



Thought for today

To have balance in all situations is the key to Happiness.

Doctors speak on DDK

Port Blair, Aug 2: Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast a DOCTORS SPEAK Live Phone in Programme on the topic: "APPENDICITIS" on 03/09/2021, Friday from 17:00 to 1800 hrs. In this Programme Dr. Saji Varghese, MBBS; MS; Mch; PDF will be the Expert. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on the topic by dialling 244743 / 9476046367.

On MP's direction, K.Ganeshan meets Secretary (PBMC); raises various issues of citizens

Port Blair, Sept 2: Mr. K. Ganeshan, former Chairperson, PBMC on the direction of Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma met the Secretary, PBMC Shri. Kishore Kshirsagar Lakshman and discussed various issues concerning the citizens. Mr. Ganeshan raised the issue of supply of sufficient face masks to the sanitary workers of the PBMC. The sanitary workers are supplied only two sets of masks which is insufficient, as a result, these sanitary workers had to purchase the mask from their own money. He also raised the issue of construction of waste segregation sheds in various municipal wards so that the sanitary workers who have to perform the waste segregation works by standing in

the scorching sun heat and in rain during the raining season can perform their duties in the sheds in a more comfortable manner. This will not only enhance their efficiency, but also protect them from the sun, heat and rain. The Secretary (PBMC) informed him that sheds for waste segregation will be constructed shortly under the Solid Waste Management scheme of the Council. The former Chairperson, PBMC also raised the issue of civil works of the Council coming to a standstill due to shortage of construction materials resulting in citizens facing a lot of inconveniences. The Secretary said that the Council has already sanctioned the purchase of cement which will be procured soon. As regards other civil

works, old works for which tenders have already been completed will commence shortly. The process to procure the materials is under progress and work will start soon. Mr. Ganeshan also raised the issue of restarting the construction of the incomplete playground in Ward No-8. The playground work was started, but due to some reasons the work was halted. The PBMC Secretary assured to get the work completed. The former PBMC Chairperson also apprised him of the issue of footpath and retaining wall of a resident at Dignabad. Due to landslides, the house has been damaged and the family is facing difficulties. The Secretary PBMC assured the Executive Engineer to look into the matter.

MP demands Additional sorties of helicopters to Nicobar Group of Islands and induction of bigger helicopter for Islands

Port Blair, Aug 2: Highlighting a prominent issue of Nicobar District that the present schedule of helicopters for various Islands of Nicobar District is not enough to cater to the growing demand of passengers, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Lt. Governor to schedule additional sorties of the helicopter to remote islands of Nicobar District on an 'as and when required' basis, especially whenever there is a heavy demand for helicopter tickets from any Island, reported by respective Assistant Commissioners.

He also requested the Lt. Governor to take initiative to bring one bigger Helicopter for Andaman Nicobar Island so that the bigger helicopter can be operated in Nicobar Districts, which are very remote and remain inaccessible, most of the time. Pawan Hans already had operated M 172 helicopters, with nearly 20 seats, in the Arunachal Pradesh region, he mentioned. The Member of Parliament suggested that the bigger helicopter can also be used for ferrying Tourists to Havelock Island on daily basis, which will also generate revenue for the Government.



In his letter to the Lt. Governor, Mr. Sharma pointed out that for passengers, who are willing to travel by helicopter, in the case of emergency and other urgent needs, sometimes the waiting period for Helicopter Ticket, is for several days. He mentioned in his letter that additional sorties will not only reduce the pain of the public, waiting for transportation from remote Islands but also clear the backlog of

adequate sorties of Helicopters are operated then most of the problems of people, living in remote Islands will be sorted out automatically. Headed that more Helicopter sorties will be a morale booster for the government servants, who have been posted in the remotest corner of Nicobar district, to serve Islanders.



Admiral D K Joshi, PVS, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary participated in the virtual launch of two month long Active Case Finding Campaign and Nikshay Poshan Yojana (DBT) Campaign by Shri Mansukh Mandaviya, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt of India.

Quick Response Team (QRT)-Vehicle launched

Port Blair, Aug 2: On the mantra of 'Live and Let Live', the Middle Andaman Division, Department of Environment and Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Administration has launched a Quick Response Team (QRT) "Vehicle" on 01.09.2021 for addressing the general public's interest and concern of rescue/capture/driving away of crocodiles and snakes venturing into/nearby human habitation/frequented areas. Launch of QRT vehicle aims to address Human-Animal Conflict (H-A-C) and Quick redressal of issues arising due to H-A-C. Therefore, the general public are informed that in case of any genuine



issue related with sighting of crocodile and snake in their nearby vicinity which poses threat may contact the following forest personnel of QRT for further needful.

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Surprise inspections by Food Safety dept.



Port Blair, Aug 2: The Food Safety Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration in its relentless endeavor to ensure the availability of safe and hygienic food to the Islanders, conducted surprise inspections on street food vendors in and around Port Blair Municipal area today. A total of 53 street food vendors were inspected, during which major and minor violations were noticed. The violators were booked under relevant sections of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. The Food Business Operators were also sensitized

regarding safe and hygienic processing and handling of food articles prepared and displayed for sale in their respective premises. All street food vendors were instructed to be dressed in proper clean attire viz. aprons, headwears and hand gloves during processing and handling of food articles. It was also emphasized that the Food Business Operators should ensure availability of potable water and refrain from repeated use of cooking oils. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Food Safety, A&N Islands/Dep

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ANSCB Organises Health Camp at Buniyadabad



Port Blair, Aug 2: The Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Port Blair and NABARD, Regional Office, Port Blair has jointly organised a free Health Camp Sponsored by NAB Foundation, Mumbai on 02nd September, 2021 at Buniyadabad Community Hall from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Shri. K. Murugan, Managing Director, A&N State Cooperative

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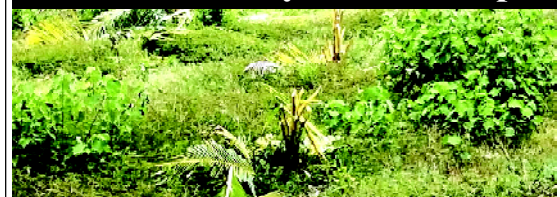
Media briefing on COVID-19 One new +ve case found, people advised to follow CAB

Port Blair, Aug 2: One new positive case of COVID-19 has been detected on Thursday. Among 689 passengers, who arrived here in four flights on Wednesday, one tested positive for the infection. A total of 666 passengers arrived here in four flights on Thursday. RT-PCR tests were conducted on them and the results will be available tomorrow. None of the 246 passengers bound for the North and Middle Andaman district tested positive for the infection at Ferrargunj today, informed Mr. Kamlesh Kumar, Director of Information, Publicity and Tourism.

At the daily press briefing, Mr. Kumar informed that all the active cases of COVID-19 in these islands are undergoing treatment at COVID Care facilities in South Andaman including two at GB Pant Hospital of which one is in oxygen support. A total of 155 persons were tested at Mohanpura, 146 at Phoenix Bay and 10 at the helicopter terminal and all tested negative for the infection, informed Mr. Kumar. More than 3.66 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in these islands. Over 2.59 lakh beneficiaries have received the first dose of the

vaccine and around 1,06,290 beneficiaries have been administered both the doses. More than 1,47,855 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 49,267 samples have been sent for tests at the designated laboratories of which reports of 49,267 have been received taking the rate of testing to 123,161 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour rule, the media was informed.

Eviction drive by Revenue dept.



Port Blair, Aug 2: The District Administration has been carrying out eviction drives against encroachment on Government revenue land in the South Andaman District. In this connection, an unauthorized occupation over Sy.

No 231 area 3.1985 hec situated at village Manjeri identified for removal has been removed today in the presence of Tehsildar, Ferrargunj and same has been restored in favour of revenue Department. Further, the Khasha

Register depicting the unauthorized occupation has also been corrected and the entry has been cancelled. In a landmark move, the District Administration has taken back the possession of land bearing Sy. No

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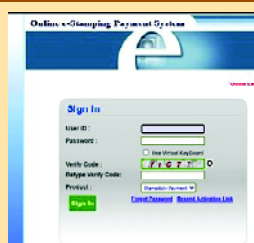
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Vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Aug 2: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per the data available, 3,66,192 eligible beneficiaries have been inoculated in these islands so far out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 2011 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands. A total of 147,855 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date 01-09-2021. Meanwhile, 1,614 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 1218

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Online payment for stamp duty and printing of e-Stamp Certificate becomes popular among general public



Port Blair, Aug 2: The A&N Administration in collaboration with Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited has launched the online payment for stamp duty and printing of e-Stamp Certificate on 17th December, 2020, which has become very popular among the general public, as the system allows them to buy e-stamps upto a maximum of Rs. 1000/- as per their convenience from their place. It is worth while to mention that around 28218 certificates for an amount of Rs. 1216929/- has been generated through this system, since its launch in A&N Islands till 31st August, 2021. The basic requirements for

online e-stamping is any handheld device with internet connection and printer. Citizen may visit the website www.shcilesstamp.com and login as guest or proceed to register. After registration with basic details, a URL will be sent to the registered mail id for activation which has to be activated by the user. This user credentials can be used across all online products of eStamping (non-judicial) and e-Court fee (judicial). The same user credentials are valid for all States/UT where online facility is available. In case of login, OTP will be sent to the mobile

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EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

03 September 2021

Uproar Continues

Corruption charges against A R Antulay, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, rocked both Houses of Parliament for the second day in succession and shot out the entire Question Hour in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. There will be fuller discussions on Wednesday when two Call Attention motions are taken up, but the Opposition fought for 100 minutes in the Rajya Sabha and won its point — that the discussion should begin on Tuesday itself as agreed to on Monday. In the Lok Sabha, an unsuccessful bid was made to get an adjournment motion admitted. Even then, a quarter of question time was blocked. Congress (I) members added fuel to the fire by making charges against Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Charan Singh and George Fernandes. Opposition speakers took serious objection to the distribution of some papers among Congress (I) members by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Sitaram Kesri.

Iran Leadership

Moving fast to fill a power vacuum after the fire-bomb assassination of the president and prime minister of Iran, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime named the Interior Minister on Tuesday as Iran's interim prime minister, the official Pars news agency reported. It said Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani announced the designation of Interior Minister Ayatollah Mohammad Reza Mahdavi Kani as provisional premier at the end of an open session of the Majlis.

Antulay In Delhi

Maharashtra Chief Minister A R Antulay made an airdrop to Delhi following summons from the party high command. It is understood that the party leadership has sought a detailed account of the chief minister's fund collection as it will have to face the opposition onslaught in Parliament.

Quick Response... from... Page 01

1. Shri Vijay Kishan, Range Officer - 9434270401
2. Shri S P Roy, Deputy Ranger - 9434272617
3. Shri Raju M Nair, Forester - 9434274675
4. Shri Basant Lal, Forest Guard - 9434267744
5. Shri M shabbir, Forest Guard - 9476036789

Surprise inspections... from... Page 01

Union Commissioner, South Andaman has directed all the FBOs to maintain highest level of sanitary and hygienic conditions in their respective premises. The general public may lodge any complaints or grievance on toll free No. 1077 or 0312236168.

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1969/2 and 1971/4 area 60 sq. mts and 120 sq. mtrs, situated at Aberdeen village under Port Blair Tehsil which was allotted on lease basis a Register depicting the unauthorized occupation has also been cancelled and the entry has been cancelled. In a landmark move, the District Administration has taken back the possession of land bearing Sy. No. 1969/2 and 1971/4 area 60 sq. mtrs and 120 sq. mtrs, situated at Aberdeen village under Port Blair Tehsil which was allotted on lease basis for a period of 5 years, which had expired on 06.01.1992 and the land revenue was also stopped from 1992. Shri

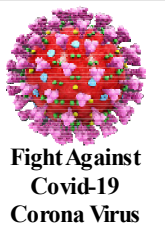
Vaccination drive... from... Page 01

were in the age group of 18-44 years. 385 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 324 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Online payment for... from... Page 01

On successful completion of the payment, the client is required to print the e-Stamp Certificate in A4 size plain paper. This citizen centric initiative has simplified the procedure and streamlined the entire process. The District Administration urges the public to use this facility for their needs and in case of any issues in this regard may approach the DC, South Andaman Office for clarifications.

STAY HOME



**Fight Against
Covid-19
Corona Virus**

TWITTER VS MODI GOVT: CEASEFIRE OR ARMISTICE?

Bad boy gone good? An armistice with the powers-that-be? Or an uneasy ceasefire? What explains the sudden lull in the Twitter versus Indian government storm after a season of vitriol?

Ostensibly, the claim is that the issue has been sorted ever since the blue bird capitulated to the government's pressure on it to install compliance officers in the country who were to look into complaints and take action. The government stated as much when additional solicitor general Chetan Sharma told Delhi High Court last month that "chief

compliance officer, nodal contact person and resident grievance officer have been appointed and they (Twitter) are today in compliance with the law."

But is that all there is to it? Not quite.

In some ways, it was evident that the shrill rhetoric from the government's side would be toned down after the cabinet reshuffle in July, with high-profile IT minister and Twitter-baiter Ravi Shankar Prasad given the boot. Even one day before he lost his post, Prasad vs Twitter sounded like a high-voltage offensive, with the minister losing no opportunity to lambast the US social media firm with a vengeance, and the site itself shutting down Prasad's Twitter account temporarily, alleging a copyright violation over a video he had shared a few years ago.

But matters quietened down considerably once new incumbent Ashwini Vaishnaw took over.

In his first public pronouncements, Vaishnaw did pay lip service to his predecessor (and senior party colleague) Prasad's witch-hunt, but then that was it. It was left to the courts to smoothly settle the issue by implementing the law in letter and spirit.

However, Twitter's sobered-up compliance with the law, at least for the time being (there are pleas in the Supreme Court by fellow social media giants Facebook questioning the validity of the new rules), is dramatically at variance from its belligerent we-will-protect-free-speech-com-e-what-may attitude till recently. While it did have a strained relationship with the ruling dispensation and was constantly targeted by right-wing trolls for its supposed liberal credentials, it took events emerging out of the farmers' agitation last winter to turn it into a full-on spat.

Even while tweets by international celebrities like pop star Rihanna and environmental activist Greta Thunberg riled the Indian government, it hit the roof

when Twitter refused to censor content as per a government diktat. Following the January 26 tractor rallies, the government initially asked Twitter to block some 257 Twitter handles (Twitter did, but rolled back the ban after a few hours) and then, on another 1,178 accounts. The American social media giant refused to bow to its diktat, explaining that it stood for its users' right to free speech and that it removes content only after a "properly scoped" request from an authorised entity.

Matters quickly went downhill after that. The government waited for the three-month grace period for tech giants to fulfill the provisions of the new IT intermediary rules to kick in before turning the heat on. While most of the other players were yet to comply, Twitter bore the brunt of the loss of third-party protection the lack of compliance envisaged, with cases filed against its India MD in multiple police stations in BJP-ruled UP as well as being questioned at the Delhi High Court. While Prasad may have lost his chair, his antagonism, and the writing on

the wall all the multitude of cases against it awakened it — compliance officers were appointed and India MD Manish Maheshwari was quickly transferred out of the country.

So peace reigns in the desi Twitterverse again? Not quite. Twitter may have blinked as far as the intermediary issue was concerned following government orders on objectionable tweets while the government may have removed the very vocal-for-local Prasad, but the microblogging site now finds a detractor from another corner — the opposition Congress party. Last month, it temporarily suspended the account of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, followed by that of many Congress party workers upon the request of the child rights commission that claimed that Gandhi's post of a minor rape victim's family broke privacy laws. A Congress party spokesperson called it "politically coloured" and accused that Twitter was "completely subservient to the Modi government." Well, guess you can't win 'em all!

Covid: Positivity rate on the decline, but no end yet to second wave, says govt.

Port Blair, 2nd Sept, 2021: The government said on Thursday there was an overall declining trend in weekly positivity of the coronavirus disease across India since the week ending May 10, but the second wave of the pandemic was yet to come to an end.

Speaking at a press briefing on the prevailing Covid-19 situation, Union Health secretary Rajesh Bhushan said 39 districts reported over 10 per cent weekly positivity in the week ending August 31, while it was 5-10 per cent in 38 districts around the same time.

The senior official said mass gatherings should be discouraged but if attending it was essential, full vaccination should be a prerequisite. He further urged people to get the jabs against the virus and follow Covid-appropriate behaviour, especially during the festive season.

Urging caution, experts have warned of another surge in cases in the coming days and the likely arrival of the third wave around October and November.

The county registered 47,092 new cases in the last 24 hours, which was a 12 per cent higher than Wednesday's tally at 41,965.

Bhushan said from 279 districts that were reporting 100 cases on a daily basis in June this year, the number has come down to 42 districts, as on August 30. "Kerala is one state that has more than 1 lakh active cases. Four states have 10,000 to 1 lakh active cases — Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Rest of the states/Union territories has less than 10,000 active cases," Bhushan was quoted as saying by news agency ANI.

The health secretary said about 300 cases of Delta plus variant of SARS-CoV-2 had so far been detected in India.

He said 16 per cent of the total adult population of India has been fully vaccinated, while 54 per cent of the adult population has received at least one dose against the vaccine.

Besides Himachal, Sikkim and Dadra & Nagar Haveli have administered the first dose of the vaccine against the virus to cent per cent of the eligible adults. "We administered 18.38 crore doses in August alone. The average dose per day administered during the month is 59.29 lakh. In the last week of the month, we administered more than 80 lakh doses per day," the senior government official said.

Recently, NTA has intimated the city allotment to NEET 2021 aspirants. The registered candidates can view their advanced information for allotment of the centre city at neet.nta.nic.in. To check it, candidates need an application number and date of birth. The same details shall be needed to download the admit card.

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ANSCB Organises...

Bank Ltd., was the Chief Guest on the occasion in presence of Shri. H. Manoj, General Manager, NABARD, Port Blair, Shri. S. Bhuvarehan, Dy. General Manager, NABARD, Port Blair, Dr. Shalini Daniel, Port Blair & Dr. Sahnaz, Port Blair from ANIMS, Bank officials and general public attended the programme.

At the outset, Smt. Elizabeth Mary, Sr. Manager, ANSCB, Port Blair welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries to the Health Camp.

Shri. H. Manoj, General Manager, NABARD, Port Blair

has expressed thanks to A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Port Blair for conducting Health Camp for the rural and urban peoples. He further informed that the Government of India has started an initiative 'My PadMy Right' to provide livelihood under the scheme of NABARD has financed Jai Mata SHG of A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Port Blair to prepare sanitary pad so that rural & urban people will get the sanitary pad at the lowest price. The camp was inaugurated by cutting the ribbon and lighting the traditional lamp. Shri. K. Murugan, Managing Director, A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., in his key note address informed that

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Bank plays a vital role for the development of the rural and urban people and as per the social responsibility our bank conducted various programme for the welfare of the islanders. He informed that Bank has given a golden opportunity for the women to check their health issues in the Health camp. He further informed that this initiative shall also continue for other districts as well. He urged the people present on the occasion to get themselves enrolled for the free camp. The programme ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri. Puspa Rani, Sr. Manager, WDC, A&N State Cooperative Bank Ltd.

NEET 2021 admit card release date: Check details

Port Blair, 2nd Sept, 2021: The National Testing Agency (NTA) is expected to release the NEET 2021 admit card on September 9, 2021. Officially, there is no date for the release of the admit card. However, in the information brochure, it mentioned that the admit card will be issued three days before the exam date. This year, the exam date for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET-UG) is September 12, 2021. Hence, it is expected that the NEET admit card will be available next week.

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Step 4: After entering the details, click on the 'submit' button.

Step 5: Now, the admit card will appear on the screen. Download its pdf and take its printout. After the admit card has been downloaded, the candidates must check all the particulars mentioned in it. In case of any discrepancy found in the admit card, the candidates must report it to NTA immediately.

At the exam centre, the candidates are required to carry the printout of the admit card along with a valid ID proof, one passport-size photograph, valid original identity proof, PwB certificate (if applicable), proforma downloaded with the admit card with the postcard size photograph (4"x6") pasted on it.

Before appearing for the examination, the candidates must read all the instructions and should know the NEET 2021 syllabus and exam pattern. This year, reportedly 16 lakh candidates have registered for NEET 2021. It is a pen-paper based test. There has been a change in the exam pattern this year. The test comprises multiple-choice questions from Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology. Each subject will have 2 sections. Section A will have 35 questions and Section B will have 15 questions. Out of these 15 questions, the candidates have to attempt any 10 questions. Each question carries 04 marks. For each incorrect answer, 01 mark will be deducted.

NEET-UG is held at national level for admission into MBBS / BDS / BAMS / BSMS / BUMS / BHMS and other undergraduate medical courses in recognized medical / dental / AYUSH and other colleges / deemed universities / institutes in India.

Our focus is that Afghan soil shouldn't be used for terrorist activities: MEA

Screen Grab India on Thursday said that its immediate focus is to ensure that Afghan soil is not used for terrorist activities against it. Briefing media in New Delhi, Spokesman in Ministry of External Affairs Arindam Bagchi said, India in the meeting in Doha conveyed its concerns over the possible use of the Afghan territory for anti-India activities.

Referring to the meeting between Indian Envoy to Qatar Deepak Mittal and Taliban leader Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanekzai, he said, we received a positive response. On a query on bringing back the remaining Indians from Afghanistan, Mr. Bagchi said, India will be able to revisit the matter once the Kabul airport resumes operation.



CORONAVIRUS MUST KNOW FACTS

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 cardiopulmonary diseases, weakened immunity, infants, and older adults.

What Are The Symptoms?

Fever, Cough, Breathing difficulty, Sore Throat, Runny nose, Headache and General Fatigue

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 when sneezing
- Avoid close face-to-face, nose-to-nose or mouth-to-mouth contact with others
- Avoid going to crowded places, avoid public transport
- Stay at home if sick
- Disinfectant and cleaning surfaces that you frequently touch

AFFIDAVIT

I Kanchan Hawlader, W/o Manoranjan Hawlader, R/o Laxmipur village, under Diglipur Tehsil in North Andaman, do hereby solemnly and sincerely

affirm and declare the following:-

That, I am a co-tenant of landed properties bearing Sy. Nos. 0.3700, 0.0300, 3.41, & 3.26 measuring an total area 2.91 Hects, in holding No. 9 of Vishnupur village, under Rangat Tehsil in Middle Andaman.

That, as per my Aadhaar and Identity card my correct and actual name is recorded as Kanchan Hawlader. But by bona fide mistake my name is recorded in the land record as Kalidasi Dhally instead of Kanchan Hawlader.

That, Kanchan Hawlader, and Kalidasi Dhally is a same and one identical person.

This affidavit is executed by me for rectification of my name in my land record.

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

DEPONENT

COVID-19 vaccines effective at reducing severe illness, hospitalisation: Lancet study

People infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus after receiving one or two COVID-19 vaccine doses have a significantly lower chance of severe disease or hospitalisation than unvaccinated individuals, according to a large-scale study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal on Tuesday.

Researchers also found that the odds of experiencing long COVID – illness lasting 28 days or more after a positive test – were reduced to half for people who received two vaccine doses.

People most vulnerable to a breakthrough infection after their first vaccine dose included frail older adults, 60 years and older, and those living with underlying conditions such as obesity, heart disease, kidney disease, and lung disease, they said.

The study found that in all age groups, people living in deprived areas, such as densely populated urban settings, were more likely to experience a breakthrough infection.

These factors were most significantly associated with a post-immunisation infection after receiving the first vaccine dose and before receiving a second dose, it found.

"We are at a critical point in the pandemic as we see cases rising worldwide due to the Delta variant. Breakthrough infections are

expected and don't diminish the fact that these vaccines are doing exactly what they were designed to do – save lives and prevent serious illness," said study co-leader Claire Steves of King's College London, UK.

"Other research has shown a mortality rate as high as 27 per cent for hospitalised COVID-19 patients. We can greatly reduce that number by keeping people out of the hospital in the first place through vaccination," Steves said.

The study highlights the crucial role vaccines play in larger efforts to prevent COVID-19 infections, which should still include

other personal protective measures such as mask-wearing, frequent testing, and social distancing.

The researchers used self-reported data from the UK COVID Symptom Study through the ZOE app from December 8, 2020 through July 4, 2021.

They found that of more than 1.2 million adults who received at least one dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech, Oxford-AstraZeneca, or Moderna vaccine, fewer than 0.5 per cent reported a breakthrough infection over 14 days after their first dose.

Among adults who received two vaccine doses, fewer than 0.2 per cent experienced a breakthrough infection more than seven days after their second dose, the researchers said.

Among those who did experience a breakthrough infection, the odds of being asymptomatic increased by 63 per cent after one vaccine dose and by 94 per cent after the second dose, they said.

Researchers also found that the odds of hospitalisation were reduced by approximately 70 per cent after one or two doses, and that the odds of experiencing severe disease were lessened by about one-third.

Also, the odds of long COVID were reduced by 50 per cent after two doses, they said.

Severe disease was defined as having five or more symptoms in the first week of illness.

For those who did experience symptoms after either one or two vaccine doses, such as fatigue, cough, fever, and loss of taste and smell, almost all symptoms were reported less frequently than in unvaccinated people, according to the study. In frail adults over the age of 60 years, the researchers said, the odds of a breakthrough infection after one vaccine dose were almost doubled, compared to healthy older adults. The authors acknowledged some limitations of the study.



10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE

1. Stay at home as much as possible. Help protect your community by staying at home when you are sick. If you are sick, stay at home and avoid public places.
2. Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel.
3. Disinfect surfaces you touch often, like cell phones, car interiors, door handles, etc.
4. The COVID-19 outbreak is a universal threat for everyone, including young people. Stay with your family and friends to stay safe.
5. If you need to go out, wear a face mask and avoid crowded places and public transport.
6. Avoid close contact with others, especially those who are sick.
7. Avoid going to crowded places, especially those who are sick.
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SOCIAL DISTANCING

Avoid close contact. Allow a 6 foot distance between you and other people.

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How to apply Indian Airforce Recruitment 2021
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GOVT EXPLORING OPTIONS AS DEMAND FOR CASTE CENSUS GROWS

Amidst demands by various political parties for caste-based census ahead of the 2022 assembly polls in several states including Uttar Pradesh, the government is exploring ways of how it can extend benefits of reservation to those OBCs that have been left out of the central list. If completed before the assembly elections in states next year, the BJP could stand to gain as its OBC vote share has grown. Party observers said the OBC vote percentage has gone up in the last elections and further sub categorisation could ensure that the benefits of the government schemes reach them.

The ministry of rural development is holding consultations with the office of Registrar General of India to examine the options of conducting a caste-based census in the country.

There are at least three options before the government. Firstly, the decadal Census exercise is expected to be held in April 2022.

There are demands that a question on caste be included in the Census exercise.

But government officials said there are inherent problems in this proposition since the Census is constitutionally bound and mandated to collect information only on Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes and not for other backward classes.

"The caste-based census cannot be clubbed with Census 2021 as data may not be comparable if the question about caste is added over here," said a government official.

Moreover, there are fears of diluting the authenticity of the census figures. So far, the decadal census exercise has not come under cloud and the data is used as the bedrock for government schemes and many other



development initiatives.

Moreover, officials involved in the Census data collection exercise believe that the delayed Census 2021 can only be held in April next year, depending on the COVID-19 pandemic situation and the process will be time consuming, the results of which would not come in till 2023.

However, there is a lot of pressure on the government for conducting a caste-based Census at the earliest, the last being held in 1931, which means that the percentage of OBCs in the country is not known today.

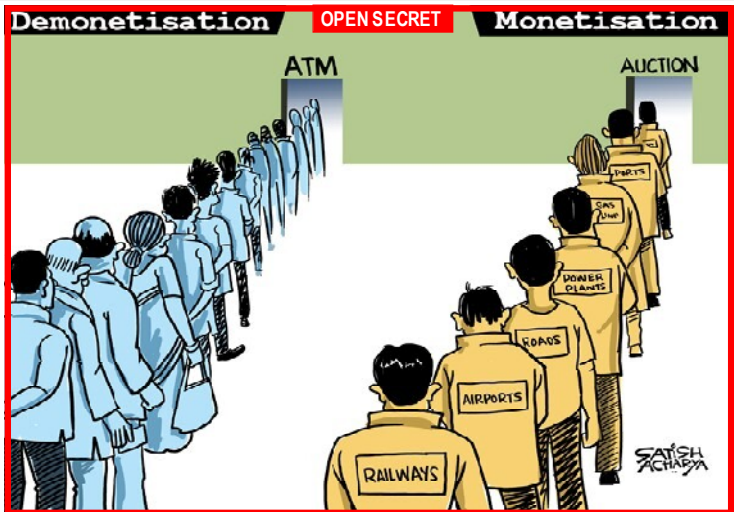
At the moment, there is 27 per cent reservation for the OBCs while the ceiling is 50 per cent. If a caste-based census is held, the government can extend benefits to OBCs in a more targeted manner.

Since clubbing the caste-based census with the decadal census exercise may not be a viable option, the second option is to use the national population register data, which is likely to be updated alongside the Census. Here

again the problem lies in the fact that the update of the NPR has come under controversy with several states like West Bengal, Kerala, Punjab and other opposition ruled states, opposing it.

The third option for the government is to update the socio economic caste census 2012. The SECC had been conducted by the UPA government but the actual caste data was never made public. Instead, the Modi government had set up the Justice G. Rohini commission to look into the sub-categorisation of OBCs for extending benefits for jobs and education. The update of the SECC separately is being seen as a viable option since it had already analysed the deprivation quotient and used the NPR database for both urban and rural development parameters to dole out schemes like Ujjwala and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

The government may also stand to benefit in the long run as political parties across states may be keen to update the SECC which can then open doors for the update of the NPR.



WHO warns new Mu variant of COVID-19 could be more vaccine-resistant

The World Health Organisation has said that it is closely monitoring a new coronavirus "variant of interest" named Mu, warning that the new variant shows signs of possible resistance to vaccines.

Mu - also known by its scientific name as B.1.621 - was first identified in Colombia in January 2021, and since then, there have been "sporadic reports" of cases and some larger outbreaks in South America and Europe, the UN health agency said in its weekly bulletin on the pandemic on Tuesday.

The cases of the Mu variant have also been reported in the UK, Europe, the US and Hong Kong.

The new 'variant of interest' is being closely monitored, the UN health agency said.

Although the global prevalence of the Mu variant among sequenced COVID-19 cases is currently below 0.1%, its prevalence in Colombia (39%) and Ecuador (13%) has consistently increased, it said.

The new variant was added to the WHO's watchlist on August 30 after it was detected in 39 countries and found to possess a

"consellation of mutations that indicate potential properties of immune escape," it said.

Reports on the variant's prevalence should be interpreted with due consideration given the low sequencing capacity of most

be confirmed by further work.

"More studies are required to understand the phenotypic and clinical characteristics of this variant, it said, adding that the epidemiology of the Mu variant in South America, particularly

Most of these have been reported in the US (2,065) and Colombia (852), Mexico (357) and Spain (473).

Meanwhile, South African scientists are closely monitoring the development of another new variant there.

Scientists from National Institute for Communicable Diseases (NICD) and the KwaZulu-Natal Research Innovation and Sequencing Platform (KRISP) in South Africa said the potential variant of interest, C.1.2, was first detected in the country in May this year.

C.1.2 has since been found in China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritius, England, New Zealand, Portugal and Switzerland as of August 13, they said.

However, C.1.2, is not yet a variant to follow, nor a variant of concern, according to the classification of the World Health Organization.

All viruses mutate over time and most mutations have little to no impact on the virus' behaviour.

The novel coronavirus pandemic has killed more than 45 lakh people globally, according to tracking data from Johns Hopkins University.



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