle? Kohli isn't the Kohli of old and the times too have changed. Having quit the T20 captaincy, Kohli is no longer the unquestionable leader of the side. The emergence of Rohit Sharma has changed the power equations. Having led India in the Chappell era, Dravid is not new to dressing room intrigue. Dravid the captain couldn't flower fully, now is his chance to make up for that.

Congress Unit...

Arganwadi workers and grant of other benefits, 100 per cent reservation in government jobs for islanders, immediate repair of village roads in Kadamtala and Ulthara, posting of adequate staff at PHC Kadamtala, conduct of land demarcation for villagers of Kadamtala and Ulthara etc.

Grameen Mahila ..

Mondal has been constituted the name and style of "GRAMEEN MAHILA MANDAL", South Andaman, Choudhary. Smt V Alima Bibi was elected as President, Smt Appal Narasamma and Smt Laxmi Singh as Vice

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Presidents, Smti Sangeeta Joydhar as Secretary and Smti Pushpa Lata as Treasurer. Besides, three Joint Secretaries, three Organizing Secretaries and nine executive members are also elected for the Mandal.

HAN Scheduled...

Nov. 2021 at Port Blair. During the championship play ers shall be selected for the forthcoming Senior Men Championship. The Hockey Andaman & Nicobar invite all interested Departments/ Clubs/ District Teams for participation in the respective championship and to register their

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entry with nominal fee at State Olympic Association, Netaji Stadium, Port Blair till 30th Oct. 2021 for Block & District level championship and up to 08th Nov. 2021 for State Championship. For any sort of enquiry, they may contact over cell No. 9531808874/ 9533246274.

ANTA, ANCA...

All the Central Govt. Employees working in A & N Islands including uniformed personnel in Defence Services / Para Military Organisations / Police / IRB etc. are eligible to participate in the event.

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Employees of Autonomous bodies/Under takings/Public Sector Banks/Corporations even though administratively controlled by the Central Ministries/ Casual/Daily wages workers/ Employees attached to offices on temporary duty are also eligible to participate. The general instructions as per SOP/ Guidelines of COVID-19 issued by Central/ A & N Administration are to be strictly followed by all players and supporting staff during the competition. All the participants should report at the venue at 8.20 am on 31st October 2021.

Delegation of South...

schools and filling up of vacant posts of teachers in Education Department, which has badly affected the smooth functioning of schools in these islands. The Delegation also highlighted various other issues which include (i) delay in Annual General Transfer 2021 (ii) delay in Promotion of Post Graduate Teachers (iii) Regularisation of Ad-hoc services of teachers etc.

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The Secretary (Education) after giving a patient hearing to the members of the delegation assured of early settlement of the issues raised by the Association. The delegation also included Shri K.S. Sunish, Treasurer, Shri Shyam Sundar, Organising Secretary and Shri P.Srinivas Rao, Organising Secretary.

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Fight Against Covid-19 Corona Virus

ORBITING NUKE OR HYPERSONIC GLIDER OR BOTH? WHAT DID CHINA TEST, WHY IT MATTERS?

A report in the Financial Times on Sunday about China testing a secretive hypersonic missile system in August that orbited the earth has provoked concern among experts. China's foreign ministry issued a denial on Monday, saying, not



surprisingly, added to the questions. The Chinese government said it tested a hypersonic "vehicle, not a missile". The spokesman claimed the test happened in July, contradicting the report in Financial Times.

Reacting to the test, a number of arms control experts said the new Chinese weapon appeared to have characteristics of a "Fractional Orbital Bombardment System", a weapon system developed by the erstwhile Soviet Union in the 1960s.

Popularly known as an "orbiting" nuclear weapon, the FOBS was a nuclear warhead launched from an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) in much the same way as any other nuclear-armed missile. However, after launch, the FOBS would enter a low

orbit allowed the FOBS to evade detection by radars.

Instead of flying the shorter route over the North Pole to hit targets in the US, a FOBS could travel over the South Pole and approach the US over areas that had little radar coverage.

Soviet planners believed such a weapon would reduce US early-warning time to around five minutes. The term fractional orbit was chosen to comply with international agreements such as the Outer Space Treaty that banned the deployment of nuclear weapons in space. The US Air Force Magazine explained FOBS as a weapon that "would never complete a full orbit and thus would be in compliance with the letter of the international accords".

The purpose of FOBS was not to hit precision targets such as US ICBM launch sites as the weapon had a lower accuracy, given its parabolic trajectory. Instead, FOBS was to be aimed at major power centres such as Washington DC. Air Force Magazine reported in 2005 that the Soviet Union built 18 FOBS launch silos and deployed its first operational unit by 1969. These weapons were decommissioned by the mid-1980s.

China also briefly worked on a FOBS project in the 1970s, which was cancelled, reportedly, due to technical issues.

Hypersonic glider In addition to characteristics of FOBS, the new Chinese weapon was also believed to have carried a hypersonic glider. China has tested and even displayed hypersonic weapons before.

The DF-17 hypersonic missile was displayed at a military parade to mark 70 years of the establishment of the People's Republic of China in 2019. Hypersonic weapons travel at over five times the speed of sound and are considered very difficult to intercept by existing ground-based defences. According to reports, China tested the DF-17 twice in 2017, with the weapon travelling about 1,400 km in one test.

While a ballistic missile also has hypersonic speed, a hypersonic glider—which is meant to fly in the atmosphere, as opposed to space—has a major advantage: It is significantly more manoeuvrable.

US Defence website The Drive explained the significance of this capability in an article. "Using a

hypersonic glider of some kind as the warhead-carrying portion of a FOBS adds a new dimension of unpredictability to the weapon. The glider would provide a highly manoeuvrable platform to bring the warhead to the target, giving it much more significant capabilities to either dodge enemy air and missile defences or simply strike from an unexpected vector where there are no defences," The Drive reported.

Nuclear Swiss Army missile! Arms control experts questioned the efficacy of combining a hypersonic glider atop a FOBS. In a Twitter thread on Sunday, Joshua H. Pollack, editor of Nonproliferation Review, tweeted, "A glider can also evade defenses, but putting one in orbit à la FOBS renders that advantage moot".

Pollack argued the Chinese weapon "may be multi-functional, like Russia's Sarmat, capable of delivering weapons via different trajectories".

The Sarmat is an ICBM that was one of six cutting-edge strategic weapons unveiled by Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2018. It is believed to be capable of carrying a large number of multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles (MIRVs) or separate nuclear warheads, as well as countermeasures to dodge enemy defences.

Pollack noted "An over-designed missile with both glider and FOBS capabilities could be the PLA's way of staying ahead of diversifying,

improving defense systems." He argued China's aim was to "have the flexibility to evade defenses in an unpredictable manner". He equated the new missile to a Swiss Army knife.

He referred to the deployment of ballistic missile defence systems on multiple US Navy ships that are capable of shooting down ICBMs. Unlike land-based early warning sites, ships can move around, expanding both range of radar coverage and distribution of intercept missiles to target incoming ICBMs. Analyst Shashank Joshi, defence editor of The Economist, also voiced a similar view. Joshi noted, "Orbital weapons and glide vehicles could dodge different interceptors in different ways, hedging China's bets. Other possibilities are that the glider... improves accuracy, or that Chinese gliders presently lack the range to take southerly polar routes". Another expert, Ankit Panda, a senior fellow with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, also agreed the new weapon was an attempt by China to hedge bets.

Panda tweeted on Monday, "US missile defense capabilities, as they exist today, are not capable of completely nullifying China's retaliatory capability, but glider-FOBS (G-FOBS) is about hedging against possible advances in the future". He noted that both ground-based early warning radars and space-based sensors deployed by the US were mostly facing towards the North Pole. He argued, "generally speaking, the southern Pacific off the coast of South America is not an area that MDA/Space Force thinks about too much."

Priyanka Gandhi ...

charge of the state and other states want to follow, it's up to them."

Asked if the decision leads Congress leaders to field their wives and other women members of the family, Priyanka said she doesn't find anything wrong in it and added, it will usher in empowerment of women. She, however, added that the selection will be done purely on the basis of merit.

Citing examples of her meeting women during her visits to Uttar Pradesh in the last two years, Priyanka said, "The decision is for common women, for students of Allahabad University, who told me that there is bias in rules for girls. For women I met during the Ganga Yatra in Prayagraj who told me that they want to become politicians, the girl in Chandauli whose plot brother was martyred, a girl in Lakshimpur who told me she wants to become the Prime Minister. A woman

named Laxmi Valmiki in Lucknow and others."

Priyanka said the decision has been taken to bring about a change in the politics of Uttar Pradesh and asked women to unite to bring social service, teaching or in the media. "Aap badlav chahi hain to inlekar mat kariye. Aapki suraksha koi nahi kare wala (If you want a change, don't wait. Nobody will protect you)," she said, adding, "politics of hate" can be changed by women through this decision.

She said that the politics of caste and religion can be changed into politics of development only by bringing women into politics.

Claiming that the decision is for "empowerment" of women, Priyanka said, "My light is to bring about a change in politics. It is for those who are unable to raise their voice. It is to bring about a change here and introduce a politics of

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service instead of the politics of beating and tramping."

Priyanka also asked other parties to charge their style of attacking her instead of mocking her visits as "politics of tourism". On whether she would contest the election, Priyanka said a decision on that is yet to be taken.

Kerala's rain pattern has seen a big shift, say experts

The unseasonal downpour last week led to a trail of death and destruction in Kerala amid a shift in rain patterns in the state over the last five years. From the 2018 flood of

"...more than 90 of the heat on earth is absorbed by oceans. Usually, temperatures in the Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal are above 28 degrees C and in the Arabian

should have been very careful in land use because the state is endowed with many hills and rivers and has a slanting geographical landscape.



The frequency of cyconic circulation over the Arabian Sea has also increased manifold. There has been a 52% increase in cyconic movement over the Arabian Sea between 2001 and 2019 and eight per cent during the same period in the Bay of Bengal. The India Meteorological Department statistics show nine cyclones or major depressions were formed in 2020, out of which four were over the Arabian Sea.

Alfred Wegener Institute study says seas near Mumbai, Kerala, and Andaman and Nicobar islands are among the most polluted in the world.

"It is said in Kerala discussions start only after a tragedy and everyone forgets about it soon. It is high time the state gives top priority to environmental impact studies when it takes up developmental projects. Cloud bursts, flash floods, and landslides are here to stay. The state will have to pay a heavy price if it goes ahead ignoring the climate change signals," said MG Manoj of the Advanced Centre for Atmospheric Radar Research, Cochin University of Science and Technology.

Experts say one of the reasons for high temperature is a chemical reaction in the sea induced by pollution. According to a Central Marine Fisheries Institute of India

Banks' stressed assets in retail, MSME segments seen rising in FY22

The COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue to have a bearing on the asset quality of banks in the current financial year. However, unlike previous years, where the bad loans were led by large corporate accounts, it is the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and retail borrowers who have caused more impact this time around.

The pandemic and the nationwide lockdown has hit MSMEs hard as sales fell and global supply chains were disrupted. Many individuals too had to bear the brunt of salary cuts or even job losses. While the Reserve Bank of India did allow retail borrowers to restructure their loans, the

non-performing assets are still likely to go up this year, according to CRISIL.

The credit ratings agency expects stressed assets in the retail segment to rise to 4.5 per cent in the current financial year ending March 2021, compared with 3 per cent in the previous year.

Similarly, stressed assets in the MSME segment are expected to rise to 17-18 per cent in 2021-22 from 14 per cent in 2020-21.

"The MSME segment, despite benefiting from ECLGS (Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme) and the recent limit enhancement and tenure extension, is likely to see asset quality deteriorate

and will require restructuring to manage cash-flow challenges. In fact, restructuring is expected to be the highest for this segment, at 4.5 per cent of the loan book," CRISIL said.

The retail and MSME segments together form 40 per cent of bank credit, according to Krishnan Sitararam, senior director and deputy chief ratings officer at CRISIL.

Corporate stressed assets though are likely to remain range bound in the 9-10 per cent range this financial year. In the asset quality review that had been initiated five years ago, a large part of the stress in the corporate loan book had

already been recognised. Furthermore, many corporates had focused on deleveraging and strengthening their balance sheets in the last two-three years. This helped them tide over the pandemic relatively unscathed compared with retail and MSME borrowers.

Overall, gross non-performing assets of banks are seen rising to 8-9 per cent this fiscal, well below the peak of 11.2 per cent seen at the end of fiscal 2018, according to CRISIL.

Its worth noting that CRISIL's expectations are based on the base case scenario that India's economy will grow 9.5 per cent this financial year. In case

there is a third wave of COVID and demand were to decelerate, there could be downside risks to the estimates.

Separately, Moody's also upgraded its outlook on India's banking system on Tuesday to "stable" from "negative". The deterioration of asset quality since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic had been moderate, and an improving operating environment will support asset quality, it said. Moody's expects India's economy to continue on a recovery path. It sees India's GDP growing 9.3 per cent this year and 7.9 per cent in the next year.

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Dated 19.10.2021

A walk-in interview/written test is proposed to be held to fill up various posts under different *ad hoc* projects in ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dollygunj, Port Blair, on the date and time mentioned against each of the project as detailed below:

i) *Name of the project : Inter-Sectorial Coordination Programme for Prevention and control of Zoonotic Diseases in India (PCZD-NCDC).*

- a. Name of the Post - CONSULTANT (SCIENTIFIC)
Number of post - ONE - UR
- b. Name of the Post - DATA ENTRY OPERATOR
Number of post - ONE -UR.

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 08/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

ii) *Name of the project: Establishment of a network of laboratories for managing Epidemics and Natural calamities (State Level-Viral Diagnostic Research Laboratory).-(SL-VRDL)*

- a. Name of the Post - SCIENTIST-C (MEDICAL)
Number of Post - ONE-UR
- b. Name of the Post - DATA ENTRY OPERATOR
Number of post - ONE -OBC.
- c. Name of the Post - MULTI TASKING STAFF
Number of post - ONE - UR.

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 08/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

iii) *Name of the project: Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU).*

- a. Name of the Post - SCIENTIST-C (MEDICAL)
Number of post - ONE - UR
- b. Name of the Post - SCIENTIST-C (NON- MEDICAL)
Number of post - ONE - UR
- c. Name of the Post - TECHNICAL ASSISTANT
Number of post - ONE -OBC
- d. Name of the Post - RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Number of post - ONE - UR
- e. Name of the Post - ASSISTANT MULTIPURPOSE
Number of post - ONE - OBC
- f. Name of the Post - LAB TECHNICIAN (PROJECT TECHNICIAN-III)
Number of post - ONE- UR
- g. Name of the Post - DATA ENTRY OPERATOR
Number of post - ONE -UR.
- h. Name of the Post - MULTI TASKING STAFF
Number of post - ONE - UR.

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 09/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

i) *Name of the project : Surveillance Of Long-Term Sequelae Of Chronic Hepatitis B Infection And Risk Reduction Among The Nicobarese Of Car Nicobar (SLTSCHB).*

- a. Name of the Post - LAB TECHNICIAN (PROJECT TECHNICIAN-III)
Number of post - ONE - OBC

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 10/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

ii) *Name of the project: Control of Tuberculosis among the Nicobarese of Car Nicobar: Consolidating the Gains of Strengthened Public Health System and the recent Socio-Economic Progress" (TB-ELIMINATION).*

- a. Name of the Post - FIELD WORKER (PROJECT TECHNICIAN-III)
Number of post - FOUR (01-UR, 01-OBC, 01-SC & 01-ST)
- b. Name of the Post - DATA ENTRY OPERATOR (GRADE-B)
Number of post - ONE-SC.

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 10/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

iii) *Name of the project: Pan India Epidemiological, Virological and Genomic Surveillance for Human Influenza and COVID-19 through DHR-ICMR Network.*

- a. Name of the Post - RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Number of post - ONE - (SC)

Date & Time of walk-in interview/written test : 10/11/2021 at 09.30 AM

For detailed advertisement showing the name of the project and the post proposed to be filled up against each project, qualifications, age, consolidated salary, experience including the terms and conditions etc., please refer website of ICMR-RMRC, Port Blair (www.rmrc.res.in) and ICMR New Delhi (www.icmr.nic.in).

Administrative Officer
For Director,

AFFIDAVIT

I Manju Rani Mitra W/o. Narendra Nath Mitra R/o. Milangram village, under Diglipur Tehsil in North and Middle Andaman, solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare the following:-

1. I am the widow of deceased Narendra Nath Mitra, who expired on 08-03-2019 at Milangram village.

2. That my deceased husband Narendra Nath Mitra was survived by following members of family:

| Sl. No. | Name | Relationship of deceased | Present age |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Manju Rani Mitra | Wife | 63 yrs |
| 2. | Nani Copal Mitra | Son | 43 yrs |
| 3. | Nikhil Kumar Mitra | Son | 39 yrs |

3. The Deceased Narendra Nath Mitra has never consummated a marriage than the one mentioned above.

4. I being the widow of aforesaid deceased Narendra Nath Mitra have not remarried after this demise till date.

5. I understand that in the event that the above declaration is found to be false or misleading at any point of time, I shall be punished under the law being in force.

DEPONENT

ESIC Recruitment 2021, Walk-in for Tutor Vacancies @ esic.nic.in

ESIC Recruitment 2021 | Tutor | 21 Vacancies | Walk-in Interview Date: 21.10.2021 to 22.10.2021 | ESIC Job Notification @ esic.nic.in

ESIC Recruitment 2021: Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) invites application for the post of Tutor posts. As per ESIC recruitment 2021 notification, totally 21 vacancies are announced as vacant. Candidates who are searching for Central Government jobs can use this opportunity to join in ESIC jobs. They will conduct the written test & walk-in interview to fill up these advertised vacancies. Candidates should read the notification to check the terms & conditions. Walk-in interview will be conducted on 21.10.2021 to 22.10.2021. ESIC recruitment 2021 notification & application form are active @ www.esic.nic.in.

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CHALLENGES AROUND AS TATA DRAWS UP FLIGHT PLAN FOR AIR INDIA

NEW DELHI: Tata Sons' \$2.4 billion purchase of debt-ridden, government-owned Air India will give the conglomerate immediate access to valuable flying rights and landing slots that will help it claw back market share from foreign rivals.

But industry executives warn any success will be a long and complicated process that could cost more than \$1 billion and require fixing myriad problems, including its worn-out fleet, poor service and the lack of a charismatic leader.

Air India, with its maharajah mascot, was once renowned for its lavishly decorated planes and stellar service championed by the airline's founder, JRD Tata, India's first

The ownership transfer from the government to Tata is expected to go through by the end of the year.

The company will then have until summer 2022, when a post-Covid demand surge is expected, to fix the issues, the person added, estimating it would cost more than \$1 billion to refurbish Air India's 141 planes and up to \$300 million to retrain staff and improve operations and service.

The figures do not include the purchase or lease of new aircraft. Tata and Air India declined comment.

Point to point

Air India's biggest competitive advantage is its ability to fly non-stop to

traffic to and from India before the pandemic hit, with Air India holding a 19.3% share, including its low-cost arm Air India Express, in the final quarter of 2019, according to government statistics.

If an improved Air India can win back even 20% from other global carriers it would be a big boost to the bottom line, the industry executive said.

Taj levels of service

Air India also needs a charismatic and experienced leader along the lines of JRD Tata or Richard Branson to help rebuild a service culture at the airline, experts said.

Tata's experience of building India's largest hospitality chain, with Taj hotels as the flag-bearer, could help with the staff and service, said Dilip Cherian, an image consultant.

The company also owns the luxury car brand Jaguar as well as information technology firms, steel concerns and other businesses.

"The hospitality businesses will help them hugely in setting the image right. The Taj fits in very well with the kind of Air India culture of early years," Cherian said.

Tata also owns majority stakes in Vistara, a premium joint venture with Singapore Airlines and AirAsia India, a low-cost carrier with AirAsia Group. Tata has benefited from its partners' expertise but neither venture is profitable.

Having three airlines is likely to put Tata in a strong bargaining position with aircraft manufacturers, engine makers and lessors, as well as with suppliers, airport operators and fuel companies, analysts say.

Air India had about \$2.1 billion of unpaid bills, which the government took over before the airline's sale to Tata.

The carrier enjoys goodwill in the international market because of its legacy, said Anuj Trivedi, partner at law firm Link Legal, which assisted Air India on the deal.

"It won't be easy and there will be challenges, but with Tata the hope is Air India will take off again," he said.



commercial pilot.

But since the mid-2000s, its reputation has fallen as financial troubles mounted. It flew widebody planes with business class seats in repair and grounded some of its new Boeing 787 Dreamliners to use for spare parts. Customers faced many delays and staff and suppliers were not always paid on time, executives said.

"If you don't have newer airplanes or airplanes that are reliable, no matter what you do, you are going to have a problem," said a veteran aviation industry executive who was not authorised to speak publicly about the matter.

destinations like the United States and Europe, where it enjoys lucrative landing rights. Foreign hub carriers such as Emirates and Etihad Airways can only compete with one-stop options.

Many industry experts predict that after the pandemic, non-stop flights will become even more popular, particularly with lucrative business travellers.

"I'm a big believer if a passenger has a choice their strong preference is to fly point to point," Robert Martin, chief executive of lessor BOC Aviation said at a CAPA Centre for Aviation event last week.

Foreign carriers dominated international

Over 99 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered in country so far; Recovery rate stands at 98.14 %

More than 99 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the country so far. In a tweet, Union Health

Minister Mansukh Mandavkar said, the country is continuing to rapidly march towards the milestone of 100 crore COVID-

19 vaccinations.

India reported more than 13 thousand new cases during the last 24 hours which is lowest in 231 days. India's Active caseload stands at one lakh 83 thousand 118 and it is the lowest in 227 days. Active cases account for less than one per cent of total cases and it is currently at 0.54 per cent, the lowest since March last year.

The Ministry said, the recovery rate is currently at 98.14 per cent, highest since March last year. Over 19 thousand people recovered in the last 24 hours and total recoveries touched three crore 34 lakh 58 thousand 801. The weekly positivity rate currently stands at 1.36 per cent which is less than three per cent for the last 116 days. Daily positivity rate is at 1.11 per cent which is less than three per cent for last 50 days.

The death toll due to the pandemic has reached four lakh 52 thousand 454. In the last 24 hours, 164 deaths were reported.

Over 59 crore 31 lakh COVID tests have been conducted across the country so far. More than 11 lakh 81 thousand tests were conducted yesterday.

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PV Sindhu makes winning return; Kidambi Srikanth, Sameer Verma too advance at Denmark Open

ODENSE: Returning to action after a break, double Olympic medalist P V Sindhu saw off Turkey's Neslihan Yigit in straight games to join compatriots Kidambi Srikanth and Sameer Verma in the second round of the Denmark Open here on Tuesday.

Sindhu, the reigning world champion, took 30 minutes to get across Yigit, ranked 29th, 21-12 21-10 in her women's singles opener of the BWF World Tour Super 1000 tournament.

The fourth seeded Indian, who had skipped the Sudirman Cup and Uber Cup Final after the Tokyo Olympics, will next face Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungphan.

Former champion Srikanth and Sameer also made winning starts to their men's singles campaigns at the USD 850,000 event.

While Srikanth, who had claimed the title in 2017, ousted compatriot B Sai Praneeth 21-14 21-11 in 30 minutes, Sameer, ranked 28th, prevailed over Thailand's world no 21 Kulnart Vitidsarn

21-17 21-14 in a 42-minute clash.

World no 14 Srikanth will meet world no 1 and top seeded Japanese Kento Momota in the second round, while Sameer is likely to face Denmark's third seed Antonen in the next round.

Indian men's doubles players, however, had a mixed day in office.

While Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated English pair of Callum Hemming and Steven Hallwood 23-21 21-15 in their opener, MR Arjun and Dhruv Kapila stunned England's world no 17 pair of Ben Lane and Sean Vandy 21-19 21-15 to make a positive start to their campaign.

But Manu Attri and B Sumeeth Reddy lost 18-21 11-21 to Malaysia's Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin in the opening round to bow out of the competition.

World no 7 Sindhu, who had claimed a bronze at Tokyo Games to go with her Rio silver medal, hardly broke any sweat during her opening contest against Yigit. The Indian was up 5-4 and then kept



moving ahead to comfortably pocket the opening game.

The second game was no different as Sindhu erased a 1-3 deficit to grab a 10-4 lead. Yigit made it 9-10 before the Indian held a two-point advantage at the break.

After the interval, it was a one-way traffic as Sindhu sealed the contest without much ado.

Greece hands over Olympic flame to Beijing 2022 hosts

ATHENS: Greece on Tuesday handed over the Olympic flame to organisers of the 2022 Beijing Winter Games, a day after the lighting ceremony was disrupted by activists calling for the event to be postponed.

Hellenic Olympic Committee chief Spyros Kyprianos gave the Olympic torch to the vice-president of Beijing 2022 and vice-president of the Chinese Olympic Committee Yu Zaiping at the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens, where the ancient Games were revived in 1896.

"The Olympic flame will travel

to the Great Wall and across other parts of China, bringing with it the light of peace and friendship," Yu said.

He said China vowed to deliver "a streamlined, safe and splendid Games".

Around 2,900 athletes, representing approximately 85 National Olympic Committees, will compete in the Winter Games between 4 and 20 February 2022.

Actresses dressed

as ancient Greek priestesses had earlier lit a cauldron with the Olympic flame, after China's Turin 2006 and Vancouver 2010 feasts.

During the lighting ceremony in Olympia on Monday, heathenists unfurled a Tibetan flag and banner that said "no genocide" at the Games. A similar protest was held at the Acropolis in Athens on Sunday.

Human rights campaigners and exiles said the Chinese central government practices religious repression, torture, forced sterilisation and cultural erosion through forced re-education.

Campaigners believe at least one million Uyghurs and other Turkic-speaking, mostly Muslim minorities are incarcerated in camps in Xinjiang. Aerially denying the existence of the Xinjiang camps, China later defended them as vocational training centres aimed at reducing the appeal of Islamic extremism.

The IOC is legitimising "one of the worst violations of human rights in the entire 21st century" and defiling the spirit of the Games, Pema Dorji, a campaigns director for Students for a Free Tibet, told the new conference in Athens.

"These Games cannot go ahead as planned, they must be postponed," she said. There have also been calls for athletes and governments to boycott the Games.

IOC chairman Thomas Bach has batted off talk of a potential boycott, claiming the International Olympic Committee's political neutrality and saying it was up to governments to live up to their responsibilities.

A victim of the 1980 Moscow Games boycott, the former fencer has said such moves only punish athletes, and insists the IOC was addressing the rights issue "within our remit".

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ski silver medalist Li Nini ran a lap with the torch in the second-century AD stadium.

The ceremony was held without spectators, with mainly officials and media in attendance.

"The pandemic may have prevented us from holding the Olympic flame ceremony in the presence of people, but I am sure that the successful and safe organisation of the Games will be another victory of humanity against the coronavirus," Kyprianos said.

"Beijing is making history by becoming the first city to host both Summer and Winter Olympic Games. And we are very happy, because by giving you the flame, we also become part of this history," he added.

The International Olympic Committee has said the flame will go on display to the public in Beijing before setting off on an exhibition tour. Earlier Tuesday, activists against the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics urged the IOC to postpone the event, arguing that China was perpetrating "genocide" against Uyghurs and Tibetans.

"This is sports-washing. There are no legitimate reasons to host the Games during a genocide,"