

Member of Parliament calls on Lt. Governor discusses crucial issues

Port Blair, Dec 05: The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) today at Raj Niwas. Discussed expediting execution of mega infrastructure projects worth 75,000/- Crores in A&N Islands, including International Container Transshipment Terminal and new Green Field



Airport, consequent to the final clearance accorded by Government of India. Identification of additional projects for the follow-up phases was also discussed.

Vishal Jolly Demands to increase Old age Pension, Widow Pension, Destitute allowance and Disability person allowances

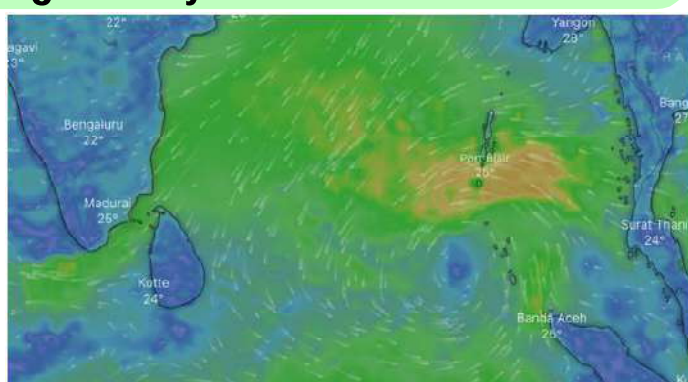
Port Blair, Dec 05: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Former State President BJP A & N and Member of Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India has demanded increasing Old age Pension, Widow Pension, Destitute allowance, and Disability person allowances, considering the prevailing cost price index of these Islands

through a letter addressed to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration. In his letter he wrote that the Directorate of Social Welfare provides old age Pension, Widow Pension, Destitute allowance and Disability allowance for the welfare of people under which several eligible needy people are availing these benefits. But, there is one factor

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Low Pressure area formed over South Andaman sea brings heavy rains in A & N Islands

Port Blair, Dec 05: Many parts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today received heavy rain due to a Low Pressure area formed over South Andaman sea. A press release issued by IMD today forecasted a possible cyclonic storm. According to the release a low pressure area formed over South Andaman sea and neighbourhood at 0000 UTC of today the 5th dec 2022 and persisted over the same region at 0300UTC of today.



It is likely to move West- Northwestwards and concentrate into a depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal by 06th December evening.

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Weather Warning issued by IMD; Fishermen advised no to venture into sea

Port Blair, Dec 05: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on Dec. 6. In anticipation of formation of a low pressure area, fishermen of Andaman and Nicobar coasts have been advised not to venture into the sea till Dec. 7, 2022.

For further enquiries / information, one may contact the helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. (See page 6)

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134th Birth Anniversary of Khudiram Bose Celebrated

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Diglipur, (Khudirampur), Dec. 05: The 134th Birth Anniversary of Khudiram Bose, one of the youngest revolutionaries of India was celebrated here on 3rd Dec.

Mr. Kewal Krishna, Ex-Pradhan, Diglipur Gram Panchayat was the Chief Guest while Mr. Madhu Dutta, a venerable resident of Khudirampur village was the Guest of Honour on the occasion of this remarkable day.

As part of the program, garlanding to Khudiram Bose's statue at 10.00 AM
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Volunteer for India, Port Blair organises Awareness and demonstration programme at Chouldhari Panchayat on Rural Menstrual Hygiene

Port Blair, Dec 05: Volunteer for India, Port Blair organised an Awareness and demonstration programme at Chouldhari Panchayat on Rural Menstrual Hygiene.

35 students from ANIIMS volunteered for the same. Awareness program was held at A P Sambhavan Community Hall in the presence of Member of Panchayat Samiti SmtiChaitali Roy and also at Tsunami Shelters and VKV Port Mout.

250 sanitary napkins



(pads) were donated by the Pad Donation Drive - Laal Daag to the women and girl students from class VI to XII.

Around 150 pads were sponsored by Rotary Club Next Gen in the presence of president
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National Pollution Control Day celebration

Port Blair, Dec 05: On the occasion of 'National Pollution Control Day', Andaman and Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC), Department of Science and Technology, A & N Administration organized a mass stickering programme with a message 'Walk More; Drive Smart' to reduce the air pollution caused due to the emission from vehicles. To mark the occasion, stickers were



pastored on the spot on various types of vehicles at Petrol Pump, Lamba Line to create awareness among general public on harmful effects of pollution

tion and also to promote e-vehicles in A&N Islands with the motive to make a paradigm shift from using fossil fuel to green energy.

MV Swaraj Dweep for Chennai postponed

Port Blair, Dec 05: In view of the weather advisory issued by IMD about the formation of low pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal and South Andaman Sea and is likely to intensify into a Cyclonic Storm and reach Southwest Bay of Bengal near north Tamil Nadu

coasts on Dec. 8, the Directorate of Shipping Services, keeping in view the safety of the passengers and the vessel has postponed the scheduled sailing programme of MV Swaraj Dweep for Chennai scheduled on Dec.6, 2022 from Port Blair. Now, the vessel will sail for

Chennai on Dec.8, 2022 at 1000 hrs from Haddo Wharf.

Passengers can also get update/status from the Information Counter at Phoenix Bay by dialing phone Number 03192 - 245555/232714 & Toll Free Number 18003452714.

Neurosurgeon Telemedicine Facility at PHC Campbell Bay



Port Blair, Dec 05: On Saturday 4th December 2022 Successfully Completed "Swasthya Plus" telemedicine with Dr. Vivek Yadav associate professor from Vardhman Medical Collage and Safdarjung Hospital New Delhi at PHC Campbell Bay organized by Dr.Nithin Shakyas Assistant Commissioner Campbell Bay. There are 20 patient participants in this program. Reviews of the patients presented in

the program were given due to lack of good health facilities in remote areas, patients face a lot of difficulties the patients here are greatly benefited by the program here.

Many patients have to go to the mainland which they are not able to do due to lack of money and now this health program will take stock of the patients every month and give them good medical treatment and consultation.



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KVKs of Islands observed "World Soil Day"



Port Blair, Dec 05: ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute observed "World Soil Day" befittingly on 05.12.2022 at Chouldari Gram Panchayat, Govindpur and Perka village of Nicobar Separately. The campaigns were conducted with the theme "Soils: where food begins" to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness and encouraging societies to improve soil health.

Mrs. Tapasi Saha, Pradhan, Chouldari Gram Panchayat, was the Chief Guest and Samiti Member Mrs. Chaitali Halder was the Guest of Honor for the awareness program at Chouldari Gram Panchayat, Other PRI members of Chouldari Gram Panchayat also attended the program. Dr. B. K. Nanda, S.M.S. (Agri. Engg.), Mr. Thanmai Paul, Technical Officer of KVK, South Andaman and Er. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agril. Engg.), ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera, was the re-

source persons for the programs. A detailed discussion was made on the importance of soil conservation, Natural farming, Soil Health Card, Fasal Bima Yojana, Kisan Credit Card (KCC) scheme and other schemes related to agriculture and allied sector, of Govt. of India. A practical demonstration was conducted on the preparation of "Jeevamrut" involving the participants of the program.

AT Govindpur, the programme was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Biswas, Head, Govt. Secondary School, Govindpur in presence of School teachers, in his inaugural speech Mr. Sanjay Biswas, expressed the need of soil conservation measures for enhancing crop productivity in this region. Mr. Paul David, First Headman Perka Village graces the program. On this occasion, a total of 173 farmers, farm women and school children were befitted at three places of islands. These programs were organized under the supervision & guidance of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI, Port Blair and Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head.

SwachhataHi Seva Beach Cleaning Drive



Port Blair, Dec 05: Members of Ration Rasheed foundation with Power Of Unity group organised a Swachhata hi Seva beach cleaning drive, in

which more than 30 Housewives 11 kids and 10 girls of Haddolocality collected more than 50 Plastic Bags or garbage. SHO Chatham

Inspector Ms.Jyothi Chatwal also participated actively in the cleaning drive and encouraged the volunteer by distributing gifts to the kids.

Ajoy Bairagi, Attends National Office Bearers Meeting at Delhi

Port Blair, Dec 05: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP A&N Islands is at New Delhi to attend National Office Bearers meeting at Party Headquarters, Delhi.

The two daylong meeting was inaugurated at BJP Headquarters, Delhi and will be attended by Prime Minister, Mananiya JP Nadda, National President, along with National office bearers of the



party, In charge and co-in-charge of all the States.

Revaluation Enabled For All the Result Hosted Courses of UG in JNRM

Port Blair, Dec 05: As per the communication received from Pondicherry University, the revaluation is being en-

abled by the University for All the Result Hosted Courses of UG; hence students may contact the Ad-

mission & Examination Wing of JNRM within 9th December, 2022 for filling the application form.

Appeal for Claiming Dead Body

Port Blair, Dec 05: It is informed to the general public that on 25/11/2022, a FIR was registered at PS Humphrey Gunj on finding the dead body of deceased new born baby from the creek of Sippighat near SAI Boat house area. Since then, no family members/relatives

have come forward to claim the body. Further, the body of the deceased new-born baby has been preserved at the cold mortuary of GB Pant Hospital. The family members of the aforesaid baby are hereby requested to approach PS Humfrygunj and take

over the deceased body from GB Pant Hospital. The general public is hereby requested to share/pass on information to Police if the aforesaid new born baby belongs to their family members to Phone No. 03192-287590 or 100 and may approach to PS Humfrygunj to identify the dead body.

China may pivot a tad more on Covid measures as Xi Jinping faces crisis: Report

China may announce 10 new COVID-19 management measures as early as Wednesday, Reuters reported. The new measures will supplement the 20 measures unveiled in November that set off a wave of Covid-easing steps across the nation, the report said.

China may eventually downgrade its management of Covid-19 as a top-level Category A infectious disease to a less strict Cat-

egory B disease as early as January, the report said.

Earlier, China eased some of the world's most stringent anti-virus controls as authorities said that the new variants are weaker. Although, the country did not end its "zero-Covid" strategy that confines millions of people to their homes. The curbs had set off protests in China and de-

mands for president Xi Jinping to resign. On Monday, commuters in Beijing and at least 16 other cities were allowed to board buses and subways without a virus test in the previous 48 hours for the first time in months while industrial centers including Guangzhou reopened markets and businesses and lifted most curbs on movement.

The government announced plans last week to vaccinate millions of people in their 70s and 80s.

Massive protests near White House, demonstrators demand 'Free China!'

About 200 protesters lit candles and shouted "Free China!" two blocks from the White House on Sunday in a show of support for demonstrations in China calling for an end to severe anti-virus controls and for political change.

Protesters in Freedom Plaza held up signs saying, "No Dictatorship, No Censorship," demanding that President Xi Jinping and the ruling Communist Party give up power. They held up blank sheets of paper, a symbol of opposition to the party's pervasive censorship. Some yelled, "Free China!"

The protests erupted Nov. 25 after at least 10 people died in a fire in Urumqi, a city in China's northwest. Authorities rejected suggestions firefighters or people



trying to escape might have been blocked by anti-virus controls. But the disaster became a focus for public frustration with curbs that confine millions of people to their homes.

"I did not care much about these public issues before as it did not happen to me," said a Chinese student who would give only her surname, Liu, due to fear of retaliation.

"The COVID policy is really improper," said Liu. "Now that I am in a country

with free speech, I shall do my best when my rights can be protected."

Uighurs, Tibetans and members of other ethnic minorities that are targeted for surveillance and control by the Communist Party joined the protests.

"I was encouraged by the courageous young people in China," said a man who refused to give his name. "How can we not stand up after they did?" he said. "I shall at least let them know they were not alone."

Outages could last days after shootings at substations

Two power substations in a North Carolina county were damaged by gunfire in what is being investigated as a criminal act, causing damage that could take days to repair and leaving tens of thousands of people without electricity, authorities said Sunday. In response to ongoing outages, which began just after 7 p.m. Saturday across Moore County, officials announced a state of emergency that included a curfew from 9 p.m. Sunday to 5 a.m. Monday. Also, county schools will be closed Monday.

"An attack like this on critical infrastructure is a serious, intentional crime and I expect state and federal authorities to thoroughly investigate and bring those responsible to justice," Gov. Roy Cooper wrote on Twitter.

Moore County Sheriff Ronnie Fields said at a Sunday news conference that authorities have not determined a motivation. He said someone pulled up and



"opened fire on the substation, the same thing with the other one."

"No group has stepped up to acknowledge or accept that they're the ones that done it," Fields said, adding "we're looking at all avenues." The sheriff noted that the FBI was working with state investigators to determine who was responsible. He also said "it was targeted."

"It wasn't random," Fields said.

Fields said law enforcement is providing security at the substations and for businesses overnight.

"We will have folks out there tonight around the

clock," Fields said.

Roughly 37,000 electric customers in the county were without power on Sunday evening, according to poweroutage.us.

With cold temperatures forecast for Sunday night, the county also opened a shelter at a sports complex in Carthage.

Duke Energy spokesman Jeff Brooks said multiple pieces of equipment were damaged and will have to be replaced. He said while the company is trying to restore power as quickly as possible, he braced customers for the potential of outages lasting days.

'Naveen Patnaik too tired to understand anything': Dharmendra Pradhan in Padampur

Union education minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Dharmendra Pradhan, while campaigning for the upcoming Paddampur bypolls on Saturday hit out at Odisha chief minister and Biju Janata Dal (BJD) chief Naveen Patnaik and said Patnaik has become 'tired' and unable to figure out what he is saying. Addressing a gathering in the poll-bound Padampur constituency, Pradhan said, "it seems to me you (Naveen Patnaik) are not in a position to understand anything. Because of this, you are saying what your ministers want you to say."

"The fear of loss of the Padampur seat has made you tell lies and forget the contributions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Odisha. You came to Padampur to address meetings amid fear," he said. Union minister Pradhan (BJP) and chief minister Patnaik (BJD) were campaigning for the crucial Padampur by-elections scheduled to take place on December 5. The BJP has fielded Pradip Purohit who won the seat in 2014 but was defeated by the BJD's Bijaya Ranjan Singh Bariha in 2019. While BJD has this time

fielded Barsha Singh Bariha. Slamming Patnaik over the latter's demand for the withdrawal of 18% goods and service tax (GST) on Kendu leaf from Centre, Pradhan said, "You (Patnaik) are shedding crocodile tears for Kendu leaf pluckers. Out of 18%, you are getting 9% as revenue," Pradhan said. Further taking a dig at the chief minister, Pradhan said though the people of Bijepur voted Patnaik to power in the 2019 assembly election, he betrayed them by quitting the Bijepur constituency and retaining the Hinjili seat.

He said unemployed youth are running from his constituency to other places in search of jobs. Responding to the criticism, BJD spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra said Pradhan himself is deliberately lying to the people of Padampur. "Did the union minister ever meet the union finance minister to talk about withdrawing 18% GST on Kendu leaves? The people of Odisha have seen the chief minister's work and they believe in him. Therefore, 4.5 crore Odias have blessed him for the past 22 years," said Patra.

'Are we alone in the universe?': Work begins on most powerful radio telescope

Construction of the world's largest radio astronomy observatory, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA), has begun in Australia after three decades in development. The intergovernmental effort has been hailed as one of the biggest scientific projects of this century. The project will enable scientists to look back to early in the history of the universe when the first stars and galaxies were formed. Square Kilometre Array will also be used to investigate dark energy and why the universe is expanding and to potentially search for extraterrestrial life.

The Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory, which is run by CSIRO and is located in Murchison, Western Australia will be home to the SKA radio telescope. The project will initially involve two telescope arrays – one on



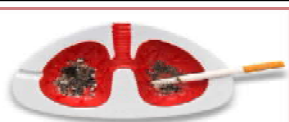
Wajarri country in remote Western Australia, called SKA-Low, comprising 131,072 tree-like antennas.

Dr Sarah Pearce, SKA-Low's director, said the observatory would "define the next fifty years for radio astronomy, charting the birth and death of galaxies, searching for new types of gravitational waves and expanding the boundaries of what we know about the universe." "The SKA telescopes will be sensitive enough to detect an airport radar on a planet circling a star tens of light years away, so may even answer the biggest question of all: are we alone in the universe?," she added.



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Covid is weakening, China state media claims, as major cities ease curbs

Coronavirus is weakening and management protocols could be downgraded, an expert on China's state media claimed, after unprecedented protests last week led to a major shift in Beijing's commitment to its zero-Covid policy, Guardian reported. Since January 2020, China has classified Covid-19 as a Category B infectious disease but has managed it under Category A protocols.

An unnamed infectious disease expert told Chinese media outlet Yicai that more than 95% of China's cases are now asymptomatic and mild, and the fatality rate is very low, the report said. Under such circumstances, adhering to Class A management is not in line with science, the expert added.



Covid-19 could be downgraded to Category B management or even Category C, the expert was quoted as saying. Chinese government and its media is now heavily emphasising the reduced severity, marking an abrupt political turnaround for the country's zero-Covid policy, which Xi Jinping had said was China's only path out of the pandemic. An outpouring of public anger appears to have prompted authorities to lift some of the more tough

restrictions, even as they say the zero-Covid strategy is still in place.

There are some fear millions could die if restrictions were lifted entirely. Beijing, Shanghai, Zhengzhou and Shenzhen are among cities to end a requirement for negative test results in order to board public transport.

China is the last major country trying to stop transmission completely through quarantines, lockdowns and mass testing.

China continues easing Covid controls, more cities report ease of movement

Beijing: Millions of people in at least 21 cities don't need a negative nucleic acid test (NAT) to access public transport, local media reports said on Monday as China continues to ease its stringent Covid-19 control measures amid widespread public discontent over the curbs. More easing or "optimisation" of China's 'zero-Covid' policy is expected later this week, social media reports indicated.

The sudden easing of strict NAT requirements has also led to confusion in cities like Beijing where many public testing facilities have been removed, leaving citizens uncertain about whether the tests are required at all.

The relaxation of rules on accessing public transport and venues was reported from many Chinese cities. Cinema halls were reopened after months in the far western city of Urumqi; in Shenzhen in south China, NAT results were no longer required to enter supermarkets and communities; Shanghai withdrew the 72-hour negative test requirement to enter the subway and Shenyang in northeast China

did the same.

Beijing commuters could board buses and subway trains without a NAT test taken in the previous 48 hours for the first time in months on Monday though in-restaurant dining remained suspended and a large number of offices continued with the 'work from home' policy. Under "daily optimisation" measures, "...at least 21 cities across the country have announced that they will no longer check negative nucleic acid certificates in subways," the Shanghai-based news portal, The Paper, reported Monday evening. The southern city of Guangzhou in south China reopened markets and businesses for the first time in weeks and lifted most curbs on movement. In most cities targeted restrictions continued in communities and neighbourhoods with positive Covid-19 cases. The focus is gradually shifting from NAT to RAT or 'rapid antigen tests' with local government's beginning to encourage a self-testing regime, reported the news website, Caixin.

"Health experts have suggested that China increase the use of rapid antigen test kits

(RATs) so people can self-administer the tests at home. Already widely used around the world, RATs were approved in China only in March only as a supplement to nucleic acid testing," the Caixin report said. Netizens speculated that more easing of Covid-19 controls could be announced soon with Covid-19 prevention measures downgraded from "A" to "B" category. Former deputy director of the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Feng Zijian, told The Paper that China should allow mild and asymptomatic Covid patients to isolate at home to ease pressure on the country's health infrastructure. The complete withdrawal of all measures under China's 'zero-Covid' policy, however, will take time, perhaps several months. "China is not ready for a fast reopening yet," the Associated Press reported. Morgan Stanley economists as saying in a report on Monday. "We expect lingering containment measures. ... Restrictions could still tighten dynamically in lower-tier cities should hospitalisations surge," the report said.

Elgar Parishad accused Navlakha's partner surrenders liquor bottles, cigarettes



Elgar Parishad-Maoist links case accused Gautam Navlakha's partner Sahba Husain has surrendered her liquor bottles and cigarette packets to police after the National Investigation Agency raised an objection over such items brought to the premises where he is currently under house arrest, an official said on Monday. On November 19, 70-year-old Navlakha was released from prison and taken to the house in Belapur-Agroli area of neighbouring Navi Mumbai town to be kept under house arrest for a month. Husain, who is staying with Navlakha, had brought two liquor bottles and cigarettes for personal consumption, the official said. She had declared about the same to the NIA officials when they came for house search before Navlakha was brought there.

She had told the probe agency sleuths that the items were for her consumption and not for Navlakha, who neither consumes liquor nor smokes, the official said. The NIA sleuths, however, took objection to the items

and hence, those were given into the custody of the CBD Belapur police, he said. Husain then wrote to the NIA, informing that she has surrendered the liquor bottles to local police, the official said. She has the permission to go out of the premises. Navlakha is allowed to go out for a walk for 40 minutes in a day with adequate security, he said. The Supreme Court last month granted Navlakha's plea seeking house arrest on medical grounds. The activist claims to be suffering from multiple ailments. He was in jail since April 2020 after his arrest in the case, which relates to alleged inflammatory speeches made at the 'Elgar Parishad' conclave held in Pune on December 31, 2017, which Pune police claimed triggered violence the next day near the Koregaon Bhima war memorial on the outskirts of the western Maharashtra city.

According to police, people linked to banned the CPI (Maoists) had organised the programme. The case, in which over a dozen activists and academicians have been named as accused, was later handed over to the NIA.

Iran judiciary seals businesses of football legend Ali Daei: Report

Iran has sealed a jewellery shop and restaurant belonging to football legend Ali Daei, after he backed protesters' calls for strikes this week, local media reported. Ali Daei's 109 goals at international level were long unsurpassed until Cristiano Ronaldo overtook him. ISNA news agency reported that the former player's shop and restaurant in Tehran had been ordered shut.

"Following the cooperation with anti-revolutionary groups in cyberspace to disrupt peace and business of the market, a judicial order

was issued to seal Noor Jewellery Gallery," ISNA reported.

It said a restaurant linked to Ali Daei had also been ordered shut but gave no details about it. Last week Ali Daei said he had been targeted by threats after backing the protests triggered by the death of Mahsa Amini.

Mahsa Amini died in custody on September 16, three days after her arrest by the morality police for an alleged violation of the country's strict dress code for women. The protests have continued for almost three months.

Low Pressure; Advisory issued for passengers on sailing of vessels

Port Blair, Dec 05: The weather forecast bulletin received from Meteorological Department indicates low pressure area formation over South Andaman Sea and subsequently depression formation over Southeast Bay of Bengal by 6th December,

2022. Keeping in view the safety of passengers and vessels, the sailing of DSS vessels may get suspended/ cancelled in all sectors including harbour ferry at short notice. Therefore, passengers and tourists have been advised to plan their

journey suitably to avoid any inconvenience. However, passengers can also get update/status of the vessels from the Information Counter at Phoenix Bay by dialing Number 03192 - 245555/232714 & Toll Free Number 18003452714.

Kerala: Wayanad tops list of aspirational districts, according to Niti Aayog

North Kerala's Wayanad has been ranked first in Niti Aayog's list of aspirational districts programme (ADP) of the Niti Aayog. The district made this achievement after its rapid strides in health, nutrition, financial inclusion and skill development sectors, said district collector A Geeta. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who represents the constituency in the Parliament, lauded the district's achievement, and said, "Our collective efforts to roll out people-centric initiatives aimed at providing last-mile accessibility has made this achievement possible."

He added that he spoke to the district collector in detail regarding this.

According to Niti Aayog, Wayanad was selected from 112 districts



across the country. The ADP was launched in January 2018 by the Union government with an aim to improve human development index, raising living standards of citizens and ensuring inclusive growth of all.

The Niti Aayog examines different growth parameters every month and monitors the situation and selects the leader. Five core themes will be included in the

selection process – health and nutrition, education, agriculture and water resources, financial inclusion and skill development and basic infrastructure. "Rahul Gandhi takes keen interest in all these sectors and monitors the situation closely. Once the district was notorious for malnutrition but now, we bridged the gap effectively," his MP's secretary Augustine Pulpally said.

Weather Warning...

1077. Meanwhile, in another press release received from Directorate of Fisheries, quoting IMD, Kolkata advised the fishermen not to

venture into sea. For any assistance, they may call the Indian Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554 or Directorate of Fish-

eries or nearest Zonal Fisheries Office/Sub Station over Phone Number 03192-240095 / 231474 / 273295 / 265111.

Vishal Jolly Demands...

tor which is quite important and requires positive consideration is that these Pension & allowances are merely Rs. 2500/- which is quite less.

Further he mentioned that, the prevalent cost price index of this Islands, due to its geographical isolation & distance is much more higher than other States and Union Territories and it has also been observed that the meager amount of Rs. 2500/- is disbursed either in the second week or third week of the month which is extremely

unfortunate and disheartening.

Further he also mentioned that islanders are largely dependent upon goods and products from other parts of our Country and consequently the prices gets escalated to such an extent that it is nearly impossible for any beneficiaries of the aforementioned pensions & allowances to manage themselves with a meager amount of Rs. 2500/- only. They are totally dependent upon these benefits and under no cir-

cumstances this amount would suffice the very objective of providing their basic needs. Accordingly, he requested the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to sympathetically consider the plight of these categories of people & increase this pension & allowances from Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 4000/- per head and ensured that these pensions & allowances are disbursed at least in the first or second day of each & every month, for the welfare of these beneficiaries.

PLOT FOR SALE

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Russia says oil price cap 'will not affect' Ukraine 'special military operation'



The Kremlin said Monday that a \$60 price cap on Russian oil exports agreed by the EU, G7 and Australia will not affect Moscow's military campaign in Ukraine. "The economy of the Russian Federation has all the necessary

potential to fully meet the needs and requirements of the special military operation. These measures will not affect this," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters, using Moscow's term for the Ukraine offensive.

Low Pressure...

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Thereafter, it is likely to continue to move West-Northwestwards, intensify further gradually into a cyclonic storm and reach Southwest Bay of Bengal near North Tamil Nadu-Puducherry & adjoining South Andhra Pradesh coasts by 08th December

morning. As per Insat 3Dimagary clouds associated with low pressure area is broken low and medium clouds with embedded intense to very intense convection lay over Andaman sea adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal, the release added.

Volunteer for...

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dent P D Prasad and Rotary club members Dakshin Bhasker and Vignesh. The awareness program was headed by ANIIMS student Sanskrati Chaudhary.

The beneficiaries were educated regarding the

Do's and Don't of Menstrual Hygiene, Stereotypes, Stigma, nutrition and diet. A massive positive response from women and students were gained as they freely asked their doubts and complications.

134th Birth...

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was first performed by Mr. Madhu Dutta and who was the constant inspiration for establishing the statue of the legendary freedom fighter Khudiram Bose in the village which was named after this great martyr.

The kids of 6 nos. of Anganwadi centres and the students of Govt. M.S. Khudirampur village participated in the Birth Anniversary of Khudiram Bose.

The event was attended by Mr. Sujit Mistry

Samiti Member, Ex-Samiti Member of the Khudirampur village constituency, Diglipur Panchayat, other PRI members, women, villagers and others. Mr. Kewal Krishna welcomed the guests and spoke on the life of the martyr Khudiram Bose at length. The statue of Khudiram Bose was erected on 9th February 2010 in the village of Khudirampur under Diglipur Gram Panchayat with the Ex-Pradhan Mr. Kewal Krishna's utmost efforts.



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