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Vaccination
drive continuing
smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 28: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,37,706 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx). A total of 1,69,979 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 27-09-2021. A total of 1636 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. 1116 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 304 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 264 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 33 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 256 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 13 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

No salary-No food money for Merchant Navy Officers manned by SCI

Officers not relieved after expiry of contract period: No response from DSS

Port Blair, 28th Sep, 2021: The Merchant Navy Officers manned by Shipping Corporation of India on shore passenger vessels of Directorate of Shipping Services, A & N Administration are going through tough times as they feel physically and mentally harassed due to administration of SCI and zero response from DSS. It is learnt that these on board Merchant Navy officers have not been paid with salary and food money from past two months. Furthermore, they are not being signed-off despite expiry of their contract period.



It is learnt that till 30th June, 2021, The Directorate of shipping services (DSS) owned Foreshore Passenger Vessel's officers were manned by a private firm namely RPSC company and ABS Marine Services. On expiry of contract with these firms, the manning work was taken over by Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) from 1st July, 2021. This was informed by DSS to all the masters of 17 Nos. pax vessels in service. After taking over the manning assignment, SCI issued the Article of Agreement (AOA) for all the seafarers. At the end of July, 2021, when the officers approached SCI for the salary and food money, the SCI authorities said that their payments for the month of July, 2021 will be done along with payments of August, 2021. But to the surprise, when seafarers approached SCI at the end of Aug, 2021, the authorities of SCI refuse to respond and kept silent. The officers are without salary and food money since 1st of July, 2021. All the Officers onboard have completed their contract period. Later the contract period was extended and that too expired but they are not signed-off in time and the relieving officers are waiting for a long time and are jobless. SCI authorities refuse to comment on signing-in and signing-off issue. Due to such response from the manning agency, these officers are physically and mentally harassed. The Directorate of Shipping Services is also keeping mum on the issue. Meanwhile, all the vessels are maintaining their sailing schedule correctly, and other vessels in maintenance are carrying out their repair jobs as seafarers continue to work without any agitation. It seems that SCI and DSS are only interested in carrying out the sailing, maintenance and survey jobs of vessels, they are not bothered about the Salary and food money of the officers onboard. Several correspondences with SCI and DSS failed to yield any response. The only response from DSS is that they are working on it from past 85 days. Keeping calm, these seafarers are knocking every possible venue to get their issues resolved. If not resolved, they may opt for other options.

MP Demands atleast two ferry vessels each for Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep on daily basis

Port Blair, Sept 28: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to operate atleast two ferry vessels each for Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep on daily basis.



the first and second waves of COVID-19 and now when there is a chance to earn some revenue, due to lack of sufficient number of ferry vessels, they are again suffering losses.

Adding to this, the common Islanders of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep need to come to Port Blair for various needs viz. treatment, education and other day to day works but due to lack of sufficient number of ships they are also finding it difficult to get tickets for the ferry vessels. Now, when the demand for tickets is more due to the pressure of tourism, common Islanders are also demanding

Hotspots. This is not only causing inconvenience to the visiting Tourists but also causing loss to the people associated with Tourism Business in Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. These people have already suffered heavy losses during

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament today mentioned that after the reopening of Tourism, slowly a large number of Tourists are now reaching Andaman but due to less number of vessels for Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep, they are struggling to visit these two Tourist

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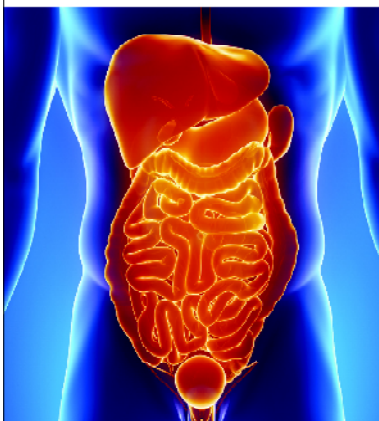
Port Blair, Sept 28: Admission counseling for Five Year B.A., LL.B., Degree Course offered in Andaman Law College will be held on 30.09.2021 (Thursday) at 09.00 AM

in Andaman College Auditorium. The interested candidates who had already applied for the said course are requested to be present for the counseling at the designated time,

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City roads in deplorable condition; no one accountable

Port Blair, Sept 28: Residents of many areas in the city are bailing potholed roads in their localities and blamed the APWD for the deplorable condition of the roads. APWD should construct roads by maintaining the highest quality as due to poor quality of road construction, the roads in the city did not last long. While commuters are penalised for violating traffic norms, no action is taken against the contractors and engineers assigned

the road construction works as there is no accountability. Residents allege that roads in many areas are worse for commuters as the stretch is filled with numerous potholes leading to the stretch being extremely accident-prone. There are many roads that are dangerous for vehicles. Motorists have to drive slowly and cannot evade the potholes. The APWD is getting ready to complete the



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NIO, GSI inked MoU

Port Blair, Sept 28: The National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Geological Survey of India (GSI), and Marine and Coastal Survey Division (MCS), Mangaluru. The purpose of this MoU is for collaborative work on special processing techniques like AVO and streamer tomography on seismic data already acquired by MCS/GSI and its interpretation around the Andaman-Nicobar subduction zone and back arc basin in the East Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea utilising the resources of both the parties. Mapping of fault system and

Government increases income limit of disabled dependents for family pension

Government has increased the income limit of disabled dependents for family pension. Defence Ministry has taken the decision to enhance the income criteria for grant of family pension to children or siblings suffering from mental or physical disability. Such child or sibling shall be eligible for family pension for life, if their overall income from sources other than family pension remains less than the entitled family pension ordinary rate. The financial benefit in such cases shall accrue with effect from 8th February 2021. Presently, the disabled child or sibling is eligible for family pension if overall monthly income from sources other than family pension is not more than 3000 rupees along with dearness relief.

EDITORIAL

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29 September 2021

Angela Merkel

In the run-up to the elections in Germany, a video from 1997 of outgoing Chancellor Angela Merkel surfaced on social media. Then, as the country's environment minister, Merkel outlined the impending climate crisis, the effects it was bound to have on the economy, displacement of populations and many of the myriad effects of global warming we see today. As the leader of Germany for 16 years — and the symbol of liberal centrism (even status quo-ism) and European unity — that video highlighted for many both Merkel's best qualities and where she fell short.

It is easy to forget, 16 years on, how significant it was for a woman to lead a traditionally male-dominated polity. Or, now that Donald Trump has been voted out of office and Brexit is done and dusted, what it meant to stand up for liberal values even as the far-right in her country and elsewhere gained ground. Under Merkel, the beleaguered centreheld its own. On the otherhand, Merkel's tenure has also been marked by strategic silences and compromises, domestically and internationally. For example, on the rights of Muslims and LGBTQI+ identity matters — the latter has become an election issue — Merkel avoided wading into controversy. Or, put another way, perhaps due to political exigencies, the Chancellor has not stood up at times for those who needed her to. The same centrism has marked her attitude to both Russia and China, integral as they were to German energy and trading needs. But perhaps Merkel's most important quality was that she projected reason and stability. Her popularity soared again during the pandemic, as she listened to the scientists and communicated with the people clearly.

The 1997 video has brought home to many how prescient the Chancellor had been about climate change, arguably the greatest existential threat humankind faces, and how, in office, she could have done much more. Perhaps, that is the burden of all centrists, especially those managing coalition governments.

MP Demands atleast...

more ferry vessels for Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep. Looking at problems being faced by Islanders and visiting tourists, the Member of the Parliament requested the Chief

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Secretary to issue necessary directions to the Directorate of Shipping Services to operate atleast two ferry vessels each for Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep on daily basis.

City roads in deplorable...

patch work so that in the next monsoon, potholes can reappear and the engineers of APWD can again make some money.

While several roads in the city have remained damaged for along period of time, the conditions of some roads are bad as giant potholes and craters have come up, causing inconvenience to the road users. Every year with the onset of monsoon, numerous potholes reappear in most roads in the city. Potholes in city roads are an annual event. Construction agencies like APED has kept massive fund for road construction and repair. Huge amount is spent on road construction, repair and maintenance

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every year butroads in the islands don't last long. Come rains, the city roads get deteriorated which are repaired by spending massive budgets. Road repair work has become a business for the APWD as it is one of their ways to earn some extra.

The sad part is despite poor road construction, no punitive actions are taken against the contractor and the engineers. This is because the officials in the APWD are reportedly hands in glove with the contractors and thus authorities shy away from taking action against the engineers and contractors responsible for the bad roads in the islands.

NIO, GSI ..

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the velocity model of AAP zone can be of immense importance when the potentiality of hydrothermal mineralisation is concerned. The major objective of the MoU is to delineate deep and shallow crustal structures across the Andaman-Nicobar

subduction zone through special processing of already acquired 2D marine multi-channel seismic data by GSI and to understand the role of faults or relatively shallow or sub-seabed structural features for fluid migration and tectonics," NIO said.

Men's Open Football Tournament-cum selection trial

Port Blair, Sept 28: In order to promote sports activities vigorously in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the A&N Football Association will be organizing a Men's Open Football Tournament-cum-Selection Trial for league-cum-Knockout football tournament from 14th October to 05 November, 2021 at JNRM football ground for participation in the forthcoming

National Competition (Santosh Trophy) 2021/2022 in association with Andaman and Nicobar State Sports Council & Department of Sports And Youth Affairs A&N Administration Port Blair. Interested Department / Police / Schools / Colleges / clubs register their name. For Registration and further details please Contact 9531916537 / 934261791 / 9434286633

CAN INDIA'S PROPOSED SEMICONDUCTOR DEAL WITH TAIWAN BE A GAMECHANGER?

Moore's Law states that the number of transistors on a microchip will double every two years, even while costs go down. Mister Moore, God bless him, surely may not have accounted for COVID-19, developments in artificial intelligence and the perfect storm of it all coming together, leading to a global shortage of semiconductors threatening industries from automobiles to smartphones and consumer

electronics. Moore's Law will also be put to test as India doubles down on closing a reported deal with Taiwan, the big daddy in the semiconductor scene. The deal, worth Rs 55,000 crore in today's dollar value, envisages a big-scale chip production facility with Taiwanese technology in the sub continent. The larger trade deal (that will, of course, make big bro Beijing see red) in the offing could see duty cuts on

components and other raw materials. A mega IT park with space for 100 Taiwanese companies is also on the anvil.

While it fits in with the whole 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' narrative of the government, the project really would not solve the semiconductor crisis right now. Even if the deal is signed on in the coming days, the whole process is likely to take years before it starts functioning. A Garther report says the present semiconductor shortage is likely to last till the second half of next year, while the India-Taiwan project, even if it moves at lightning speed, may not be able to start production before 2023 at best.

Not to forget, the logistics are daunting. First the government has to find the right location, and this is not just a matter of providing land. Even if one were to ignore the requirement of a seaport for easy access to imported components, any such facility will need a steady source of highly skilled workforce.

"The semiconductor industry hires a lot of STEM PhDs with highly specialised training, and good semiconductor engineers are very rare," according to semiconductor theorist Karan Mehta on Quora.

"Semiconductor companies need far better educated workforce than other industries."

Then there is the whole issue of scale. One of the reasons why there is a global shortage in semiconductors right now is because of the very nature of this product. First is the requirement of highly-skilled expertise. And Moore's law if it still applies, ensures that with more chips being packed into even more smaller circuits, not only is technology getting extremely advanced, the cost factor is becoming a deterrent for non-mega-size players.

On top of that, any semiconductor manufacturing facility requires massive investments. For example, this weekend, Intel announced two new chip fabrication plants (fabs) in Arizona, USA. The cost? Rs 1.4 lakh crore. The world's leading semiconductor manufacturer, Taiwan's TSMC, also started work on its new fab in Arizona back in June. The estimated cost of the project, TSMC's first outside of its home country in 20 years (India would definitely be hoping to be the second) is at least 88,000 crore rupees. The India-Taiwan figure of 55,000 actually fades in comparison to these.

Such massive investment and

infra only makes sense when any project has enough clients and orders to make good on the money spent — the reason why semiconductor industry has been limited to few mega-sized projects present in just a handful of countries. Explains a systems architect, "To be a winner, you must have both along-term strategy and an excellent 'this-year' product. It is challenging and once you hit the top in your area, you will attract huge competition. It is a winner-takes-all industry."

On one level, the Indian project does seem sorted on that front, with companies ranging from local car makers to smartphone manufacturers being crippled in recent months due to shortage of semiconductors being imported — Maruti Suzuki, for example, curtailed production by more than half this month due to lack of semiconductors for use. But as the new Indian plant kicks starts operation, whenever it might be, it could rest assured with even more newer areas where its chips could come into play — the advent of 5G, for example. But the sailing is not going to be exactly smooth, with the advent of newer technology especially AI, threatening to upend the field.

Over 87.07 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in country

More than 87 crore seven lakh COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered in the country so far under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. Health Ministry said, over one crore two lakh 22 thousand doses were administered yesterday. India reported daily new cases less than 20 thousand cases after 201 days. During the last 24 hours, over 18 thousand new cases were reported. India's Active caseload stands at two lakh 92 thousand 206 and is the lowest in 192 days. Active cases account for less than one per cent of total cases and is currently at 0.87 per cent, the lowest since March last year. The Ministry said, the recovery rate is currently at 97.81 per cent, highest since March last year. Over 26 thousand people recovered in the last 24 hours and total recoveries touched three crore 29 lakh 58 thousand and two. The weekly positivity rate currently stands at 1.88 per cent which is less than three per cent for the last 95 days. Daily positivity rate is at 1.42 per cent which is less than three per cent for last 29 days. The death toll due to the pandemic has reached four lakh 47 thousand 373. In all, 179 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Over 56 crore 57 lakh COVID tests conducted so far. Over 13 lakh 21 thousand tests were conducted yesterday.

TAT presents Thailand SHA SHA SHA @Andaman: The Memory

New Delhi, Sep 28: The Ministry of Tourism and Sports, together with the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT), is staging the Thailand SHA SHA SHA @Andaman: The Memory @ Phuket, Phang-Nga and Krabi, from 24 September to 3 October, 2021.

This 10-day event, which takes place daily from 16.00-20.00 hrs., is being held at popular tourist spots across 3 provinces: Phuket at the Phuket Old Town, Phrom Thep Cape, and Kata Beach; Phang-Nga at Ko Yao Yai, and Krabi at the Ao Nang Landmark.

Conducted in line with the Amazing Thailand Safety and Health Administration (SHA) standard, the event is open to all visitors including

This, expats and international travellers under the Phuket Sandbox and the 7+7 Extension programmes.

Activities include "Lighting in the Memory" decorations of popular landmarks, including Phuket Old Town, Phuket Thai Nuea Museum, Promthep Clock Tower, Peranakan Nitt Museum, Ekwanit Office Building, Sang Thom Shrine, Portuguese buildings, and Chinpracha House. "Sports in the Memory" at Kata Beach; various DIY stations; as well as shopping opportunities for local handicrafts and authentic products.

Sport or recreation lovers are invited to experience kayaking, paddle boarding and yoga class, as well as enjoying live music and entertainment

from Thai popular artists every Friday, Saturday and Sunday; such as, Two Popetorn, Nont Tanont, Kong Saharat, Pop Pongkol, Ton Thanasi, Zom Marie, NewJew, Pree Kani Kul, Lula, Kadha, Joey the Voice, and Ice Saranyu.

TAT wishes to remind all visitors to the event to follow the safety and hygiene measures; such as, be fully vaccinated and have a negative result of a RT-PCR or ATK Test from a hospital no more than 72 hours before attending, wear a mask at all times throughout the events, maintain social distancing, and check in via the Thai Chana application.

Advance booking can be made by scanning the below QR Code. The event is limited to 100 persons per time.

New evidence suggests coronavirus jumped from animals to humans multiple times

The origin of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which has caused the COVID-19 pandemic, has been hotly debated.

This debate has caused substantial difficulties in the Australia-China relationship, with a call by Foreign Minister Marise Payne for another inquiry into its origin being considered by China as a hostile act.

What's not in doubt is the closest relatives of the virus are found in bats. How, where and when the virus spilled over into humans is the contentious issue.

One widely supported hypothesis is the spillover occurred in the wet markets of Wuhan, where many species of wildlife from across China are held in crowded conditions. However, there's no evidence the species of bats in which the closest relatives of SARS-CoV-2 are found were sold through the Wuhan wet markets at any time in the two years before the pandemic. This hypothesis requires the existence of a bridge host, another species that becomes infected via a spillover from the original bat hosts, and then passes the virus onto humans. Bridge hosts are well-known in many emerging human diseases. For example, Hendra virus, which my group studies, has flying foxes as its reservoir.

Hendra spills over to horses

with some frequency. Horses then amplify the virus as a bridge host and can infect humans. Fortunately, this is extremely rare, with only a few known cases. Tragically, four of those people died.

Pandemics may occur in future as wild animals are frequently in contact with humans

Hendra has never been known to spread directly from flying foxes to humans.

More evidence a lab leak is very unlikely. A second, much more contentious hypothesis is the origin of the pandemic was the result of a lab leak. Wuhan has one of the most sophisticated biological laboratories in China, and the laboratory does work on bat viruses. The suggestion is the virus may have inadvertently been released into the general community via one of the workers. No direct evidence supports this hypothesis. A new pre-print study, released online this month, provides strong evidence to support the natural spillover hypothesis, with results that are hard to reconcile with the lab leak hypothesis. The study is yet to be peer reviewed. But it's based on a detailed examination of

the genetic sequences of two early lineages obtained from people infected in late 2019 and early 2020.

For convenience, these two lineages are called A and B. The two lineages differ by just two

nucleotides (letters in the genetic code) at two different key sites in the genetic sequence. If there was a single lab escape event, the separation into lineages A and B must have happened after the lab escape. We would therefore expect to see a substantial number of intermediate lineages, with the lineage A nucleotide at one site, and the lineage B nucleotide at the other site.

However, if almost all of the genetic sequences obtained from humans are pure lineage A or pure lineage B, this suggests there have been at least two different spillover events, either directly from bats or via bridge hosts. And the evolution of the two lineages occurred before humans were infected.

One thing we do know is this pandemic originated through a human coming in contact with another species infected with the virus. It's unknown whether this was a bat or a bridge host, and whether this contact occurred in a wildlife market, or in a bat cave, or somewhere else entirely different. Nevertheless, as humans encroach more and more on the habitats of wild animals and as wild animals are brought more frequently into close contact with humans, we can expect further spillovers and pandemics to occur.

therefore, suggests very strongly there have been at least two separate spillover events into human populations, one being from lineage A and another being from lineage B.

Did a human bring SARS-CoV-2 to the wet markets? The data don't tell us there have been only two spillover events there may have been more. Nor do they tell us whether these spillovers happened directly from bats, or whether some or all happened via an intermediate bridge host. A Nature news article suggests this evidence points to the spillover having happened via the wildlife trade, but I think this is taking it a step too far.

While some of the wildlife species sold through the Wuhan wet market can indeed become infected with SARS-CoV-2 (for example raccoons and mink), there's no evidence any sold through the market were infected. Many of the earliest human viral sequences (all lineage B) were recovered from the Wuhan seafood market, but wet markets and abattoirs are well-known to be places where the SARS-CoV-2 virus spreads very well from human to human. So, it may have been a human who brought the virus to the Wuhan seafood market, rather than a species of wildlife.

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India to emerge as hub of 'medical tourism' with Initiatives like Ayushman Bharat: PM Modi

New Delhi, Sep 28: On the occasion of World Tourism Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, September 27, addressed the nation by sharing a video message on the importance of having good health facilities in the country to attract tourism. He stated that with the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health infrastructure of the place is considered a top priority while planning a trip. While India has a strong medical and health foundation that is valued and respected across the world, he added.

Highlighting the vaccination drive in India, PM Modi said, "Indian tourism destinations including Sikkim, Assam, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar have accelerated the COVID-19 vaccination drive to gain trust and confidence of people planning to travel".

Appaudding the work of Indian doctors who are respected around the world, Modi wrote on Twitter, "Indian doctors are admired

worldwide for their dexterity. India is taking numerous initiatives to emerge as a hub for medical tourism." PM Narendra Modi stated, "People come to India as they trust and believe the health system of our country. Our doctors' efforts and dedication are admired by people across the globe". He further stated that foreigners who fly to India for the right treatment return happily to their countries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission on September 27 and stated that the nation is entering a new phase after seven years of campaigns to strengthen the health facilities of the country. PM Modi said, "Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission will play a big role in eliminating problems in medical treatment of poor and middle class. Through technology, work done by Ayushman Bharat to connect patients with hospitals across the nation is being further expanded and given a strong technology platform".

HC DISMISSES BAIL PLEAS OF YES BANK FOUNDER RANA KAPOOR'S WIFE, DAUGHTERS

The Bombay High Court on Tuesday dismissed the bail applications of Yes Bank founder Rana Kapoor's wife and two daughters in a quid-pro-quo case involving private sector lender Devan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd

(DHFL). Kapoor's wife Bindu and daughters Radha and Roshni had approached the high court after a special CBI court denied their bail plea and remanded them to 14-day judicial custody last week.

The applicants' lawyers had argued before the high court that accused are required to be arrested and remanded in custody only when there is a danger that they would abscond. The CBI, however, opposed the bail petitions, saying that by remanding the applicants in judicial custody, the special court was securing their presence for trial.

The central agency, which probes the corruption case, claims that Kapoor—presently in jail in connection with a related case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate—entered into a criminal conspiracy with DHFL's Kapil Wadhawan.

Between April and June 2018, Yes Bank invested Rs 3,700 crore in short-term debentures of DHFL. In return, DHFL paid a kickback of Rs 900 crore to Kapoor in the form of loans to DoIT Urban Ventures, a firm controlled by Kapoor's wife and daughters, the central agency alleged.

Kapoor's wife and two daughters have been named as accused in charge sheets filed by the probe agency in the case, and the court, after taking cognizance of the charge sheet, had summoned the trio.



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KATHA VYAS (SPEAKER)

By SWAMI SHUDDHANANDA SARASWATI
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SCIENTISTS CALL FOR GLOBAL TARGETS TO BEAT DIABETES, STROKES

Setting and achieving targets for treating diabetes patients with cholesterol or blood pressure medication, as well as tackling blood sugar levels, could save lives and reduce healthy lifetime lost due to diabetes in developing countries, a new global study has found.

The international research team, co-led by the University of Birmingham in the UK, published its findings in *The Lancet Global Health* on Thursday.

Researchers found that if 80 per cent of people had their diabetes and high blood pressure which often accompanies the condition diagnosed, treated, and controlled, and were given a cholesterol medication, healthy lifetime lost to patients from diabetes would improve by around 6 per cent over 10 years. This would be mainly from reduced cardiovascular conditions, like heart attacks or strokes.

We had already identified huge dropouts in the care received by people with diabetes in LMICs from being diagnosed to being treated then having their condition managed, with fewer than 10 per cent of patients getting the management they need, said Professor Justine Davies, co-lead author of the study from the University of

Birmingham's Institute of Applied Health Research.

Setting global targets for HIV and AIDs has led to massive improvements in people getting the treatment that they need to save lives and improve health. Our research suggests that similar targets would certainly be useful in improving lives for people with diabetes. We must definitely now achieve scale-up blood pressure and statin medication treatment as part of our ongoing fight against diabetes, she said.

Some 80 per cent of people with diabetes live in low and middle income countries (LMICs), such as India. Fewer than 6 per cent of these individuals can access the care they need to manage their diabetes and prevent long-term complications like heart attacks, strokes, kidney diseases or blindness.

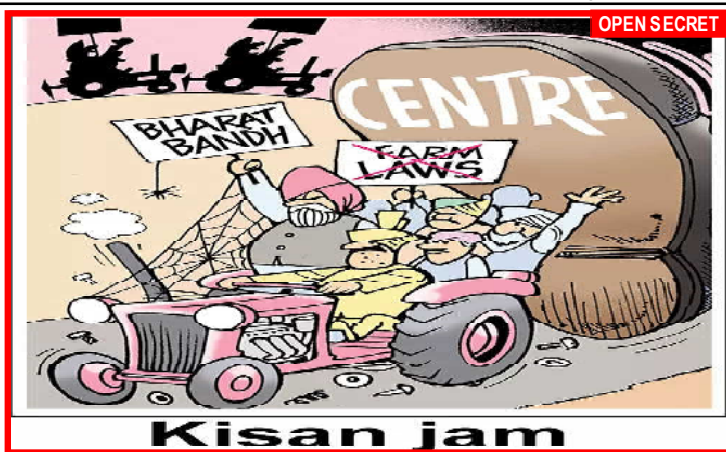
Hitting targets also would reduce deaths over the coming 10 years in all world regions, but the benefits are larger in some than others. For example, Eastern sub-Saharan Africa is the region with the most deaths from cardiovascular diseases due to diabetes at baseline (46 deaths per 1,000 people with diabetes) if targets were achieved, deaths would fall to 27

per 1,000, the researchers assess.

The study has highlighted some of the most important gaps in current global diabetes data that are needed both to establish targets for diabetes care in LMICs and monitor progress toward achieving these, said Dr Jennifer Manne-Goehler, co-lead author, physician with the Division of Infectious Diseases, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Instructor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School. Until diabetes registries are established, it is vital to collect data that will help us to assess the prevalence of diabetes and other cardiovascular disease risk factors in populations. The greater impact of COVID in people with diabetes reinforces this urgency.

Analysing health data from 23,678 people with diabetes in 67 countries, researchers estimate that achieving targets to improve the number of patients with diabetes who have their blood pressure properly treated and who are on a cholesterol medication are among the most critical strategies for reducing diabetes complications in LMICs. Boosting statin or blood pressure treatment by 10 per cent would substantially cut the risk of cardiovascular events whilst boosting control of glucose had less benefit. Researchers also discovered that when considering costs, achieving such targets in most world regions would come in below WHO thresholds for cost effectiveness.

The study reveals that taking such a holistic approach and treating diabetes and high blood pressure as well as giving a cholesterol medication is cost effective, but it is likely to be more complex to monitor whether countries are achieving these multiple targets. It requires countries to regularly collect nationally representative data in order to monitor how effectively diabetes care is reaching patients.



AATO conducts beach cleaning to mark World Tourism Day

Port Blair, Sept 28: The Andaman Association of Tour Operators celebrated World Tourism Day on 27 September 2021 in a befitting manner. Team AATO conducted a beach cleaning drive at Veer Savarkar Park, Choudhury. Tourism is the most prominent industry in Andamans and provides employment to a large number of Islanders. As per AATO President, Shri. M. Vinod, President, AATO has been promoting tourism in Andamans since its inception in the year 2004. AATO has represented Andaman Tourism in various domestic and international trade events and exhibitions. Tourism has resumed in Andaman Islands post



lockdown and in a recent move removed the mandatory RTPCR check for people who are double vaccinated and completed 15 days after second dose.

5-days Abhyas Varg by BMS

Port Blair, Sept 28: The National Committee of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh has conducted 5 days Abhyas Varg at Thengadi Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The varg was for all State Presidents, State General Secretaries, State Organising Secretary, Deputy Organising Secretary and Finance Secretary. The Abhyas Varg was started on 19th Sept. 2021 and concluded on 23rd Sept. 2021 in which the National Leaders of RSS S/Shri. Dr. Manmohan Vaidya, Sah Sarkaryavah (Joint General Secretary) J.V. Bhaigai, Sah-

Sarkaryavah (Joint General Secretary), RSS, Aravind Moghe, Sama Bal Reddy along with other national leaders of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh S/ Shri. Hiranmay Pandya, National President, Binoy Kumar Sinha, National General Secretary, B. Surendran, National Organising Secretary and 8 Zonal Organising Secretaries attended with all State / UTs representatives. The Abhyas Varg was organized for Karyakart Nirman in Naton Building motto. The varg included various topics on organised and unorganised sectors



with interactive sessions on new labour laws and other organisational issues with special emphasis on developing Women Leadership. The 5-days Abhyas Varg at Bhopal was participated by Shri. M. Veeranna, State President, BMS, A & N Islands from this Union Territory.

India is on path to low carbon economy and shipping: Sarbananda Sonowal

Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has said that India intends to increase share of renewable energy to 60 percent of total power demand of each of its major port from present share of less than 10 percent.

This will be through solar and

wind generated power. Virtually addressing the high level session on IMO-Norway Green Voyage 2050 Project in New Delhi today, Mr Sonowal said 50 percent of port equipment will be electrified by 2030, and all ports shall supply shore power to all visiting ships in

a three-phased manner by that time. The ports have also aimed to reduce Carbon emissions per ton of cargo handled by 30 percent by 2030. The Minister said India is on path to low carbon economy and shipping. The Maritime Vision Document 2030 is a 10-Year blue

print on India's vision of a sustainable Maritime sector and vibrant blue economy. He informed that India has been selected as the first country under IMO Green Voyage 2050 project for conduct of a pilot project related to Green Shipping.

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