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**Online applications invited for admission to class VI in JNV**

Rangat, Jan. 5: Online applications have been invited for admission to Class VI for the session 2023-24 in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Panchawati, District of North & Middle Andaman through selection test. The registration portal has already been made available. Interested candidates may apply online by visiting NVS website <https://navodaya.gov.in>. The registration portal will be closed on 31.01.2023. The test will be conducted on 29.04.2023. For any further information, one may contact phone nos. 9476008080, 9933266782 & 9434289355. - Source: JNV

# GBPH struggles to deal with heavy rush of out-patients

**AE Correspondent:**  
 Port Blair, Jan 05: The G B Pant Hospital, the only referral hospital in the islands, has been witnessing heavy inflow of out-patients on a daily basis. Hundreds and thousands of out-patients lined up outside the OPD on a daily basis for registration. However, the hospital is finding it



difficult to deal with the rush of the patients and due to the rush, many patients who are suffering from critical ailments get discouraged to visit GB Pant hospital. To cope with the crowded OPDs, the health authorities at GB Pant Hospital should direct the authorities at GB Pant Hospital to register only

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# Defence Minister visits ANC, interacts with troops



Port Blair, Jan 5: The Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh arrived at Port Blair and was accorded a formal welcome. On arrival he was received by the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Admiral DK Joshi Retd), Lt General Ajai Singh AVSM, Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command (CNCAN) and Senior Government Officials. The Raksha Mantri reviewed a Quad Service Guard of Honour and visited SanklapSamarak, the location of Netaji's historic arrival on 29 Dec 1943. At the SanklapSamarak, he paid solemn

homage to honour the sacrifices of soldiers of the Indian National Army. Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CNCAN) briefed the Raksha Mantri on the role, significance and challenges to India's only joint services

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# Uncontrolled display of banners & posters malign beauty of city

**AE Correspondent:**  
 Port Blair, Jan 05: A smart city demands a sense of discipline amongst citizens and a body that

will ensure compliance of the same. Despite getting designated as smart city, such sense is missing amongst few citizens of the city and the civic body completely negligent on it. Uncontrolled display of banners and posters throughout the city is one of the



major concern on the way towards smart city. Today one can display a banner or poster anytime, anywhere in the city. The irregularity touches the height when banners and posters are displayed on points of importance like Gandhi statue circle at Mohanpura, Ghanta Ghar at Aberdeen Bazaar, boundary walls of Government buildings, parks etc. Venues like Gandhi statue circle and Ganta Ghar have

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# India and France hold 36th Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi

Tweeted by AIRIndia and France today held the 36th Strategic Dialogue in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, while the French delegation was led by French President Emmanuel Macron's diplomatic advisor Emmanuel

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# MP demands release of stipends for students of Andaman Law College

Port Blair, Jan 5: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary to release stipends for students of Law College, who have come to Port Blair for higher education from far flung Islands. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, the Member of Parliament mentioned that from the beginning, students coming to Port Blair for the purpose of higher studies are being given stipends by the

Administration to cover their basic expenditure at Port Blair and also to encourage them to continue higher education. He pointed out that the Andaman Law College has stopped giving stipends to the deserving students since the beginning COVID-19 pandemic. While all other colleges have resumed giving stipends to college students after reopening of college post COVID-19 lockdowns, the Law College has not resumed dispersal of the same, he added.

- Source: Media Cell, MP

# 7-days Bharat Jodo Yatra by ANTCC

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Port Blair, Jan 5: The Andaman Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee is going to Organize a 7 days Bharat Jodo Yatra in North and Middle Andaman from 6th January 2023 to 12th January 2023. The Bharat Jodo Yatra will be covering a

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# Training on organic vegetable production & seed distribution in NICRA-adopted areas



Port Blair, Jan 5: ICAR-KVK, CIARI, Port Blair organized training on organic vegetable production on 04.01.2023 at chouldhari panchayat. Dr. Y Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and

Head, briefed on the negative impacts of indiscriminate use of agro-chemicals in farming systems, which create bad effects on soil diversity, depletion of soil

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# ITF postponed

Port Blair, Jan. 5: The Island Tourism Festival scheduled to be held from Jan. 14 to 23 has been postponed due to administrative reason. (Source: IP Division)

# NSWS Portal for various Central, State and UT clearances hit new milestone by crossing 75,000 approvals

National Single Window System, NSWS Portal for various Central, State and UT clearances today hit a new milestone by crossing 75 thousand approvals. The portal has received 4 lakh 20 thousand unique visitors from 157

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# Construction of bridge b/w Nischintpur and Kalighat market demanded

Diglipur, 5th Jan, 2023: CPI (M) Panchayat Member Shri Madan Sarkar along with 50 villagers of Nischintpur Village in Kalighat, North Andaman met the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur on 4th January, 2023 and reiterated their long-pending demands for construction of a bridge between Nischintpur and Kalighat market and road to Nischintpur village. The Assistant Commissioner patiently heard the delegation and assured that he will undertake a field visit to the area and take appropriate

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# State BJP delegation meet Defence Minister



Port Blair, Jan 5: Core Committee Members of Bharatiya Janata Party, A&N Islands led by Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President met Mr Raj Nath Singh, Defence Minister, Govt of India today and discussed the following issues concerning the Islanders Expedite the ongoing upgradation work of Port Blair Runway - We

understand the importance of the upgradation of the runway, we sincerely request you to direct the concerned authorities to get the work completed as early as possible by engaging the workforce in 8X3 Shifts. Kindly ensure that the airport is fully operational for the maximum days

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**NFSA beneficiaries can avail entitled food grains free of cost from Jan 1st**

Port Blair, Jan. 5: All the NFSA Beneficiaries i.e. PHH & AAY Card holders have been informed that the GoI has revised the PMGKAY Scheme wherein, all NFSA beneficiaries shall be provided with their monthly entitled food grains free of cost w.e.f 01.01.2023. The entire

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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman EXPRESS

06 January 2023

### How free now?

In a judgment that helps clarify free speech's many dimensions, a Supreme Court constitution bench has ruled that no more reasonable restrictions can be envisaged other than the eight already listed under Article 19(2). These are sovereignty and integrity of India, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states, public order, decency or morality, contempt of court, defamation, and incitement to an offence. The implication is that if the state were to bring a law curbing free speech on grounds of public interest that cannot be located within these eight "reasonable restrictions" it can be struck down.

Additionally, the 4-1 ruling also reiterated that rights under Articles 19(1) (free speech) and 21 (right to life and personal liberty) can be enforced against private entities and the state is bound to protect these rights, even when they are infringed by non-state actors. This is an important reminder from SC. Many ordinary citizens find their ways of life, privacy, choices and liberties constrained by dominant groups. It is a cue for officers of the state to proceed against those vigilantes, many of whom are politicians, who muzzle others' rights.

The majority verdict may have disappointed those hoping that ministers making outrageous, often hurtful, statements would be sanctioned. But SC was clear that individual statements of ministers were inadequate to invoke collective responsibility of cabinet, terming it impractical too when a PM or a CM is politically weak and/or head coalitions. Moreover, violation of constitutional rights and invoking constitutional tort for securing damages happens only when the statement resulted in harm or losses to the complainant.

Despite this conclusion, which is quite logical too, both the majority and the minority verdicts – the latter by Justice BV Nagarathna – uphold free speech emphatically. However, what judicial pronouncements aren't able to fix is misuse of IPC provisions drawing their constitutionality from Article 19(2)'s reasonable restrictions. Anyone claiming that their sentiment has been hurt – reasons can be religion, caste, or even criticism of a politician or an officeholder – can lodge police complaints. They and cops should heed the majority judgment's sagacious words: "The emphasis even in the Preamble on 'fraternity' is an indication that survival of all fundamental rights and survival of democracy itself depends upon mutual respect, accommodation and willingness to co-exist in peace and tranquillity on the part of citizens."

### India and France...

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Bonne. Briefing media in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said India and France held discussions on various issues including the current global security situation in the context of conflict of Ukraine, regional security in the context of Afghanistan, counter-terrorism, defence cooperation in the Indo Pacific and cyber security.

On Pakistan, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's tweets on Jammu and Kashmir, the spokesperson reiterated that Jammu and Kashmir is an inalienable and integral part of India. He said Article 370 is entirely a matter of India as well as Indian Constitution and it is a sovereign matter. Replying to a query on the death of three Russians in Odisha, Mr Bagchi said the deaths should not be linked together. He further said that India is a large country where a lot of foreigners visit. He said necessary investigation is being carried out in the deaths.

### Uncontrolled display...

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national importance and we must safeguard sanctity of such monuments. Since no agency is coming forward to take the responsibility to check display of banners and posters at restricted venues, the practice goes unchecked. There has to be guidelines with the civic body for

regulating display of banners and posters. It is the duty of Port Blair Municipal Council to ensure adherence of such guidelines. Failing which, a day will come when people will display the banners of condense messages on the statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and Flag point.

### Construction of ...

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action on the demand. CPI (M) has been demanding for quite a long period of time for construction of above bridge and

road for the residents of Nischintpur village but the authorities did not accept the demands.

### NFSA beneficiaries...

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subsidy component involved in this scheme shall be borne by the GoI. In view of the above, all the NFSA beneficiaries have been advised to get their monthly entitlement of normal allocation under NFSA for the month of January 2023, free of

cost. Any discrepancy by any of the Fair Price Shop holder, it may be reported through Toll Free No. 18003453197 and 14445 with proof of discrepancy. The identity of the complainant will be kept secret. (Source: IP Division)

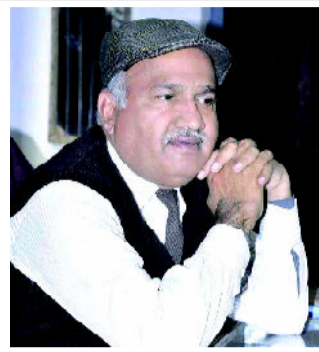
### NSWS Portal for various...

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countries since its inception. More than one lakh fifty thousand investors have used KYA (Know Your Approvals) Module of NSWS to know list of approvals they require for their specific business cases. A total of 75 thousand 599 approvals have been granted out of over one lakh 23 thousand applications received.

Out of these, more than 57 thousand approvals have been approved by Commerce Ministry. Consumers Affairs Ministry has given over 17 thousand approvals. NSWS is providing a single interface to apply for all G2B clearances from various Ministries and Departments as well as eliminating duplication of work.

# SCRIPT THAT DISTRIBUTES LIGHT IN DARK LIFE BRAILLE DAY



-Vijay Garg

The wealth of knowledge is the greatest thing. There have been many such factors in our country, due to which the doors of knowledge have remained closed for many people. The struggle to open those doors has also been multi-faceted. Especially for people with disabilities. There was a time when people believed that blind people would never learn to read. The common thought was that one could read only by looking at the letters written on the book with the eyes. But people of alternative thinking and action find a way. Louis Braille, a boy from

France, was also thinking differently. Louis, who became blind at the age of three, wanted to study differently. Due to blindness, he had recognized the closed doors of knowledge. He determined that he would find the key to the closed door not only for himself but for every blind person. The story of the invention of Braille script dates back to the early years of the 19th century. Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809, in a poor family in Coupres, a village in France. Her father Mr. Simon Braille used to make horse saddles and jeans. One day when he was working at his workplace. Three-year-old Louis began playing with a needle used to pierce leather, the tip of which suddenly pierced Louis' right eye. Gradually Louis became blind in both eyes. The first few days of his blindness were very difficult for Louis. But gradually Louis adapted to the circumstances and started living a normal life in a different way. He started going to school with his friends. Louis's blindness was noticed by the teachers at school. To compensate, he was taught through

tactile and auditory experience. Due to being intelligent and creative, Louis progressed in studies. But despite this there were obstacles. At the same time, the family had come to know that Louis was interested in studies. He was sent to the world's first blind school for blind children run by Valentine Havé in Paris. Where students were taught by Howe to identify the general shapes of letters by embossing them on a thick paper and recognizing them with the touch of a finger but learn this method it was for R only. The basis of the education of the blind was rote learning. When Louis grew up, he was hired as an assistant teacher in the same school. In his student life, Louis had realized that Howe's method was not very useful for the blind. The dream of inventing a new script had taken birth in his mind. Coincidentally, in those days, a night writing method was demonstrated in his school. Charles Barbier, the creator of this method, developed this method for soldiers, so that they could read messages by touch even in the dark of night. Can As soon as

he listened to that lecture, the way to create a complete script started appearing in front of Louis. Louis understood the theoretical difference between the methods of Howe and Barbier. At night in the Louis school hostel, he used to make letters with dots on thick paper and during the day he would identify them with his friends. While working the whole night, the night's work would be discussed during the day and the errors that came to the fore would be tried to be rectified again at night. By this method, Louis quickly learned the alphabet, punctuation marks, mathematics, etc. of the French language. Developed the script to read and write the system. He also worked on the musical score scripts for years. In this way, he completed his work by the year 1825 and his first book of Braille script was published in 1829 with details of alphabet and punctuation etc. He had realized his thinking and showed that despite not having eye sight one can read and write. This tactile script, known worldwide as Braille script, is based on six points. It has two

vertical lines in which there are three points each. Different combinations of these dots can make up to 63 symbols, which are used for a variety of symbols, including letters, numbers, and punctuation. Who knew that someday a simple and blind person like Louis Braille would be a man of history? But with the new idea and hard work to implement it, Louis did it. The same needle as the stylus that had made Louis blind, he used to punch into the paper to raise the dots. The spread of Braille script during the lifetime of Louis Braille was done in Paris, but it could not get formal approval even in his own school during his lifetime. Of course, students were informally allowed to read and write in Braille. Some books were also published in Braille script. Later that script was not only recognized as Braille script, but the symbols of all the languages of the world were standardized. Louis died on January 6, 1852, but he lit a lamp for the entire blind society, which would always bring them out of the darkness of life. Will continue to bring in the world.

### Training on organic vegetable...

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organic matter, physiological disturbance, poor water use efficiency, and contamination of soil, food and water bodies in our fragile ecosystem. Dr. N. Bommayasamy, SMS (Agro./Agril. Extn.) emphasises the significance of organic farming and its long-term fertility of soil by maintaining organic carbon levels, ways of enhancing soil biological activities, achieving nitrogen self-sufficiency through

intercropping of leguminous vegetables, biological nitrogen fixation, and effectively utilising cow urine and cow dung for the preparation of liquid organic manure and supplementary nutrients through the use of bio-fertilizers. Dr. B.K. Nanda, SMS (Agril. Engg.), and Dr. Pooja Kapoor, SMS (Home Science) also spoke on efficient water management methods in post-rainy season vegetables, as well

as the value of vegetable consumption in daily life. As part of the programme, fifteen farmers and farm women from NICRA adopted villages received vegetable seeds, including tomato (Arka samrat, Arka Rakshak), chilli (Arka tejasi, Arka Kyatiri), French bean (Arka Komal, Arka Sharaah), bottle gourd (Co-1), long yard bean (Arka Mangala), and cucumber (Arka Veera).

### State BJP delegation...

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with minimum curtailment of air services as it is the life line for the islanders and also request to make a standby arrangement for one aircraft from defence at the disposal of the civil authority to engage the same for any emergency evacuation of serious patients referred to mainland during the airport closure days. Airfares have also gone very high because of the closure. Extension of Shihpur Airport at Diglipur to be completed in a time bound manner. To boost the connectivity of North and Middle Andaman, it is extremely important to extend the runway of the airport at

Shihpur, in Diglipur. The extension of these runways is important for both the Defence Sector as well as for the Civilian Population. This will help in introduction of much acclaimed Udaan Scheme for the benefit of islanders as well as tourists. It is kindly requested to introduce air connectivity to Diglipur from Port Blair for at least THREE DAYS in a week by engaging the Defence Aircraft for the residents of Diglipur as it will help the serious patients referred from Diglipur to Port Blair. Extension of Campbell Bay Airport at Great Nicobar and Car Nicobar Airport to be

completed in a time bound manner. In order to boost the connectivity to Great Nicobar and Car Nicobar, it is extremely important to extend the runway of Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay Airport at Great Nicobar. The extension of these runways is important for both the Defence Sector as well as for the Civilian Population. Development of Airport at Campbell Bay will definitely help the people of Nicobar and Campbell Bay. Minister has assured the delegation to consider all the issues raised by the Party delegation (Source: BJP)

### GBPH struggles to...

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those patients who are referred from the health-sub centres located in various wards in the city. In order to provide health-care facilities at the door step of the citizens in the city, the Health department has set up Sub-Centres in different wards in the municipal areas. These sub-centres have qualified doctors and the required medical staff to cater to the health care needs of the visiting patients. Except a few, most of the health sub-centres can conduct various tests in the sub-centres itself. But instead of visiting these sub-centres, most patients prefer to visit GB Pant

Hospital for treatment. This has resulted in heavy inflow of patients to GB Pant Hospital on a daily basis causing hardship to the patients. In order to cope with the problem, the Health department needs to frame a policy wherein patients should be encouraged to visit the sub-centres located in their areas first. Treatment can be done at GB Pant hospital only on those patients who have been referred by the doctor of the health sub-centre to GB Pant hospital for treatment. In the same manner, patients from outer-islands should be told to get the basic treatment from the health

centres located at their areas. Only critical ill patients should get registration in the GB Pant hospital. With the treatment at private hospitals being expensive, patients through government hospitals resulting in heavy inflow of patients. At GB Pant hospital, the rush at the registration counters is a big irritant for other patients. The health authorities should devise ways and means to manage the rush at the OPD registration counters. Healthcare can only become patient-friendly if more government hospitals offering affordable treatment come up in the islands.

## Play with Fitness

Vijay Garg

People have not only spoiled their health by spoiling their food and drink and lifestyle, but have also put their children's health at risk. Obesity invites deadly diseases. Recently, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the first part of the fifth report of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted in the year 2019-20, in which it has been revealed that malnutrition and obesity among children are increasing in our country. This report is a reference to a survey of about 22 states and it has been stated that obesity among children under 5 years of age is increasing rapidly in 20 states. This may be due to the lack of attention women pay

to their own food and children's health. Even before this, it was revealed in the National Nutrition Survey that not only children from illiterate or poor families, but also children from educated and rich families are getting away from nutritious food. "In a country where educated women are reluctant to feed their newborns with their own nutritious milk, it cannot be expected that they will show seriousness in giving nutritious food to their children. There can be two main reasons for the lack of nutritious food for the children of poor people, one is poverty and the other is that some poor families produce more children. The reason why children of rich families stay away from nutrition is food, their mothers do

not pay attention to their children's food and drink because parents are in a race to earn more money. In our country nowadays, people have started imitating other countries in food and drink, especially Chinese-fast food more. Has started eating. People have forgotten to take care of their health. Some people also make their children eat fast food, which has a negative impact on their health. Today, the health of children in India is deteriorating due to poor nutrition. Children have to fight eye, tooth and stomach diseases at an early age. Some women do not feed their babies properly to save time. Thus, they become enemies of the health of their family members and children.

## Additional ferry service between PB-Shaheed Dweep

Port Blair, Jan. 5: To facilitate the commuters in view of the celebration of Vivekananda Mela at Shaheed Dweep, the Directorate of Shipping Services has

arranged additional ferry service between Port Blair & Shaheed Dweep from 12th to 19th January, 2023. In this connection, additional ferry services may be availed by the

intending passengers as per the schedule promulgated. Tickets for the same may be obtained from STARS Ticketing Counters. The ferry services will be operated as per the following schedule:

DATE	ARRIVAL	PORT	DEPARTURE
12.01.2023	---	Port Blair	1300 Hrs.
to	1445 Hrs	Shaheed Dweep	1500 Hrs
19.01.2023	1645 Hrs	Port Blair	---

## Workshop-cum-seminar AAJVS



Port Blair, Jan. 5: As per the directions of the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, a Workshop-cum-Seminar with the theme to 'Educate, Enhance & Empower' was organized on Wednesday by Andaman Admin Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) & Directorate of Tribal Welfare in association with the Departments of Industries, Education, Fisheries, Agriculture & Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services of A & N Administration in the conference hall of Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Port Blair. The focus was to orient Andamanese

PVTGs towards skill building. During the workshop, representatives of the concerned Departments elucidated on various skill building & training programmes related to self-employment and motivated participants to upgrade their skills by availing various schemes extended by the Govt. of India. The members of Andamanese community appreciated such program and have shown interest to start self-employment ventures for their livelihood by availing the schemes and resources provided by the Govt.

of India. The representatives requested the members of Departments in case of any assistance and also shared their contact information for facilitation and better approach. After the successful interactive session, representatives of the Department of Industries escorted the Andamanese members to Sagarika Emporium followed by the workshop for demonstrating the execution of skill building programmes and the mechanisms for production and marketing of various products. (Source: IP Division)

## Considerable jump in foreign students in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs)

Vijay GarG

The year 2022 saw a considerable jump in foreign national students in the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), as per the latest Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced report. A total of 66 foreign nationals were offered seats in the IITs in 2022. The number in this category had not crossed 10 in the past five years. Experts explained that this can be attributed to the change in definition of foreign nationals applying for professional courses in India. Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIO), who were earlier

treated on par with Indians for seats in government institutions, are now considered foreign nationals and are included in the category, as per a government order from March, 2021. Such students are allotted supernumerary seats with higher fees. A professor from IIT Bombay said, "This increase in number is because of the change in definition of foreign nationals. These may be regular Indian students having passports of other countries due to various reasons. Earlier they were considered as Indians and would be offered seats from the regular pool of seats. But now they too

are considered foreign nationals and are offered supernumerary seats created in IITs for foreign nationals." BTEch in Canada under Rs 20 lakh in the past five years, the previous foreign national category in the IITs had crossed 10 students. Combined with the OCI and PIO candidates, however, the number is in line with this year. In 2021, eight seats were offered to foreign nationals, whereas there were 62 OCI and 5 PIO candidates. In 2020, there were two foreign nationals and 62 OCI and 2 PIO candidates. There were zero foreign nationals, but 36 OCI and 4 PIO candidates in 2019.

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ICFRE Recruitment 2023: Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education has planned to conduct the walk-in-interview for the post of Senior Research Fellow, Junior Research fellow/Junior Project Fellow, project Assistant and Field Assistant. For candidates who are completed the MSC/BSC from recognized university are eligible. Interested and eligible candidates ensure that your eligibility criteria and then attend the interview. Walk-in-interview which will be conducted on 10-01-2023, 12-01-2023, 12-01-2023 and 13-01-2023. Aspirants are requested to report at 09.00 AM in the board Room of FRI Dehradun.

Candidates who are looking for Central Government jobs, must check the eligibility. Aspirants will be appointed on initially for one year and it may be extended as per rules. Candidates must have work working experience in computation, field data collection and management. Participating candidates must keep the copy of Biodata along with recent passport size photograph, self-attested copies of all educational qualifications and other documents. Selected candidates will be recruited at Beong WLS /FRI Dehradun as per work requirement.

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Old Auction Date : 10.01.2023, 10:00AM  
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Place : Chennai South  
Date : 06.01.2023

For Muthoot Finance Ltd,  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Change of Name of Minor After Divorce

It is for general information that I, **M. SHABNAM BIBI** D/o. MOHAMMED HANIFA, Ex. Wife of **Karuppu Swamy** resident of House No. 32, Near Hotel North Bay Grand , Teyrelabad, Port Blair, South Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands declare that I got divorce from my husband vide Court Decree no. **MaT Suit No. 15 of 2019 dated 20/08/2019.**

Further I have changed the name of my minor son **S K BHUPENDRA PARIKSHITH** aged 13 years and he shall hereafter be known as **MOHAMMED SABIT.**

It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

The above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Change of Name of Minor After Divorce

It is for general information that I, **M. SHABNAM BIBI** D/o. MOHAMMED HANIFA, Ex. Wife of **Karuppu Swamy** resident of House No. 32, Near Hotel North Bay Grand , Teyrelabad, Port Blair, South Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands declare that I got divorce from my husband vide Court Decree no. **MaT Suit No. 15 of 2019 dated 20/08/2019.**

Further I have changed the name of my minor son **S K SHASHWAT PARIKSHITH** aged 08 years and he shall hereafter be known as **MOHAMMED SAMIR.**

It is certified that I have complied with other legal requirements in this connection.

The above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

P-16017/2/2022-PLG SECTION-SS-SHIP\_AN



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Dated: 02nd January, 2023

## CORRIGENDUM

Reference is invited to the e-tender published vide tender reference No. 1-91/DSS/HSC/01/2022-23 dated 03/11/2022 (Tender ID 2022\_DSS\_7943\_1) for 'Construction and Supply of 02 (Two) Nos. High Speed Emergency Response Vessels for A&N Administration'. The last date for submission of bids and opening date have been revised due to Administrative reasons.

The response to recommendations/ suggestions received from the participants in the prebid meeting held on 22/11/2022 will be issued separately upon approval by the A&N Administration.

The revised schedule of submission of e-tender document is as under:-

1.	Last Date & time of submission of e-tender	<b>30/01/2023 at 1500 Hrs. (IST)</b>
2.	Date & Time of opening of Technical Bid	<b>30/01/2023 at 1530 Hrs. (IST)</b>

All other terms & conditions apart from these mentioned above remain unchanged. This is for information of all intended participants.

02/01/2023  
Officer In-charge (Plg.)

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IN CONVERSATION

**BONANZA OF ART, MUSIC, ADVENTURE AWAITS TOURISTS, FOREIGN GUESTS IN MADHYA PRADESH**

The next ten days will be a bonanza of art, craft, music, heritage and adventure for tourists and local connoisseurs in Madhya Pradesh as the prestigious Mandu Festival, Hriday Drishyam Folk Art Festival, and Sky Diving festival will be on offer.

Mandu Festival – which offers a variety of art, craft, heritage and adventure activities – will be held at the popular historic hill fort town of Mandu in Dhar district from January 7 to 11, the Hriday Drishyam Folk Art Festival will be held in Capital Bhopal from January 8-10 and in Indore from January 7-12, while the adventure-laden Skydiving Festival in Ujjain will be held from January 5 to 15, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Sheo Shekhar Shukla said in a press conference.

Shukla, also managing director of the MP Tourism Board, said that events this

year are special because dignitaries from all over the world will be present in Madhya Pradesh under Pravasi Bhartiya Divas, Global Investors Meet and G-20 summit.

Tent city  
Shukla said that along with the 5-days of activities under the fourth edition of Mandu festival, one of the biggest attractions will be a 90-days tent city that will come alive in the heritage town.

Some of the major activities to be organised during the fest include live music concert, cycling tour, adventure sports and activities, art and culture exhibitions, light and sound shows, rural tourism, yoga and meditation sessions, heritage walk and performance of traditional folk dance and music by local artistes.

Tourists can also experience the wonderful and overwhelming panoramic view of Mandu city from a bird's eye view

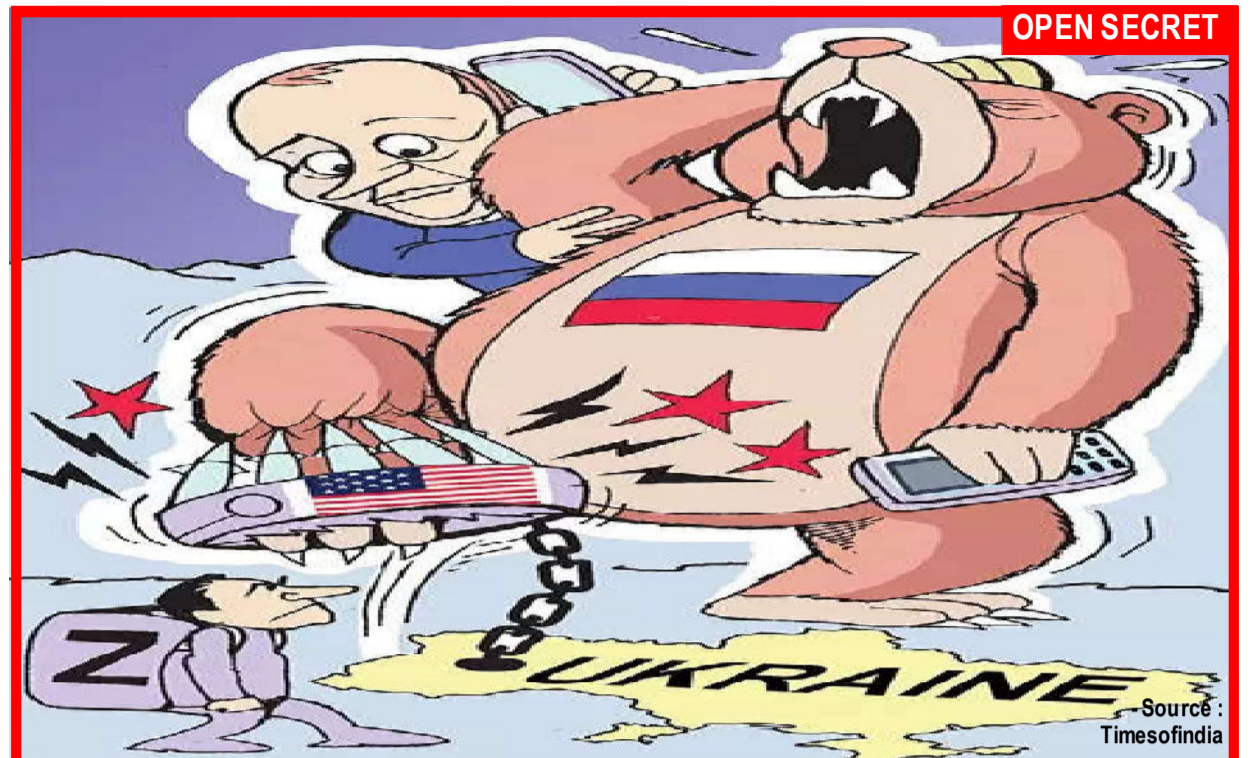
from a hot air balloon ride organised in collaboration with E-Factor Entertainment organisation. Jai Thakur, COO and co-founder, E-Factor Entertainment, said that Mandu Festival will have something special in store for everyone.

Skydiving fest at Ujjain  
The second edition of Skydiving Festival will start on January 5 at Datana Airstrip in Ujjain. The Sky Diving Festival, started by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board with the aim of promoting adventure tourism in the state, will conclude on January 15. This activity is being conducted by the DGCA and USPA certified organization Sky-High India, Shukla said. He added that the activity will be conducted with the help of high-standard trained personnel and participants will be able to experience the thrill of seeing the city of Mahakal from a height of 10,000 feet.



Hriday Drishyam folk art fest  
The sixth edition of mega music feast in Madhya Pradesh, the Hriday Drishyam Lok Kala Utsav, to be co-organised by the MP Tourism Board, will see the participation of regional, national and international level artists, Shukla said.

Artists from different countries like Japan, United States of America, Sweden and Spain are expected to participate this year. The festival also showcases local talent from Bhopal. It will be held in Bhopal from January 8 to January 10 at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center, Bharat Bhavan and Rabindra Bhavan. Various cultural and picturesque performances will take place at Lal Bagh Palace in Indore from January 7 to January 12. In Indore, a stall will also be set up to inform foreign guests about Indian culture, cuisine, art and literature. Singer Joe Alvares will be the curator of the program and renowned artists from India and abroad will give their performances. Admission to all programmes will be free. -Source: Theweek



Defence Minister...

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command, which has matured over 21 years since its creation on 08 Oct 2001. CINCAN during his briefing highlighted the Geo-strategic potential of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the role they can play towards enhancing India's influence and support to military operations in the area. It was also highlighted that towards realising the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR), Andaman and Nicobar Command has played a significant role in giving teeth to the Governments stated Act East Policy by building "Bridges of Friendship" with our maritime neighbours. The Defence Minister also visited the ANC Joint Operations Centre (JOC) which is the nerve centre for integrated planning for surveillance, conduct of operations and logistic support. The RM thereafter, addressed all ranks of Andaman and Nicobar Command at Dweepika Auditorium and had barakhana with troops, where while interacting he lauded the efforts of the only joint services command of the country.

**Amazon to layoff over 18,000 employees citing 'uncertain economy'**

Amazon on Wednesday announced that it will lay off over 18,000 jobs from its workforce citing an "uncertain economy" and "over hiring" in past years. The company is set to shed 6 per cent of its workforce, increasing the initially planned figures.

According to reports, the majority of the cuts would be in Amazon Stores operations and its People, Experience and Technology team.

Amazon's chief executive Andy Jassy in a statement said that reviewing Amazon's business "has been more difficult given the uncertain economy and that we've hired rapidly over the last several years."

"We are working to support those who are affected and are providing packages that include

a separation payment, transitional health insurance benefits, and external job placement support," Amazon's chief executive Andy Jassy said, reported BBC.

In November last year, Amazon said that in order to reduce expenses, they will be laying off some of its staff but a figure was not revealed by the tech giant.

As there was a leak in the tech giant's plan for further layoffs, Amazon's CEO has come out with a formal announcement before they sent the official emails to the staff.

According to reports, the firm had introduced a hiring freeze and its expansions have also been halted.

It has also taken steps to

shut down some parts of its business, cancelling projects company.

The tech industry shed more than 1,50,000 workers in 2022, according to tracking site Layoffs.fyi, a number that's continuing to grow, reported Reuters.

Also, Salesforce Inc said on Wednesday that it will be laying off 10 per cent of its staff, around 8,000 staff, by October.

Wide layoffs  
Last year, the global technology industry witnessed several layoffs. Facebook-owned Meta announced that it would cut 13 per cent of its workforce in November. In Twitter too, mass layoffs took place, where half of its staff lost jobs after Musk took over. As early as November, Amazon had started laying off its staff. - Source: Theweek

such as personal delivery robots. "Companies that last a long time go through different phases. They are not in heavy people expansion mode every year," Jassy had said in the statement.

Amazon has already announced that it's cutting back on projects like the Echo (Alexa) and delivery robots-which were not really making money for the



**Condolence Message**



Smti. Laxmi Ganeshan Councillor PBMC & K. Ganeshan Ex Chairperson PBMC has deeply mourned the demise of Smti. Menakha W/o. Late Elumalai D/o. Smti. Sarsawathi Teacher a resident of Delanipur Near Masjid Port Blair South Andaman Death On 20.12.2022 at 12.20 pm, She was 67 years. He prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for enough strength for the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

**Covid-19: 11 Omicron variants detected in international passengers, say sources**

Eleven Omicron sub-variants have been detected in international passengers who arrived in India between December 24 and January 3, official sources said. All these variants were reported in India earlier. Of the 19,227 samples of international passengers tested, 124 were found Covid-19 positive, ANI tweeted. Of the 124 positive samples, genome sequencing results of 40 were received of which XBB, including XBB.1, was found in 14 samples. BF 7.4.1 has been found in one sample. Amid rising Covid-19 cases in China and a few other countries, India began random testing of two per cent of international arrivals from December 24. The Union Health Ministry and Prime Minister

Narendra Modi have urged all passengers to mask up, avoid overcrowding, and maintain physical distance while disembarking. Thermal screening is being done on all passengers arriving on international flights and symptomatic persons are immediately isolated at a medical facility.

'Air Suvidha' forms and RT-PCR tests were made mandatory for passengers arriving from China, Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Thailand. The fresh spike in Covid-19 cases abroad has been attributed to the BF 7 sub-variant. Though India has reported a few cases of the sub-variant, experts feel India has little to worry due to the advantage of 'hybrid immunity'.

Help us to help you

**NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Protect yourself and others! Follow these Do's and Don'ts

**Do's**

- Practice frequent hand washing. Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol based hand rub. Wash hands even if they are visibly clean.
- Cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/tissue while sneezing and coughing.
- Throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use.
- See a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficult breathing and cough). While visiting doctor wear a mask/cloth to cover your mouth and nose.
- If you have these signs/symptoms please call State Helpline number or Ministry of Health & Family Welfare's 24x7 helpline at 011-23978046.
- Avoid participating in large gatherings.

**Don'ts**

- Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever.
- Touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Spit in public.

Together we can fight Coronavirus

For further information : Call at Ministry of Health, Govt. of India's 24x7 control room number +91-11-2397 8046 Email at ncov2019@gmail.com

**Bengal to serve chicken, fruits in school mid-day meals for four months**

Ahead of the panchayat elections due this year, the West Bengal government has allotted Rs 371 crore for introducing chicken and seasonal fruits in mid-day meals from January to April.

In addition to the existing midday meal menu of rice, potato, soybean and eggs, chicken and seasonal fruits will be served weekly once, for four months, for additional nutrition under PM POSHAN, according to a notification.

The provision of additional items, however, is unlikely to continue after April, a school department official said.

Students are at present given rice, pulses, vegetables, soybean and eggs in schools as

part of mid-day meals. An amount of Rs 20 will be spent per week on providing additional nutrition to every student, and the process will continue for 16 weeks, according to the January 3 notification, a copy of which is available with the PTI.

Over 1.16 crore students in state-run and aided schools are beneficiaries of the mid-day meal scheme, for which the state and Centre share the cost on a 60:40 ratio. The additional allocation of Rs 371 crore, however, was made entirely by the state. Asked whether the state will allocate another amount after the four-month period, the school department official said that no such decision has been taken so far.

He said the additional items will be served with immediate effect in every block on different days of the week.

The move triggered a political row, with the BJP questioning why such a decision was taken ahead of the panchayat elections due this year and Lok Sabha polls in 2024, while the Trinamool Congress accused the Opposition of "smelling politics in everything".

"The decision to serve chicken to school children ahead of elections raises questions about the change of heart of the TMC government. Why were poor children deprived of these items and only given rice and lentils till recently? The decision smacks of a political motive to secure votes

as panchayat polls are around the corner," BJP leader Rahul Sinha said.

TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Santanu Sen said party supremo and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee always stands by the side of the common people, and this decision "reaffirms that fact".

"Trinamool Congress is a people-centric party, unlike the BJP which wants to do politics on every issue. During the COVID pandemic and lockdown, our state ensured that children were not deprived of mid-day meals and distributed rice, pulses, potato, soybean regularly from school buildings. Despite difficulties, we did not shut down mid-day meals," he added.