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## IGNOU BPCC exam rescheduled

Port Blair, Dec 14: Port Blair, Dec. 13 The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) TEE December-2022 examination of the Course BPCC-110 held at the Exam Centres on December 12, 2022 (morning session) has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The exam for this course has been rescheduled to January 6, 2023 in the morning session. The learners who had appeared for the BPCC-110 exam have been advised to reappear the exam on the scheduled date. For more details, they may visit IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair or contact over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: rcpportblair@ignou.ac.in. - Source : IGNOU

# LPG consumers insist for area-wise LPG distribution schedule

**AE Correspondent ::**  
Port Blair, Dec 14: Palni Swamy, a government employee who is also a permanent resident of Bunidayabad has been waiting for the delivery of LPG refills for almost two month now. "I booked a refill cylinder over the phone about a month ago and am waiting for the LPG truck, but I have not received the refill cylinder so far. Every time I tried to contact the agency, nobody picks-up the phone to reply to my queries. This has been going on for the past few days", says Palni, a LPG consumer linked to the CCS gas agency.

"Since I am a government employee, I cannot wait for the LPG trucks all day as I have also to attend to my office duties. It would have been better for consumers like us if the CCS Ltd published an area-wise distribution schedule every month in local media", he suggested. Though the supply of LPG cylinders by CCS Ltd in the city

has become excellent in the recent months, considering the difficulties of the government employees and working class people, CCS should try to publish area-wise schedules at least twice a month", he said.

While distribution of LPG cylinders in the city is the most mismanaged one. People are having high expectations with the new CCS management that they will streamline the LPG distribution system in the city, but tardy distribution of LPG refills still exist, causing hardship for the residents. Generally, the LPG cylinder-loaded trucks of the CCS Ltd, Port Blair use to visit particular areas of the city without proper information. As a result of which working class customers miss the chance to collect the LPG refills as at that time they remain in their office.

To avoid such problems, the CCS Ltd needs to take initiatives to publish an area-wise advance schedule for delivery of LPG cylinders, just like the

inter-island shipping ferry schedules and publish/ broadcast the same through local print and electronic media. For instance, in Haddo, Junglighat, Prem Nagar and Lilipur areas-on such and such date and time etc. If this system is introduced, the LPG cylinder delivery system would be much easier and the general public could also get some relief. Earlier, a practice of area-wise LPG truck distribution schedules used to be published in local media. This enabled working class citizens to plan their schedule accordingly. Any change in schedule was intimated through local media. This was immensely helpful to consumers. LPG consumers are also complaining that while commercial refills are available and private vehicles loaded with LPG cylinders can be seen in the city transporting LPG refills, the CCS Management has not been able to distribute the refills on time in various wards in the city.

## MP suggests grant of special grade designation to Constable, Head Constable

Port Blair, Dec 14: The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has suggested the Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to grant Special Grade Designation to Constables and Head Constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police for motivation and also to address the issue of existing stagnation at the rank of Constables and Head Constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police on the same lines as done by Delhi police. Appreciating the crucial role of Andaman and Nicobar Police in maintaining law and order in the entire territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament informed the Lt. Governor that there is stagnation at the rank of Constable and Head Constable in Andaman and Nicobar Police. As per rule, the qualifying service for

promotion to the next rank is five years for both the ranks but as on date it is taking more than 30 years for a Constable to get promoted to the rank of Head Constable. He said that the morale of any force depends upon the motivation and motivation of its manpower and timely promotion, are the two of the key factors for any uniformed force. The Member of Parliament pointed out that in its communication dated 27/06/2017 addressed to the Director General of Police of all States/UT, the Director-General BPR&D, Ministry of Home Affairs has endorsed the move of Delhi police to grant Special Grade Designation to its Constables and Head Constables, which has resulted in motivation of staff without any financial implications. He

added that as per a circular dated 04/11/2016 issued by Delhi police, a constable who has completed 15 years of service as on the first January of calendar year and has been granted first financial upgradation (MACP) shall be designated as head Constable (Special Grade) similarly Constable or Head Constable who has completed 25 years of service in the cadre as on first January of the calendar year and he has been granted first and second financial upgradation (MACP) shall designated Assistant Sub-Inspector (Special Grade). On similar grounds the Member of Parliament suggested granting Special Grade Designation to Constables and Head Constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police.

# Veterinary Hospital at Goal Ghar lacks basic medical facilities

## X-Ray machine defunct; life saving Medicines and injections out of stock



Port Blair, 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2022: The present condition of the veterinary hospital at Goal Ghar is reportedly alarming as the hospital lacks basic medical facilities. The lone X-Ray machine at the hospital has been non-functional for several months for want of repair and maintenance. An official of the Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department said that the available X-ray machine is an outdated one purchased decades ago. Spare parts required for repair and maintenance are not easily available in the market. The basic support systems for animals suffering from injuries like bone fracture etc. are reportedly not available in the hospital.

In the present condition of services in the hospital pet owners in the city face an uphill task when their companions fall ill. "One of our pet dogs fell unconscious recently. We took her to the Veterinary Hospital at Golghar. The veterinary staff

present there administered some medicines. As her condition showed no signs of improvement, we took her to the hospital again next morning where the veterinarian told us to get an X-Ray report done from a private diagnostic centre as the facility was not available there. For the major Veterinary Hospital at Golghar, lack of basic medical equipment like X-Ray is not expected," said a pet owner.

It is also reported that the hospital is having shortage of life saving medicines too. On several occasions, pet owners are asked to purchase medicines and injections for their pets from the open market.

Non-availability of a 24x7 care facility at the hospital is also a cause of concern for pet owners in the city. Doctors are available in the hospital during morning office hours i.e. from 9 AM to 5 PM with

NEW DELHI : The micro-small and medium enterprises (MSME) are among the most important pillars of the Indian economy and the government is working to make the MSME sector stronger and more developed, going forward.

Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, India's junior minister for the MSME sector said, "We will also work to ensure that in terrelationship between the MSME sector and other important pillars of the Indian economy are further strengthened as India



grows." He urged the industry and other stakeholders to work with the government to make India a \$5 trillion economy along with

## Health of children aged less than 5 years improved in India, mortality rate reduced

Health of the children aged less than 5 years has improved in the country, mortality rate has reduced and there has been no death of any children due to malnutrition. In a written reply in Rajya Sabha, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti

Irani said that as per the recent report of National Family Health Survey between 2019 and 2021, the nutrition indicators for children under 5 years have improved as compared to 2015-16. Stunting, wasting and underweight prevalence have

also reduced. As per Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India (RGI), Under 5 Mortality has declined from 43 per 1000 live births in 2015 to 32 per 1000 live births in 2020 at National Level. - Source : AIR

## Govt. approves revival package of Rs one lakh 64 thousand crore for BSNL

The government has approved a large revival package of one lakh 64 thousand crore rupees for revival of BSNL. Replying to supplementaries during Question Hour in Lok Sabha today, Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said this project will totally transform BSNL.

The revival measures focus

## Medical Colleges increased by 67 percent in last 8 years

Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar has said that the number of Medical Colleges in the country has increased by 67 percent in the last eight years. The number of colleges which was 387 before 2014 has gone up to 648 as of now.

In a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha, Dr. Pawar said that MBBS seats have

## 3-days training program "First Aid, Fire Fighting & Disaster Preparedness"



Port Blair, Dec 14: A three-days training programme on "First Aid, Fire Fighting & Disaster Preparedness" is being conducted at Fire Service Training Centre, Fire Service (HQ) from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 15 Dec 2022, to sensitize Teachers, Govt

Servants, Hoteliers, Coaching Institute and General Public. During the training, participants

## Ex-Army chief Gen Naravane reveals reason behind India's strong response to Chinese military's incursion in Tawang

New Delhi: China has been resorting to the "salami slicing" tactic along the Line of Actual Control to gain territory in a gradual manner and this has led to a "more assertive" response from the Indian Army, former Army chief Gen M M Naravane has said and noted that attempts to change status quo along the LAC have been thwarted. In 'Podcast with Smriti Prakash', Gen Naravane said the Chinese army has been trying to alter the status quo along LAC in very "small incremental steps". His remarks came days after the attempts by People's Liberation Army (PLA) troops to transgress the LAC in Yangtse area of Tawang Sector in Arunachal Pradesh with the Indian Army thwarting the attempt to change the status quo. "China has been trying to alter the status quo along the LAC for many years, decades in fact, and they have been doing this in very small incremental steps which by themselves do not look very dangerous. They look quite innocuous.



What we call salami slicing, coming up one inch at a time. But in the bargain over a period of time they have gained a lot. This is the

## FELICITATED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL, HOME GUARDS

Port Blair, Dec 14: The matter of great honour and pride for A&N Home Guard Organization that following three (03) of its Home Guard Personnel have been awarded prestigious 'DG Disc (Bronze)' and Commendation Certificate for their illustrious and unblemished service on the occasion of 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Civil Defense & Home Guard on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 by the Director General - Fire Service, Civil Defense & Home Guards HG(R)/53 Sree Kumar of A&N Home Guard Organization. HG(R)/78 G Sunil Kumar of A & N Home Guard Organization. HG(R)/432 K Amina of A&N Home Guard Organization. Sh. Neeraj Thakur, IPS, DGP, A&N Islands complimented all the awardees for the distinctions conferred on them and bringing honour to A&N Home Guard Organization. He wished them success in their future career. - Source : CG

## Reschedule of MLII-104 and BNS-042 courses Exam of IGNOU

Port Blair, Dec 14: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) TEE December-2022 examination of the Course MLII-104 and BNS-042 held on December 12, 2022 (morning session) and BNS-042 held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Afternoon session) conducted at Exam Centres has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The exam for these courses has been

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K. Ganeshan, Ex-Chairperson, PBMC and Smti. Laxmi Ganeshan, Councillor ward no-08 has condoled the demise of **Shri N. JEYARAMAN**, Treasurer ATS and President, Tamil Literary Association who passed away at 11.00 am on dated: 12.12.2022 at his resident in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. beloved recalled his memories and paid a rich formal tribute to him. on this date 12.12.2022. in his message Shri . K. Ganeshan prayed to the almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.



# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman EXPRESS

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### Only seats, not cities

Municipal elections seldom attract attention outside their catchment area. However, elections to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, where AAP captured a majority displacing three-term winner BJP, was different. It embodied the fierce political competition between India's pre-eminent national party BJP and its most competitive challenger, AAP. Some regional parties do pack a punch and BJP hasn't quite got their measure. But AAP is the only other party to keep expanding its geographical footprint, often at the expense of India's original political hegemon, Congress. All these factors played out in MCD elections.

AAP secured a simple majority with 134 seats in the corporation. BJP did better than the exit polls predicted with 104 seats while Congress, expectedly, was reduced to a rump. MCD isn't the only fiercely contested urban local body polls. Two years ago, BJP pulled out all stops to capture Hyderabad's urban body, with even home minister Amit Shah campaigning extensively. It ran TRS close. Soon, we will see another high-decibel contest in Mumbai for BMC, India's richest urban body, where the two Senas have a lot at stake, as does BJP.

But do fierce contests translate into better outcomes for voters? Certainly not, as a proxy indicator like voter participation or anecdotal evidence suggests. The turnout for MCD was just above 50%, below the level recorded in 2017 and also the last Delhi assembly election. It's a reflection of the dysfunctional state of India's urban bodies. This is best captured by RBI's description that Indian cities are "emaciated financially". The core problem is that state governments are unwilling to let go of functions that the Constitution's 74th amendment recommended 30 years ago.

One of the outcomes is that urban bodies are underfunded. In India, the average municipal revenue is around 1% of GDP. The comparable figures in Brazil and South Africa are 7.4% and 6% respectively. Municipalities largely depend on property tax for revenue. Interstate comparison suggests that this electorally-sensitive tax rate is an area where corporations don't have a decisive say. For example, RBI's data shows that MCD's own tax revenue as a proportion of total revenue not only trails the national average, it's even lower than a relatively poorer urban Assam. Indian cities need more than high-decibel elections. But absolutely no political party seems interested. No wonder voters are losing interest.

### Veterinary Hospital at...

several rounds of breaks for tea, lunch, pick-up & drop of children/family members etc. Since Veterinary doctors are being paid

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at par with Doctors of Health Department, the sense of responsibility and duties must be of similar level.

### Govt. approves revival...

on infusing fresh capital for upgrading BSNL services, allocating spectrum, de-stressing its balance sheet and augmenting its fibre network. Mr Vaishnav said BSNL is going to implement indigenously developed 4G and 5G technology stat

He said it is a matter of pride that India's engineers developed 4G and 5G technology stat end

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to end in line with Prime Minister's Make in India initiative which is recognised all over the world today.

The Minister said the days have gone when BSNL was a cash cow. He alleged that BSNL went through a very bad phase of its life primarily because lots of funds in BSNL were diverted away earlier.

### Medical Colleges...

a new medical college by upgrading the district and referral hospital and under it 94 new medical colleges are already functional out of 157 approved. She also informed the

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House that under the Central Sector Scheme for setting up new AIIMS, 22 AIIMS have been approved and Undergraduate courses have started in 19 of them.

### 3-days training prog...

will be made aware of various activities of Andaman & Nicobar Fire Service i.e. Fire Control Room, operational techniques of Water Tender, Rescue Tender & Disaster Management equipments i.e. Search & Rescue equipment's, Chain Saw, Concrete Cutter, Air Lifting Bag, Combi Tools etc. A live demonstration will also be organised on fire fighting by using various fire extinguishers on different types of fire at Fire Service (HQ) by involving the participants. In the inaugural function, Shri S.K. Jain, IPS

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Inspector General of Police (Law & Order) briefed about the importance of fire safety awareness to the participants. They were appealed to share and adopt the best practices and knowledge gained through this training programme. The Course certificates will be handed over to the participants at the valediction programme on 15 December, 2022. 87 persons are attending the training programme. They were briefed about fire safety precaution, fire mitigation and firefighting measures.

### Reschedule of MLII-104...

rescheduled again on 05th January, 2023 in the morning session (BNS-043) and afternoon session (MLII-104). The revised hall ticket for these courses will be uploaded in the IGNOU website: www.ignou.ac.in. The learners appeared for the MLII-104 and BNS-042 exam are advised to download the revised

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hall ticket to re-appear the exam on the scheduled date. For more details, visit IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair or contact over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: rcpportblair@ignou.ac.in. A communication from the Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair said. - Source : IGNOU

# NUCLEAR FUSION BREAKTHROUGH: WHAT IT MEANS AND WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE NOTICE

Did you hear the news? Argentina is going to the World Cup finals? Yes, but not that. Fusion had its first positive energy yield!

Behind the reactors and beyond the news headlines, it is indeed a big deal, big news, a bigger deal for humanity than all the world cups combined. It should be at least. This is Nobel Prize stuff. And much more.

Humans reproduced a tiny part of the sun almost exactly 70 years ago when we managed the first man-made fusion reaction, the joining of two atoms into one creating one of lesser mass than the sum of its parts and converting the lost mass into massive energy ( $E=mc^2$ ), the Hydrogen Bomb.

But the energy it took to create the first man-made atomic fusion reaction was so large that it took an initial fission reaction (the atomic bomb) to fuel the fusion. It took a lot more energy to fuel the explosion than the explosion itself yielded.

On Tuesday, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's (LLNL's) National Ignition Facility

(NIF) in California announced that for the first time, we have been able to create a reaction that yielded more energy than it took to fuel the reaction. This is called fusion-ignition. It was accomplished in the laboratory. No such feat has been ever done before.

Imagine if every time you ran your car, you parked with more fuel than you had when you began. That is the world of possibilities that this means. To be exact, this example would be only applicable to breeder designs; laser inertial confinement may not be compatible. And, of course, for it to work, there must be constant mass but more fuel, as matter cannot be created.

The announcement is a big deal for all fusion, however, this positive energy release only considers the immediate energy put into the reaction and not the energy needed to run other vital components of the facility. This means that the value of positive energy release will have to increase to cover the totality of the energies

needed to operate the entire facility, thus economic viability has to clear that first hurdle and more.

Research being done at facilities like the biggest fusion reactor in existence at the International Nuclear Energy Research program, ITER is also on the path to claiming positive energy (+Q) release but only with respect to immediate energy put into the reaction, thus not making it economically viable either until the value of Q can increase.

It is "a road ahead to the possibilities for clean energy," said Arati Prabhakar, the White House science adviser, at a news conference on the announcement Tuesday at the Department of Energy's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Fusion is touted as a paragon of clean energy since it does not create radioactive waste that lasts hundreds of years, the drawback of the current generation of uranium-splitting nuclear power plants.

While the uranium fuel used today is radioactive itself, the fuel for fusion is ocean water and elements like lithium, specifically Li-3, that can absorb a neutron into helium and decay into tritium. Lithium too is abundant; thus, we may see future fusion reactors using liquid lithium pumped around the periphery of the core, exposing it to neutrons, and transmuting it into more fuel. Translation, while fission reactors utilize highly radioactive fuel and produce long-lasting nuclear waste, fusion uses neither radioactive fuel nor yields such waste. That is why fusion is the holy grail of energy

production, further, it does burn fossil fuels that cause greenhouse gases and global warming.

But now science needs to answer questions like how to extract energy productively from this apparatus. It cannot be used to make steam-like fission reactors, nor can it be hooked up to a thermocouple to control the reactions since it is being bombarded with lasers from all sides.

Fission is a self-sustaining chain reaction, which makes it incredibly efficient. The question at hand today is, can man eventually make fusion self-sustaining like in the sun and the stars?

There is a lot of consideration, beginning with a misconception that a single fusion reaction yields more energy than a single fission reaction. This is false, considering the implicit caveat of the per-unit mass of fuel. Hydrogen has an atomic mass of 1, while Uranium, the fuel for fission reactions, has a mass of around 238. Thus, science has to be able to produce a lot more fusion reactions to make its energy release competitive with fission.

Hydrogen comes in 3 flavours or isotopes. What we commonly refer to as hydrogen is merely an atom with one proton in its nucleus. When a neutron is added, it becomes deuterium, the hydrogen that makes heavy water. With two neutrons, it becomes tritium, for its atomic weight of 3. Hydrogen used in fusion has an atomic mass between ~2-3 atomic mass units - deuterium or tritium.

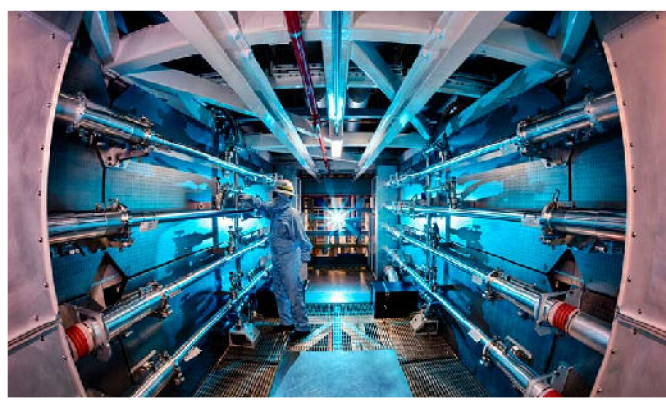
Hydrogen fusion can take the form of 2 deuterium atoms (D-D) or

deuterium and tritium (D-T), which yields more energy, simply because more mass is involved,  $E=mc^2$  again. Unfortunately, tritium has a half-life of 10 years and does not occur naturally.

Science has created this fusion before, but this time the results were something extraordinary. It happened at 1:03 a.m. on Dec. 5 and lasted under 100-trillionths of a second, when 192 giant lasers at NIF vaporized a pellet of frozen hydrogen encased in diamond; the resulting X-rays acted on deuterium and tritium fuel causing fusion that carried a brief-but-historically significant release of energy because, for the first time in history, a manmade fusion experiment showed an energy gain on a factor of 1.5.

That was the moment of fusion ignition, the moment science crossed the threshold where the output of energy equalled the input of energy needed to start the reaction. This was achieved with laser inertial confinement, though it took the world's most powerful laser, and a \$3.5 billion facility the size of a World Cup stadium, an indication of the high thresholds required to achieve this important but very early step on the road to economic viability. The moment is historic and of note, however, because it was fusion's Wright Brothers moment - the short flight by man that led humanity to explore the moon and the heavens to have 100,000 flights crossing the Earth's skies every day, a beginning that promises to lead man to Mars someday. So, will this change our world?

- Source : Theweek



### Ex-Army chief Gen...

tactics they have adopted and were continuing to do," Gen Naravane said.

"There was a time to say this much and no further. So that is what actually happened as they kept trying to probe especially north of the Panong Tso (lake in Ladakh). They come time and again and then they want to make it a historical fact that we have been coming here. They tried to alter the status quo as it is existing," he added.

With China and India having a differing perception of LAC in certain areas, Gen Naravane said in the two sides patrol up to their perception line but there have been attempts by China to impede this in some areas "We also patrol upto our perception line, they come up to their perception line. But while this is happening, if the patrols come face to face at the same time, then obviously there is a chance of a clash happening," General Naravane said.

Asked about the Galwan clash in eastern Ladakh in which

20 Indian soldiers lost their lives in May 2020, General Naravane, who was then the Army Chief, said that the Chinese Army was not "allowing" the Indian Army to patrol to the usual point and triggered a more assertive response from the Indian side.

"It's not that they came and they were not leaving, they were continuously patrolling up to where they thought they should be coming, but they were not allowing us to go where we ought to go. Therefore, we had to be more assertive and push them back. And that is where the clashes occurred and whether it is the North bank of Pangong Tso or in PP 15 where those unfortunate casualties took place," he said.

General Naravane, who was the Army Chief from December 31, 2019 to April 30, 2022, said the Chinese Army had established two outposts to stop the Indian Army from patrolling to the usual point PP 15, which was "objected vehemently".

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As I said, we have always been patrolling upto PP 15, but they were trying to stop us from going to our traditional patrolling point and that was totally unacceptable to us. To stop us from coming, they had established small outposts, you can say, two tents. We objected very vehemently to that but they were adamant that they would not go back. Therefore, we had to be more assertive. That is when they also came with additional strength and entire clash happened in our side of PP 15. As a result, we were able to make sure that they go back," he said.

In the latest attempt, PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in Yangtse area of Tawang Sector in Arunachal Pradesh on December 9 to change status quo. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told Parliament on Tuesday that the Chinese attempt was contested by the Indian troops in a firm and resolute manner.

### Indian govt working hard...

becoming self-reliant

He said that there are 6.3 crore MSMEs in the country which are providing 11 crore jobs. "MSMEs contribute around 30% to our GDP and have a share of 50% of the income generated from total exports," he said.

Indian MSMEs are also looking for export markets worldwide. The Minister added that the government is taking continuous steps to strengthen Indian MSMEs and the PMEGP (Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program), launched last financial year, was a step in this direction.

Under this scheme in the year 2021-22, a total of 1.03 lakh new units have been setup in the manufacturing and services sector. "In the last 14 years, this is the first time that new units number has crossed the 1 lakh mark and since inception in 2008, the program has generated around 8.25 new jobs," he added.

The government, Verma said, is also working to ensure that by taking advantage of the full potential of the MSMEs, their contribution to the Indian economy should double.

"For this, we will ensure to remove the external barriers and provide strength to MSMEs in order to make India self-reliant. We are also working to develop the culture of becoming entrepreneurs in the youth, provide loans to MSMEs, improve

their quality, and increase their competitiveness to increase their efficiency," he added.

The Minister further stated that the MSME ministry is setting up various technology centers across the country to support and strengthen the existing and new MSMEs.

Apart from this, the government is also working with other organizations to help the MSMEs under the 'ZED' certification scheme (providing technology upgradation and quality certification), ASPIRE scheme to promote quality and innovation, Design Clinics, etc.

"The government has also launched the Champion portal which will provide all solutions at one place, and we will further promote the portal to make MSMEs more competitive. Through these schemes, we hope MSMEs will become more sustainable," he added.

Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) form the cornerstone of the Indian economy. The MSME sector in India has exhibited strong performance and protected the economy from global adversities and shocks. It is estimated that there are 633.9 lakh MSMEs in India. The Micro sector includes 630.5 lakh enterprises, accounting for over 99 percent of the country's total number of MSMEs.

The small sector includes

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3.3 lakh enterprises (0.5 percent of total MSMEs), while the medium sector includes 0.05 lakh enterprises (0.01 percent of total MSMEs). Around 324.9 lakh enterprises (52.3 percent of total MSMEs) are in rural areas, while 309 lakh enterprises (48.8 percent) are in urban areas.

The Indian MSME sector provides a crucial employment opportunity with low capital requirements. The sector helps uplift the country's rural and less developed areas, reducing regional imbalances and inequality. Moreover, the sector is complementary to large companies and industries, providing them with the necessary parts and components. All these factors make the MSME sector crucial in the country's socio-economic development.

The MSME sector is one of the country's major employers. Setting up an MSME would provide owners with a job, helping them avoid hunting for jobs elsewhere. It also enables them to create employment opportunities for others. The sector has been instrumental in generating employment opportunities in rural and remote areas of the country. As per the data from the Udyam Portal of the Ministry of MSMEs, 93,94,957 people were employed by MSMEs registered on the portal in FY22.



Port Blair, Dec 14: A ten-day workshop on "Development of highly engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning materials for pre-primary & primary sections (3 to 8 years)" for PTPSTs and PSTs of South Andaman Zone and Wimberly Gunj Zone was organised at GSS Junglighat from 01.12.2022 to 13.12.2022 by State Institute of Education under the aegis of Department of Education, which was inaugurated by the chief guest Shri R.K. Singh, Principal, SIE. In the inaugural address he advised the participants to develop the joyful and innovative teaching material

as per the need of the child and surroundings. Around 27 participants (PTPSTs and PSTs) enthusiastically engaged and developed highly engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning resources for pre-primary & primary sections (3 to 8 years.) as per NEP Task 34. The valedictory function of the workshop was held on 13/12/2022 in which the participants Ms. Beena Pandey, PST (EVS group) attached to GSSS School Line, Mr. Jothi Mohan, PST (English group), GSSS Rangachang, Ms. Kiran Kumari (Hindi group), PST, GPS Maccapahad, Ms. Laxmi, PST (Maths group), Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair and Ms. J. Permeshwari (Pre-Primary group), PTPST shared their fantastic experience about the Workshop.

Shri R.K. Singh, Principal, SIE appreciated the efforts made by the participants to develop the engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning materials and also distributed the participation Certificates. Ms. H. Khairun Nisa, Faculty, SIE coordinated the entire programme and vote of thanks was proposed by Shri R. Sethukkarai, Faculty, SIE.

## Udhayanidhi Stalin sworn in as minister in Tamil Nadu cabinet

Udhayanidhi Stalin, the ruling DMK's youth wing secretary and MLA from the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni assembly constituency, swore in as a minister in his Chief Minister father MK Stalin's cabinet as its 35th minister on Wednesday.

Udhayanidhi was sworn in as the state minister at a brief event held at Raj Bhavan in Chennai. He signed the oath of office and oath of secrecy in presence of governor R N Ravi and Chief Minister M K Stalin. "I want to make Tamil Nadu the capital of sports in India," Udhayanidhi said immediately after taking the oath. On critics calling him a dynast, he replied, "It is not new to me. The same criticisms came up when I took charge as the youth wing secretary and then went to contest from the Chepauk-Thiruvallikeni constituency. I will give a reply to them through the work I do." He said the DMK had already promised in its manifesto that a mini stadium will be set up in every district and he will work towards that. "My first step will be towards setting up these stadiums. Please point out if I make any mistakes," he added. Incidentally, Udhayanidhi has withdrawn himself from his latest movie project, Kamal Hassan's Raj Kamal



movie production. "Mamannan is my last movie. I won't be taking up cinema projects any more," he told the media.

- Source : Theweek



#### AFFIDAVIT

I Pushpa Rani Halder, D/o Late Rathi Kanta Baroi, R/o Kalipur village, under Diglipur Tehsil in North Andaman do hereby undertake and solemnly affirm that:-

That as per my Aadhaar card No. 733015728131, pan card No. APGPH6213M, Islander Identity card No. 10103910257503 my correct and actual name is recorded as PUSHPA RANI HALDER. But by bonafide mistake my name is recorded in the ROR of Kalipur village in holding No. 27 as PUSHPA HALDER instead of PUSHPA RANT HALDER

That PUSHPARANI HALDER and PUSHPA HALDER is a same and genuine person.

This affidavit is executed by me for rectification my name in the ROR of Kalipur village.

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

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#### NIE Chennai Recruitment 2022, Walk-In for Project Technical Assistant & Other Vacancies

NIE Chennai Recruitment 2022 | Technical Assistant, Scientist-B & Other Posts | Total Vacancies 15 | Interview Date 12.12.2022 – 15.12.2022 | Download NIE Chennai Jobs Notification @ nie.gov.in

NIE Chennai Recruitment 2022: National Institute for Epidemiology invites application from eligible candidates for project positions under various projects. NIE has planned to fill 15 vacancies for the project positions of Technical Assistant, Scientist-B, Research Assistant, Technician-II, Consultant, Scientist-C, Staff Nurse and UDC posts. Interested candidates are instructed to apply attend Interview/ Test on mentioned dates. Applicants searching for central government jobs in Chennai can use this opportunity of NIE jobs. NIE has planned to conduct interview from 12.12.2022 to 15.12.2022.

Appointment of candidates for the above positions will be purely on contract basis. NIE Chennai recruitment notification & application form can be downloaded @ www.nie.gov.in. More details about reservation, age relaxation, salary, selection process, project description, etc. has explained in the notification. Candidates are instructed to carry all the original certificates/ testimonials at the time of interview. Further information will be uploaded at NIE careers page in due course of time. Candidates are instructed to keep visit NIE website for any changes in Interview/ Exam date.

#### FACT Recruitment 2022, Apply 45 Technician Posts

FACT Recruitment 2022 | Technician Posts | Total Vacancies 45 | Last Date: 16.11.2022 | Download FACT Notification @ www.factco.in

FACT Recruitment 2022: Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) is going to start the online process from 25.10.2022 for recruitment of Technician Posts. Recently it has issued new notice [Recruitment Notification No.: 11/2022] on 25.10.2022 to fill up 46 vacancies. As per the FACT Notification, online applications received between 26.10.2022 to 16.11.2022. Candidates who are looking Central Govt Jobs kindly make online registration @ FACT Career page. Interested and eligible candidates kindly use this FACT Technician Vacancy 2022.

FACT Technician Recruitment 2022 and FACT Recruitment apply online link is available @ www.factco.in. Candidates who are looking for Diploma Jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. FACT will select candidates based on Computer Based Test. Successful candidates in CBT will be shortlisted for next stage of selection process i.e. document verification. The candidates appointed are liable to serve anywhere in India or abroad as per the Company's requirement. More details of www.factco.in recruitment, FACT New vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

How to apply FACT Recruitment Notification 2022  
Go to official website www.factco.in

Click "Career -> Job Openings" find the advertisement "Recruitment Notification No.11/2022 dated 06.07.2022 for the posts of Senior Managers, Officer (Sales), Management Trainees Technicians", click on the advertisement

Notification will open read it and check Eligibility.  
If you are eligible candidate then you have continue to apply via online.  
Find & click apply online link.

Enter your details correctly and make the payment.  
Finally click submit button and take the print of the application form.

You may visit Career page to get more details about this recruitment. Here you will get information like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check www.dailyrecruitment.in regularly to get latest updates & upcoming govt exams.

#### IITDM Kancheepuram Recruitment 2022, Apply Training & Placement Officer Vacancies

IITDM Kancheepuram Recruitment 2022 | Project Intern | Total Vacancies 02 | Last Date: 20.12.2022 | Download IITDM Notification @ iitdm.ac.in

IITDM Kancheepuram Recruitment 2022: Indian Institute of Information Technology Design and Manufacturing, Kancheepuram invites application from the candidates for Project Intern position. As per notification, IITDM is planning to hire 02 interns for the project Design Innovation Centre under the guidance of Dr. Naveen Kumar. Interested candidates may apply before the last date i.e. 20.12.2022. Candidates those who satisfies the eligibility criteria for Intern can apply through online link. Applicants looking for jobs in Tamil Nadu may refer the notification for more details.

Candidates may refer official notification for age relaxation, reservation, general instruction for the candidates, etc. Candidates must be Indian citizens. All relevant documents should bring by the candidates at the time of interview. The above Internship is temporary in nature maximum for 6 months. Indian nationals those who satisfies the below conditions may proceed for online submission of application. IITDM recruitment notification & online registration link can be accessed @ iitdm.ac.in.

Steps for Apply IITDM Kancheepuram Recruitment 2022  
Visit iitdm.ac.in  
Find the advertisement for "Project Intern from Announcement Section".  
Read the notification carefully.  
Back to the page, enter Email address and password to login the page.  
Others should "Register" at IITDM website.  
Enter general, educational and other required details.  
Submit the form along with required documents.

Candidate can keep in touch with our daily recruitment in site regularly to get central government jobs, state government jobs, private jobs, exam syllabus, exam admit card etc.

#### Join Indian Army Recruitment 2022, Apply 90 TES 49

Join Indian Army Recruitment 2022 | 90 Vacancies | Technical Entry Scheme 49 | Last Date: 30.12.2022 | Apply Online @ joinindianarmy.nic.in

Join Indian Army Recruitment 2022: Online applications invited from Eligible unmarried male candidates to apply for Technical Entry Scheme 49 posts on Permanent Basis. The grand total of 90 Vacancies are notified in the Join Indian Army TES 49 Notification. Applicants who are passionate and professional to work under Defense Job, you may use this chance. This job is made for 10th, 12th passed candidates. Patriot applicants can apply via online for Indian Army TES 49 Recruitment. Other Modes can be restricted by the rule of India army. Selected candidates will be dropped at India zone. Applicants can start filling their online application from 01.12.2022 to 30.12.2022.

Candidates will be picked by Interview method for Indian army Technical Entry Scheme 49. Interested candidates may view or download the Indian army Technical Entry Scheme 49 Vacancy Notification from the official website. All category candidates can apply without an application fee. Application comes with mistakes or invalid applications are totally rejected. In the Indian army TES 46 recruitment notification, Educational details, Age limits, Selection process, Apply mode and salary details are clearly intimated below in this page. Selected candidates will earn money as per pay scale. If you have any doubt, Kindly track the official website @ joinindianarmy.nic.in

#### Hindustan Copper Recruitment 2022, Apply 290 Apprentice Vacancies

Hindustan Copper Recruitment 2022 | Trade Apprentice Posts | Total Vacancies 290 | Last Date: 12.12.2022 | Apply online @ www.hindustancopper.com

Hindustan Copper Recruitment 2022: Hindustan Copper Limited invites online applications between 22.11.2022 to 12.12.2022 from Citizens of India for undergoing Training at Khetri Copper Complex, Hindustan Copper Limited for Trade Apprentice under the Apprentices Act 1961. Applicants who want to get central govt jobs in Rajasthan kindly use this chance. Now it has issued new job notice [NO: HCL/KCC/HR/Trade App/2022] on 22.11.2022 for above said Trade Apprentice vacancy and trade wise vacancy details are given below. Overall 290 vacancies to be filled by Hindustan Copper and these vacancies are assigned for Hindustan Copper Apprentice Vacancy.

Candidates should register themselves for apprenticeship in Government of India portal (www.apprenticeshipindia.org). Candidates possessing higher professional qualifications such as Diploma / B.E. or equivalent shall not be considered. The candidates will be selected on the basis of merit based on their marks obtained in ITI & 10th and selected candidates will undergo apprenticeship training at Khetri Copper Complex, Rajasthan. Hindustan Copper Apprentice Notification & Apply Online link is available @ www.hindustancopper.com. Aspirants who want to get ITI jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. More details of www.hindustancopper.com recruitment HCL new vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

How to apply Hindustan Copper Limited Recruitment Notification 2022  
Go to official website hindustancopper.com

Click "Career" find the advertisement "ENGAGEMENT OF TRADE APPRENTICES IN KHETRI COPPER COMPLEX, HINDUSTAN COPPER LIMITED, UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ACT 1961", click on the advertisement

Notification will open read it and check Eligibility.  
If you are eligible candidate then you have continue to apply via online.

Find & click apply link "Apply Online"

If you are new user, you have to make registration otherwise you may login to your account then start to apply.

Enter your details correctly.  
Then upload your photograph & signature in the prescribed format

Finally click submit button and take the print of the application form.

You may visit Hindustan Copper Career page to get more details about HCL recruitment. Here you will get information of Apprentice posts like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check www.dailyrecruitment.in regularly to get latest updates & upcoming govt exams.

#### SBI Recruitment 2022, Apply 65 SCO Vacancies

SBI Recruitment 2022 | Specialist Cadre Officer Posts | Total Vacancies 65 | Last Date: 12.12.2022 | Download State Bank Recruitment Notification @ sbi.co.in

SBI Recruitment 2022: State Bank of India invites On-line application from Indian citizens for appointment in the following Specialist Cadre Officer posts on contract/regular basis. Recently it has released new job notice [CRPD/SCO/2022-23/23, CRPD/SCO/2022-23/25 & CRPD/SCO/2022-23/26] on 22.11.2022 to fill up 65 vacancies and these vacancies are assigned for Circle Advisor & Manager posts and post wise vacancy details, pay scale, eligibility details are clearly given below. Candidates who are seeking Bank Jobs in central govt kindly make the online registration between 22.11.2022 to 12.12.2022.

Before applying, candidates are requested to ensure that they fulfil the eligibility criteria for the post as on the date of eligibility. SBI SCO Recruitment Notification & State Bank of India Recruitment apply online link is available @ sbi.co.in. Candidates who are seeking Engineering Jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. SBI selection will be based on Shortlisting & Interview and selected candidates will be appointed at Mumbai, Bhopal & Anywhere in India. More details of sbi.co.in recruitment, SBI new vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming central govt jobs notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.

How to apply SBI SCO Recruitment 2022 Notification  
Go to official website sbi.co.in

Click "Join SBI -> Current Openings" find the advertisement, click on the advertisement

Notification will open read it and check Eligibility.  
Back to the page, click "Apply Online".

If you are new user, you have to make registration otherwise you may login to your account then start to apply.

Enter your details correctly.  
Then upload required documents in the prescribed size

Make the payment via online mode.  
Finally click submit button and take the print of the application form.

You may visit SBI Career page to get more details about sbi.co.in recruitment. Here you will get information like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check www.dailyrecruitment.in regularly to get latest updates & upcoming govt exams.

#### ITBP Recruitment 2022 | Constable / Tradesman Posts | 287 Vacancies | Application Last Date: 22-12-2022

ITBP Recruitment 2022: Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force is looking to hire eligible candidates for fill up the position of 287 Constable / Tradesman. Totally 287 vacancies will be allocated for Constable (Tailor, Gardener, Cobbler, Safai Karamchari, Washerman, Barber). Eligible Indian male and female candidates may use this ITBP Constable Recruitment 2022. Appointment will be based on temporary basis likely to be permanent in ITBP. Link for online application for Constable post will be activated on 23-11-2022. The last date for submission of online application form is 22-12-2022.

Applicants must have completed the Diploma/10th from recognized board are eligible for this ITBP Police Recruitment. ITBP will be conducted the physical efficiency test, physical standard test, written examination, trade test, detailed medical examination/ Review medical examinations for applying candidates. Candidates those who submit the online application in mentioned date can be able to download your admit card from official website. Selected person will be located at anywhere in India with the scale of Pay Rs. 21,700 – 69,100. Applicants are advised to regularly keep in touch with the official website for latest updates and more information.

Candidate see the daily recruitment in website more information about latest updates and upcoming exam notification.

#### JMRC Recruitment 2022, Patwari & Other Posts

JMRC Recruitment 2022 | Patwari, Executive Officer & Other Posts | 22 Vacancies | Last Date: 30.12.2022 | Apply for Jaipur Metro Rail Recruitment Notification @ transportrajasthan.gov.in

JMRC Recruitment 2022: Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (JMRC) has released the recruitment notification for special selection of candidates on deputation basis. They seek application from eligible candidates for the post of Director, Executive Director, General Manager, Joint General Manager, Private Secretary, Deputy General Manager, Tehsildar, Senior Executive Officer, Travelling Inspector of Accounts, Manager, Executive Officer & Patwari posts. A great chance for Engineering job seekers to join & develop their career in JMRC. As per the Jaipur Metro Rail Recruitment, there are 22 vacancies are announced for these Railway jobs. The Last date to submit the application form is 30.12.2022.

JMRC has decided to hire candidates on deputation basis. Applicants are instructed to submit the application form through proper channel. Application form of candidates who are working under Indian Railway, Government Department/ PSUs/ Autonomous Body are eligible to apply for JMRC Jobs. Applicants should have attained the prescribed age limit. Selection process may be based on interview. Selected candidates will be placed at Jaipur, Rajasthan. Jaipur Metro Rail Recruitment 2022 notification & application form has been uploaded @ transportrajasthan.gov.in

Steps to Apply for Jaipur Metro Recruitment 2022 Notification  
Go to official website transportrajasthan.gov.in/JMRC.

Find & click advertisement for Deputation in CAREERS.  
Notification will open, read it & check eligibility.

Fill the application form carefully.  
Submit the filled application form.

Candidates need to check www.transportrajasthan.gov.in to get more details about JMRC jobs. Here you will get educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode, steps to apply. Looking forward with www.dailyrecruitment.in to know latest updates.

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## IN CONVERSATION

## HAVE SOUGHT CLARIFICATION ON 11 POINTS: CHHATTISGARH GOVERNOR UIKEY ON QUOTA BILL ROW

The bills enhancing overall reservations in government jobs and admissions to educational institutions to 76 per cent passed by Chhattisgarh Assembly are not likely to get a nod from governor's office anytime soon with Governor Anusuiya Uikey seeking clarification on 11 points related to the provisions in the bills.

The stand taken by the governor seems to be making for a first major head-off with the Congress government in the state.

"I have written to the state government seeking clarification on various points to ensure that there are no legal hurdles after I sign the bills to turn them into legislation (Acts). Also I want to ensure that there is justice with all the sections of people as delegations of all communities are meeting me on the issue," Governor Uikey said while talking to THE WEEK exclusively from Raipur.

She said that the High Court had struck down the law providing for 58 per cent reservation on the basis that it flouted the 50 per cent bar on overall quota, but now that the state government has proposed to increase it to 76 per cent, she wants to have complete clarity on the basis used for such provisions, so that future legal impediments could be avoided.

Controversy has erupted in Chhattisgarh on what is being looked upon as a delay on the part of the governor to sign the quota bills. The ruling Congress has accused the opposition BJP of making attempts to stop approval of the bills and has demanded quick action on the part of the governor to resolve the lingering issue of caste-based quota in the state.

At the end of a special session on December 2, the Assembly had passed two bills—Chhattisgarh Public Service (ST/SC/OBC Reservation) Amendment Bill 2022 and the Chhattisgarh Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Amendment Bill 2022.

These bills provide for 32 per cent quota for scheduled tribes (STs) and 27 per cent quota for other backward classes (OBCs), apart from 13 per cent reservation for Scheduled Caste (ST) communities and 4 per cent for economically weaker sections (EWS).

A delegation of senior cabinet ministers had taken the bills to the Raj

Bhavan and submitted them personally to the governor, requesting her to sign them.

However, 10 days after the passage of the bill, the governor is yet to sign and has a string of queries that she wants clarification on. "I sought legal opinion and found that there might be a number of impediments if these bills turn into Acts (laws). I held oral discussions with the state government officials, but they could not give a satisfactory response. So my office has sent across a list of 11 queries to the government, seeking clarification. As soon as I get them, I will make a suitable decision after studying them," the governor said.

She rejected any political motivations, saying that she held a constitutional post and was supposed to protect the welfare of all sections of society. "Let others do the politics they want to, I have my duty to do," Uikey said.

On the point that she had herself asked the government through a letter to hold a special session to bring in quota bills and expressed willingness to sign immediately, Uikey said that she was concerned about the reduction of quota for scheduled tribes from 32 per cent to 20 per cent (after HC striking down the earlier Act from 1972) and it was on this matter that



she had written to the government.

"I had not issued any order, but suggested holding of a special session to resolve the issue of tribal quota, as there was a lot of resentment brewing in the community. But the government failed to inform me in advance about its plan to enhance the overall quota to 76 per cent. Even when the proposal for the special session was sent to me and I approved, the details of the bills or business to be transacted in the session were not conveyed to me. Later on my query, I got a

response from the government just a day ahead of the session about the nature of business to be transacted. Yet, there were no details about the enhancement of quota," the governor said.

"Now, unless I am convinced that the government is fully prepared and has the required data to defend the provisions (in the bills) in the courts (the government has itself approached the Supreme Court in the matter), how can I sign them? I am awaiting government's response to the queries from my office," Uikey said.

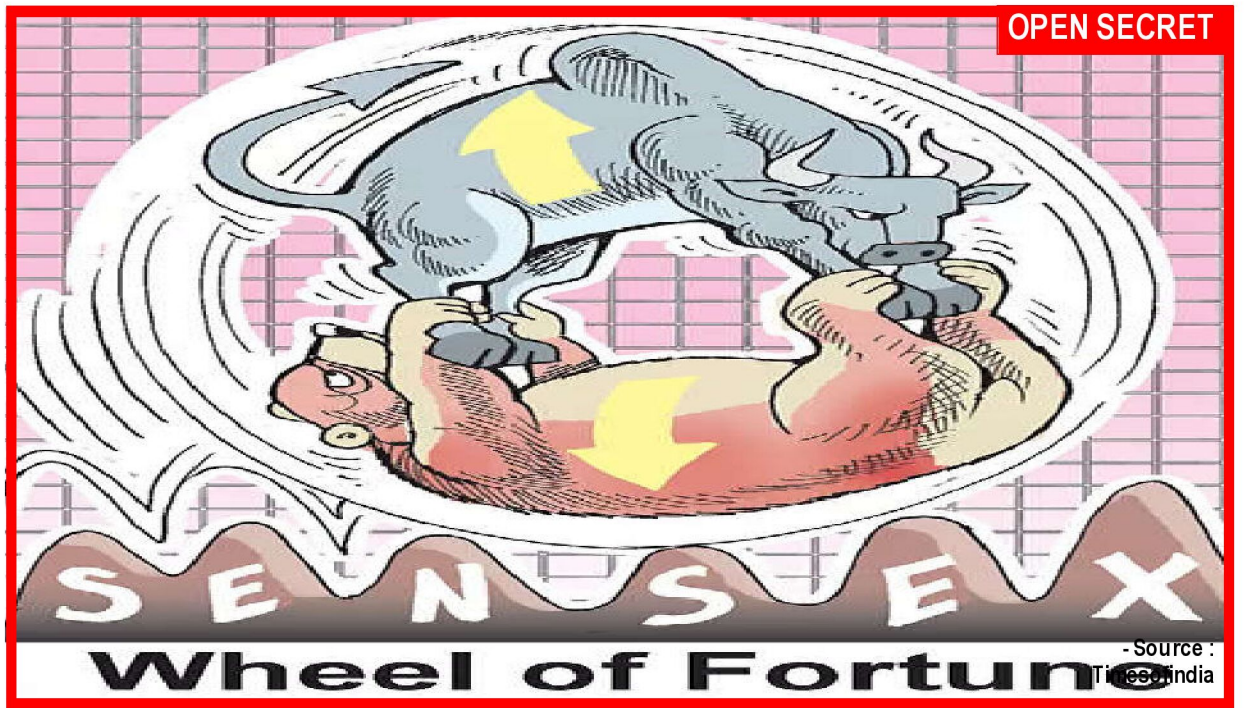
Her office told THE WEEK that on Monday itself separate delegations of Agrawal, Brahmin and Rajput communities (general category), OBCs and Scheduled Caste community had met the governor, putting across their respective views on the matter. The general category people are bothered about 4 per cent EWS quota against 10 per cent provided by the central government, the OBCs about 27 per cent quota despite them having larger share in population and the SCs about reduction of quota from 16 to 13 per cent.

Chairman of Chhattisgarh Congress communications department, Sushil Anand Shukla said that the Congress's stand is that the governor should take early steps to resolve the issue. "If she has queries about the bills, she should send them back to the government with queries and as per rules, the cabinet might amend the bills or send them back to the governor office without amendment. But, this is not happening," he said.

He added that the bills were sent to the government with the hope that they would be signed soon so that the issue of quota could be settled. "The government has used all possible data and legal basis to formulate the bills. (Population) Data of quantifiable data commissions was used to finalise the OBC and EWS quota, while census data was used for the SCs and STs. So there should not be any problem," Shukla said.

He added that the BJP leaders are mixing up with community delegations and making attempts to stall the signing of the bills, in apprehension that the Congress will get political credit for this. "In such a situation, fingers are also getting raised at the Raj Bhavan," he said.

- Source : Theweek



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## Indian lecturer wins race discrimination case against UK university

An Indian lecturer has won a race discrimination case against the University of Portsmouth after an employment tribunal ruled that she was discriminated against when overlooked for a role as a visible member of the university's ethnic minority staff.

Dr Kajal Sharma, who was appointed to a five-year fixed-term secondment as Associate Head for Organisational Studies and Human Resources Management at the university starting January 2016, had the option to reapply to the post.

However, when she was overlooked for that position, she complained under the university's grievance procedure in November

2020 that she had been discriminated against under the UK's Equality Act 2010.

The claimant [Sharma] was a visible member of the black and minority ethnic [BAME] staff. She speaks with a marked Indian accent, notes the Employment Tribunal judgment dated November 29.

The fact that the claimant was not successful in applying for the job she had been doing for five years, meant that a hundred per cent of the black and minority ethnic staff reapplying for their jobs had not been recruited, whereas 11/12 of white staff applying for their jobs had been recruited, it notes, dubbing the recruitment decision statistically significant.

The hearing in the case, which took place in Southampton in October, was also told about a series of related issues involving Sharma's treatment during bereavement following the death of her father in India.

Her husband gave evidence to confirm that her line manager asked his wife to complete various tasks when informed about urgent travel plans to India.

Her [Sharma] version of the events and her memories of them as she described them to us were convincing, understandable and appear to be supported by the documentary evidence we have before us as well as by her husband's evidence, the judgment notes.

The lecturer told the tribunal she and her manager had a difficult relationship and that she considered that he had treated her less favourably than the white candidate, both in the application process, but also that he had treated her less favourably than he had treated or would have treated other white employees over the last five years, on grounds of her colour and diverse background.

We are not able to determine what would have

happened if Professor Rees [manager] had not been involved in the recruitment process, and if the process had not been tainted with race discrimination, the tribunal concludes.

The University of Portsmouth said it recognised the strength of the ruling of the Employment Tribunal in the case and expects every member of its community to uphold the university's values, without exception.

"There are no excuses for race discrimination at the University of Portsmouth, said a university spokesperson.

"We will do everything possible to support our colleagues to build an inclusive and diverse community that promotes the dignity and respect of all. The university is examining the ruling carefully and cannot comment further while the legal case continues," the spokesperson said. The compensation related to the tribunal findings remains yet to be finalised.



## Chinese hackers had carried out cyber attack on servers of AIIMS Delhi: Govt sources

The recent cyber attack on the servers of AIIMS Delhi was carried out by hackers based in China, government sources

confirmed on Wednesday. The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi faced a cyber attack last month,

paralysing its servers. A case of extortion and cyber terrorism was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Delhi Police on November 25.

"AIIMS Delhi server attack was by the Chinese, FIR details that the attack had originated from China," a source from the ministry of health and family welfare (MoHFW) was quoted as saying. According to the MoHFW source, of the 100 servers (40 physical and 60 virtual) hackers managed to successfully infiltrate five physical servers.

The damage, which could have been far worse, has been contained and data in these five servers have been retrieved successfully.

The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team within the ministry of electronics and information technology, Delhi cybercrime special cell, Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre, Intelligence Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), National Forensic Sciences University, National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre and NIA, among others had launched a probe following the cyber attack.



## CCS LPG cylinder delivery schedule for the month of Dec., 2022 for Mayabunder area

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14-12-2022	Dobidera to Pokadera, Baludera, Helipad to Murugan Temple, German Jetty
15-12-2022	Billiground Bazaar
18-12-2022	Thoratang, Swadesh Nagar, Billiground, Shantipur to Kamlapur.
19-12-2022	Harinagar to Korang Nallah
22-12-2022	Korang Nallah to Joypur, Nimbudera to Badam Nallah
23-12-2022	Rest Camp to Tugapur, Laltekri
24-12-2022	Laltekri to Tugapur 8, Bajota, Chainpur, Karang Nallah, Webi, Panighat.
25-12-2022	Lucknow to Danapur.
26-12-2022	Danapur to MG College, Danapur to Dobidera
27-12-2022	Dobidera, Helipad, Pokkadera.
30-12-2022	Baludera to Murugan Temple, Mayabunder to German Jetty
31-12-2022	Billiground Bazaar.

