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SAFETY MEASURES

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 6. Avoid Public Places
 7. Avoid Travel
 8. Avoid Large Gatherings
 9. Avoid Air Conditioning
 10. Avoid Public Transport

Thought for today
There is great beauty in Simplicity. That which is simple is close to Truth.
COVID-19 status in Isles

Port Blair, Jan 18: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 109 passengers who arrived here Sunday, 32 positive cases have been detected yesterday, 8 flights with 478 passengers arrived, out of which, 377 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 95 passengers (foreign travel) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 28 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, 2 positive cases have been detected. At Mohanpura bus See... Page 02

Residents decry water shortage, ineffective solar powered motors blamed for slow pumping

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Port Blair Municipal Council has a robust water distribution system wherein water is supplied to the civic body by the APWD which is supplied to the citizens in the city through tap connections. The water is first supplied to the Water Treatment Plant located at Lamb line. From this treatment plant, water is treated and supplied to the three water tanks of PBMC at Police Line, Bunyadabad and Dairy Farm. From these water

tanks, water is supplied to the residents in the city through tap connections. While there is no issue of water supply from the Police Line and Dairy Farm water tanks, residents from the AIR area to Haddo are facing water issues due to non-operation of the electric motors by the Council.

The Council earlier used diesel motors to pump water from the tanks, but after installation of the solar power projects, water is pumped through solar powered

electric motors. The electric motors have slowed down the pumping capacity. As a result of non-pumping of water to its full capacity, water is supplied in reduced quantities to the residents in this part of the city. "The water supply in our area has been worsening. The pressure is so low that water hardly reaches our area. Due to the reduced quantity of water supply, residents are facing a lot of difficulties in meeting the water requirements," said some residents. The residents living in the area of

MP demands ship for C/Bay for stranded students at Port Blair

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to issue directions to the concerned departments to schedule a ship for Nicobar

District, especially Campbell Bay so that the stranded students can reach their home safely. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that following closure of various colleges due to surge in COVID-19 cases in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, large numbers of students

from various Islands, especially Campbell Bay are stranded at Port Blair and are facing hardship in boarding and lodging. Many students have exhausted all money they had and are unable to buy various commodities they require for daily use. He See... Page 02

John Robert appointed Chairman, Minority Department, A&N Islands



Port Blair, Jan 18: Shri John Robert's hard work and dedication for INC in A&N Islands recognized & rewarded by AICC with his appointment as Chairman of Minority Department A&N Islands. John Robert was the Youth Congress State President A&N Islands from

2011-2020 & has been credited with building a vibrant Youth Congress team which helped achieve a great victory in the 2019 General Elections. He has thanked the AICC leadership along with Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament AICC Secretary, Shri Sambhush Kumar Kulkunda AICC Incharge

Youth Congress A&N Islands, Shri B.V. Srinivas & Shri. Imran Pratapgarhi for believing in his capabilities & having entrusted upon him such a huge responsibility. Team Youth Congress wishes him good luck and are sure he will bring great See... Page 02



A virtual conference on PM-Gati Shakti for the South Zone was held today to deliberate on its action plans and projects. The Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the conference. Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain and Senior Officers of A&N Administration participated in the conference. The States and UTs which participated in the event were Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

PBMC invites application for Affordable Housing

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Port Blair Municipal Council invited applications from residents of Port Blair City for availing benefit under the Affordable Housing in Partnership component of PMAY(U) during the year 2017 and a total of 555 beneficiaries were identified against the scheme. In order to implement the AHP component of PMAY(U), the Port Blair Municipal Council is now involved in validating the final list of beneficiaries amongst the identified

555 Nos, who are willing to take benefit of AHP of PMAY(U) and ready to accept the terms and conditions including paying of beneficiary's share. In view of above, all the identified beneficiaries of PMAY(U) are hereby requested to contact the PMAY(U) facilitation Centre functioning at the premises of PBMC Main Office during any working hours upto 31-01-2022 and confirm their willingness to take benefit See... Page 02

Commuters demand increase in frequency of STS buses for more

Commuters had to wait for long due to restricted carriage capacity of buses

Port Blair, 18th Jan, 2022: Following surge in COVID infection cases in islands, the Administration took several measures to facilitate social distancing. Restrictions are being observed by all with few exceptions. But the poorly planned restriction of allowing 50% of

carriage capacity in public transport buses has brought serious concerns for the commuters. One can see large crowd at bus stops especially morning and evening office hours. As there is negligible reduction in number of commuters against 50% reduction in carriage capacity of

public transport buses, people are forced to wait at bus stops for long, thus causing crowd like situations. The increase in frequency of buses to various destinations is the most viable solution of the issue. Commuters demand increase in frequency of buses in and around

the Port Blair city. Rush at bus stops leads to violation of social distancing norms and it is a serious threat that can lead to spread of infection. As such the management of State Transport Service need to look into and arrange for additional bus trips on different routes.

PBMC to celebrate Republic Day 2022

Port Blair, Jan 18: Port Blair Municipal Council will celebrate Republic day on 26th Jan 2022. As per programmes chalked out by the Council, Mr. Kishore Kshirsagar, Lakshman, Secretary, Municipal Council will unfurl the National Flag in the officer premises at 7:15 am and, thereafter, sweets will be See... Page 02

Tribal Welfare Deptt. initiates digital payment of Pre & Post Matric scholarships to ST students

Port Blair, Jan 18: Under the flagship programme 'Digital India' of GoI, the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration has successfully eased the process of paying the Pre Matric and Post Matric scholarships to ST students offered by the GoI. Through digital mode, an amount of Rs. 8,49,250/- has been paid to 282 ST students under Pre Matric and Rs. 11,05,100/- to 309 ST students under Post Matric Scholarship for the academic year 2020-21. The complete process of disbursement of scholarship has been done online starting from registration in National Scholarship Portal (NSP) to disbursement of payment directly to the bank account of beneficiary through Public Financial Management System (PFMS). Meanwhile, the online registration in the NSP for the academic year 2021-22 is underway. The last date for registration has been extended till 20.01.2022. In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and closure See... Page 02

Rangalal visits CHC Rangat, interacts with health staff, patients

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee President Mr. Rangalal Haider on Monday visited the Primary Health Centre, Rangat and interacted with the patients, doctors, nurses and other staff to understand the problems faced by them and to examine COVID related issues. According to him, there is See... Page 02



Reservation of Fancy Registration Marks on Motor Vehicles in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan 18: The public have been informed that the current Q-Series registration for vehicles has exhausted and the present running series is R-Series.

Hence, the Fancy Registration marks for the next series i.e. S-Series would be available for online booking from Jan. 24 onwards along with the existing R-Series. Those vehicle

owners who intend to reserve registration mark of their choice can avail this facility by submitting online application along with requisite fee in the Vahan Portal.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in Isles

Port Blair, Jan 18: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,01,524 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 18,344

beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years amongst the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 2992. A total of 1089 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands.

yesterday, 719 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 130 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 133 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 206 See... Page 02

Painting/Instagram reel making/Mono acting competitions by Art & Culture dept

Port Blair, Jan 18: As part of nationwide celebration of commemoration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on January 23, the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration in collaboration with Kala Kendra is organizing two digital competitions i.e. Painting competition & Instagram Reel Making/Mono Acting competition.

The theme of the Competition is Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA/Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav/Patriotic. The competition is open for all age groups. The entries received from the participants will be uploaded in the social media accounts like Facebook/Instagram/Twitter by the Department/Society. The entries in both the categories shall be first judged by a panel and then posted on the official social media handle. Winner shall be decided by the total number of likes

against each entry. The best 3 entries in each category will be suitably rewarded with cash prizes of Rs. 5,000/-, Rs. 3,000/- and Rs. 2,000/- respectively. For painting competition, the interested participants shall submit photograph of painting (painting size 35 x 28 cm) along with a declaration that it is his/her original work. The winners should submit the hard copy of the Painting, once declared winners. A See... Page 02

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

12,248 families totalling 39,487 members registered under the scheme in this UT so far

Port Blair, Jan 18: A pan-India campaign under the aegis of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' has been rolled out by different Central Ministries. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has assigned the week 3rd to 9th Jan, 2022 as 'Iconic Week' as a part of the nationwide celebration. The State Health Agency has observed this Iconic Week from 3rd to 9th Jan, 2022 in this UT by disseminating information about Ayushman Bharat



public transport buses, people are forced to wait at bus stops for long, thus causing crowd like situations. The increase in frequency of buses to various destinations is the most viable solution of the issue. Commuters demand increase in frequency of buses in and around the Port Blair city. Rush at bus stops leads to violation of social distancing norms and it is a serious threat that can lead to spread of infection. As such the management of State Transport Service need to look into and arrange for additional bus trips on different routes.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in different schools of the islands. AB-PMUAY is a flagship

scheme of the Government of India noted as the largest health assurance

programme under the Ministry of See... Page 02

Immunity building Ayurvedic and Homeo Medicines distributed at various places

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Health Department of the UT Administration is distributing prophylactic medicines through the AYUSH Units across the islands to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus by enhancing immunity. The 'AYUSH Wing' functioning at Junglhat under the Department of Health Services is instrumental in distributing the immunity building Ayurvedic and Homeo Medicines. As part of this, the staff of AYUSH today distributed Ayurvedic medicines viz. Ayush Kadha, Tab Samshamani Vati/ Gily Ghnavati, Chavanprash etc. at various Govt offices in the city.



This initiative has been taken as per the advisories of Ministry, emphasizing that the Immunity Building Ayurvedic Medicines i.e. Samshamani Vati/ Gily Ghnavati,

AYUSH Kwath (Kadha), Chavanprash, Ashwagandha and Homeopathic Arsenicum Album 30 etc. to be used among the frontline workers, contacts of positive cases,

cases of Influenza Like Illness (ILI), quarantined travelers, residents of containment zones and general public. The medicine distribution campaign will be continued by 'AYUSH Wing' through AYUSH Centres spread all over A&N Islands. During the campaign, apart from the general public, the Front Line Workers and High Risk Groups will also be covered. Meanwhile, in the wake of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, AYUSH Ministry of Govt of India is constantly advocating the use of holistic measures including simple home remedies, lifestyle & dietary See... Page 02

EDITORIAL

The Andaman Express

19 January 2022

A Virat captaincy

The chaos over the successor in the immediate aftermath of Virat Kohli's resignation from Test captaincy tells a story. Suddenly, no one seems to make the right fit. Rohit Sharma doesn't have the required fitness, KL Rahul seems too mute to be a leader, Ajinkya Rahane can't hold his spot, Rishabh Pant isn't tactically dependable enough, and R Ashwin might not be temperamentally suitable for the role. History will not only be kinder to Kohli but will also show that he possessed all that is missing from the candidates who could potentially replace him. A passion for fitness, a love for Test cricket, self-confidence that puts any captain in any team in the shade, strength of temperament for a fight in the middle, and an aura to drag his team, with or without their approval, along with him. He took hard decisions, set the bar high, did what he expected of others, and led from the front. He also had the courage to break an oppressive silence when his teammate, Mohammed Shami, was targeted because of his religious identity in the wake of India's loss to Pakistan in the T20 World Cup. To appreciate Kohli's achievements, look at where India was before him. It was a far cry from the lacklustre days of the Test captaincy of MS Dhoni, whose success in white-ball created a halo but couldn't hide his weakness as a captain in the longer and tougher format of Tests. India was languishing at No 7 in Tests, had a strange reluctance to even talk about overseas goals let alone pursuing them, and displayed an alarming tendency to meander along in key moments which would unsurprisingly lead to meek surrenders. The bouncebackability and refusal to give up the fight, that has been the hallmark of Kohli's era, was conspicuous by its absence before him. Under Kohli, the team shed their defensiveness about overseas records, and actively pursued the goal to become No 1. Kohli would say that a "special madness is needed", a trait he successfully inculcated in his team. Inspired by his vision, fast bowlers started to break down self-limiting boundaries. Barring Jasprit Bumrah, the previous regime had all the other pacers at their disposal but weren't able to inspire them to heights they have achieved under Kohli. Mohammed Shami found venom, Ishant Sharma was rejuvenated to kickstart a profitable second innings, Umesh Yadav tweaked his game to constantly hover around, and though Bhuvneshwar Kumar couldn't push his body to desired standards of the management, younger men like Mohammed Siraj and Shardul Thakur came along. Rohit Sharma discovered his true mettle as an opener, so did KL Rahul, and Ravindra Jadeja and Rishabh Pant started to spread their wings. Kohli's way was to set the standards, draw the line on the sand, and then watch others scramble over or fall beside it. It was hard and old school but unarguably efficient in achieving results. In the process, he would at times come across as non-empathetic, but he wasn't too flustered by the criticism. A sense of ruthlessness on and off the field was Kohli's way, and no one can argue with its great success.

COVID-19...

Terminus, test was conducted on 39 passengers, one positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 20 passengers were tested

with RAT and no positive cases have been detected. Till 3pm, 210 eligible persons were vaccinated out of which, 61 were 15-18 beneficiaries.

PBMC...

private water tankers or get water from adjoining areas. Another resident Palani said, people are facing a tough time getting adequate

tap water supply. The Council should take note of the problems of the people and initiate measures to resolve the issue.

MP...

mentioned that it is practically impossible for many students to pay for private accommodation and daily food. The Member of Parliament added that parents of

these students from different lands are equally concerned about the safety of their children and they want the children to return back fearing the third wave of COVID-19.

PMAY...

of the scheme. This appeal may be treated as final notice to all 555 identified AHP beneficiaries of PMAY (U) and no further individual

information will be communicated to them. Further, any claims in future course will not be entertained in any respect after 31st January 2022.

PMAY...

beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 39 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 29 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. 164

beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 49 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years while 13 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

Municipal Council...

distributed. Mr. Abinash Kumar Singh, Superintendent Engineer (i/c), Municipal Council will unfurl the National Flag at Prem Nagar, Sanitary workers colony at 6.45 am and, thereafter, sweets

will be distributed. Mr. Muthu Kumar, Project Cell in-charge, Municipal Council will unfurl the National Flag at Nagar Palika Vidyalaya School at 7 am followed by sweets distribution.

ANTRIX-DEVAS DEAL "FRAUD AGAINST COUNTRY": NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

The case involves a satellite deal in 2005 between the Indian Space Research Organisation's commercial arm Antrix and Bengaluru-based startup Devas Multimedia.



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman today said the Supreme Court's order on the 2005 Antrix-Devas deal was "proof of the Congress's misuse of power". The case involves

a satellite deal in 2005 between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO's) commercial arm Antrix and the Bengaluru-based startup Devas Multimedia. The deal was cancelled later. A decade-long

legal battle between Antrix and Devas ended with the Supreme Court on Monday ordering the winding up of Devas Multimedia saying, "It is a case of fraud of a huge magnitude which cannot be brushed under the carpet." The

Supreme Court dismissed the appeal filed by Devas Multimedia. "It was a fraud on the people of India, fraud against the country. The fraud in the Antrix-Devas deal was obvious and the Supreme Court's order was proof of the Congress' misuse of power," the Finance Minister said on the verdict that comes as a boost to the government. "It's a fraud of the Congress, for the Congress and by the Congress." "This is what the greed of the UPA has done. The government is fighting in every court to make sure the fraud doesn't get away," Ms. Sitharaman said. "We are fighting to save taxpayers' money which otherwise would have gone to pay for the scandalous Antrix-Devas deal." She alleged that

when the deal was cancelled in 2011 and arbitration began, Antrix was asked to appoint an arbitrator to defend the government but it never did. Under the 2005 agreement, Antrix was to build, launch and operate two satellites and lease out 90 per cent of the satellite transponder capacity to Devas, which planned to use it to offer hybrid satellite and terrestrial communication services in the country. The deal included 70 MHz of S-band spectrum worth 1,000 crore. This spectrum is fighting in every court to make sure the fraud doesn't get away," Ms. Sitharaman said. "We are fighting to save taxpayers' money which otherwise would have gone to pay for the scandalous Antrix-Devas deal." She alleged that

charged by the CBI for allegedly facilitating a gain of ₹ 578 crore to Devas. Devas' foreign investors went to international courts. In 2020, a US court confirmed the International Chamber of Commerce's order directing Antrix to pay \$1.2 billion to Devas. The Supreme Court put the order on hold. In 2021, the government directed Antrix to start a winding-up petition against Devas under the Companies Act. The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal upheld an order to wind up Devas Multimedia.

Bairagi raises public issues before LG

Port Blair, Jan 18: Shri. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands through a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has requested him to pursue some necessary issues raised by the common public at various islands. Shri. Ajoy Bairagi in his letter has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to fast track the filling up of vacant posts of Principals and Vice Principals in various schools of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Shri. Bairagi in his letter has mentioned that the people of

Swaraj Dwarp have complained that since the last 08 years no principal has been posted in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Swarajdwarp. Shri. Ajoy Bairagi in his letter has also requested the Lt. Governor to release the pending dues of all self-help groups involved in supplying Mid-Day Meals to various schools. Shri. Ajoy Bairagi in his letter has also mentioned that the students and parents have approached him and requested posting of adequate teachers in various schools. He has requested the Lt. Governor to resolve all issues at the earliest.

Availing benefit under Affordable Housing in Partnership component of PMAY (U)

Port Blair, Jan 18: The Port Blair Municipal Council invited applications from residents of Port Blair City for availing benefit under Affordable Housing in Partnership component of PMAY (U) during the year 2017 and a total of 555 beneficiaries were identified against the scheme. In order to implement the AHP component of PMAY (U), the Port Blair Municipal Council is now involved in validating the final list of beneficiaries amongst the identified 555 Nos, who are willing to take benefit of AHP of PMAY (U) and ready to accept all the terms and conditions including paying of

beneficiary's share. In view of above, all the identified beneficiaries of PMAY (U) have been requested to contact the PMAY (U) Facilitation Centre functioning at the premises of PBMC Main Office during working hours upto January 31, 2022 and confirm their willingness to take benefit of the scheme. This appeal may be treated as final notice to all 555 identified AHP beneficiaries of PMAY (U) and no further individual information will be communicated to them. Further, whatsoever any claims in future course will not be entertained in any respect after 31st January, 2022.

Centre directs states to 'immediately increase' COVID testing

New Delhi, 18th Jan, 2022: Flagging a decline in the number of COVID-19 tests in many states and union territories, the Centre on Monday asked them to enhance testing so that an effective track of the spread of the pandemic can be kept and immediate citizen-centric action can be initiated. A letter to states and UTs, Additional Secretary in the Union Health Ministry Aji Ahuja advised them to pay attention to this aspect immediately and increase the testing in a strategic manner keeping in view the trend of case positivity in specific areas. She highlighted that Omicron, which has been designated by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a variant of concern, is currently spreading across the country.

Research (CMR) indicating the latest on January 10, the basic objective remains early detection of cases for quick isolation and care. In addition, testing remains a key strategy for pandemic management as it helps in identification of new clusters and new hotspots of infection which can in turn facilitate immediate action for containment zones, contact tracing, quarantining, isolation and follow-up. This can enable the state and district administrations to curb the spread of infection. Also this will ensure reduction in mortality and morbidity. "Progression of disease as a severe category can be averted by strategic testing of those who are at high risk and more vulnerable, as well as in areas where the spread is likely to be higher," Ahuja said. Reiterating the advisory on proactive testing strategy issued by the CMR on January 10, she said in community settings all those who are symptomatic must be tested and all at-risk contacts of laboratory confirmed cases must also be tested. "In order to ensure that an effective track of the spread of the pandemic is kept and also immediate citizen-centric action is initiated, its incumbent upon all states/UTs to enhance testing," she said.

P&T...

in releasing press releases of the administration to private media on the next day, after publishing the news 'The Daily Telegraphs', ask a media person. If the administration

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is not interested in getting their press releases published in private newspapers, then IP&T should stop issuing press releases to private media, said another media person.

Tribal...

office the schools/colleges, the Govt of India will be requested to further extend the date of registration for the benefit of ST students of these islands. A special helpline has been set up by the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration to help the ST students to register in the NSP portal. All colleges/schools have designated a Nodal Officer to extend help to the ST students for registration in the NSP.

S. No.	Name of the institute/department	Contact details
1	Dy Director (Planning), Directorate of Education	9434265294
2	Tagore Govt College of Education	9531831281
3	DIET	9434265050
4	JNRM	9933267382
5	ANIMS	9846024954
6	Andaman Law College	9899039715
7	Directorate of Tribal Welfare	9933210933

Allowance didn't improve attendance at parliamentary panel meets, reveals report

New Delhi, 18th Jan, 2022: A special allowance for attending parliamentary standing committee meetings, which was discontinued in 2018, did not improve the attendance of law makers at such meets, according to a report by Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu sought last month. Naidu asked the Rajya Sabha secretariat to prepare the report after some law makers said at an informal interaction with him that the special allowance was an added incentive for many to attend the meetings regularly. The report analysed attendance at parliamentary standing committee meetings when the law makers were entitled to the allowance.

When the allowance was available for the full year, the average attendance at 119 meetings of 8 DRSCS [Department-related Standing Committees] was 47.64% and it increased to 48.79% for 119 meetings during 2019-20 when such allowance was not available," the report said. "During 2017-18, the special allowance was available for 6 months. During 2018-19, all the 8 committees of Rajya Sabha reported low attendance, perhaps, due to the General Elections in Lok Sabha in the first half of 2019. Accordingly, 2016-17 was taken as the reference year for assessing the impact of meeting allowance to MPs on attendance during 2019-20 and 2020-21," it said.

The average attendance increased from 47.64% in 2016-17 to 48.79% in 2019-20. It dropped to 44.59% in 2020-21 due to Covid. Naidu asked the secretariat to find out the rate of attendance when this allowance was in place even as there was no plan to revive it. The study was done to see how the attendance of MPs can be improved.

Low attendance at parliamentary committee meetings came up during an informal meeting of senior law makers with Naidu at his chamber after Parliament's winter session concluded on December 22. The issue was also discussed on December 21 at a meeting between Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and chairpersons of 16 House standing committees.

The report said the attendance of MPs at meetings of the eight parliamentary standing committees under Rajya Sabha has marginally dipped from the 2016-17 level due to the Covid-19 pandemic. "During 2016-17 (mid-September to mid-September),

Painting...

video clip of maximum duration 60 seconds should be submitted for Instagram reel making/monocasting competition with the declaration that it is their original work. The photographs/video should be of good quality with high resolution that should look good on social media. The copyright of the submitted work shall belong to the Department which

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can be used by the Department for its own purpose. The last date of submission is on January 22 at 9 am. Interested participants can mail their entries at kakandranisnac@gmail.com. For more queries, contact over phone number 03192-231399/9434263366, a press release from Director (Art & Culture) said.

PMJAY...

Health and Family Welfare, AB-PMJAY aims to provide cashless treatment worth Rs 5 lakh per family per year against secondary and tertiary hospitalization care. The scheme has successfully completed 3 years of its implementation. Presently, 12,248 families (39,487 members) have registered under the AB-PMJAY scheme in this UT and are entitled for cashless treatment at more than 23,000 empanelled public and private hospitals across the country. Meanwhile, as part of the celebration, Shri. R. Vivek, IEC Manager, State Health Agency (SHA), Port Blair conducted orientation sessions on Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri

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Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for the students and teachers of Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Haddo, Bathubasti, Port Mout, Carmel Sr. Secondary School and Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya. These sessions were aimed to create awareness about the benefits attached to the scheme. The students were exhorted to further inform and educate their parents and communities about the scheme. It was also recommended to the schools to organise masterclasses/activities on important days such as Universal Health Coverage Day (12th Dec), World Health Day (7th April), Ayushman Bharat Pakhwada (15th - 30th Sep) etc.

immunity...

changes, Yoga & Pranayama for preventive and supportive care in COVID-19. To avail this benefit, people may contact nearest Govt. AYUSH Centres to get the medicines for boosting

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immunity. Tab Samshamani Vati / AYUSH-64 have been included in the medicine kits provided to the Home isolated COVID cases through the District Administration.

PHC Rangat...

a shortage of healthcare staffs and lack of ambulance facility in PHC Rangat which needs to be addressed soon. He also emphasized on the need for establishing a full-fledged hospital in Rangat, which can cater the healthcare needs of entire

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population of North & Middle Andaman District. Further, he appreciated the services of doctors and other staffs of PHC Rangat who are relentlessly working for providing treatment at the time of increasing COVID-19 cases in the islands.

John Robert's...

leadership qualities in his new role.

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ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE

The AICC has approved the proposal of the appointment of the following (Provisional) Congress Committees with immediate effect.

Chairpersons:

1. Shri M. G. U. U. Shree - Odisha
2. Shri H. D. Ashok - Andhra Pradesh
3. Shri J. S. Ramesh Babu - Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Working Chairmen:

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Public Auction Sale Notice

Appendix-IV-A [Rule-8(6)]
PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[See Provision to Rule 9(1) & Rule 6(2)]

Public Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to (Rule 9 (1) & Rule 6(2)) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

DATE & TIME OF PUBLIC AUCTION: DATE: 22.02.2022 (Tuesday)
TIME: 120 MINUTES FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 01.00 P.M.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) being the 10 % of Reserve Price to be transferred/ deposited by bidders by means of RTGS/NEFT /Funds Transfer (or) Demand Draft (or) Pay Order to the Credit of A/c Number: 002034021001167 in the favour of "Authorized Officer, A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Head Office, 98, Maulana Azad Road, Port Blair A & N Islands, Pin - 744101" payable at Port Blair on or before 04.00 P.M. of 19.02.2022 (Saturday). GST as and when applicable will be paid by the buyer.

Intending Bidders can bid for plant & Machinery. However, priority will be given for purchase of land and building along with plant & machinery together, Only land and building will not be sold.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties Hypothecated/Pledge & Mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the SYMBOLIC POSSESSION of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer, Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 22.02.2022(Saturday).

Sl.No.	Name of Borrower, Guarantor & Director	a) Demand Notice Date b) Possession Notice Date c) Outstanding Amount as on Date	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount	a) Details of Immovable Properties b) Bid Incremental Amount c) Date of Inspection of Properties.
1	M/s Falcon Resort (India) Pvt.Ltd Directors: 1.Shri Abdul Jabbar 2.Shri Abdul Amin	a. 01.06.2020 b. 16.03.2021 c. Rs.6,11,82,517.00	a. Rs. 4,53,91,040.00 b. Rs.45,39,104.00	a.1. Survey No 226/3/3 Measuring Area 2940 Sq. Mtrs situated at Near SDH Havelock, Govinda Nagar, Swaraj Dweep (erstwhile Havelock) village under Port Blair Tehsil, Post Office: Swaraj Dweep, P.S: Swaraj Dweep. 2. Survey No- 274, Measuring Area 1350 Sq. Mtrs situated at near ANIDCO Petrol Pump, Krishna Nagar, Swadeshnagar Village, under Port Blair Tehsil, Post Office: Swaraj Dweep, P.S: Swaraj Dweep. b.Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakh Only) c.15.02.2022
2	Shri. Parimal Tarua & M/s Gift Collection Prop: Parimal Tarua	a. 07.07.2020 b. 16.03.2021 c. Rs.80,81,798.00	a. Rs.7,56,29,650.00 b. Rs.75,62,965.00	a.Survey No-37 having Area-9100.00 Sq. Mtrs situated at Govind Nagar village, Swaraj Dweep (erstwhile Havelock), near Heliport, Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman, PS: Swaraj Dweep (erstwhile Havelock), PO: Swaraj Dweep (erstwhile Havelock). b.Rs.5,00,000/- (Five Lakh Only) c.15.02.2022

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

- The property is being sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis.
- Prospective bidders may inspect the properties and verify the property documents held by Bank, details of litigations, if any, in respect of the properties to their satisfaction before submission of bid. No claim shall be entertained by Authorized Officer or Secured Creditor Bank at any later date.
- Auction / bidding shall only be through holding public auction.
- For participating in auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD as mentioned above in the prescribed mode of payment and the EMD will not carry any interest.
- Bids in the prescribed formats shall be submitted in person by visiting in the office of the Authorized Officer, 98, Maulana Azad Road, Port Blair - 744101 along with the EMD & copy of KYC documents including photo, PAN card & address proof to the Authorized Officer before **04:00 PM on 19.02.2022(Saturday)**
- Auction sale will start automatically on and at the time as mentioned above. Auction/ bidding will initially be for a period of 120 minutes, after that the sale will be concluded.
- The property "SHALL NOT BE SOLD" below the Reserve Price.
- The Authorized Officer is not bound to accept the highest bid or any or all bids and reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bids or cancel, postpone the auction without assigning any reason thereof.
- The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (excluding EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder and the balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be sold again. All deposit and payment shall be in the prescribed mode of payment.
- In default of payment within the period mentioned in sub-rule (4), the deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
- EMD of unsuccessful bidders will be returned through DD/Pay Order/NEFT/RTGS to the bank accounts details provided by them in the bid form and intimated via their e-mail ID.
- The auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation by the bank. The Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
- In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder/ auction purchaser within the stipulated time, the sale will be cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited and the property will be again put to sale.
- The encumbrances on the properties known to the Bank is NIL.
- The purchaser has to bear the all the revenue taxes, and any other statutory dues or other dues like municipal tax, electricity charges, land use conversion charges, property tax and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates outgoings relating to the property.

Date : 19th January, 2022
Place: Port Blair

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Dated : 18/01/2022
(Petition No. 64/2021)

Further to the Public Notice published on 31.12.2021 all interested person(s)/stakeholders of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are hereby informed that the Public Hearing shall be held through video conference on Microsoft Teams Platform on the following petition admitted by the Commission:

The Petition for approval of True Up for the FY 2017-18, FY 2018-19, FY 2019-20 & FY 2020- 21 of Electricity Department of Andaman & Nicobar Administration u/s 61, 62 and 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2014 & 2018 is filed by the Electricity Department Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The above Petition has been admitted as **Petition No. 64/2021** and is available on the Commission's website, i.e., www.jerc.gov.in and on the petitioner's website, i.e., www.vidyut.andaman.gov.in.

Interested persons may give their objections/suggestions/comments on the above Petition, in person/ registered post addressed to- **The Secretary, JERC (For the State of Goa & UTs) 3rd & 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar Phase IV, Sector 18, Gurugram, Haryana- 122015** or through e-mail at mail id-secy.jerc@gov.in on or before **20th January, 2022** with a copy to the Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Port Blair- 744101, (Email: seed.and@nic.in).

Further, in view of Covid-19 pandemic, the public hearing in the above matters shall be held through Video Conferencing as per the schedule given below:

Public Hearing Date & Time : 21st January, 2022, at 11.00AM
Video conferencing Platform : Microsoft Teams

The persons who intend to participate in the public hearing may intimate their mobile number and e-mail ID to the Secretary, JERC on above mentioned email- id so that link for participation in the video conference on due date & time can be sent to them.

S/d
(Rakesh Kumar)
Secretary, JERC

AFFIDAVIT

I, Smti MANJULA EKKA, W/o No 10535499M Rank HAV Name ANURANJAN KUJUR presently residing at 154 Inf Bn (TA) BIHAR c/o 99 APO, Brichgunj under the Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:-

- That my actual name is MANJULA EKKA as per my Aadhar card No 659221105748 & PAN Card No ACHPE5210H.
- That now due to numerical mistake I intend to change my name from MANJULA KUJUR to MANJULA EKKA.
- That MANJULA KUJUR and MANJULA EKKA is the same and one identical person and having no any differences.
- That henceforth I shall be known and called by the newly adopted name MANJULA EKKA which is also applicable for all official purpose, hence this affidavit.

The Above said statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Deponent

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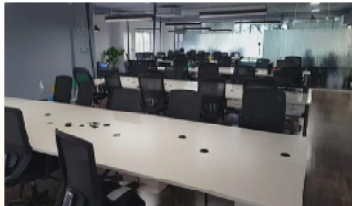
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IN CONVERSATION

Bengaluru Tech Firms Go Back To WFH Amid Covid Surge

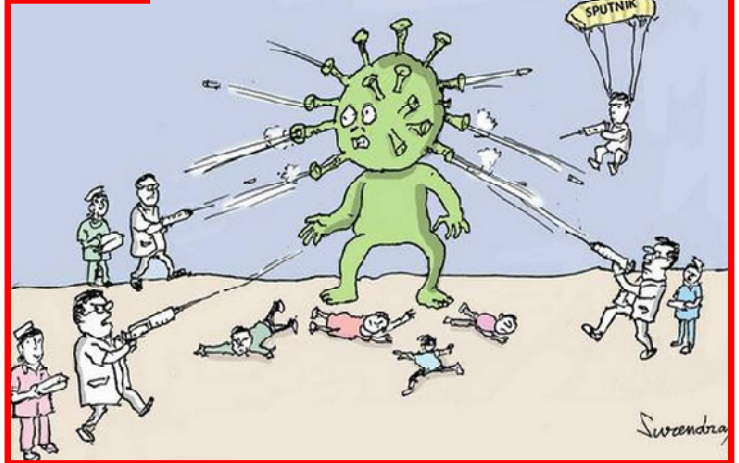


In Bengaluru, often called India's "Silicon Valley", the campuses of tech firms wear a deserted look. As daily Covid cases continue to surge - with the figure hovering around 15,000 - the IT industry has once again opted for the hybrid work model. Nearly 70 per cent of the workforce is working from home.

Sigdesk.com, a software provider, that assists businesses in digitising and automating the documentation process, is now operating with 30 per cent staff physically at the premises. Abhishek Saseedhan, CEO, Sigdesk.com, says, "In Bengaluru, we have three offices. We have operations in all metros as well. If you look at the

overall employee, we would be running at 30-40 per cent capacity." It was only in December that the big IT firms - like TCS and Tech Mahindra - had asked employees to come back to the office. While some call 'Work From Home' a relief, others find the lack of human interaction dispiriting. Deep Adiga, Head, Finance, Sigdesk.com, "You don't get to interact with colleagues. All the calls and meetings are online. There is no human interaction. Only when you meet people, you get new ideas. WFH has made it difficult for all of us." In a statement, NASSCOM has said, "The industry remains optimistic about continued demand for its services and solutions and is fully prepared to continue uninterrupted operations in a hybrid environment." Botman is a Bengaluru-based cyber security startup - it has just four employees working in the office. The co-founder feels the hybrid model has hit operations. Raja TN, Co-Founder, Botman, "Especially if you are a startup, if you are a small team where collaborations are required, the decision has to be made faster. We are a small team taking huge responsibilities. Sometimes I feel it is not very productive to work from home." Promoted, listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com. For many employees with young children at home, WFH has proven to be a boon, while some say it is bogging them down without human interaction. What remains to be seen is if the remote work culture will be the future beyond the pandemic.

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A Big Change In Republic Day Parade This Year

Republic Day 2022: Approximately 24,000 people will be allowed to attend the Republic Day parade this year, because of the Covid situation in Delhi.

The Republic Day parade will begin half an hour later than usual this year. With foggy days predicted around January 26, the parade will start at 10.30 am instead of 10 am for better visibility, the Defence Ministry has decided. "Since it is being predicted that it will be a foggy morning for a better viewing experience for spectators at the parade, 10 large LED screens - five on each side of Rajpath - will be installed," a senior Defence Ministry official said today. Curated films combining footage from previous Republic Day Parades, short films on the Armed Forces and stories related to various events in the run-up to the Republic Day 2022 will be screened before the parade begins. Later, the screens will beam the parade live.

The guest list and parade have been cut short this year due to Covid. Approximately 24,000 people will be allowed to attend the Republic Day parade this year, because of the Covid situation in Delhi. "Out of the approximately 24,000 people who will be attending the parade this year, 19,000 are invited and the rest are the general public, who can purchase tickets," sources said. Last year too, the parade took place amid the Covid pandemic and close to 25,000 people were allowed to attend it. Before the pandemic erupted, in the 2020 parade, around 1.25 lakh people were permitted.

For the second year in a row,



the parade may not have any foreign dignitary as chief guest.

But a number of firsts are lined up this time. On January 26, a nationwide flagship programme of the National Cadet Corps (NCC) 'Shaheedon Ko Shat Shat Naman' will be launched as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to honour the supreme sacrifices of the fallen heroes in defending the Nation. The family of some 5,000 fallen heroes will be presented with the Plaque of Gratitude by National Cadet Corps members all over the country around the same time as Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi pays homage to soldiers at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.

"This year's Republic Day falls in the 75th year of India's Independence being celebrated as

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. You will see many firsts during the main parade on Rajpath on January 26 as also during the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony on January 29," an officer said.

As many as 75 aircraft are set to participate in the traditional fly-past that marks the end of the ceremony. Vintage as well as modern aircraft like Rafale, Sukhoi, Jaguar, Mi-17, Sarang, Apache and Dakota will be showcased. The Fly-Past will witness 15 different formations by these aircraft/helicopters. Security agencies have fortified the areas around Rajpath, the ceremonial road on which the parade takes place, with multilayer security after a bomb was found and defused at the Ghazipur flyover market just days before the

parade. "We have installed 300 CCTVs with facial recognition systems to keep an eye on every movement in this area," a senior officer said.

Promoted, listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com. This year, the parade will be held on a new look Central Vista with changes for the first time to an iconic British-built part of Delhi. The government is racing against time to get the ceremonial road Rajpath partially ready for the annual January 26 show of India's military might and culture.

British-style chairs, lights and new pathways connected with storm water drains are already in place, adding that heavy rain in the past few days slowed down the work.

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3. Maintain a safe distance of at least 1 meter from others.
4. Wear a face mask in public places.
5. Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose and mouth.
6. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
7. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
8. Avoid sharing personal items like cups, plates, and utensils.
9. Avoid going to public places if you are sick.
10. Stay at home and avoid going to work, school or public places if you are sick.

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