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## IGNOU extends last date for fresh admission, re-registration

Port Blair, Feb 21: The last date for Fresh Admission in various courses offered by IGNOU & Re-Registration for January' 2023 Cycle has been extended till 28th February' 2023. In addition to that for Re-registration, a late fee of Rs.200/- is applicable. For online Admission & Re-registration, the learners are advised to log on to <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/> and <https://online.ignou.ac.in/>. For more details, visit IGNOU Website - [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in).

# Basic facilities still a dream for remote Hanspuri village in Mayabunder

**AE Correspondent**  
 Port Blair, Feb 21: Even 60 years after settlement, there are a number of remote pockets in the islands where people have still been struggling to get basic facilities like roads, drinking water, road, education, healthcare and mobile & internet connectivity. Hanspuri, a remote village, is one such backward place under the Gram Panchayat Chainpur in Mayabunder Tehsil. The sorry state of affairs in this village has put a question mark on the efficiency of the UT administration. About 100 families of Ranchi Community reside in this village, about 12 kms away from the main road near the Gram Panchayat office of Chainpur. The village does not have a proper road. The villagers are forced to cross several kms of dense forest to reach Chainpur from where they avail bus services to reach District headquarter at Mayabunder. About six decades ago in the year 1963, around 10 families belonging to the Ranchi community were brought from the

States of Chattisgarh and Jharkhand in the year as a Labour Force for clearing the forest covered land. In the year 1974, these families were given agricultural land at Hanspuri and were settled at this place with a larger objective of ensuring security and vigilance of this region and also to protect the islands from foreign intruders from nearby countries. This small community over the past 60 years has grown into more than 100 families and are mostly farmers. After a long period of almost 6 decades, the villagers of Hanspuri are still deprived of the basic public facilities. The remote Hanspuri village is completely cut off from the main stream transport facilities as there is no road connecting this village to the main road of Chainpur Panchayat at Mayabunder Tehsil. The people here are compelled to travel by dingy or by foot crossing the dense forest which takes about 3 long hours to reach the main road in Chainpur. Under such circumstances the villagers have become victims of several

misadventures which could have been avoided if a proper transport system by way of road would have existed. Due to the lack of roads in the Hanspuri village, basic facilities which are essential for humans are denied to the poor villagers. During medical emergencies, the only way to carry patients to Dr. RP Hospital, Mayabunder is private dingy which is not only unsafe but consumes valuable time of the patients. It has been observed that on several occasions, the life of the patients cannot be saved due to delay in reaching the hospital. Pregnant ladies suffer the worst due to the lack of transport facility. Though Hanspuri has a health sub-centre, a road will help the critical patients as well as pregnant women reach the District hospital at Mayabunder on time. Similarly, during a fire emergency, fire vehicles cannot reach this village to fight the fire. In the past many residents have lost their houses in fire accidents. For the past 5 decades, the villagers are also

facing a lot of hardship due to limited power supply. The only source of power supply in this village is a DG set installed by the electricity department. Power is supplied only for 2 hrs (from 4 am to 6 am) in the morning and 5 hrs (from 5 pm to 10 pm) in the evening. For the last five decades, the residents have been pleading for round the clock power supply. As there is no electricity during school hours, the computers provided to the School here have been lying idle without any use. The students of this village cannot opt to go to better schools at Mayabunder zone due to lack of bus services owing to no road. The villagers of Hanspuri also suffer due to lack of household tap water connection. In the name of water supply few public taps are made available to them. The water supplied in the public taps is untreated water. This remote village of Hanspuri is also deprived of telephone connectivity as there is no telephone or mobile network except at one point in the village

and all emergency calls are made by the villagers reaching this particular point where the network is available. In the modern civilization where human race are enjoying the highest of technologies advances in different sector like medical, transportation, communication, education and various other fields, this remote and far off village at Mayabunder in the North & Middle Andaman constituting of just 100 families of Ranchi community are the unfortunate ones who are kept away from the benefits of development. This is really injustice done on the part of the Administration to the innocent villagers of this village. The construction of the road to Hanspuri which is about 12 kms from the main road near the Gram Panchayat office of Chainpur is a long awaited project by the villagers. But for one or the other reason this road was never constructed. This road will open up all the opportunities for the residents of Hanspuri and provide basic services to these poor villagers

## Summer vacation declared

Port Blair, Feb 21: The Lt Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has declared the Summer Vacation for the year 2023, in respect of all Government, Private Aided and Unaided Schools of A&N Islands with effect from 26th April, 2023 (Wednesday) to 24th June, 2023 (Saturday) for 60 days, 25th June, 2023 being Sunday. All schools shall reopen on 26th June, 2023 (Monday). Accordingly, the results of the home examination for the academic session 2022-23 shall be positively declared by 31st March, 2023 (Friday) by all schools and the new academic session shall commence from 1st April, 2023 (Saturday). (Source: IP Division)

## Road closed

Port Blair, Feb 21: The District Magistrate, South Andaman District has notified for the information of all concerned that the road traffic crossing the culvert at chainage 1000 mts from NH 04 near Nair Poultry Farm from Bimblitan will be closed for all the vehicular movements for 30 days w.e.f 21/02/2023 to 22/03/2023. Hence, all the vehicles will be diverted through NH4 near Nair Poultry Farm from Bimblitan village via NTS, Garachama or Bimblitan village via Pema Junction, Calicut. (Source: IP Division)

## DDK, PB to telecast MP's interview

Port Blair, Feb 21: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast an interview with the Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma on 22/02/2023 from 1730hrs onwards. The topic is "Developmental Activities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands".

## Two-days workshop on 'Drug Abuse Prevention for School Teachers and Counselors' at JNRM



Port Blair, Feb 21: The Department of Home Science, JNRM, in association with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India organising a Two days Capacity Building Workshop on Drug Abuse Prevention for School Teachers and Counselors from 21st to 22nd February 2023. During the inauguration the Chief Guest Shri. Kalaivanan R., IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District informed the gathering about the ill effects of drugs in the productive age group especially among adolescents and youth. Under the peer pressure they indulge in drug abuse that lead to physiological and

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## Online registration begins for Char Dham Yatra

Online registration of pilgrims for Char Dham Yatra has started from Tuesday. The portal of the tourism department opened at seven in the morning. Pilgrims will be able to register for Badrinath and Kedarnath Dham till the formal announcement of the opening date of Gangotri and Yamunotri Dham. This will not only help tourists in getting the registration done at home but they would also get complete information about the opening time of temple. There are four holy shrines in Uttarakhand

dedicated to Hindu Gods and holy rivers of India. The four shrines are situated within the Garhwal Region. These are collectively referred as "Char Dham of Uttarakhand". Pilgrims from all over India and abroad visit the shrines as "Char Dham Yatra". In Hindu religion, Char Dham Yatra holds great importance and sanctity. It is believed that every Hindu should undertake Char Dham Yatra at least once in a life time to avail the blessings of gods adorning the shrines..

## Three-days training prog on 'Open sea cage culture'

Port Blair, Feb 21: The Department of Fisheries in association with the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Dollygunj and with the Financial Assistance of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) proposes to organize a three days training programme on 'Open Sea Cage Culture' from March 2-4, 2023. The training programme includes classroom lectures and Hands on

Training on fabrication of cages, installation, stocking of seeds, feeding, maintenance and field visits involving 25 selected participants from A&N Islands. The candidates would be selected on first come first serve basis. The selected trainees will be provided daily allowance and travelling allowance as per the approved norms of NFDB, Hyderabad. Interested Fishers, Fish Farmers, SHGs/ Fisheries Cooperatives (Max 02 Members per SHG/ See... Page No. 02

## Data Collection Centre set up at MMD Office

Port Blair, Feb 21: India has ratified the convention No. 185 of the International Labour Organization (ILO) on Seafarer's Identity Documents (SID) and accordingly Merchant Shipping (Seafarer's Bio-Metric Identity Documents) Rules, 2016 has been notified and, issuance of SIDs to Indian Seafarers have been launched by DG (Shipping) from Aug, 2019. Towards issuance of SIDs to India Seafarers, the DG (Shipping) although has identified 09 Data Collection Centre across the country but, due to remoteness, the Seafarers of the Directorate of Shipping Services, A&N

Administration were finding it difficult to book their slots in the above Centres timely. Moreover, travelling to these Centres at Mainland from these Islands would also entail additional travelling and other expenses including considerable time of the Seafarers, which was not in the best of interest of seafarers of this Directorate. Further, it was also not feasible for the DSS to spare these many Seafarers together from their duties onboard, for the above purpose. In view of above difficulties, the Directorate took the initiative with the Mercantile Marine

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## Student of GSSS Campbell Bay ranks 6th in Second Fit India Quiz; enters next stage

Campbell Bay, Feb 21: It is a proud moment for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands that one of our students, A. Sumithra, D/o Shri A. Anand Raj & Smt. A Pal Selvi, studying in Class 8th in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Campbell Bay has successfully completed the preliminary round of the Second Fit India Quiz with 6th Rank (State Level) and entered into



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## 12 days Disaster Management trainings

Port Blair, Feb 21: The Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration in coordination with the District Administrations recently conducted a 12 days Disaster Management Trainings under 'Up-scaling Aapda Mitra Scheme' of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman Districts. During the training, 191 community volunteers provided basic skills training for responding to their community's immediate needs during and in the aftermath of a disaster. These trained volunteers can assist in saving lives using



the basic techniques of disaster response, coordination and management. The Director (Disaster Management), Dr. Nishu Shukla interacted with the Trained Aapda Mitra Volunteers of

South Andaman Districts today and reviewed the skills they had gained in the Disaster Management training programme. Further, the Aapda

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## Road closed

Port Blair, Feb 21: The District Magistrate, South Andaman District has notified for the information of all concerned that the road portion from Delanipur Junction to Lighthouse Junction will be closed for all vehicular movement for 7 days w.e.f. 21.02.2023 to 27.02.2023. Hence, all the vehicles will be diverted through Goalghar and Bengali Club. (Source: IP Division)

## Last date for submitting appl. for Transmission Assignees' extended

Port Blair, Feb 21: Last date for submitting filled-in application for Transmission Assignee's (Hindi, Nicobari, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam & Bangla language), Compers for Hindi Yuvavani, in All India Radio, Port Blair, has been extended till 27th February 2023. The Application from can be collected from Duty Room of All India Radio. Those who are willing to apply for the same are requested to submit filled-in application from along with requested documents in the office of All India Radio on any working day on or before 27.02.2023.

## ZPSA Adhyaksha & team inspect Bada Balu Beach



Port Blair, Feb. 21: The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti Pramila Kumari along with DFO, South Andaman, Shri A.K. Paul and Shri Prakash Adhikari, Chairperson, Works and Development Committee, ZPSA, Shri Boominathan, ZP Member, Beodnabad constituency visited Bada Balu Beach Monday. During the

inspection, she requested the DFO to take necessary measures for the development of the beach and to provide basic amenities to the visitors. Accordingly, the DFO has assured the Adhyaksha that the Department of Forest will set up eco-friendly huts, benches and toilet facilities at the beach, a press release from Adhyaksha ZPSA said.

## 5-days training prog

Port Blair, Feb 21: A five-day training programme on 'Vigilance & Disciplinary Proceedings Office Management including Office Procedure, Noting & Drafting and Record Management from Feb. 20 to 24, 2023 is being organized by the Administrative Reforms and Training Wing of the Administration in association with the Institute of Secretariat Training & Management (ISTM), Department of Personnel & Training, Govt. of India, New Delhi for Amalgamated Clerical Cadre working in various Department of A&N Administration. The Assistant Secretary (Perl.), A&N Administration, Shri A. Yesu Raj inaugurated the training programme Monday in the conference hall of Directorate of Industries, Middle Point, Port Blair. (Source: IPD)

## Birdline champions league 7's night football tournament championship

Port Blair, Feb 21: The Birdline Champions League 7's Night football tournament championship was held on 19th February 2023. The football tournament was organized at Bird line ground, Port Blair and the ground was filled with the energetic youngsters as players and spectators. The Football Tournament Championship Chief Guest



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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman EXPRESS

22 February 2023

### Who's policing?

After the bodies of two Muslim men were found inside a burnt SUV in Haryana's Bhiwani last week, their families made serious allegations against the police. They say Haryana police was present when Bajrang Dal members beat the two men up on suspicion of cow smuggling, and cops had also aided in taking the two across the border from Rajasthan's Bharatpur. The issue is not whether the Haryana Gauvansh Sanrakshan and Gausamvardhan Act, 2015 was violated, but what rein police gave to non-state actors to undertake brute vigilante action in the name of this law.

Mohit Yadav alias Monu Manesar, one of the accused named in the FIR filed in Rajasthan, is not only a prominent face of the Haryana government's cow protection task force but also active on social media. His channels are flush with videos of his 'team' chasing down 'cow smugglers', crashing into their vehicles, beating them, brandishing guns, often with anthemic soundtracks. Note the prematureness with which the Nuh SP declared allegations of the victims' families "baseless". This raises doubts whether the clean chit given to Monu in another violent death last month was preceded by a fair investigation.

The case has grown more complex with the family of another accused alleging serious assault by the Rajasthan police. Bajrang Dal and VHP are also threatening protests and a mahapanchayat in favour of the accused. The further politicisation of the case on top of the Haryana-Rajasthan political cleavage will muddy police actions even more. So much depends on whether the political leadership in both states clearly signals that the police should act without fear or favour. This is hardly about cow smuggling alone. For example, Monu and his team openly declare that they will beat up anyone doing 'love jihad' too. When vigilante groups enjoying stated or unstated state sanction keep policing aam activities of aam citizens, the resulting anarchy will undermine the state. If only in their own interest, governments must act against vigilantism.

### Two-days workshop on...

psychological complications, he said. Apart from routine curricular activities the teachers should engage the students in extra co-curricular activities to mitigate the drug abuse, he told. Shri.Kalaivanan.R, said the law enforcement agencies are playing important role in preventing drug abuse. The approaches of teachers towards students is important in shaping the country, especially when it comes to substance use prevention, he opined.

Dr.H.K.Sharma, Principal, JNRM, spoke about the vision on zero tolerance towards drug abuse in educational institutions. Dr.Ratan Mazumdar, Associate Professor & DDO spoke on the importance of this programme and urged the

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teachers to be the ambassador for drug free society. Dr. K.Venkatesan, HOD, Homescience and Convener of this programme said that global drug abuse problem is a serious public health concern that affects not only health, safety and well-being of communities, social and economic development. It particularly affects children, young people and their families, he said. Earlier Smt.Nidhi Shekhawat Assistant Professor of Home Science welcomed the gathering and Dr.Rekha Kumari, Resource Person, Department of Home Science proposed vote of thanks. Smt.Poonam Singh, Resource Person, Department of Home Science moderated the programme. (Source: JNRM)

### Three-days training...

Fisheries Cooperatives) and Entrepreneurs have been requested to contact the Fisheries Training Centre, Marine Hill (Ph.

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No. 9679518206, 9594801891) or Email to: dirfish.and@nic.in by 3 pm of Feb. 24, 2023. (Source: IP Division)

### 12 days Disaster ....

Mitra of South Andaman have been directed to prepare their own group of 15 to 20 members in their vicinity and train them to deal with any crisis/emergencies. They have also been invited to

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participate in the upcoming mock drills scheduled for cinema theatres and hotels and in the 'Swasthya Doot' DM Training programmes. (Source: IP Division)

### Student of GSSS ....

the next stage. This is India's biggest online sports and fitness quiz conducted on mobile platforms, taking place across 36 States and

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UTs. The entire school family has congratulated Sumithra on her achievement a press release from GSSS Campbell Bay said.

### Data Collection Centre....

Department, Port Blair towards setting up a Data Collection Centre at Port Blair. On regular persuasions with DG Shipping, now, a Data Collection Centre for the issuance of SID to Seafarers of these Islands has been setup at MMD Office, Port Blair, which has started functioning from 20th

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Feb, 2023 and collection of data will be done till 25 Feb, 2023. In this regard, all Seafarers of the Directorate of Shipping Services as well as others have been advised to fully utilize the facility of above Data Centre towards issuance of their SIDs, without fail. (Source: IP Division)

# CHRONICALLY DISRUPTED SLEEP MAY INCREASE HEART DISEASE RISK

Though reportedly founded in 2014, the West's first tryst with the off-the-book mercenary group Wagner happened during the Syrian civil war. Before that, the world had taken note of fighters in unmarked uniforms who marched into Crimea - in possibly one of their first missions - to annex the peninsula from Ukraine but had yet to get a first-hand experience.

Since then, the Wagner Group, founded by intelligence officer Dmitry Utkin, has been known to represent Russian interests in many African countries. Multiple reports cite their involvement in civil wars in Mali, Libya, Sudan and Madagascar besides fighting alongside Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's men.

But Wagner has never before grabbed the limelight like now. The once shadowy force is now not shying away from the public and is openly recruiting soldiers for the Russian army. Despite mercenary forces being illegal in Russia, the Wagner Group registered as a company in 2022 and opened a new headquarters in St Petersburg. "It is openly recruiting in Russian cities, on billboards, and is being named in Russian media as a patriotic organisation," Dr Samuel Ramani of the Royal United Services Institute think tank told BBC.

Their involvement in Russia's Ukraine invasion came to the fore when Russian independent media began reporting that a sanctioned

Russian businessman Yevgeny Prigozhin, commonly known as 'Putin's chef', was luring Russian prisoners to recruit inmates to join the fight against Ukraine, in exchange of cash and freedom.

A prisoner recalled to the Russian website Mediazone Prigozhin's speech. "We are not armed forces, but a real paramilitary organised crime group. My guys enter African countries and leave nothing alive there in two days, and now they are also destroying enemies in Ukraine. Your decision to serve in the PMC is a deal with the devil. If you walk out of here with me, you will either come back a free man or you will die. You will be required to kill enemies and follow

the orders of the leadership. Those who turn back will be shot on the spot."

Such is their ruthlessness that a video recently went viral on the Telegram channel Grey Zone, widely believed to be affiliated with the group, showing a Wagner fighter being beaten to death with a sledgehammer.

Wagner adopted the sledgehammer as its symbol after reportedly using it to execute a defector from its ranks last year. "Ostentatious cruelty is part of what Prigozhin offers. Whatever it is — a staged piece, trolling or immersive performance — it does not stop being part of an advertising campaign that promotes a cult of violence," Andrei Kolesnikov, a senior fellow at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, wrote in the independent media outlet Novaya Gazeta.

Still, many Russian convicts joined the Wagner group and hundreds were sent to open grounds in Ukraine. Many died, but Wagner did make some significant contributions to the Russian side. The mercenary group went public with the statement that they have captured the town of Soledar and would win over Bakhmut, a strategic and significant town, by April.

Today, as per the estimates of the US, there are 50,000 fighters from the Wagner group in Ukraine. Satellite images too show a growing Wagner burial site, illustrating the grim chances for convicted fighters

on the front lines. A video from Russian media outlet RIA Novosti also shows Prigozhin visiting the cemetery.

Despite this, Prigozhin's stature continues to rise in Russia. So much so that he has taken to openly criticising Russia's top military officials. "Bakhmut would have been taken before the New Year, if not for our monstrous military bureaucracy ... and the spokes that are put in the wheels daily," Prigozhin recently told Russian state media.

Many western media pitch Prigozhin as a challenge to Putin's supremacy. According to BBC, a row broke out between its defence ministry and the Wagner Group over who should get the credit after Russia captured the town of Soledar.

That said, despite their closeness - Putin and Prigozhin met in the late nineties - it is unlikely that the Wagner chief has a major say in decision-making. "The domestic policy overseers don't like his political demagoguery, his attacks on official institutions, or his attempts to troll Putin's staff by threatening to form a political party, which would be a headache for everyone in the Kremlin," according to Tatiana Stanovaya.

In an article for Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Stanovaya says Prigozhin's ambitions in the political arena may damage his relations with the Kremlin. - Source : Theweek



## Ashraf Hanif receives Samir Acharya Memorial Award

Port Blair, Feb 21: The family of late Samir Acharya Friday presented the 'Samir Acharya Memorial Award' for conservation of coastal and island ecosystems. The award was presented by Smt. Geetanjali Acharya to Shri. Ashraf Hanif, S/o of Retd. Dy. Director Education, Dr Leela Verghese at a function held at Ummat Public School. The award was presented in the presence of Shri. Rajesh Anand, the most generous philanthropist in the islands, and well-wisher of the Acharya family. Shri. Samir Acharya was a renowned environmentalist and dedicated his entire life to the islands. He was instrumental in the Supreme Court order of 2002 on the ban of

sea sand mining, ban on deforestation and ban on influx of non-islanders. Samir Acharya was awarded the Earth Hero title for his fight to protect indigenous communities and one of his greatest achievements was ban on introduction of exotic fish species to the Islands. Ashraf Hanif, the recipient of the award this year was nominated and won over many other shortlisted candidates as Ashraf has been striving for the last 15 years to protect the fragile ecosystem of our Islands. His team of environmental crusaders collect garbage from the Islands, segregate it at his facility in Dollygunj, ball it into

compressed from and then ship it to the main land for recycling. No one else in the Islands has contributed so significantly towards island conservation. He is a youth icon and an inspiration to the youth and children of these Islands. He reminds us that there are noble souls who love their motherland and strive to keep it clean. During the ceremony, Shri. Rajesh Anand and Smt. Acharya donated some educational items to the Principal, Ummat Public School. Ms Selvi. The function was coordinated by Samhita Veda Acharya, daughter of Late Samir Acharya, with support from Danesh, Sajit and Joji Simon who designed the award.

## 'First G20 FMCBG meeting will aim to address key global economic issues'

The first meeting of the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) will aim to address key global economic issues. The meeting scheduled in Bengaluru from February 24 to 25 will be jointly chaired by Finance Minister Nimala Sitharaman and RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. Ajay Seth, secretary, Economic Affairs, said that the Indian presidency has designed the meeting agenda in such a manner that can foster meaningful exchange of ideas among ministers and governors on pragmatic and meaningful approaches to address key global economic issues.

Apparently, the FMCBG meeting will be preceded by a meeting of G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) on February 22 and will be chaired by Seth and Michael D. Patra, the deputy governor of the RBI. Seth informed that the

FMCBG will see participation of finance ministers and central bank governors of the G20 members, invitee members and heads of international organisations. The meeting will be spread over three sessions, covering issues such as strengthening multilateral development banks to address shared global challenges of the 21st century, financing for resilient, inclusive and sustainable 'cities of tomorrow', leveraging Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for advancing financial inclusion and productivity gains. The sessions will also cover issues related to global economy, global health and international taxation.

Seth further informed that on the sidelines of these meetings, a number of other meetings have also been planned on subjects such as Digital Public Infrastructure, Policy

Perspectives on Crypto Assets and the role of National Payment Systems in Cross Border Payments.

"A special event titled 'Walk the Talk: Policy in Action' is also being organised during which the ministers and governors will visit the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore and engage with tech innovators and entrepreneurs who are working on affordable and scalable solutions to some of the challenges being faced by the G20 member countries," said Seth. He so informed that the FCBG meeting is intended to provide a clear mandate for the various work-streams of the G20 Finance Track in 2023.

The G20 FMCBG meeting will be opened by a pre-recorded message by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the other hand, the FCBG meeting will be inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur. There is also a Ratri Bhoj Par Samvad and specially curated cultural programmes for the finance ministers, central bank governors and their delegations that will showcase diverse cultures and cuisines of India. Choices of excursions are also being provided for the delegates to explore the natural landscape of Karnataka.



## NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Port Blair, Feb 21: Electricity Department, A&N Administration has filed the Petition for approval of Annual Performance Review (APR) of FY 2022-23 and Aggregate Revenue Requirement

(ARR) Tariff Proposal for FY 2023-24 vide Petition No. 97/2023 before the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories Petition. The same is published

in the Daily Telegram on 16.02.2023. The Commission shall hold a public hearing at Swaraj Dweep & Port Blair and the date / venue of hearing are as follows:-

Date	Venue
07.03.2023 from 03.00 PM onwards	Conference Hall, Dolphin Resort, Swaraj Dweep, A&N Islands
10.03.2023 from 11.00 AM onwards	Marine Hall, Port Blair, A&N Islands

All the General Public and other stakeholders including those who are intending to file their objections / suggestions may attend the said public hearing.

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## PRESSNOTE

Port Blair, Feb 21: It is brought to the notice of the general consumers and government departments that power supply will remain suspended for 1 hour at the following area on 22.02.2023 (Wednesday) from 0900 Hrs. to 1000 Hrs. in connection with replacement of electric pole at Middle Point, Port Blair.

Date	Area affected	Timing
		From To
22.02.2023 (Wednesday)	Middle Point, Police Line, Deen Street, Nabard Colony, part of Junglighat and Lamba Line.	0900 Hrs. 1000 Hrs.

The above mentioned schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the line will be charged accordingly. **The inconvenience caused is regretted.**

Executive Engineer (HQ)

## Third of parents may unnecessarily give kids fever-reducing meds: US study

One in three parents would give fever-reducing medication for spiked temperatures below 100.4 degrees, which isn't recommended, according to a study conducted in the US.

Researchers at the University of Michigan in the US also found that half of parents would also use medicine if the fever was between 100.4 and 101.9 degrees, and a quarter of parents would likely give another dose to prevent the fever from returning.

"Some parents may immediately rush to give their kids medicine but it's often better to let the fever run its course," said

faster. In fact, a low-grade fever helps fight off the infection. There's also the risk of giving too much medication when it's not needed, which can have side effects," Woolford said. The report is based on 1,376 responses from parents of children ages 12 and under polled between August and September 2022.

Two in three parents polled said they are very confident they know whether their child needs medication to reduce a fever, the researchers found.

However, just over half are sure they understand how temperature readings can change according to the method used,

they said.

The method used to take a child's temperature matters and can affect the accuracy of the measurement, Woolford said.

Parents polled most commonly take their child's temperature by forehead scan or mouth while less than a sixth use ear, underarm or rectal methods. Remote thermometers at the forehead or inside the ear canal can be accurate if used correctly, according to the researchers.

However, forehead readings may be inaccurate, Woolford said, if the scanner is held too far away or if the child's forehead is sweaty, they added.

Three in four parents say they take their child's temperature as soon as they notice a possible problem, while a little less than a fourth wait to see if the problem continues or worsens before taking the temperature. - Source : Theweek



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The Scheme of Child Protection Services (CPS) is a centrally sponsored scheme to achieve development and child protection priorities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is to secure a healthy & happy childhood for each and every child in India, ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects, in a sustained manner.

A walk-in-interview will be conducted on **17.03.2023** in the **Chamber of Secretary, PBMC, A & N Administration** from **11:00 AM** onwards for the following posts on short term contract basis, under **State Child Protection Society, State Adoption Resource Agency, Govt. Run Children Home, Ferrargunj, Balikaniketan, Child Welfare Committee (South Andaman)& Juvenile Justice Board (South Andaman)** under the Scheme of Mission Vatsalya, Child Protection Services.

Details of the vacant post under CPS are furnished below:

The **verification of certificates** will **start at 09:00 AM onwards** at **Directorate of Social Welfare, Goal Ghar**. Candidates who fulfill the requisite qualifications may appear for the walk-in-interview and time slots will be given to the candidates on the same day after verification of their certificates. If required, the interview will continue on the next working day.

The candidates are advised to submit a duly filled up application form indicating their name, date of birth, educational qualification, experience certificates, mail Id and contact number affixing a passport size photograph on the application form. Candidates are also required to bring their original certificates for verifications.

**Terms and Conditions:-**

1. The appointment will be purely on contract basis and no other regular service benefits will be admissible. The candidates will not have any right to claim for regular employment.
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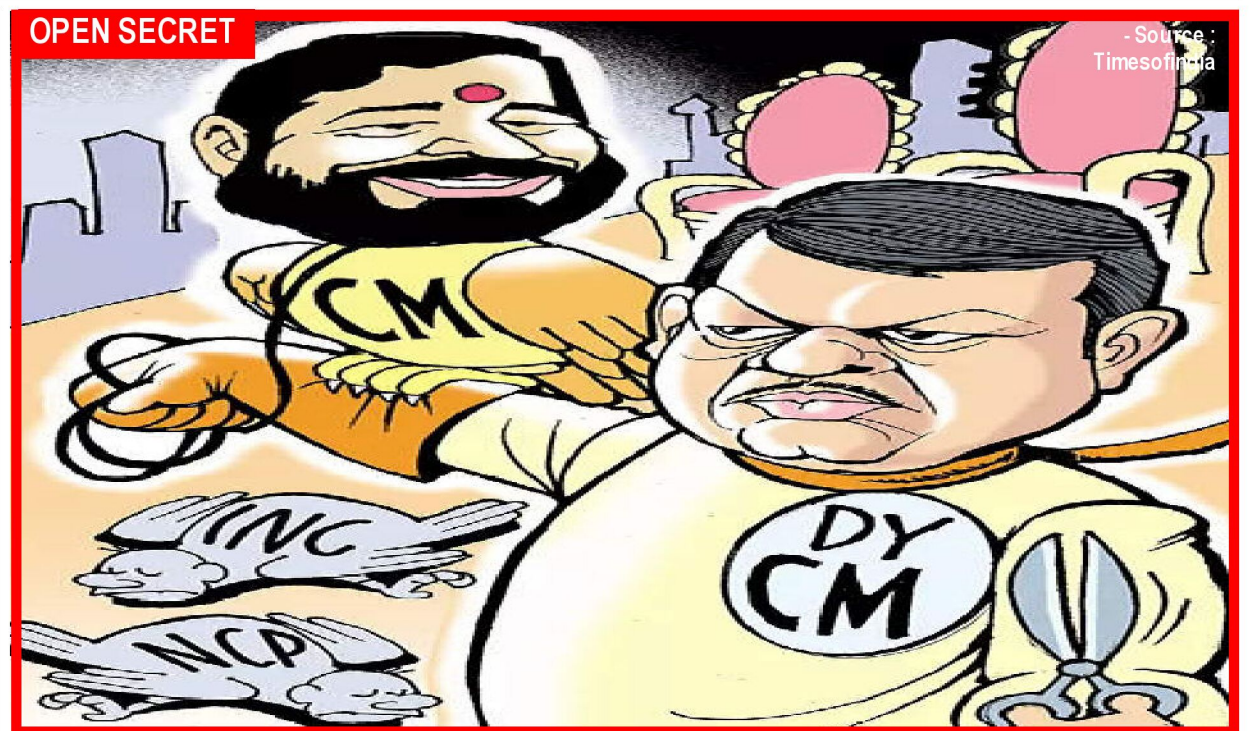
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# MORBI BRIDGE ACCIDENT: SIT REPORT SAYS

The Gujarat government-appointed Special Investigation Team (SIT) has released a probe report on the Morbi suspension bridge collapse incident, which reveals that nearly half of the wires on a cable were corroded. The report added that the welding of old suspenders with new ones also resulted in the collapse of the bridge which killed 135 people. The Preliminary Report on Morbi Bridge Incident submitted by the five-member SIT in December 2022 also found several lapses in repairs, maintenance and operation of the

According to the report, of the two main cables, one was corroded, and nearly half of its wires "may be already broken" even before it snapped on the fateful October 30 evening. The bridge was built by the erstwhile rulers in 1887 over river Machchu and the operation and maintenance of the British-era suspension bridge were entrusted to Ajanta Manufacturing Limited (Oreva Group).

According to the SIT, the main cable on the upstream side of the river snapped, leading to the tragedy. Each cable was formed

indicates that those wires may have already broken before the incident. The remaining 27 wires recently broke," the SIT said in its report.

It added that during the renovation work, "old suspenders (steel rods which connect the cable with the platform deck) were welded with the new suspenders. Hence the behaviour of suspenders changed. In these types of bridges, single rod suspenders should be used to bear the load".

The report also said that the Morbi Municipality awarded the contract to maintain and operate the bridge to Oreva Group without the approval of the general board. The bridge was closed for renovation in March 2022 and opened on October 26 without any prior approval or inspection.

At the time of the accident, there were nearly 300 persons on the bridge, which was "far more" than the load-bearing capacity of the bridge.

Other factors which contributed to the collapse included replacing individual wooden planks with an aluminium deck. "Walking structure was made up of rigid aluminium panels instead of flexible wooden planks. If there were individual wooden planks (which were there before renovation), the number of casualties could have been lower. Moreover, no load test or structure test was conducted before opening the bridge," it added.

The aluminium honeycomb panels were fixed without any gap in between, which makes the deck less flexible to deform in its own plane, said the SIT, adding that the use of aluminium could have increased the overall weight of the bridge too.

- Source : Theweek



bridge, reported PTI.

The SIT included IAS officer Rajkumar Beniwal, IPS officer Subhash Trivedi, a secretary and a chief engineer from the state Roads and Building Department, and a professor of structural engineering.

by seven strands, each comprising seven steel wires. A total of 49 wires were clubbed together in seven strands to form this cable, the SIT report said.

"It was observed that out of the 49 wires (of that cable), 22 were corroded, which

## Centre announces release of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat from FCI in open market for sale through E-auction

The Centre has announced the release of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat from the Food Corporation of India in the open market for sale through E-auction. The reduction in reserve price along with the additional offloading of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat will collectively help in reducing the

market price of wheat and wheat products for consumers.

Earlier, the Committee of Ministers under the chairmanship of Home Minister Amit Shah had decided to release 30 lakh tonnes of wheat for sale through E-auction to flour mills, private traders, buyers and manufacturers of wheat products. The Consumer Affairs Ministry said, so far, 50 lakh tonnes of wheat have been decided to offload under Open Market Sale Scheme- 2023. The Ministry said, after the announcement of the Open Market Sale Scheme Policy 2023, the prices of wheat and atta have come down.

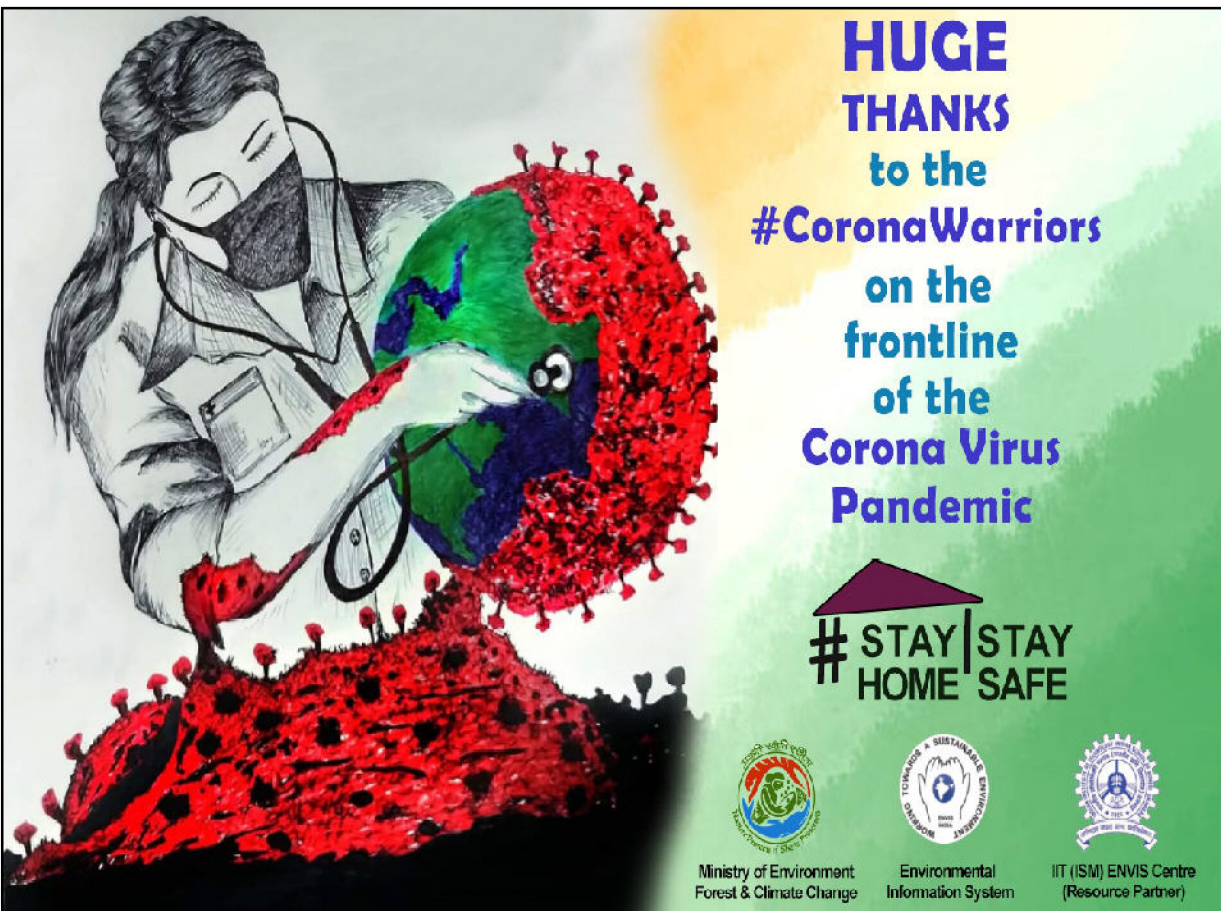


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