

Doctors Speak on DDK

Port Blair, Aug 26: Doodarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast a DOCTORS SPEAK LivePhone Programme on the Topic: "Problems related to teeth and its treatment" on 27/08/2021, Friday from 1700 to 1800 hrs. In this Programme Dr. Ajay Verma, Dentist, ANIMS will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

Cardholders face enormous hardships due to non-distribution of PDS wheat

Port Blair, Aug 26: Ration card holders in the islands are worried lot as most of the Fair Price Shops run out of ration items. Past two months, every time when a cardholder's approach the FPS, he is told that as they have not received the ration items from the Department of Civil Supplies, they are not able to distributed ration items, particularly wheat. Since a good number of cardholders consume wheat, these people are left with no

option but to purchase the wheat items from open market in high prices. "I have approached my FPS twice in month and every time, I was told that since wheat has not been provided to the FPS from the supply department, the shops are not able to provide wheat and bid to become again after some days", said a cardholder. The cardholder accused the Civil Supplies department of not distributing wheat at the fair price

shops for the past many months. As a result of non-supply of wheat to FPS, cardholder, particularly the poor are facing enormous hardship. The delay in distribution of ration is forcing people to buy food grains in the open market at non-subsidised prices. The Public Distribution System has gone a long way in ensuring that the target group is provided ration items in a cost-effective, fast and targeted delivery of food grains. Ration items are

distributed to the target group at an affordable price. Over the years, PDS has become an important part of Government's Policy for management of food economy. PDS is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State Governments. The Central Government, through Food Corporation of India (FCI), has assumed the responsibility for procurement, storage, See... Page 02

MP requests renaming MV Sindhu and MV Nalanda as 'MV Aberdeen Blair' and 'MV Rani Lakshmi' to respect the sentiments of Nicobari population

Port Blair, Aug 26: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to rename MV Sindhu and MV Nalanda (under construction) as 'MV Aberdeen Blair' and 'MV Rani Lakshmi'. In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor the Member of Parliament today mentioned that there is a feeling



among islanders that the present names of these ships neither reflect the essence of these islands nor respect the sentiments of people of the UT. The Member of Parliament added that these two ships will certainly become the life line for Nicobar District including people of Nancowry Group of islands and hence there is a growing feeling among the Tribal population of Nicobar District See... Page 02

PHC Manglutan & Chouldhari lacks technicians, basic amenities

KP Aboobacker

Port Blair, Aug 26: Shortage of technicians and others staff at PHC Manglutan and PHC Chouldhari has down the health of residents of

these areas as patients visiting these hospitals have to face problems in their routine treatment. Lack of x-ray Technician and Ophthalmic Assistant

is causing problems for the patients. Besides the basic health care facilities in the PHC Chouldhari is also creating lot of inconvenience to the patients.

The cooling box and Generator of PHC Chouldhari is under repair as a result of which patients had to face difficulties.

Thought for today
Many people may want to quarrel and fight with you; Realise that the only weapons you need are a Smile and a Loveful attitude.

Govt briefs Floor Leaders of political parties on current situation in Afghanistan

Delhi, 26th Aug, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar is now briefing the leaders of several political parties on the Afghanistan's current situation. The briefing is underway at Parliament House in New Delhi. AIR correspondent quoting sources reports, Mr Jaishankar's brief is centred around how many Indians See... Page 02

Paritosh Halder writes to LG; raises question on technical snags developed in newly procured vessel

Port Blair, Aug 26: Shri Paritosh Halder, Ex-Member, A&N Pradesh Council in letter to the Lt Governor has raised the issue of development of technical snags in the newly purchased vessel MV Sindhu and the difficulties faced by the passengers. He stated that the over

450 passengers came at the Haddo Jetty early morning on 25th August 2021, and embarked MV Sindhu at about 10.00 am, on 25th August 2021 and the vessel sailed for Hubbay. About 1.40 PM, announced were made that the sailing is cancelled due to technical problems, and the

passengers are directed to vacate the ship thus harassing the passengers. In place of MV Sindhu, MV Kalighat sailed for Hubbay along with the passengers. As you know that this is not the first time but many a times this type of passenger-harassments are being done. He raised the question

that MV Sindhu is a brand new ship reported to the Directorate of Shipping on 27th March 2021, and during her first sailing for Hubbay, the ship developed technical snags. It clearly states that proper survey was not conducted by the technical authorities on time.

Shortage of teachers hits GSSS Manglutan

Port Blair, Aug 26: The GSSS Manglutan is reeling under shortage of teachers, Principal and Vice Principal.

The School has to manage the education with shortage of PGT of Bengali and Geography. Besides the Schools also

being with shortage of class rooms. The School also required regular repair and maintenance.

TataSky completes one year in Islands

DJ Venkatesh

Port Blair, Aug 26: Tata Sky DTH, the largest DTH operator of India completes one year today in A & N Islands. During this one year, TataSky acquired 28,000 subscribers within one year of launch. Over the last One year, Tata Sky has revolutionised islands' home entertainment by empowering television viewers See... Page 02



Sexual intercourse between man and wife is not rape even if by force: Chhattisgarh HC

Raipur, 26th Aug, 2021: The Chhattisgarh High Court on Thursday acquitted a man of marital rape and ruled that sexual intercourse between legally wedded man and woman is not rape even if it is by force or against the wishes of the wife. The Chhattisgarh High Court held that "sexual intercourse or sexual act by a man with his wife, the wife not being under 18 years of age, is not rape." "In this case, the complainant is legally wedded wife of applicant No. 1, therefore, sexual intercourse or any sexual act with her by the applicant No. 1/husband would not constitute



an offence of rape even if it was by force or against her wish," the high court said in its order. Earlier this month, the grievance of a woman

who had accused her husband of committing sexual intercourse with her against her will did not stand up See... Page 02

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in Isles

Port Blair, Aug 26: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 347299 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 47246 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 132,819 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have

been vaccinated till dated 25-08-2021. 4016 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 3155 were in the age group of 18-44 years. 698 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 565 were in the age group of 18-44 years. In Nicobar District, 10 beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which, 2 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Government to launch e-Shram portal – National Database on Unorganized Workers today

Delhi, 26th Aug, 2021: Government will launch e-Shram portal – National Database on Unorganized Workers (NDUW) today. The portal will maintain a database of workers in the country's unorganised sector. Unveiling the logo for the e-Shram portal, Labour and Employment Minister Shri Bhupendra Yadav has said that the targeted identification

of unorganized workers was a much needed step. He said, the national database of nation builders, the 'Shram Yogis', will help take welfare schemes to their doorstep. Mr Yadav said, targeted delivery and last mile delivery have been a major focus of the schemes of the government and the e-Shram portal is another key step towards that. All trade union leaders have

welcomed the move and extended their full support for the successful launch and implementation of the e-Shram portal. The Union Minister thanked the union leaders for their valuable and constructive suggestions and emphasised that they have a key role towards speed registration, implementation at field level and taking the portal to the unorganized workers.

Sikh community thanks PM Modi for bringing back Guru Granth Sahib 'Saroops' from Afghanistan

Delhi, 26th Aug, Members of the Sikh community in Madhya Pradesh on Thursday thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi after three 'Saroops' of Guru Granth Sahib were flown back from Afghanistan to the Taliban's takeover of the country. Members of the Sikh community in MP thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and offered Sukran Ki Ardas at Gurudwara Singh Sabha at Bhopal after the return

of the 'Saroops' of Guru Granth Sahib from Afghanistan. Gurpreet Singh, member of Sikh community while speaking to AIR News said that he is thankful to the Government of India. The entire Sikh community from other cities of the state also thanks Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri for the safe return of Sikh and Hindu families.

Vaccination camp by NGO at Bambooflat

Port Blair, Aug 26: WITH YOU (NGO) in association with CHC Bambooflat organized a two-day vaccination camp at WITH YOU, NGO office, Bambooflat. On the first day, auto drivers & jeep drivers got vaccinated and on the second day fishermen and general public were vaccinated. During the camp, 440 people got vaccinated. Dr. Halder, CMO, Bambooflat inaugurated the camp. During his inaugural



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150 stray dogs feed on International Dog Day

Port Blair, Aug 26: During the pandemic, voiceless animals are also suffering terribly as many have lost their source of daily food. Keeping this in mind, Shri Anshuman Roy, State General Secretary (Youth) and his team has been working relentlessly for these voiceless by calling them buddies. Today, they have been feeding around 150



dogs on International Dog Day. Being this, the volunteer Shri Prakash Adhikari, Shri Venkat Ramanna, Shri Sanjay, Shri Robin Palaniswami, Shri Shaket, Shri P. K. Mandal, Shri Dinesh, Shri Anvesh K, Shri Hemant Dingra, Shri Rajesh, Miss Manisha, Miss Seema Kerkata, Miss Rinku feed the stray dogs See... Page 02

State BJP conducts special vaccination programme at Calicut

Port Blair, Aug 26: Continuing the SEVA HI SANGATHAN – II campaign and carrying the vision of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi & direction of National President, Bharatya Janata Party, Shri J. P. Nadda to ensure work towards increasing the scope of the COVID-19 vaccination and act as 'facilitators' and 'help the people'. The Bharatya Janata Party, A & N Islands has organized special vaccination camp targeting mass inoculation at Calicut Community Hall on 25.08.2021 in the leadership of Shri Vishal



Jolly Former State President BJP & Home Minister Advisory Committee. Gol in presence of senior leaders of BJP, A & N Islands. The residents who were not able to travel to designated vaccination centre have been

benefited by this camp. In his address Shri Vishal Jolly urged that everyone who takes vaccine and always keep in mind the Mantra of PM. Narendra Modi "Dawai Bhi Kadai Bhi" to beat See... Page 02

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NCW takes cognizance of alleged gang rape incident in Mysuru

The National Commission for Women (NCW) today took cognizance of the alleged gang rape incident in Mysuru. NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma has written to Director General of Police in Karnataka for identifying and arresting all the accused immediately. The Commission has also asked for providing medical and counseling support to the survivor.

100% Frontline workers, 99% Healthcare workers have been administered the first dose of Covid vaccine: Govt

Delhi, 26th Aug, Government on Thursday said that 100 percent Frontline workers and 99 percent Healthcare workers have been administered the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine. Briefing media in New Delhi this evening, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan said, 83 percent Healthcare workers and 79 percent Frontline workers have received the first dose. He said, 50 percent of Population aged 45 plus have received the 1st dose and 15 percent have been administered the 2nd dose. The Secretary said, there is a progressive decrease in districts reporting high cases. He said, districts with greater than 100 cases declined from 279 in the week ending 1st June 2021 to 41 as of today. Mr.

Bhushan said, the Cumulative Recovery Rate increasing and it is more than 97 percent currently. He said, it is important to note that 80 lakh doses of vaccine were administered in the country in the last 24 hours. The Secretary said, more than 47 lakh doses have been administered so far today. Mr Bhushan said, Kerala has more than one lakh active cases. Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have 10 thousand to 1 lakh active cases. He said, Kerala contributes to 51 percent, Maharashtra 16 percent and rest of the three states contribute to 4 to 5 percent of cases in the country. The Secretary said, 46 thousand new cases were reported See... Page 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

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The dangers of India's palm oil push

On August 15, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a support of Rs 11,000 crore to incentivise oil palm production. The government intends to bring an additional 6.5 lakh hectares under oil palm cultivation. The agro-business industry has said this move will help its growth and reduce the country's dependence on palm oil imports, especially from Indonesia and Malaysia. India imported 18.41 million tonnes of vegetable oil in 2018.

The National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm are part of the government's efforts to reduce the dependence on vegetable oil production. The Yellow Revolution of the 1990s led to a rise in oilseeds production. Though there has been a continuous increase in the production of diverse oilseeds—groundnut, rapeseed and mustard, soybean—that has not matched the increasing demand. Most of these oilseeds are grown in rain-fed agriculture areas of Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

A significant incentive for the launch of the National Mission on Edible Oils and Oil Palm (NMEOP) to promote palm cultivation comes from the "success stories" of the two Southeast Asian countries, Indonesia and Malaysia. Indonesia has emerged as a significant palm oil hub in the last decade and has overtaken Malaysia. The two countries produce 80 per cent of global oil palm. Indonesia exports more than 80 per cent of its production.

However, a careful analysis of the policy initiative that can potentially change the rural and agrarian landscape of the Northeast and Andaman Islands needs to be undertaken. Oil palm cultivation can have disastrous environmental and social consequences. Studies on agrarian change in Southeast Asia have shown that increasing oil palm plantations is a major reason for the region's declining biodiversity. Indonesia has seen a loss of 1,15,495 hectares of forest cover in 2020, mainly to oil palm plantation. From 2002-18, Indonesia lost 91,54,000 hectares of its primary forest cover. Along with adversely impacting the country's biodiversity, it has led to increasing water pollution. The decreasing forest cover has significant implications with respect to increasing carbon emission levels and contributing to climate change.

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transportation and bulk allocation of food grains to the State Governments. The operational responsibility including allocation within States, identification of eligible families, issue of Ration Cards and supervision of the functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) etc., rest with the State Governments. Under the

PDS, presently the commodities like wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene are being allocated to the States/UTs for distribution. Some States/UTs also distribute additional items of mass consumption through the PDS outlets such as pulses, edible oils, iodized salt, spices, etc.

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have returned and how many are still to be evacuated and India's strategy to deal with the crisis is hot country. Former Prime Minister and JD (S) leader H.D. Devogda, NCP Chief Sharad Pawar, Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, TMC MP Saugata Roy, DMK leader T.R. Balu, BJD's Prasanna Acharya are present in the meeting. Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi, Piyush Goyal, V.

Muralidharan, Meenakshi Lekhi and Arjun Ram Meghwal are attending the meeting. Foreign Secretary H.V. Shringa and Senior security officials are also present in the meeting. India has been in touch with several leading powers over the situation in Afghanistan. The country began its evacuation mission on 16th of this month and it has already brought back over 800 people, including several Afghan Sikhs and Hindus.

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to legal scrutiny. Mumbai Additional Sessions Judge Sanjashree J. Gharat had observed, "Being the husband cannot be said that he committed any illegal thing", the judge said, according to a report by India Today. The woman married on November 22 of last year, the prosecution said. According to the woman, following the wedding, her husband and his family began putting limits on her, taunting her, abusing her, and even demanding money. The woman complained that her husband had intercourse

with her against her will, a month after the wedding. The pair had travelled to Mahabaleshwar, a hill station near Mumbai, on January 2nd, where he committed the act against her. The woman's wish, said the prosecution. Following that, the woman said she became ill and went to visit a doctor. The doctor informed her that she had suffered paralysis below the waist. After this, the woman filed a FIR in Mumbai against her husband and others, who then filed an anticipatory bail application with the court.

100% Frontline...

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in the country in the last 24 hours and 58 per cent of these cases were reported from Kerala. He said, rest of the states are still showing a declining trend. Director-General of Indian Council of Medical Research Dr. Balram Bhargava said, the second wave is still on in India and

an upsurge is observed in few districts. He said, there are about 41 districts that have a weekly test positivity rate of more than 10 per cent. He added that wherever COVID Appropriate Behaviour is not being observed, an upsurge in cases can be seen.

Lost

It is notified for the information that I, Madhan Mazumder, S/o Sudhir Mazumder R/o Paschimnagar, Diglipur, lost my Driving License issued by License Authority, A & N Islands on 22/08/2021 at Diglipur Bazar. Finders please contact 9331926123.

COVISHIELD 84-DAY DOSE GAP BEING RECONSIDERED AGAIN: GOVERNMENT

The 84-day dose gap for Covishield is being reviewed for the third time this year and may be reduced, government sources said today. "Reducing the gap between two doses of Covishield is being considered and it will be further discussed in NTAGI (National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation)," sources said. The recommended dose gap for Serum Institute of India's Covishield, the Indian version of the

Oxford-AstraZeneca shot, was four to six weeks when the nationwide vaccination started in January. This was later increased to six to eight weeks. In May, the government revised the dose gap to 12 to 16 weeks citing "real life evidence from the UK". The gap for Bharat Biotech's Covax in remained the same.

The decision raised questions, with many linking it to the massive shortage in vaccines when the second wave of Covid was at its peak. The government panel, however, said studies had showed that the longer the gap, the more antibodies were produced.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PBMC has allotted many Municipal shops on monthly rental basis, but it has been observed that many tenants are not paying the monthly rents to PBMC on time, as a result huge dues are outstanding in respect of the Municipal shops.

Further it has been noticed that the tenants of Municipal shops and private shops are keeping their items/materials in the footpaths or outside of the shops, which creates hindrance for movement of General Public. As such all the private as well as Municipal shop owners are requested to remove the items illegally placed in the footpaths for free movement of the general public, failing which strict action will be initiated by the Port Blair Municipal Council.

Therefore, final notice is hereby served to all the tenants of the Municipal shops to pay their outstanding dues on or before 31st August, 2021 failing which the allotment order will be cancelled and PBMC will seal shops/kiosks and process for re-tendering of the shops/kiosks.

Revenue Officer,
Municipal Council

Four-day Naval Exercise Malabar-2021 begins today

Indian Navy is participating in the sea phase of Exercise Malabar-2021 along with the US Navy (USN), Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The four-day exercise beginning today includes participation of INS Shivalik and INS Kadmat and P8I patrol aircraft.

The US Navy will be represented by USS Barry, USNS Rappahannock, USNS Big Horn and P8A patrol aircraft. The Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force will be represented by J.S. Kaga, Murasame and Shiranui, in addition to submarine and P1 patrol aircraft. The Royal Australian Navy will be represented by HMAS Waramunga.

MALABAR-21 would witness complex exercises including anti-surface, anti-air and anti-submarine warfare drill and other manoeuvres and tactical exercises. The



exercise will provide an opportunity for participating navies to derive benefit from each other's expertise and experiences.

The conduct of the exercise while observing health protocols during the COVID-19 global pandemic is a testimony to the

synergy between the participating navies and shared vision for a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific region.

13 Dead In Twin Kabul Blasts, Says Taliban; Suicide Attack Suspected

There were at least two explosions near Kabul's airport amid a huge evacuation effort from Afghanistan, the Pentagon said on Thursday, with civilians and U.S. service members among the casualties. Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said one blast occurred near the airport's Abbey Gate and the other close to the nearby Baron Hotel. Two U.S. officials said at least one of the explosions appeared to be from a suicide bombing.

"We can confirm that the explosion at the Abbey Gate was the result of a complex attack that resulted in a number of US & civilian casualties," Kirby said on Twitter. "We can also confirm at least one other explosion at or near the Baron Hotel, a short distance from Abbey Gate." We can confirm that the

explosion came after the United States and allies urged Afghans to leave the area because of a threat by Islamic State. A massive airlift of foreign nationals and their families as well as some Afghans has been under way since the day before Taliban forces captured Kabul on Aug. 15, capping a swift advance across the country as U.S. and allied troops withdrew.

A U.S. official told Reuters as many as three U.S. service members were among those hurt, and that U.S. casualty numbers were expected to increase, according to initial information. At least one of the U.S. personnel was seriously hurt, an official said. The U.S. Embassy in Kabul described "a large explosion" and said there had been reports of gunfire. The

airlift before its military is set to fully withdraw from the country on Aug. 31. "Strong National Position": Centre After All-Party Meet. On Afghanistan In an alert issued on Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul had advised citizens to avoid travelling to the airport and said those already at the gates should leave immediately, citing unspecified "security threats."

A Western diplomat in Kabul said that areas outside the airport gates had been "incredibly crowded" again despite the warnings. The United States and its allies have mounted one of the biggest evacuations in history, bringing out about 95,700 people, including 13,400 on Wednesday, the White House said on Thursday.

speech, he highlighted the importance of vaccination and appreciated his team for smooth conduct of vaccination drive in his jurisdiction. Smt Sadna Lal, Social Worker also encouraged the public to come forward and to be get vaccinated.

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that these ships should be re-named on dynamic tribal leaders Late Aberdeen Blair of Car Nicobar Island and Late Rani Lakshmi of Nancowry Group of Islands, who played a crucial role in maintaining a balance between the Tribal Population of Nicobar District and Administration. He added that great tribal leaders Late Aberdeen Blair of Car Nicobar Island and Late Rani Lakshmi of Nancowry Group of Islands, the Member of Parliament requested the Lt Governor to rename MV Sindhu and MV Nalanda as MV Aberdeen Blair and MV Rani Lakshmi.

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with choice, control, and convenience through a wide array of programming choices and interactive features. Tata Sky is the only KU band DTH in the Islands which is available in two feet parabolic dish. Apart from this

Tata Sky is the one DTH in the world that carries Doordarshan Port Blair Channel. The Tata Sky is recently launched a Free HD box & installation offer 2021 where the subscribers can avail 4000/- cashback on 4000/- recharge.

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in their area daily. Shri Angshuman Roy, State General Secretary (Youth) say dogs are a man's best friend for a reason, so why not celebrate them? These friends are in different

shapes, sizes, and breeds. There is a dog out there for everyone! Whether you like Black dogs, big dogs or small dogs, every pup should be celebrated on National Dog Day.

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this deadly virus. Further he expressed his happiness and appreciated all people who were involved to make this mass vaccination drive successful. Altogether, 715 people have received the jabs of COVISHIELD vaccine

at this special vaccination camp held at Calicut village and availed the benefits of their doorstep. People from all walks of life appreciated the efforts made by Bhartiya Janata Party, A & N Islands for facilitating people to get vaccinated.

Best Wishes from...

Mr. K. Ganeshan, Ex. Chairperson - PBMC
Mrs. Laxmi Ganeshan, Chief Editor, Andaman Kural

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Mudaliyar & Mrs. Ratha R/o Chennai



WFI lets off Vinesh Phogat with a warning, allows her to compete at World championships

Two other wrestlers, Sonam Malik and Divya Kakran, too have been cautioned and like Vinesh, they will be in the fray to compete in the World Championships as well.

Vinesh Phogat, who was temporarily suspended by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) for alleged indiscipline, will be eligible for this year's World Championship after she was let off with a reprimand on Wednesday. Two other wrestlers, Sonam Malik and Divya Kakran, too have been cautioned and like Vinesh, they will be in the fray to compete in the World Championships as well. However, in a letter addressed to the three wrestlers, WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh said they will be 'compelled' to impose lifetime bans on the trio for any act of indiscipline in the future. "Even though your written reply to the show-cause notice, which you had sent to the Wrestling Federation of India office, was not satisfactory, the Wrestling Federation of India wants to give you one more chance so that you can rectify your mistakes," Sharan wrote in the letter, dated August 24, 2021. "Therefore, the Wrestling Federation of India's disciplinary committee forgives you with a warning that if you repeat your mistakes, then the Wrestling Federation of India will be compelled to impose a lifetime ban on you." The decision was communicated to



all wrestlers on Wednesday evening. WFI assistant secretary Vinod Kumar said all three wrestlers will be eligible to take part in the selection trials next week for October's World Championship, which will be held in Oslo, Norway. "We will be conducting selection trials on August 31 in New Delhi. They will be allowed to take part in it," Kumar said. The WFI was reportedly considering keeping the trio away for at least two international meets. They then decided to ban them just for the Worlds, with the federation's president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh saying he wanted to make an 'example' of Vinesh.

Vinesh, who was one of India's medal prospects at the

recently-concluded Tokyo Olympics, lost in the early rounds to Belarus's Vnesa Kaladzinskaya. Following her defeat, an angry WFI issued a show-cause notice for three alleged acts of indiscipline: refusing to stay with the Indian athletes, not training with them and not wearing the official team jersey for her bouts.

The wrestler, who turned 27 on Wednesday, in her reply through lawyer Vidushpat Singhania had refuted the first two allegations and admitted that she was wearing the wrong singlet as an 'unintended' error.

After she was temporarily suspended by the WFI, Vinesh wrote in a column in The Indian Express that she was 'broken' following her defeat in the

quarterfinals of the 53kg weight class at the Tokyo Olympics.

"I slept once since I reached home. I slept for two hours on the flight and sometimes in the Village. There, I would walk alone and drink coffee. I was alone. When the sun would rise, I felt sleepy," she wrote. "I don't know when I will return (to the mat). May be I won't. I feel I was better off with that broken leg (suffered at the 2016 Rio Olympics). I had something to correct. Now my body is not broken, but I'm truly broken."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, mindful of reports about her 'not meeting any one' following the defeat at the Tokyo Games, told Vinesh during the breakfast meeting he hosted last week that 'self-anger and dejection' were emotions that needed to be avoided. He had also invited Vinesh for a personal meeting along with her family members.

Kumar, meanwhile, said only those wrestlers who had taken part in this year's national championship will be allowed to take part in the selection trials for the World Championship, with exceptions in some cases.

Neeraj Chopra appeals to not 'further propaganda' regarding Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem

Neeraj Chopra took to Twitter after reports claimed that the Pakistani athlete was trying to "tamper" with Chopra's javelin.

Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first-ever athletics gold medal at the recently-concluded Tokyo Olympics, on Thursday urged people to not 'further vested interests and propaganda' after his comments regarding Pakistan's javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem during the finals of the quadrennial event were blown out of proportion on social media. The 23-year-old bagged India's second-ever individual Olympic gold medal earlier this month with a throw of 87.58m in the men's javelin final. In a recent interview with The Times of India, Chopra revealed that he wasn't initially able to locate his javelin during the event because Nadeem had been 'moving around'

with it before his first throw. "I was searching for my javelin at the start of the final (in Olympics). I was not able to find it. Suddenly, I saw Arshad Nadeem was moving around with my javelin. Then I told him, 'Bhai give this javelin to me, it is my javelin! I have to throw with it. He gave it back to me. That's why you must have seen I took my first throw hurriedly,'" Chopra was quoted as saying by The Times of India. After his comments, fans took to social media to question Nadeem's intentions with some reports even claiming that the Pakistani athlete was trying to 'tamper' with Chopra's javelin. Chopra took to Twitter to give his input regarding the issue. "I would

request every one to please not use my comments as a medium to further your vested interests and propaganda. Sports teaches us to be together and united. I'm extremely disappointed to see some of the reactions from the public on my recent comments," he captioned. "I want to talk about an issue... in a recent interview, I had talked about how I had taken my javelin before throw in the Tokyo Olympics final from Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem. Now, this has been turned into a huge issue for no reason. Javelin throwers keep their personal javelins in a place before any event and all athletes can use them... it's a rule. So obviously, it was not wrong of him to prepare with my javelin,"

Chopra said in a video. "I am saddened to realise that people are exaggerating the issue on the back of my name. Sports is something that teaches us to work together and all javelin throwers share mutual respect and love. So, please don't say hurtful things," he concluded.

Chopra started off with a throw of 87.03m in the men's javelin final. He bettered it to 87.58m in his second attempt. Despite two foul throws in his fourth and fifth attempts, Chopra created history as none of the other participants could get close to his first throw, let alone the second. India finished Tokyo Olympics with a record medal haul of seven, including one gold, two silvers and four bronzes.

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- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hand.
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Throw tissue into a closed bin immediately after use.

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