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Thought for today
An honest individual is satisfied with himself as much as others are satisfied with him.

COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Nov 17: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,23,731 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,74,603 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2707 people were vaccinated in these islands on Tuesday. 2239 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 89 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 414 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 09 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 54 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

Lack of castration or spaying initiatives main reason for rising stray dog population in city

Port Blair, Nov 17: Even as urban residents urge civic body to move into top gear to control the rising population of stray dogs, lack of castration or spaying initiatives by the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department is likely to further aggravate problems for the citizens. As per reports, not a single stray dog has been castrated or spayed by the veterinarians over the past few months. The craze for pedigree dogs has added to the problem when people acquire them on a whim, tire of them, and abandon them on the street. Breeders, pet shops, and people who don't sterilize their companion dogs, are also to be blamed for the overpopulation crisis.



Their behavior varies from being docile and friendly to being ferocious who may be quite a bother for the people. But what is much more disconcerting and disgusting is the fact these stray dogs invariably roam around and sully the places. No place is safe, including even the hospitals, temples and picnic spots. Acting on complaints about stray dogs causing trouble in a particular area, the civic body press into action, catches them and takes them to veterinary hospital for castration.

MP felicitates World Record Holder Shiva Yogantha



Port Blair, Nov 17: The Member of Parliament, Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma, felicitated islander girl, Shiva Yogantha, in recognition of her unique world record feat in the coveted 'International Book of Records' under the category of 'Fastest to recite 100 to 1 back ward counting in 51 seconds'. The Member of Parliament felicitated the girl child at a function held in his office and congratulated her for the spectacular achievement and wished her more laurels and for being a role model to fellow islanders.

Krishna Rao appointed Addl. Judge of Calcutta HC

Port Blair, Nov 17: Shri Krishna Rao has been appointed as the Additional Judge of Calcutta High Court. As per the notification issued by the Govt. of India, Shri Krishna Rao, Shri Bibhas Ranjan De and Shri Ajay Kumar Mukherjee have been appointed as Additional Judges of the Calcutta High Court.

In that order of seniority, for a period of two years with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices. "In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 224 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Krishna Rao, Bibhas Ranjan De and Ajay Kumar Mukherjee, to be Additional Judges of the Calcutta High Court, in that order of seniority, for a period of two years with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices," the notification issued by Shri Rajinder Kashyap, Additional Secretary to the Govt. of India read.

Students of GSSS RK Pur, Little Andaman on strike

Demanding better infrastructure and filling of vacant posts of teachers & Principal

Little Andaman, 17th Nov, 2021: The students of the Govt. Sr. sec. school, Rama Krishnapur, Little Andaman went on strike today morning demanding better infrastructure, facilities and posting of teachers against vacant posts. Today morning students gathered in front of the school and organised a peaceful rally. Shri. Biswajit Saha, Chairman of the School Management Committee, members of SMC, guardians and villagers were not happy over the situation that forced students to go on strike. SMC members took that time and again genuine problems of the school were raised before the authorities of Administration and the Department of Education but no suitable action is taken. They said that this is the reason why students are agitating. Demands of students include the following:-

- The school is functional without full time Principal and Vice Principal from past many years. In absence of full time Head of the Institution the functioning and quality of education has affected severely.
- Major repair work in washrooms need to be undertaken on priority basis. These washrooms are posing threat to students but they are forced to use the same.
- The old building of the school need to be demolished and new building be constructed in lieu of that.
- There is acute shortage of furniture since long time. Due to shortage, students are forced to face hardships. Four to five students have to sit on a single Bench.
- The RO system is not functional since long time and it need to be repaired or replaced.
- The playground of the school

stadium is not being maintained. Due to this ground is not at all in condition to be used. The ground is full of Hubs and shrubs and nobody is looking after the very big asset of Government. No maintenance of the ground and stadium has been done since long time.

- Wire net fencing on the school is fully damaged and needs immediate replacement. The existing school gate is in dilapidated conditions and is need of replacement.
- Several posts of teachers are lying vacant since long time. In absence of teachers, teaching-learning is badly hampered.
- One of the senior teachers of the school is attached with office of the Deputy Commissioner-South Andaman in the name of COVID duty. Students were demanding immediate redressal of their genuine demands for their safety and better future.

Power suspension

Port Blair, Nov 17: Due to shifting of 11 KV power and re-laying of power cables at Phoenix Bay Power House, power supply will remain suspended on Nov 20 from 7 am to 2 pm in parts of Junglighat, Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm complete Marine Hill, Duganab complete, Ro and Basti & Netaji Club area. The time mentioned in the schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly.

Annual Training Camp for NCC cadets concludes



Port Blair, Nov 17: The closing ceremony of Combined Annual Training Camp for Senior Division/ Wing Army and Naval NCC Cadets was conducted at JNRM on Wednesday. Prior to the closing ceremony, the cadets had a motivational lecture by Captain Ashutosh Pandey, Director of

Shipping Services Port Blair. He motivated the young cadets about the life in the armed forces and shared various life lessons that he learnt in the Indian Navy. He encouraged the cadets to be positive in life, develop a spirit of adventure and to always give their best in any task they do. During the ceremony,

Camp Adjutant presented the camp report of CATC 21-22. Camp Commandant Colonel Vivekananda addressed the gathering and congratulated the cadets on the successful completion of the camp. During the evening along with Lt Cdr Arkit Pant, ANOs, Plsistaf and cadets of both the units were present.

State BJP Prez inaugurates Harinagar Mandal office at Billiground

Gurusdas Biswas
 Billiground, Nov 17: In a big day for the BJP, Harinagar Mandal, N&M Andaman District, the Unit goes permanent office at Billiground Market. The State President, BJP,

Mr Ajay Bairagi inaugurated the office after the hosting the party flag in front of the office in the presence of Shri Joydipoy Bawali, State General Secretary, BJP, ANI along with Smti Bimala Sutar, Saw Tatlo,

Shri Gour Mazumder, Tushar Bepari, Smti. Aroli Mondal and other BJP workers with a huge gathering of BJP supporters. After opening of the office, the local BJP representatives highlighted the vision of the party for the development of the society. Shri Ajay Bairagi stressed on strengthening the party at the grassroots level and called upon party workers to strive for the welfare of the society.



WITH YOU holds camp for registration of pvt. workers with e-SHRAM portal



Port Blair, Nov 17: A camp was organized by WITH YOU NGO in association with A&N Labour department to register the names of private workers working in different sectors at Community

AATO suggests more measures to boost tourism

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO) has suggested more measures to improve the tourism industry in these islands. In a letter to the Chief Secretary, AATO President, Mr. Vinod suggested revision of water sports timings to 8 am, granting swimming permission at beaches frequented by tourists and increase timing of beach from 5 pm, increase in seating capacity and frequency of shows for the

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National Orientation Camp of Congress party leaders concludes

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Congress General Secretary, KC Venugopal on Monday said he most important thing at the moment for the Congress party is to strengthen the organization at the booth level. He was addressing the gathering at the Valedictory session of the National Orientation Camp of Congress party for organization Training at Wardha in Maharashtra.

"Organization will not grow without the hard work of the millions of workers spread across length and breadth of this country. Equality and brotherhood is the idea of the Congress and this should be taken

to the public," Venugopal said. Taking about the importance of training programmes like this, Venugopal said, "The aid of this training program was to build new leadership and to bridge the gap between the leaders and people. Such training programs will play an important role in invigorating and strengthening the congress



Unnati's organizes training prog on fish food processing at Hathitapu



Port Blair, Nov 17: The mobile food processing unit of Unnati's food processing training centre organised a fish based food processing training

program on Tuesday at Hathitapu on the request of Smti Manjit Kaur, President Roshni Self Help Group in which 20 Self Help Group

members from 5 Self Help Groups participated. The training was conducted by Smti Sabrun Nisha.

Former State Prez of BJP pays tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda



Port Blair, Nov 17: Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP and Former State President BJP, ANI paid floral tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda Ji on his birth anniversary at Atam Pahad on 15th November 2021. In his address Shri Jolly

EDITORIAL

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global value chains

Trade data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on Monday reveals that India's merchandise exports have continued their stellar performance. Exports were up 43 per cent in October over the previous year, and 36 per cent above their pre-pandemic level. Cumulatively, for the first seven months of this year, April to October, they stood at \$233.54 billion, suggesting that India's exports may well be on track to hit the \$400 billion mark this year. Coming at a time when uncertainty over the underlying drivers of growth lingers on — domestic demand and investment remain subdued, and the ability of government spending to drive growth on a sustained basis is limited — a sustained, robust growth in exports could provide the much needed fillip to the Indian economy.

The country's exports have benefited from a stronger than expected global recovery. As per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, global trade is expected to be 28 per cent higher this year. Disaggregated data shows that the major drivers of India's export growth so far this year have been petroleum products, gems and jewellery, engineering and electronic goods, and organic and inorganic chemicals — categories which, according to CRISIL, have the greatest responsiveness to global growth. On the other hand, import growth too has been fairly healthy. Imports in October were up 62.5 per cent from last year, and 45.7 per cent over their 2019 levels. For the April-October period, non-oil non-gold imports, which can be used as a gauge for domestic demand, were up 36 per cent over the pre-pandemic levels.

Much of the upswing is a consequence of the process of normalisation of economic activities across the world. Thus the sustainability of such growth is debatable. Moreover, global trade is increasingly being affected by production and supply disruptions, and there are signs of the momentum in demand showing fatigue in some countries. Also uncertain is how the reconfiguration of supply chains over the medium term affects global trade. At this only underlines the urgency to reexamine various aspects of India's trade policy. There are some indications of this already happening. After some hesitation, the government appears to be recalibrating its approach towards trade agreements. Several such agreements deals — early harvest deals — are being worked on. These may be precursors to larger, more comprehensive free trade agreements. Simultaneously, the government should also reexamine its tariff policy, and pivot away from protectionism. At this critical juncture, the policy thrust must be to enhance export competitiveness, and seek deeper integration with global value chains.

WITH YOU holds...

SHRAM portal among them most were of the fishermen community. Shri O. T. Vishak, Assistant Labour Commissioner informed the public that if a worker is registered at the SHRAM portal and meets with an accident, he/she will be eligible for a relief of Rs 2 lakh on death or permanent disability and Rs one lakh on partial disability. Miss V. K. Mariyam bibi, President, WITH YOU appealed to all the workers from diverse communities and different sectors of occupation like

domestic and household workers, apparel sector workers, automobile and transport sector workers, electronics and hardware workers, capital goods workers, education staff, healthcare staff, retail, agriculture, tourism dependants to come forward and register their names in the portal. She also informed that for the convenience of the workers, they can come to NGO office, Bambooflat from 18.11.2021 onwards.

AATO suggests...

Sound and Light Show at Cellular Jail, resuming sound and Light Show at Nalaji Subash Chandra Bose Island, increase in number of

National Orientation...

organization. As many as 200 delegates from 30 states participated in the four day training camp organized by the All India Congress Committee (12.11.2021 to

Former State Prez...

recalled his contribution to the freedom movement and protecting the interest of the tribals. In order to mark the occasion, the day is being

Thailand to propose Andaman national parks as world heritage sites

BANGKOK (The Nation/Asia News Network): The Cabinet meeting on Tuesday (Nov 16) has approved the move to propose national parks and one mangrove forest along the Andaman Sea as world heritage sites to the World Heritage Centre of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco), said deputy government spokeswoman Tanisuee Traisoranakul on Tuesday. The move has been submitted by Office of Natural Resources and Environment Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. "The proposed national parks and mangrove forest are located in three Southern provinces of Ranong, Phang Nga and Phuket, with combined areas

of 290,800 hectares or 2,908 sq.km," she said. "Of these, 1,159.55sq.km are the actual national park areas while 1,748.45sq.km are buffer areas." "These sites are located in Ranong, namely the Ranong Islands National Park, Laem Son National Park and Ranong Mangrove Forest," said Tanisuee. "Three sites are in Phang Nga, namely Suin Islands National Park, Similan Islands National Park and Khao Lampi-Hat Tai Muang National Park. The last site, Sirinat National Park, is located in Phuket." Thailand will have until April 15, 2022 to submit the proposal documents to the Unesco, whereas the consideration for world heritage sites will take place during World Heritage Centre's 45th general assembly in 2023.

IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO TRANSFORM IT AND BT: VICE PRESIDENT NAIDU AT BENGALURU TECH SUMMIT

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu said it has become necessary to transform IT (Information Technology) and BT (Biotechnology) and create a wealth of knowledge for the country. Naidu was speaking during the inauguration of the 24th edition of the

Naidu said the summit should also focus on agriculture which is facing problems, and the challenges that are posed to mankind by climate change and the ongoing pandemic. "We should come up with new ideas through innovation to encourage the growth of

During the inaugural session, Israel Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, who joined the session virtually from Jerusalem, said during a meeting with PM Narendra Modi a few weeks ago, they discussed how both the countries could take India-Israel relations to the next level, especially with regard to technological collaborations.

"Technology has the power to not only help lives but also to save lives. India is one of the biggest economies of the world and has vast digital expertise. Israel is one of the most innovative nations in the world. When India and Israel come together, amazing things can happen," said Bennett. He said the combination of innovation and entrepreneurship, and creativity and imagination of the two countries can lead to amazing things. "The future belongs to those who innovate. I hope to travel to India soon and see what the future holds for the two nations," said Bennett.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who too joined the inaugural session virtually, said India is a major technology power. "Technology is at

the forefront of the comprehensive strategic partnership which Prime Minister Modi and I signed last year. We have already made great progress and are sharing expertise on cyber and critical technologies like quantum computing and Artificial Intelligence. At the same time we are working to make our supply chains more secure and resilient. We are collaborating on the mining and processing of critical minerals — like cobalt and lithium and rare earth elements — that are vital to clean energy technologies and have military applications," said Morrison.

He said the two countries were also cooperating on space science, technology, and research, and Australia is also supporting India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission. "We are deepening our education and research links that are vital to technological cooperation. We are also working towards low carbon emissions technology partnership, which will see us combine efforts on hydrogen and ultra-low cost solar. Reducing emissions while driving economic growth in both our economies," added Morrison.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said Karnataka had an estimated GDP of around \$230 billion (2019-20) and the state is leading in sectors such as Information Technology, Information Technology enabled services, electronics, machine tools, Aerospace and Biotechnology, and ranked fourth in nominal GDP, after Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh. "Karnataka had an FDI inflow of US\$ 42.3 billion between 2000-2019 is the third highest among all the states in India. Karnataka is also home to over 5,500 plus IT/ITES companies and 750 MNCs contributing to over Rs 42.5 lakh crore of exports, generating direct employment to over 12 lakh professionals and creating over 31 lakh indirect jobs. The share of Karnataka in Information Technology exports is nearly 40 per cent of the country's exports. The IT sector contributes 25 per cent to the state's gross state domestic product (GSDP). Karnataka is India's largest chip design hub, with 85 plus chip design companies and 70 per cent of the country's chip designers," said Bommai.



Bengaluru Tech Summit 2021.

He said ultimately, the aim of technology and innovation should be to bring happiness to people, and enunciated the need to share knowledge and ideas.

knowledge economy and ensure that we reform and perform better to transform India into the new economy," remarked Naidu. He called upon private entrepreneurs to create jobs in the new economy.

After More Than 100 Years, Cricket May Finally Become a Part of Olympics

Port Blair, 17th Nov, 2021: The International Cricket Council has

been trying to get cricket included in the Olympics for a long time now. And now reports suggest that Cricket may be included in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. The prospects of having cricket in the Olympics were boosted after the United States of America was awarded the title of hosting rights of the 2028 World Cup in 2024. This World Cup will be jointly organized in the West Indies and America. Currently, America is just an associate member of the ICC.

Cricket is growing continuously in the US and their cricketers have been playing in several T20 leagues all across the

world. Apart from that players from other major cricket playing nations

The T10 league can be included in the Olympics. However, it has not achieved international level yet. But a successful T10 league has been organised in the UAE for the last several years and the ICC has recognised it. At present, ICC organises Test, ODI and T20 only at the international level. But looking at the

Olympics, they can well approve the T10. Cricket was included back in the 1900 Olympics in Paris. However, only 2 sides got the chance to be a part of the tournament. Britain won the gold medal by defeating the French Athletic Club Union. Cricket has never been able to get a place in the Olympics. Women's T20 has been included in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022.

Drinking coffee linked to more energy but less sleep and irregular heartbeats: Study finds

Texas, 17th Nov, 2021: Coffee is the most popular drink around the globe. Although many studies have found that caffeinated coffee can be a healthy part of a balanced diet and provide boosts in both energy and alertness, a new report finds that morning cup of java can have a number of harmful short-term health effects too. Researchers with the American Heart Association say, although it increases physical activity, drinking coffee also reduces the amount of sleep people get and increases the chance of experiencing abnormal heartbeats.

"Coffee is the most commonly consumed beverage in the world, yet its health effects remain unclear," says study author Gregory Marcus, M.D., M.A.S., from the University of California-San Francisco in a media release. "While the majority of long-term observational studies have suggested multiple potential benefits of drinking coffee, this is the first randomized trial to investigate the real-time, physiologic consequences of coffee consumption."

Researchers gathered 100 adults who they tracked using continuously recording ECG devices to monitor heart rhythm while drinking caffeinated coffee. The volunteers also wore wrist devices to track physical activity levels and the sleep duration. Continuous glucose monitors kept track of each person's blood sugar levels over the two-week experiment.

Researchers also took DNA saliva samples from each person to see if the impact of drinking coffee depends on a person's ability to metabolize caffeine.

Over 14 days, the team randomly assigned each participant to either avoid or consume coffee for two straight days before switching tasks. Researchers were able to track the exact times the



volunteers drank coffee through a "time stamp button" on the ECG monitor and a GPS tracker which monitored when they entered coffee shops. Each person also filled out a questionnaire, revealing how much coffee they drink in the morning and throughout the day. The results of the two-week experiments show that drinking coffee leads to a 54-per cent increase in premature ventricular contractions. This is a type of irregular heartbeat that takes place in the lower heart chambers. People who experience this report feeling like their heart skipped a beat. On the other hand, people drinking more coffee reported having fewer episodes of supraventricular tachycardia, which is a rapid heart rhythm in the upper heart chambers.

Another positive of coffee, study authors find the daily caffeine boost leads to more physical activity. Coffee drinkers logged over 1,000 extra steps each day in comparison to the days they avoided coffee. For each additional cup of coffee they drank, participants took nearly 600 extra steps during the day.

Unfortunately, the caffeine boost negatively impacted the time people spent sleeping. On average, the volunteers got 36 fewer minutes of sleep after consuming caffeinated coffee, according to their Fitbit devices. For every cup of coffee consumed, participants slept for 18 fewer minutes that night.

The study did not find any noticeable changes in blood sugar levels on days when the group avoided or consumed coffee. "More physical activity, which appears to be prompted by coffee consumption, has numerous health benefits, such as reduced risks of Type 2 diabetes and several cancers, and is associated with greater longevity," Marcus reports. "On the other hand, reduced sleep is associated with a variety of adverse psychologic, neurologic and cardiovascular outcomes. More frequent abnormal heartbeats from the upper heart chambers influence risk of stroke, fibrillation, and more frequent abnormal beats from the lower chambers, or ventricles, increase the risk of heart failure. These results highlight the complex relationship between coffee and health."

Lack of castration...

or spaying As per procedures, such dogs are tagged mentioning the locality they belong to and later on they are dropped to that particular area so as not to create any confusion in their minds. However, the practice is not being followed by the Animal Husbandry Department for the past many months, as per sources.

"Pet dogs of course are very well taken care of by their masters. They are given good and nutritious food, tonics and medicines besides being vaccinated. But generally street dogs are deprived of care and love making them stray and wild, sick and hungry. May be they can be seen barking and chasing but most of the time they roam around in search of food. But if anyone

feels troubled by the dogs then the Municipal Council can be contacted to catch them and get them castrated. Though the civic body is responsible for checking the population of stray dogs and make sure that the dogs who wander around streets are vaccinated one, it's the callousness of the Animal Husbandry Department that is giving rise to the population of stray dogs in the absence of castration or spaying initiatives," said a pet lover of the city. "The stray dogs menace has been growing out of proportions in almost all parts of the city. Many people blame lack of initiatives by the UT administration as the main

reason. The administration must devise a strategy and plan to address this menace. Dedicated and persistent sterilization and immunisation of stray dogs is the main action which needs an effective implementation. The NGOs may be roped in such drives. The dog lovers ought to be motivated through awareness campaigns to adopt the local breeds/stray pups. The local breed dogs are known for their survival instincts and stray dogs must be fed as a compassionate gesture. The Animal Husbandry Department should also play its part in controlling the population of stray dogs in the city," said another.

Unnati's organizes ..

trainer. During the training methodology about preparation of food pickles was demonstrated. Smt Manjit Kaur during interaction session pointed out that the Self Help Group moment need to be strengthened and supported meaningfully for empowerment of women.

The President of Unnati mentioned that the Self Help Group movement may be successful if after support from concerned departments/Panchayat/Municipal Council as being done in various

States and UTs in mainland as detailed given below like Gujarat office cleaning works, self management of canteen in Government offices, Jharkhand - PDS by Self Help Groups, Kerala - life saving efforts, IT units for computerised works, Maharashtra - electric bill distribution, fish rearing in Panchayats and Government pond on lease basis, PDS, Odisha - gas cylinder distribution, Tamil Nadu - by self generated income to take to sick, canteen in block office etc. We may consider to award many works like these considering our local situation.

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Heurster said much could be achieved for empowering women through Self Help Groups as achieved by Bangladesh. Considering the importance of Self Help Groups moment our Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi recently had an video conference with Self Help Groups in which all heads of the Department of States and UTs also participated. Hopefully the Self Help Group movement now would receive the required support and assistance for empowering women. Unnati appreciated the excellent support and assistance extended by Smt Manjit Kaur for organizing the food processing training program at Hathipatna.

1st time Fully-vaccinated number exceeds partially jabbed in India

New Delhi, 17th Nov, 2021: With the number of fully vaccinated people surpassing the partially vaccinated eligible population for the first time in the country, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya said that the ongoing "Har Ghar Dastak" campaign and "Jan Bhagirdari" have made this feat possible.

"The staunch political commitment of the Government of India to protect every citizen from Covid-19 through vaccination has enabled the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive to achieve several milestones ever since its inception on January 16, 2021," the health

minister said. Health ministry said that for the first time the number of fully vaccinated individuals has surpassed those who have been administered only a single dose of vaccine on Wednesday. The country has in total administered over 1.14 billion doses as per provisional reports.

Of these, 78 million were administered as the first dose and 383 million doses were second doses. Half of the adult population who took their first dose has received the second dose as well. Congratulating the collective spirit of the country on this

achievement, Mandaviya said in a tweet, "We will win the battle against Covid-19 together," he stated. Under the month-long door-to-door vaccination campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 21, healthcare workers have been focusing on districts where less than 50 per cent of the eligible population has been vaccinated.

The Health Minister in a press statement also said that there was no shortage of vaccine doses in the country. He urged people to come forward for a second dose, and motivate those in their family and community to take both the doses.

With a little over 10,000 Covid infections reported yesterday, India's trend of less than 50,000 daily new cases has continued for 143 days on the trot now. Active cases presently constitute 0.37 per cent of the country's total positive cases, which is low since March 2020. India's weekly test positivity rate at 0.96 per cent has stayed less than 2 per cent for the last 54 days now. The daily positivity rate was reported to be 0.82 per cent according to the health ministry data.



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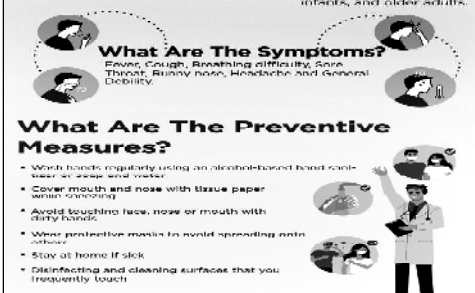
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2. That we are son the deceased Puspa Rani Roy (Mother) Expired on 31-12-2020 at Paschimsagar Village under Diglipur.
3. That our deceased Sadhucharan Roy was survived by following members of family:

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4. That The Deceaseds Sadhucharan Roy (Father) and Puspa Rani Roy (Mother) has never consummated a marriage than the one mentioned above.

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VODAFONE IDEA NEEDS FUNDS, TARIFF HIKES TO STRENGTHEN HEALTH: ANALYSTS

In September this year, the government lent a huge helping hand for telecom companies, especially Vodafone Idea, when it announced a big relief package. The measures included a four-year moratorium on dues and rationalisation of the definition of adjusted gross revenue (AGR), which will exclude non-telecom revenue of companies.

While the government has done its bit, Vodafone Idea has challenges on two key fronts—retaining its subscribers and securing funds for future investments. And this is something only the company can address.

Vodafone Idea reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 7,132 crore in the second quarter, lower than the Rs 7,216 crore loss it had reported in the year-ago quarter. Its quarterly revenue, however, declined near 13 per cent to Rs 9,406.4 crore from Rs 10,791.2 crore.

A decline in subscriber base is a major worry. When Vodafone and Idea Cellular merged in 2018 to become Vi, the combined subscriber base stood at 408 million, making it the largest telecom company in the country at the time. At the end of the September quarter, it had 253 million subscribers, compared with 255.4 million in the June quarter a loss of 2.4 million subscribers. In comparison, Bharti Airtel had 354 million customers in its India business at the end of September 2021, up 1 per cent from the 352.87 million customers in the June quarter. Reliance Jio has a subscriber base of 429.5 million as of September 2021.

While Vi's net subscriber loss in the quarter was much less than the 12 million it lost in April-June, its continued loss of subscribers even on a low base is a cause for concern considering the rising average revenue per user (ARPU) ask rate to become cash breakeven, said research analyst

Sanjay Jan of ICICI Securities.

Vi's 4G subscribers rose 3.2 million, quarter on quarter to 116.2 million, and this migration from 2G to 4G should aid in an increase in ARPU, but a generalised tariff hike is needed to improve the health of the company, said Piyush Pandey, lead analyst at Yes Securities.

Vi added a modest 3,400 mobile broadband (MBB) sites in the second quarter versus 36,000 MBB sites added by Airtel. He also pointed out that the company's Rs 1,300 crore capex in the second quarter was 70 per cent lower than the Rs 4,600 crore for Bharti Airtel's India wireless business.

At Yes Securities.

Vi's ARPU has increased to Rs 109 in September from Rs 104 in June, but here too, it lags behind its rivals. Reliance Jio's ARPU stood at Rs 143.6 and that of Airtel is as high as Rs 153.

Vi CEO Ravinder Takkar has indicated that a much-needed tariff hike is likely to happen soon. But, as seen above, there is a lot of catching up to do on the ARPU front for the company. Earlier this year, both Airtel and Vodafone Idea hiked base post-paid and prepaid tariffs. But, a broader across-the-board tariff increase is awaited.

The other problem is its huge debt; as of September 30, 2021, the total debt of the group, including interest accrued but not due, stood at more than Rs 1.94 lakh crore.

Analysts say the company needs to stem the subscriber loss, raise tariffs and also secure additional funds if it is to tide over the troubles and strengthen its network

as well as market position.

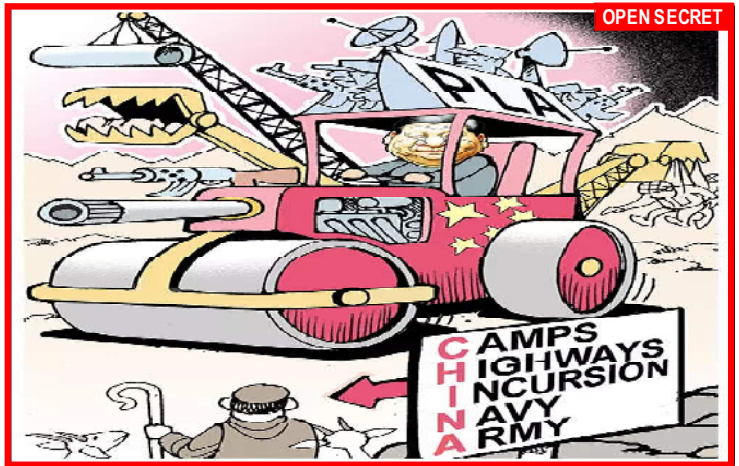
Vi has been in talks with banks as well as investors for fundraising and is hopeful of a deal by the end of the current financial year, which along with the possible tariff hike will provide the much-needed cash for investment. But, it's the case of when, given that the fundraising talks have been ongoing for some time now. "It needs capital infusion for augmenting the capital expenditure in its network infrastructure," said Pandey of Yes Securities.

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Vi has lost 17 per cent market share since the merger, driven by relatively lower network investments,

and a large fundraising is the need of the hour to protect further market share erosion. Without significant fundraising, Vi's network investments and 5G rollout would remain constrained, at least in the near term, leading to a further market share erosion," said Bansal. Vi shares had hit a record low of Rs 4.55 on the BSE on August 5, 2021, as investors were worried over its survival. The subsequent relief package, announced by the government in September, lifted the shares. On Tuesday, they touched an intra-day high of Rs 10.29, still short of the 52-week high of Rs 13.80 it had touched on January 15, 2021.

Analysts remain bearish on the stock. Nomura, for instance, has a 'reduce' rating on the stock, with a Rs 8 target price. Similarly, Yes Securities too has a 'reduce' rating on it with a Rs 9 target price. ICICI Securities' estimates and target price on Vi remain under review awaiting clarity on the company's strategy.



Laxman's stature is beyond question and that's why he is new NCA head: Sourav Ganguly

NEW DELHI: "Indian cricket is in safe hands," gushed BCCI president Sourav Ganguly as his former illustrious teammates, Rahul Dravid and VVS Laxman are now set to "give their all" in two influential positions.

Dravid was appointed head coach of the Indian team while Laxman is now set to head the National Cricket Academy. Ganguly, who is also Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president had roped in Laxman as the head of state's unit project "Vision 2020", knew his ability to work with junior players.

"I am very happy for them to be appointed as head coach and head of NCA because those are two very important positions in Indian cricket," Ganguly told PTI. Dravid, Ganguly and Laxman formed a strong middle order in the

Indian team when they played together from 1996 to 2008.

The BCCI top boss said

"You tell them that it's important and they agreed. We are extremely happy to have both of them and Indian cricket is in safe hands. More than emotional, I am happy that they have both agreed and they want to do for Indian cricket," the former India captain said.

Laxman as NCA head according to Ganguly will make a difference because he is a fantastic human being who has a certain stature in Indian cricket.

"Laxman's ability to be committed made us select him. He has always been a fantastic person to work with. From that point of view, his stature in Indian cricket is beyond question. How difficult was it to convince both Dravid and Laxman for their respective roles?"

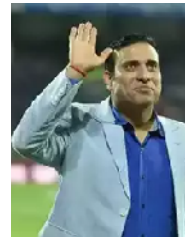
Laxman has sacrificed financially to take up this job.

The BCCI president said that Laxman has actually given up his IPL mentorship contract with Sunrisers Hyderabad and also lucrative commentary deal and his columns for various organisations to serve Indian cricket.

"He is shifting to Bangalore for next three years from Hyderabad just to serve Indian cricket. It's remarkable."

"Of course, his earnings will drop but, yes, he has agreed. His wife and kids will also shift. His children will now study in a school in Bangalore and there will be a massive change as a family shift base," Laxman's one-time India teammate said.

"It's not easy unless you are so devoted to Indian cricket," he added.



'Touch artist' Laxman's stature in Indian cricket is beyond question. How difficult was it to convince both Dravid and Laxman for their respective roles?

Delhi announces ban on entry of all non-essential vehicles; schools to stay shut

The Aam Aadmi Party government on Wednesday announced a slew of measures to address the air pollution crisis in

Delhi. Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai told mediapersons that the government has "given

instructions for a ban on the entry of all vehicles [from outside] in Delhi, except those involved in essential services. Police department and

transport [department] will ensure this together," ANI reported. He added that construction and demolition work in Delhi would remain banned until November 21. "There will be 100 per cent work from home by government departments till

November 21. Schools/colleges/institutes/training centres/libraries will remain closed until further orders," Rai was quoted as saying by ANI. Rai also informed that the government was looking to boost use of public transport. "The process to hire 1,000 private CNG buses to increase the public transport in Delhi will begin tomorrow. Metro-DTC will be written to DOMA that the decision of allowing people only by sitting or reviewing. Standing in metro/DTC wasn't allowed due to COVID," Rai said.



Gavaskar says Dravid will handle coaching like his 'safe and strong' batting

Batting great Sunil Gavaskar feels Rahul Dravid will handle his new responsibility as head coach of the Indian team in the same "safe and strong" manner as he went about his batting while playing for the country.

Dravid, one of the greatest cricketers to have played for India, was appointed as the chief coach of the Indian team following the end of Ravishasthi's tenure, earlier this month. "When he used to play,

we used to think that if Rahul Dravid is at the crease, the Indian batting is safe and strong," Gavaskar said

ona TV show.

"This is the reason why I believe that the new responsibility of head coach that falls upon him, he will be able to handle it in a similar way. Highlighting the similarities between, Rohit Sharma, who took over as T20 skipper from Virat Kohli, and Dravid, Gavaskar said the two men will work

well together.

"If you look at both of their temperaments, they are quite similar. Rohit is of a quiet nature just like Rahul Dravid."

"So I think their bond will be quite good because both of them will understand each other well," Gavaskar said.

The three-match T20 series against New Zealand, starting Wednesday in Jaipur, is the first assignment for Dravid and Sharma. Virat Kohli has been rested for the series.



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