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The more you understand yourself, the easier it is to remain Happy and Peaceful.

Suicide attempt by young boy

:: Muralidharan Pillai ::
Port Blair, Jan 31: A young boy, aged 17 years residence of Fisheries Colony at Mayabunder has committed suicide attempt by a using cloth in his uncle house on evening. He was studying at XIth std. at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Mayabunder. Further investigations are on.

COVID-19 status in isles

Port Blair, Jan 31: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 185 passengers who arrived here Saturday, 12 positive cases have been detected. yesterday, 8 flights with 877 passengers arrived, out of which, 709 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on See... Page No. 02

Education Dept. continue to contempt constitutional provision

In gross violation of RTE Act, teachers engaged for clerical & peon work

Port Blair, Jan 31: It doesn't matter how efficient are the lawmakers, what are the objectives behind making new Acts and how committed is the government to ensure that no citizen of the country is barred of its fundamental rights, if the ground level implementing agencies have no regard for the constitutional provisions. The ultimate outcome remains zero. This is truly applicable for the Department of Education in isles. Least bothered of the quality of education and availability of teachers in schools, the officers of the department are running the show on their own terms and conditions. Perhaps, it seems that the department of Education is not governed by the provisions of the Constitution of India. It is clearly stipulated under the Right to Education 2009 that teachers should not be deployed

for non-educational duties other than those which are considered to be essential in national interest. Probably the Department of Education has considered that engagement of teachers at the Directorate of Education is in national interest. That's why numerous teachers are engaged at the Directorate of Education and zonal offices of the Department for Clerical and peon related assignments. This is true that the Directorate of Education is well aware of the provisions of the Act and well aware of the consequences on its violation. That's why all the teachers engaged on full time or part time basis at the Directorate of Education are officially attached with some or other school. Somehow the officers sitting at the Directorate of Education have made a scenario that their office cannot function with

Administrative staff alone and they need teachers to say "Yes boss". Surprisingly all other departments of the Administration are running well with administrative staff and they don't need teachers. The provision under Section-27 of the act emphasizes that teachers should not be deployed for non-educational duties. In its several clarifications, the Govt. of India made it clear that section-27 of the Act is to be read in consonance with the provisions of section 24 of the Act specifying the duties of teachers is specifically to conduct and complete the prescribed curriculum within the specified time and norms and standards specified in the Scheme of the Act (specifically minimum number of working days instructional hours and minimum number of working hours per week for teachers), both

of which underline the crucial role of teachers in providing quality elementary education to children and the need to ensure that teachers are engaged in academic duties. Recently the Govt. of India started an online survey to assess the engagement of teachers in non-teaching assignments. Wherein, teachers as well as Head of institutions were asked to respond to questionnaires. Efficiently that survey was also managed and no teachers responded that he/she is engaged in non-teaching assignments. Presently, several schools in outer areas are running short of teachers. The top brass of the Department may better explain the reason for engagement of teachers at the Directorate of Education ignoring shortage of teachers in schools. They may See... Page No. 02

MP for improving mobile network of data network in villages of NM Andaman

Port Blair, Jan 31: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief General Manager, BSNL, A&N Circle to conduct an immediate survey to

find the reasons behind the poor mobile network and data network in most of the villages of North and Middle Andaman. He has also requested to install more and more mobile towers in remote villages of N&M Andaman and

improve connectivity of existing mobile towers so that every Islander gets a proper mobile network and data network. The Member of Parliament demanded to take similar See... Page No. 02

Dr. J D Singh bids adieu to TGCE after 41 years of service

Port Blair, 31st Jan, 2022: A celebrated journey of Dr. Jaidev Singh, Principal, TGCE that began 41 years, ago came to a befitting end on the 31st of

January 2022 when Dr. Singh, Principal, TGCE, Port Blair, finally bid adieu to the college and retired from government service. The institution that took birth in

front of his watchful eyes and grew up to become a premier higher education institution in the A & N Islands that ushered in a See... Page No. 02

PS Pahargaoan cops crack murder case, accused nabbed

Port Blair, Jan 31: A 50 yrs old woman P. Mariamma, working as vegetable vendor and staying alone at Calicut was found murdered inside her house on 27th January 2022, A case was

registered and enquiry stated by PS Pahargaoan. Two teams of Police officials for search and arrest of the unknown accused person. During investigation, several witnesses

were interrogated, technological surveillance was stepped up and meticulously scrutinized, besides gathering human intelligence. Showing professional acumen See... Page No. 02



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EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

01 February 2022

Peace with Pak

The Prime Minister has offered to sign a treaty of peace and friendship with Pakistan. Surprisingly, Mrs Gandhi made her offer at the end of her hour-long meeting with Pakistani journalists and not at the formal Indo-Pakistan talks that began on January 30. While Indian officials were attaching considerable importance to Mrs Gandhi's remarks, the Pakistani delegation did not appear to be impressed by it. Pakistani journalists, who heard Mrs Gandhi, said her offer came too casually and in response to a question by journalist on the Indo-Soviet friendship treaty. It's possible that Prime Minister Gandhi made the offer to see how the Pakistani side would react to it. Perhaps, it was an attempt to recover lost ground after initial opposition to talks on Pakistan's proposal for a no-war pact.

CPM's line

At the end of the 11th party Congress, the pro-Moscow view of the central leadership of the CPM succeeded in reversing the pro-Chinese line that had been adopted after the 1964 split with the CPI. The Vijayawada Congress adopted a political resolution taking a strong pro-Soviet and anti-China stand. Even till the 10th Congress in Jullundur in 1978, the CPM had criticised and praised China and Soviet Union in equal measure.

Billa, Ranga to hang

Barely 18 hours before his execution, condemned prisoner Billa admitted to having murdered seven persons in Bombay but remained non-committal on his role in the murder of Sanjay and Gita Chopra. "It's better that I am dying. What's the purpose of living in a society that does not trust you," he said. Meanwhile, Ranga "confessed" innocence and regretted he couldn't get justice.

COVID-19.

168 passengers (3 foreign travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 34 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura

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Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 31 passengers, 3 positive cases have been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 8 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected.

MP for improving..

measures for the entire Nicobar District also so that poor network doesn't become a hindrance to the development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In a letter addressed to the Chief General Manager of BSNL, A & N Islands he mentioned that recently he has visited North and Middle Andaman and travelled to many remote villages of the region to interact with Islanders. He added that during the visit in almost all regions, Islanders have complained about the very poor mobile network and data network in North and Middle Andaman.

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He pointed out that other than the main bazaar area or ATR route, in most of the regions of North and Middle Andaman mobile network and data network is poor. In many remote pockets there is no mobile network at all. He added that such a poor network is causing huge inconvenience to the public and the worst hit are students, who are unable to attend online classes and submit online assignments. In case of emergencies Islanders living in these areas are unable to call an ambulance or contact police, he pointed out.

Dr. J D Singh..

era of progress through quality teacher education, bid a tearful goodbye to him.

Dr. Singh has always been admired for his vast knowledge, tremendous zeal for work, compassion and devotion towards the islands and islanders. In these, otherwise geographically isolated islands, where education for a very long time did not feature in the people's primary plans, Dr. J.D. Singh has been a staunch supporter and a vocal campaigner for better educational opportunities for Girls and Nicobari students. An Educationist at heart, he could always be found taking out time from his busy schedule and interacting with the teacher trainees or taking an impromptu session for their benefit.

Keeping the SOP guidelines due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in mind, the celebrations for this event were kept to a minimum. Ascaled-down superannuation function was organized in honour of his contribution to education and

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the Islands' social fabric in the College, with limited faculty members in attendance. The programme, which saw Dr. Singh being honoured for his service and showered with affection and praise in abundance, was also attended by his wife and two children who came all the way from the mainland not to miss this momentous day in Dr. Singh's life being a government employee.

Those in attendance shared their anecdotes from their time with Dr. J. D. Singh wished him a healthy and happy retired life and remembered him for his dedicated work. He has left behind a work culture and a positive attitude towards the nobility of the profession. The ocean of knowledge, skill and experience that he had left behind with the institution will take it to new heights. As modest as ever, Dr. Singh said his goodbye to the college with the words – A captain is only as good as his team and requested all the TGCE family members to carry the legacy of this great institution forward.

PS Pahargaoon ..

and relentless field efforts, the blind murder case was solved after continuous rigorous efforts of 72 hours by Police team of PS Pahargaoon. The accused identified as Uttam Sardar, S/o Robin Sardar, 32 yrs, Pvt. Labour, R/o Lal Mitti, Calicut, was arrested. He admitted to his guilt. The accused was an acquaintance of the victim and attacked her in a fit of rage.

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The Police officials of PS Pahargaoon who cracked the case have been complimented for the quick action. Police have requested the general public to pass credible information regarding anti-social activities noticed in their locality to phone 100, 03192-250525, 9434280100 with the promise that identity of the informers will be kept secret.

AIR INDIA SALE TO BOOST PRIVATISATION: ECONOMIC SURVEY

Air India sale will give a boost to India's privatisation drive, the Economic Survey said on Monday, as it suggested redefining the public sector role in business enterprises to encourage private participation in all sectors.

The government earlier this month handed over ownership rights in national carrier Air India to Tata Group for Rs 18,000 crore. The amount includes the takeover of the debt burden of Rs 15,300 crore and another Rs 2,700 crore in cash.

"This progress on privatisation of Air India is particularly important, not only in terms of garnering disinvestment proceeds but also for boosting the privatisation drive," the Survey said.

This is the first privatisation in 20 years and will pave the way for the sale of more CPSEs, which are lined up for sale -- BPCL, Shipping Corporation, Pawan Hans, IDBI Bank, Concor, BEM and RINL.

Since 2016, the government has given 'in-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment of 35 CPSEs and/or subsidiaries/ units/ joint ventures of CPSEs and IDBI Bank.

"In order to realise the mission of New, Self-reliant India, there was a need to redefine public sector participation in business enterprises and to encourage private sector participation in all sectors," the Survey said.

The government had last year approved a policy of strategic disinvestment of public sector enterprises that will provide a clear roadmap for disinvestment in all non-strategic and strategic sectors.

The guideline for implementation of new public sector enterprise policy for CPSEs have been notified on December 13, 2021.

"This will help the government to make use of disinvestment proceeds to finance various social sector and developmental programmes while disinvestment shall infuse private capital, technology and best management practices in the disinvested CPSEs," it said.

The new PSE Policy envisages the classification of CPSEs into strategic and non-strategic sectors and exempts certain CPSEs such as those set up as not-for-profit companies from the scope of the policy.

The strategic sectors as per the policy are atomic energy; space and defence; transport and telecommunication; power; petroleum; coal and other minerals; banking, insurance, and financial services.

Under the four broad baskets in which the strategic sectors are classified - i.e. national security, critical infrastructure, energy and minerals and financial services - only

a bare minimum presence of CPSEs in the aforesaid strategic sectors is to be maintained. The non-strategic CPSEs will be privatised or otherwise shall be closed.

"Thus, the policy on public sector enterprises provides a clear path for disinvestment in all non-strategic and strategic sectors and strengthens the idea of Minimum Government - Maximum Governance," the Survey noted.

Stating that there has been an emphasis on disinvestment in the last 5 years, the Survey said that after 2014, the disinvestment policy was renewed with stake sales in PSEs, such as Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL), Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd (REC), Dredging Corporation of India Ltd (DCIL), Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation Ltd (HSCC), National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd (NPCC), THDC India Ltd and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation

Ltd.

Besides, there have been the successful listing of PSEs like IRTC, HUDCO, Cochin Shipyard

Ltd, General Insurance Corporation, New India Assurance Company Ltd, Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) and RailTel on the stock market.



Vaccination shield against the virus

Port Blair, Jan 31 : The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,04,194 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 22,119 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at

6560.

A total of 1048 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands today. 690 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 64 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 29 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 137.

312 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle

Andaman District, out of which, out of which, 28 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 32.

46 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 4 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 24.

Economic Survey: Health sector expenditure rose by 73% in 2021-22

New Delhi, 31st Jan, 2022: The government expenditure on the health sector increased by 73% to ' 4.72 lakh crore in 2021-22, as compared to ' 2.73 lakh crore in 2019-20, according to the Economic Survey 2021-22 that was tabled in the parliament on Monday.

"Although, the pandemic has affected almost all social services, yet the health sector was the worst hit. Expenditure on the health sector increased from ' 2.73 lakh crore in 2019-20 (pre-Covid-19) to ' 4.72 lakh crore in 2021-22 (BE), an increase of nearly 73," said the annual survey report.

The survey noted that India has made significant progress in improving its health outcomes over the last two decades by eliminating polio, guinea worm disease, yaws and maternal and neonatal tetanus. Further, the

report, presented in the parliament by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, also stated that the government's spending on social services increased significantly during the pandemic.

The combined expenditure of the Centre and the state governments on the social services sector increased to ' 71.61 lakh crore during the financial year 2021-22. Of the total, ' 6.97 lakh crore was on education, ' 4.72 lakh crore on health and ' 7.37 lakh crore on other segments of the sector.

This year, the expenditure is 9.8% higher than ' 65.24 lakh crore (revised estimate) in the financial year 2020-21. ' 6.21 lakh crore was spent on education last year, ' 3.50 lakh crore on health and ' 6.63 crore on others.

"Social services include, education, sports, art and culture, medical and public health, family

welfare, water supply and sanitation, housing; urban development, welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs, labour and labour welfare, social security and welfare, nutrition, relief on account of natural calamities etc," the survey stated.

The survey said it is difficult to gauge the real-time impact of repeated lockdowns on the education sector because the latest available comprehensive official data dates back to 2019-20. This provides a longer time of pre-Covid trends but does not tell how the trend may have been impacted by Covid-19-induced restrictions. During initial curbs, as a precautionary measure to protect the students from Covid-19, schools and colleges were closed across India. This posed a new challenge for the government in terms of continuity of education, it said.

Vishal nominated head of election management committee

Port Blair, Jan 31: Mr Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member & former State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been nominated as Chairman of State Election Management Committee for the upcoming Panchayat & PBMC Elections 2022. An order to this effect was passed by Shri. Dilip Saikia, National General

Secretary & MP, Bharatiya Janata Party & Incharge, Panchayat & PBMC Election 2022, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party have shown immense pleasure on the news of Mr. Vishal Jolly being nominated as the Chairman of State Election Management Committee. Mr. Vishal Jolly was at the forefront of the Election

Management in the last Panchayat and Municipal Elections as the State President of Bharatiya Janata Party and under his leadership BJP performed well in the last local body elections. The karyakartas of Bharatiya Janata Party are now full of energy and have vowed to work for the party with renewed commitment in the upcoming local body elections.

Delhi overtakes Bangalore as startup capital of India, shows Economic Survey 2022

Delhi has replaced Bangalore as the startup capital of India as over 5,000 recognized startups were added in Delhi between April 2019 and December 2021, against 4,514 in Bangalore during the period, the Economic Survey released on Monday showed.

The survey also showed that Maharashtra has the highest number of recognized startups with a total of 11,308 startups in the state. During 2021, 555 districts had at least one new startup against 121 districts in 2016-17, the survey showed.

To be sure, Bangalore, for long, has been one of India's largest IT (information technology) hubs with companies including Infosys and Wipro headquartered in the city and hundreds of startups in the IT and knowledge-based sector, the

survey showed. Technology companies got a fillip in 2020, post the outbreak of the contagious coronavirus disease, as demand for digitalization of services surged.

In a bid to capitalize on this surge in demand, a lot of technology companies raised funds aggressively. VCCircle had reported in December that the IT sector in India has attracted over \$25 billion in fundraising in 2021, 25 percent higher than the \$20 billion it raised in 2020. Not just

the IT sector, the space sector, too, saw disruption in 2021. As many as 47 new startups got added in 2021 in the space sector, taking the total number of startups in the space sector to 101. The

survey notes that in the broader startup ecosystem, India added over 14,000 new startups in 2021-22, taking the total number of recognized startups in the country to over 61,400. India has thus become the third-largest startup ecosystem in the world after the US and China, the survey revealed.

India has also overtaken the UK in number of unicorns, with a record 44 companies turning unicorns in 2021, the survey showed. The country, now, has the third-highest number of unicorns, and only trails the US and China. As of 14 January, India had 83 unicorns with a total valuation of \$277.77 billion.



Union Budget 2022: What's in store for science and tech?

While most sectors were dented by two years of the pandemic, the environment proved ideal for development of science and technology. India's scientific sector has been leading in pandemic-related research—the country has perhaps the third-largest repository of SARS-CoV 2 virus genomes in the world.

Products of science can be monetised. For instance, now that the home testing kits have been developed, they are available in the market at affordable rates. Science itself, however, requires investment, and ideally, no-strings-attached investment. It is required for research and development. There are reports that with a shortage of reagents, many of the approved institutions have stopped sequencing

virus genomes.

The budget for the science ministry comes for the three departments under it, namely, the depart of biotechnology (DBT), department of science and technology (DST) and the department for scientific and industrial research (DSIR).

Allocations for space, earth sciences and atomic energy come under separate heads, although technically, they are all science units.

In 2021-22, the ministry of science and technology was given Rs 14,794 crore—Rs 6,067 crore to DST (41 per cent), Rs 5,224 crore to DSIR (35 per cent), and Rs 3,502 crore to DBT (24 per cent). This is an annual increase of 8 per cent over 2020-21.

Although in actual amount, DBT may be getting the smallest share of the

pie, in actuality, this department saw that largest increase, of 22 per cent, in funding over a year. This is largely due to the requirements of the pandemic.

"Allocations may be tight this year, as the government is dealing with pandemic related expenditure," said science and technology minister Jitendra Singh. "However, there are always funds available for bigger missions. Gaganyaan's Rs 10,000 crore budget and Samudrayaan's Rs 6,000 crore budget were announced in advance, the payments for this year do not get impacted," he said.

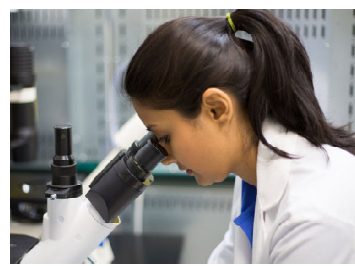
What are the industry's expectations? While expenditure on the ministry departments is one facet, policies for research in the private sector are another matter. According to Deloitte

India, "While the draft R&D policy focusses on creating an ecosystem for innovation and research, certain tax incentives for the investment in 'R&D focused funds', set up for R&D-based activities, could be introduced."

Deloitte's pre-budget expectation pamphlet talks about the need for research-linked incentives, which can provide the impetus to industry for increasing investment in R&D and build the much-needed linkages with academia to co-innovate. "A research-linked incentive scheme could be introduced where the applicants are incentivised based on the R&D spend, employment and added incentives based on outcome," it says.

Another point on which Deloitte elaborates is the current "patent box

regime". The system needs improvement in terms of expanding its coverage to assignees/ transferees of the patent instead of restricting it to only the true and first inventor of the invention. "Introducing a reduced tax regime on commercialisation of the patents anywhere across the globe will make it implementable," it says.



MUNICIPAL AND PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS -2022

ECl extends ban on road shows, Pad-yatras, cycle/bike/vehicle rallies and processions till February 11, 2022

Relaxation in numbers permitted for Physical public meetings, indoor meetings and door to door campaigning

Precautions to be continued to be observed to avoid spurt in infections

Chief Election Commissioner Shri Sushil Chandra along with Election Commissioners Shri Rajiv Kumar and Shri Anup Chandra Pandey today held another comprehensive review of the present situation of Covid 19 infection particularly in the states of Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. The Commission accompanied by Secretary General and concerned Deputy Election Commissioners, met with the Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India and the Chief

Secretaries, the Chief Electoral Officers of the five Poll Going States through virtual mode to assess the present status and projected trends of COVID pandemic. In depth discussions were also held with respect to current Vaccination status of 1st, 2nd doses for eligible persons in the respective States as also arrangements for polling personnel.

All the State Chief Secretaries informed the Commission about reports of Covid 19 infection either plateauing out or tapering as on date. They also said that the positivity rate

is showing a decline with the number of hospitalisation cases also registering a declining trend. The State officers however said that covid protocol precautions need to be continued to be observed so that no undue spurt takes place due to intense public contact because of heightened political activity. Chief Election Commissioner Sh Sushil Chandra also emphasised that while deliberating on relaxation of restrictions for physical rallies, indoor/outdoor meetings, door to door campaigning, practicality of implementation of orders by field level functionaries should be ensured in the wake of prevailing situation.

After taking into consideration inputs, facts and circumstances and ground reports from State officers and Secretary Health, GOI as also the requirements of necessary political activity in election mode by political parties in present situation, the Commission has decided as follows:

1. No road shows, Pad-yatras, cycle/bike/vehicle rallies and processions shall be allowed till February 11, 2022.

2. Commission has now decided to allow physical public meetings of Political parties or contesting candidates in designated open spaces with a maximum of 1000 persons

(instead of existing 500 persons) or 50% of the capacity of the ground or the prescribed limit set by SDMA, whichever number is lesser, from February 1, 2022 for all phases.

3. The Commission has also enhanced the limit for door to door campaigns. Instead of 10 persons, now 20 persons, excluding security personnel, will be allowed for door to door campaigns. Other instructions on door to door campaigns will continue.

4. The Commission has now granted relaxation for the political parties to the extent that indoor meetings of a maximum of 500 persons (instead of existing 300 persons) or 50% of the capacity of the hall or the prescribed limit set by SDMA is allowed.

5. Political parties and contesting candidates shall ensure the compliance of COVID appropriate behaviour & guidelines and Model Code of Conduct at all occasions during the activities connected with elections.

6. It shall be the responsibility of the DEO concerned to identify and to notify the designated spaces in advance for the aforesaid purposes.

7. All remaining restrictions as contained in the Revised Broad Guidelines for Conduct of Elections, 2022 issued on 8 January 2022 shall continue to operate.



TENDER NOTICE - CORRIGENDUM

With reference to our Tender No. 2/Security/ICMR-RMRCPB dated 31.12.2021 and Tender ID: 2021_DoHR_640327_1 published in e-procurement portal, inviting tenders for procurement of Security services at ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dollygunj, Port Blair, **the Bid submission date have been extended upto 14.02.2022-16.00 hrs and Bids will be opened on 15.02.2022-10.30 hrs.**

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Candidates searching for Bangalore metro jobs may use this BMRCL recruitment 2022. As per the notification, BMRCL is going to recruit candidates on the basis of contract. Employment period will be 2 years for Senior Transport Planner posts, it may be extended based on the performance. Contract period for Assistant Manager & Chief Engineer/ Advisors is 3 years. Interested candidates are advised to apply Online for this BMRCL contract jobs & insisted to send the hard copy of application along with copies of required documents to the General Manager of BMRCL. BMRCL Recruitment notification & Application form available @ www.bmrcl.co.in.

BIS Recruitment 2022, Apply for 30 Scientist-B & Other Vacancies

BIS Recruitment 2022 | Scientists-B Posts | 22 Vacancies | Last Date: within 21 days | Download BIS Notification @ www.bis.gov.in

BIS Recruitment 2022: Bureau of Indian Standards has invites application from the young & eligible candidates to fulfil Scientists-B vacancies. There are 22 vacancies to be filled for the posts in various disciplines. Candidates should apply within 21 days from the date of release of advertisement in Employment news/ Rozgar Samacha. Indicative Notification published in the website on the date 24.01.2022. Online registration link will be activate from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment news/ Rozgar Samacha. Engineering job seekers in Central govt may apply for this BIS recruitment 2022.

As per the notification, Candidates are required in the disciplines of Civil, Chemical, Textile & Electrical Engineering. Candidates will be selected for these posts in Pay Level 10. No need to pay any kind of amount as application fee. Interested candidates are requested to visit the official website for detailed information before applying for this BIS recruitment. Candidates may refer the notification for age relaxation, reservation, eligibility, etc. BIS recruitment 2022 indicative notification uploaded @ www.bis.gov.in. Detailed advertisement & Application link will be available soon @ BIS official website.

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from candidates for admission to the following courses for the academic year 2021-22.

Name of the Course	Duration	Eligibility Requirement
Bachelor of Prosthetics & Orthotics (BPO)	4 & 1/2 Academic years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The candidate must be born on or before 31/12/2004. Selection will be on the basis of NEET score and guidelines. Candidates should apply with current year NEET Score and Class 12 Mark sheet on or before 17/02/2022. The candidate must be an Indian National.
Master of Prosthetics & Orthotics (MPO)	2 Academic years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in Prosthetics and Orthotics (P & O) from an Institute/ College recognized by Rehabilitation Council of India with compulsory completion of Internship of 6 months. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 31/7/2021. Certificate of registration with Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi. The candidate must be an Indian National. Candidates who have obtained B.P.O. degree from distance learning mode will not be eligible. (As per MUHS Circular No.8/2017 & Outward No. MUHS/C-5/PG. Allied/1280/2017 dated 16.8.2017)
Master of Physiotherapy (MPT)	2 Academic years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 30/11/2021. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council. # The candidate must be an Indian National.
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Physiotherapy (FCRPT)	1 Academic year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in Physiotherapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 30/11/2021. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council #. The candidate must be an Indian National.
Master of Occupational Therapy (MOTH)	3 Academic years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 30/11/2021. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council #. The candidate must be an Indian National.
Fellowship Course in Rehabilitation Occupational Therapy (FCROT)	1 Academic year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from a recognized University other than Distance Education and Agricultural University with completion of Six months compulsory Internship. Date of completion of Internship - On or before 30/11/2021. Certificate of registration with Maharashtra State Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy Council #. The candidate must be an Indian National.

A) APPLICATION FORMS & PROSPECTUS: i) Application form and prospectus can be downloaded from Institute website www.aiipmr.gov.in. ii) Duty filled in application form is to be sent by Speed Post to this Institute along with application fees.

B) Application fee (Non-refundable) for BPO, MPT, FCRPT, MOTH, FCROT courses is as given below:-
i) For BPO course: (a) For general category candidates. - Rs.650/- (b) For SC/ST/PH Category Candidates - Rs.550/-
ii) For MPT, FCRPT, MOTH, FCROT courses: (a) For general category candidates. - Rs.350/- (b) For SC/ST/PH Candidates - Rs.250/-
iii) Payment will be accepted in the form of Demand Draft only from Nationalized Bank, to be drawn in favour of 'Director, AIIPMR' Payable at Mumbai. Payment in any other form will be rejected. The fees once paid is non refundable and non- transferable under any circumstances.

C) Application received after last date will be rejected.

D) Other relevant details are mentioned in the Prospectus. Applicants are requested to go through the same before applying.

E) Reservation for SC/ST/OBC/PH will be done according to government guidelines.

F) Implementation EWS reservation will depend on receipt of required approvals for the same.

Note: - Admissions are subject to grant of affiliation from University for all the courses.
for candidate from out of Maharashtra time will be given to obtain the same with payment of late fee to be paid to the University.
In View of Corona pandemic, the entrance examination may be postponed/postponed or cancelled, changes if any will be updated on the Institute website www.aiipmr.gov.in
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IN CONVERSATION

NEW FEDERAL LAW TARGETS MEDICAL BILL SURPRISES

Patients worried about getting hit with an unexpected bill after emergency care gained a layer of protection this month from a new federal law.

The No Surprises Act prevents doctors or hospitals in many situations from billing insured patients higher rates because the care providers are not in their insurer's coverage network.

The law won't eliminate billing surprises. But it is expected to ease concerns, especially in emergencies where patients may not have time to choose an in-network doctor. A closer look at the law:

HOW ARE PATIENTS PROTECTED?

Insurers form networks of doctors and hospitals that agree to provide care for a discounted rate negotiated with the insurer.

Providers outside those networks often bill patients for the difference between what they charged and what the insurer covered. Insurers also may cover less of the remaining bill after the patient pays a deductible, which is the amount paid for care before most coverage starts.

In some cases, patients could receive the entire bill if the insurer doesn't cover anything outside its network.

The new law ends these billing surprises for most emergency care by essentially requiring that patients receive in-network coverage with no additional billing from the provider.

It also offers protection in care that isn't an emergency when people are treated at in-network hospitals by a provider outside their network. That can include radiology, lab work or care from an anesthesiologist.

The law also protects against out-of-network bills for air ambulances, but not ground ambulances.

Many states already regulate surprise medical bills. The federal law supplements those measures.

WHAT OTHER PROTECTIONS ARE PROVIDED?

The No Surprises Act beefs up protection against insurer claim rejections for

emergency visits.

Emergency departments are expensive places to seek care, and insurers have been trying to limit their use to only life-threatening emergencies.

They have denied coverage if they deem patient visits to be not emergencies. Doctors worry this practice will deter patients from seeking life-saving care when they need it.

Regulations behind the new law note



that insurers cannot deny a claim solely based on a doctor's diagnosis. They also must consider the symptoms patients had when they arrived.

That means insurers should not deny a claim to a patient who rushed to the ER thinking she was having a heart attack but ultimately was diagnosed with heart burn.

CAN THIS PROTECTION BE WAIVED?

In some cases that aren't emergencies, a doctor outside the network may ask a patient to waive their protections from the law. In exchange, they will provide an estimate of what the care will cost.

Those estimates also are available to uninsured patients.

Patients have to sign this waiver before the care. If the final bill comes in at least \$400 higher than the estimate, patients have a roughly four-month window in which they can dispute the amount.

If someone declines the waiver, the doctor may decline to treat them.

That could force people to choose between the doctor or hospital when only one

is in the network.

"This law does not mean (patients) can sit back ... and not be engaged when it comes to where they're getting their health care," said Emily Bremer, a St. Louis-area insurance broker.

HOW CAN PATIENTS STILL BE SURPRISED?

Many people don't understand their insurance and how much it covers. That could lead to unpleasant surprises.

"This isn't necessarily going to protect people from big bills, but it is going to protect them from undiscounted bills," said Karen Pollitz, a senior fellow at the Kaiser Family Foundation, which studies health care issues.

Shoppers often focus on the premium, or cost of coverage, when they choose a plan and may not pay close attention to out-of-pocket expenses like deductibles. A high deductible can lead to a bill of several thousand dollars.

"Maybe now more consumers will understand the limitations of their insurance," said Laura Wooster, a senior vice president with the American College of Emergency Physicians.

WHAT IF YOU STILL GET SURPRISED?

The law requires care providers to give patients a notice of whom they should contact if they have concerns about a bill.

Patients also may want to contact their insurer or the employer who administers the coverage. Pollitz recommends comparing any bill with an explanation of benefits sent by the insurer. That should give patients a sense of whether the bill was processed properly. It will show the undiscounted cost of care, what charges the insurer allows and what you may owe.

Many states offer consumer assistance programs that can help people sort out billing confusion or figure out how to contest a charge. The federal government runs a website where people can lodge complaints and operates a toll-free number for the "No Surprises Help Desk," 800-985-3059.

OPEN SECRET



Condoles demise

Port Blair, Jan 31: Shri. K. Ganesan and A&N Taxi Union have condoled the sudden demise of Shri. Satya Narayan Age 73, S/o Late Thottiah, R/o Birdline who died 31st Jan 2022. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He prayed for peace to the departed soul.



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IPL 2022: Lucknow Super Giants unveil team logo

LUCKNOW (Uttar Pradesh): Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), the new Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise on Monday revealed the logo of the side ahead of the 2022 mega auction.

The franchise said that its brand identity draws inspiration from ancient Indian mythology.

"The mythical bird Garuda, who is a protector and enthroned

with the power to move swiftly, has inspired us to create the winged emblem of the team. Garuda is omnipresent in every Indian culture and subculture," LSG said in a statement.

"The tri-colour wings of the entity symbolically represent Lucknow Super Giants' Pan-India appeal. The body of the bird has been formed by a blue

coloured bat to signify the game of cricket, there is a red ball with an orange seam too. It is like an auspicious 'Jay tilak'," it added.

Lucknow Super Giants said the identity, as a whole, is endowed with strong positive energy to soar higher and higher and achieve success.

Lucknow has opted to go

with KL Rahul (Rs 17 crore), Marcus Stoinis (Rs 9.2 crore), and Ravi Bishnoi (Rs 4 crore) for the IPL 2022. KL Rahul will don the captaincy hat.

Andy Flower has already been named the coach of the Lucknow franchise while former India batter Gautam Gambhir will serve as the mentor of the franchise.

Formula One to make Covid vaccine mandatory for 2022 season

Formula One will make it mandatory for all personnel working in its paddock to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19, without exemption, starting this season, a spokesperson for the sport's commercial arm said on Monday.

The mandate, which was first reported by the Times newspaper and the BBC, will apply to anyone entering the paddock – an exclusive area in which teams and drivers set up

shop for a race weekend.

"F1 will require all travelling personnel to be fully vaccinated and will not request exemptions," the spokesperson said.

This will include all competitors, hospitality staff, members of the media, the governing FIA, Liberty Media-owned commercial rights holders FOM and even celebrity guests.

The mandate was approved at a December meeting of the FIA's World Motor Sport Council. News of Formula One's

vaccine mandate comes after Novak Djokovic's Australian Open vaccine controversy.

The world number one was detained by immigration authorities on January 6, ordered released by a court on January 10, then detained again before being forced to leave Australia after a final court ruling that upheld the government's decision to cancel his visa.

The new rules call into question the future of long-time medical car driver Alan van der Merwe.

The South African, who played a pivotal role rescuing Romain Grosjean from a fiery crash in the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix, has chosen not to get vaccinated for personal reasons.

The FIA did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the vaccine mandate or Van der Merwe's future.

Formula One is set for a record 23-race calendar this year, with races such as Singapore, Japan, Canada and Australia, which had been cancelled for the last two years, set to return. The sport successfully staged two seasons amid the pandemic by adopting a bubble system and regular testing. The 2022 season, which will feature all new cars designed to a radical rules overhaul, gets underway in Bahrain on March 20. Teams will run their cars at a pre-season session in Spain from Feb. 23-25 and an official test session in Bahrain from March 10-12.

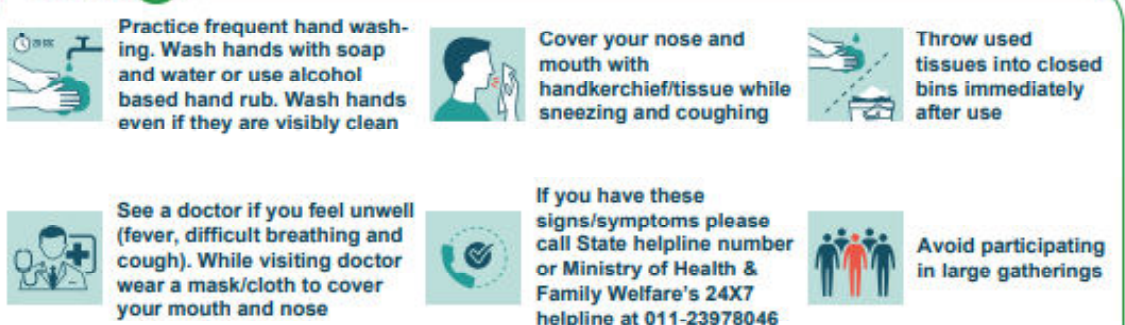


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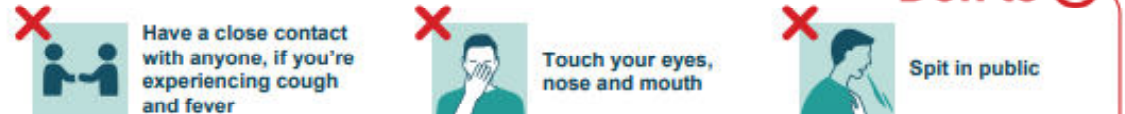


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