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Our govt removed all obstacles thwarting North East India's development: PM

PTI, SHILLONG, Dec 18: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that his government during its eight-year tenure has removed all obstacles that came in the way of development of the North East region.

Addressing a public meeting on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the North

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Ex-MP inaugurates MPLAD work of 16th Lok Sabha at Utkal Samaj in the presence of Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, MP

Port Blair, Dec 18:

The Terrace on the top floor building of Utkal Samaj at Shadipur Ward No. 10, Port Blair constructed under MPLAD fund of 16th Lok Sabha has been inaugurated by Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-Member of Parliament in the presence of Shri Kuldeep Rai

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'Support for acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing vessels for traditional fisher- men' in A&N Islands under PMMSY

Port Blair, Dec. 18

The Department of Fisheries, A&N Administration proposes to implement the components 'Support for Acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels (FRP/Steel) for Traditional Fish-

ermen' of A & N Islands during the year 2022-23 under PMMSY.

The component on Assistance for acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing (FRP/Steel) for Traditional Fishermen envisages

subsidy @ 40% of the unit cost (120 Lakh.) with a ceiling of Rs.48.00 lakh for General Category and @ 60% with a ceiling of Rs.72.00 lakh for Schedule Tribe / Women and their Coop-

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Development of Infrastructure at Airport AAI and other Airport Developers have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 98,000 crore in airport sector in the next five years

PIB Delhi, Dec 15:

Upgradation / Modernisation of airports' infrastructure is a continuous process and is undertaken by

Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Airport Developers from time to time depending on the availability of land, commercial viability, socio-economic

considerations, traffic demand/willingness of airlines to operate to/from such airports. AAI and other Airport Develop-

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PC T. Divya Murthy awarded for significant contribution in implementation of CCTNS/ICJS project in A&N Islands by National Crime Records Bureau

Port Blair, Dec. 17

Contribution of PC/972 T. Divya Murthy of A&N Police was recognized for his significant role in implementation of Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) & Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) and he has been awarded in the individual officers category in category 'C' of States/UTs having less than 50 Police Stations by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). PC/972 T. Divya Murthy was appointed on 03/02/2004 as Police Constable and he was trained in MS SQL, MySQL & troubleshooting of applications/web applications by Department of Infor-



mation Technology, A&N Administration. He was posted in CCTNS Cell in the year 2010 and has served for nearly 10 years in the project. During his tenure at CCTNS Cell, he has taken lot of initiatives and was

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ANC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP 2022-23



Port Blair, Dec. 17:

To foster camaraderie and sportsman spirit as also to encourage wide participation in sports activities, Headquarters Andaman & Nicobar Command conducted a Cross Country Championship on 16 Dec 22.

A total of 50 personnel of all ranks from the four components participated with josh and enthusiasm. The 10 Km long cross-countryrun commenced

from Majar Dargah near Science Centre and ended at Air Force unit routing through Carbyn crossing, INS Utkrosh Main Gate and Bathu Basti.

Army Component was declared as 'winners' of the event. R A dm Sandeep S Sandhu, NM, Chief of Staff, Andaman & Nicobar Command awarded Trophies, Medals and Certificates to the 'winners' and 'runners up' teams.



EDITORIAL

Creating 'outrage' over just criticism

The government's manufacturing push, especially with the Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI), has not impressed all. There have been conflicting views on this issue, with many pointing out its limited benefits. One of the critics of the government's cash incentive policy to manufacturers is former RBI governor Raghuram Rajan. He has been a votary of a more service sector-led growth rather than India trying to emulate China's manufacturing model. In a recent conversation with Rahul Gandhi, he made this point again, leading to an angry retort from the finance minister.

Rajan is not the only critic of the government's manufacturing policy, especially the PLI scheme. Experts have underscored the issue of large subsidies given to manufacturers for setting up highly capital-intensive industries like semiconductors and questioned the viability since only a few manufacturers receive them. Another issue is India's attempt to be a manufacturing hub for everything instead of focusing on a few sectors, as Taiwan did with semiconductors. The focus of the PLI seems to be more on capital-intensive sectors than labour-intensive ones. Therefore, experts doubt the scheme's ability to generate the kind of manufacturing jobs the government hopes for.

A recent report by Credit Suisse also speaks of "modest" Capex growth due to PLI schemes; it sees only an 8-10% incremental Capex growth. Credit Suisse does not see many investments in non-traditional sectors like mobile manufacturing, IT hardware, batteries, etc. It also raises the concern that big global players have largely stayed away from availing benefits under the scheme. The Aatmanirbhar focus—another aspect of promoting local manufacturing—has also drawn criticism for it being unrealistically hopeful of countries willing to buy from India without gaining access to the Indian market for selling here. The government has been trying to push India's manufacturing sector through a mix of local incentives given to manufacturers here and tariff barriers created to dissuade imports. But experts see the anomaly of such a policy approach.

The government should listen to its critics—a few are left, ready to risk rubbing the government the wrong way. It should be open to constructive criticism rather than attacking every critic with all its might. Nobody questions the government's intention regarding its economic policies, but it should also take the criticism in good spirits.

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Mainstreaming training prog. on HIV/AIDS for sanitary workers held

Port Blair, Dec. 16

A & N AIDS Control Society (ANACS) conducted a mainstreaming training programme on HIV/AIDS for the sanitary workers today at Shadipur Community hall. About 100 sanitary persons participated the training programme. Shri Girish Kumar, AD (SPM), ANACS conducted the training programme. He informed Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) is an infection that attacks the body's immune system. HIV infection can be diagnosed using simple and affordable rapid diagnostic tests, as well as self-tests.

People can lead a healthy life for a long time with appropriate medical care. Anti-



retroviral therapy (ART) effectively suppresses replication, if taken at the right time. Further, he also informed about HIV/AIDS (Prevention & Control) ACT, 2017 which came into force on September 10, 2018 with the objective to prevent and control the spread of HIV and AIDS and for reinforcing the legal and

human rights of persons infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS. It also seeks to protect the rights of healthcare providers.

The participants were informed to come forward for 'Knowing their HIV Status' by voluntarily getting themselves tested which will be kept confidential.

Road Safety awareness prog. & Eye Test Camp conducted by A & N Traffic Police

Port Blair, Dec. 17

In order to spread Road Safety awareness among the commercial vehicle owners & drivers, a road safety awareness programme was conducted on 17.12.2022 at PS Aberdeen Conference Hall by A&N Traffic Police. The Dy. SP (Traffic), Police Personnel and about 100 drivers & members of various Bus/Truck/Van/Auto Union have participated in this programme. While addressing the participants, Shri. Sanjay Kumar Jain, IPS (Inspector General of Police, L&O) especially expressed serious concern over the rising cases of fatal accidents and Drunken Driving in the city and emphasized the ill effects of Drunken Driving and its financial and psychological effects on the entire family in the event of a major accident and has appealed to obey traffic rules. Importance of various road safety measures such as wearing helmet, fastening seat belts, avoid Over speeding, avoid using mobile phone while



driving/riding the vehicles, avoid careless overtaking, giving way to emergency vehicles etc were also emphasized. Grievances of participants were also put forth before Shri. Sanjay Kumar Jain, IPS (Inspector General of Police, L&O) and assurance for redressal of grievances was also given.

Shri. Ajay Kr. Rai, DANIPS (Dy. Superintendent of Police Traffic) also highlighted the importance of road safety and educated the participants about the ill effects & aftermath of road accidents.

Later, Free Eye test was

conducted for all the participants by the medical team headed by Dr. Priyanka Sankaran (SR) of GB Pant Hospital at PS Aberdeen.

Further, they were encouraged to report traffic violations by sending clear photograph/short videos of violation containing clear registration no. of vehicle with date, time and place of offence on the official Whatsapp No. 9531892228 or share through the twitter handle @ANTrafficPolice or on the 24x7 Traffic Control Room Number 03192-243812 for prompt action against the violators.

Diglipur Police arrests auto driver with illicit ganja

Diglipur, Dec. 18

Police Station Diglipur has once again showed their mettle and are going tough against drug peddlers. Keeping sharp vigil over antisocial activities under the jurisdiction based on an information received yesterday regarding an auto driver carrying huge quantity of illicit ganja in his auto rickshaw, a raiding team comprising of Insp. Vikash Singh, SHO PS Diglipur intercepted the auto rickshaw

bearing AN 01 K 8522 near Subashgram bridge and recovered 1.068 Kgs of ganja from driver Biswajit Mondal, S/o Late Ghanashyam Mondal, (37) yrs., Auto Driver, R/o Madhupur, Diglipur. A case under appropriate section of NDPS Act has been registered against the auto driver and accused was arrested. The dedication and hard work of the raiding team of PS Diglipur resulted in seizure of such huge quantity of ganja. The entire trap

was conducted under the supervision of Shri Lakshya Pandey, SDPO, Diglipur, and overall direction and supervision of SP (N&MA). Meanwhile, the District Police has requested the general public to share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest Police Station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

AIIMS server attack: Delhi Police seeks info on China, Hong Kong-based IP address



PTI, NEW DELHI, Dec 18:

The Delhi Police's Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations unit has written to CBI seeking details from Interpol about the IP addresses of email IDs from China and Hong Kong in connection with its probe into the AIIMS server attack case, officials said on Sunday.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is India's

nodal agency for Interpol matters. According to sources, the attack on the servers of AIIMS-Delhi is suspected to have originated from locations in China and Hong Kong.

Further details have been sought which can be obtained from companies in China and Hong Kong.

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi faced a cyber attack on November 23,

paralysing its servers.

A case of extortion and cyber terrorism was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police on November 25.

Internet services were blocked as per the recommendations of the investigating agencies.

The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), Delhi cybercrime special cell, Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre, Intelligence Bureau, CBI and National Investigation Agency, are investigating the incident.

The attack affected the hospital's outpatient and inpatient digital services, including smart laboratory, billing, report generation and the appointment system.

COP15: India calls for new, dedicated fund for biodiversity conservation



PTI, NEW DELHI, Dec 18: There is an urgent need to create a new and dedicated fund to help developing countries successfully implement a post-2020 global framework to halt and reverse biodiversity loss, India has said at the UN biodiversity conference in Canada's Montreal.

It has also been said that the conservation of biodiversity must also be based on 'Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities' (CBDR) as climate change also impacts nature.

As the 196 parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) finalise negotiations for a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) — a new set of goals and targets to halt and reverse biodiversity loss — there have been repeated calls for the inclusion of the CBDR principle in finance-related targets.

Addressing the stocktaking plenary at CBD COP15, Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Patel Yadav said the successful implementation of a post-2020 GBF will depend on the "ways and means we put in place for an equally ambitious 'Resource Mobilization Mechanism'".

"There is a need to create a new and dedicated mechanism for the provision of financial resources to developing-country parties. Such a fund should be operationalised at the earliest to ensure effective implementation of the post-2020 GBF by all countries," the minister said.

So far, the Global Environment Facility which caters to multiple conventions, including the UNFCCC and UN Convention to Combat Desertification, remains the only source of funding for biodiversity conservation.

India said that developing countries bear most of the burden of implementing the targets for the conservation of biodiversity and therefore require adequate funds and technology transfer for this purpose.

"The most important challenge is the resources needed for implementation of the GBF. Greater ambition means greater cost and the burden of this

cost falls disproportionately on the countries that can least afford them," Yadav said.

The minister underlined India's stand that the goals and targets set in the GBF should not only be ambitious but also realistic and practical.

"Conservation of biodiversity must also be based on Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities as climate change also has an impact on biodiversity," he said.

Established as the seventh principle of the Rio Declaration adopted at the Earth Summit in 1992, CBDR is defined as "states have common but differentiated responsibilities in view of the different contributions to global environmental degradation".

However, applying the CBDR principle to biodiversity conservation has not been straightforward as compared to climate negotiations, and there have been repeated disagreements between the global north and south on the issue.

At CBD COP15, the parties are also trying to achieve a consensus on eliminating subsidies that are harmful to the environment, such as subsidies for fossil fuel production, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, by at least USD 500 billion (one billion = 100 crore) annually and using this money for biodiversity conservation.

However, Yadav said, India does not agree on reducing the agriculture-related subsidy and redirecting the savings for biodiversity conservation, as there are many other national priorities.

For the developing nations, agriculture is a paramount economic driver for rural communities, and the critical support provided to these sectors cannot be redirected, he said.

The majority of the rural population in India is dependent on agriculture and allied sectors and the government provides a variety of subsidies, including seed, fertilizer, irrigation, power,

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1971 India-Pakistan war: Hero of Longewala post battling health issues at AIIMS-Jodhpur



PTI, JODHPUR/NEW DELHI: Bhairon Singh Rathore (81), the veteran of the 1971 India-Pakistan war whose bravery at Rajasthan's Longewala post was portrayed by actor Suniel Shetty in Bollywood movie 'Border', is battling health issues and has been admitted to the AIIMS in Jodhpur.

Rathore's son Sawai Singh told PTI that his father was admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Jodhpur on December 14, two days before the 51st anniversary of the war, after his health deteriorated and his limbs got affected in what seemed like a paralysis. "Doctors told us that my father has possibly suffered a brain stroke. He has been in and out of ICU over the last few days," Singh told PTI.

The Singh family lives in Solankiatala village, about 120 kms from Jodhpur.

Rathore was deployed at

the Longewala post in the Thar desert, commanding a small BSF unit that was accompanied by a company of the Army's 23 Punjab regiment.

It was the bravery of these men that decimated an assaulting Pakistani brigade and tank regiment at this location on December 5, 1971.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called

Rathore, a retired BSF lance naik, over phone a few days back and told him the nation was indebted to his contribution in the 1971 war and the nation is praying that for his recovery, according to Sawai Singh.

Bhairon Singh Rathore, posted with the 14th BSF battalion during the war, retired in 1987.

Singh said that AIIMS-Jodhpur had taken care of his father earlier too and the entire cost of the treatment is being taken care of by the government, as always.

"However, sometimes I have to get medicines from the market as they are not available at the hospital," he said.

Officers from the Border Security Force (BSF) and the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Army responsible for guarding the India-Pakistan front along the Thar desert area have also visited the hospital to inquire about his health and treatment, officials said.

According to BSF records about the 1971 war at Longewala post, "When one of the 23 Punjab boys was killed, Lance Naik Bhairon Singh took his light machine gun and inflicted heavy casualties on the advancing enemy. It was only their courage and determination to do or die that won the day and Lance Naik Bhairon Singh became a great inspiration to his other comrades on the post," the official records state.

He received the Sena Medal in 1972 for his gallant action.

Rathore has also been decorated with numerous other civilian awards and military felicitations. Union Home Minister Amit Shah met him in Jaisalmer in December last year when he visited the border town for the Raising Day celebrations of the BSF.

Bhairon Singh Rathore's role was assayed by Suniel Shetty in the 1997 Hindi movie 'Border'.

While the reel Bhairon Singh (Shetty) was shown killed in action in the movie, the real BSF soldier and his legacy of guts, glory and bravery lives on.

"My father is a simple man. He recounts the story of the 1971 war when people ask him. He only gets a monthly pension of Rs 12,000 plus Rs 2,000 allowance for the bravery medal given to him. The authorities know about his condition. We hope they will help us," Sawai Singh said.

Awareness-cum-People’s Education prog. organized at Ograbraj Participants sensitized on Flagship & UT Schemes implemented by Line Departments and implementing agencies in Isles

Port Blair, Dec.15

An Awareness-cum-People’s Education programme was organized in the Community Hall, Ograbraj in convergence with A&N Rural Livelihood Mission, Department of RD & Panchayat, Agriculture, Fisheries, Lead Bank and A&N State Cooperative Bank to sensitize about Prime Minister’s Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises Scheme, Flagship Schemes of Govt. of India implemented by line Department and initiatives of A&N Administration aiming at promoting self employment and development of Industrial activities utilizing the resources available in agriculture and fisheries sector.



The programme was organized involving the Gram Panchayats of Mithakhari, Tushnabad, Namunaghar & Chouldari which was attended by 209 participants mostly SHGs, Cooperative Societies, FPOs, Farmers & unemployed rural youth. The Department had also setup 2 dedicated Help Desk for PMFME and PMEGP Schemes manned with Technical Resource Persons for filling and uploading applications in the PMFME and PMEGP portal.

The programme was graced by Shri Rahul Dev, IAS (Pbr.) as the chief guest. Shri Rajender Pal, BDO (Ferrargunj), Shri Umar Farroq, Lead District Manager, Shri Sindhupathi Raja, Nodal Officer (PMFME), Shri Ramesh Kumar, Assistant Director (Agri.), Ms. Gurjeet Kaur, Extension Officer

(RD), Shri Mohammed Shafique, Pradhan (Mithakhari), Shri Venkat, Pradhan (Namunaghar), Shri Tapashi Shah, Pradhan (Chouldhari), and Officials of Industries, Fisheries, Agriculture, RD & Panchayat, A&N KVIB and A & N State Co-operative bank were also present. In his inaugural address, the chief guest briefed about the importance of this programme considering the scenario of A&N Islands in terms of unemployment vis –a vis the potential of A&N Islands in different sector. He also urged participants to avail the schemes of the developing agencies for their economic development. The BDO explained about PM Aawas Yojana and other block schemes and motivated the participants to utilize the opportunities created by the Govt. for addressing their personal needs. Shri Sindhupathi Raja, Nodal Officer (PMFME) delivered key note address and gave detailed presentation about PMFME scheme of MoFPI

implemented by Industries Department under Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahatso. Besides this, other Flagship and UT Schemes implemented by Line Departments and implementing agencies viz. PMEGP, PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, Standup India, Social Security’s Scheme etc. were explained in details by their representatives.

In the concluding session, the forum was opened up for interaction and Q&A session for the participants in which clarification sought by the participants on the different schemes were answered by the Department representatives. The CRPs accompanied by the SHGs requested for creating marketing assistance ensuring availability of packaging material, poultry chicks & other inputs for livelihood of farming community. The programme ended with a proposal for conducting frequent awareness programme at different panchayat of A&N Islands.

Multi Agency Counter Terrorist Contingency Plan Mock Exercise conducted at Port Blair Airport



Port Blair, Dec. 16

Keeping in view the present security scenario in the country and emerging threats to Civil Aviation Security around the globe, CISF Unit VSI Airport Port Blair conducted a multi agency mock exercise on the scenario of Armed Attack at Airport on its facilities from multiple points and hostage situation of the Airport staff. The mock exercise was conducted under the overall supervision of Shri Rajinder Singh, Dy. Commandant / Chief Airport Security Officer (CASO) with active participation of teams from Indian Army, Indian Navy, Marcos (Navy) A & N Police, AAI, Air

lines, Coast Guard, IB, A & N Fire Brigade, BDDS and Medical Services etc.

The whole idea behind the exercise was to assess and fine tune the level of coordination between multiple agencies involved in anti-terror operations and ensure high level of operational preparedness. The exercise also provided an opportunity to check the effectiveness of Counter Terrorist Contingency Plan (CTCP) of the airport security and synergies the efforts of various security agencies to thwart any terrorist acts on Civil Aviation setup of A&N Islands, a press release from CISF said.

Stealth-guided missile destroyer Mormugao commissioned into Indian Navy



PTI, MUMBAI, Dec 18: The stealth-guided missile destroyer Mormugao was commissioned into the Indian Navy on Sunday.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Navy chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and Goa CM Pramod Sawant were among those present at the commissioning ceremony in Mumbai.

Singh said the warship's commissioning will boost India's maritime power. He termed INS Mormugao as the most technologically advanced warship.

Indian economy is among the top five economies in the world, and according to experts, will be among the top three in 2027, Singh said.

The Navy chief said the commissioning of the warship, on the eve of the Goa Liberation Day, is indicative of the large strides taken in warship design and building capability over the last decade.

INS Mormugao is the second of the four 'Visakhapatnam' class destroyers, indigenously designed by the Indian Navy's in-house organisation, Warship Design Bureau, and constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai.

Named after the historic port city of Goa on the West coast, Mormugao coincidentally undertook her first sea sortie on December 19, 2021 when Goa celebrated 60 years of liberation from Portuguese rule.

The warship is packed with sophisticated state-of-the-art weapons and sensors such as surface-to-surface missiles and surface-to-air missiles.

It is fitted with a modern surveillance radar that provides target data to the gunnery weapon systems on board.

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ers have targeted capital outlay of approximately Rs. 98,000 crore in airport sector in the next five years for expansion and modification of existing terminals, new terminals and strengthening of runways, among other activities.

Directorate General of Civil Aviation has issued Civil Aviation Requirement (CAR) Section - 4, Aerodrome Standards & Licensing, Series B, Part I dated 26.08.2015, as revised on 08.11.2018 to lay down requirements for aerodromes infrastructure. The

CAR is based on the International Standards and Recommended Practices for Aerodromes as published in Annexure - 14 to the Convention on Civil Aviation by International Civil Aviation Organisation.

The project costs of nine (09) operationalized Greenfield airports are:- Durgapur-Rs.670 crore, Shirdi-Rs.320 crore, Pakyong- Rs. 553.53 core, Kannur- Rs.2342 crore, Kalaburagi- Rs.175.57 crore, Orvakal (Kurnool)- Rs.187 crore, Sindhudurg- Rs.520 crore, Kushinagar-Rs.448 crore and

Donyi Polo, Itanagar-Rs.646 crore. Moreover, Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Lucknow, Mangaluru, Guwahati and Ahmedabad airports have earmarked a Capital Expenditure of Rs.10,550 crore, Rs.13,552 crore, Rs. 6,288 crore, Rs.1,383 crore, Rs.567 crore, Rs.1,232 crore and Rs.376 crore, respectively for the period 2019-25.

Further, the details of major works undertaken by AAI at various airports is Annexed.

Major works for New airports/ New Terminal Building – Ongoing

S. No.	State	Airport	Name of Work	Approved Cost (Rs. in Cr.)
1	Andaman & Nicobar	Port Blair	Construction of NITB and allied works	707.73

Financial assistance to registered beneficiary workmen by A&N Islands Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

Port Blair, Dec. 16

A meeting of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board was held on Nov.9. The Board unanimously approved 1247 pending claims of the beneficiary workmen under various welfare schemes.

The claims of 1155 beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 2.35 Crores have been successfully transferred to beneficiaries' bank accounts whose Aadhaar were seeded with their bank accounts. The remaining claims could not be released as the registered beneficiary's Aadhaar was not

seeded with their savings bank account which is pre-requisite for transfer of benefits under PFMS Portal. A communication in this regard has been already sent to the registered beneficiaries at their address through Post and they were also informed over phone and requested to immediately contact their bank with Aadhaar so that their account is seeded with Aadhaar.

The list of beneficiaries whose payment has been released and the list of beneficiaries whose payment could not be transferred to their bank account have been uploaded in the Labour Department's

Official Portal <https://labour.and.nic.in/> for the information and guidance of all concerned registered beneficiaries. The beneficiaries whose Aadhaar is not seeded with their bank account have been requested to seed the same at the earliest and necessary confirmation in this regard may be communicated to Board Office on priority so that their benefits are transferred to their bank account.

For further clarification, if any, the beneficiaries may contact Telephone Number 03192-230157 between 8.30 AM & 5.30 PM on all working days.

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East Council (NEC) here, he also said that improved air connectivity provided to the region has been helping export of agricultural produce, benefiting farmers.

Ahead of the FIFA World Cup final in Qatar, Modi also said that the NDA "government has shown the red card to many obstacles that came in the way of development for the North East."

"Obstacles such as corruption, discrimination, violence and vote bank politics were removed," the PM said in his 26-minute speech.

"Earlier, attempts were made to divide NE. Now, we are removing these divisions," Modi said at the meeting.

He also inaugurated, dedicated and laid the foundation stone for multiple projects.

Among the projects inaugurated, one is the sprawling campus of the IIM-Shillong at the New Shillong Township.

The Prime Minister, who arrived here in the morning, earlier attended the golden jubilee celebrations of the NEC at the State Convention Centre, along with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and several other union ministers and dignitaries.

Modi, on the occasion, re-

leased 'Golden Footprints', a commemorative volume chronicling NEC's contribution towards the development of the northeast over the last 50 years, according to an official statement.

A short film on NEC's journey of 50 years was also screened on the occasion, the statement said.

In that closed-door meeting, Modi hailed the contribution of NEC to the development of the region.

Describing the eight states of the region as 'Asht Lakshmi' (eight forms of the goddess of wealth), he said that the government should work on eight foundation pillars for the development of NE.

The eight 'foundation pillars' are peace, power, tourism, 5G connectivity, culture, natural farming, sports and potential.

"The Northeast is our gateway to South-East Asia and can become a centre for the development of the entire region. And to realise this potential of the region, work is going on the projects like Indian-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway and Agartala-Akhaura rail project," according to an official statement.

Many peace agreements have been signed, inter-state boundary agreements have been done and there has been a marked reduction in instances of extremism, he said.

In the last eight years, the number of airports in the region has jumped from nine to 16, and that of flights has increased from about 900 before 2014 to around 1900, he said adding that many NE states have come on the railway map and efforts are being done to expand the waterways also.

The length of national highways has increased by 50 per cent since 2014 in the region.

Modi also talked about the potential of the region in the hydropower and tourism sectors.

The North Eastern Council is the nodal agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region which consists of the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

The North Eastern Council was constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament.

However, it was formally inaugurated on November 7, 1972.

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instrumental in sorting out glitches in Core Application Software of CCTNS. With the continuous dedicated efforts of CCTNS team, the UT of

Andaman & Nicobar has secured overall 96.03% among the UTs as per the latest release of Pragati Report. All the senior Officers of Andaman and

Nicobar Police have congratulated & praised PC/972 T. Divya Murthy for being conferred with the award.

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erative Societies towards support for acquisition of Deep sea fishing (FRP/ Steel) vessels for traditional fishermen.

Applications in prescribed format including Self Contained DPR (Two sets) have been invited from Traditional/ Artisanal Fishermen/ Fisher Women and their Societies/Associations/ SHGs/ FFPOs for 'Support for Acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing (FRP/ Steel) vessels for traditional fishermen' in A&N Islands.

The Applicants who have already submitted the applications for 'Support for Acquisition of Deep Sea Fishing Vessels' may again re-submit the application in the prescribed format along with the self contained DPR (2 sets). The applicant should be a Traditional/ Artisanal fishermen and their Societies/ Associations / SHGs/ FPOs. Beneficiary should possess valid ownership certificate, Registration Certificate under the ReAL Craft, Fishing License and Biometric ID cards of Fishers/QR coded Aadhaar card.

The Governmental assistance is restricted to 1 unit per individual beneficiary; 2 units per group/society (of at least 10 members) in case of Groups of Traditional/Artisanal Fishermen i.e. Traditional/Artisanal Fishermen SHGs/Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)/ Traditional/ Artisanal Fisher Cooperatives etc. or those undertaken in a cluster/area approach. However, a cluster/area may have multiple groups/societies. As far as FFPOs/Cs are concerned, the modalities of implementation and upper ceiling on the total units eligible for support would be decided by the CAC.

The vessel should have onboard machineries/fishing equipment including refrigerated storage facilities for undertaking deep sea tuna long lin-

ing and gill netting. Appropriate communication systems, AIS/transponders and other navigational equipment for safe navigation etc., as per the relevant regulations/guidelines are mandatory onboard the vessels.

Deep sea fishing vessel should be considered as an alternative for replacement of the existing bottom trawler and the State/UT shall ensure suitable disposal of old fishing boat (against which new one is replaced).

Beneficiaries will submit Self Contained Proposal (SCP) with relevant techno-financial details of the vessel. Installation of Bio-toilet shall be mandatory within the project cost.

The selected beneficiaries should construct Deep Sea Fishing Vessel (FRP/Steel) only through the boat building yards empanelled by Department of Fisheries , A & N Administration and Ministry of Fisheries& Animal husbandry & Dairying, Department of Fisheries, Govt. of India i.e. M/s Samundra Ship Yard Pvt. Limited for FRP DSFV and Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)for Steel DSFV respectively.

Interested applicants may contact the Directorate of Fisheries, Port Blair, Zonal Fisheries offices, South Andaman/N&M Andaman and Nicobar or nearest Fisheries Sub Stations for detailed terms & conditions of the scheme and design, drawing FRP/ Steel Deep Sea Fishing Vessel. They should submit the applications in prescribed format along with relevant documents to the respective Zonal Offices/Sub Stations. The completed applications in all respect should reach the nearest Fisheries Zonal Office / Sub-Stations on or before 31st December, 2022.

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Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, today on 18th December 2022. The work was carried out by the Andaman Public Work department being the executing agency of MPLAD work for which the long pending demand of the Utkal Samaj has been fulfilled.

During the inauguration function, Smti. T Mangayarkarasi Councillor Ward No.10, Smti. Vasantha,

Councillor Ward No.12, Smti. Sheela Singh, Ex-Chairperson, PBMC, Shri SP Burman, Ex-Director of Health Services, Smti. Ratna Kannan, Ex-Chairperson of Social Welfare Advisory Board, Smti. Puspanjali Raju, Chairperson, CCS Ltd., Shri Kishore Naran, AE SAD, APWD, Members of the Utkal Samaj, other prominent members of the residents of the area and a large number of general public were also present.

Expectation soaring in Argentina ahead of FIFA World Cup final



AFP, BUENOS AIRES, Dec 19: With Argentina reaching a fever pitch just hours before Lionel Messi and his teammates take on France in the World Cup final, football fans throughout the country felt a sense of destiny brewing.

From Jujuy in the north to Chubut, some 2,800 kilometres to the south, from Mendoza at the foot of the Andes mountain range in the west to Mar del Plata on the Atlantic coast, the country was preparing to rejoice at a much sought-after third-world title — 36 years after their last one.

At the Obelisk monument in central Buenos Aires where fans usually flock to celebrate the team's victories, dozens jumped up and down singing songs as passing drivers honked their car horns on Friday, with the final still 18 hours away.

"I feel very proud to be Argentine, I know Messi will bring home the cup," said Franco Llanos, 22, decked out in an Argentina shirt, blue and white joker's hat, draped in a flag and carrying a plastic replica of the World Cup trophy.

"My passion is wooo-ooo-ooo!"

Carina Disanzo, 44, who was wearing Messi's number 10 jersey in the historic Boca neighbourhood, said the team "absolutely" deserves to win.

"If what we all hope hap-

pens, it's going to be a huge party but even if it doesn't happen there's going to be a huge party because we're in the final with the best player in the world," she said.

"It's a real football country, what happens in Argentina ... on the pitch, in the stands, with the people, doesn't happen anywhere else."

Everyone for Messi

The Argentine capital was a sea of blue and white jerseys, most bearing Messi's number 10, flags, painted faces, hats and other memorabilia.

Vendors were making a packet, with Raul Machuca, 22, saying face paint and flags were selling like hotcakes at the Melu store in central Buenos Aires where he works.

With Christmas around the corner, he said it was a double boon for the shop.

In some major avenues, the city council had painted pedestrian crossings in the national team's blue and white stripes.

Foreign football fans were also getting in on the act.

English friends Josh Gwilt, 27, and Greg Layhe, 28, were travelling in Brazil but decided to switch their itinerary to Buenos Aires "on a whim."

"When are you ever going to be in South America and get to see Argentina in the final of a World Cup," said Gwilt, who was wearing the goalkeeper's jersey of Emiliano Martinez.

Layhe, wearing a Messi shirt, said they had partly decided to put on their jerseys as a precaution, given the historic bad blood between England and Argentina both on and off the pitch.

Even so, he said he was firmly behind Argentina, especially Messi, who has won everything in the game except this.

"We all hope he wins the World Cup, even some French fans we've spoken to have been semi-torn because it would be an amazing end to his career. I think he's the greatest player of all time and deserves to win the World Cup," said Layhe.

Puerto Rican couple Lilly Oronoz and Antonio Secola, both 51, had also come to Argentina for the game.

"Us Latinos are very supportive," said Oronoz. "Everyone for Messi, everyone for Argentina."

"It's for the passion, we've got more passion, and the conviction that they will win," added Secola.

Uniting issue

At midnight from Saturday to Sunday, Argentina's main television channels were due to mark 12 hours to kick off with a special rendition of the national anthem recorded by the players themselves in Qatar, with goosebumps guaranteed.

Football is one of only two things in a politically polarized country with huge wealth disparities that brings all people together.

"This national team and the Falklands united us," said Edgar Esteban, a veteran of the 1982 war with Britain over the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic and director of the Malvinas Museum in Buenos Aires.

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export, credit, agriculture equipment, and agriculture infrastructure for supporting the livelihoods of farmers mainly, small and marginal.

When food security is of utmost importance for developing countries, prescribing numerical targets in pesticide reductions is unnecessary and must be left to countries to decide, based on national circumstances, priorities and capabilities, India has said.

Some of the measurable

targets in the draft GBF include the reduction of pesticides by two-thirds.

COP15, the most important gathering on biodiversity in a decade, started on December 7 and is scheduled to close on Tuesday (India time).

It aims at achieving a historic deal to halt and reverse biodiversity loss on par with the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change when all countries agreed to hold the increase in the global average

temperature to well below 2 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial level.

The draft GBF, set to replace the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, comprises 22 targets and four goals proposed for 2030 — a stepping stone to the 2050 goal of 'Living in Harmony with Nature'.

The GBF targets include reducing pollution, pesticides, subsidies harmful to nature and the rate of introduction of invasive alien species among others.

Kangana seeks nod to shoot 'Emergency' inside Parliament premises, likely to be disallowed



PTI, NEW DELHI: Actor Kangana Ranaut has sought permission from the Lok Sabha Secretariat for shooting her upcoming film "Emergency" inside Parliament premises, sources said on Sunday.

Her letter is under consideration but she is unlikely to be granted permission, they said.

In her letter to the Lok Sabha Secretariat, Ranaut has requested that she be allowed to shoot the film based on the Emergency inside the Parliament premises, they said.

Normally, private entities are not granted permission for shooting or doing videography inside the Parliament premises. If it is being done for any official or government work, then it is a different case, sources told PTI.

Mainly state broadcaster Doordarshan and Sansad TV are allowed to shoot programmes or events inside Parliament, they said.

There is no precedent of permission being given to a private party for shooting inside Parliament for private work, they added.

Shooting for "Emergency" commenced in June this year.

The film is directed, produced and written by Ranaut. She is also playing the role of former prime minister Indira Gandhi, who imposed the Emergency in the country in 1975, in the movie.

"Emergency" is billed as the story of a watershed moment in the political history of India. "'Emergency' reflects one of the most important periods in Indian political history which changed the way we view power and that's why I decided to tell this story," Ranaut had said in a statement.

She had said she was fascinated by the power dynamics that came into play at the time.

The Emergency was imposed by Gandhi from June 25, 1975 to March 21, 1977. During the 21-month period, the fundamental rights of the people were put under strict curbs.

After lifting the Emergency, Gandhi called for Lok Sabha elections, in which her Congress party was handed a crushing defeat — its first-ever since the country's independence in 1947 — by the combined opposition of the Janata Party.