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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav programme at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi organized by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India with Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India as the chief guest.

Health Minister to Review Low Covid Vaccination Coverage in 4 States on Monday



PTI: Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya will hold a meeting on Monday to review the progress and planning of COVID-19 vaccination in Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland and Puducherry where the first dose coverage is less than 70 per cent, official sources said. The first dose coverage in Meghalaya was 56.7 per cent, Manipur 54.2 per cent, Nagaland 49 per cent and

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MP demands to Start Dornier Service for Diglipur Island, as it being done for Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Nov 22:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor to start Dornier Aircraft Service for Diglipur region, as it is being done for Campbell Bay region.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today mentioned that resumption of Dornier Service for Campbell Bay region via Car Nicobar Island has proved to be a great blessing for the people of Nicobar District, especially when the third operational helicopter has been withdrawn from service due to

technical issues.

He added that now people of North and Middle Andaman region are also demanding similar Dornier flight connectivity as the Diglipur region already has an operation airport at Shibpur.

Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma pointed out that people of North Andaman region are suffering heavily due to slow speed of ATR upgradation works adding to their pain the number of helicopter sorties to Diglipur region is also not sufficient to cater to the need of even patients and urgent cases.

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National Press Day was celebrated in a befitting manner at Andaman Club on 16/11/2021. Member of A & N Media Federation and other local Media persons participated. The programme was a grand success.

Free yoga classes at new AYUSH building from Dec.1

Port Blair, Nov. 21

The Yoga Unit functioning at old AYUSH building has been shifted to New AYUSH building Phase - I with separate spacious hall for male & female. Free yoga classes for general public will commence from Dec.1, 2021 with morning session from 5 am to 6 am & evening session from 4 pm to 5 pm (except Saturday).

Further, the daily OPD timings shall be from 8.45 am to 1 pm & 3 pm to 4 pm (except Saturday). Interested persons may register their names for yoga classes at Yoga Unit of AYUSH Hospital, Junglighat or contact the Yoga instructor on mobile No. 9474201878 , 9679591551, a press release received from AYUSH said.



EDITORIAL

Democracy's victory shows limits of parliamentary power

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sudden and rather unexpected announcement to repeal the three contentious farm laws is only the second occasion when the government he leads has had to blink in the face of massive opposition. The first one was when it had to withdraw the proposed land reforms laws. In a brief address to the nation, Modi apologised to the citizens and regretted that he was not able to explain the benefits of the laws to a section of farmers who have been agitating for more than a year against them.

But while the pushback on the land reforms bill was enacted more in the hallowed portals of Parliament, the opposition to the farm laws was largely on the streets led by ordinary farmers. So if at all, the government's U-turn on the controversial laws is a victory only of the farmers, no one else's. Many opposition parties tried to ride on the farmers' agitation for their selfish political and electoral gains, but the government would not have yielded had it not been for the sacrifices of the hands that till and feed the country. It also underlines the fact that in a democracy, it is the will of the people that is supreme, that sustained public pressure can unsettle even powerful governments enjoying a brute majority in Parliament, and that there is still space for dissent, despite what many critics of this government may say of its style of functioning and behaviour.

But that said, the government's about-turn appears to be dictated purely by the political damage the laws had the potential to inflict in the coming Assembly elections, particularly in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The BJP has been on the backfoot in UP, particularly in the western part dominated by the farming community. The region has 136 Assembly seats out of a total 403 and in the last state polls, the BJP had won a massive 109 of them. Uttarakhand is also critical to the saffron party and here also it is facing an uphill task. Going forward, the government must make it a point to hold wide consultations, especially when it has to tread on the slippery surface of economic reforms.

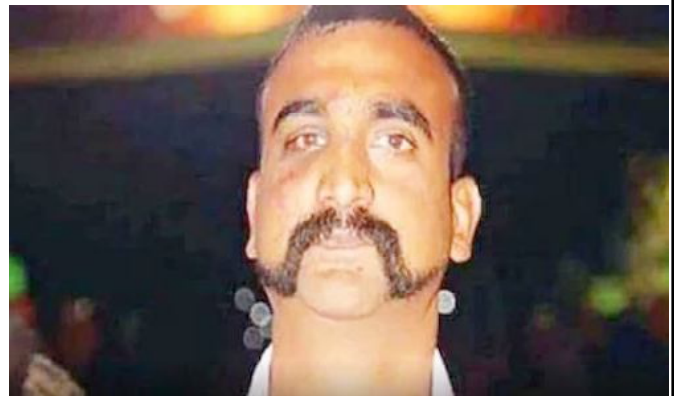
Balakot Hero Abhinandan Varthaman to be Awarded Vir Chakra Today for Shooting Down Pak Fighter Jet

Wing Commander (now Group Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman will be awarded the Vir Chakra on Monday by President Ram Nath Kovind for shooting down a Pakistani F-16 fighter aircraft during an aerial combat on February 27, 2019.

Varthaman was engaged in a battle with a Pakistani fighter jet in the aerial skirmishes between Indian and Pakistani Air Forces that followed the Pulwama attack. He was promoted to the rank of a Group Captain on November 3, 2021.

Varthaman's MiG-21 fighter aircraft was shot down after he took down the F-16 and he was taken into custody by the Pakistan Army after he landed in their territory.

The Pakistan Army was forced to release him due to the extensive pressure exerted by



the Indian side along with the international intervention into the matter.

Besides Varthaman, who remains one of the most celebrated officers of the IAF in the recent past, Sapper Prakash Jadhav will be presented the second-highest peacetime gallantry award Kirti Chakra (posthumously) for neutralising terrorists in an operation in Jammu and

Kashmir.

Major Vibhuti Shankar Dhoundiyal will be awarded Shaurya Chakra (posthumously) for his role in an operation which resulted in neutralising five terrorists. Naib Subedar Sombir will also receive the Shaurya Chakra posthumously for killing an A++ category terrorist during an anti-terror operation in J&K.

IT Dept Detects Rs 100 Crore Black Income After Raids on Gujarat-based Group



PTI: The Income Tax Department has detected Rs 100 crore unaccounted income after it recently raided a Gujarat company engaged in manufacturing of chemicals and in real estate, the CBDT said on Sun-

day. The searches were carried out on November 18 at more than 20 premises located in Vapi, Sarigam (Valsad district), Silvassa and Mumbai.

"...incriminating evidences in the form of documents, diary notings and digital data showing earning of huge unaccounted income by the group and its investment in assets have been seized,"

the CBDT said in a statement.

"The evidences clearly indicate evasion of taxable income by adopting various modus-operandi such as suppression of production, use of bogus purchase invoices without actual delivery of the goods to inflate purchases, availing of bogus GST credit, claim of bogus commission expenses, etc," it said. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), that frames policy for the tax department, said that the group received unaccounted money as part of immovable property transactions.

"All these have resulted into generation of unaccounted cash," the statement said. Documents related to cash transactions and investments in immovable properties and cash loans have also been seized by the taxman, it said, adding 2.5 crore cash and jewellery worth Rs 1 crore was seized during the operation while 16 bank accounts have been frozen, the CBDT said.

"A preliminary analysis of the documents/evidence unearthed during the search has indicated that estimation of unaccounted income is likely to be more than Rs 100 crore," the statement said.

In Veiled Attack on China, Rajnath Says Some Irresponsible, Hegemonic Nations Twisting Sea Laws

PTI: Taking a dig at China, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday said "some irresponsible nations" with their narrow partisan interests and hegemonic tendencies are coming up with wrong definitions of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

It is a matter of concern that UNCLOS is being repeatedly weakened by arbitrary interpretation of its definition by some nations, Singh said, after commis-

sioning of Indian Navy's destroyer Visakhapatnam here.

"Some irresponsible nations, with their narrow partisan interests, hegemonic tendencies are coming with wrong definitions of international laws," Singh said.

Indigenously-built stealth guided missile destroyer Visakhapatnam, packed with an array of missiles and anti-submarine rockets, was commissioned in presence of top naval commanders.

Visakhapatnam' is



equipped with lethal weapons and sensors, including supersonic surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles, medium and short-range guns,

anti-submarine rockets and advanced electronic warfare and communication suits, officials said.

Rajasthan cabinet to have 12 new faces, five to six loyalists from Sachin Pilot camp



JAIPUR: In what could end the tussle between Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot and his rival Sachin Pilot, at least for now, the much delayed cabinet reshuffle is likely to take place on Sunday evening with at least five to six Pilot loyalists finding a berth in the ministry. There can be a maximum of 30 ministers.

Gehlot held a cabinet meeting on Saturday evening and took the resignations of all his ministers, paving the way for the CM and the Congress high command to reorganize the ministry in the way they deem fit.

The meeting was preceded by a resolution moved by state

PCC chief and education minister Govind Dotasra, which suggested that all ministers should resign. This was promptly approved by the entire ministry.

Talking to media after the meeting, transport minister Pratap Singh Khachariya said: "We have submitted our resignations to Ashok Gehlot and all the MLAs have been asked to be present at the party office at 2 pm on Sunday. Whatever will be decided by the CM and the party high command will be followed."

Earlier in the afternoon, Dotasra met Rajasthan in-charge Ajay Maken following which he said all the new ministers would

be welcomed at a special function at the party headquarters before the oath-taking ceremony.

All through Saturday, the political corridors were abuzz over who would make it to the all-new Gehlot ministry.

Whether Pilot will figure in the reshuffle is a question on everyone's lips but hectic lobbying continued through the day. Asked who would be inducted in the new ministry, Gehlot told reporters in the afternoon that "for this Ajay Maken is in contact with Delhi".

In a bid to dislodge Gehlot last year, Pilot had revolted against the CM, leading a group of MLAs loyal to him and demanded a change of leadership in the state. Gehlot had managed to stave off the rebellion and remained in the saddle.

Besides the two rival camps, the independents and former BSP MLAs who played a crucial role in keeping the Gehlot government safe during Pilot's revolt is another key aspect that is being closely watched in the state.

Fighting to rebuild a life and gift a future to her kids



CHENNAI: Graduating from the Officers Training Academy (OTA) was the best gift Jyoti Nainwal, widow of Naik Deepak Nainwal, who died fighting terrorists in Kulgam, could give her children. Pecked on the cheek by nine-year-old daughter Lavanya, as seven-year-old son Reyansh watched during the event, the 33-year-old recalled her mother's advice when her world collapsed following her husband's death.

"From now, your life should be a gift to your children. They will emulate you. How you want to steer your life is up to you," newly-appointed officer Jyoti recalls her mother's advice. Jyoti's life changed on April 11, 2018 when her husband, serving in the 1 Rashtriya Rifles battalion, got a gunshot wound during a terrorist encounter in Jammu and Kashmir under Operation Rakshak. Deepak breathed his last 40 days after suffering a spinal injury that left him bedridden.

Ever since she got married, Jyoti's life was limited to the four walls of her home. But on hearing her mother's advice after Deepak's death, the homemaker from Dehradun got motivated to join the Army. She was unaware of the selection procedure and the Service Selection Board interview, but her eagerness to join the forces proved to be enough.

Deepak's parent company 1 Mahar Regiment's Brigadier Cheema and Col MP Singh took up the responsibility of mentoring her. "My English was not that good, as I was only involved in household

responsibilities all my life. They knew I needed to change a lot. Brigadier Cheema sent me English novels, gave me a deadline to read them, and later he asked questions about the books," Jyoti recalls.

Another woman who stole the limelight at the event was Lt Dimple Singh Bhati, who was conferred with the silver medal by Lieutenant General CP Mohanty, who reviewed the parade. Dimple was inspired by the war heroes in their Jodhpur family, such as Major Shaitan Singh Bhati, Param Veer Chakra and Col Megh Singh Rathore, Veer Chakra.

More than 150 cadets graduate from OTA

Chennai: As many as 124 men and 29 women cadets graduated from the Officers Training Academy (OTA) during the ceremonial passing out parade (POP) here on Saturday after 11 months of integrated training to transform them into future leaders of the Indian Army. A total of 16 men and nine women from friendly foreign countries also completed their training. The Passing Out Parade (POP) was reviewed by Lieutenant General CP Mohanty, Vice Chief of Army Staff. He presented the Sword of Honour and OTA gold medal to cadet Siddhanth Sharma, silver medal to cadet Dimple Singh Bhati, and bronze medal to BCA Muneesh Kumar, a release stated. OTA Chennai had made arrangements for live streaming of the Passing Out Parade and Pipping Ceremony, the release added

Singapore, India to Resume Passenger Flights From November 29: CAAS

PTI: Singapore has reached an agreement with India's Ministry of Civil Aviation on the resumption of scheduled commercial passenger flights between the two countries, the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) said on Sunday. Singapore's vaccinated travel lane (VTL) with India will start on November 29, with six designated flights daily from Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai, it said.

Applications for vaccinated travel passes (VTP) for short-term visitors and long-term pass holders from India will start on Monday. Airlines can also operate non-VTL flights between India and Singapore, although passengers on non-VTL flights will be subject to the prevailing public health requirements, CAAS said.

"CAAS understands that travellers are looking forward to the launch of the VTL and would like to assure travellers that there is no need to rush to apply for the VTP," Channel News Asia reported, citing the authority. Applications for travellers from Finland, India and Sweden will open the same day at 6 pm Singapore time, it said.



"Travellers from these countries will not be able to apply for a VTP earlier (than the stated time)," CAAS said. The authority said that VTP applications will open for those intending to enter Singapore from November 29 to January 21, 2022.

However, it "strongly encouraged" those who intend to enter Singapore after December 1 to apply after November 24. "All short-term visitors and long-term pass holders who meet the requirements of the VTL, will receive a VTP," it said.

To facilitate the application process, VTP applicants should have their passport and digital proof of vaccination on hand.

They should also know the address of the place they intend to self-isolate while waiting for the results of their on-arrival COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, CAAS said.

Travellers who require a visa for travel to Singapore should apply for their visa separately and only after their VTP is approved, it said. "They must also purchase travel insurance, with a minimum coverage of Singapore dollars 30,000 for COVID-19-related medical treatment and hospitalisation costs, prior to travel to Singapore. In Singapore, these visitors must also use the TraceTogether app to facilitate contact tracing," the authority said.

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MP demands Resumption of Chartered Flight Service in Port Blair-New Delhi, Port Blair-Chennai, Port Blair- Vizag and Port Blair Kolkata Sectors

Port Blair, Nov 20:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded to restart the Chartered flight Service between Chartered Flight Service in Port Blair-New Delhi. Port Blair-Chennai, Port Blair- Vizag and Port Blair Kolkata Sectors.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the Islands are situated far away from Mainland India and presently, flight

is the only option for Islanders to reach mainland and vice versa, considering the fact that presently hardly any passenger ships are scheduled between Port Blair and Mainland India.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that presently the airfare, between Port Blair-New Delhi, Port Blair- Vizag, Port Blair- Chennai and Port Blair - Kolkata sectors, is soaring sky-high, putting a huge financial burden on Islanders, who have to travel to Mainland for emergency works like emergency medical treatment,

education, social commitments, job interviews etc.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma mentioned that on certain days the airfare between Port Blair and mainland are as high as Rs. 39,000 to Rs. 42,000 which is unaffordable for most of the Islanders, especially when due to Covid -19 lockdown many people have lost their jobs and suffered huge financial losses. For example, this month the lowest airfare between Chennai and Port Blair is Rs. 9800, which is again beyond the budget of many Islanders, he added.

Directorate of CS& CA to provide free LPG connections to low-income families under PMUY

Port Blair, Nov.19

The Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) is an ambitious scheme providing LPG connection to women belonging to economically weaker section. The main beneficiaries of the scheme are women belonging to poor families not having LPG connections in their household. The majority of the rural population and families belonging to this section are still using fossil fuel to cook their meals. The usage of fossil fuel results in serious health hazards for women of such families.

In the first phase, the Govt. of India covered a population of 8 crore households till 1st May, 2016. To cover the remaining households eligible under the scheme, the Govt. of

India in the Union Budget for 2021-22 kept the provision for an additional coverage of one Crore eligible households under the PMUY scheme which will be implemented in a time bound manner by IOCL in co-ordination with their authorized LPG distributors in this UT. The Ujjwala 2.0 aims to provide deposit-free LPG connections to those low-income families who could not be covered under the earlier phase of PMUY.

Along with a deposit free LPG connection, Ujjwala 2.0 will provide first refill and Hotplate free of cost to the eligible beneficiaries. Also, the enrolment procedure will require minimum paperwork. In Ujjwala 2.0 migrants will not be required to submit ration cards or address proof. A self declaration for both 'family declaration' and as a 'proof of address' will suffice.

In this regard, it is requested to all those women belonging to economically weaker family and not owning LPG connection, to apply to the LPG distributor for a new connection. In case of any clarification, they may contact Consumer Co-operative Society Ltd. (CCS) over phone nos. 9679591760/9933230800; Priya Indane-9933295111/9474203111; G.K. Indane-9434272336/9679535391; Reem Indane-9531944444; TDCS (Nancowry)-8900902774; Ideal Indane (Diglipur)-271436; Asamani Indane (Rangat)-9434266687, a press release from Directorate of CS&CA said.

No positive case detected during test conducted on incoming flight & inter-Island bound passengers: Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Nov.21

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar while giving information on COVID -19 status stated that during the RT - PCR test conducted on 401 passengers, who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 12 flights with 2,059 passengers arrived, out of which, 1579 were vaccinated with both

doses while RT- PCR test was conducted on 480 passengers and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 136 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 80 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 1

passenger was tested with RAT and was found negative. Today, 77 beneficiaries were vaccinated, out of which, 70 were in the age group of 18-44.

The Director, ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal informed that currently 4 COVID patients are undergoing treatment at G B Pant Hospital and no patient is on oxygen / ventilator.



Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the conference of the Ministers of Civil Aviation from States and UTs chaired by Shri Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Government of India at New Delhi. Calibrated opening of aviation sector and creating congenial ecosystem for its growth/strengthening, with an effective road map were discussed. Impressed upon the need for expedition of new Greenfield Airport at Port Blair and commencement of Sea Plane Operations.

MP felicitates World Record Holder Shiva Yogantha

Port Blair, Nov 18:

Kumari. Shiva Yogetha, D/o Mr. Shiva Kumar (Father) and Mrs. Rathika (Mother), who has achieved the World Record for being the "FASTEST TO RECITE BACKWARD 100 TO 1 COUNTING" on 19th August 2021, met with the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma recently. The Member of Parliament



felicitated Kumari. Shiva Yogetha for her spectacular performance.

Kumari. Shiva Yogetha is a resident of Shorepoint, Bambooflat from Andaman & Nicobar Island, India. She recited 100 to 1 backward counting in 51 seconds and broke the previous record of reciting backward numbers in 1 minute 29 seconds and set a new world record for the International Book of Records.

During the meeting the Member of Parliament lauded Kumari. Shiva Yogetha for her achievement and said that this achievement will inspire thousands of other children to achieve many other milestones.

The Member of Parliament wished Kumari. Shiva Yogetha best of luck for her endeavors and expressed his confidence that Kumari. Shiva Yogetha will make many more world records.

Ration card holders advised to get their Aadhaar number seeded with ration card data base by December

Port Blair, Nov. 21

The Govt. of India has inter alia requested individual beneficiaries under NFSA to furnish proof of Aadhaar number or undergo Aadhaar authentication to receive subsidies under NFSA. The Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs has been repeatedly informing and requesting the ration card holders through press releases and Fair Price Shop dealers from time to time to get their Aadhaar number seeded with the ration card

data base. Many ration card beneficiaries have still not got their Aadhaar number seeded with the ration cards . Hence, it is once again requested to all the NFSA (PHH & AAY) card holders to get their as well as their family member's Aadhaar seeded in the ration card database through their respective Circle Office of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department and its subordinate Supply Units functioning in outer Islands by December, 2021.

All the beneficiaries

have been made aware that with implementation of 'One Nation One Ration Card' in this UT, no ration card holder will be able to draw their PDS items in the absence of Aadhaar authentication in ration card database.

Any person not yet enrolled for issue of Aadhaar number have been requested to enroll for Aadhaar so as to continue the NFSA benefits for drawing the subsidized PDS food grains, a press release received from Directorate of CS&CA said.

Special Community Interaction Programme and Multi Specialist Medical Camp for Fishermen Community at Durgapur by CG

Port Blair, Nov 18:

Coast Guard Headquarters, District No. 9 conducted Special Community Interaction Programme and Multi-Specialty Medical Camp at Durgapur village, Diglipur as a part of "AZADI KAAMRIT MAHOTSAV", in association with local administration, Gram Panchayat, Self Help Groups, Fisheries department, Revenue department, Mahila Mandal and other local bodies of village for fishermen community on 14 Nov 21. The event was presided by Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Center (CHC), Diglipur. The Community Interaction Programme was focused on educating local fishermen about importance of carrying lifesaving gears while venturing at sea for fishing voyage. The fishermen were also appraised regarding usage of Distress Alert Transponder (DTA) and SOS procedures for seeking assistance during distress. Further, Life jackets were also distributed to the fishermen by Coast Guard. Community Interaction Programme was followed by Multi Specialty Medical Camp in conjunction with team of specialist doctors from CHC encompassing Chief Medical Officer, Medical and Skin specialist, Critical care specialist and Dental surgeons.

In the Multi-Specialty Medical Camp, general health

checkup for fishermen and their families was conducted by Coast Guard medical team of District Headquarters No. 9, Specialist team ex CHC and dental checkup by Dental surgeons from CHC, Diglipur. The camp also provided opportunity to the fishermen to interact with

Chief Medical Officer, CHC, Diglipur who explained about the general medical awareness and Government of India initiative i.e. "AYUSHMAN BHARAT SCHEME". The event was a huge success and was highly appreciated by the fishermen community.



Opportunity for pursuing existing & innovative research under Women Scientists & Young Scientist Fellowship Schemes

Port Blair, Nov. 20

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Science & Technology is implementing two flagship schemes namely Women Scientists Scheme and DST- Young Scientist Fellowship Scheme. The Women Scientists Scheme is introduced to give women a strong foot hold into the scientific profession and to encourage women in S&T domain, preferably those having a break in career and not having regular employment, to explore possibility of re-entry into the profession and research field. Any Woman Scientist between the age of 27-57 years who had a break in their career but desired to return to mainstream can avail benefit out of this scheme. The scheme is open throughout the year, therefore there is no last date of application.

The Young Scientist Fellowship Scheme provides opportunities to young

scientists for pursuing existing and innovative research. The scheme is focused on young scientists and technologists who have adequate background and training in the field of Science & Technology and encourage academic institutions, national labs and other S&T institutions to avail the benefit under this scheme.

Interested Women Scientists and Young Scientists who wish to avail the benefit of the above mentioned schemes can access the details of these schemes on the website www.dst.gov.in and for any assistance in this regard, they can contact the Department of Science & Technology, Dollygunj in person or over phoneno. 03192-250370 on all working days during working hours or email at dstandamans@gmail.com, a press release from Deptt. of Science & Technology said.

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Puducherry 65.7 per cent, they said quoting government data updated on Sunday.

The government has launched a month-long 'Har Ghar Dastak' campaign for house-to-house COVID-19 vaccination of those who are yet to take the first dose and those whose second dose is overdue. According to officials, over 12 crore beneficiaries are overdue for their second dose of COVID-19 vaccine after the expiry of the prescribed interval between the two jabs.

"Mandaviya will hold a meeting to review the progress and planning of COVID-19 vaccination in Manipur,

Meghalaya, Nagaland and Puducherry on Monday where the first dose coverage is less than 70 per cent. The aim is to encourage vaccination there," an official source said. According to officials, around 82 per cent of the eligible population in India have received the first dose of anti-Covid vaccine while around 43 per cent have been fully inoculated.

The total number of COVID-19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 116.50 crore. This has been achieved through 1,20,41,157 sessions.

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He added that a fast mode of transportation is not only for public comfort and convenience but also essential for faster economic growth and overall development of a remote region.

Considering these demands of people of North and Middle Andaman region, the Member of Parliament requested the Lt. Governor to start Dornier Aircraft Service for

Diglipur region, as it is being done for Campbell Bay region.

He also requested the Lt. Governor to increase the number of sorties of Dornier Aircraft to Campbell Bay from weekly two to weekly four, as there is only one weekly helicopter sortie scheduled for the remote Island due to repair of third operation helicopter.

Indian Contingent Bag 47 Medals at Uganda Para-Badminton



IANAS: The Indian contingent bagged a rich haul of 47 medals at the Uganda Para-Badminton International event here on Sunday.

This medal tally includes 16 gold, 14 silver, and 17

bronze medals. According to information received here, Palak Kohli, Abu Hubaida, and Ammu Mohan clinched two gold and one silver each. Manasi Joshi won a gold medal in the women's singles SL3 event.

The gold winners are Manoj Sarkar, Sukant Kadam, Hardik Makkar, Abu Hubaida, Dhinakaran, Palak Kohli, Manasi Joshi, Jyoti, Ammu Mohan, Arwaz Ansari, and Deep Ranjan, Chirag Baretha and Raj Kumar, and Mandeep Kaur, Manasi Joshi, and Ruthick, Abu Hubaida, Ammu Mohan, Sivarajan.

Meanwhile, Tokyo Paralympics gold winner Pramod Bhagat finished with a silver medal in the men's singles SL3 event. He also bagged silver in the men's doubles SL3-SL4 event alongside Manoj Sarkar.

Bhagat then clinched his silver with Palak Kohli in the mixed doubles SL3-SU5 event.

Defending Champions Mumbai City FC Begin ISL 2021-22 Campaign Against Rivals FC Goa



PTI: Defending champions Mumbai City FC will open their Indian Super League campaign against FC Goa in a high-voltage clash here on Monday.

The two sides have faced each other 18 times, with Mumbai City FC having won five matches, losing seven and drawing six.

Both teams have developed a bit of rivalry in the last couple of seasons due to their frequent meetings in the knockout stage.

FC Goa, who finished fourth last season, have retained a lot of their core players besides their coach Juan Ferando. They started the pre-season quite early and also won the Durand Cup.

In contrast, Mumbai City appointed a new head coach Des Buckingham in place of Sergio Lobera.

Buckingham, who has

been in India for barely a month, said he would not want to dwell on something which is not in hands, wanting to focus on things he and his players can control.

"We've done as much as we could have done in the time we've had. I think anywhere in the world, you'd like more time with players on and off the field. But, you know, we haven't had that," Buckingham said candidly at the pre-match conference.

"So what we've had to do is make very good use of the time we've had with this group. We've spent a lot of time on the field, but we spent more time off the field really working with this group of players."

Buckingham said his players need to be more focused on themselves, while being aware of the danger their opponents can pose.

"We've watched a lot of

footage not just of FC Goa but of the league. We've probably got about 80% of the time we have spent focusing on us, and how we go about what we want to do, whilst also making sure that we are prepared as best as we can be for what we expect from Goa."

FC Goa head coach Juan Ferando said he would expect Mumbai City FC to adopt a similar playing style as the previous season even though they have a new head coach at their helm.

"I'm thinking they are working more or less in the same style. Now, the team except Hugo Boumous, Adam le Fondre, they are the same squad. There is Apuia to help in the midfield. Yes, there is a bit of change, with the new coach coming in. But, tomorrow, their game will more or less be the same."

Asked how FC Goa's participation in the AFC Champions League last season has helped the Indian players in particular, Ferando said, "It was an amazing experience. Everybody, the captain and the young players know this experience was very important."

"We know at this moment, if we work like a team, our expectations are so high, we can improve."

Shreya Ghoshal Introduces Son Devyaan to the World As He Turns 6 Months Old



Singer Shreya Ghoshal, who was recently blessed with her first child, a baby boy, with her husband Shiladitya, on Monday, shared the first pictures of her little bundle of joy on Instagram. The 37-year-old singer also shared that her baby boy, Devyaan, has turned 6 months old. In the photos, Shreya can be seen holding her baby in her arms as they smile for the camera.

Sharing the pictures on Instagram, Shreya Ghoshal wrote: "Hi, everybody. I am Devyaan and I turned 6 months today. Currently I am busy exploring the world around me, listening to my favourite songs, reading books with all kinds of pictures, laughing out loud at silly jokes and having deep conversations with my mom. She gets me. Thank you all for sending me your love and blessings."

Love-filled comments poured in for the singer on the post. Actress-singer

Sophie Choudry commented, "cutie pie." Singer Harshdeep Kaur, who also welcomed a baby boy earlier this year, wrote, "Devyaan. You're such a Blessed Babu with the most adorable smile. Love you so much." Dancer Shakti Mohan commented, "So cute."

Shreya Ghoshal had welcomed Devyaan on May 22. Sharing the update with her fans, the singer had shared an Instagram post. "God has blessed us with a precious baby boy this afternoon. It's an emotion never felt before. Shiladitya and I along with our families are absolutely overjoyed. Thank you for your countless blessings for our little bundle of joy," she had written in the post.

Shreya had announced her pregnancy in March with an Instagram post that featured her cradling her baby bump.