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Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in ANI

Port Blair, Sept 24: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,32,006 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,69,037 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till dated 23-09-2021. A total of 2176 people were vaccinated yesterday in A&N Islands, 1461 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 231 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 466 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 22 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 249 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 4 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

MP releases musical album 'Jo TU Na Mila'

Aspiring actress Shilindhra Banerjee pour out her hearts about her passion



Port Blair, Sept 23: The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma today released a musical video song "JO TU NA MILA". The video album was released by HSR Entertainment Youth Channel. In frame introducing Zayed Khan and Shilindhra Banerjee as lead actors. Singer-Zayed Khan, Music - Oye Kunaal, Lyrics - Zayed Khan and Executive Producer, Mahindar Prasad. Shilindhra Banerjee, the lead actress hails from West Bengal. The 20 years old actress is a student. In a one to one conversation with the Chief Editor, Shri K Ganeshan, Shilindhra Banerjee said her hobbies are modelling, painting, dancing and creating unique content for her audience in social media.

"I started my journey in the year 2019 as an influencer and in no time I started getting a great response. In the span of eight months, her followers went from 5k followers to 50k. I am grateful for the love and support I received from my followers as it made me more confident and willing to create more and more content each day, she said.

"As a student I wasn't earning but I'm the kind of person who would be more happy spending my own money than asking my parents to finance her. So I started earning through Instagram by doing photo shoots and brand collaborations. At first, I didn't have any idea that blogging would be such an amazing platform for a student like me. But now fashion blogging is not only my career but my passion as well. It's pretty hard to come out with anything in this industry. People will always be there to

criticise you but you have to keep going and do what you want to do. I don't follow any fashion icon as such. But for

me fashion is an identity. Everyone wears his or her fashion as an identity of him self. I usually try to keep

my style trendy yet elegant at the same hand. Elegance is the key", said a proud Shilindhra. See... Page 06

MP, MWEU delegation discusses demands of workers of Govt. Dockyard with DSS

Port Blair, Sept 24: A delegation of Marine Works Employees' Union led by its President, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament discussed various grievances and demands of the workers of the Govt. Dockyard, with the Director of Shipping Services, A&N Administration on 24.09.2021. Major issues discussed were related to early conduct of Works Committee election, filling up of vacant promotional posts, amendment of recruitment rules for various categories of posts as per the recommendation contained in the 7th CPC, providing wages at the rate of 1/30th of pay plus dearness allowance to the contractual employees, confirmation of service for the newly recruited employees having completed the probation period, providing safety



gears to workers, providing hygienic food at Dockyard canteen as per FSSAI norms, conducting training programmes for the industrial workers, posting of regular ALWC, Upgrading dockyard dispensary and conduct of regular health checkup camps,

making promotional avenue for the isolated posts, early consideration of pending cases for compassionate appointment, maintenance of staff quarters at Dolly gunj.

School Line, Kadamtala, Kamorta and Marine Hill, replenishment of fire fighting equipments in accordance with the fire plan of the Govt. dockyard and other demands related to service matters. After elaborate discussion, the Director of Shipping Services has assured the Member of Parliament that the grievances of the workers will be attended expeditiously and settled.

AATO expresses gratitude for relaxing COVID testing rules for tourists

Port Blair, Sept 24: The Andaman Association of Tour Operators has expressed gratitude towards A&N Administration for abolishing the mandatory RTPCR test report and RTPCR testing on arrival for all the double vaccinated tourists arriving in these islands. As per President of AATO Shri M. Vinod, the decision will ease the travel restrictions for tourists and boost Andaman tourism. Considering the decrease in active COVID cases, this decision comes as a welcome move for the tourism stakeholders.

MP for compensation to villagers who suffered losses due to heavy rainfall in North Andaman region

Port Blair, Sept 24: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma was intimated by public of North and Middle Andaman that due to heavy rain in many parts of Diglipur region on 22nd September and 23rd September 2021, there were flash floods in at least four villages of North Andaman. Today the Member

of Parliament has taken up this matter with the Chief Secretary and requested a detailed survey of losses and damages, suffered by the villagers and to release appropriate compensation for the farmers. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary today the Member of Parliament today mentioned that as per calls received from villagers of Diglipur

region in many places the vegetable cultivation land got submerged in water causing loss of crops for many farmers. In some places due to the ingress of water inside houses, rice stored in side houses of villagers got damaged. The Member of Parliament is also in constant touch with farmers and villagers of North and Middle Andaman region on this issue.

The POCSO court Mayabunder convicted one accused for life imprisonment

Mayabunder, Sept 24: The Hon'ble Special Court under POCSO Act Mayabunder has been functioning in the adverse atmosphere in this prevailing situation of COVID-19 pandemic but

speedy disposal of the cases are continuing and remarkable. One case under POCSO Act, was registered in the Diglipur Police Station on the basis of false allegation of victim girl in the year 2020. The

prosecution has sufficiently proved that the accused person, has committed the offence under Section 06 of POCSO Act, 2012 for committing aggravated sexual See... Page 02

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NHIDCL hands over 03 ambulances to admin.



Port Blair, Sept 24: Ahead of the VVIP visit, NHIDCL has handed over

three basic care ambulances to the Andaman and Nicobar administration for Highways incident management today. The handing over ceremony was held at the Directorate of Health Services.

Air India flight returns following suspected technical snag

Chennai, Sept 24: Port Blair-bound Air India flight returned here due to a "suspected technical snag" before resuming its journey later, officials said. There were 115 passengers onboard the aircraft. An Air India spokesperson said the flight first took off at 8.42 AM and then came back at 9.38 AM due to a "suspected technical snag." After inspection by engineers, the plane again took off at 11.23 AM, the official added.

PBGKR, CGWWA distributes ration kits to single mothers

Port Blair, Sept 24: In a small event Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi with Coast Guard Wives Welfare Association (Trakshika) distributed Health & Ration kits to 25 Single Mothers. Mrs. Savita Raja Putran, President, Tatakshika along with Mrs. Gayatri Manish Kumar, Outreach Coordinator, Tatakshika took an initiative to help single mother of the islands and contacted Shri Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR. All single mothers were handed over a month long Ration along with Health drinks and other items. Grewal thanked Mrs. Savita Raja Putran, President, Tatakshika for taking a noble initiative and to think about the islanders and also briefed her the details about how hard had the pandemic had hit the islanders.

UTCPCR members visits various anganwadi centres



Port Blair, Sept 24: Andaman & Nicobar UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights (UTCPCR) functioning in the islands is a statutory body constituted under CPC Act 2005

to access and review safeguards that are provided for child rights protection under the existing laws and take up complaints regarding the violation of Child Rights in See... Page 02

Awareness camp by PHC Billiground



Billiground, Sept 24: As apart of celebration of 4th poshan maah, PHC Billiground with the collaboration of ASHAs, Anganwari

Worker today has conducted awareness programme on 24th Sept 2021 in the premises of PHC Billiground. On the commencement See... Page 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

25 September 2021

Replacing batsman

It was a long innings. But the "batsman" is finally out, making space for the "batter". The change in terminology, according to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the authority on the game's laws, helps "reinforce cricket's status as an inclusive game for all". And this is just as it should be. When women's cricket, once dismissed as the also-ran version of the "real game", has proved its ability to draw crowds, bust records and produce cricketing heroes, the shift in language is a sign that the sporting establishment is catching up. There are those, like British journalist Piers Morgan, known to see the collapse of civilisation at even the slightest stumble towards change, who have been triggered into outrage. Others find the new word awkward on the tongue, so strong is the hold of habit. Fact: In a playground of "fielders", "bowlers", "wicket-keepers" and "umpires", it was "batsman" that was as odd as a powerplay in Test cricket.

Cricket in the 21st century is nothing like it once was — a "gentleman's" sport tied up with class and feudal notions of gentility in Britain and with the "civilising" force of the empire in the colonies. Well, the former colonies have gone on to own the game, turning it into a dest spectacle, a money-spinning one, that cannot be played with a stiff upper lip. Even the Aussies blush when they read Virat Kohli's lips. Women too were not welcome, with the MCC reluctantly opening its doors to female members as late as 1998.

But the future of any sport in 2021 rests on how many doors it can open to a diversity of talent. Cricket must be glad that it has fresh blood, male and female, running through its veins. If that means finding a better word for "third man" and "nightwatchman", what's to lose?

The POCSO court...

assault upon a minor girl aged about 15 years.

Accordingly, Shri Jimut Bahan Biswas, Hon'ble Additional Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge under POCSO Act, North and Middle Andaman District, Mayabunder Ms found the accused person namely Subrata Mondal R/o Jagannath Dera, PS Kalighat guilty and sentenced him to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life for the offence under section 06 of the POCSO Act, 2012 under the provision of 235(2) of Cr.PC and also to pay fine of Rs 2,00,000/- out of which 90% amounts to be paid to victim girl as compensation under section 357 Cr.PC, in default

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of payment which he will have to undergo rigorous imprisonment for one year more.

For the rehabilitation of victim girl, an amount of Rs 5,00,000/- has been awarded as compensation as per provision of 357A of Cr.P.C r.w.s. 33(8) of POCSO Act and rule 7 of POCSO Act from Victim Compensation Fund. The entire case was investigated by SI Jishi George for which the Hon'ble Court has appreciated for her good performance. The prosecution case was conducted by Shri. Keshab Chandra Mondal, Learned Special Public Prosecutor (POCSO Act), Mayabunder.

UTPCPR members...

Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

As part of its monitoring activities the Commission through its Chairperson (Shri. Taranga Kumar Dhal) and Members (Smt. Sampa Banerjee & Smt. Neel Agarwal) has been undertaking visit to Anganwadi Centre in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman. The officials from UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights recently visited Anganwadi Centre at (Garachama-4 (ward-24), Garachama-9 (ward-18), Junglighat-9, Police line & VIP Road (ward-13) in Port Blair and Anganwadi Centre, Utara Bazar, North & Middle Andaman.) to ascertain on ground observance of laid down standard guidelines under National Nutrition Mission (NNM)

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for the benefit of Pregnant and Lactating Women, Adolescent Girls and Children's.

The officials of Commission interacted with the Anganwadi Workers present there and apprised themselves of the implementation modalities being followed by matters which need intervention for better implementation of program for improving nutrition have been taken note off. The Commission appeals to general public to bring to its notice any matter relating to the violation of Child Rights. The Commission is functioning at QTR. NO. 172/JG-TYPE-IV, JUNGlighat. The matter may be communicated through E-mail: utpcpr.ani@gmail.com or over phone: 03192-232794/232799.

Awareness camp...

of programme, ANM Smt Shuchita Bage. Shri Surinder Singh Health Educator, welcomed the gathering and detailed on the importance of celebration of Poshan maah. After that Dr. Suryakant Singh, Medical Officer Ayurveda spoke on importance of nutrition for healthy life and the complications arises due to malnutrition. He also spoke on Dincharya, Raticharya, Ritucharya and ill effects of Tobacco and Alcohol. Dr. Mini Meddona Medical Officer also highlighted the

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complications of malnutrition and how to overcome from malnutrition. Then Ayurvedic medicine kit (Shishu ka Saathi) also distributed to the Anganwadi centres falls under jurisdiction of PHC Billigram. The programme ended with vote of thanks by ANM Billigram with light refreshments. Total 68 participants attended this programme. The entire Poshan maah's programme conducted under supervision of Dr. Ajit Kumar, CMO NFSG, PHC Billigram.

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US CEOs APPRECIATED INDIA'S REFORM TRAJECTORY IN MEETINGS WITH MODI: MEA

Top US CEOs and business leaders during their meetings with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Washington were appreciative of the recent reform measures in India and felt that there were significant investment opportunities in the country, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has said.

Modi, who arrived in Washington on Wednesday on an official visit to the US during which he will hold the first face-to-face meeting with President Joe Biden on Friday, held separate meetings with top American CEOs and business leaders on investment in India on Thursday. Modi also met Vice President Kamala Harris on Thursday.

"Through the morning, had extensive discussions with top CEOs and business leaders on investment in India. They were appreciative of India's reform trajectory. Closer economic linkages between India and the USA benefit the people of our nations," Modi said in a tweet.

These CEOs included Shantanu Narayen from Adobe and Vivek Lal from General Atomics, Cristiano E. Amon from Qualcomm, Mark Widmar from First Solar and Stephen A. Schwarzman from Blackstone.

"There is a clear message from the business leaders of their appreciation of the recent reform measures in India that has made India a more business-friendly environment, liberal investment rules across different sectors and they felt that there were significant investment opportunities in India," Shringla told reporters after the meetings.

The prime minister discussed 5G connectivity and the Digital India flagship programme with Amon, the

CEO of Qualcomm.

"The CEO was very very optimistic about India. He called it the number one growth destination for companies in the world," Shringla said.

In his meeting with Narayan, the Adobe CEO, Modi discussed education technology, start-ups, innovation and animation for the youth. There was a lot of discussion on how technology can benefit younger people, particularly students and school-going students, he said.

Modi in a tweet said that Narayan is a great friend of India.

"I sat down with him to discuss interesting ideas relating to ed-tech, supporting Indian start-ups and boosting innovation. Shantanu expressed keenness to take the joys of video and animation to every child in India," Modi said. The CEO of First Solar, Mark Widmar, discussed the green hydrogen mission that the prime minister announced. There was a sense of interest in the prime minister's vision of 'One world, One sun and One grid'. In his meeting with Lal, chief executive of General Atomics, the discussions centred around India's recent drone policy, including the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme. "Drones are an upcoming sector in India and it is of particular interest to the youth. Interacted with Mr Vivek Lal of General Atomics Global Corporation and spoke about how India is ushering a paradigm shift in drone policy, seen in our PLI scheme and reform measures," Modi tweeted after the meeting.

During his meeting with Stephen Schwarzman, the CEO of Blackstone Group, investment opportunities in India, including those arising due to the National Infrastructure Pipeline and

National Monetisation Pipeline were discussed. The Blackstone Group has a very large presence in India and is a very significant investor in India. "He (Schwarzman) referred to India as the number one performing country in the world," said the foreign secretary.

"His commercial success and intellectual prowess are admirable. We talked about India's investment potential and why our country is one of the world's most attractive destinations for investment," Modi said in a tweet after the meeting with the Blackstone CEO. In a statement, Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon said he appreciates Modi's commitment to growing India's technology sector and creating a business-friendly environment. "We discussed the importance of semiconductors and the need for a reliable and geographically diverse supply chain," he said. "I also expressed Qualcomm's continued support for India's transition to 5G and a digitally empowered society, as well as its semiconductor supply chain initiatives. 5G represents a substantial opportunity for India and we look forward to working with the government, India's technology-forward start-up community and local industry to make it a reality," Amon said.



Major scam in NEET Medical Exams Found, Says CBI

New Delhi, 24th Sep, 2021: A scandal involving the NEET medical entrance examinations that saw an attempt to use proxies to clear the test and payments of ₹ 50 lakh per candidate has been unearthed, CBI sources said on Wednesday, amid an uproar over suicides by students crushed by their results. A Maharashtra-based coaching centre RK Education Career Guidance, its Director Parimal Kolpaliwar and several students have been charged in the scam, sources in the CBI said, adding that candidates were charged as much as ₹ 50 lakh as using admission in government medical

colleges. The CBI's FIR, stated, "Information revealed that Parimal Kolpaliwar solicits the aspiring candidates by offering them admission in top government medical colleges by adopting fraudulent means and unfair practices. The parents of prospective candidates have been contacted and are being assured of admission in medical colleges by manipulating the process of examination being conducted by NEET by using proxy candidates."

The investigation has revealed that the parents of desirous candidates were asked to deposit post-dated cheques of the agreed

amount and original mark sheets of the candidate for Class 10 and Class 12 as security which the coaching centre would return after realising the agreed amount which is up to ₹ 50 lakh. "Information further revealed that the user IDs and pass words of candidates appearing for the examination have been collected by Parimal and his associates and necessary modifications have been made for getting desired examination centres as planned by them. They also use the process of mixing/morphing photographs to facilitate use of proxy candidates for appearing in the examination. Copies of Aadhaar

card of candidates were being collected for the purpose of making forged ID cards. Parimal also assured candidates of providing answer keys and manipulating OMR sheets," the FIR added.

Through proxy candidates were set up for the NEET examination held on September 12 by Parimal Kolpaliwar, agency sources say those proxies didn't turn up at the exam centres while the agency officials were waiting at the centres to catch them red handed. "Searches were conducted at the accused premises and arrests have been made" agency sources told media.

Defence Ministry places Rs 7,523 crore order for 118 Arjun Mk-1A tanks

The Defence Ministry on Thursday sealed a contract to procure 118 Arjun Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) for the Indian Army at a cost of Rs 7,523 crore, in a major move to boost its combat capabilities.

The defence ministry placed the order for the Arjuna Mk-1A tanks with the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, Chennai.

The MBT Mk-1A is a new variant of Arjun Tank designed to enhance fire power, mobility and survivability, infused with 72 new features and more indigenous content from the Mk-1 variant.

"The Ministry of Defence (MoD) placed an order with Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, Chennai for supply of 118 Main

Battle Tanks (MBTs) Arjun Mk-1A for the Indian Army on September 23," the ministry said in a statement.

"The order, worth Rs 7,523 crore, will further boost to the 'Make in India' initiative in defence sector and is a big step towards achieving 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'," it said.

The ministry said the tanks would ensure effortless mobility in all terrains, besides precise target engagement during day and night.

It has been designed and developed by the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) by incorporating numerous upgrades on Arjun MBT, the in-service main battle tank with the Indian Army.

"The MK-1A is equipped with accurate and superior firepower, alter terrain mobility and an invincible multi-layered protection provided by an array of advanced technology systems. It can take on the enemy during day and night conditions and in both static and dynamic modes," the ministry said.

It said the production order to Heavy Vehicles Factory will open up a large avenue in defence manufacturing for over 200 Indian vendors including MSMEs, with employment opportunities for over 8,000 people. "This will be a flagship project showcasing the indigenous capability in cutting edge defence technologies," the ministry said. It said the MBT Arjun Mk-1A has been

designed and developed by Combat Vehicles Research and Development Establishment (CVRDE), along with other laboratories of DRDO within two years (2010-12).

"The development activities commenced from June 2010 and the tank was fielded for user trials in June 2012. It took only two years to develop and field the MBT Arjun Mk-1A for user trials from the user requirement," the ministry said. "Extensive trial evaluation was conducted in various phases covering 7000 plus kms (both in DRDO and user trials) of automobile and substantial firing of various ammunition during 2012-2015," it said.

Vishal for considering age limit for vacancies for Pharmacist

Port Blair, Sept 24: Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP-A & N Islands & Member Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Goa has written a letter to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration and requested to consider age limit for the post of Pharmacist under DHS as per the recruitment rules of 2018 population.

In his letter, Mr. Jolly wrote that administration is filling up 28 vacant posts of Pharmacist under the Directorate of Health Services at least on contractual basis. The last regular appointment was done in the year 2009 and since then no vacancy was filled. In the year 2018, the administration called for the E-recruitment notice for 25 posts of Pharmacist. It is understood that these posts will be filled soon as well. Further, he added that delay in recruitment process has made many eligible candidates who applied in 2018 to become ineligible due to age factor and request to consider the age limit at par with the said recruitment for the candidates who wish to apply for the 28 contractual post of Pharmacist.

This will enable many eligible youths of the island who will be deprived to apply for the contractual post which has termed 05.10.2021 as crucial date for determining the age to apply for the post, he added.

Coast Guard holds search and rescue workshop

Port Blair, Sep 23: The Karnataka headquarters of the Coast Guard conducted a maritime search and rescue workshop here on Thursday. Representatives from the Coastal Security Police, Customs, Immigration, Fisheries Department, Fisheries Association, and Red Cross Society took part.

Deputy Inspector-General and Commander, Indian Coast Guard, Karnataka, S.B. Venkatesh said that the global shipping industry is responsible for transporting 90% of world trade and hence the safety of vessels is critical.

The sea trade of the State constituted a significant part of its economic activities and secured for it a niche in the oceanic trade of the western coast of India from the earliest times. Literary and archaeological evidence indicate that the State's sea trade extended up to Malaysia, Sumatra, Java, and Cambodia in the east and the Arab countries, Persia, and Egypt in the west. The entire search and rescue set-up in the Indian search and rescue region is controlled and co-ordinated by the Indian Coast Guard through maritime rescue co-ordinating centres in Mumbai, Chennai and Port Blair. The country has a robust maritime search and rescue system which is flourishing on equitable contributions of all the stakeholders. There is a lot to be done to ensure saving lives in each maritime distress incident. The Coast Guard conducts maritime exercise to find synergy amongst all participants in the field of life saving, a release said.

Supreme Court on adjournments: No more tarikh pe Tarikh Repeated adjournments break the back of litigants says Apex Court

New Delhi, 24th Sep, 2021: More than 28 years after the "tarikh pe tarikh" dialogue in the film "Daman" encapsulated the common citizen's views on the

meandering case trial process, the Supreme Court on Thursday barred grant of repeated adjournments routinely and told trial court judges to risk becoming unpopular among advocates by refusing to grant a hat in any request for deferment of hearings.

Frowning at the 10 adjournments granted by an MP court in an eviction suit to delay the process by four years, a bench of Justices M R Shah and A S Bopanna said, "The courts shall be very slow in granting adjournments... The time has now come to change the work culture and get out of the adjournment culture so that the confidence and trust put by the litigants in the justice delivery system is not

shaken and the rule of law is maintained."

Writing the judgment, Justice Shah said many a time the tactic employed by unscrupulous litigants is to seek repeated adjournments and cause enormous delay to deny justice to the opposite party. "Repeated adjournments break the back of litigants. The courts are enjoined upon to perform their duties with the object of strengthening the confidence of the common man in the institution entrusted with the administration of justice."

"Any effort which weakens the system and shakes the faith of the common man in the justice dispensation has to be discouraged. Therefore, the courts

shall not grant adjournments in a routine manner and mechanically and shall not be a party to cause delay in dispensing justice. The courts have to be diligent and take timely action in order to usher in an efficient justice dispensation system and maintain faith in rule of law," the bench said.

The SC was aware of the work culture in trial courts where a judge invites the displeasure of litigants and becomes unpopular among advocates if s/he takes a strict view and refuses adjournments sought routinely.

"The judicial officer shall not worry about that if his conscience is clear. The judicial officer has to bear in mind his duties to the litigants who are before the courts

and who have come for justice and for whom courts are meant and make all efforts to provide timely justice to the litigants," the SC said. The SC said because of this untrammelled adjournment culture prevailing for years in the justice delivery system, the litigants' right to speedy trials has become elusive. "Arrears are mounting because of such delays, dilatory tactics, advocates asking for repeated adjournments and the courts mechanically and routinely granting it," Justice Shah said. "It cannot be disputed that due to delay in access to justice and not getting timely justice may shake the trust and confidence of the litigants in the justice delivery system," the SC warned.



Vaccine at home for differently-abled, people with restricted mobility: Govt

The government Thursday announced that differently-abled people and those with restricted mobility will be given Covid vaccine at home. Health Ministry officials also said the country is still in the midst of the second wave of COVID-19 even though the number of daily new cases are declining.

However, they added, 62.73 per cent of total infections reported last week were from Kerala alone, which is the only state with over 1



lakh active Covid cases. Thirty-three districts in the country are now reporting over 10 per cent weekly positivity rate, while 23 are recording between 5-10 per cent, the officials said.

Under Covid guidelines for the upcoming festival season, mass gatherings have to be avoided in containment zones and in districts with over 5 per cent positivity rate, they said.

On the vaccination drive, they said as much as 66 per cent of the country's adult population has been given at least one jab and 23 per cent are fully vaccinated.

Announcing further ramping up of the vaccination drive, they said that differently-abled people and those with restricted mobility will be administered the doses at their home.

PORT BLAIR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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South Central Railway Recruitment 2021: South Central Railway has released recruitment notification for engagement of Technician III posts. Candidates who are searching for Railway jobs may apply for these 21 vacancies. Eligible candidates are invited to apply for this SCR Recruitment. These advertised vacancies will be filled on LDCE Quota. Candidates need to read the terms & conditions. Interested candidates may apply for this South Central Railway recruitment through proper channel on or before 25.09.2021. Application received after the last date will be rejected.

South Central Railway recruitment 2021 notification & application form for this SCR vacancy are available at www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in. Applicants who had passed Class 8th/Class 10th are eligible to apply for this SCR jobs. Applicants should have attained the prescribed educational qualification & age limit. Candidates must submit the self-attested copies of documents like educational qualification, age proof, experience certificate, etc. Selected candidates will be placed at Secunderabad Division. Above said details are taken from the South Central Railway recruitment 2021 notification dated on 25.08.2021.

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Indian Navy Tradesman Recruitment 2021: Indian Navy expects application from capable persons for the post of Tradesman Male posts. They are issued the employment news for these 217 vacancies. Class 10th job seekers use this opportunity to join Indian Navy vacancy. Before applying, candidates should read the terms & conditions. Eligible & willing candidates need to submit the filled form within 45 days from the date of publication of Employment News. Indian Navy Recruitment 2021 notification and application form are available at indiannavy.nic.in.

Indian Navy has planned to recruit candidates on absorption basis. Candidates should submit the neatly typed or handwritten application through proper channel/registered post. Candidates who are searching for Defence jobs may apply for this Indian Navy jobs. Application should be in prescribed format. Selection may be based on test/document verification/interview. Selected candidates will get Rs. 18000 to Rs. 56900 as a salary. Candidates need to submit the self-attested copy of educational qualification, age proof, etc. along with application form. Applicants should hold certificate for ITI in the relevant trades.

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From September 26 to October 3, 2021 from 5 pm to 8 pm
At Chinmaya Mission Auditorium, Police Line, Port Blair

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In the fortnight of PITRU-PAKSH Chinmaya Mission Port Blair will be organizing Week long **Shrimad Bhagwat SApTAh (KATHA)** from September 26 to October 3, 2021 at Mission Auditorium. The Katha will be held from 5 pm to 8 pm.

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Tuesday 28.9.2021	5-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Prahlad Charit, Gajendra Moksh, Samudra Manthan, Vaman & Ram Janmotsav
Wednesday 29.9.2021	6-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Yayati Charit, Shri Krishna Janmotsav & Bal Leela
Thursday 30.9.2021	5-00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	Govardhan Leela, Rase Leela, Kama Vadha, Rukmini Vivah
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IN CONVERSATION

CASTE CENSUS OF BACKWARD CLASSES ADMINISTRATIVELY DIFFICULT: GOVT TO SC

The Centre has told the Supreme Court that caste Census of Backward Classes is administratively difficult and cumbersome and excluding such information from the purview of Census is a "conscious policy decision."

The Centre's stand assumes significance as recently, a 10-party delegation from Bihar, which was led by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding caste Census.

In an affidavit filed in the apex court, the government has said that caste enumeration in Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) 2011 was fraught with mistakes and inaccuracies.

The affidavit was filed in the top court in response to a plea by Maharashtra seeking a direction to the Centre and other concerned authorities to disclose to the state the SECC 2011 raw caste data of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) which is not made available to them on repeated demand.

The affidavit, filed by the secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, said the Centre has already issued a notification in January last year prescribing the series of information to be collected during Census 2021 and it covers many areas including the information relating to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes but does not refer to any other category of caste.

It said the exclusion of information regarding any other caste from the purview of Census is a "conscious policy decision" taken by the Central government.

It said enumeration of OBCs/BCCs (Backward Class of Citizens) has been always adjudged to be administratively extremely complex and even when Census of castes were taken in the pre-independence period, the data suffered in respect of completeness and accuracy.

The issue has been examined at length in the past at different points of time. Each time, the view has consistently been that the caste Census of Backward Classes is administratively difficult and cumbersome, it

has suffered and will suffer both on account of completeness and accuracy of the data, as also evident from the infirmities of the SECC 2011 data mentioned hereinabove making it unusable for any official purposes and cannot be mentioned as a source of information for population data in any official document, the affidavit said.

The government said that SECC 2011 survey was not on the OBC survey as alleged,

including members of Parliament, for enumeration of castes in Census 2011 was received during the year 2010 and the matter was discussed in Lok Sabha and subsequently, the government referred it to a Group of Ministers (GoM) chaired by the then Union Finance Minister.

The affidavit said the Union Cabinet in 2011 decided to conduct the SECC 2011 wherein the caste of the household along with socioeconomic status on the identified parameters was directed to be collected.

It said as per the decision of the Cabinet, the data has been shared with the ministry of social justice and empowerment by the ORG in a hard disk for taking the suitable decision on its use.

Pertinently, due to several infirmities found in the aforesaid data as explained hereinafter, it was decided by the Cabinet to constitute an expert committee under the chairmanship of the then Vice-Chairman NITI Aayog Prof Arvind Panagariya, it said.

It said other members of the committee were not named and the panel never met. As a result, no action has been taken on the data in the past five years, it said.

The affidavit said as against more than 4.28 lakh castes which have been enumerated in the SECC 2011 in the state, the existing castes which are published in Maharashtra in SC, ST, and OBC categories are only 494.

For the above referred various reasons either due to the mistakes committed by the enumerators, inherent flaws in the manner of conducting Census and several other factors, there is no reliable or dependable castes based Census data available which can be the basis of any constitutional or statutory exercise like reservations in admission, promotion or local body elections, the affidavit said.

The government said that the population Census is not the ideal instrument for the collection of details on castes and the operational difficulties are so many that there is a grave danger that the basic integrity of the Census data may be compromised and the fundamental population count itself could get distorted.

but a comprehensive exercise to enumerate the caste status of all households in the country, as per the statement.

It said socio-economic data of households, including their deprivations were used to identify the poor households based on the multi-dimensional nature of poverty and used in the implementation of the anti-poverty programmes by the Central Government ministries.

It said, the caste data has not been disclosed and has been kept with the Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI) for various reasons, but primarily for the technical flaws that were noticed in the raw caste/tier SECC data which makes it unusable as explained hereinafter.

The matter came up for hearing on Thursday before a bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar which posted it for October 28. In the affidavit, the government has said that so far as caste data is concerned, a caste-wise enumeration in the Census has been given up as a matter of policy from 1951 onwards and thus, the castes other than the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes have not been enumerated in any of the Census since 1951 till today.

It said demands from various sections,



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Verstappen to start Russian GP from the back for taking new engine

Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen is set to start the Russian Grand Prix from the back of the grid after his Red Bull team elected to fit a new power unit to the Dutchman's car.

The 23-year-old, who leads Mercedes rival Lewis Hamilton by five points in the overall standings, was already carrying a three-place grid penalty after a collision with the Briton in the Italian Grand Prix that put both drivers out of the race.

Drivers are allowed no more than three power units per season and exceeding that allocation triggers grid penalties.

Verstappen, who has won seven

times this year to Hamilton's four, can still mitigate any damage to his title lead in Sunday's race with the Sochi circuit relatively easier to overtake on. He took similar penalties in the 2018 Russian race but scythed through the field from 19th on the grid to finish fifth. The engine penalty, however, does smooth Hamilton's path to a landmark 100th win.

His Mercedes team have been unbeaten in Russia since the race joined the calendar in 2014 and predictably dominated Friday's opening practice session with Valtteri Bottas leading Hamilton.



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