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*The fool is never satisfied while the wise man finds wealth in contentment.*

## COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, May 6: During RAT conducted on 59 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 34 passengers; no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 51 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. At Helipad, 2 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. - Source : IP&T

## HUNDREDS OF VACANT POSTS LYING UNFILLED IN DIRECTORATE OF STATISTICS

**:: AE Correspondent ::**  
Port Blair, May 6: At a time, thousands of educated unemployed youth of the islands are running pillar to post looking for employment, both in private as well as government sector, hundreds of posts in various categories are lying unfilled in the Directorate of Economics & Statistics, A&N Administration. According to reports, about 18 posts of Junior Investigator, 35 post of Senior Investigator are lying vacant in the department as on date. The last recruitment for filling up two posts was conducted during the year 2014. Besides, seven posts of Statistical Officer are also laying vacant due to non-conduct of DPC. DPC for two posts of Research Officer has not been conducted and the posts are laying vacant for the past many years. Two posts of Chief Planning Officer, one each for Zilla Parishad, South Andaman and Zilla Parishad, North & Middle Andaman have not been filled since 2017. Most of the government departments under the

UT administration are functional without Statistical Units as a result of which, data compilation and preparing annual plans work are hampered. Due to non-filling of posts in the Statistical cadres, departments like Transport, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Education, Zilla Parishad South Andaman & North Andaman, Forest, Tourism, Publicity, Health, Shipping, Electricity, APWD, Port Management, Civil Supply etc. are facing problems in plans preparation related works. Non-filling of vacant posts has resulted in a situation that even highly qualified candidates are ready to work as Daily Rated Mazdoor (DRM) in any government department. This is a clear indicator about the increasing unemployment problems faced by the educated unemployed youth in the islands. The administration has miserably failed to fill up vacant posts in various departments. But what is surprising is that the same administration is engaging retired government officers as consultants



in different departments, including various sections of the Secretariat. It is learnt that some government officers at the level of Assistant Directors, Assistant Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries are

re-engaged in hefty monthly honorarium. Despite availing the benefit of all government schemes like pension schemes, these retired babus are still on the hunt for post-retirement jobs.

## MP demands to repair both DG sets of Katchal Power House, supply petrol to Katchal Island

Port Blair, May 6: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to direct the concerned agencies to take concrete measures to repair both the DG sets of Katchal Power House and also to supply sufficient quantities of petrol to Katchal Island. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament pointed out that in Katchal Island there are two DG sets out of which one is already nonfunctional and the other has also some issues. The Member of Parliament added that the Chief Captain of Katchal Island has informed him that the load-shedding has already started in Katchal Island and in coming days if some concrete steps are not taken then the Island may witness total blackouts. He also pointed out that the Katchal Island is presently facing a petrol crisis and two-wheeler owners are being given nearly one liter of petrol every alternative day as according to him the Katchal ANI DCO fuel outlet has petrol left for only one week. - Source : Media Cell, MP

## Scared of Illegal activities, Residents of AIR colony writes to police

### *Abandoned quarters turned easy hide for illegal acts and drug peddlers*

**:: AE Correspondent ::**  
Port Blair, May 6: The abandoned government quarters in the All-India Radio colony have reportedly turned den for the drug peddlers. Scared of the activities in the colony during late night hours i.e., from 10.30 PM to 2 AM. Residents have reportedly approached the Superintendent of Police-South Andaman with the request to increase patrolling in the area and nab the people involved in the activities. As per residents, suspicious activities of outsiders can be seen daily night after 10 PM to 2 AM in the early morning. Involvement of youths of the colony has

also been accepted by the residents in a silent voice. Residents say that few drunkards often occupy the area near the well near ISPW quarters during night hours. Scared of druggists, residents don't dare enough to come out and stop them. At the same time they are worried that druggists can do any act. The Prasar Bharati constructed several quarters in the colony for the staff of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair. Due to non-occupation and want of maintenance, many of them got dilapidated. All such quarters are presently abandoned and hardly anyone

from the colony moves around these quarters. Being a reserved Colony hardly any general public moves into it. So abandoned the government quarters turn den for drug peddlers. This isolation has made the area heaven for execution of illegal activities like drug trade, drug consumption, liquor consumption etc. It's a safe hide out for illegal activities. Scared of probable threat due to drug trade and consumption in the locality, residents have now approached the Superintendent of Police with request to increase patrolling in the area and nab the people involved in such activities.

## Chakka Jam to protest delay NH-4 work

**:: Gurudas Biswas ::**  
Billiground, May 06: A Chakka Jam was organized today jointly by Gram Panchayats of Swadesh Nagar, Hari Nagar and Basanti Pur Panchayat PRIs in association with the auto union tuktu union and general public at Billiground Bazar to protest against the negligence and unaccountability of NHIDCL/NH4 contract-agency. PRIs and the



## Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, May 6: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,77,109 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 23,438 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 yrs. and 11,898

beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 12 to 14 yrs. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 20824. A total of 808 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands. 694

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## Free Rugby football coaching camp from May 14

**:: Revathi ::**  
Port Blair, May 6: The Rugby Football Union of India has decided to develop Rugby Sports in the rural and backward areas. In this connection, a free Coaching Camp is scheduled at Port Blair from May 14 onwards for 15 days. During the initial period, reputed coach from Rugby Football all Union of India will lead the coaching. Interested players from Educational Institutions, Sports Organization/Sports Clubs have been requested to register their names at State Olympic Association, Netaji Stadium before May 13, a press release from ANSOA said.

## BJP State President for fresh BPL survey

Port Blair, May 6: Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands in a letter requested Mr. Amit Shah, Home Minister, GOI, Mr. Piyush Goyal, Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, GOI, Lt Governor & Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to guide concerned authority for fresh Special Survey of Below Poverty Line (BPL) Category in A & N Islands. He further stated that, As the last survey for the same was done a while ago, Many Islanders are left out of BPL category and are unavailable to receive benefits of various schemes extended by Government of India. - Source : Media Cell, BJP

## Low pressure area formed over South Andaman Sea, neighbouring region: IMD



Port Blair, May 6: Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands till May 8 because of this system and fishermen have been asked not to venture into Andaman Sea. Under the influence of the cyclonic circulation over South Andaman Sea and neighbourhood, a Low Pressure Area (LPA) has formed over South Andaman Sea and adjoining southeast Bay of Bengal, India Meteorological Department (IMD)

announced on Friday. The associated cyclonic circulation extends up to mid-tropospheric levels and it is very likely to move northwards and intensify into a depression during the next 48 hours, said IMD's meteorological analysis based on 5.30 a.m. observations. Heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places is very likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands till May 8 because of this system and fishermen have been asked not to venture into

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## The Indian leg of the Great Backyard Bird Count records an impressive 1,017 species

A pair of bright yellow eyes stared right back at Angeline Mano, a 23-year-old birder, as she zoomed in with her binoculars.

Angeline was at Stanley Reservoir in Salem, one of the largest fishing reservoirs in South India, documenting birds for the

recently-concluded, annual Global Backyard Bird Count (GBCC). The bulky bird with a finely streaked breast, was a brown fish owl, perched on a branch just 10 metres away.

The India leg of the four-day event, coordinated by Bird Count India, allowed participants to count birds for as little as 15 minutes from a particular location. They upload their sightings online, on eBird (www.ebird.org/india), the world's largest biodiversity-related citizen science platform.

"I was thrilled to see a brown fish owl for the first time," says Angeline, adding "I also saw the migratory European bee eater and a white-naped tit, endemic to

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## Discovering the watery milieu: Leatherback Sea Turtles

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) with Andaman and Nicobar Regional Center has started a survey to monitor the number of breeding leatherback sea turtles. The intent is to monitor the science of breeding the leatherback turtle and its associated ecology. Since very little is known about leatherback populations from Indian waters, the study is being conducted on the shape of eggs, turtle cubs, and adult female turtles & their nesting behaviour. Usually, their nesting season on the Andaman Island begins in December and goes on till March every year. The most dominant threats to leatherback sea turtles emerge on nesting beaches due to

developmental plans, plastic pollution & sea erosion of the oceans.

Recently, researchers have recorded the maximum number of growth rate of hatching from 21 to 146 percent.

Leatherback Turtles On The Rise!

"Recently, 152 leatherback sea turtles have been classified to collect data on the measurements of eggs and adults during breeding", said ZSI chief Dr. Dhriti Bandyopadhyay.

Port Blair Andaman-Nicobar Regional Center scientist Chandrakasan Shivaparaman said, "The number of houses, the number of laying eggs, and the number of hatching babies have increased a lot

in the last four years." In 2018-2019, the growth rate of hatching was 21 percent whereas, in 2019-2020, the rate has increased to 146 percent.

Survey Insights

In South Asia, these turtles are seen only in India and Sri Lanka mainly on the west coast of Great Nicobar at the mouths of the Dagmar & Alexandra rivers. Since they are also found on Galathia Bay, a survey of 255 homes on Galathia Beach observed that an average of 450 nests have been seen during the last three breeding seasons.

Importance Of Sea Turtles

Sea turtles are the natural indicators of ocean health. They are a

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## K.Ganeshan condoles demise

Port Blair, May 6: Mr. K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson, PBMC has condoled the sudden demise of Inspector Fire Brigade, Mr. S. S. KHAN. He took his last breath at K. K. Nagar Andaman Guest House today at 0325 hrs. For the last few months, he was undergoing treatment. Mr. Ganeshan has prayed to the Almighty for peace to the departed soul. The body of the deceased arrived in Port Blair today on: 07.05.2022 morning Flight.





# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman EXPRESS

07 May 2022

### Fighting non-Covid

In the past two years, as the Covid pandemic cast a lengthening shadow over lives and livelihoods, a substantial body of reportage, surveys and scholarly accounts shone a light on the deficiencies of India's healthcare system. The plight of Covid patients who could not get timely medical care during the first and second waves is a shared memory. With the virus-afflicted swamping hospitals and resources being diverted to contain the pandemic, concerns were also expressed about patients of other diseases being left in the lurch. These fears were not adequately addressed. An analysis by this newspaper of the Civil Registration System (CRS) data, released on Tuesday, conveys the magnitude of the country's healthcare deficit during the first year of the crisis. The proportion of people dying for want of medical attention increased from 34.5 per cent of all recorded deaths in 2019 to 45 per cent in 2020 — the largest single-year jump. Deaths under institutional care dropped from 32.1 per cent to 28 per cent, the sharpest ever decline. The 2021 fact sheet is likely to be even more grave, given the more lethal second wave.

Since 2011, an increasing number of mortalities in the country have been brought under the CRS ambit. In 2019, 92 per cent of all estimated deaths were registered. This increase has been concomitant with another tendency: The proportion of people dying without receiving medical attention has been going up in the past 10 years. The pandemic seems to have accelerated this trend. The office of the Registrar General does not give a disease-wise break-up of deaths. But read along with other studies, the data set released on Tuesday is a useful indicator of the pressure on the medical system during the pandemic. For instance, the WHO estimates that in 2020, the country lost the highest number of people to tuberculosis since 2013 even as there was a sharp decline in the number of TB cases that were detected in the first year of the pandemic. There have also been several reports of critically ill people — many of them with Covid-related comorbidities such as cancer, diabetes, kidney and cardiovascular disease — being neglected during the fight against the coronavirus.

The Ayushman Bharat programme has considerably expanded the scope of healthcare in the country. But the pandemic should occasion more serious thinking on addressing the shortfalls. The country's rapidly increasing chronic diseases caseload, detailed in the Global Burden of Disease studies of the past five years, underlines that this task cannot be left for later.

# SC collegium recommends names of Gujarat HC judge, Gauhati chief justice for apex court

The Supreme Court collegium headed by CJI N V Ramana has recommended to the Centre the names of Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Gujarat High Court Judge Justice Jamshed B Pardiwala for elevation as judges in the top court, an official statement said on Friday.

The recommendations, if accepted by the Centre, would ensure that the apex court would

regain its full strength of 34 judges and Justice Pardiwala would go on to become the CJI for over two years.

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended elevation of the following Chief Justice/Judge of the High Courts, as Judges in the Supreme Court: 1. Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court, (Parent High Court; Uttarakhand); and 2. Mr. Justice J B Pardiwala, Judge,

Gujarat High Court, said the collegium's resolution posted on the apex court website.

Besides the CJI, senior most judge Justice Uday Umesh Lalit and justices A M Khanwilkar, D Y Chandrachud and L Nageswara Rao are part of the collegium.

Justice Dhulia, who will be the second judge to be elevated from the Uttarakhand High Court, is the sibling of national award-winning film

director and actor Tigra Manishu Dhulia and would have a tenure of little over three years.

Justice Pardiwala will be the fourth judge from the Parsi community to adorn the top court bench and the first high court judge from the minority community who has been elevated in the last five years after Justice S Abdul Nazeer.

Justice Nazeer was elevated to the Supreme Court in February 2017. With the retirement of Justice R Subhash Reddy on January 4 this year, the total strength of apex court judges had come down to 32 against the sanctioned strength of 34 and now with the fresh recommendation, if acted upon, will ensure full strength in the top court.

Justice Dhulia, born on August 10, 1960, hails from Madanpur, a remote village in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand, and joined the Bar at the Allahabad High Court in 1986. Justice Pardiwala, born on August 12, started practising Law in the High Court of Gujarat in 1990.

The CJI, who himself will demit office on August 26 this year, has been successful in evolving consensus in the five-judge collegium to unanimously recommend a record number of 11

names so far, since August last year.

The apex court, which did not get a single judge after the superannuation of the then CJI Ranjan Gogoi on November 17, 2019, had nine existing vacancies when CJI Ramana had taken over and the high courts had around 600 vacancies.

The collegium then ensured the filling up of nine vacancies in the Supreme Court in August last year in one go and Justice B V Nagarathna, one of three women judges, would become the first woman CJI.

Besides the collegium of the top three judges has recommended so far 180 names for appointment as judges of various high courts.

The year 2022 is going to be the second year since the inception of the top court in 1950 which will see three different CJIs in as many months. The incumbent CJI, who will demit office on August 26, will be succeeded by Justice Lalit having a tenure of a little over two months.

Justice Lalit's retirement in November will pave the way for Justice D Y Chandrachud to take over as head of the judiciary for a term of a little over two years.

- Source : Theweek

### The Indian leg of.

India and a threatened species." A nature educator with the Salem Ornithological Foundation, she has emerged as a top birder from India at the GBCC, with a maximum number of 384 lists, a feat she achieved after spending over 90 hours of birding.

"The 10th edition of GBCC India was a rousing success," says Mittal Gala, project coordinator with Bird Count India, an umbrella group of a large number of birding, nature and conservation organisations. "Three thousand birders uploaded 41,694 checklists and recorded an impressive 1,017 species, which is 75% of the total number of species known to occur in the country."

Mittal adds that such initiatives create snapshots of bird diversity across India, and provide insights into how the world's birds may be faring over time. In South India, the house crow, common mynah and black drongos continued to be the top three commonly spotted birds. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands recorded four new species in the top five: the Andaman coucal, red-whiskered bulbul, white-throated kingfisher, and brown shrike."

Tamil Nadu was the top State in contributing data, followed by Kerala, Karnataka, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Salem district in Tamil Nadu alone uploaded over 8,000 checklists. "Birdwatching and bird monitoring evolved as a conservation movement over the years because of GBCC," says Ganeshwar SV, founder of the Salem Ornithological Foundation.

While in the last two years, India ranked third behind the US

and Canada in terms of checklists uploaded, this year India came in second behind the US, which uploaded close to two lakh checklists.

Every year, the event sees new regions step up to participate. This year, birders in Tripura uploaded 379 lists, a remarkable growth from just five lists in 2021.

Dipak Sinha who teaches at College of Agriculture, Lembucherra, credits this feat to increased participation from the student community. "A team of 80 birders took part covering Tripura, Gomathi, and Dhalai districts. We saw the red-throated thrush, a rarely spotted winter migrant. I go on Nature walks and birding regularly with my students to encourage them, and one of them, Chayan Debnath, has 88 checklists from here."

The Campus Bird Count, which runs alongside GBCC in India, records birdlife in multiple campuses. Abhin M Sunil, a postgraduate student of Kerala Agriculture University, Thrissur, recorded over 100 bird species at the campus, which has streams, ponds, a botanical garden, plantations, and paddy fields, covering a variety of habitats. "We recorded the white-cheeked barbets in large numbers and other rare birds like the white-rumped shama, blue-faced Malkhova, and brown-breasted flycatcher. We tracked

a decline in numbers this year, perhaps due to a spell of dry weather this year," he says.

At Panchayat Union Middle School in Krishnampudur, Tamil Nadu, every student has turned birder inspired by their school headmaster S Senthil Kumar who has documented the migratory European bee eater at Mettur, and also the nesting and feeding behaviour of resident birds like the yellow wagtail and Indian nightjar.

"Our students came up with 4,200 checklists which helped push the tally of Tamil Nadu to number one," he says, adding, "The hobby has made students responsible. They care for birds and don't hunt birds or damage their nests. We have set up artificial nests that attract birds like the Indian roller and Brahmany starling." - Source : thehindu



## New schedule for administering COVID-19 vaccine at JNRM announced

Port Blair, May 6: The general public have been informed that due to administrative reason, the vaccination schedule for COVID-19 vaccine at JNRM has been changed with effect from May 7, 2022 as per the schedule mentioned below:

Vaccine Type	Day
Covishield	Monday, Tuesday
Corbevax	Wednesday, Thursday
Corbevax /Covovax	Friday
Covaxin	Saturday

In this regard, the general public have been requested to follow the new schedule as mentioned above for their vaccination, a press release from DHS said.

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**LAXMI GANESHAN**  
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Ref. No. : 1123/22

Date : 07.05.2022.

To  
**The Superintendent of Police**  
South Andaman, Port Blair.

Sub: Intimation of illegal activities in AIR colony and request for increase of patrolling-reg:

Respected Sir,

With due appreciation to your efforts in maintaining law and order in the District, I wish to bring into your knowledge the illegal activities being report from All India Radio, Colony, Port Blair. As narrated by the residents of the colony, the abandoned government quarters in the All-India Radio colony have turned den for the drug peddlers and illegal activities. Suspicious activities of outsiders have been noticed on regular basis from 10 PM to 2 AM in the early morning. Scared of the activities in the colony during late night hours, residents have approached me to take up the matter with appropriate authority.

Involvement of youths of the colony has also been accepted by the residents in a silent voice. Residents say that few drunkards often occupy the area near the well near ISPW quarters during night hours. Scared of druggists, residents don't dare enough to come out and stop them. At the same time, they are worried that druggists can do any act.

The Prasar Bharti constructed several quarters in the colony for the staff of All India Radio and Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair. Due to non-occupation and want of maintenance, many of them got dilapidated. All such quarters are presently abandoned and hardly anyone from the colony moves around these quarters. Being the reserved Colony hardly any general public moves into it. So abandoned govt. quarters turn den for drug peddlers. This isolation has made the area heaven for execution of illegal activities like drug trade, drug consumption, liquor consumption etc. It's a safe hide out for illegal activities.

It is humbly requested to look into the matter and do the needful to stop illegal acts and nab the people involved in activities. As an immediate relief to residents of the colony, it is requested that patrolling of police personnel may be increased in the area especially during late night hours.

Residents have assured of all support to nab the people involved in illegal acts in the abandoned quarters of the colony.

In anticipation of immediate and effective measure from good end to curb the menace, on behalf of residents of the colony and area I extend heartiest gratitude to you and your organization.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**Laxmi Ganeshan**  
Ward Councillor, Ward No-8,  
Port Blair Municipal Council, Buniyadabad, Port Blair.  
Mob: 9932080982

### Chakka Jam to protest...

general public put questions to the administration for its silence. Mr. Debabrata Das, Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Swadesh Nagar, Shri Monajit Halder pradhan GP Harinagar, Shri Dilip Das PSM Harinagar, Shri Sankar Mondal ZPM Harinagar and Smt Shiban Mazumder Panchayate Samiti Pramukh raised various issues of concern such as high volume of polythene pollutants in air causing health issues on both sides of NH4. At every crossing of vehicles on NH4, the school children get showered by soil-water stored in the pot-holes while walking towards school. On availing loan for purchasing vehicles. No experts are engaged to check the quality and

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quantity of work. Hence, the road from Choudhari to Aberdeen is much better than the road at any other place in the state. The condition of patients in ambulances becomes worse and even causes death while traveling through the NH4 in an emergency.

On the arrival of General Manager, NHIDCL, he assured and committed to the public to shift the machines to Thoraklang village under Swadesh Nagar Panchayat by 7th May, 2022 and start the work. The Assistant Commissioner, Mayabunder issued a written order to do so accordingly without fail. The GM NHIDCL signed down to ensure the commitment.

### Low pressure area..

Andaman Sea during next three days; into southeast and central Bay of Bengal during next five days. Squally with wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph likely to prevail over Andaman

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Sea & adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal and it is likely to increase to 55-65 kmph gusting to 75 kmph by May 8 over north Andaman Sea & adjoining Southeast and East central Bay of Bengal.

### Vaccination- shield..

eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 30 beneficiaries were in the age group of 12-14 years, 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 324.98 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle

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Andaman District, out of which 6 beneficiaries were in the age group of 12-14 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 77.16 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which 5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 12-14 years. - Source : IP&T

### Discovering the watery..

fundamental link in marine ecosystem. Their role, in sustaining marine ecosystems is pivotal. Postulated as the "keystone species", they are an indispensable part of the environment. The leatherback being the largest living turtle on the planet is considered vulnerable species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

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Since Leatherback turtles consume large numbers of jellyfish which keeps the natural order of the environment and it may be disrupted if they are endangered, thereby impacting other wildlife & fauna in different ways. Marine turtles also provide a crucial source of income for ecotourism in coastal communities. newsonair.com

## CIRCULAR

Port Blair, May 6: The Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee has taken a serious note on the power cut issue and 100% job reservation for Islander and has decided to organize protests to compel the A&N Administration to negotiate settlement on the demands. Regarding this, a meeting will be held at Gandhi Bhawan on 07/05/2022 at 3:30 pm to decide grassroot level preparations for organizing the protests. All office bearers of ANTCC, DCC, CCC, BCC, Pradesh Youth Congress, Pradesh Mahila Congress, INTUC, Pradesh NSUI, Pradesh Fishermen Congress, Pradesh Seva Dal, Jawahar Bal Manch, Minority Department, elected PRI's and PBMC Councilors are hereby requested to positively attend the meeting without fail.

(Rangalal Halder)  
President, ANTCC

## Asian Games 2022 postponed amid fresh Covid-19 in China

The Asian Games 2022, scheduled to be held in the Chinese city of Hangzhou from September 10-25, have been postponed until 2023. No alternative date has been announced so far. The decision comes at a time when China is battling its biggest Covid-19 outbreak. China's financial hub Shanghai, with its 25 million residents, has been battling a major wave of infections and was put under tight lockdown recently. Most international sporting events in China have been postponed or cancelled since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, with the exception of the Winter Olympics, which went ahead in Beijing under strict health controls in February. Hangzhou organisers said in early April that all 56 competition venues for the Games had been completed and test events were continuing as the city prepared to host more than 11,000 athletes from 44 nations and territories, Reuters reported. - Source : Theweek



### Notice Inviting e-Tenders

No. 130-DB/RCD/e-tender/2021-22/ 2002 Wimberly Gunj Dt. 2/05/2022

The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Division, A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj invites on behalf of President of India online Item rate tender/ bid from the approved and eligible contractors of the Andaman PWD or all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD works manual and with other GOI Organizations in these Island and do not have any adverse remarks: -

1. NIT No. 73/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/21-22 (Tender ID: 2022\_APWD\_5841\_1).

Construction of Anganwadi Centre at Tapu Basthi-II, under Bambooflat Sub Division, RCD, APWD, Wimberly Gunj.(Third call). Estimate Cost:- ‘. 21,48,308/- EMD :- ‘ 42,966/- Time of completion:- 06 (Six) Months.

2. NIT No. 74/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/21-22 (Tender ID: 2022\_APWD\_5843\_1).

Construction of Anganwadi Centre at Hope Town-I, under Bambooflat Sub Division, RCD, APWD, Wimberly Gunj.(Third call)Estimate Cost:- ‘. 21,18,686/- EMD :- ‘ 42,374/- Time of completion:- 06 (Six) Months.

Last date of Submission: 25/05/2022 at 3.00 PM and Opening date : 27/05/2022 at 10.00 AM

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website – <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app>.

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### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Stewartgunj invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

**1. NIT NO.** EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/21-22/1148 **Name of Work:-** Construction of CC Footpath from A.Hamza house to A.Ibrahim house Govindapuram at Ward No. 01 under Stewartgunj Gram Panchayat. **Estimated Cost Rs:-** 7, 10,172/- **Earnest Money Deposit:-** 14,203/- **Time of Completion:-** Three (03) Months, Tender Fee:- ‘.500/- & last date & time of submission of bid:- 17/05/2022 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

**Tender ID:- 2022\_RDPRI\_5855\_1**

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Executive Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj Institution,  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Port Blair  
South Andaman

Stay Home!  
Stay Safe!

### NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. e-tender-DB/CD/CN/2022-23/1000 Car Nicobar, dated 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2022

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Andaman P.W.D., Car Nicobar invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from experienced and eligible contractors having valid GST Registration and requisite experience of having successfully completed similar work(s) of relevant magnitude without any adverse remarks in any of the Govt. Organization in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the following work:

1) (NIT No. 01/EE/DB/CD/CN/2022-23) Construction of control room at Kakana godown, Kakana Village, Car Nicobar. E.C.P.T.: ‘. 6,64,921/-, EMD: ‘. 13,298 & Time of Completion: 03 (Three) Months. (Tender ID : 2022-APWD-5783-1)

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I Chennak Das, D/o Shri Nikhil Das, R/o R.K.Gram village under Diglipur Tehsil in North Andaman do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare the following:-

That I have married with “KARUN MAJHI”, S/O Shri Ramen Ch. Majhi, R/o Ramnagar village under Diglipur Tehsil in North Andaman. Being a Hindu Rights and Custom after marriage I have adopted my husband surname “MAJHI” and left my father surname “DAS”.

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After executing this affidavit all men of this locality known to me as “CHENNAK MAJHI” not ‘CHENNAK DAS”.

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## IN CONVERSATION

# NASA CLIMATE RESEARCH SCIENTIST WINS WORLD FOOD PRIZE

A NASA climate research scientist who has spent much of her career explaining how global food production must adapt to a changing climate was awarded the World Food Prize on Thursday.

Cynthia Rosenzweig, an agronomist and climatologist, was awarded the \$250,000 prize in recognition of her innovative modeling of the impact of climate change on food production. She is a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and serves as adjunct senior research scientist at the Columbia Climate School at Columbia University, both based in New York.

Rosenzweig, whose win was announced during a ceremony at the State Department in Washington, said she hopes it will focus attention on the need to improve food and agricultural systems to lessen the effects of climate change.

We basically cannot solve climate change unless we address the issues of the greenhouse gas emissions from the food system, and we cannot provide food security for all unless we work really hard to develop resilient systems, she told The Associated Press during an interview ahead of the ceremony.

Jose Fernandez, the undersecretary of state for economic growth, energy and the environment, said more than 160 million people worldwide experienced food insecurity last year, a 19% increase over the year before, and one of the root causes is a decline in food production due to global warming.

Climate change has already had a significant and negative impact on global agricultural production and its impact is only going to get worse. We're seeing rice fields drown in floods. We're seeing other crops wither in drought. We're seeing shellfish die in more acidic oceans and crop diseases are spreading to new regions. We likely would not understand all these problems as well as we do today without the work of Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, this year's World Food Prize laureate, he said.

The Des Moines-based World Food Prize Foundation award recognized Rosenzweig as the founder of the Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project. The organization draws scientists from around the world and from many disciplines to advance methods for improving predictions of the future performance of agricultural and food

systems as the global climate changes.

The foundation credited her work with directly helping decision-makers in more than 90 countries establish plans to prepare for climate change.

In her work, Rosenzweig has studied how farmers can deal with climate change and how agriculture worsens the problem. For example, she contributed to a research



paper published last month that said global agri-food systems create nearly one-third of the total global greenhouse gases emitted by human activity.

Rosenzweig said the world needs to reduce such emissions and adapt to the changing climate. She noted that greenhouse gases come from many parts of food production, including the release of carbon and carbon dioxide through the clearing of forests for farmland and the oxidation of carbon through the plowing of fields. The use of fertilizer also releases atmospheric nitrous oxide, farm equipment emits fossil fuels and cattle release methane.

Rosenzweig, who describes herself as a climate impact scientist, grew up in Scarsdale, New York, a suburban area that she said led her to seek out life in the country. She moved to Tuscany, Italy, with her husband-to-be in her 20s and developed a passion for agriculture. Upon returning to the United States, she focused her education on agronomy.

She worked as a graduate student at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies in the early 1980s, when global climate

models were beginning to show the effects of human generated carbon dioxide on the global climate. As the only team member studying agronomy, she researched the impact on food production and has been working since then to answer those questions, she said.

Rosenzweig's work led to the Environmental Protection Agency's first projections of the effect of climate change on the nation's agricultural regions in the agency's assessment of the potential effects of climate change on the United States in 1988. She was the first to bring climate change to the attention of the American Society of Agronomy and she organized the first sessions on the issue in the 1980s.

She completed the first projections of how climate change will affect food production in North America in 1985 and globally in 1994, and she was one of the first scientists to document that climate change was already impacting food production and cultivation.

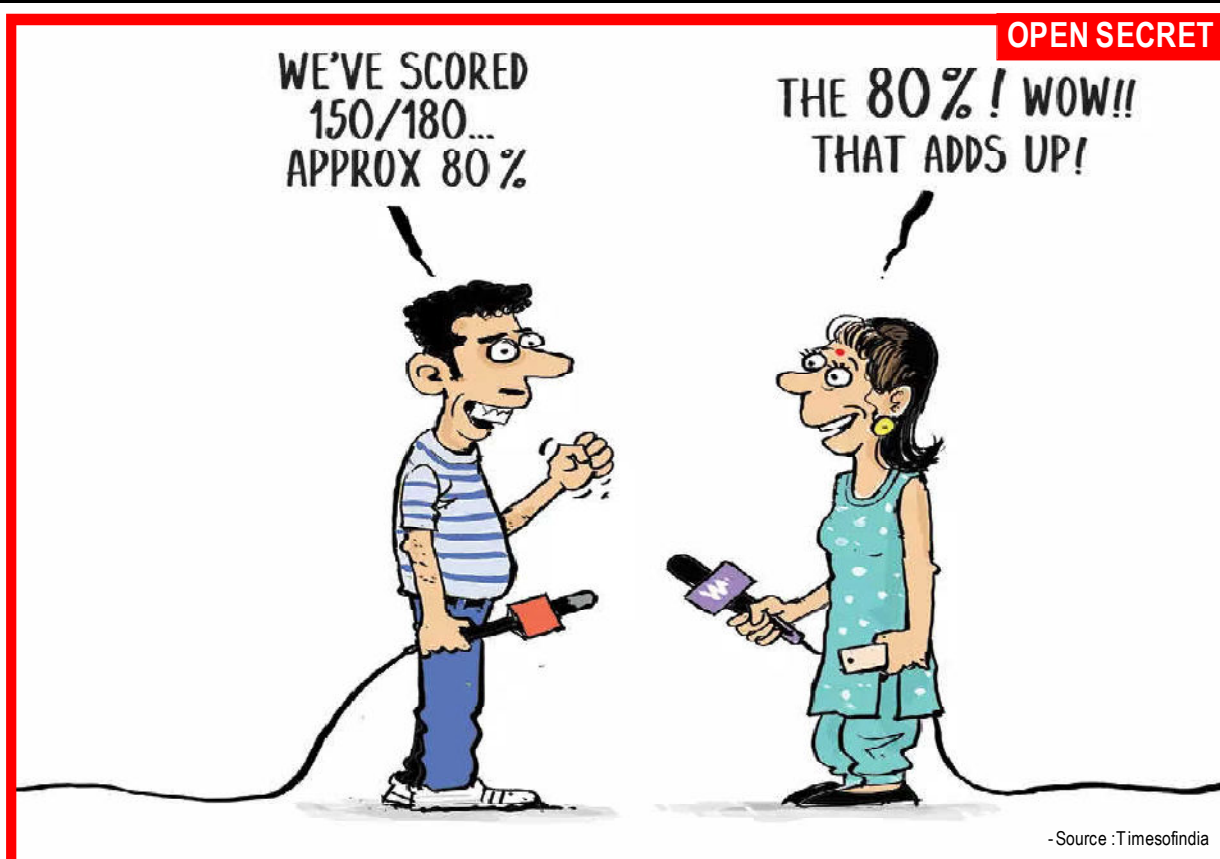
The research organization she founded, AgMIP, develops adaptation packages, which could include the use of more drought-tolerant seeds and improved water management practices. In Bangladesh the group is working with rice farmers to develop new practices for managing rice paddies to reduce the significant release of methane produced by the existing process.

She said even the largest agribusiness corporations have shown a willingness to listen. She said some models colleagues have developed show how businesses could be affected by climate change and how they too have a role to play in reversing impact on climate.

It's really a global partnership of all the global food system to come together to restrain climate change and maintain the food security for the planet, she said.

World Food Prize Foundation President Barbara Stinson, who announced the winner, credited Rosenzweig for innovations that helped countries respond to climate change. Nobel Prize laureate Norman Borlaug created the World Food Prize in 1986 to recognize scientists and others who have improved the quality and availability of food. Rosenzweig will receive the award and make a speech during an October ceremony in Des Moines.

- Source : The week



- Source : Timesofindia

## Vedika Sharma wins bronze in women's 10m air pistol at Deaflympics

NEW DELHI: India won its third shooting medal at the ongoing 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil, with Vedika Sharma clinching a bronze in the women's 10m air Pistol event.

Vedika shot 207.2 in the finals to finish behind Chinese Taipei's Kao Ya-Ju, who won silver with a score of 232 on day four of competitions.

Ukraine's Inna Afonchenko won gold with a final tally of 236.3 at the end of the 24-shot eight-woman final.

Dhanush Srikanth had won gold and Shourya Saini bronze in the men's 10m air rifle competition on day three to give India its first two shooting medals of the Deaflympics.

With the mixed team gold in badminton, India now has four medals in the Games and is in eighth place in the

standings. The final of the women's 10m air pistol event saw two Indian competitors with Pranjali Dhumal, who had qualified ahead of Vedika, finishing fourth to narrowly miss out on a medal.

Pranjal had topped the qualification round with a score of 561 while Vedika had grabbed the eighth and final qualifying spot with a round of 538.

In the women's 10m air rifle, two Indians again made it to the final round but a medal eluded them.

Priyesh Deshmukh finished fourth in the finals with a score of 203.4 while Natasha Joshi was seventh with 141.1. They had qualified in the same individual positions with scores of 618.9 and 617.6 respectively in the 60-shot qualification round. India has sent 10 shooters in its 65-strong contingent for the Brazil



Deaflympics. It is its largest and youngest ever squad and will be participating in 11 sporting disciplines.

- Source : Timesofindia

## Asian Games postponement: Indian hockey players disappointed but count on positives

NEW DELHI: The indefinite postponement of the Hangzhou Asian Games has come as a big disappointment for majority of country's athletes but the Indian hockey team players have taken the deferment positively, saying it will give them additional time to prepare for the continental showpiece.

The Hangzhou Asian Games, which were scheduled to take place from September 10 to 25, were on Friday postponed indefinitely amid a recent surge in COVID-19 cases in China.

The new dates of the event will be announced in near future. Reacting to the development, veteran Indian men's hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh said they were not



taken aback by the announcement.

"Yes, it's a disappointment but somewhere down the line we were expecting it considering the situation in China," he told PTL.

"But we want to look at it (postponement) from positive

point of view because the postponement means we will get more time to prepare for the Asian Games."

The lanky custodian hopes the postponement will bring good luck for them, the way it did during the Tokyo Games, where India won a historic Olympic bronze medal after 41 years.

"We already have the experience of playing in a postponed Games (Tokyo Olympics), so we know what it takes to remain in shape."

"The positive part is that there are plenty of tournaments lined-up for us like the Asia Cup, away Pro League matches, Commonwealth Games and World Cup next year. The dates of the postponed Asian Games are yet to be announced, so we will get enough time to prepare our best for the Asian Games," Sreejesh said.

A senior women's team player, who did not wish to be named, said the postponement has both positive and negative consequences.

"It is really sad that the Asian Games are postponed. After the Tokyo Olympics success and some fine performances in the Pro League matches, we are determined to qualify for the Paris Games through the Asian Games," said the player, who was a member of the Tokyo squad.

"We have been growing from strength to strength under

Janekke Schopman and the team looked in good rhythm. Now there is uncertainty when the Games will happen but we will continue to put in the hard yards in our training. Just like Tokyo, it is important for us not to lose focus."

The Asian Games postponement also opened up the doors for members of both the senior men and women teams to participate in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games, where India had earlier decided to send its reserve hockey sides due to short turnaround between the two events.

A Hockey India official said now that the Asian Games had been postponed, the main team players can be considered for the Birmingham CWG as the squads are yet to be announced.

"We still don't know what will happen because the postponement came as a shock to us. Earlier, we decided to send separate teams for CWG and Asiad because of just 32 days turnaround between the two events and we wanted our main team to peak in Asian Games, which is a qualifier for Paris Olympics," the official told PTL.

"But now that the Asian Games are postponed we can include players from the senior teams in CWG. It is too early to say anything because we will need to look at the fresh dates of the Asian Games and then adjust our calendar accordingly."

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