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Jarawa Facts

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Member of Parliament Inaugurates Islands' First e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj

It is illegal for outsiders to enter the Jarawa reserve. How ever with lack of awareness among the settler community and intrusion of foreign poachers, poaching continues.

Your Nature Guide

Plankton: this is a term used to describe the smellers, free floating plants and animals, which just drift along with the winds and currents. Some plankton have a limited swimming ability and can migrate daily in a vertical direction. Plankton are an important source of food for many sea animals.

There are two types of plankton Phytoplankton, w hich are microscopic plant plankton, and Zooplankton, w hich are larger animals plankton. Phytoplankton are amongst the most productive food manufactures of the seas.

Bigger Plants: Amongst the other plants are the Algae that are of different colours-green, red and brown. Some algae are edible (for humans) and a good source of protein. Most make very good fertilizer if spread in the garden or farm. Bigger algae are called seaw eeds.

The oceans also have grasses growing in them. Eelgrass is a very common one found in our seas. It is grazed on by dugongs and green sea turtles.

Treasured Islands - By Sunita Rao. Courtesy: Kalpavriksh, ANET (M CBT)

People's Voice

Kabhi kabhi Stakeholders se Consult kar ke Rules banana chahiye... Hai ki nahi???

- A Citizen



Qutub Minar? This side, sir!

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma on 15 November 2021 inaugurated Islands' first e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj area of South Andaman. The e-Clinic, named "Vibha Multispeciality e-Clinic' is jointly setup by Tattvan e-Clinic and Indian Pharmacist Association (IPA).

Tattvan e-Clinics is India's fastest growing telemedicine clinics network in rural areas and Wimberlygunj, the e-Clinic is owned by Mrs. Vibha Chourasia, and the

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The qualified Pharmacist is Member of Parliament, Silcyand Staff Nurse Glory Andaman & Nicobar Roopawati.

The founder and CEO of Tattvan, Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra was also present during the inauguration ceremony.

Addressing the gathering the MP lauded the efforts of Mr. Abhay Kumar of IPA and Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra of Tattvan for setting up the rural e-Clinic which, according to the Member of Parliament will be immensely beneficial for rural mass.

Sharma added that as telemedicine mode, people along with general medicine from the rural area will be Doctors, specialists and able to consult with top



Super Specialist Doctors from renowned Hospitals in Mainland India will be available in the e-Clinic in telemedicine mode, people from the rural area will be able to consult with top Doctors of India from the e-Clinic center at Port Blair.

He also urged Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra to conduct a series of free medical camps in different rural areas of Continued on P2

National Press Day Celebrated Befittingly in the Isles

Port Blair, Nov 16: Like every year, National Press Day was celebrated befittingly in these islands on Tuesday. To mark the occasion, a function was organized by the Daily Newspaper Association (Proposed) at a prominent city hotel here. Mr. K Ganeshan, Chief Editor, The Andaman Express was the chief guest while Guests of Honour were Mr. Anadiranjan Biswas, Editor News Spotlight and Mr. Yadasiri Rao. The Mini India



on the occasion. Journalists from various print media participated in the celebration and expressed their views and opinions on the media policies of the UT administration.

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State Level Conference of Rural Sanitary Workers Held

Sanitary Workers Honoured for Selfless Service to the Society

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The South Andaman District Administration along with the Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, Andaman and Nicobar Administration organised a State Level Conference of Rural Sanitary Workers engaged by the Gram Panchayats for carrying out Solid Waste Management activities. The event was attended by more than 200 sanitary workers Gram attached to Panchayats of South Andaman district who were appreciated for their work by



distribution of ration kits donated by Akshaya Patra Foundation.

With the continuous efforts of DC (South Andaman)/ Secretary (RD) Shri Suneel

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Member of Parliament Pays Tribute to Bhagwan

Birsa Munda on his 146th
Birth Anniversary



Port Blair, Nov. 16: The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma on the occasion of 146th Birth Anniversary of the revered tribal leader and freedom fighter Birsa Munda celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas paid tribute to the great soul by garlanding his statue at the premises of Ranchi Association.

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AATO Requests for Amendments in Rules to Boost Tourism in the Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 16: Appreciating the fight against Covid-19 and the proactive steps taken by the A&N Administration, the President Andaman Association of Tour Operators, Shri M Vinod in a letter to the Chief Secretary said that the reopening of tourism in consideration of the thousands of livelihoods dependent on it has brought respite to almost every household in Andamans. While appreciating the steps

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Life has no Remote Control. Get up and Change it Yourself.

Amber on economy

The latest data on inflation, both in retail and wholesale prices as well as industrial output estimates, suggest it would be prudent to adopt caution on the outlook for the economy. October's retail inflation based on the CPI showed a slight quickening in overall year-on-year price gains to 4.48%, from the 4.35% pace in September, spurred by a persistent acceleration in the prices of certain key food items and transport fuels. Oils and fats logged 33.5% inflation, while meat and fish and pulses and products both saw a marginal easing in the pace of annual gains from September posting 7.1% and 5.4% increases, respectively. However, the food and beverages sub-index that accounts for over half the CPI, accelerated 2.3% month-on-month, led by vegetable prices that reared up sharply by 14.2% from September's levels. The sequential trend in the food category is particularly disconcerting as except egg and fruits, all the 10 other items of the 12-component subindex saw prices accelerate last month. Transport and communication, which encompasses the pump prices of petrol and diesel, logged inflation of 10.9% from the October 2020 level, lending justification to the Centre's Deepavali-eve decision to cut the excise duty on the key fuels. With the WPI also showing price pressures intensifying at the wholesale-level last month, especially for fuel and power and manufactured products — October's headline WPI inflation accelerated to 12.5%, from 10.7% in September — the overall outlook on inflation is still far from reassuring.

The Index of Industrial Production data from September also points to a sharp slowdown in output. While IIP growth slumped to an annual 3.1% pace, from August's 12%, overall industrial output, of mining, manufacturing and electricity, actually shrank 2.6% on a sequential basis. While the Finance Ministry has cited monsoon rains for the slump in mining and power generation, which contracted 8.4% and 11% month-on-month, respectively, index heavyweight manufacturing too suffered a 0.5% contraction. Four of the six usebased industrial categories saw output shrink including consumer non-durables, which contracted 0.9%. The only silver lining was that consumer durables posted a healthy 6.7% jump in production from the preceding month, as white goods dealers likely stocked up ahead of the festival season. Automobile manufacturing slumped 9% from a year earlier and shrank 3.3% from August's output levels as a global shortage of semiconductors crimped production. Automakers have reported more than 20% declines in production for October as well, as the chip scarcity coupled with high input costs abides. And given that manufacturers, who have so far sought to avoid risking the tenuous demand recovery by raising product prices, may not be able to defer increases for much longer, policymakers will have to ensure they do not drop their guard on inflation.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Yuk! It's A Worm..!

This morning I laughed as I read a comic strip where two ugly sea creatures at the bottom of the sea, awful squiggly, wriggly tentacles spread all over sea bed, bodies ugly, revolting, beady eyes peering from a mass of guivering flesh, look at each other, point to the seabed and snigger as they see another creature crawling by; "Yuk! It's

My own mind of comic pictures open: "Yuk!" says Mrs Snob as she sneers at a pretty woman at her husband's office party, "And where did you buy your dress my dear?" she asks condescendingly, "At the store round the corner ma'am, do you like it?" the pretty girl asks hesitatingly.

"Do I like it?" asks the lady as she nuzzles her husband, "do you think I like it?" she asks her husband, who gives her a smile and leads her to the dance floor leaving poor girl wondering about the dress she had paid a fortune to wear this evening.

People stop dancing and stare at stout Mrs Snob as she twirls around, smooches and kisses dear husband, "They are all looking at my clothes," whispers the lady happily, "Yes they are," says her husband worriedly and tries to catch the whispers that seem to be going around. "Look at him dancing with the poor dear!" says a gossip, "just yesterday my husband saw him pinching an airhostess on flight!"

"Yuk!" says the other lady. "Yuk! He's a worm!" whispers the gossip.

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From his penthouse a film star looks at slum down below and sees a slum dweller brushing his teeth, and spitting onto the road. He grunts in disgust and sees a little fellow running naked out of same hut with a skinny woman running after him, laughing and throwing water at the littlefellow "Right next to my house!" he shouts, "they do all this just outside! Yuk!"

He goes inside his palatial flat, looks at an empty bed, then walks through his house looking at all the other empty rooms, "Why did you all leave me?" he screams looking at the mantelpiece in his sitting room at the family photo.

"Traitor!" shouts his wife silently from the picture.

"Alcoholic!" shout his children.

Below he doesn't see the woman chasing her naked child suddenly stop, stretch out her hand and shyly touch her husband. The man above doesn't see the loving smile the poor man gives back to his skinny wife; he comes to the balcony again looks down and says, "Yuck!"

And I think of same comic strip where two ugly sea creatures horrible and revolting lookat each other, point as they see another creature crawling by; "Yuk! It's a worm..!" bobsbanter@gmail.com

Member of Parliament Inaugurates Islands' First e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj

Continued from Page 1 expressed Andaman & Nicobar Islands for which he assured all possible help from his end.

Mr. Abhay Kumar, President, IPA in his address mentioned that the idea of starting an e-Clinic was first discussed with him by the Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma two years back and on that line the IPA and Tattvan has opened this e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj. He

the founder and CEO of Tattvan during his addressed gave a detailed briefing about the service and availability of top Doctors, Specialists and Super Specialists in telemedicine mode all the time for patients in the e-

gratitude Clinic and also gave details towards the Member of about the consultation fees, Parliament to grace the which will be between as occasion and motivate the low as Rs. 200 for normal teams of IPA and Tattvan. cases to nearly Rs. 800 for Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra, super-specialist consultation.

The Tattvan in association with IPA started this e-clinic concept on 25th September 2021 on the occasion of world Pharmacist day and launched its first E clinic in Chhattisgarh.

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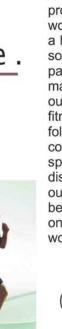
The Mind's Eye

CHOOSE HEALTHCARE NOT WEALTHCARE



Healthy & positive life style would bear us the fruit of wellbeing that we would cherish all our life.

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■ Health is Wealth" is an old maxim that's relevant even today in this modern age. Its a fact that one who is healthy can work with proficiency leading to a well-off state. That's why we always wish happiness & health for our loved ones, because today nobody wants to be sick & physically distressed to spend their hard earned money on doctors & medicines. Nevertheless today more and more people are becoming dependent on various modern treatments and cures for better health. But! we tend to forget that cure involves care, more precise, self-care. Our health is in our own hands, hence no-one else can achieve that but us. Mother nature has provided us with everything that's essential for our health. Remember!! a healthy & positive life style would bear us the fruit of well being that we would cherish all our life. Whereas an unhealthy & self damaging lifestyle would bring dis-ease we dread. Today pills and capsules have become a part of our regular intake with food. Its unbelievable, but true, because we always prefer medicare in comaprision to self-care, because time constraints and busy lifestyle prevents us to think about the causes & cure of our disease. We are so used to eating wrong or junk foods, overeating, lack of exercise & proper rest, emotional instability, smoking, drinking etc ..that we hardly realize the hazardous effects of these habits on our health. It is only when we hit the hospital bed, the realization process starts. So !! why go so far to realize? is it really worth to undergo such a pain? Instead why not choose a healthy lifestyle. A healthy life style means applying some simple changes to our life using our instincts & past experiences to fulfill our health needs, thereby making them a part of our day to day life. To prevent ourselves from diseases and maintain long lasting fitness, we must live in harmony with mother nature following her eternal rules for a healthy & lengthy life. Of course, there are knowledgeable, well-trained people specialized in many different philosophies and disciplines of medicine and healthcare to assist us in our self-care quest. But ultimately it is we who have to be in control of our own health & no one else. So onus is on us to improve the quality of our health which in turn would improve the well being of our lives.

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AATO Requests for Amendments in Rules to Boost Tourism in the **Islands**

taken by the Administration, the AATO requested to consider few amendments which is crucial for boosting tourism in the islands. The requested amendments

Water sports timings may be revised from starting at 10 am to starting at 8 am as it is impacting all stakeholders specially in Shaheed and Swaraj Dweep.

beaches frequented by Chandra Bose Island. tourists and the timing of beach may be increased from 5 pm.

increased and frequency of shows be increased as well to cater to the growing demand as the number of tourists are increased now.

Continued from Page 1 Swimming permission To restart the Sound and light may be granted at all show at Netaji Subash

> Convoys to Baratang may be increased to enable more visitors to reach the pristine Seating capacity of light destination. As lot of tourists and sound show at are unable to visit this island Cellular Jail may be due to shortage of convoy and they go back with bad memories.

> > Opening of Jolly Buoy



Health, Science /Tech

Twitter expands free data access for app developers



Twitter Inc said on Monday it will expand free access to the social networking site's data to help software developers create tools and products that could promote safer online conversations or curate

The move is part of Twitter's growing effort over the past year to decentralize the company, a vision that aims to give users more control over what content they see in their Twitter feed or have new ways of sharing content on the site, Amir Shevat, Twitter's head of product for the developer platform, said in an interview.

The effort to increase developer access also comes as Twitter, Facebook and other social media companies are facing global scrutiny over how their algorithms surface certain content and their role in allowing misinformation or hate speech to spread.

Starting on Monday, developers can access data on up to 2 million tweets per month through Twitter's application programming interface (API) at no cost.

The company also changed its API policy to allow for more use cases, including removing restrictions on competing with Twitter, Shevat said.

"I want everyone to be able to define their preferences and have their own curated content that's adjusted to them," Shevat said. "We can only do this if developers are in on it."

Some examples of apps built with Twitter data includeBlockParty, which was founded by software engineer Tracy Chou and allows Twitter users to filter out content they do not want to see.

Another app built by software engineer Janiqueka John lets users more easily search for Twitter Spaces, the company's live audio chat feature.

Member of Parliament Pays Tribute to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his 146th **Birth Anniversary**

Speaking to the media present at occasion, Sharma said, "Bhagwan Birsa Munda was a great freedom fighter and social reformer. He is known to have mobilised the tribal community against the British and had also forced the colonial officials to introduce laws protecting the land rights of the tribals." The Member of Parliament said by celebrating this day we also honour the contributions of the members of Schedule Tribes to Indian history and culture.

Subsequently while addressing the gathering at the community hall of Ranchi Association, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma said that the contribution of the Ranchi community living in these Islands are immense and praiseworthy. The people belonging to the

Continued from Page 1 Ranchi community have laid the foundation for development of these

> Sharma also mentioned, "During the early nineties you are the one who have struggled deep into the dense forest, lost lives and yet made the Islands habitable by clearing jungles, constructing roads, digging well etc. which paved the way for the Indian government to launch various settlements in these Islands.

> The Member of Parliament expressed concerns over the socioeconomic and living conditions of the people belonging to the Ranchi community residing in these Islands and assured to extend all possible help to mitigate their problems and sufferings.

Thereafter at 11AM Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma paid

floral tribute to Shri Birsa Munda by garlanding his statue at Attam Pahar in the presence of people belonging to the Ranchi community residing in the

Subsequently, the Member of Parliament took round of the Attam Pahar village alongwith the local residents who appraised him regarding non availability of connecting roads, foot paths, street lights, drinking water and poor bus service.

 $The\,Member\,of\,Parliament$ assured the residents to look into the problem being faced by the local residents of Attam Pahar and as an immediate relief to the villagers assured to provide Rs.25 lakhs during the current financial year from the MPLAD fund for construction of connecting roads and footpaths.

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Food Safety Officials Inspect Food Vending Establishments, **Educate Vendors on** Permissible TPC of Cooking Oil

Port Blair, Nov. 16: A team of Food Safety Officers of the South Andaman, District Administration inspected a number of food vending establishments around the city and carried out tests to

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Notice Inviting e-Tenders

No. 130-DB/RCD/e-tender/2021-22/ 3235 Wimberly Gunj Dt. 15/11/ 2021

The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Division, A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj invites on behalf of President of India online Item rate tenders from contractors open for all irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD works manual and with other GOI Organizations in these Island and do not have any adverse remarks: -

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Additional Civil works for 5 MT Ice Plant at Chunna Bhatta under Bambooflat Sub Division, RCD, Wimberly Gunj. Estimate Cost:-1.16,71,214/- Time of completion:- 04 (Four) Months

Last date of Submission: 06/12/2021 at 3.00 PM and Opening date: 08/12/2021 at 10.00 AM

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the websitehttps://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app.

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check the Total Polar Compounds (TPC) in cooking oil used for preparation of food articles.

During frying, oil under goes degradation due to their exposure to elevated temperatures which results in changes in the physio-chemical & nutritional properties of the oil and TPCs are formed in the oil. The toxicity of these compounds are associated with several diseases such as hypertension, Alzheimer diseases and liver diseases. FSSAI has fixed the maximum permissible limit of TPC at 25%, beyond that the oil shall not be used. Therefore, it is essential to monitor the quality of vegetable oil during frying. During the tests no vendors were found using oil beyond the permissible limit. The team also sensitized all vendors regarding ill effects of repeated use of oil and safe disposal of used cooking oil.

Further, in coordination with FSSAI Regional Offiœ, Kolkata a training programme on Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) was conducted at Port Blair for the benefit of Food Safety Officials and food business operators. The participants were briefed about online filing of licensing/registration applications and submission of license fee through

The Joint Commissioner of Food Safety/ Additional District Magistrate has warned all stakeholders to refrain from repeated use of cooking oil and adhere to good manufacturing and hygiene practices as per the food safety licensing & registration of food business regulations), 2011. The general public can lodge their anomalies at toll free No. 1077, 236168.

Member of Parliament Meets Secretary Education, Demands Filling up of all Vacant Posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Headmaster and Teachers

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma recently met the Secretary of Education Department and demanded filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Headmasters and Teachers in the Department.

During the meeting, the Member of Parliament pointed out that almost all schools are running without a Principal and many schools are running without Vice Principal and Headmasters, which is adversely impacting the entire education system and also the management of all

The Member Parliament added that he has been informed that there are a huge number of vacant posts of teachers in the Education Department while thousands of qualified youths in Andaman are waiting for years for these jobs.

Not only this, the shortage of teachers in

various schools will certainly impact the quality of education, for which students of these islands will suffer

For the better management of all Schools, the Member of Parliament demanded immediate filling up of all vacant posts of Principals, Vice Principals, Headmasters and Teachers.

The Secretary of Education gave a patient hearing and assured to fill up all these vacant posts.

BJP Mahila Morcha Celebrates Birth Anniversary of Birsa Munda

Port Blair, Nov. 16: The union Cabinet Chaired by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on November 10, 2021 approved declaration of JANJATIYA GAURAV DIWAS to commemorate the brave tribal freedom fighters as part of the year-long celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav). The date November 15 also marks the birth Anniversary date of Birsa Munda who is revered as God by Tribal Communities across India. Bhagwan Birsa Munda fought for India's Independence against the



exploitative system of British Colonial system and spearheaded movement.

Andaman Nicobar Bharatiya Janata party Mahila Morcha State President Smti. Sampa Banerjee along with her team celebrated this day by paying floral tribute to the Statue of Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Mohanpura,

National Press Day Celebrated Befittingly in the Isles

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Journalists discussed a host of issues and problems faced by local media persons at length and chalked out plans and strategies to place these issues before the appropriate forum.

Addressing the gathering, Mr K Ganeshan said that local private media have always been in the forefront in appreciating the good plans and policies of the administration. However, in return the administration has adopted discriminating policies towards private media by way of giving preferential treatment to the official media 'The Daily Telegrams' in terms of releasing bulk government advertisements. Non-inviting private local media for

coverage of the Home Minister tour to these islands is a glaring example of the apathetic attitude of the UT administration towards private media. Giving another example of the unfair attitude of the administration, he said there was a time, the IP&T department used to invite the Lt Governor or the top brass of the administration to attend the National Press Day function, but now a Director level officer, along with some junior level officials are attending such a vital function. The worst part was even the Director, who was the chief guest, left the event after a few minutes leaving the National Press

Day function to be attended by a few junior level officials of IP&T. The media persons felt that since the administration is not resolving their issues, they should send a delegation to New Delhi to meet the Information & Broadcasting Minister and place their issues before the Minister.

The National Press Day is the day to celebrate the freedom of speech, thoughts and virtues as well as the role of media in shaping the society. It is observed on 16 November every year to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India which was formed in 1966, and also to mark the presence of an independent and responsible press in India.

State Level Conference of Rural Sanitary Workers Held

Anchipaka, IAS Akshavs Patra Foundation came forward to distribute ration kits to the

needy people of Andaman as a measure of support during the Covid times. Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Additional District Magistrate

was the Chief Guest. SDM and

AC(U/T) graced the event as

Guest of honour. In the inaugural address, the Additional District Magistrate appreciated the Sanitary Workers for their selfless service to the society. He

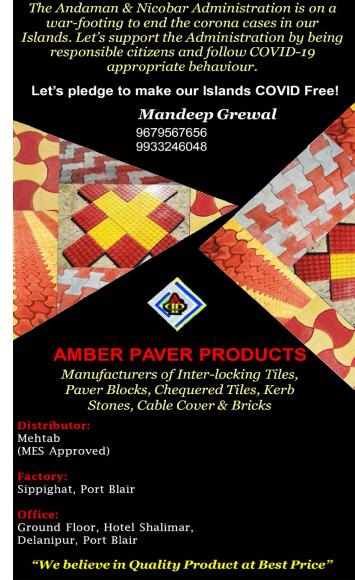
record the exemplary work done by sanitary workers during the time of COVID pandemic in dealing with Waste generated from isolation centers, quarantine houses and covid care facilities.

Honouring their service, the ADM distributed free Dry Ration Kits to all Sanitary workers and expressed his humble gratitude to them.

Later, as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen),

Continued from Page 1 categorically placed on various technical sessions on the effective practices for Solid Waste Management were conducted and the efforts being taken for achievement of the vision of Zero Waste Islands were outlined by the Nodal officer SBM(G).

> District Administration appreciates the sanitation workers for their continuous service during COVID pandemic and Akshaya Patra for the donating free ration





Condolence

The Clerical Cadre Branch of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands condoles the demise of Shri M K Nelson, R/o Austinabad, Retired Assistant Director, A & N Administration. He died in a road accident on 13th November, 2021 at his native place Adoor in Kerala. He was 61. The Association conveys heartfelt condolences at the death of Shri M K Nelson.

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The United States Remains a Top Choice for Indian Students Pursuing Higher Education Abroad

New Delhi, Nov. 15: The United States/remains a top destination for international students, welcoming over 914,000 international students from over 200 places of origin, according to the 2021 Open Doors Report./ Indian students comprised nearly 20 percent of this number. with 167,582 students in the 2020-2021 academic year. In fact, the United States remained open and welcoming to international students throughout the global COVID-19 pandemic./ Last year, the U.S. government and U.S. highereducation institutions implemented measures to safely welcome international students in person, online, and via hybrid learning methods, guaranteeing that opportunities and resources to international students remained

Speaking at the release of the Open Doors report on international student mobility, Minister Counsellor for Consular Affairs Don Heflin said, "Despite the global pandemic, Indianstudents were able to apply for visas and travel to the United States. We issued over 62,000 student visas this summer alone, more than in any previous year. This goes to show that the United States remains the destination of choice for Indian students looking to study abroad. We look forward to issuing many more visas in the year to come, to help Indian students achieve their dreams of U.S. study."

Counselor for Cultural and Educational Affairs, Anthony

Miranda, stated, "International student mobility is central to U.S. diplomacy, innovation, economic prosperity, and national security. The United States is the gold standard for higher education, providing world-class practical application and experience that gives our graduates an advantage in the global economy." He added, "We value Indian students, as they build life-long connections with American peers to maintain and grow international partnerships, and to collectively address current and future global challenges."

The 2021 Fall Snapshot/ of the Open Doors report, which looks forward to the 2021-2022 academic year, shows a substantial increase in student numbers this year,/further affirming that international students value a U.S. education and remain committed to pursuing higher education in the United States.

Students seeking assistance about studying in the United States should download the EducationUSA India app, available for free on iOS and Android devices. At the click of a button, the app provides the latest information about the college application process and is a quick and easy first step to planning higher education in the United

About Open Doors

The Institute of International Education (IIE) publishes the Open Doors report. In fact, IIE has

conducted an annual statistical survey on international students in the United States since its founding in 1919 and in partnership with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs since 1972. Open Doors also reports on the number of international scholars at U.S. universities and international students enrolled in pre-academic Intensive English Programs. Further details on the Open Doors 2021 surveys and their findings are on the Open Doors website. The full 100+ page report will be available in January and can be ordered from IIE Books. For more data, infographics and resources visit www.iie.org/ OpenDoors.

About EducationUSA

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 101

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 102

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 1070

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 245555

 Postal:
 232346, 232890

 Children:
 1098

 Wom en:
 244701

 Coast Guard for
 1554

Search & Rescue (SAR)

 Coast Guard RHQ:
 232681

 Coastal Security
 1093

 State Control Room:
 1077, 238880

 PBMC Control Room:
 245798

 Kisan Call Centre:
 1551

 Wildlife Control Room::
 245229,

200661, 200754

Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs)

State Control Room: 03192- 238880

(Tele-Fax), 1070 (Helpline).

District Control Room: 03192-238881

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EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222

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True Vision Foundation Celebrates Children's Day

Port Blair, Nov. 16: True Vision Foundation celebrated the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru as Children's Day. To mark the occasion, a cultural event was organized by at Kannada Sangha, Port Blair on 14th November 2021. The Editor-In-Chief, The Echo of India, Mr. Vijay Kumar Roy was the chief guest while Smt Suja Johanson, Teacher DIET was the guest of honour.

Addressing the gathering, the Editor-in-Chief, spoke about the significance of the day and the contributions of the first Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru accelerating the pace of development of Science and Technology in the country and nation building. He also lauded the children for presenting entertaining cultural programmes, especially the skit on Swachh Bharat Mission generating awareness on cleanliness.

Smt Suja Johanson, Teacher DIET said that Children's Day also called 'Bal Diwas' is celebrated every year in India on 14th November as the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime

Minister of India as Pandit Nehru was also fond of children. She also highlighted the contributions of Pandit Jawarharlal Nehru towards shaping the country's education sector. She said that it was the vision of Pandit Nehru that the country today has higher education

institutions, throughout the country such as the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), All Indian Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and other higher educational institutions. She also praised the children for performing a skit on Swachh Bharat Mission to generate awareness on the need to maintain cleanliness in homes and surrounding areas.

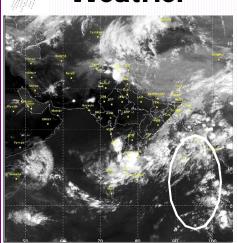
Earlier, Shri Safuwan, Secretary, TVF welcomed the gathering and the President, TVF NGO, Smt Tabassum Nisha Ali gave a detailed presentation about the activities of the True Vision Foundation. She said that her NGO



has been actively working for the welfare of the society, particularly the weaker and vulnerable sections of the society

It was a fun-filled event for children who were part of the cultural event. Everyone enthusiastically participated in cultural events consisting of patriotic songs and dances, Skit highlighting the importance of Swachh Bharat Mission, showcasing the cultural heritage of the country and other entertaining activities. The function concluded with the National anthem.

Weather



 Max. Temp: 29.2 °C
 Min.: 23.8 °C

 Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 83%
 1730 Hrs: 86%

 Sunrise: 0511 Hrs.
 Sunset: 1654 Hrs.

Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 00.0 mm Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): 000.0 mm Total Rainfall: (From Jan 1, 2020 till date): 3134.4 mm

Forecast

Rain or thundershow ers likely to occur at few places over Andaman & Nicobar. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Wednesday 17/11/2021

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