

**Thought for today**  
*For giving of love and mercy to others is also a form of charity.*

## Doctors speak

Port Blair, Sept 7: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast DOCTORS SPEAK Live Phone-in programme on the Topic - "KIDNEY DISEASE" on 08/09/2021, Wednesday from 1700 hrs to 1800 hrs. In this programme Dr. Shiv Shanker Singh, Senior Medical Consultant, G.B. Pant Hospital will be the expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

## Priya Indane customers told to avail additional bottle connection

Port Blair, Sept 7: Single Bottle Connection Ujjawala & normal customers of Priya Indane, have been informed that they can avail additional bottle connection i.e. Double Bottle Connection immediately from the distributorship. For further details, please contact Showroom: Priya Indane, Junglughat Port Blair Phone: 03192232897 or Priya Indane, Near SBI, Bambooflat, South Andaman-Phone: 9933278497.

# CS orders for operation of special vessel for Little Andaman on the request of MP

Port Blair, Sept 7: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma during his meeting with the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr. Jitendra Narain on Monday highlighted the problems being faced by dozens of students of Little Andaman Islands, who are unable to reach Port Blair to appear in NEET exam scheduled on 12 September 2021.

During the meeting, the Member of Parliament also pointed out that after the reopening of local colleges, college students from Little Andaman are also facing similar problems and are unable to reach Port Blair to attend the college.

The Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to



operate a special vessel on 9th September 2021 from Port Blair to Little Andaman so that these students can be brought to Port Blair. Taking immediate action the Chief Secretary directed the concerned authorities to operate

a special ferry from Port Blair to Little Andaman on 9th September 2021 for the benefit of these students. Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma expressed his gratitude towards the Chief Secretary for this swift action.

# MP takes up ATR express bus issue of Kadamtala & Nimbudera; CS issues immediate directions to concerned department

Port Blair, Sept 07: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr. Jitendra Narain on Monday. During the meeting, the Member of Parliament highlighted the problems being faced by the people of the Kadamtala and Nimbudera region due to lack of ATR express bus service from Port Blair.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that there are around two Panchayats under the Kadamtala region and four Panchayats

under the Nimbudera region and people of these areas are suffering heavily in absence of ATR express bus service from Port Blair.

Taking immediate action, the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration directed the concerned department to operate STS express buses for Kadamtala and Nimbudera from tomorrow.

The Member of Parliament expressed gratitude towards the Chief Secretary for this swift action for the welfare of the public of the Kadamtala and Nimbudera regions.

# MP Assures construction of Toilet Blocks for JNV Chouldari from MPLAD fund

Port Blair, Sept 07: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chouldari on Monday and took part in the community tree plantation programme. During the

programme the Member of Parliament interacted with the Principal, Teachers of JNV Chouldari and Parents of the school students. The school management informed the Member of Parliament that the school presently needs new

classrooms for class XI and XII and toilet blocks on which the Member of Parliament assured to construct classrooms for Class XI and Class XII along with Toilet Blocks for the JNV Chouldari School from MPLAD fund.

## Media briefing on COVID-19

Port Blair, Sept 7: One new positive case of COVID-19 has been detected on Tuesday. All the 686 passengers, who arrived here in flights on Monday, tested negative for the infection. A total of 720 passengers arrived here in four flights on Tuesday. RT-PCR tests were conducted on them and the results will be available tomorrow. One of the 262 passengers bound for the North and Middle Andaman district tested positive for the infection at Farrarganj today, informed Mr SK Singh, Secretary, Information, Publicity and Tourism.

At the daily press briefing, Mr

# One new +ve case found, over 3.74 lakh vaccinated

Singh informed that all the active cases of COVID-19 in these islands are undergoing treatment at COVID Care facilities in South Andaman. "167 passengers were tested for the infection at Mohanpura, 142 at Phoenix Bay, 07 at the helicopter terminal and all tested negative for the infection. 351 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at JNRM today of which 255 beneficiaries were in the age-group of 18-45 years," informed Mr Singh.

More than 3.74 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in these islands. Over 2.65 lakh beneficiaries have received the

first dose of the vaccine and around 1,09,291 beneficiaries have been administered both the doses. More 1,51,463 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 501,988 samples have been sent for tests at the designated laboratories of which reports of 501,988 have been received taking the rate of testing to 125,497.0 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the media was informed.



# Envi. Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurates country's first functional smog tower at in Delhi

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav today dedicated the first functional Smog Tower in India at Anand Vihar, Delhi.

He expressed hope that the pilot smog tower project will yield fruitful results and supplement the

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# Daily Dry waste collection by Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs

Port Blair, Sept 07: With an aim to ensure bio-archival for the Daily Dry waste collection carried out by the Gram Panchayats, the Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A & N Administration, Port Blair, has floated an online Expression of Interest (EOI) in two bid formats for the collection, management and transportation of Solid Waste from the Clusters of North & Middle Andaman District to mainland for

management of Waste in the Rural areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The accepted copy shall be required to collect waste from the SWM Clusters situated at Nilambur, Kadamtala, Rangat, Shivapuram, Basantpur, Pahalgan, Rampur, Pahalgan, Kishorinagar, Madhupur, Keralapuram in the North & Middle Andaman District and transport to the mainland processing units through authorized agencies. The details and scope of work, terms

and conditions etc. are laid down in the tender document, uploaded in the e-procurement portal <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>. The last date for submission of bids is 22.09.2021. All interested bidders are advised to upload the mandatory documents and submit the bids online in the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>. For any assistance or clarifications, the bidders may contact the Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs on any working day.

# Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 7: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 3,74,499 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1791 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 1,51,463 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 06-09-2021. 1276 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 661 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 460 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which, 180 were in the age group of 18-44 years. In Nicobar District, 55 beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which, 10 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

# State Level Meeting held with NGOs

Port Blair, Sept 07: A meeting of all NGO Heads, Social Workers and active volunteers was held under the chairmanship of Shri Sunee Anandhappa, IAS, Secretary (RD/Panchayat) in the conference hall of Office of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman in connection with the various activities to be carried out as part of 'Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. It was informed during the meeting that as part of the Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has launched various campaigns such as 100 days campaign on Shatthwa Evam Sujalam Abhiyan, Swachhata Hi Sewa, Satyagraha Se Swachhagrah Rath Yatra etc. with an aim to reenergize efforts at the local level and mobilize people for collective action on achieving sustainability of ODF outcomes. He informed that the UD Administration is working for



achievement of Zero Waste Islands and to become the first ODF Plus Union Territory. The Secretary (RD/Panchayat) addressing the gathering informed that Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) has been the largest behavioral change programme accredited by even international agencies. He added that with the Phase-I of the mission

targeting on the other components of sanitation such as Solid and Liquid Waste Management, Faecal Sludge Management, the similar intensity of behavioural change exercise is to be conducted at the grass root level. The role of civil society organization is therefore paramount in making an effective dialogue with the general masses and to carry

out the message of Swachhata to grass root level. During the meeting, the Civil Society Organizations voluntarily adopted various villages for their regular upkeep and maintenance in partnership with the concerned local bodies and support the Administration in its endeavors of Swachhata in the South Andaman District.

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# Tourism & Hospitality industry requests to increase the flight frequency at Port Blair

Port Blair, Sept 7: Prior to the pandemic, Andaman & Nicobar Islands had twenty-two operational flights per day which now has been restricted to less than four flights a day.

India's apex Hospitality Association - Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (FH&RA) has submitted a representation to the Additional Secretary (UT), Ministry of Home Affairs - Shri Govind Mohan requesting

removal of the restriction imposed on the number of incoming flights at Port Blair to allow at least ten flights a day. Tourism is the backbone of the islands' economy and has come

to a complete standstill since the lockdown was imposed earlier last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, Andaman & Nicobar Islands had twenty-two operational flights per day which now has been restricted to less than four flights a day. Airlines have skyrocketed, tickets cancellations are through the roof and the islands are boxed in.

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# Indian aviation minister requests states and territories support aviation infrastructure development

New Delhi, Sept 7: CAPA publishes more than 1,000 global News Briefs every week, covering all aspects of aviation and travel industry. It's the most comprehensive source of market intelligence in the world, with around 50 per cent content translated from non-English sources. The breadth of its coverage means you won't need any other news sources to monitor competitors and stay informed about the latest developments in the wider aviation sector.

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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

08 September 2021

### Forty Years Ago

The Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost will be visiting Delhi for a one-day visit. The hurried visit comes in view of the coordinated efforts made by India and the Soviet Union to promote a dialogue between India and Pakistan. The visit also has significance in view of the forthcoming session of the UN General Assembly and the conference of the Commonwealth Heads of Government at Melbourne where the issue is likely to figure. Kabul and New Delhi have been in touch with each other since the August 24 proposals by the Afghan President for tripartite talks between his country, Pakistan and Iran.

India and Bangladesh announced a breakthrough in efforts to defuse the tension over New Moore, the tiny island in the Bay of Bengal which sprouted in 1979 and emerged as an issue between the two countries in March the following year. A communique issued simultaneously in New Delhi and Dhaka said the two countries have succeeded in diffusing the tension on New Moore. The Bangladesh Foreign Minister will be visiting India this week at the invitation of his counterpart in Delhi, P V Narasimha Rao.

Authorities in Iran confirmed the crackdown on leftist opposition by announcing the execution of 25 dissidents in the provinces of Mazandaran and Lorestan. The Tehran Bazaar normally open on Sunday was closed to mourn the Ayatollah killed on September 5.

The early withdrawal of rains in North India will adversely affect the kharif crop and is causing anxiety to the agriculture ministry. Rao Brendra Union Agriculture minister said that the Haryana, Punjab and UP governments have been asked to provide a large share of power to the agriculture sector.

# CAIRN ACCEPTS \$1 BILLION REFUND OFFER, TO DROP CASES AGAINST INDIA: CEO

UK-based Cairn Energy PLC on Tuesday said it will drop litigation to seize Indian properties in countries ranging from France to the US, within a couple of days of getting a \$1 billion refund resulting from the scrapping of a retrospective tax law.

The firm, which gave India its biggest on-land oil discovery, termed as "bold" the legislation passed last month to cancel a 2012 policy that gave the tax department power to go back 50 years and slap capital gains levies wherever ownership had changed hands overseas but business assets were in India.

The offer to return money seized to enforce retrospective tax demand in lieu of dropping all litigation against the government "is acceptable to us," Cairn CEO Simon Thomson told PTI in an interview from London.

Cairn will drop cases to seize diplomatic apartments in Paris and Air India airplanes in the US in "a matter of a couple of days" after the refund, he said adding Cairn's shareholders are in agreement with accepting the offer and moving on.

"Some of our core shareholders like BlackRock and Franklin Templeton agree (to this). Our view is supported by our core shareholders (that) on balance it is better to accept and move on and be pragmatic. Rather than continue with something negative for all parties, which could last for many years," he said.

Seeking to repair India's damaged reputation as an investment destination, the government last

month enacted new legislation to drop Rs 1.1 lakh crore in outstanding claims against multinationals such as telecoms group Vodafone, pharmaceuticals company Sanofi and brewer SABMiller, now owned by AB InBev, and Cairn.

About Rs 8,100 crore collected from companies under the scrapped tax provision are to be refunded if the firms agreed to drop out standing litigation, including claims for interest and penalties. Of this, Rs 7,900 crore is due only to Cairn.

"Once we get to final resolution, part of that resolution is us dropping everything in terms of litigation. We can do that within a very short period of time, just a matter of a couple of days or something," Thomson said. "So we are preparing on the basis of getting this resolution quickly, at these cases being dropped, and putting all this behind."

He said all enforcement proceedings brought because of the government of India's refusal to honour an international arbitration award asking it to return the value of money seized to enforce the retrospective tax demand will be dropped.

"Everything will be dropped. There will be no more litigation, that will be it. It will clear the matter up," he said.

Cairn in its half-yearly report on Tuesday said it will return up to \$700 million out of the Rs 7,900 crore (\$106 billion) it is supposed to get from the Indian government, to "shareholders via special dividend and buyback."

"Payment of the tax refund would enable a proposed return to shareholders of up to \$700 million, via a special dividend of \$500 million and a share buyback programme of up to \$200 million. The remainder of the proceeds would be allocated to further expansion of the low-cost, sustainable production base," it said.

Thomson said Cairn has had a "good, open and transparent line of communications with the government of India" on finding a resolution to the retro tax issue. "Our aim was to get to a resolution... something which would be acceptable to our shareholders."

"We were pleased when the government of India made what we thought was a pretty bold move, in terms of enactment of the legislation," he said. "The intention of the

government, we are obviously aligned with, is to get this resolved as quickly as possible. Hopefully, that means within the next few weeks. It is good not only for us and our shareholders but also importantly for India."

Thomson said Cairn will bury the ghost of retro tax and help move on. "We are keen to get back to Cairn being talked about in terms of success in Rajasthan. I think moving on from this will allow us to do that," he said referring to the prolific oil discovery the firm made in Bamer.

In accepting the terms of the new legislation in India, Cairn would be required to withdraw its international arbitration award claim, interest and costs and to end all legal enforcement actions in order to be eligible for the refund.

"It will mean we will forego interest and penalty in terms of the original arbitration award. The important thing for us is it returns the value that was taken from us. From our perspective, it is the right thing to do, be pragmatic, put this behind us, move on," he said adding this would help wipe away a factor negatively impacting investment for many years to come.

The 2012 legislation was used to levy a cumulative of Rs 1.10 lakh crore of tax on 17 entities including UK telecom giant Vodafone but nearly 98 per cent of the Rs 8,100 crore recovered in enforcing such a demand was only from Cairn.

An international arbitration tribunal in December overturned a levy of Rs 10,247 crore in taxes on a 2006 reorganisation of Cairn India prior to its listing, and asked the Indian government to return the value of shares seized and sold, dividend confiscated and tax refund withheld. This totalled \$1.2 billion plus interest and penalty.

The government initially refused to honour the award, forcing Cairn to identify \$700 billion of Indian assets from the US to Singapore to enforce the ruling, including taking flag carrier Air India Ltd to a US court in May. A French court in July paved the way for Cairn to seize real estate belonging to the Indian government in Paris. All these litigations will be dropped, he added.



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air quality improvement efforts.

Mr Yadav asked all stakeholders including the citizens to sincerely and earnestly contribute to achieve cleaner air and healthier lives for all.

He said, Central Government has launched several

initiatives to improve air quality in the entire country in view of the goal set for holistic improvement in air quality in more than 100 cities. The Minister said, 86 cities show better air quality in 2019 in comparison to 2018, which increased to 104 cities.

### Tourism & Hospitality...

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"The travel and tourism industry in the UT of Andaman & Nicobar are facing massive hardships due to the restriction of flights to the island. There has been no tourism activity since the last eighteen months and the economy of the UT is in dire straits. Limiting flights is disrupting not just the industry but life on the island. Ironically, no such restriction applies on flights anywhere else across India. To recover from the damage is going to require a massive amount of effort and time and removing the current restriction on the number of incoming flights to allow at least ten flights a day will be a good start. This will still be less than 50 per cent of flights in operation at Port Blair compared to the pre-pandemic levels," says Mr Gurbaxsinh Singh Kohli, Vice President, FHRAI.

The FHRAI has pointed out that between October 2021 and March 2022 flight movement on Port Blair will be restricted to before 2pm only on account of re-capturing of the runway. This would mean that Port Blair Airport will not be able to operate at full capacity even during the peak tourist season.

"Prior to COVID19, Andaman & Nicobar Islands had twenty-two operational flights a day which is now restricted to less than four flights. As a result, the islands are unable to obtain tickets. Also, airlines have sky rocketed and the curtailment of flights has led to cancellations and cutbacks from many metros and important cities. Students and patients who are unable to secure seats are suffering the most due to this. We hope that Government will understand the plight of the people of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and allow the operation of at least ten flights a day immediately so that airlines can incorporate the same in their new schedule from September 2021 onwards," concludes Mr Kohli.

### Indian aviation minister...

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ons such as our exclusive Fleet Database, Airline Cask Data tools and more, to enjoy the full capabilities of our global platform.

## MP condole demise

Port Blair, Sept 7: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri K Ganeshan, AICC Member & Chief Spokesperson, ANPCC, along with all senior leaders of Pradesh Congress Committee have deeply mourned the demise of Smt. Anjana Devi W/o Late R C Biswas, age 100 years, R/o School Line, Port Blair who passed away on 07.09.2021. He assumed the untimely demise of Shri G. Pola Rao, age 55 years, former CCWS Director R/o Dairy Farm who passed away on 06.09.2021 and prayed to Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed souls and courage to the bereaved families to bear the irreparable loss.

## ANTCC President condole demise

Port Blair, Sept 7: Shri Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee along with senior leaders of the Congress party and its frontal organizations have deeply mourned the demise of Smt. Anjana Devi W/o Late R C Biswas, age 100 years, R/o School Line who passed away on 07.09.2021 at Port Blair. He also mourned the demise of Shri G. Pola Rao, age 55 years, former CCWS Director R/o Dairy Farm who passed away on 06.09.2021. They prayed to Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed souls and courage to the bereaved families to bear the irreparable loss.

## Education should not only be inclusive, but equitable too: PM

New Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2021: The Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said education should not only be inclusive but also be equitable as he launched multiple key initiatives in the education sector during his inaugural address of Shiksha Parv.

Addressing the conclave through video-conferencing, he said the measures would not only make our education system globally competitive but also make it future-ready. He said the new initiatives would shape the future of the sector. "One of the initiatives, School Quality Assessment & Assurance will not only make education competitive but will also make students future-ready," he said.

He said education should not only be inclusive but also be equitable. "Talking books and audiobooks are part of education system now. A dictionary for Indian Sign language has been formed. For

first time in the country, Indian Sign language is being included as a subject curriculum," the PM said. He congratulated teachers who were conferred with the National Awards by President Ram Nath Kovind on Teachers' Day.

"I want to congratulate the teachers who received National Awards. You have worked under difficult circumstances. Your efforts are commendable," Modi said.

The new initiatives launched include Indian Sign Language Dictionary (audio and extended) sign language video for hearing impaired, in conformity with Universal Design of Learning, Talking Books (audio books for the visually impaired), School Quality Assurance and Assessment Framework of CBSE, NISHTHA teachers' training programme for NIPUN Bharat and Vidyanjali portal (for facilitating education volunteers/ donors/ CSR contributors for school development).

On the occasion, Modi also lauded the performance of the Indian players in the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics, saying they have inspired youngsters. He urged them to visit 75 schools to mark Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. "I urge you all to get in touch with them. They will meet the students of the schools. These sports persons might encourage students to pursue sports in the future," Modi said.

The theme of 'Shiksha Parv-2021' is 'Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India', the Prime Minister's Office said.

Its celebration will encourage innovative practices to ensure not only continuity of education at all levels but to improve quality, inclusive practices and sustainability in schools across the country as well, the PMO had earlier said.

## Over 70 crore vaccine doses administered in India, 10 crore shots in 13 days

New Delhi, 7<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2021: India has administered 70 crore doses of vaccine against coronavirus disease (Covid-19) so far, the Union health ministry said on Tuesday afternoon.

Highlighting the acceleration in the fast-paced vaccination in the past few days, Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya took to Twitter to congratulate all health workers for achieving the milestone.

"Soaring higher on COVID-19 vaccination under PM (Prime Minister) @Narendramodi ji's leadership, 70,00,00,000 vaccine doses administered to date. Congratulations to all the health workers and people for this momentous achievement," he tweeted.

On Monday, India administered more than 1.13 crore doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, achieving the feat crossing the 1-crore mark for the first time in 13 days. The country took 24 days to reach 40 crore from 30 crore doses and then 20 more days to cross 50

1.13, 53, 571 vaccine doses on Monday. India's Covid-19 vaccination coverage had already surpassed the cumulative figure of 69.90 crore as of 7am today.

The Union Government is committed to accelerating the pace and expanding the scope of COVID-19 vaccination throughout the country. Sustained and collaborative efforts by the Centre and the States/UTs continue the trend of

less than 50,000 Daily New Cases that is being reported for 72 consecutive days now," the ministry of health and family welfare said in a statement. India rolled out an at-home vaccination campaign on January 16, starting with health care workers in the first phase and frontline workers. Later, it was opened up for all adults, proving a fillip to the vaccination drive.



## Vizag airport sees uptick in passenger footfall

New Delhi, Sept 7: Air traffic, which suffered a severe setback due to Covid pandemic, is limping back to normalcy in Visakhapatnam and is expected to reach the pre-Covid levels if the trend continues for the next three months. The international airport has witnessed an increase in the number of flights as well as passenger footfall.

In August, the monthly passenger footfall increased by 44,000. Airport director K Srinivasa Rao said on Monday that the Vizag airport registered 1.48 lakh footfall in August against 1.04 lakh in July and just 61,000 August last year. He said the primary reason for the uptick in the passengers is the increasing confidence of safe travel among peoples Covid-19 cases in many parts of the country are declining.

The air traffic was on a recovery path after the decline of the Covid-19 first wave in November, 2020, and was expected to reach the pre-Covid levels by April. However, the footfall dipped sharply as a result of the second wave. In May and June, the airport recorded 45,726 and 64,732 footfalls, respectively.

The director said the airport saw a significant rise in the footfall in 2015-2016 as it reported a 64 per cent yearly growth. The same year, there was a 113 per cent increase in the international passenger footfall, he said. He added in 2015-16 the airport hosted 18,06,838—16,55,22 domestic and 1,21,616 international—passengers against 10,97,638—10,40,635 domestic and 57,003 international—passengers the previous year.

The growth trajectory continued till 2018-19 when the total footfall touched 28,53,631 (27,03,261 domestic and 1,50,370 international). However, the air traffic fell by over 58 per cent in 2020-21 due to the pandemic. The number of footfalls stood at 11,14,643, including 11,06,451 domestic and 8,192 international passengers during the said period.

There has been a spurt in the number of flight movements also. While there were 30 to 36 flight movements daily in July it went up to 46 in August. Visakhapatnam is now connected to most of the domestic destinations, including Delhi, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Raipur and Port Blair.

## Victory flame taken to various schools in Visakhapatnam

New Delhi, Sept 7: As part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of India's victory at the 1971 War on the Pakistani Armed Forces, the Victory Flame visited various schools in Visakhapatnam on Monday. This is to inspire young minds with valor and patriotism. The Victory Flame visited Narayana Children's School in Gandhinagar and the Kendriya Vidyalaya in Naushanabagh (NSB), Malkapuram and Sri Vijay Nagar Colony. The principals, teachers, and children from Sanskrit Global School, Chaitanya Public School, Sri Sri World School, Apple

English Medium School, and Timpany School participated in the commemorative programme conducted at Narayana Children's School, NSB Campus. The Victory Flame was given a grand reception by the staff and children of the respective schools in Visakhapatnam. The commemorative programmes at all locations included the playing of a short movie clip on the Indian Navy's role in the 1971 Liberation of Bangladesh. War, soulful performance of patriotic songs by children and dance/skit on patriotic themes. All the events were conducted to educate the children

on the historical 1971 war which resulted in the birth of a new nation, Bangladesh.

As part of the Swarnim Vijay Varsh celebrations, the Victory Flame was brought by INS Sumitra from Port Blair to Visakhapatnam on Thursday, 2 September 2021. It was formally inducted by the Andhra Pradesh Home Minister, Mekapati Sucharitha, at a ceremony at the Victory At Sea Memorial on RK Beach Road on Friday, 3 September 2021. After this, the Victory Flame will be heading for Hyderabad, stopping at Rajahmundry, Vijayawada and Nagaland along the way.

## Petronet eyes new India LNG project

New Delhi, Sept 7: Floating storage and regasification unit would be deployed in Odisha India's Petronet LNG has plans for a 4 million tonnes per annum floating storage and regasification unit to be deployed in the state of Odisha on the nation's east coast.

Petronet LNG has already completed pre-project studies and is preparing the detailed feasibility study for the FSRU is planned for Gopalpur port.

"The LNG terminal will help meet the increasing gas demand of the eastern and central part of the country," it said.

Petronet LNG has signed a memorandum of understanding with Gopalpur Ports and is looking to finalise details of the commercial

and technical terms of this agreement before taking the final investment decision.

No timeline has been announced for the Gopalpur FSRU-based import project although Petronet LNG is reportedly also performing a feasibility study for a 5 million tonne onshore terminal in future at the same location.

Petronet LNG currently operates two onshore LNG terminals, at Dahej in Gujarat and Kochin Kerala, both on India's west coast. It is considering the further expansion of Dahej from 17.5 million pa to 22.5 million pa while Kochi's nameplate capacity is 5 million pa.

The company two years ago had been gung-ho over its plans

then to locate an LNG FSRU on the remote Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which are administered by India, although this project never left the drawing board.

This FSRU would have had initial capacity of 150,000 tons of LNG, while unloading facilities for carriers of between 5000 and 30,000 cubic metres capacity and 10,000 cubic metres of LNG storage also formed part of the touted project.

Petronet LNG had applied to sector regulator, the Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board, to supply city gas into the major town of Port Blair in the Andamans.

Regasified volumes would also have been used for power generation at a planned dual-fuel plant.

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August, 2021

**PRESS NOTE**

In continuation of the Vacancy Notice published on 15.06.2021 in the Daily Telegrams, it is hereby informed to all concerned that the timing for submission of application forms for appointment to the post of Conductor through direct recruitment is from 0900 hrs. to 1215 hrs. and 1400 hrs. to 1600 hrs. on all working days.

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It is notified for the information that I, Robin Biswas, S/o. Late Ranjan Biswas r/o Subashgram, Diglipur lost my Surrender Certificate. No.396302, FIC no-353000193490 issued by Civil Supplies A & N Nicobar on 15/06/2021. Finder please call 8900931044.

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It is notified for the information that I, Prosanjit Baroi, S/o. Amal Baroi, r/o krishnapuri, Diglipur lost my original Qualifying Examination senior secondary of year 2014 and Roll No.4682727 issued by CBSE has been actually lost 05/08/2021 at Diglipur bazaar. Finder please contact on 8900931044.

**LOST**

My Sister URMILA BALA present aged about 75 years r/o Hathilevel, Diglipur is missing since about 55 years. Whoever is having her whereabouts kindly contact me on 9531878389. This advertisement is for settlements of revenue matters regarding: Renu Bala Hira, Late Mukunda Hira, r/o Swarajgram, Diglipur.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I Nikhil Adhikari S/o- Late Nitai Adhikari R/o- Laxmipur village under Diglipur Tehsil in North & Middle Andaman do hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare the following:

1. That, my correct and actual name is NIKHIL ADHIKARI S/O, NITAI ADHIKARI as per my Islander card, Aadhaar card and other official and non official documents.

2. That, by mistake my father's wrongly printed in our joint land record vide holding No. 339 of Lakshmipur village as RADHAKT. ADHIKARI instead of NITAI ADHIKARI.

3. That, RADHA KT. ADHIKARI is my Grandfather and NITAI ADHIKARI is my father.

4. This affidavit executed by me for rectification my father's name as NITAI ADHIKARI in our joint land record vide Holding No. 339 of Lakshmipur village, Diglipur.

The above declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

**AFFIDAVIT**

I Niranjana Adhikari S/o- Late Nitai Adhikari R/o- Laxmipur village under Diglipur Tehsil in North & Middle Andaman do hereby solemnly and sincerely affirm and declare the following:

1. That, my correct and actual name is NIRANJANA ADHIKARI S/O, NITAI ADHIKARI as per my Islander card, Aadhaar card and other official and non official documents.

2. That, by mistake my father's wrongly printed in our joint land record vide holding No. 339 of Lakshmipur village as RADHAKT. ADHIKARI instead of NITAI ADHIKARI.

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**PRESS NOTE**

The vehicle ferry vessel MV Mus operating between Chatham and Bambooflat has developed with a Technical fault in its Main Engine on 07.09.2021, following which, her services from the above route has been withdrawn. Though the Directorate is putting all efforts to the rectify the fault on war footing level but since the reported breakdown is found to be a Major one, the estimated time for repair of vehicle ferry would be around 02 weeks.

The Commuters of the above route are therefore informed that, there would be only Two vehicle ferry vessels during Peak Hours and only One during remaining hours, available for services. In view of above arisen situation, to avoid overcrowding of vehicles and for smooth regulation of passenger and vehicles (02 Wheelers), it has also been decided to impose total restriction on transhipment of 04 Wheelers through the vehicle ferry vessel in the above route, during the entire day, till normal Vehicle ferry services is restored. However, movement of 04 Wheelers carrying emergency Medical cases and Administrative exigencies shall continued to be allowed in the Vehicle Ferry as per precedence. All commuters are requested to kindly cooperate and plan their journey accordingly. Inconvenience caused to the commuters is regretted.

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**No.2-3/RD/MGNREGA/Social Audit/2021-22/  
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
Directorate of RD, PRIs and Urban Local Bodies  
Port Blair**

Port Blair, dated September, 2021

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A & N Administration, Port Blair, on behalf of the President of India, invites e-procurement in Two Bid system i.e. Technical Bid and Financial Bid from reputed experienced and financially sound companies/firm/agencies for conducting of Financial Audit of MGNREGA Accounts of State Office and all the three Districts (South Andaman, N & M Andaman and Nicobar Districts) for FY -2020-21.

The accepted Companies/ Firm/ Agencies shall be responsible to audit of the MGNREGA Scheme accounts from the Districts of South Andaman, N & M Andaman, and Nicobar District.

The details and scope of work, terms and conditions etc. as laid down in the tender document, may apply through e-procurement portal using <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

**1.Requirement of Tender :**

S.No	Description of Services	Zone /Areas Details
1	CAs with C&AG empanelled	State office, Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, Port Blair. DC office South Andaman, S/ Andaman District DC office N & M Andaman, N & M Andaman District. DC office Nicobar, Nicobar District.

Note: The above requirement any increase or decrease subject to requirement of the department.

**2. Schedule of Tender:**

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Estimated Cost	Rs. 3,71,000/- (approx..)
2	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 18550/-(5% of estimated cost)
3	Date and Time for online commencement of online submission of bid	03/09/2021 at 10:30 AM
4	Date and Time for closing of bid	18/09/2021 at 11:59 PM
5	Tender Document	Tender document can be viewed e-procurement portal <a href="http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in">http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in</a>
6	Date & Time of online submission of Bid	In the chamber of Director (RD/Panchayat) (Tentative)
7	Opening of Technical Bid	20/09/2021 at 11:00 AM
8	Opening of Financial Bid	22/09/2021 at 11:00 AM
9	Deposit of Tender	The tender are to be submitted/upload only online at <a href="http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in">http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in</a>
10	Bid Validity period/validity of bid offer for acceptance by the Department of RD, PRIs & ULBs.	90 days from the date of opening of Tender.
11	Place of opening of tender	In the Chamber of Assistant Director (Admin.), Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs.
12	Performance Security	5% of the value of contract which will be assessed after finalization of tender.
13	Duration of Contract	The contract shall remain valid for a period of 1 Year from the date of signing of agreement, which may be extended for further period of one year on mutual consent of both the parties.

The bidders are advised to upload the mandatory documents and submit the bids online in the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> well before the closing time of the tender to avoid last moment rush. The Department will not be responsible for last minute failure in submission of the bids.

Assistant Director (RD/Panchayat)

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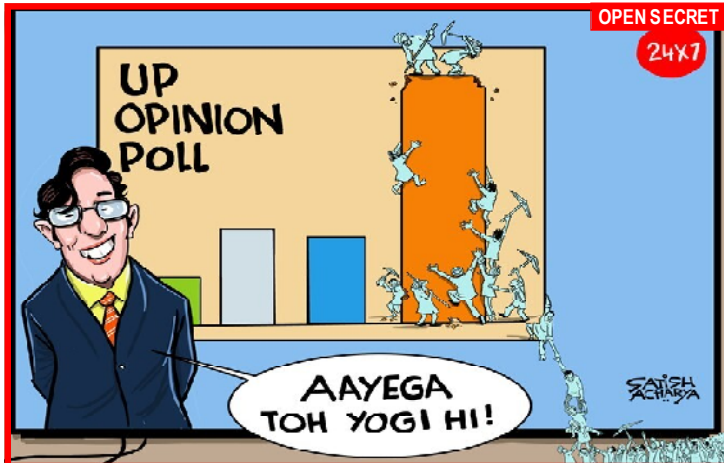
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## Date for NTA CUCET 2021 application form correction ends

New Delhi, Sept 7: The Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CU-CET) 2021 deadline for the correction in the particulars of the forms ends today. Exams will be held by mid-September 2021.

Is the last day for adding corrections to candidates' online forms for the Central Universities Common Entrance Test (CU-CET) 2021 as well as for the payment of the online fee for the entrance test. Students can make their final submissions by 11.50 pm tonight by visiting the official site of CUCET, i.e. [cucet.nta.nic.in](http://cucet.nta.nic.in).

The last date of paying the online fee has also been extended from 02 September 2021, to 06 September 2021.

The NTA (National Testing Agency) has also added to more examination centres at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and

Kasaragod, Kerala, keeping in mind the travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NTA has assured the students of allotting the closest examination centres possible.

The CU-CET is conducted every year by the NTA for admission to undergraduate and postgraduate programs for 12 central universities within the country. This year, the

exams will be conducted through a Computer-Based Test (CBT) on the following dates: 15 September, 16 September, 23 September and 24 September 2021. The test will be Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) based and conducted over 120 minutes.

The admission to universities will depend upon the individual policies of the respective university. After the declaration of the CU-CET results by the NTA, central universities will declare their merit list on the basis of the CU-CET scores. The selected candidates will be called for online/offline counselling based on the particular

university's policy. For the universities that admit students through CU-CET, one has to sit in the entrance test to be able to take admission. These universities do not provide any alternative ways of admission. At the time of admission, it is pertinent for the students to have the original copy of their certificates. Those availing reservations need to have an up-to-date caste certificate issued by the competent authority, valid on the date of admission.

Students are suggested to regularly visit the NTA site: [nta.ac.in](http://nta.ac.in) and the CU-CET website: [cucet.nta.nic.in](http://cucet.nta.nic.in) for regular updates.



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