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Thought for today
Mistakes are caused by lack of attention, then there is tension.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec 12: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,74,390 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,76,740 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 1530 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands. 1298 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 101 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 220 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 12 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

“Vision document” of Education Dept. misses’ academic excellence

Focus on skill development & vocational education: quality education kept at bay

Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: The ‘vision document’ released by the Department of Education with reference to meeting of the top brass and head of the Institutions held on 01-12-2021 is being strongly criticized as it misses all the essential aspects that are need of the hour. Nothing has been mentioned about enhancement of learning level, improve the quality of Education, rationalize the deployment of human resource and better facilities in schools. The document mainly emphasizes on skill development and vocational education. The focus seems to be only on inculcating life skills and value based education for holistic development of child.

Ideally a vision document must draw a road map towards achievable goals with scheduled time frame. The Secretary (Education) took a correct

initiative by involving head of institutions to give suggestions and inputs for finalization of document. Surprisingly, none of the participants dared to highlight the ground scenario of Education system in govt. schools.

The Andaman and Nicobar Teachers Association registered its concern over non inclusion of essential components/aspects in vision document through a petition to the Secretary (Education). The letter highlighted various aspects that needs to be taken care on priority basis to restore the lost status of Education Department in the islands. Highlighting non-availability of Principals, Vice Principals and Headmaster (S) in most of the schools in islands, ANTA said that entire education system is on the verge of collapse due to poorest monitoring and administration

at school level. ANTA further urged the Secretary (Education) to look into the issues that hinders promotion and/or recruitment of Principals, Vice Principals. ANTA said that prior to formulating a vision document, path to tread on the mission to achieve it should be set right. The need of the hour is to streamline the business in the Department. The department is under obligation to ensure that the status quo governing the functioning of a government system are implemented in letter and spirit, ANTA added.

Needless to mention that neglecting academic aspect and promoting skill/vocational education will yield nothing for the department. Before it's too late, the Department must assess the missing essential components before supplementing with new aspects.

MP demands to depute a team to conduct special camp at L/Andaman to issue Smart Island Card

Port Blair, Dec 12: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to depute a team of officials to Little Andaman for conducting a special camp for issuing Smart Island Cards to people of Little Andaman. He also addressed

to the Chief Secretary he pointed out that many islands of Little Andaman are facing difficulties in making Smart Island Cards in place of old Island Cards. He said that due to lockdowns and movement restrictions for nearly one and a half year residents of Little Andaman could not plan any visit to Port Blair to make Smart Island Card and even

after lockdowns due to lack of sufficient sailing of vessels and other reasons it become too difficult for an ordinary islander to visit Port Blair from Little Andaman, only to make Smart Island Card, spending huge amount of money. He said that he has been informed that there are many islanders in Little Andaman who do not have a Smart Island Card.

Awareness prog. by IHRCCC at Seva Niketan



Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: On the eve of International Human Rights Day on 10th December 2021, the

International Human Rights and Crime Control Council (IHRCCC) organized an awareness

programme at Seva Niketan, Port Blair. Resource persons informed See...Page 06

MoS for I&B, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & dairying visits AIR & DDK

Calls for propagating flagship schemes of GOI for its wider reach to grass root

Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: The Hon'ble Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Govt. Dr. L. Murugan on his tour to Port Blair visited AIR India



Radio Station and Doordarshan Kendra Port Blair. Doordarshan Director Mr. Sundaram Welcomed and interacted with the officials and enquired about its functioning. He See...Page 02

Scientific management of Kitchen Gardens for Anganwadi workers



Port Blair, Dec 12: An awareness programme on “Scientific Management of Kitchen Gardens for Health and Nutrition” was conducted at ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair on December 10, 2021 under ‘Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav’. This programme was conducted with the objective to impart knowledge to the participants See...Page 02

DC visits Vaccination Camp, urges people to get both doses of COVID-19 vaccine



Port Blair, Dec 12: In order to ensure 100% COVID vaccination of the eligible target populace of South Andaman, the District

Administration is conducting camps and mobile vaccination drive at evening at community level in coordination with Health department

and NGOs. Mr. Suneel Anshupika, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman See...Page 02

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Training on efficient irrigation methods concludes



Port Blair, Dec 12: A three-day training on “Installation and maintenance of gravity fed drip irrigation” for the practicing farmers, farm women and rural youth of Brindavan Gram Panchayat was organized by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, South Andaman. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Head, KVK, briefed to adopt efficient methods to irrigate various crops and the need of life saving irrigation for sustainability

of crops in the water deficit periods in the fragile island ecosystem. Dr. B. K. Nanda, SMS (Agri. Engg.), Course facilitator of the training program discussed about the See...Page 02

MoS for Port, Shipping & Waterways visited Lal Tikrey, Mayabunder



Port Blair, Dec 12: The Minister of State for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri. Shantanu Thakur yesterday

visited Lal Tikrey, Mayabunder and interacted with the Matua Community along with the general public in a function held at Bharat See...Page 02

Tribal Welfare Dept. introduces additional convoy on ATR

Port Blair, Dec 12: Following demands from various quarters, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, Andaman and Nicobar Administration introduced an additional convoy on the Andaman Trunk Road between Jirkatang and Middle Strait. As per the schedule, the first convoy from Jirkatang will be at 7.30 am, second at 11 am and the third at 2 pm. From Middle Strait, the first convoy will be at 6.30 am, second at 11.30 am and the third will be at 2.30 pm.

Vice Chancellor of TN National Law University delivers spl. lecture at ALC

Port Blair, Dec 12: On the occasion of International Human Rights Day on December 10, Andaman Law College organized a special lecture on the topic ‘Law & Violence against Women’ through online platform. Prof. (Dr.) V.S. Elizabeth, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU) was the Guest of Honour. Dr. C. Sathish, Principal (i/c), Andaman Law College in his

welcome address underlined that violence against women and girls is one of the world's most prevalent forms of human rights violations taking place every day due to socio-

cultural reasons. He said most of the violence against women takes place within the family rather than outside the family. While delivering See...Page 02

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87th Happy Birthday to Mr. A.R. Marudhavaan
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 Mrs. Laxmi Ganeshan, Chief Editor, Andaman Kural

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Flyover collapse

A huge chunk of the flyover under construction near Sewa Nagar for the Asian Games in Delhi crashed, injuring at least 17 labourers. Four have been admitted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. The rest were given first-aid and discharged. This is the second incident in an Asian Games project site in two days. A labourer was killed on December 7 when a mound of earth fell on him. The workers were too dazed to give a coherent account of what happened to them. The fire brigade and other rescue officials took time to reach the spot. In the meantime, the residents pulled the injured workers from the debris.

Desai Shekhar rift
Sharp differences between Morarji Desai and Chandra Shekhar over Opposition unity may force a confrontation at the Janata Party's national council meeting. Chandra Shekhar is determined to move a resolution at the meeting on Opposition unity. Desai has been a strong opponent of the merger of the Janata Party's erstwhile components. Chandra Shekhar has threatened to quit as president if the unity resolution is not endorsed.

The stage is set for a resumed dialogue between China and India on tackling the full range of bilateral issues, including the boundary question. China has expressed that the talks between the Indian side led by foreign secretary Eric Gonsalves and the Chinese Vice-foreign minister Han Nianlong will proceed smoothly.

England squandered two advantages — batting first after winning the toss and a handsome start by Graham Gooch and Geoffrey Boycott — in the Bangalore test. At close of play, the English team had crawled to 181 for four wickets.

Scientific management..

on various aspects of kitchen gardening with special emphasis on immunity boosting plants.

Dr. Pooja Bohra, Organizer of the programme, elaborated on various methods of cultivation of immunity boosting plants in different growing containers, vertical models and substrates. She emphasized on the role of various fruits in nutrition as well as building immunity. She guided them on selection of appropriate species based on the purpose and availability of inputs. Dr. Ajit Arun Waman, Co-organizer, detailed the participants on role of herbs and spices in the fight of ongoing pandemic. In the second session, participants were enlightened about the importance of native plant species in nutrition and about methods of their cultivation in the anganwadi premises.

MoS for I&B, Fisheries..

inspected the studios of AIR and gave necessary guidance to the officials during the interaction. He was also briefed about the work and activities of AIR Port Blair.

During the interaction, he directed both the organisations to propagate the flagship schemes of

MoS for Port, Shipping..

Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee Community Hall, Patelgaon.

MoS was welcomed at the venue in Bengali tradition with drum beats (Dunka and Kasa) and flower petals. On the outset, Shri. Sibananda Bairagi welcomed the gathering and highlighted the important issues like roads, Hospital, improvement of Shipping services for both cargo and passengers for Mayabunder and development of Jetty at Mayabunder. The Hon'ble Union Minister for states assured to take up the matter with the Government for fulfilling demands. He has

Vice Chancellor ..

the Special Lecture, Prof. (Dr.) V. S. Elizabeth said that even the women-centric laws which have a subjective bias in defining the crimes do not even consider the plight of victimized women. Her sensitive cases namely domestic violence and dowry harassment law rather than only punishing the perpetrators,

Awareness prog. by ..

the Girl's residing in niketah about their rights, laws for protection of their rights and special provisions made in the constitution for protection of Girls.

Taking on the occasion, Shri. K. Ganeshana, Chief Editor-The Andaman Express said that every one must know about their

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the anganwadi premises. During practical demonstration session, various aspects of preparation of nursery raising seedlings, land preparation, space management, field transplanting of saplings, application of manures, irrigation, methods of plant protection, etc. were covered. Participants were also engaged in planting of saplings to enable them to learn the things practically. The programme had 21 participants from 19 Anganwadi centres of South Andaman, including 2 Mukhya Sevikas, Ms. Pratima Rai and Ms. Kanchan Mandal. The event was conducted under the guidance of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI in collaboration with Mr. Prateek Raj Yadav, Director, Social Welfare

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the Central Govt for wider reach to the general public. He also asked to broadcast successful interviews of the successful beneficiaries under various schemes including PMAY. Prior to this, he interacted with local community at Tamizhar Sangam Hall, Port Blair.

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stressed upon completing the National Highway at the earliest with biding authorities on hand and development of waterway infrastructure. In the said interaction meeting Ajay Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands, Smt. Sabita Halder, Senior Member of Matua Community and Jorjima Bawali, State Secretary BJP and Saw Tat, District President, Mayabunder were also present. Later in the evening meeting with the local BJP workers at APWD Guest House Mayabunder and discussed various matters concerned with the upcoming Panchayat elections.

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should also separate the perpetrators, compensate the victim and provide mandatory counselling to change their behavior. The special lecture was coordinated by Mr. Karthik Shrivastava while the vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Divya Sharma, Assistant Professor, Andaman Law College.

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rights and fight for that if they are barred from that. Remaining aware and alert about the surrounding is the need of the hour to remain protected from any type of crime.

All the participants were provided with sweets and were asked to contact the council for want of any help or assistance.

OMICRON EVADES IMMUNITY FROM EARLIER INFECTION MORE THAN OTHER VARIANTS: STUDY

By Cari van Schalkwyk, Researcher in Statistics, South African Centre for Epidemiological Modelling & Analysis (SACEMA); Harry Mouttrie, Senior medical epidemiologist, Centre for Tuberculosis, National Institute for Communicable Diseases; and Juliet Pulliam, Director: SACEMA, South African Centre for Epidemiological Modelling & Analysis (SACEMA)

Scientists are working around the clock to get a better understanding of the Omicron variant. Around the world, countries have imposed travel bans to mitigate the spread.

South African scientists first announced that they had identified a new variant on November 25, 2021. Since then, cases of COVID have increased exponentially and South Africa has entered a fourth wave.

Scientists from the South African DSI-NRF Centre of Excellence in Epidemiological Modelling and Analysis and the National Institute for Communicable Diseases spoke to The Conversation Africa about their findings, which are set out in a pre-print paper.

How is Omicron different to previous variants?

Our key findings are around the risk of reinfection. A reinfection is defined as a positive SARS-CoV-2 test more than three months after a previous positive test. We found that the relative risk of reinfection was much higher (at

least 3-fold) with the Omicron variant than it was with the Beta and Delta variants.

Our evidence suggests that the Omicron variant is associated with

Africa with high rates of immunity from prior infection. A study to measure previous infection found that just before the third wave (in May 2021) almost half of blood donors in South Africa

But, if the virus mutates to increase its ability to evade natural immunity like it seems to have done with Omicron, governments cannot rely on prior natural immunity to estimate the

affected by reduced immunity to reinfection.

Several preprints have now come out suggesting Omicron could escape neutralisation in vaccinated people who had not also had a prior infection. These findings could help explain the large risk of reinfection. Early laboratory results looking at assays to measure T-cell-based immunity, on the other hand, predict that substantial protection against severe disease and death may remain.

Our findings were based on analysing surveillance data collected in South Africa between 04 March 2020 and 27 November 2021.

What do your findings say about vaccine efficacy?

Based on the data used in this study, we cannot say anything about the implications for this. We are hopeful that the vaccines will have similar efficacy against severe disease with Omicron than they have against other variants.

What can individuals do to minimise the impact of the 4th wave?

Even with the new variant, the key preventative measures that individuals can take remain wearing a mask, social distancing, improving ventilation, and vaccination. During the holiday season, it is particularly important to avoid large crowds, especially indoors. Until we have a better understanding of this variant, it is best not to gather with groups of friends, but if you do, please do it outdoors.



increased ability to evade immunity from prior infection. In contrast, there is no population-wide epidemiological evidence of increased immune escape associated with the Beta or Delta variants, compared with the original, or wild, type.

This finding has important implications for public health planning, particularly in countries like South

had already been infected.

Another study, called PHIRST-C, that followed households through time found that more than 60% of individuals had been infected by the end of August 2021. As a result of this high level of prior infection, combined with around 40% coverage of vaccination among adults, a smaller fourth wave was expected.

size of future outbreaks.

At this stage, we cannot say anything about the severity of cases with Omicron either in primary or reinfections. We also do not have information on the vaccination status of reinfections.

Another big issue yet to be answered is whether protection against severe disease and death will be

Avail benefits under PMMSY and focus on increasing production: MoS

Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: On his visit to isles, the Hon'ble Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Gol. Dr. L. Murugan attended the fishermen community interaction programme organized by Fisheries Welfare Association, A&N Islands at Durga Puja Pandit, Junglighth. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister stated that foreseeing high potential, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has called for 'a revolution' in the fisheries sector and has named it as 'Blue Revolution'. He said, the objective of Blue Revolution is to increase the overall fish production in a responsible and sustainable manner for economic prosperity, modernize the fisheries sector with special focus on new technologies, to generate employment and export earnings and to ensure inclusive development and empower fishers and aquaculture farmers. The Minister further stated that Government of India has created a dedicated fund i.e Fisheries and Aqua culture Infrastructure Development Fund (FIDF) for fisheries sector with a fund size of more than Rs 7522.48 crore. The Minister said, FIDF envisages creation of fisheries infrastructure facilities such as Fish Landing Centers, Fishing Harbors etc. which will not only augment the fish production but also provide different infrastructure facilities for the fishermen community at large. The Minister also informed about the Pradhan Mantri Matsy Sampada Yojana (PMSSY) launched by the Central Govt. to boost production and exports in the fisheries sector with the aim to double farmers' income. The PMSSY is a flagship scheme which focuses on sustainable development of the fisheries sector in the country with an estimated investment of Rs 20,050 crore for its implementation during 2020-21 to 2024-25 as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat package. He also urged the fishermen community to avail the benefits under PMSSY and focus on increasing the production. He further urged the women fishers to form SHGs and take up sea weed cultivation for their economic prosperity. The Ex Member of Parliament, Shri BP Ray, the National Council Member, BJP, Shri Vishal Jolly also addressed the gathering. Earlier, the General Secretary, FWA, Shri B. Hema Raju welcomed the Minister. Thereafter, the Minister also visited Junglighth Fish Landing Jetty and interacted with the fishermen there. The Minister also interacted with the officers of Departments of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services at South Point Circuit House and enquired about the implementation of fishery and AH & VS schemes in A&N Islands. He also participated in the 'Jan Ashirwad' rally at Bathubast in the evening. Earlier in the morning, the Minister attended the 133rd Birth Anniversary celebration of poet Subramania Bharathi organized by Andaman Tamizhar Sangham at its premises.

DC visits Vaccination..

along with Additional District Magistrate visited COVID vaccination camp at Netaji Club, Port Blair on Saturday and urged the people to get themselves and their near & dears vaccinated with both doses to contain the corona virus. He said 100% vaccination and observance of COVID protocol is the effective tool to keep our Islands safe from COVID pandemic. The DC (SA), Chairman, District Health Society, South Andaman also informed that 'Har Ghar Dastak' home visit campaigns also being carried out by the ANMs & ASHA workers to identify the left out cases and the due cases of 2nd dose COVID

Training on..

installation and maintenance of gravity fed drip irrigation method as one of the efficient method of irrigation for the plantation crops suitable to the land topography of the island. He urged the trainees to follow the various techniques involved in the creation and management of water resources structures for various land forms suited for these islands. Dr. N. Bommayasamy, S.M.S. (Agronomy) made a detailed presentation on the water

vaccination are being vaccinated at their door step. A District Control Room is also set up to follow up and monitor the vaccination drive.

The Deputy Commissioner/Chairman, District Health Society, South Andaman also informed that special mobile COVID vaccination team is also visiting at village level during evening time for private workers, street vendors, labours and general public who have not yet taken the 2nd dose of COVID vaccine.

Further the DC(SA)/Chairman, DHS(SA) informed that the District Administration is going to conduct vaccination drive & TB active case finding survey on 12th

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Dec. 2021 at Bathubast between 6.00 am to 9.00 am & Marina Park (Flea market) between 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

He requested the general public who are yet to take the 2nd dose of covid vaccine to avail the opportunity and get themselves vaccinated and also those having fever, cough & night sweats can also get themselves screened on the spot. The DC (SA) further urged the general public of South Andaman to cooperate with the field staff during 'Har Ghar Dastak' home visit campaign and also directed all commercial establishments to ensure that their staff are fully vaccinated with the second dose.

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required for various crops and water application techniques through drip and sprinkler irrigation methods. Dr. Zachariah George, S.M.S. (Animal Science) urged the participants to use the conserved water resources judiciously for the livestock as the water requirement is high for rearing the birds and animals. Dr. Pooja Kapoor, S.M.S. (Home Science) speaks on proper management of water resources by the farm women. The trainees

visited the water resources structures and tank cum well system irrigation method created under the project National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) at the Climate Smart villages of Lal pahad, Badmash Pahad and Creekabad. A total of 28 nos. of farm women are benefited. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

Capital infusion unlikely for PSU banks in next budget

The government is unlikely to announce capital infusion for public sector banks (PSBs) in the upcoming budget, as their financial health has improved on the back of a reduction in bad loans, sources said.

To augment their resources, banks would be encouraged to raise funds from the market and also by selling their non-core assets, they added.

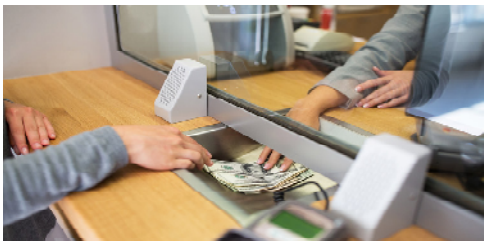
During the current financial year, the government has earmarked Rs 20,000 crore for the recapitalisation of PSBs. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is expected to present the fourth budget of the Modi 2.0 government on February 1.

It is to be noted that the net profit of PSBs surged to Rs 14,012 crore in the first quarter,

which further rose to Rs 17,132 crore in the second quarter ended September 2021. The combined profit of the first half of the current fiscal is close to the total profit earned in the entire previous financial year.

During the last financial year, PSBs raised capital funds to the tune of Rs 58,697 crore, the highest amount mobilised in a fiscal.

The capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of PSBs increased to 14.3 per cent at the end of December 2021 while the provision coverage ratio of public sector banks rose to an 8-year high of 84 per cent. In some of the non-performing assets, banks have done provisions up to 100 per cent, sources said, adding that recovery from those accounts will straightforwardly form part of the bottom line.



Banks have been asked to focus on the recovery process as this would further boost their financial health. Meanwhile, banks are also working to expand their balance sheet under the credit outreach programme started October 16, 2021.

Various reforms undertaken by the government including recognition, resolution and recapitalisation resulted in a progressive decline in non-performing assets (NPAs) and a subsequent rise in profit.

NPAs of PSBs declined from Rs 39,354 crore as on March 31, 2019, to Rs 6,78,317 crore as on March 31, 2020, and further to Rs 6,16,616 crore as on March 31, 2021 (provisional data). Provision coverage ratio (PCR) at the same time increased sequentially to a high of 84 per cent.

As a result, PSBs in aggregate recorded a profit of Rs 31,816 crore, the highest in five years, despite a 7.3 per cent contraction in the economy in 2020-21 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The primary reason for PSBs to post a Rs 57,832-crore turnaround in the last financial year—from a loss of Rs 26,015 crore in 2019-20 to a combined profit of Rs 31,816 crore—was the end of their legacy bad loan problem.

At the same time, comprehensive steps were taken to control and boost recovery in NPAs, which enabled PSBs to recover Rs 5,01,479 crore over the last six financial years.

Counseling for admission in Andaman Law College

Port Blair, Dec 12: The fourth counselling for the vacant seats available in the first year of the B.A., LL.B., Degree Course in Andaman Law College will be conducted on 13.12.2021 (Monday) at 9:00 AM in Andaman Law College, Port Blair. The interested candidates of all the categories including general are

requested to attend the above mentioned counselling session. Seats will be allotted on the merit of the candidates only. Any representation from candidates who failed to attend counselling on the said date will not be entertained thereafter, a release from the Principal (i/c), Andaman Law College said.

One of the gates of terrorism: Saudi Arabia bans Tablighi Jamaat

Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: Saudi Arabia has banned the Tablighi Jamaat, terming it a 'danger to society' and 'one of the gates of terrorism'. The country's Minister of Islamic Affairs made an announcement on social media directing mosques to ban people against associating with them during the Friday sermon. 'His Excellency the Minister of Islamic Affairs, Dr. Abdullah Al Alsheikh directed the mosques that held Friday prayer temporarily to allocate the next Friday sermon 5/6/1443 H to warn against (the Tablighi and Da'wah group) which is called (Al Ahbab)', tweeted Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Islamic Affairs. The Saudi government also asked mosques to inform people about the

danger that Tablighi Jamaat poses to society. Minister Dr. Abdullah Al Al-Sheikh also directed that the should include a declaration of the 'misguidance, deviation and danger of this group' and note that it is one of the 'gates of terrorism, even if they claim otherwise.' In addition, it should mention their 'most prominent mistakes', that they are a 'danger to society' and issue a statement that 'affiliation with partisan groups, including the Tablighi and Da'wah Group) is prohibited in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.' Tablighi Jamaat, a transnational Sunni Islamic missionary movement that focuses on exhorting Muslims and encouraging fellow members to follow the pure form of Sunni Islam.

Omicron case count reaches 36; Chandigarh, Andhra, Karnataka report cases

Three more cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 were confirmed in different parts



of the country on Sunday, taking the total tally to 36.

Andhra Pradesh reported its first case of Omicron, with the state health department confirming the infection in a 34-year-old who had arrived from Ireland. The patient, who first landed in Mumbai, was tested and found negative for COVID-19. He was then allowed to travel onward to Visakhapatnam on November 27.

Officials said he tested positive in Vizianagaram and genome sequencing confirmed Omicron. The person, however, did not have any symptoms and a re-test on December 11 showed he was COVID-19 negative.

In Chandigarh, a 20-year-old male who came from Italy on November 22, tested positive for COVID-19 on December 1. He was subsequently found to be infected with Omicron. NDTV reported the patient in Chandigarh was fully vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine and had been asymptomatic. He is currently in institutional quarantine. This is the first case of Omicron in Chandigarh.

Meanwhile, Karnataka confirmed the third case of Omicron in the state. State Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar said the patient was a 34-year-old who returned from South Africa. He is isolated and being treated in a government hospital. Five primary and 15 secondary contacts traced and their samples sent for testing, Sudhakar said.

Power consumption rises 1.3 pc to 34.23 bn units in 1st ten days of December



In 2020, power consumption was 33.78 BU during December 1 to 10. In the entire month of December 2020, consumption was 105.62 BU, up from 101.08 BU in December 2019.

Experts are of the view that power consumption as well as demand would grow at a steady pace in December with improvement in economic activities across the country.

During the first 10 days of December this year, the peak power demand and meter the highest supply in a day, touched 169.12 Gigawatt (GW) compared to 165.42 GW in the same period in 2020. The peak power demand met in December 2020 was 182.78 GW up from 170.49 GW in December 2019.

In November this year, the power consumption grew by 2.6 per cent to 99.37 BU. Last year in November, power consumption stood at 96.88 BU and in the same month in 2019, it was at 93.94 BU.

The country's power consumption had grown by 3.3 per cent in October this year to 112.79 BU compared to 109.17 BU in the same month last year.

Many states had imposed lockdown restrictions after the second wave of the pandemic hit the nation in April this year and affected the

recovery in commercial and industrial power demand as states started imposing restrictions in the latter part of the month. Curb was gradually lifted as the number of COVID cases fell.

Power consumption witnessed 6.6 per cent year-on-year growth in May this year at 108.80 BU, despite a low base of 102.08 BU in the same month of 2020.

In June, it grew nearly 9 per cent to 114.48 BU, compared to 105.08 BU in the same month last year.

In July, it rose to 123.72 BU from 112.14 BU in the same month a year ago. In August this year, power consumption grew by over 17 per cent to 127.88 BU compared to 109.21 BU in the same month of 2020.

Power consumption in September this year witnessed a subdued recovery with almost flat growth at 112.43 BU mainly due to delayed monsoon (heavy rains). In September last year, power consumption was 112.24 BU.

India's power consumption grew by 1.3 per cent in the first ten days of this month from December 1 to 10 to 34.23 billion units (BU) over the same period a year ago, according to power ministry data.

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CMRL Recruitment 2021: Chennai Metro Rail Limited invites applications from qualified and experienced personnel for the appointment to the post of General Manager, AGM, JGM, DGM, Manager, DM and AM. These 10 vacancies will be assigned through CMRL recruitment. Candidates must be Indian citizen and must have completed B.E./B.Tech are eligible to apply for this General Manager and other post. Before final submission of application form candidate must review their application form carefully. The closing date of filled application form for General Manager is 22.01.2022 and other should be 07.01.2022.

Central government job seekers may download the CMRL recruitment application form and Chennai Metro Rail recruitment notification from official website. The CMRL will conduct the interview/written test. Persons already working in Government/PSU organization should apply through proper channel. At the time of interview candidates should produce the NOC certificates. Candidates may send their filled application form along with the self-attested copies of certificates in support of educational qualification, experience certificate, birth certificates, community certificates and passport size photo and Bio data should be submitted to the proper channel. Belated application form will not be considered for after the due date of application.

Details regarding Chennai Metro Rail jobs like educational qualification, age limit, selection process, and how to apply are provided above. Check out the latest current job notification is available at Daily recruitment site.

AIC India Recruitment 2021, Apply 31 MT & Hindi Officer Vacancies @

www.aicofindia.com

AIC India Recruitment 2021 | Management Trainee & Hindi Officer Posts | Total Vacancy 31 | Last Date 13.12.2021 | Download AIC Agriculture Recruitment Notification @ www.aicofindia.com

AIC India Recruitment 2021: Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited (AIC) a leading Crop Insurance Company, invites online applications from Indian Citizens for recruitment of Management Trainee & Hindi Officer. According to the AIC Notification [Ref. No. AIC/Rec/MT & Hindi Officer-2021-22], there are 31 vacancies will be filled by AIC Agriculture and these vacancies are assigned for AIC MT vacancies. Candidates who are searching Central government jobs kindly make the online registration from 23.11.2021. As per the AIC Recruitment notification, online applications will be received up to 13.12.2021. AIC Insurance recruitment notification & AIC of India recruitment Apply online link is available @ www.aicofindia.com.

Agriculture Insurance Company of India selection will be based on Online Exam and Personal Interview. Selected candidate will be at any where in India. Candidates who are seeking Engineering jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. Candidates applying for the post of Management Trainee should apply for any ONE discipline only. Not more than one application for the post of Management Trainee & Hindi Officer should be submitted by any candidate. More details of AIC Agriculture vacancy, upcoming AIC Insurance Jobs notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

Here you will get information of MT & Other like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check www.dailyrecruitment.in regularly to get latest updates.

OPaL Recruitment 2021(New), Apply Executive Vacancies @

www.opalindia.in

OPaL Recruitment 2021 | Executive Posts | 13 Vacancies | Last Date: 12.12.2021 | ONGC OPaL Job Notification @ www.opalindia.in

OPaL Recruitment 2021: ONGC Petro Additions Limited (OPaL) is going to activate the online application link for OPaL Executive vacancies. In OPaL latest vacancy notification, they are announced 13 vacancies in following functions such as Marketing, Material Management, Information Technology & Company Secretary. Link for online application for these Central Government jobs will be enabled from 20.11.2021 @ OPaL Careers. The Last date to submit the online application form for OPaL job notification is 12.12.2021. ONGC OPaL recruitment 2021 notification & apply online link for this current job openings will be updated @ www.opalindia.in.

OPaL expect competent personnel at executive cadre to fill up this ONGC OPaL latest vacancy 2021. Candidates must have proven track record in Petrochemicals / related industry to apply for this ONGC Petro additions vacancy. Before applying, aspirants need to check the eligibility. Selection of candidates may be based on test/ interview. Incomplete application or applications received after the last date will be rejected. Remuneration for selected candidates will be provided on CTC basis. More details of ONGC Petro additions recruitment, www.opalindia.in recruitment, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job notices will be uploaded at official website.

Visit www.opalindia.in to get more career opportunity @ ONGC OPaL. Link for OPaL Latest vacancy, syllabus has provided below. For latest updates, check @ www.dailyrecruitment.in.

FACT Recruitment 2021, Apply for 179 Apprentice Vacancies @ fact.co.in

FACT Recruitment 2021 | Graduate, Trade & Technician Apprentice | 179 Vacancies | Last Date: 18.12.2021 | FACT Job Notification @ fact.co.in

FACT Recruitment 2021: Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is going to hire candidates for engagement of Apprentices under Apprentices Act in Graduate, Technician & Trade categories. Eligible candidates are invited to apply for these 179 vacancies. Candidates who are searching for ITI/Diploma/Engineering jobs may apply for this current job openings to join at FACT. Candidates are advised to register their name in BOAT (www.mhrd.natn.gov.in)/NAPS (www.apprenticeshipindia.org). The Last Date to submit the application form for FACT Apprentice Recruitment 2021 is 18.12.2021.

Selection process for FACT Apprentice jobs will be based on merit list. Central Govt job seekers are instructed to apply for these FACT vacancies. Merit list will be prepared on basis of marks secured in qualifying examination. FACT recruitment 2021 notification pdf & application form are available from 23.11.2021 @ www.factco.in. Training will be provided for 1 year. Training location is FACT Kerala. Applications must be reached the prescribed address on or before the last date. More details of FACT Apprentice recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job notices will be uploaded at official website.

Steps to Apply for FACT Recruitment 2021 Notification
Go to official website fact.co.in.
Notification will open, read it & check eligibility.
Download the application form.
Submit the filled form through prescribed mode.
Check www.fact.co.in for more details about FACT recruitment. Educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode & steps to apply have provided above. Looking forward with www.dailyrecruitment.in to get recent updates.

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BSF Recruitment 2021, Apply 195 Group A, B & C vacancies @ bsf.gov.in

BSF Recruitment 2021 | Constable, HC & ASI Posts | 72 Vacancies | Last Date: Within 45 Days | BSF Bharti Notification @ bsf.gov.in

BSF Recruitment 2021: Border Security Force (BSF) invites online application from capable persons to fill up ASI, HC & Constable posts. They are announced 72 vacancies for these Group-C Combined posts in Engineering set up of BSF. Applicants who are seeking for Central Government jobs may apply for this BSF jobs. Before applying for these advertised vacancies, candidates should read the notification to check the eligibility. Interested candidates need to submit the application through online mode. Aspirants must register themselves within 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement.

BSF Recruitment 2021 notification & apply online for BSF Group C Recruitment 2021 @ www.recruitment.bsf.gov.in. Candidates who had completed Class 10th/ITI/Diploma may use this chance to start & develop careers at BSF. Applicants should be an Indian national to apply for these BSF Group C posts. BSF expects both male & female eligible candidates to fulfill the vacant positions. Number of vacancies may change as per requirement. Experience in relevant field is essential to apply for these BSF jobs. More details of BSF Constable recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results & upcoming job advertisements are uploaded at official website.

Steps to Apply Online for BSF Recruitment 2021 Notification
Go to official website recruitment.bsf.gov.in.
Find & click on appropriate notification.
Read the notification thoroughly.
Fill the online application form.
Submit & take a copy of filled form.
Please visit www.bsf.gov.in to know details of BSF job opportunity. Here we have prescribed educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode & steps to apply. Looking forward with www.dailyrecruitment.in to know latest job updates.



What Is 2019-nCoV?
A new strain of the coronavirus that infects humans and causes lower respiratory tract illnesses.

Who Is At Risk?
Common in people with underlying respiratory illnesses, weakened immunity, infants, and older adults.

What Are The Symptoms?
Fever, Cough, Breathing difficulty, Sore Throat, Runny nose, Headache and General Debility.

What Are The Preventive Measures?

- Wash hands regularly using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.
- Cover mouth and nose with tissue paper while sneezing.
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13th year Thiruvilakku Puja celebrated with religious fervor at Sri Muthumariamman Temple



Port Blair, Dec 12: The 13th year Thiruvilakku Puja & Annadhanam and Ayappa Pooja was celebrated with religious fervor at Arulmigu Sri Muthumariamman Temple, Buniyadabad. The former Chairperson of Municipal Council, M K Ganeshan and Smt Laxmi Ganeshan were the chief guests on the occasion. The celebration was organized by Om Sree Baladhama Sashta Seva Sangam. The Thalampuji celebration was held last Friday. The puja procession started from Haddo Sela Vinayagar Temple via Delanipur and culminated at Buniyadabad Temple. The Thiruvilakku puja was held at 5.30 pm on the same day.



Best Wishes from...

Mr. K. Ganeshan, Ex. Chairperson - PBMC & Mrs. Laxmi Ganeshan, Chief Editor, Andaman Kural

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D/o Shri P Kannan (ANIFPDC Ltd) & Smti K Chitra R/o Megapode

M Jagan, B.E (Mech)
S/o Shri R Manickam, Retd. MES & Smti M Banumathi R/o Kamraj Nagar

Andaman and Nicobar Mini Cargo Association, Youth of Buniyadabad pay rich tributes



Port Blair, Dec 12: Members of the Andaman and Nicobar Mini Cargo Association, Mohanpura and Youth of Buniyadabad paid rich tributes to India's first CDS General Bipin Rawat along with his wife and 11 other brave hearts who sacrificed their lives in an unfortunate helicopter crash. The condolence meeting was organized at Buniyadabad Community Hall.

"It was the memorial service for the CDS and his wife along with officers in the helicopter crash. We organized the programme as a tribute for the CDS and it is from the people of these islands towards all the martyrs. The tragic loss of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat, and 11 other personnel of the armed forces in the Tamil Nadu chopper crash has come as a shock to the entire nation," said a member of the Andaman and Nicobar Mini Cargo Association.

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5. Avoid close contact: Stay at least 6 feet away from others.
6. Stay home, stay safe: Avoid unnecessary travel and stay at home as much as possible.
7. Maintain a healthy diet: Eat a balanced diet and stay hydrated.
8. Exercise regularly: Engage in physical activity to boost your immune system.
9. Get vaccinated: Get the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible.
10. Follow local guidelines: Adhere to all health and safety protocols issued by authorities.



Ganeshan condole demise



Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: Shri. K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson, PBMC has condole the demise of Raja Sekar (Raja) Age 50, S/o Sriramunaidu, R/o Buniyadabad who died on 31st Nov 2021 at Pattabiram Tamilnadu. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He prayed for peace to the departed soul. Inserted by Buniyadabad Youths.

Ganeshan condole demise



Port Blair, 12th Dec, 2021: Shri. K. Ganeshan has condole the sudden demise of S. Gowriammal Age 72, W/o MK Sannugam, R/o Buniyadabad who died 11th Dec 2021 3 AM at her Negative Place Buniyadabad. May the almighty give strength to the bereaved family members to bear this irreparable loss. He prayed for peace to the departed soul.