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## COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Nov 09: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,08,848 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,73,901 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44

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## Defunct X-Ray Machine at Goal Ghar Veterinary Hospital, pet owners fume

Port Blair, Nov 9: Pet owners in the city face an uphill task when their companions fall ill as the Veterinary Hospital at Goal Ghar reportedly runs short of basic medical facilities. As per reports, the X-Ray equipment installed in the hospital has been left redundant for the past many months, while basic support systems for animals, which suffer injuries like bone fracture etc., are reportedly not available in the hospital.

"One of our pet dogs fell unconscious recently. We took her to the Veterinary Hospital at Goal Ghar. The veterinary staff present there administered some medicines.

As her condition showed no signs of improvement, we took her to the hospital again next morning where the veterinarian told us to get an X-Ray report done from a private diagnostic centre as the facility was not available there. For the major Veterinary Hospital at Goal Ghar lack of basic medical equipments

like X-Ray is not expected," said a pet owner.

Sources in the department claim that the Veterinary Hospital at Goal Ghar provides best services to pet owners. The available X-ray machine is an outdated one purchased decades ago. Spare parts required for repair and maintenance are not easily available in the market. Efforts are, however, being made to procure the required spare parts to put the machine into operation soon, said an official of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department, on conditions of anonymity.

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## MP requests Lt. Gov. to restart 1st convoy at 6 am from Jirkatang to Middle Strait

Port Blair, Nov 9: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Lt. Governor to re-start the first convoy from Jirkatang to Middle

Strait at 6.00 AM in the morning hours. In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor the Member of Parliament mentioned that during lockdowns, there was a restriction in the movement towards North

and Middle Andaman and during the same time, the numbers of ATR convoy were also reduced from both Jirkatang and Middle Strait sides.

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## Ganeshan bats for common man, demands reduction in fares of Air-conditioned E-buses

Port Blair, Nov 9: While the Air-Conditioned zero tail pipe emission electric buses deployed in different routes of the city and South Andaman has become the most viable mode for daily commuters, steep fares charged from commuters has started generating resentment among travellers. Travelling in one such bus enroute Aberdeen Bazar to

Chidiyatalpu, the Chief Editor of this daily spoke to a number of commuters who were all praise for the Transport Department for the initiative, but decry high fares charged from them.

"For a trip to Chidiyatalpu from Aberdeen Bazar, one has to pay Rs. 50 as one-way i.e. Rs 100/- for a two-way journey. While in ordinary STS buses, these rates are reasonable. The high fares

charged from commuters is taking a toll on the poor particularly daily wage earners, who have to spend at least 3000/- per month for travelling daily for work. As these electric buses do not require diesel and except maintenance charges, there is no daily cost for running these buses, the Transport Department should consider reducing the fares on the electric buses.

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## NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES DAY DLSA holds mega rally as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

Port Blair, 9th Nov. 2021: Chhat puja, one of the most auspicious and biggest festivals dedicated to Lord Surya and Chhatra (Shashthi Devi) is being celebrated in isles with religious fervor. It is believed that worshipping them brings prosperity to their families and promotes well-being.

The main function at Port Blair is held at Carby's Cove beach, wherein "Vrat" is prepared and offered to the deity. Many devotees do the puja at water bodies close to their residence like pond, well and natural

Islands flagged off the rally at the ADR Centre "PRAYAS", Port Blair.

The participants carried placards and banners explaining the different schemes and benefits of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. A tableau of the DLSA was also part of the mega rally. Speaking on the occasion, the Ld. District & Sessions Judge, A&N Islands said that the rally was organized to create legal awareness among people. Shri. Bijoyesh Ghosal, Ld. Registrar, See... Page 02

## Chatt puja being celebrated in isles with religious fervour

**Nirjala fast to begin tomorrow: will end on Nov.11 with arghya to rising sun**

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Chatt puja is celebrated on the sixth day of the month of Kartik, mainly by people who hail from Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and eastern parts of Uttar Pradesh.

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## MP for repair of eye surgery equip. for IOL Implants at GBPH

Port Blair, Nov 9: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today informed the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration that he has been receiving complaints that specialized eye surgery for Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implants is not being performed in G B Pant Hospital since last several months. In a letter to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament pointed out that most of the people in Andaman and Nicobar Islands are from remote islands and for them arranging money for eye operation in mainland hospitals is a difficult task. G B Pant Hospital is the only hope for most of the Islanders in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and going to mainland is next to impossible for a large section of Islanders. The Member of Parliament informed that as per public complaint, there are some faults in the eye surgery equipments because of which the specialized eye surgery for Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implants is not being performed at G B Pant. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma requested the Chief Secretary to intervene in this matter and issue necessary directions to the Health Department to repair the eye surgery equipments so that surgery for Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implants can be performed at G B Pant Hospital.

## Pvt Bus stranded at Middle Strait; Administration evacuates the passengers in STS bus

Port Blair, Nov 09: The Shiv Shramthu Air conditioned bus which is plying in between Diglipur to Port Blair today developed a snag near Middle Strait. The full packed bus left Diglipur at 05:30 AM today and reached near Middle Strait at about 02:30 PM and stranded there till late evening due to major repair.

The mechanics tried to repair the bus failed. Meanwhile a passenger from the bus called the

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## Buniyadabad Premier League: Season 2 commenced today

Port Blair, 9th Nov. 2021: The second edition of Buniyadabad Premier League (BPL) begin today with a grand inaugural function held at Buniyadabad Community Hall. Renowned Social activist, senior media person of isles and public representative Shri. K. Ganeshan was the Chief Guest, Shri Dr Shiva Sankar guest of honour of the inaugural

function. In his inaugural address, Shri. K. Ganeshan, hailed the efforts of youth of Buniyadabad in organising the event. "Sports is the best mode to keep physical fitness and inculcate the habit of team effort", he added. He called upon players, officials and organisers to ensure adherence of COVID protocol and upheld the sportsman spirit. The presence of Shri. K. Ganeshan at the inaugural function boosted enthusiasm of players towards the tournament. Mr. Ilayaraja (Aisu) Youth congress President, Mr. Jeevan ICMR, Mr. Lalith Sanitary Inspector Ward No 8 and others.

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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

10 November 2021

### Prosenjit complained to PM

Spare a thought for the tribulations of Bumba da. Arguably the biggest star in Bengali cinema over the last couple of decades, he suffers like an urban, upper-middle-class everyman. Prosenjit ordered food over Swiggy. But — wait for it — he was not able to enjoy the sumptuous meal he was looking forward to. Then, the plot thickened, not unlike the gravy in a good shorshe shal: The app said his food had been delivered, when it had not! When he called the people at Swiggy, they refunded his money. For mere mortals, this is a common enough inconvenience and we move on. Not so, Bumba da.

Prosenjit took to the digital platform favoured by activists who want to make themselves heard without sweating it out to highlight his ordeal. He tweeted an open letter (the most self-righteous of formats), tagging the Prime Minister and West Bengal Chief Minister, to “highlight” the issue. “What if,” the shocked superstar wrote, “someone is depending on the food app for their dinner? Will they stay hungry?” Burning questions, to be sure — but perhaps not meant for the table of heads of government.

However, before we judge him too harshly — as so many on social media did and are doing — a little context. Who really enjoys talking to customer care, either on the phone or through the bots that man so many text-based helplines? And in a country where who you know and how important you are allows you to skip lines, why does Bumba da’s sense of entitlement upset us so? Sour grapes, perhaps. After all, most people — particularly the higher one travels up the social ladder — phone a friend or a tout for everything from a passport to a driver’s licence. Besides, the entire episode may be the result of taking political rhetoric too literally. Prosenjit sir, Pradhan Sewak isn’t the chief customer care officer.

### COVID-19 Vaccination.

Years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 3664 people were vaccinated in these islands on Monday. 2670 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 106 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 928

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beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 21 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 66 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

### MP requests..

He added that earlier the first convoy from Jirkatang towards Middle Strait was at 6.00 AM and since lockdown n, the timing of the first convoy from Jirkatang was changed to 8.30 AM. The Member of Parliament pointed out that now as the number of Tourists are growing every day, the tour operators and general public are demanding to start the first convoy at 6.00 AM from Jirkatang so that tourists, visiting Baratang can comfortably return back to Port Blair on the same day after visiting the mud volcano, limestone caves in Baratang Island.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma said that for Islanders, especially those who are traveling to Diglipur and other parts of North Andaman,

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the early morning convoy at 6.00 AM is the best option for them. In that case, they can reach their destination before evening. In the case of 8.30 AM convoy often because of vehicle breakdowns, adverse weather conditions, or delay in vehicle ferry movements, the ATR passengers reach Diglipur by late-night, which is risky and troublesome. Based on these points, the Member of Parliament requested the Lt. Governor to kindly re-start the first convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait at 6.00 AM in the morning hours so that people related to the Tourism Industry can operate tourists conveniently and ATR travel becomes more comfortable for Islanders.

### NATIONAL LEGAL. ...

Hon’ble Bench at Calcutta, Circuit Bench at Port Blair, Shri. Raja Chatterjee, Ld. Additional District and Sessions Judge, Port Blair, Shri. Prasanta Kumar Sil, Ld. Judge, Family Court, Port Blair, Shri. Md. Nurjuman Khan, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 1st Court, Port Blair-cum-Secretary, DLSA (I/c), Shri. Indranil Ray, Ld. Judicial

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Magistrate First Class, Addl. Court, Port Blair, Shri. Debabrata Biswas, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 2nd Court, Port Blair, Shri. Md. Tabriz, President, AIN Bar Association, Port Blair, Ld. Advocates, students of Andaman Law College, School Students and Staff of District & Sessions Court, And N Islands participated in the programme.

### Chatt puja being...

the celebrations begin with Nahay Khay’, followed by Kharna, Sandhya Arghya and Usha Arghya.

This year, Chhath begins on November 8 with Nahay Khay and will end on November 11 with Usha

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Arghya, when devotees break their 36-hour long ‘nirjala’ fast after offering arghya to the rising sun. According to Hindu mythology, it is believed that Lord Ram offered prayers to the Sun when he returned to Ayodhya after 14 years of exile.

### Pvt Bus stranded...

Deputy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman and narrated the incident. Immediately Deputy Commissioner arranged a STS bus to transport the stranded passengers to Port Blair. Finally the bus reached Port Blair midnight at 12:30 AM.

On anonymity a workshop

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mechanics had to be called to the bus as it was stuck in a ditch. The bus was stuck in a ditch near Nimbudra.

# WHITE-TAILED DEER FOUND TO BE HUGE RESERVOIR OF CORONAVIRUS

New research from the US has shown that white-tailed deer are being infected with SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 in humans.

Antibodies were found in 40 percent of deer that were tested from January to March 2021 across Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York state. A second unpublished study has detected the virus in 80 percent of deer sampled in Iowa between November 2020 and January 2021.

Such high levels of infection led the researchers to conclude that deer are actively transmitting the virus to one another. The scientists also identified different SARS-CoV-2 variants, suggesting there have been many human-to-deer infections.

The large numbers of white-tailed deer in North America and the fact that they often live close to people provide several opportunities for the disease to move between the two species.

This can include wildlife management operations, field research, recreation, tourism and hunting. In fact, hunters are likely to be one of the most obvious sources of potential reinfection as they regularly handle deer animals. It has also been suggested that water sources contaminated with SARS-CoV-2 might provide a pathway for transmission, although this has yet to be proved.

Human-to-deer and deer-to-deer transmission are believed to be driving the rapid spread of the disease within white-tailed deer populations across the US. This is particularly apparent during the early months of 2021 when

COVID infections were spiking in the human population. Previous studies have shown that SARS-CoV-2 can be passed from humans to domestic and captive animals including cats, dogs, zoo animals and, most notably, farmed mink. But, until now, the disease had not been shown to spread in wildlife species.

White-tailed deer are the most abundant large mammal in North America with a range extending from Canada to South America. The US population alone is estimated to number 30 million animals. They are a social species that live in family groups of two to 12 individuals that can thrive in a range of habitats, including urban parks and woodland.

These aspects of their ecology

and behaviour have made them a species of particular concern when it comes to the spread of diseases, including bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease. These pathogens have already led to considerable effects on the health of wild and domestic animal populations around the globe.

The findings from these latest studies have raised concerns that white-tailed deer could be a reservoir of SARS-CoV-2. Not only could this readily infect large numbers of animals, but also, more worryingly, it could spill back to humans.

This type of infection cycle was documented in workers on infected mink farms, which ultimately led to the Danish government euthanising

their entire captive population of 17 million animals. It is important to underline that there is currently no evidence of SARS-CoV-2 transmission from white-tailed deer to humans. Initial experimental work has also suggested that infected deer tend not to have symptoms. Still, disease transmission in wildlife populations has considerable implications for human and animal health.

Potential source of new variants

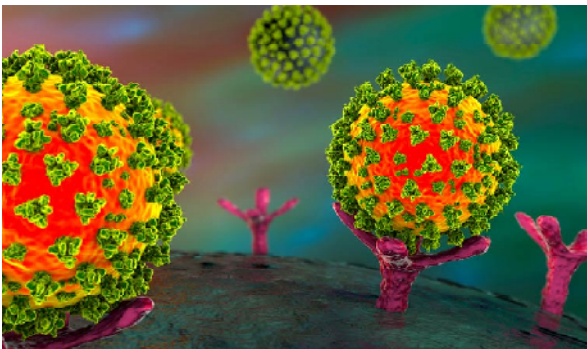
There is the possibility that viral mutation in a reservoir host, such as white-tailed deer, could lead to new variants of the disease. These variants may lead to greater infection rates, increased virulence (severity of symptoms) and prove more effective at evading the human immune system.

Likewise, any reinfection from wildlife reservoirs could also complicate our long-term efforts to fight and suppress the disease.

Influenza, which jumps readily between birds, humans and other mammals (particularly pigs), presented similar problems. These multiple reservoirs of disease can lead to new strains emerging that humans have lower immunity against, as was the case with swine flu in 2009.

It is important to note that there are limitations to these studies, both in terms of the methods used and the limited geographical range of investigation. The most recent and unpublished study used the latest genetic approaches to reliably detect SARS-CoV-2 in tissue samples but focused only on deer in Iowa. Whereas the antibody tests in the first study were conducted across four states but only show that the animal has been exposed to the virus. Yet the combined findings have highlighted that transmission of SARS-CoV-2 is likely to be widespread in white-tailed deer.

There is a great deal that we still need to learn about the developing situation with COVID and deer. The most important topics to focus on include understanding how the virus is being transmitted from humans to deer and determining the risk of spillover back into the human population. Research is urgently needed to assess the risk that this potential reservoir of SARS-CoV-2 presents to humans, as well as the possible spread of the virus to other wildlife species that deer interact with, such as predators and scavengers.



## Pre-firing checks, drill by Army, Naval NCC Cadets



Port Blair, Nov 09: All 198 Army and Naval NCC cadets of these islands carried out pre-firing checks and drill as part of their training during the second day of ongoing Combined Annual Training Camp 2021-22 at JNRM, Port Blair. Camp Commandant, Cdr A.V. Ekananda briefed the cadets on the nuances of correct and accurate firing. Deputy Camp Commandant Lt Col Ankit Pant laid emphasis on safety precautions to be observed during firing.

## Expansionist behaviour in Asia Pacific can spark new arms race, warns defence secretary

PANAJI: Aggressive and expansionist behaviour in the Asia Pacific region can spark a crisis and trigger a fresh arms race, said defence secretary Ajay Kumar here on Monday.

In a subtle hint at China, Kumar said that India will oppose attempts of aggression and to deter

the Pacific,” said Kumar in his address to the naval chiefs and heads of maritime forces from 12 Indian Ocean countries.

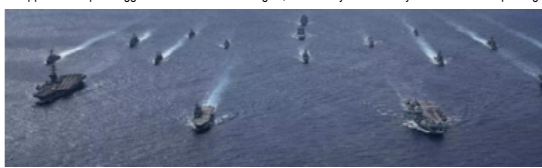
“We are also witnessing enhancement of certain maritime presence and passages in our region, which may not be always in innocent

and Thailand are participating in the Goa Maritime Conclave.

Chief of the Indian Navy, Admiral Karambir Singh echoed the concerns and said it is time to challenge hostile nations that hinder passage or undertake aggressive posturing that threaten overall regional security.

“If there is any action by any country, which is inimical to the free, open and inclusive Indian Ocean region, then we have to back. That country will be called out and said, okay, this is not correct,” said Singh while speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the conclave.

He said that the Indian Navy continues to keep a close watch on suspicious vessels operating close to Indian shores in the garb of fishing or scientific research. China is spying on Indian Naval bases in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) by deploying surveillance vessels in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands while its fishing vessels have also been fishing in protected waters of other nations, he added.



expansionist moves both on land and at sea. Kumar, who was speaking at the Goa Maritime Conclave on Maritime Security & Emerging Non-Traditional Threats, said that free, open and inclusive oceans are important for all nations to achieve high growth.

“While we talk of non-traditional threats, we cannot ignore the impact of expansionist and unprecedented speed of conventional navy in

The negative effects of such rapid expansion are felt far beyond the Pacific. Though its early to conclude, such expansion has the potential to trigger others to acquire additional capabilities and thus start a new genre of arms race,” said Kumar. Naval officials and policy makers from Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka

and Thailand are participating in the Goa Maritime Conclave.

## High-level meet discusses preparations for 29th Southern Zonal Council conclave at Tirupati

As 70 delegates will be attending the meeting, Patil asked the officials concerned to make fool-proof arrangements accordingly.

TIRUPATI: In view of the 29th Southern Zonal Council (SZC) meeting this Sunday, November 7, 2021, a high-level meeting was held to discuss the preparations for the conclave, at Taj Hotel here on Monday. Joint Secretary of Inter-State Zonal Council Vikrant Patil, Secretary to AP government (GAD) Prem Chandra Reddy, Chittoor collector M. Harinarayan, protocol director

Bala Subramanian Reddy, IG (Intelligence) Shashidhar Reddy and other concerned district level officials attended the meeting.

Reviewing the department-wise arrangements, Vikrant Patil said Union Home Minister Amit Shah, the Chief Ministers of AP, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala, Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar, Puducherry and

Lakshadweep, senior Cabinet Ministers, and senior officials of the Central and State governments will be attending the meeting.

As 70 delegates will be attending the meeting, Patil asked the officials concerned to make fool-proof arrangements accordingly. The district administration, through a Powerpoint presentation, explained the arrangements being made by the departments such as conference

management, protocol, transport, roads and buildings, security, sanitation, I&PR and city beautification. Collector M. Harinarayan said Tirupati civic chief PS Girisha has been appointed as the full supervising officer for the management of the SZC meeting. He also said joint collectors are overseeing the arrangements for the meeting at Taj Hotel.

### Ganeshan bats for...

The fare of AC electric buses are in fact much higher compared to non-AC diesel-run buses and makes it unaffordable for common man. The e-buses are currently running on different routes in the city and South Andaman and are attracting good response from the commuters. As such the Transport Department should consider reducing the fares on these electric buses for the benefit of the common man,” said Mr K Ganeshan. “Air-Conditioned zero tail pipe emission electric buses are equipped with a range of other modern facilities such as Panic Button, GPS, Phone Charging, 5 CCTV camera in every bus. The journey on these electric buses are comfortable, besides facilities like panic button, GPS, CCTVs on

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board instill a sense of security among commuters. The trips are always punctual, offer comfort and like private buses, they don’t halt at random locations ensuring passengers reach their destinations in time. One can easily notice that buses in all routes are packed to capacity. Commuters are increasingly opting for the electric buses since the service was introduced. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, hundreds of people have been struggling without a job and many are even finding it difficult to eke out a living. Under these circumstances, the Transport Department should consider reducing the fares on these buses to make travel affordable for the common man,” he added.

## Agromet bulletin for farmers

Port Blair, Nov 09: The Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has released the agromet bulletin for farmers for the period from Nov 10 to Nov 14. In the bulletin, CIARI forecast cloudy weather with light to heavy rainfall in the next five days in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The maximum temperature will be 28.8 to 31.8 °C with minimum temperature of 23.7 to 25.2 °C, whereas the maximum and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 73 to 82% and 68 to 75%, respectively in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Wind speed of 4.7 to 26.3 kmph is expected mostly from North Easterly direction. In South Andaman (Blocks: Prothrupur, Little Andaman and Ferragun), farmers have been advised to keep open the bunds in paddy field and harvest all the matured paddy and take it to the nearby shelter as rainfall is expected, provide drainage channel in vegetable field during next five days, set up Rhinoceros pheromone traps @ 2 nos/ha in coconut garden to trap and kill the beetles and to avoid FMD in goat, vaccinate at 2nd month of age and repeat once in 6 month.

reap once in 6 month. Farmers in North and Middle Andaman (Blocks: Rangat, Mayabunder and Diglipur) have been advised to keep open the bunds in paddy field and harvest all the matured paddy and take it to the nearby shelter as rainfall is expected, provide drainage channel in vegetable field during next five days, set up Rhinoceros pheromone traps @ 2 nos/ha in coconut garden to trap and kill the beetles and to avoid FMD in goat, vaccinate at 2nd month of age and repeat once in 6 month. In Nicobar (Blocks: Nan-Cowrie, Car-Nicobar and Campbell-Bay), farmers have been advised to keep open the bunds in paddy field and harvest all the matured paddy and take it to the nearby shelter as rainfall is expected, provide drainage channel in vegetable field during next five days, set up Rhinoceros pheromone traps @ 2 nos/ha in coconut garden to trap and kill the beetles and to avoid FMD in goat, vaccinate at 2nd month of age and repeat once in 6 month.

## Ex Chairperson Shri N K Udhaya Kumar greeted Islanders

Shri N K Udhaya Kumar, Ex Chairperson, PBMC greeted the people of the islands on the occasion of Chhath Puja. In a message, Shri N K Udhaya Kumar said, “My heartfelt greetings to the Islanders on the auspicious occasion of Chhath

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I, A. GEETA D/o Late C. CHINNAIAH R/o. Phonyg Chaung under Port Blair Tehsil in South Andaman District do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That I am a permanent resident of these Islands and residing at above mentioned address.
2. That my actual and correct name is A. GEETHA as recorded in my PAN card, Aadhaar Card and other records available with me.
3. That my brother Shri C. RAJA RAM is working under 172 Inf Bn (TA) Madras.
4. That in service records of my brother, my name has been mentioned as C.GEETA instead of my actual name A. GEETHA.
5. That the above said name C. GEETA and A.GEETHA are one and the same identical person.
6. That I swear this affidavit for the purpose to declare my actual and correct name for correction the same in my brother's service records, henceforth my name shall be treated as A. GEETHA for official and non official purpose.

That the above statements made by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Deponent****K.R.G. Kalai Kaveri School**

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**IN THE INVESTIGATION OF HEERA GROUP OF COMPANIES**

Public Notice

Honourable Supreme Court vide Orders dated 28.10.2021 passed in WP (Cri.) No.31/2020 read with Criminal Appeal Nos.751-762/2021, Interalia, ordered Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) to issue public advertisement seeking to file claims of investors of Heera Group Companies.

That, in pursuant to above orders, Serious Fraud Investigation office through this public notice, inviting attention of interested investors of Heera Group of Companies who want their money back, to file their claims, in the following format, along the copies of documents duly notarized and accompanied by an affidavit given below, by 20.11.2021 positively.

**AFFIDAVIT TOWARDS PROOF OF INVESTMENTS MADE & PROFITS/ RETURNS  
RECEIVED IN/FROM HEERA GROUP OF COMPANIES**

I, ..... Wife/Husband/Son/Daughter  
of ..... Belonging to .....  
(religion) aged about ..... Years, resident of D.No. ....  
..... do solemnly affirm  
and state as follows:

**1. That I have Invested a total of Rs. .... In Heera Group of Companies as  
per details given below:-**

IBG NO.	Name and Address for correspon dence	Aadha r No.	PAN	Investment details (Scheme wise)	Name of the Bank Account No. from which investment made	Cheque No. /RTGS/ NEFT No. with date	Unit Purchase Receipt No./ Membersh ip Certificate No. and date	Any other informa tion
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)

**2. That, I have received a total of Rs. .... from Heera Group of Companies as  
per details given below:-**

IBG NO.	Profits/Returns received details	Name of the Bank Account No. In which profits/ returns received	RTGS/ NEFT No. with date	Amounts received from Company	Balance to be Received.	Any other informa tion
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)

**3. That, I have not received any profits/returns.**

I affirm that the above information is just and true and nothing stated is false

I am enclosing herewith the copies of the following documents duly accompanying with this affidavit:

1. Aadhar Card
2. Bank Pass book showing the investments made;
3. Bank Pass book showing the returns received from the company;
4. PAN Card;
5. Copies of Receipts/Unit Purchase Receipts and Membership Certificates by the Company towards investments made.
6. Mobile No.
7. E-mail:

Solemnly affirmed at ..... on ..... date of ..... 2021.

Before me:  
Signature / Name/ Address/ Seal of  
Commissioner of Oath of any Advocate  
Or Notary Public )

Deponents' Signature  
Name :  
Date :  
Place :

Note:

- (1) DETAILS NOT GIVEN AS PER ABOVE FORMAT WILL BE LIABLE TO BE IGNORED AND NOT CONSIDERED.
- (2) DUE DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS IS 20.11.2021. CLAIMS RECEIVED AFTER THE DUE DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The duly Notarized affidavit and documents should be sent by Speed Post/Registered Post addressed to: SERIOUS FRAUD INVESTIGATION OFFICE, REGIONAL OFFICE, SURVEY NO.127/1, 4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, CORPORATE BHAVAN, TATTIANNARAM VILLAGE, BANDLAGUDA, HYDERABAD-500 068 (TELANGANA)

Sd/- SFIO

As per orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court

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Central Silk Board Recruitment 2021 Notification & CSB recruitment application form is available @ [www.csb.gov.in](http://www.csb.gov.in). Candidates who are seeking 10th pass jobs / 12th pass jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. CSB selection will be based on Interview. The interview will be conducted at Varanasi in the last week of November 2021. More details of [www.csb.gov.in](http://www.csb.gov.in) recruitment, CSB new vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming central govt jobs notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

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THDC Recruitment 2021 | ITI Trade Apprentice Posts | Total  
Vacancies 100 | Last Date 30.11.2021 | Download THDC Recruitment  
Notification @ [thdc.co.in](http://thdc.co.in)

THDC Recruitment 2021: THDC India Limited, A Mini Ratna Schedule 'A' Company, invites application from eligible candidates for the post of ITI Trade Apprentice in Tehri Unit. THDC India Limited has recently published the recruitment notification [Adv. No. 01/2021] for THDC Apprentice Recruitment 2021. There are 100 vacancies are filled by THDC India & Trade wise vacancy details are given in the official notification. Candidates who are searching 10th pass jobs in Central Govt kindly submit the application form via post on or before 30.11.2021.

THDC recruitment 2021 Application Form and THDC Recruitment notification is available in THDCIL website ([thdc.co.in](http://thdc.co.in)). Candidates who are seeking ITI jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. The selection process of candidates will be based on merit list and selected candidates will be under go apprenticeship training at Ultrapark. More details of THDC recruitment, upcoming THDC India Limited notices, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming central govt notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

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## IN CONVERSATION

# HAL'S NEW TUMAKURU PLANT TO HAVE KEY ROLE IN BUILDING LIGHT UTILITY HELICOPTER

The new helicopter manufacturing facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at Tumakuru is expected to start operations by March 2022. HAL sources say the facility will play a significant role in HAL's helicopter manufacturing strategy, particularly in relation to the Light Utility Helicopter (LUH). Initially, the Tumakuru helicopter facility will have the capacity to produce 30 helicopters annually. Experts point out that together HAL's Tumakuru and Bengaluru helicopter facilities will be able to roll out 100 LUHs every year. LUH's test flights will also be carried out from HAL's Tumakuru facility. Interestingly, the role of the Tumakuru helicopter facility assumed further

the new Tumakuru facility.

The LUH is a three-tonne-class, new-generation, single-engine helicopter indigenously designed and developed by the Rotary Wing Research and Design Centre of HAL. It has features that make it suitable for operations in diverse operating conditions. It is expected that LUH will finally pave the way for the replacement of the ageing Chetah and Chetak fleet of choppers.

has a unique, detachable mission compartment, instead of a conventional cabin. This allows helicopters to be adopted for different roles such as surveillance and cargo delivery. The detachable cabin module is unique to many Kamov helicopters and Ka-226T perfects this design and offers a lot of flexibility in operations. The module can be removed and attached in only around two hours," explained Girish Linganna, an

aerospace expert and the director of A D D Engineering Components (India) Limited. He points out that the Ka-226T has a maximum take-off weight of 3,600kg, maximum external payload of



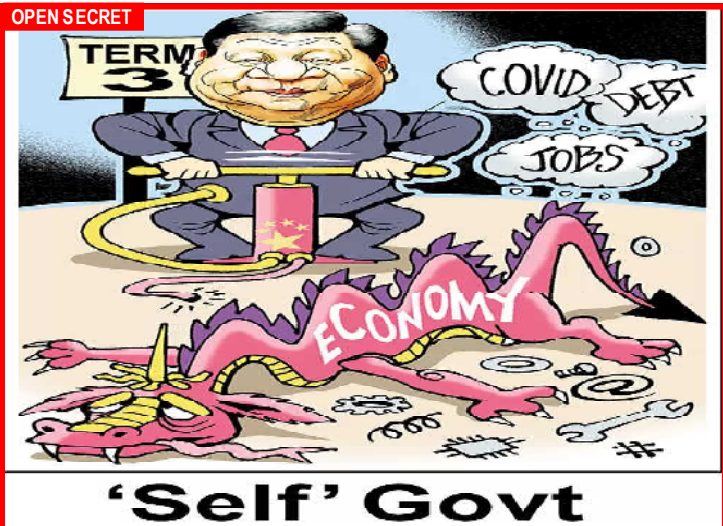
significance after the ministry of defence approved the procurement of 12 LUHs from HAL (six each for the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force). As per sources in HAL, LUH has so far completed a total of 867 flights. The initial operational clearance (IOC) for the LUH (IAF version) was accorded on February 7, 2020, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh during DefExpo 2020 at Lucknow. Similarly, the IOC for LUH (Indian Army version) was accorded on February 5, 2021, during Aero India at Bengaluru. HAL sources say that while a letter of intent (LoI) has been received for 12 helicopters, there is a request to process the placement of order for production and supplies. Sources point out that HAL is looking at getting orders for 175 more LUHs before production begins at

India is also looking at jointly working with Russia to develop the Kamov-226T light helicopters. The Kamovs are also expected to replace the Chetah and Chetak helicopters. Experts point out that the \$1 billion programme—under which Russia will supply 60 helicopters in flyaway condition and 140 to be manufactured in India—is yet to kick off. The army, air force and navy together need around 500 light helicopters.

The Ka-226T light helicopters make use of dual engines, which provide them with redundancy in case of an engine failure. "In terms of engine power and survivability, the Ka-226T has an advantage over the LUH. Ka-226T has advantage of higher payload and smaller footprint due to its coaxial rotors and absence of a tail rotor. The Ka-226T also

1,300kg and maximum internal payload of 1,000kg. The LUH has a maximum take-off weight of 3,150kg and can carry six passengers, while Ka-226T can carry 7 passengers along with 2 crew. "The Ka-226T has better payload capacity due to its more powerful engine and coaxial rotor design. The Ka-226T has an operational range of 600km and the India-made LUH has an operational range of 350km with a payload of 500kg. Though technically there are not any issues with Ka-226T, the government is promoting indigenous platforms as it will help improve our economy and ecosystem. However, we have already delayed the manufacturing and procurement of LUH and it would be better that a few Ka-226Ts are also procured along with Indian-made LUHs," added Linganna.

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## RBI lifts restrictions on Diners Club International

The Reserve Bank on Tuesday lifted restrictions on Diners Club International and allowed it to onboard new domestic customers.

The restrictions have been lifted with immediate effect, the central bank said in a statement.

The RBI had on April 23, 2021, imposed restrictions on Diners Club International Ltd. from onboarding new domestic customers onto its card network from May 1, 2021, for non-compliance with the norms on Storage of Payment System Data.

"In view of the satisfactory compliance demonstrated by Diners Club International Ltd. with the RBI circular... on Storage of Payment System Data, the restrictions

imposed, vide order dated April 23, 2021, on on-boarding of fresh domestic customers have been lifted with immediate effect," the RBI said. In April 2018, the RBI had directed all system providers to ensure that within six months the entire data (full end-to-end transaction details/information collected/captured/processed as part of message/payment instruction) relating to payment systems operated by them is stored in a system only in India. They were also required to report compliance to the RBI and submit a Board-approved System Audit Report conducted by a CERT-In empanelled auditor within the timelines specified therein.



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8. If you are sick, wear a mask and avoid going to crowded places.
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