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COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan 17: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 134 passengers who arrived here Saturday, 28 positive cases have been detected, yesterday, 9 flights with 504 passengers arrived out of which, 385 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while See...Page 02

Allow weddings with capping attendance to 50 Person

Port Blair, Jan 17: January to March is the marriage season as islanders mostly prefer getting married in these months. People also prefer marriage during these months due to the pleasant weather conditions as this time of the year has a special charm. Accordingly, in order to get married during these months of the year, people in the islands book the marriage halls in

advance by paying hefty fees. However, the third wave of Covid pandemic has created a lot of difficulties for the people. Many have to postpone or cancel the marriage plans due to Covid restrictions. While most of the weddings that were to be held during this time of the year have been postponed to the later part of the year, islanders are pleading the administration for give relax

ation for marriage with reduced capacity so that those couples who have fixed to tie the knot in this month can do so with reduced capacity of people attending the marriage. Amid Covid surge, the administration has put restrictions on various activities, including weddings and social gatherings. But with Covid positive case witnessing a dip on a daily basis now, the administration can allow weddings

with a maximum of 50 people so that people can wed in closed space, without disturbing others. Hundreds of people in the islands have booked the marriage halls and are now uncertain whether to go ahead or postpone the marriage. They are now looking forward to the administration hoping that the restrictions will be eased and they can tie the knot soon.

CS directs to conduct raid in Haddo, Junglight on utilization of shore power provided by ALHW to private ships

Port Blair, Jan 17: The Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Shri Jitendra Naair today directed a team of Port Management Board, Electricity Department and DSS officials to conduct a raid in Haddo and Junglight areas on the utilisation of shore power provided by ALHW to private ships. The raid was conducted after it was informed that certain

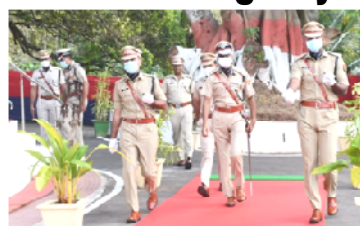
officials of ALHW working in the port in connivance with the ship owners were tampering with the electricity meters installed and thus, were enabling the private ship owners from paying lesser amounts as electricity bills than what was being consumed. During the raid, it was noticed that there were major discrepancies in provision of shore supply connections to private ships. The matter had come to the notice of

the foreman of PMB who saw that the meters installed for the ships of one particular private owner were not readable and the data was missing. Further, the meters were installed by the private ship owners themselves. It was noted that in Phoenix Bay, some of the energy meters provided by the ship owners were pre-programmed and not See...Page 02

Andaman and Nicobar Police celebrates 70th Raising Day

Port Blair, Jan 17: Commemorating their 70th Raising Day, Andaman & Nicobar Police organized a brief Ceremonial Parade on 16th January, 2022, at Police Line Parade Ground while observing all Covid related guidelines. Sh. Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant (IRB) of A & N Police who was the ceremonial parade commander, presented the salute to the Sh. Satyendra Garg, IPS, Director General of Police, A&N Islands.

The Director General in his address conveyed his greetings to the members of A&N Police. He lauded the services rendered by



A&N Police towards the well being of society and highlighted the major achievements of A&N Police force in the past one year. Some of the

achievements included successful installation of CCTV Cameras in all the 24 Police Stations of A&N See...Page 02

BJP President settles land dispute

Gurudas Biswas



Port Blair, Jan. 17: The BJP State President, Shri Ajoy Baragi today visited a village road at Wandoor and after amicably settled a land issue road construction. The people of the area face lot of problems due to non construction of the road of Wandoor Panchayat for

almost 35 years. The issue was taken by Guptapara Mandal President, Shri Ashir Das & Shakti Kendra Pramukh, Shri Deb Kumar Chakraborty. Now with the help of BJP State President, Shri Ajoy Baragi the problems were amicably See...Page 02

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Jan 17: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 61,026 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 18,126 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against

the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 2619. A total of 147 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands yesterday. 107 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 51 beneficiaries were in the age group

of 15-18 years while 23 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 40 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 19 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. See...Page 02

IGNOU Launch Master of Arts (Corporate Social Responsibility)

Port Blair, Jan 17: The School of Extension and Development Studies of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has launched a new programme - Master of Arts (Corporate Social Responsibility) (MACSR) - programme commencing from January 2022 session. The MACSR is meant for CSR professionals across India and for graduates / post-graduates interested in pursuing career as a CSR Professional.

The MACSR programme has been designed in such a way to enhance the holistic understanding of CSR by covering various aspects like CSR fundamentals, CSR process and its linkages with development, implementation and handling of projects and programmes, and corporate ethics, governance and conflict resolution. The main objective of the programme is to impart knowledge and understanding about CSR through Open and Distance Learning; to expand the

capacity of learners on various theoretical and practical aspects of CSR and development work; to develop professional knowledge in formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of CSR projects and programmes, and to equip the learners with the needed skills in corporate ethics, governance and conflict resolution. The employees of companies undertaking CSR Professionals See...Page 02



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AYUSH 64, Giloy/ Samshamani Vati effective in mild to moderate cases of COVID-19

Port Blair, Jan 17: In the wake of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, AYUSH Ministry of Government of India is constantly advocating the use of holistic measures including simple home remedies, lifestyle & dietary changes, Yoga & Pranayama for preventive and supportive care in COVID-19. As per the advisories of Ministry, the Immunity Building Ayurvedic Medicines i.e. Samshamani Vati/ Giloy Ghnavat, AYUSH Kwath (Kadha), Chavanprash, Ashwagandha and Homoeopathic Arsenicum Album 30 etc. are being used among the frontline workers, contacts of positive cases, cases of Influenza Like Illness (ILI), quarantined travellers, residents of containment zones and general public. The results of scientific research studies (with individual formulations or composite use) conducted across the country under the aegis of AYUSH Ministry have confirmed that these medicines are safe and effective to strengthen the immunity against the COVID-2 virus. Further, Cap AYUSH-64, a poly-herbal Ayurvedic medicine developed by Central Council of Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) have shown early and better clinical recovery in positive cases of COVID-19 apart from the reduced hospital stay without any progression of the disease to severe or critical stage. In addition, there was improvement in quality of life parameters and the drug was found to be safe in well designed multiple clinical trials. Similarly, Tab. Giloy / Samshamani Vati have shown better and early recovery in mild to moderate cases of COVID-19 in comparison to conventional regimen in two different clinical trials. In the wake of the present third wave of the COVID-19, the Health Department of the UT Administration is distributing the prophylactic medicines through the AYUSH Units across the Islands. People may contact nearest Govt. AYUSH centres to get the medicines for boosting immunity. Tab. Samshamani Vati / AYUSH-64 have been included in the medicine kits provided to the Home isolated COVID cases through the District Administration.

Polling for Punjab Assembly elections postponed to Feb 20

New Delhi: CM had asked for poll date to be moved from Feb 14 due to Ravidas Jayanti. The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday postponed polling for the Punjab Assembly elections from February 14 to 20, after the State government and political parties raised concerns that many devotees would make their way to Varanasi to celebrate Guru Ravidas's birth anniversary on February 16. The representatives to the ECI said many devotees started going to Varanasi a week

before the celebrations and holding polling on February 14 would deprive them of the chance to vote. In a press statement, the ECI said it had decided to reschedule the poll. The date of notification will be on January 25, while the last date of nomination will be February 2. The applications will be scrutinised on February 2, while the last date of withdrawal of application is February 4. Counting would be held on the same day as before - March 10. Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi had written to the ECI asking for the poll date to be moved, as a large number of the

Scheduled Caste community would go to Varanasi to observe Guru Ravidas Jayanti. The Punjab unit of the BJP had raised the issue. Several political parties including Congress, BJP, and Capt. Amarinder Singh's Punjab Lok Congress sought changes in the election schedule as Guru Ravidas Jayanti falls on February 16. Several devotees, especially from Scheduled Castes, undergo pilgrimage to Varanasi from February 10 to 16 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Guru Ravidas.

NEET PG 2022 aspirants demand postponement of exam as date clashes with NEET PG Counselling 2021

NEET PG aspirants are demanding postponement of the exams as the counselling process of NEET PG 2021 is clashing with this year's exam. NEET candidates are

demanding a gap between the exam and the counselling process so that those who don't get a seat during the counselling can appear for the NEET PG 2022. NEET PG 2022 schedule

As per the planned schedule, NEET PG 2022 will be held on March 12 and the last date to join medical colleges after the NEET PG counselling third round is March 16, 2022.

JNTU-H to decide on conduct of exams on Monday

Hyderabad: The Jawahar Education Technology University (JNTU-Hyderabad) will take a decision on the conduct of various examinations on Monday. The State government on Sunday extended holidays for all educational institutions, except for medical colleges, in the

State till January 30. Earlier, the government had declared holidays from January 8 to 16. "We will decide on the conduct of exams in the meeting to be held on Monday. Autonomous colleges should take permission from the State university Registrar before holding the exams. The colleges can conduct classes in the online mode as announced

earlier." JNTU-H officials said on Sunday. Meanwhile, Technical and Professional Institutions Employees Association, Telangana State President Dr. V. Balakrishna Reddy threatened to launch protests if college managements terminate services of the faculty members in the name of online classes.

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

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On the brink

A series of talks in the last week between Russia and the West on European security in Geneva (with the US), Brussels (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) and Vienna (the Organisation of Security and Cooperation that represents the entire Europe) have ended on a note of pessimism. Russian officials declared the talks a failure and Western media officials say there is no question of accepting Russia's demands for an immediate and legally binding ban on NATO's expansion. Nor is the West ready to give Moscow a free hand in dominating Central Europe, especially Ukraine. The talks began amidst deepening tensions over Ukraine after Russia mobilised more than 1,00,000 soldiers on three sides of their common frontier.

Ukraine has lost part of its territory, Crimea, to Moscow's annexation in 2014. Kyiv is also angry at Moscow's establishment of "independent republics" in its eastern regions adjacent to Russia. If Ukraine, historically part of Russia, is turning to the US, NATO, and the European Union for military, political, and economic support, Moscow sees NATO's security commitment to Kyiv and Ukraine's absorption into the EU's orbit as unacceptable threats. Adding to the deep structural divergence is the fear that Russia might make good on its threat to invade Ukraine and trigger a war between Moscow and Kiev, backed by the West. Some in the West have suggested the threatened invasion of Ukraine by Russia has already begun with a cyber-attack on the government websites of Kyiv as part of hybrid warfare. Russian officials say it is Kyiv that is preparing to attack and retake Crimea. US officials have warned that Russia might be planning a false-flag operation to justify its armed aggression against Ukraine. A silver lining to the dark clouds gathering over Europe is the fact that the two sides have not shut the door on further talks. Another positive development has been last week's discussion of steps to reduce military tensions and build mutual trust. Although the West can't give legal guarantees that they will never admit Ukraine into NATO, it has no plans to do so in the near term. Turning the de-facto moratorium into a more formal understanding should not be impossible. Ending the talks now has major downsides for both. A Russian aggression will in fact ensure what Moscow wants to prevent — Ukraine's membership of NATO. A war with Russia will be terribly costly for the West and divert its energies away from multiple other challenges confronting it, including China. If Russia has no reasons to be a perennial spoiler, the West can gain much by making Moscow a stakeholder in European security.

Chief Secretary...

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per the Current Transformer installed. Hence, the actual billing of electrical energy being utilized was not being done. This resulted in a huge loss in revenue to the PMB. It was also noticed that an illegal shore supply connection was provided to a contractor of ALHW without the permission of PMB and because of this discrepancy, there was a huge

revenue loss to PMB. The matter is being further enquired in order to root out the source of the tampering. The Chief Secretary directed that the strictest action possible should be taken against the violators so that the menace of corruption can be weeded out and there is no revenue loss to the Administration, a press release from Secretary (Shipping/PMB) said.

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working in development sector and NGOs, implementing CSR activities, development functionaries, social workers and civil servants, Faculty researchers and students in universities, research organizations and colleges; Graduates wanting to pursue a career in CSR can take admission in MACSR programme. Exit option is available for the candidates who complete the first year of MACSR to get a PG Diploma in Corporation Social Responsibility (PGDCSR) if they discontinue the MA Programme. The two years Master of Arts (Corporate Social Responsibility) is offered in English Medium. Total Fees Rs. 14,400/- (each year - Rs.7200/-) consist of 72 credits with

18 theory courses and one project. Any Bachelor's degree of minimum three year duration from a recognized University is eligible for MACSR programme. Online Admissions for January 2022 session are open. Interested students may directly click the Admissions Link: <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in/> or contact Dr. Nisha Varshney, nishavarshney@ignou.ac.in. Ph: 8826459659; 011-29571668 and Prof. PVK Sashidhar, pvk.sashidhar@ignou.ac.in. Ph: 9910050413; 011-29571665. Two Study Centres located in Port Blair-4201 and Mayabunder-4208 are activated to offer this programme under Port Blair Regional Centre of IGNOU.

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RT-PCR test was conducted on 109 passengers (30 being travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 48 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Farrangunj, 2 positive cases have been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on

38 passengers, no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 7 passengers were tested with RAT and no positive case has been detected. RT-PCR test was conducted on 1 crew member of MV Rangat, the report of which is awaited.

BJP President...

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resolved without any dispute. The BJP President with Karyakartam team and about 150 villagers & Revenue authority visited the area. On construction of the roads, at least thirty five families will get

benefit. The BJP State President, Shri Ajay Baijagi thanked the Revenue Authority & Wandoor Villager, Shri Gauranga Mandal, who has donated his land for the road.

BUDGET 2022: GOVERNMENT PLANS? 1.4 TRILLION SUBSIDY TO PLACATE FARMERS 2023

India may earmark \$19 billion in union budget to compensate fertilizer entities for selling their products to farmers at less than market rates



India is likely to earmark nearly \$19 billion in the union budget to compensate fertilizer companies for selling their products to farmers at lower than market prices, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The finance ministry has penciled in 1.4 trillion rupees (\$18.8 billion) as fertilizer subsidy in the budget due February 1, up from 1.3 trillion rupees in the year ending March 31, due to higher raw material costs, the

people said, asking not to be identified as the information is not public. Discussions are still going on and a final decision is yet to be taken. The increased spending comes ahead of crucial local polls and amid efforts by the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party to win over farmers after facing massive protests against new laws that have since been scrapped. Nearly 60 per cent of India's 1.4 billion population depends

on farming directly or indirectly for their livelihood and their support is key for winning elections. The government had substantially raised fertilizer subsidy in the current year amid the protests after allocating nearly 800 billion rupees in the budget unveiled in February 2021.

Indian Railways designates post of 'Guard' as 'Train Manager' with immediate effect

New Delhi, 17th Jan, 2022: In a significant development, the Indian Railways on Friday informed that it has decided to re-designate the post of 'Guard' as 'Train Manager' with immediate effect.

"The issue of change of designation of Trains Guard to 'Train Manager' is being demanded for quite some time," a statement from the Indian Railways said. "The demand was raised as the designation 'Train Guard' had become outdated and in society, common man draw reference that helps may be a guard in some private form etc, it said.

In the GSR, Trains Guard is virtually a Train in-charge of the



respective train. "It would, therefore, be quite appropriate that the existing designation of Trains Guard be changed to 'Train Manager', which would be a dignified designation for them without any financial

and will improve the motivation level of Guards now 'Train Managers', the Railways further said in a tweet. The revised designations will not entail any change in their pay levels, method of recruitment, existing duties and responsibilities, seniority and avenues of promotion, a statement from the Indian Railways said.

As per revised guidelines, an assistant guard will now be called assistant passenger train manager, and the goods guard will be called goods train manager. Senior goods guard has been re-designated as senior goods train manager, senior passenger guard is now senior passenger train manager.

No person can be forced to get vaccinated against their wishes: Centre to SC

Port Blair, 17th Jan, 2022: The Centre has told the Supreme Court that COVID-19 inoculation guidelines issued by the Union health ministry do not envisage forcible vaccination without obtaining the consent of an individual.

On the issue of exempting persons with disabilities from producing vaccination certificates, the Centre told the apex court that it has not issued any SOP that makes it mandatory to carry the vaccination certificate for any purpose.

The Centre said this in its affidavit filed in response to a plea by NGO Evara Foundation seeking door-to-door, priority COVID-19 vaccination for persons with disabilities. "It is submitted that the direction and guidelines released by Government of India and Ministry of Health and Family Welfare do not envisage any



forcible vaccination without obtaining consent of the concerned individual. "It is submitted that vaccination for COVID-19 is of larger public interest in view of the

ongoing pandemic situation," the affidavit filed by the Union health ministry said. The ministry said that "its duly advised, advertised and communicated through various

print and social media platforms that all citizens should get vaccinated and systems and processes have been designed to facilitate the same."

Kerala Actor Sex Assault Case: High Court Allows Re-Examination Of Witnesses

The court allowed Kerala's appeals and struck down the trial court's orders, declining its pleas to summon several other witnesses and get certified copies of the call records of the accused in the actor's sexual assault case of 2017.

The Kerala High Court today allowed the re-examination of five witnesses and summoned five additional witnesses in the case relating to the sexual assault of an actress in which Malayalam actor Dilip is an accused.

Justice Kausar Edappahgall allowed the state government's appeals and struck down the trial court's orders, declining its pleas to summon several other witnesses and get certified copies of the call records of the accused in the actor's sexual assault case of 2017.

"The entire exercise of adding additional evidence allowed as per this order shall be completed within ten days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order by the court," the court said. The Director-General of

prosecution shall see that a new special public prosecutor is deputed or some other alternative arrangements made to conduct the case, the court said.

The trial court, on December 21, had allowed five witnesses to be summoned and rejected the request for summoning the others. The prosecution had contended that the low court was wrong in holding that there was a delay in filing the application seeking the call records and original customer details.

With regard to the summoning of the witnesses, the prosecution has contended that the low court order rejecting the application for recalling some of the witnesses and allowing only three, was "illegal and improper and would cause prejudice



in arriving at a right decision in the case".

The survivor or -an actress who worked in Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam films - was abducted and allegedly molested inside her car for two hours by some of the accused, who had forced their way into the vehicle on the night of

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Islands as per Hon'ble Supreme Court's directions and establishment of a Cyber Lab to effectively tackle cyber crimes. On the enforcement front, apart from diligently generating awareness about Covid Appropriate Behavior, 82,778 Challans were issued which resulted in collection of 1,81,31,900/- in fines and 70 Criminal cases were registered against the violators of the Covid guidelines. As a result of conducting crackdown on street crimes, especially drunk and driving, over speeding, bootlegging and drug peddling, there has been a thirty nine percent (39%) reduction in IPC

crimes, a fifty five percent (55%) drop in bootlegging cases, forty nine (49%) decrease in drug peddling cases, and an eighteen percent (18%) drop was noticed in road accident cases in the year 2021, with respect to the previous year, 2020. Underscoring the challenges before the Police Department, the DGP, A&N Islands exhorted the staff to discharge their duties with utmost dedication, sincerity and exhibit greater professionalism, transparency, integrity and sensitivity in their functioning in order to effectively serve the people of A&N Islands.

Maharashtra CM to decide on reopening schools when COVID-19 spread is under control: Health Minister Rajesh Tope

Maharashtra Health Minister Rajesh Tope has said that the chief minister will take the final decision on reopening of schools after the COVID-19 spread is under control and the situation improves.

"Demands are rising from certain quarters for reopening of schools as children are suffering the education loss. We will consider it after 10-15 days as there is a low (rate of) infection among children. The chief minister will take the final call in this regard," Rajesh Tope told reporters on January 16 after seeing a massive surge in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, the state government decided to impose curbs including the shutting down of schools and colleges which had only recently begun.

As per the Centre's data, Maharashtra, West Bengal, and Rajasthan are the three worst-hit states from the Omicron variant. On January 16, Maharashtra reported

41,327 fresh COVID-19 cases and 29 deaths as active cases in the state stood at 2,65,346. Omicron cases reported in the day were eight taking the total Omicron tally in the state to 1,738.

On the first anniversary of the COVID-19 vaccination programme, the state health minister said that 10-15 percent of the eligible people in Maharashtra remain to be vaccinated as taking the job is voluntary. "This is a challenge for the health department to ensure a cent per cent vaccination and we will make it possible," news agency PTI quoted him as saying.

India on September 17 reached another milestone by administering over 2 crore COVID-19 vaccine doses till the evening on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 71st birthday. This is the first time the country has completed more than two crore vaccinations in one day.

Positivity Rate Stays At 28% In Delhi, 12,587 New Cases, 31% Drop From Sunday

Delhi today logged 12,587 fresh Covid cases, which is a 31 per cent drop from yesterday's number (18,286). The positivity rate - number of positive cases identified per 100 - stands at 28 per cent. The city also registered 24 Covid deaths. The Covid cases in the national capital have seen a marked decline over the last few days. On Saturday, Delhi reported 20,718 cases, on Friday it had 24,383 cases, while on Thursday the city logged 28,867 cases.

"First dose of Covid vaccine has been given to 100 per cent of the eligible population in Delhi while both doses have been given to 80 per cent of the targeted people. As many as 1.28 lakh precautionary

doses have been administered to senior citizens, frontline workers and healthcare workers," said Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain today.

Delhi Positivity Rate 28%; 12,586 New Cases, 13% Fewer Than Yesterday. Delhi Conducting Covid Tests 3 Times The Number Recommended By Top Medical Body

According to government data, 68,275 patients are in home isolation.

There were 44,762 Covid tests conducted in the last 24 hours (which is big drop from the 65,621 tests conducted yesterday), out of which 39,767 were RT-PCR tests while 4,995 were antigen tests.

Why are Kerala Covid deaths so high? It's just the most aggressive in updating data

New Delhi, 17th Jan, 2022: As India sees a renewed surge in COVID cases accompanying concerns around the spread of Omicron variant infections, what has also raised eyebrows in recent months is the number of Covid deaths being reported in the country.

In the first five days in January 2022 alone, the country reported 1,391 Covid deaths, according to covid19harat.org, a crowdsourced platform compiling the numbers put out by state health bulletins. The number of Covid deaths reported in the country between 22 October 2021, and 5 January 2022, stands at 29,836. Considering that India's Covid cases had shown a downward trend between August and October last year (down from 40,000 per day to 15,000 per day on average, according to Covid19harat.org), the death tally of 29,836 is considerably high.

What is important to understand here, however, is that not all these are new deaths, but casually backlogs that are being reported now, increasing the total death tally.

Since 22 October, the states of Kerala and Bihar and the union territory of Chandigarh have reported more than 17,000 backlog deaths. Which means the number of fresh deaths reported in the country between 22 October and 5 January is 12,833 or about 2.3 times less.

Of the 17,000 backlog deaths, more than 14,500 have been reported from Kerala alone. While Kerala has been updating the numbers gradually, Bihar and Chandigarh had reported a one-time update. On 3 December, Bihar added 2,424 backlog deaths to the state's casualty list, while Chandigarh added 256 backlog deaths to its numbers on 9 December.



The focus on Kerala - The two states and the UT of Chandigarh are not the only ones to have updated their casualty figures in recent months. Between May and July last year, Maharashtra had added 23,000 backlog deaths to its Covid casualty list - a **bigger number** than that reported by Kerala so far. Madhya Pradesh too had added 1,478 deaths as backlogs in July last year. Bihar's update of its death toll in December was the second such by the state last year. In June, the state had added 3,951 backlog deaths to its tally. However, the reporting of backlogs in Kerala has attracted more attention since the state was earlier said to have had the **lowest** Covid fatality rates in the country. Kerala's mortality from Covid-19 has more than

doubled in the 2nd wave compared to the first due to the addition of backlog deaths. The merit of its claims of being a state with the lowest mortality from Covid-19 has significantly diminished," said Rijo M. John, health economist and adjunct professor at Kerala's Rajagiri College of Social Sciences.

John's statement stems from the fact that before the reconciliation happened, Kerala had a total of 27,202 reported deaths for 48,88,523 cases - which means that the state was then reporting 5-6 deaths for every 1,000 cases. However, as on 6 January, the state's total death toll has reached 48,895 against 52,63,415 reported cases, which means 9 deaths for every 1,000 cases.

The reporting of backlogs has pushed up

the Covid death toll reported in the past two months to at least two-three times higher than what the actual new death figures are. But Kerala's updated death figures are not a result of the state performing poorly or reporting abnormally high casualties, but because it has been updating its death backlog more vigorously and thoroughly than other states.

"The overall Covid-19 mortality of 0.92 per cent in Kerala based on reported deaths, however, continues to be lower than that of the national average at 1.38 per cent. It should also be noted there are significant amounts of excess deaths in many other states as shown by several studies although not officially acknowledged," said John.

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Covid vaccination for 12-14 age group may start by March

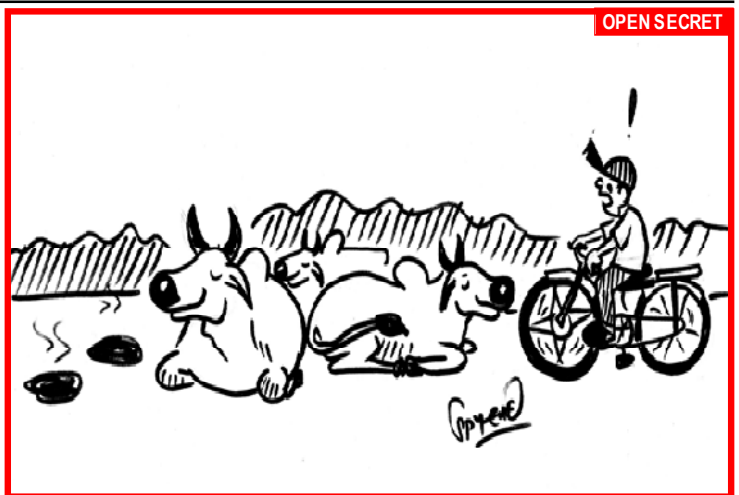


Even as 3.31 crore children in the age bracket of 15-17 years have received their first dose of Covid-19 vaccination, Dr NK Arora, chairman of the Covid-19 working group of the National

Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) said that the vaccination programme for the 12-14 years age group is all set to begin from February-end onwards. "We aim to cover all the 7.4 crore

adolescents in the 15-17 age bracket with the first dose by January-end so that we can start vaccinating them with the second dose from early February-end. We want to start vaccinating children between 12 and 14 years from February-end or early March," Dr Arora told TOI on Sunday. Experts have opined that those between the age of 12 to 17 are quite like adults. "So, the decision was mainly taken to protect the adolescents in the 15-17 group first. Once their full vaccination is done, the government will take up the policy decision to include the next age group, which is the 12-14

bracket," he added. One reason why the government has prioritised this particular group from the under-18 categories is that these adolescents are quite mobile, they go to schools, colleges, mingle and have a high risk of acquiring infections. "Expanding the ambit of children's vaccination is a welcome step. The government should also consider prioritising the vaccination of comorbid children in the 5-14 age group as they are also more at risk of developing severe Covid," said Dr Pramod Jog, former national president of the Indian Academy of Paediatrics.



Vishal for operation of boat services to outer islands

Port Blair, Jan 17: Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Former State President, BJP, ANI & Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Gol demanded boat service for stranded students and inter island public at Port Blair through his letter addressed to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration.

In his letter he wrote that the recent surge in COVID cases all the schools/colleges and other educational institutions have been closed as a precautionary measure to contain the spreading of COVID cases. As a result numbers of students hailing from Little Andaman and other Southern Group of Islands

who are perusing their studies are stranded in Port Blair and they are unable to go back to their residence, thus they are facing untold troubles and pain to reach their home at this pandemic situation. Accordingly Mr. Jolly requested the Chief Secretary to direct the concerned authority to make necessary

arrangement and chalk out a suitable shipping schedule especially for transportation stranded students and general public who stuck here since long to Little Andaman and other Southern Group of Islands such as Nicobar, Kamorta, Katchal and Campbell Bay on priority basis

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Digital Poster Making, Photography competitions by Tourism dept

Port Blair, Jan 17: As part of National Tourism Day (NTD) on 25th January, 2022, the Tourism Department is conducting an open Poster Making Competition and Photography Competition. The theme for Digital Poster Making Competition is 'Explore Andamans' and 'Andamans #Wild & Free Like the Sea' and the theme for Digital Photography Competition is 'Unexplored Tourism sites in rural areas of the Islands'. For poster making, 20 numbers of photos are uploaded

on the link https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d7wbGKtUo_YdTWd9ncVS-ssokFkXKXh. The official logo of the Tourism Department, A & N Administration (Emerald Blue and You) should be present on the poster. The candidate has to submit a declaration that the photograph submitted by him/her is original photograph shot by him/her. The same may be used along with captivating slogan for making posters. The response/

contents received from participants will be uploaded in the social media accounts like Facebook/Instagram by this Directorate. The competition is open for all and entry is free, no age bar. The best may be selected on the basis of number of likes and subsequently judged by a Panel by 25th Jan, 2022. The best 3 entries in both the competitions will be suitably awarded with cash prizes. The details are as follows:

Those who intend to participate in the competition on the above themes can send their entries in the email ID hndirecttourism@gmail.com by 18th January, 2022 by 10 am positively. The photographs should be of good quality with high resolution, which will look attractive in Facebook/Instagram. The Department may use the submitted photographs & posters for any useful purpose if found suitable and once submitted, the copy right of the submitted material shall belong to the Department.

S. No.	Type of competition	Prizes	Theme
1	Poster making Competition	1st Prize - Rs.10,000/- 2nd Prize - Rs.5,000/- 3rd Prize - Rs.3,000/-	1. Explore Andamans 2. Andamans #Wild & Free Like the Sea.
2	Photography Competition	1st Prize - Rs.10,000/- 2nd Prize - Rs.5,000/- 3rd Prize - Rs.3,000/-	"Unexplored Tourism sites in rural areas of the Islands"

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