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IGNOU exam form for December-2022 session

Port Blair, Oct 31: The last date for filling-up the Examination forms for Term-End Examination for December, 2022 session of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has been extended up to 10th November, 2022 without late fee. The students may submit the on-line exam form by clicking directly the online link: <https://exam.ignou.ac.in/> For more details, visit IGNOU Website - www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: reportblair@ignou.ac.in.

Shalimar Inn Bar & Restaurant; No Parking yet have Bar License

Entry from both ends, get drunk and land directly on heavy traffic road



Port Blair, Oct 31: The Shalimar Inn Bar & Restaurant has been operating in a building which has been declared as illegal construction by the Port Blair Municipal Council. The most shocking part the citizens of the islands want to know from the District Administration is on what ground permission has been given to Shalimar Inn & Bar to operate a Bar in an illegal structure. Meanwhile, as per the directives of the honorable Judiciary and the Govt. of India, every liquor bottle carries a message for the drinker "Liquor is injurious to Health". Adding meaning to this message, there are strict and specific norms for sale and serving of Liquor in Bar, Hotel and Restaurants. Such establishments are supposed to fulfill all the terms and conditions before commencement and during the course of operation. To comply with the directives of the appropriate authority/body, there are a set of mandatory provisions and guidelines which need to be fulfilled by an establishment for getting the Bar License. But it is found that certain liquor Bar's functional in and around Port Blair did not fulfill many of the mandatory provisions for getting the Bar license yet they are granted the license. Whom to blame, License issuing authority, status reporting official or the establishment owner. The Shalimar Inn Bar & Rest. situated See... Page No. 02



SC Orders Ban on 'Two-finger Test' in Rape Cases, Slams 'Invasive Method' of Examining Survivors

31st Oct, 2022 at Port Blair: The Supreme Court on Monday ordered a ban on "two-finger test" in rape cases and warned that persons conducting such tests will be held guilty of misconduct. The two-finger test is an unscientific and intrusive physical examination that involves the insertion of two fingers into a woman's vagina to measure the laxity of vaginal muscles, thereby determining her 'virginity'. While delivering judgement restoring a conviction in a rape-murder case, Justice Chandrachud on Monday said, "Evidence of a victim's sexual history not material to case. It is regrettable that it continues to be conducted even today". Supreme Court warned that persons conducting the test in rape cases will be held guilty of misconduct and ordered removal of two-finger test from study materials in medical colleges saying the "unscientific invasive method of examining rape survivor retraumatizes sexually assaulted woman". The apex court overturned the acquittal order of a High Court and sentenced the man to life imprisonment in the rape-murder case that was being heard. (Source: News18)

MP demands to resolve long pending grievances of Tribal Council of Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Oct 31: Highlighting some of the crucial issues of Car Nicobar Island, the Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to resolve long pending grievances of Tribal Council, Car Nicobar. In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament mentioned that during his recent visit to Car Nicobar Island, he interacted with the representatives of Tribal Council, Car Nicobar and during meeting, the members of Tribal Council presented many grievances urging him to take up the issues with the Government and A&N Administration. Based on the demands the Member of Parliament highlighted following issues in front of Hon'ble Lt. Governor. The issues are: Construction of Sea Protection Wall at Mus around the island. The Member of Parliament mentioned that the aftermath of earthquake/Tsunami struck these islands, the soil erosion is taking place at a fast pace around the Mus break Water as well as at Tee-Top and Sawai Coastal areas which need to be checked by erection See... Page No. 02

MIOT HOSPITALS OUTREACH CLINIC PORT BLAIR

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As the pioneers in orthopaedic care are visiting Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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Why parents in their prime produce the best offspring: Research

Washington [US], October 30 (ANI): Inspired by the tsetse fly, scientists have developed the first mathematical model to explain how an individual's age and experience affect investment in their offspring. This increase-decrease pattern of allocation to offspring is seen in many mammals, birds and insects. Scientists at Bristol, with colleagues at Exeter and Oxford, found this pattern in an important disease-carrying insect, the tsetse fly. Tsetse flies give birth to live young that are nearly as big as their mother. See... Page No. 02

115th birth anniversary of Muthuramalinga Thevar celebrated

Diglipur, Oct 31: The 115th birth anniversary function of former Forward Block leader and social reformist of Tamil Nadu Muthuramalinga Thevar was celebrated on 30th October 2022. To mark the occasion, the statue of the great leaders was garlanded. In the same manner, at Bakullala, the 115 year celebration of Muthuramalinga Thevar was celebrated. :: DJ Venkatesh ::

National Unity Day observed by A&N Police

Port Blair, Oct 31: on 31/10/2022 to commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) was observed by the A&N Police. During the occasion, an exemplary ceremonial March Past by 07 Police contingents comprising of Executive Police 02 platoons each of Gents & Ladies, See... Page No. 02

Farewell given to retired PBMC employees

Port Blair, Oct 31: At a simple function held in the conference hall of the PBMC Headquarters the Port Blair Municipal Council bid farewell to four of its employees of the Council, who superannuated from government service. The Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council Smt. Kavitha Udhaya Kumar in her address, recalled the valuable services rendered by them to the Council and wished them happy and healthy post retired life. Mementoes were also See... Page No. 02

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Inserted by: Susheela (Wife) and all family members, R/o Buniyadabad Today Community Hall PBMC Opposite Ayyappa Temple Prayer of Pastor ECI Church Haddo

Selection trial at SAI complex Sippighat

Port Blair, Oct 31: The Andaman & Nicobar Rowing Association will be conducting selection trial at SAI water Sports Complex Sippighat on 05/11/2022 at 6.00 AM onwards for A&N Islands Rowing team will be taken participating in the forthcoming 42nd Junior National Rowing Championships will be held at Relangana Water Sports Academy Hussain Sagar lake, Hyderabad from 13th Dec., to 16th Dec., 2022. Interested persons registered their name to Shri Rama Rao conduct Phone/Cell Number: 9434298433, 7063917051, Last date of Registration is 04/11/2022. - Source : SAI

EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

01 November 2022

Morbi bridge tragedy

At least 134 people have been reported dead in the bridge collapse in Morbi, Gujarat. When the century-old suspension bridge broke apart yesterday evening, it was loaded well beyond capacity. The Chhath Puja crowds along the way delayed the rescue teams and then their operations were made difficult by the thick algae covering the Machchu river underneath the bridge. The critical question is whether this was an inevitable tragedy. If so, the multiple layers of negligence that contributed to it should be transparently laid out in front of the public.

As last week's deadly Halloween stampede in Itaewon, Seoul also underlined, overcrowding tips over into tragedy because authorities are lax in its initial stages. Beyond the tipping point, fatalities just mount. But unless accountability for such laxity is fixed and punishment meted out, lives will continue to be lost. India is a densely populated country and the Indian calendar is packed with celebrations. Many are well run: Kumbh mela springs to mind. But when those that are not turn into disasters, nobody is punished. Who has been punished for the New Year stampede at the Vaishno Devi shrine?

In the Morbi case, additional layers of mismanagement are suspected. After being closed for renovation for several months, the bridge was reopened for the Gujarati new year on October 26. Was this reopening rushed for poll reasons? Did the private contractor in charge of maintaining the bridge reopen it without a fitness certificate from the municipality? Such questions need to be answered punctiliously. This is what we owe those who died yesterday and this is what will save lives in the future. Otherwise, a lot of rickety infrastructure around the country means more tragedies just waiting to happen.

Shalimar Inn Bar & Restaurant...

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in the heart of the city i.e. Delanipur junction is one of the biggest hubs of drinkers in the city as no one needs to walk even for a few meters from the road. Just park the vehicle on the road, move 2 meters and here you are in the Bar. One of the mandatory conditions to be fulfilled by the applicant for obtaining Bar license is that the structure where Bar is to be opened, must have attached appropriate parking space. The Shalimar Hotel and Bar has zero parking space with the building. Yet it is having a bar license and the same has been extended for many years. The special feature of this Bar is that it has an entrance from both sides. Person enters from one end, comes out from the other end and lands

directly on the rush road. On many occasions drunk people coming out of this Bar banged on a running vehicle causing injuries to drunk people. No major accident took place till date but what will be the consequences, if a drinker comes out of the Bar and suffers major accident leading to death. The vehicle owner and the Driver will face legal trials. Local residents, especially women of the area, told this daily that due to this Bar, the younger generation of the area is getting addicted and spoiling their life. On the ground of non-availability of Proper Parking and single door entry system, the Bar license of Shalimar Inn Bar & Rest needs to be cancelled.

National Unity Day...

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IRBn, Fire Service, Home Guard and 02 platoons of A&N Police Band was presented from Dugong Guest House (PBMC) to Government Press, Port Blair in the evening at 1600 hrs. Huge gathering of general public

witnessed this function at Govt Girls Sr. Secondary School, Port Blair. The entire function was held under the supervision of Smt. Monika Bhardwaj, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police (AP/ SAP). - Source : ANP

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presented to the employees. Senior Vice Chairperson Shri. Aziz-Ur-Rahman and section in charges / officials of the section concerned were also present during the function. The employees who retired are viz. Smt. V. Vinlawathi (Office Superintendent, Estt Section),

Shri. R. Manickam, Carpenter, JE-III (Vks), Smt. Raj Bala (Sanitary Supervisor), Sanitary Wing & Smt. Chinnakannu, Sanitary Jawabdhars Sanitary Wing. Officials/ staffs and elected representatives of the Council were also present on the occasion. - Source : PBMC

Civic Chief inspects private bus terminus

Port Blair, Oct 31: The Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council Smt Kavita Udhaya Kumar, along with Smt. Vinita Malhotra (Chairperson Sub Committee for Works town Planning & Improvement) inspected the private bus terminus area situated at Mohanpura. The Officials of the Engineering wing were also present during the inspection. Due to heavy rainfall in the past few months the path way of the terminus was damaged badly and the bus drivers as well as the passenger's faced hardship while traveling. The civic chief directed the official's concerned to resurface the path way within 10 days. Smt Kavita Udhaya Kumar Chairperson, PBMC further assured the private bus owners that provision of drinking water and other facilities will also be provided and the resurfacing work will be completed within the stipulated time frame.

WHY SOME PEOPLE ARE MOSQUITO MAGNETS

It's impossible to hide from a female mosquito -- she will hunt down any member of the human species by tracking our CO2 exhalations, body heat, and body odor. But some of us are distinct "mosquito magnets" who get more than our fair share of bites. Blood type, blood sugar level, consuming garlic or bananas, being a woman, and being a child are all popular theories for why someone might be a preferred snack. Yet for most of them, there is little credible data, says Leslie Vosshall, head of Rockefeller's Laboratory of Neurogenetics and Behavior.

This is why Vosshall and Maria Elena De Obaldia, a former postdoc in her lab, set out to explore the leading theory to explain varying mosquito appeal: individual odor variations connected to skin microbiota. They recently demonstrated through a study that fatty acids emanating from the skin may create a heady perfume that mosquitoes can't resist. They published their results in Cell.

"There's a very, very strong association between having large quantities of these fatty acids on your skin and being a mosquito magnet," says Vosshall, the Robin Chemers Neustein Professor at The Rockefeller University and Chief Scientific Officer of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

A tournament no one wants to win

In the three-year study, eight participants were asked to wear nylon stockings over their forearms

for six hours a day. They repeated this process on multiple days. Over the next few years, the researchers tested the nylons against each other in all possible pairings through a round-robin style "tournament." They



used a two-choice olfactometer assay that De Obaldia built, consisting of a plexiglass chamber divided into two tubes, each ending in a box that held a stocking. They placed Aedes Aegypti mosquitoes -- the primary vector species for Zika, dengue, yellow fever, and chikungunya -- in the main chamber and observed as the insects flew down the tubes towards one nylon or the other.

By far the most compelling target for Aedes aegypti was Subject 33, who was four times more attractive to the mosquitoes than the next most-attractive study participant, and an astonishing 100 times more appealing than the least attractive, Subject 19.

The samples in the trials were de-identified, so the experimenters didn't know which participant had

worn which nylon. Still, they would notice that something unusual was about any trial involving Subject 33, because insects would swarm towards that sample. "It would be obvious within a few seconds of

starting the assay," says De Obaldia. "It's the type of thing that gets me really excited as a scientist. This is something real. This is not splitting hairs. This is a huge effect."

The researchers sorted the participants into high and low attractors, and then asked what differentiated them. They used chemical analysis techniques to identify 50 molecular compounds that were elevated in the sebum (a moisturizing barrier on the skin) of the high-attracting participants. From there, they discovered that mosquito magnets produced carboxylic acids at much higher levels than the less-attractive volunteers. These substances are in the sebum and are used by bacteria on our skin to produce our unique human body odor. To confirm their findings, Vosshall's team enrolled another 56

people for a validation study. Once again, Subject 33 was the most alluring, and stayed so over time.

"Some subjects were in the study for several years, and we saw that if they were a mosquito magnet, they remained a mosquito magnet," says De Obaldia. "Many things could have changed about the subject over their behaviors over that time, but this was a very stable property of the person."

Humans produce mainly two classes of odors that mosquitoes detect with two different sets of odor receptors: Orco and IR receptors. To see if they could engineer mosquitoes unable to spot humans, the researchers created mutants that were missing one or both of the receptors. Orco mutants remained attracted to humans and able to distinguish between mosquito magnets and low attractors, while IR mutants lost their attraction to humans to a varying degree, but still retained the ability to find us.

These were not the results the scientists were hoping for. "The goal was a mosquito that would lose all attraction to people, or a mosquito that had a weakened attraction to everybody and couldn't discriminate Subject 19 from Subject 33. That would be tremendous," Vosshall says, because it could lead to the development of more effective mosquito repellents. "And yet that was not what we saw. It was frustrating." These results complement one of Vosshall's recent studies, also published in Cell, which revealed the redundancy of Aedes

aegypti's exquisitely complex olfactory system. It's a failsafe that the female mosquito relies on to live and reproduce. Without blood, she can't do either. That's why "she has a backup plan and a backup plan and a backup plan and is tuned to these differences in the skin chemistry of the people she goes after," Vosshall says.

The apparent unbreakability of the mosquito scent tracker makes it difficult to envision a future where we're not the number-one meal on the menu. But one potential avenue is to manipulate our skin microbiomes. It is possible that slathering the skin of a high-appeal person like Subject 33 with sebum and skin bacteria from the skin of a low-appeal person like Subject 19 could provide a mosquito-masking effect.

"We haven't done that experiment," Vosshall notes. "That's a hard experiment. But if that were to work, then you could imagine that by having a dietary or microbiome intervention where you put bacteria on the skin that are able to somehow change how they interact with the sebum, then you could convert someone like Subject 33 into a Subject 19. But that's all very speculative."

She and her colleagues hope this paper will inspire researchers to test other mosquito species, including in the genus Anopheles, which spreads malaria, adds Vosshall: "I think it would be really, really cool to figure out if this is a universal effect." - Source : The week

Foundation Day celebration AHHANI

Port Blair, Oct 31: The Andaman Helping Hands, A&N Islands (AHHANI) celebrated its 08th Year Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and zeal on 29th October 2022 at Fisheries Colony, Dairy Farm. Foundation Day is a day of remembrance, a day of honouring, a day to celebrate what has been achieved over the years, and a day to look forward to what is yet to come. Today's Foundation Day

Cleanliness Drive at FLC, Junglighat from 0600 hrs to 0800 hrs. 51 volunteers have been participated and total 34 bags of garbage was removed off from FLC Jetty, Junglighat which consisted all type of mixed garbage like plastics materials, Alcoholic bottles (Four bags containing about 467 bottles), Tetra packs, Water bottles, plastic fish waste basket etc., Blood Donation Camp coordinated by Andaman & Nicobar AIDS control

Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) and Directorate of RD, PRLs and ULBs". Huge support received from the said NGOs and Govt Institutions to clean up the entire Fish Landing Centre. The drive was graced by Smt. Kavita Uday Kumar, Chairperson PBMC, Shri. Uday Kumar, Ex-Chairperson, PBMC and Shri. Y Joga Rao (YJR), Councillor Ward No 14, PBMC. Before conclusion, they interacted with the volunteers as well as the local Fishermen. In



between the event, an initiative has also been undertaken/launched by the members of the AHHANI which was instead of polythene bags has been a milestone in the journey of the organisation which has grown from humble beginning to its eminent status which had Establishment on 29 Oct 2014 with a motto "Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavantu". In initial periods the members of the AHHANI had worked in associated with others NGOs and later by they remain a Sovereign body and now we can see AHHANI is emerged and touched new heights in these Isles. This Annual day celebration had scaled the pinnacle of success. Apropos, on this day since morning AHHANI has organised

society (ANACS). 22 donors had donated blood irrespective of age (above 18 years) at Fisheries Jetty Hall, Junglighat from 0900 hrs to 1230 hrs along with felicitations to Guest of Honours who had been invited by the organisation to succeed this grand event and finally dinner has been arranged at orphanage of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Port Blair from 2030 hrs onwards. Throughout the event support extended by "Allu Arjun Army Andaman (AAAA), Volunteers from Sri Saktivel Murugan Youth Club, Volunteers from Shriram Sevak, Local Fishermen, Port

adopt iftin boxes for carrying meat fish items to reduce plastic in the islands. Later, this idea/thought supported by Chairperson of PBMC and appealed to Andamanians. Apropos, at end of the event, volunteers were raised the slogans with great enthusiasm and patriotism as "Clean Port Blair-Green Port Blair", "Bharat Mata ki Jai", "Rakht Daan-Maha Daan" and Hara Geela Sukha Neela" respectively. Special thanks to all who have been participated and make this Foundation Day successful with great fervour and excitement - Source : AHHANI

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Why parents in...

With colleagues at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, the team studied these mothers in the laboratory for their whole lives. Now, the team has made a mathematical model, published in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B, which to show how the pattern can be explained by changes the mothers experience as they get older. Tsetse live on blood, a rich food supply that is hard to get. The insects have to fly a long way to find an animal and avoid its defences, such as a swatting tail. Tsetse probably get better at acquiring food through experience, but the energy they need to fly increases as their wings become worn. Tsetse mothers have evolved to respond to these effects when passing on fat to their offspring. "We expect that parents have evolved

optimal patterns of resources allocation to maximise their reproductive success," said lead author Dr Antoine Barreux, research associate at the University of Bristol and now lecturer in Inter typ at Cirad in France. "Our work takes into account age-dependence in many factors, such as feeding ability, energetic costs, and mortality." Dr Sinead English from the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Bristol and leader of the team added: "Our model is the first to predict the initial increase and subsequent decrease with age of the allocation of resources by parents to their offspring." The mathematical model applies to all animals that have more than one offspring during their lives. It predicts what strategic choices individuals will make depending

on their ecology. Some species will allocate nearly everything to each breeding event, whereas others will build up their resources and reproduce less often. Explaining this diversity is an aim of the project "We hope that this theory inspires future tests with the data from long-term studies of wild populations such as red deer, bison or terns. This would allow scientists to come up with a general theory of investment by parents over their lives," said Dr Barreux. The team is developing the model to include the parasites that tsetse transmits. The hope is that a better understanding of these important insects will be used to reduce the transmission of diseases, such as sleeping sickness, to humans and livestock. (ANI) (Source: The Print).

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of Sea Protection Wall in a phase manner at the earliest.

Air/Sea connectivity: Car Nicobar being an island, Sea and Air connectivity are the only modes of transport. Earlier the Indian Airline Flights were operated during the year 1985, but discontinued, again in the Year 2016 Alliance Air flight once a week had started but the same was stopped during the year 2017. The Member of Parliament requested to re-start the Air connectivity, which will be helpful to the Tribal brothers and sisters, Government Servants serving in the District, and most of all for evacuation of ailing patients. Likewise sea Connectivity to be rescheduled at least twice a week to augment the existing Pawan Hans sortie where seats are limited and unaffordable to the Tribal brothers and sisters. New ships like M.V. Sindhu, M.V. Nalanda may touch Car Nicobar Port via Hut Bay while going for Campbell Bay.

Health Department: The Member of Parliament added that the Bishop John Richardson Hospital is the District Hospital in Car Nicobar but due to non availability of proper health care facilities, the tribal peoples including others are facing tremendous hardships for getting treatment in the hospital. He highlighted the issue of shortage of staff like Nursing Officer, Matron, ANMs, X-ray technician, Lab Technician, Lady Health Visitors, Drivers etc. The MP also demanded that the dialysis Unit be started at the earliest and re-establishment of the Blood Bank unit in the District Hospital.

Education Department:

The Member of Parliament pointed out that altogether there are 14 Schools in Car Nicobar the Island, of which there are 03 Senior Secondary School, 04 Secondary School, 02 Middle School and 05 Primary School. However, due to absence of basic infrastructures, the students are facing hardship while getting education in the schools. He highlighted shortage of furniture such as Benches/Desk in all Schools and mentioned that roofing of Govt. Sec. School at Kakana needs to be replaced/ repaired. He demanded Posting of Principal/Vice Principal/ Headmistress in the schools and posting of Maths and Science Teachers. The Member of Parliament also demanded posting of PGT (Computer Science), Fine Arts, Physical Education and Physics Teachers in GSSS Lapathy and repair of toilets in all Schools.

APWD (Road Sector/ Drinking water) :

The Member of Parliament demanded for posting of a regular Executive Engineer and filling up of existing Vacant Post and repair and maintenance of existing internal (rural road) from Chuckchucha to Mus Village. He also demanded repair/ Maintenance of old existing rural road now called State Highway from Arong up to Kakana village and reconstruction of RCC Bridge in place of the Collapsed Bailey bridge at Old Kimious village, as most of the plantation of Villagers exist there and due collapse of the bridge, their easy movement has been disrupted. The MP also demanded improvement of water supply in all the villages by replacing old rusted pipe lines.

Electricity Department:

The Member of Parliament pointed out that frequent power interruption especially during monsoon is occurring due to old Cables, hence new Cables are required to be laid as replacement. He also demanded filling up of existing vacant posts in Car Nicobar Division since due to non filling up of vacant posts, there are workloads over the existing staff owing to which, disposal of various complaints on account of line faults etc are getting delayed.

Fisheries Department:

The Member of Parliament pointed out that all the outboard engines issued by the Department to the fishermen runs on Kerosene oil, due to non-availability of kerosene oil, the fishermen are unable to venture into sea and this affects their livelihood.

Permanent Shelter:

The Member of Parliament demanded procurement of a Sewage Suction cleaner Truck to clean up the Septic tanks in all 4000 Permanent Shelters with Bathrooms as it is overflowing posing health hazards.

BSNL (Network connectivity):

He pointed out that BSNL connectivity signal and internet data depend on power supply by Electricity Department, as they don't have power back up facility, due to which student and villagers from Chuckchucha to Sawai (08 villages) are not able to use the internet data facilities. The Member of Parliament demanded to create battery backup facilities in the Car Nicobar to avoid internet interruption. - Source : Media Cell, MP

CPI (M) condole demise

Port Blair, Oct 31: CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee mourns the sudden demise of Shri CM Vasanthan, retired Office Superintendent, A&N Administration at his home town Kallambalam, Thiruvananthapuram District Kerala today (31.10.2022) morning. He was 79 years. CPI (M) conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family

K. Ganeshan condole demise

Port Blair, Oct 31: Shri K. Ganeshan Ex-Chairperson PBMC Andaman & Nicobar Islands has deeply mourned the demise of Shri. K. Shanmugamurugan (Revenue Officer/DDO) Directorate of Transport Andaman & Nicobar Administration, on 31.10.2022 Expired. He was 51 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.

SAVE WATER



SAVE EARTH

PRESS NOTE

The Union Territory Level Approval and Monitoring Committee (UTLAMC) of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) of A&N Islands has recommended implementation of the sub-component for construction of Cold Storage/Ice Plant, Refrigerated and Insulated vehicle in pro-rata basis with minimum capacity of 03 MT and above for Ice Plant and Cold Storage and 02 MT and above for refrigerated and Insulated vehicles. Interested eligible Fishers/ Fish Farmers/ Fish Workers & Fish Vendors/ Fisheries Development Corporations/ Self Help Groups/ Joint liability Groups in Fisheries sector/ Fisheries Co-operatives/ Fisheries Federation/ Entrepreneurs and Private firms / Fish Farmers Producers Organizations/ Companies/ SCs/STs/Women/ Differently abled are requested to submit application for availing financial assistance(40 % for General category and 60 % for SC/STs/ Women) under beneficiary oriented activities of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) approved by the Ministry for setting up of Cold Storage/ Ice Plant of minimum capacity of 3 MT and above , refrigerated Vehicle/Insulated Vehicle of minimum capacity 2 MT and above.

The filled in application with all details may be submitted to the Zonal Fisheries Office, South Andaman or nearest Fisheries Sub- Station immediately. For further details contact Zonal Fisheries Office, South Andaman.

Assistant Director of Fisheries

Member-Secretary (DLC)

South Andaman

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FIR against Kanpur University VC for extortion, intimidation

An FIR has been registered against the Vice Chancellor of Kanpur University for wrongful confinement, extortion, intentional insult with intent to breach peace and criminal intimidation under the Indian Penal Code. In addition, he has been charged with Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act relating to public servants taking bribes, making demands for illegal gratification and the acceptance thereof.

Post the filing of the report in Lucknow, VC Vinay Pathak was also taken into custody on Sunday night.

The complainant David Mario Denis has alleged that this firm had been engaged to do pre and post-examination work at the Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Agra University in 2014-15, of which Pathak was officiating VC. The firm had done this work till the 2021-22 session. When the complainant approached Pathak for clearance of payment for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 sessions, he was summoned to Pathak's home, on the Kanpur university campus in February 2022. It must be noted that while Pathak was officiating VC of Agra university his full-time role as VC was at Kanpur university.

There, Pathak told him that he was entitled to a 15 per cent commission, without payment of which the bills would not be cleared. Denis expressed his inability to make the payment. At this Pathak allegedly told him that he would take away the contract the firm had at Agra University and also at other universities. Pathak also said that eight VCs in the state had been appointed by him and that he had to pay money right up to the top. He also threatened Denis that he had connections with powerful officials and the mafia, and thus there was no hope that Denis



would get help from anywhere.

When Denis finally agreed to pay the commission, he was given the name and phone number of one Lucknow-based Ajay Mishra (also named in the FIR) to whose home the money was to be delivered. During the interaction, Pathak also faced Mishra and told him that the money would be delivered by Denis.

When Denis reached Mishra's home, he was told that a transfer of Rs 2.52 crores had been made to his firm for the work done and the commission on that amounted to Rs 33 lakhs. However, when Denis could arrange for only Rs 30 lakhs, he was threatened and told that he would be killed if the deficit was not covered.

In April 2022, another bill of Rs 4.45 crores was passed by the VC. This time, the commission demanded was Rs 73 lakhs. Of this, Rs 63 lakhs was to be transferred to the account of an Alwar (Rajasthan) based firm, while the rest was to be paid in cash.

In September, another bill of Rs 2.19 crore was passed and Rs 45.55 lakh was to be paid as commission.

For the 2022-23 session, Agra University had a new VC, yet Pathak insisted that the commission would be charged as per his wishes. And if Denis did not comply he would lose work. When Denis refused to pay the Rs 10 lakh that was being demanded, Pathak got the work order issued in another firm's name.

Denis said he was pushed to file the FIR after that last incident. "I was under great mental stress and my firm had faced huge financial losses. There was no way out", he said. A special investigation team is now looking into the case.

PRESS NOTE

It is observed that unauthorized stalls/carts/kiosks/ abandoned vehicles are placed in various places of Municipal area viz., Road side and Parking lot of PBMC, which is not permitted.

Hence, all the unauthorized stalls/cart/kiosks around Municipal area that are not having certificate of vending and owner of abandoned vehicles are directed to remove their stalls/carts/kiosks/vehicles within 07 days.

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IN CONVERSATION

IF YOU PUT ON A SMILING FACE YOU CAN TRICK YOUR MIND INTO HAPPINESS

Just like the famous lyrics suggest, if you put on a happy face you will feel a little brighter, according to a new study published in Nature Human Behaviour.

A new study has found that by posing our facial muscles in a smile we can feel happier.

Led by Stanford University, and conducted with the Florida State University and the University of South Australia, and working with a team of international collaborators, the study assessed whether

people's subjective experiences of emotion could be influenced by their facial expressions.

Collecting data from 3878 participants across 19 countries, the study found a noticeable increase in happiness from people who mimicked smiling photographs or pulled their mouth toward their ears. UniSA researcher, Dr Fernando Marmolejo-Ramos says it's a timely finding as the world heads toward a fourth year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There's no doubt that the world's been struggling amid the current pandemic. While individuals naturally respond differently to adverse situations, it's encouraging to think that we can sway our emotions by simply putting on a happy face," Dr Marmolejo-Ramos says.

"The concept of being able to influence our emotions by simply moving our facial muscles has long been debated by researchers, but until now, no test or theory has been globally agreed upon.

"In this study, we assembled a team of sceptics and a team of believers (called

the 'Many Smiles Collaboration') to test a mutually agreed methodology, and what we found was reliable evidence that the physical formation of a smile can produce feelings of happiness."

The study tested three well-known techniques:

1) mimicking facial expressions of actors seen in photos;
2) moving the corners of their mouths to their cheeks using only their facial muscles; and

3) using the 'pen-in-mouth' technique which moves the facial muscles in a simulated smile shape.

"Two out of three of these conditions generated noticeable increases in happiness, providing a compelling argument that human emotions are linked to muscle movements," Dr Marmolejo-Ramos says.

"But as the pen-in-mouth technique didn't achieve the same mood changes (possibly because the simulated mouth shape wasn't as representative of a smile as we thought) we can't say with absolute certainty that one always causes the other.

"Still, the evidence is strong, and knowing that we can somewhat 'fake it 'til we make it', is definitely a reassuring proposal." - Source: The Week



Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge at PBMC

Port Blair, Oct 31: As part of the commemoration of the birth anniversary of Late Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October 2022, Smt. Kavitha Udhaya Kumar,

Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council administered the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas pledge to all the staff of the Municipal Headquarters. Shri Aziz-Ur-Rehman, Senior Vice Chairperson, PBMC, elected representatives of various Wards & Officials of the Council were also present on the occasion. The occasion of Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is to provide us an opportunity to reaffirm the inherent strength and resilience of our nation to withstand the actual and potential threats to the unity, integrity and security of our country. - Source: PBMC



National Unity Day by NYK Car Nicobar



Port Blair, Oct 31: Nehru Yuva Kendra, Car Nicobar today celebrated National Unity Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in which 50 youths from various villages participated. On the occasion Run for Unity was organized from NYK, Office to Gandhi Chowk and Back and the run was flagged off by Shri Anand Verdhann Mishra, Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar. The run was also participated by the chief guest and other guests Shri Mickel Raj, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Car Nicobar, Shri DN Choudhary, Training Officer, ITI, Arong and Shri Ahmed Ali, Secretary, NAA, Car Nicobar along with the participants. At the end Shri Mickel Raj, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Nicobar District garlanded to the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in presence of other guests. Earlier Shri Alphonse Toppo, Deputy Director (OSD), NYK, Car Nicobar highlighted about the importance of the day and proposed vote of thanks at the end. - Source: NYK

NGO SAMMATI, Rangat adopts tuberculosis patients



Rangat, Oct 31: NGO SAMMATI, Rangat, adopted Tuberculosis Patients under the newly launched Ni-kshay Mitra scheme and distributed ration articles to 6 patients at a function held at the Conference Hall of CHC Rangat. The program was presided by the President of the NGO, Shri P Prasad, Miss Sita Maji Pramukh panchayat samiti, Rangat was the chief guest of the occasion. Shri R Bhoomi, Shri Bhaskar Rao, ex PRL members of Rangat, Shri P Prakash Program coordinator of the Sammati N G O Rangat and other office bearers from CHC Rangat namely Dr.P.Manohar Dental Surgeon, and Dr.B.Bindu Kumar, Medical Officer CHC Rangat attended the function. It is no secret that India has the highest burden of those infected with tuberculosis in the world - with a total of 13,50,442 registered patients across the country. Of these, at least 9,79,324 registered patients have consented to receiving support under the newly launched Ni-kshay Mitra or 'adopt a TB patient' scheme. Launched on 9 September, Ni-kshay Mitra is a crowd-sourced programme that allows organisations and individuals to 'adopt TB patients, and support them directly with nutrition supplies, and vocational training. The scheme shall help propel the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP), by bringing India closer to its goal of eliminating the disease by 2025. Shri P.Prasad, President of the NGO, Dr.B.Bindu Kumar, Smt.V.Leena ICTC, Counselor and Smt.Meenukashi Paul, Sr. Treatment Supervisor spoke on the vacation. - Source : SAMMATI



Beach cleaning drive by BSI

Port Blair, Oct 31: Beach cleaning drive organized in the Islands by Botanical Survey of India under leadership of Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Joint Director and Regional Head. All officer and staffs actively participated. This cleanliness drive is not only local beach cleanliness drive but would also contribute positively towards the clean India program and to instill awareness and feeling of pride among citizens to keep their surroundings clean and waste free. - Source : BSI

Art, Science & Craft exhibition of Port Mout School

Port Blair, Oct 31: A Science, Arts and Crafts Exhibition was organized in a befitting manner under the supervision of Shri. M Sailabdeen, Principal, GSSS Port Mout in the School Auditorium on 29th October 2022. Students displayed various Science, Arts and Crafts exhibits Models/Projects. On this auspicious occasion Shri R.K. Singh, SPO (Samagra Shiksha) and Principal SIE Port Blair was the Chief Guest and Smt. Rizwana Executive Engineer Electricity department, South Andaman was the Guest of Honour, Shri Anand Amrit Raj, PTA Vice President, Shri Jai Kumar Junior Engineer (Electrical) (Chouldari Site Office), Shri Rahul Rai Junior Engineer (Namunagar Site office), Sanjay Kumar Junior Engineer (Ograbraji Site Office) were also present on the occasion. As a source of inspiration, motivation Shri Dipankar Das, An e m i n e n t Innovator, Educationalist, President awarder also present on the occasion for blessing the students of this institution. Earlier Shri. Sheo Prasad PGT welcomed the chief guest, guest of honor and one and all present on the occasion. The main attraction of the programme was the exhibits prepared by the students related with Travel & Tourism and Beauty & Wellness. Shri R.K. Singh Chief Guest appreciated the students

and suggest them to focus on innovative ideas, skill development and learning with doing. Smt. Rizwana Executive Engineer (Electrical) South Andaman was congratulated the Exhibits of students for their excellent performance. Shri Dipankar Das Innovator spoke about the innovations, creatively and explore knowledge through different ideas for creativity the models. Shri M. Sailabdeen Principal felicitated the exhibits of students. At the end of the session vote of thanks given by Smt. Prasanna Kumari Senior most PGT in the institution. (Reporter: DJ Venkatesh)



Russian missiles strike key infrastructure in Ukrainian cities

A massive barrage of Russian strikes on Monday morning hit critical infrastructure in Kyiv, Kharkiv and other cities in apparent retaliation for what Moscow alleged was a Ukrainian attack on its Black Sea Fleet over the weekend.

Loud explosions were heard across the Ukrainian capital in the early morning as residents prepared to go to work.

Many received text messages from the emergency services about the threat of a missile attack, and air raid sirens wailed for three straight hours.

The attacks occurred just before Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala and many top members of his government, including the foreign, defence and interior ministers, arrived in Kyiv in the latest show of support from European leaders for Ukraine.

"Large areas of the capital were cut off from power and water supplies as a result," Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said.

"Local authorities were working to restore a damaged energy facility that supplies power to 350,000 households in the capital," he said.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said there was no justification for Russia launching missiles meant to inflict so much suffering on civilians. "Don't justify these attacks by calling them a response. Russia does this because it still has the missiles and the will to kill Ukrainians," he tweeted. There was a heavy

military presence north of Kyiv. Smoke was rising from the left bank of the Dnieper River, either from a missile strike or where it was shot down by Ukrainian forces.

A resident of the area said he heard four loud explosions that rocked the area. In the outlying region, authorities warned people to be prepared for a long power

outage because of the emergency cuts. Kyiv region Governor Oleksii Kuleba also said that one person was wounded and a number of houses were damaged as a result of the morning attack.

In the eastern city of Kharkiv, two strikes hit critical infrastructure facilities, according to authorities, and the subway ceased operating. Officials also warned about possible power outages in the city of Zaporizhzhia resulting from the strikes there. The Lviv region in western Ukraine was also targeted, but the missiles were shot down, Lviv Governor

Maksym Kozzytskyi said.

Critical infrastructure objects were also hit in the Cherkasy region southeast of Kyiv, and explosions were reported in other regions of Ukraine.

In the Kirovohrad region of central Ukraine, the energy facility was hit, according to local authorities.

In Vinnytsia, a missile that

deal to allow safe passage of ships carrying grain from Ukraine.

Commenting on Monday's attacks, the head of Ukraine's presidential office Andriy Yermak said that Russian forces continue to fight with civilian facilities.

"We will persevere, and generations of Russians will pay a high price for their disgrace," Yermak said. Deputy head of the presidential office Kyrylo Tymoshenko said urgent power shutdowns were being carried out after Russian terrorists once again launched a massive strike on energy facilities in a number of Ukrainian regions.

It's the second time this month that Russia unleashed a massive barrage of strikes on Ukrainian infrastructure. On October 10, a similar attack rocked the war-torn country following an explosion on the Kerch Bridge linking annexed Crimea to mainland Russia an incident Moscow blamed on Kyiv. This time, however, the Ukrainian forces say they were able to intercept most of the missiles launched by Russia. Ukraine's air force said that more than 50 cruise missiles were launched from Tu-95/Tu-160 strategic aviation missile-carrying aircraft from the north of the Caspian Sea and from the area around the Russian city of Volgograd in the Rostov region. A total of 44 of them were shot down. The Russian military has not yet commented on the attack.

- Source : The Week



was shot down landed on civilian buildings, resulting in damage but no casualties, according to regional Gov Serhii Borzov.

Some parts of Ukrainian railways were also cut off from power, the Ukrainian Railways reported.

The attack comes two days after Russia accused Ukraine of a drone attack against Russia's Black Sea Fleet off the coast of the annexed Crimean Peninsula.

Ukraine has denied the attack, saying that Russia mishandled its own weapons, but Moscow still announced halting its participation in an UN-brokered

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