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No war pact

India has made it clear to Pakistan that a no-war pact between them could be in continuation and recognition of all elements of the Simla Agreement. The two countries could sign a no-war agreement provided Pakistan accepts the seven principles stipulated by India in an aide memoire to Pakistan. One of the important elements suggested by India for a no-war pact is that Pakistan should revert to bilateralism in all issues as provided for in the Simla Pact. Also Pakistan should take all steps to avert an arms race in the subcontinent. Adherence to non-alignment, respect for each other's territorial integrity and settlement of all issues bilaterally were other key points of India's missive. India is awaiting word from Pakistan about the dates of foreign minister Agha Shahi's visit to Delhi.

The Congress (S) President Sharad Pawar has suspended the Kerala Pradesh Congress (S) committee (KPCC-S) chief A K Antony, the party working committee member Vyalar Ravi and their supporters from the primary membership of the party for joining hands with the Congress (I) to form a minister in the state. Pawar also said that he had suspended the entire KPCC (S). The decision on formation of a new KPCC (S) would be taken at the working committee meeting on January 7.

Maruti has been allowed to seek foreign equity participation of up to 40 per cent of its working capital. This is a departure from the government's earlier decision to not allow foreign capital in car manufacture. The government is believed to have told Maruti to go ahead with car manufacture and take up commercial vehicles later. This sets at rest speculation on the product mix for Maruti. The board of directors will meet next week to finalise proposals for a foreign tie-up.

Vishal Jolly suggests..

He mentioned that considering the present overcrowding in queues, the Administration has extended the time limit upto 11th January 2022. Despite the above extension of time, the motorists are still in long queues to avoid any unwanted traffic chaos.

To streamline the existing procedure, Mr Jolly suggested more PUC testing center may be authorized to conduct the PUC testing in each BMC Wards, PUC Centres under Ferrargunj Tehsil, PUC testing of all the vehicles may be bifurcated into 2D phases, all Commercial vehicles (Yellow Board) B Personal/Private vehicle (White Board), all

commercial vehicles may be under PUC test in the first phase. Personal/Private vehicles (White Board) may under PUC test in the second phase and relaxation for all commercial vehicles may be extended upto 31st Jan 2022 and Personal/Private vehicles (White Board) may be extended upto 31st March 2022.

The arrangement will help to streamline the existing network and cope up the need to cater the huge number of vehicles in the city and give relief to the general public and also avoid violation of any COVID-19 protocol including social distancing norm, said Mr Jolly.

ANTCC celebrates..

Singh threw light on the history of Congress party and its achievements towards nation building in the post-independence period. She said that Modi Government has failed to fulfill the election promises made during the electoral campaign of 2014. She further cautioned the people and party men about the challenges before the party by the communal and divisive forces in the country.

Mr NoorIslam said Congress ideology based on secularism and 'unity in diversity' is the only way to keep the country and these islands strong and united. He

Betapur Block Congress..
General Secretary, and Womesh Chander Banerjee of Calcutta was elected president. Shri Amrita Lal

ANTCC leaders..

President, Mr. Rangalal Halder, ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman, Mr TSG Bhasker, Block President, Mr V. Shakti Velu and PUC State General Secretary, Mr Anshab Ahmed. Addressing the players, Mr Halder said that sports is an integral part of youth's life without which the mental and physical growth of a person is impossible. He urged upon the youth to actively participate in sports activities and inculcate the spirit of sportsmanship. Mr Bhasker said sports not only makes youths physically and mentally fit but also

No medical certificate..
it further read.

On December 25, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that from January 10 onwards, fully vaccinated healthcare and frontline workers as well as people above the age of 60 years with comorbidities can register for their 'precaution doses' or booster shots.

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Mistry, Vice President of Harinaraj Unit Congress proposed the vote of thanks.

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helps in keeping them away from drug menace that has become a great threat to the islands today. He expressed confidence that more teams would participate in the future tournaments and Kabaddi will get its due recognition in the Islands. The final match was greatly enjoyed by Kabaddi enthusiasts, youngsters and sports persons. The organizers often thanked all the participating teams and officials for making the tournament a grand success. Mementos, cash prizes and medals were presented to the winner and runner-up teams.

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The booster dose can only be taken nine months after the administration of the second dose, the government statements said. The prioritisation and sequencing of this precaution dose would be based on the completion of 9 months i.e. 39 weeks from the date of administration of second dose, the statements said.

AMID STANDOFF WITH CHINA, INDIA STRENGTHENS BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE

As the military standoff with China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh is nowhere close to its end, India has strengthened the border infrastructure for faster movement of its troops to meet any

unwanted situation.

On Tuesday, three roads and 24 bridges built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), many of them close to the China border, were inaugurated.



School ID cards..

an interview.

RS Sharma is the CEO of the National Authority and chairperson of the empowered committee for CoWIN. He is also the former chief of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), the semi-government body tasked with rolling out the nationally identified project Aadhaar.

CoWIN's move to add school ID cards as an identity document comes days after Prime Minister Modi unveiled significant additions to India's vaccination plan amidst the Omicron variant scare.

PM Modi said that healthcare, frontline workers and senior citizens aged above 60 with comorbidities will be eligible to receive a third

precautionary dose of vaccine from January 10th, 2022. He also said children aged 15-18 will be eligible to receive a jab starting January 3, 2022.

By some estimates, there are three crore healthcare workers, three crore frontline workers, and six crore children who will be eligible in this leg of India's vaccination drive. The gap between the second and the third dose will be at least nine months.

A medical certificate for senior citizens with comorbidities will be required. The new vaccination certificate after the third dose will be generated real time in a QR code, and will be verifiable. This will have details of all three doses of

vaccination and the brands used. We will also be sending out SMSes to healthcare, frontline workers and senior citizens who will be eligible for vaccination. We will have no challenges related to supply of vaccines," Sharma said.

While it is still unclear if the Government would go for mixing of vaccines, wherein it may recommend a different vaccine for the third dose compared to the previous two, CoWIN is prepared to handle this scenario.

"I am not sure about that, whether the third dose will have to be different. But it should be very easy to configure in our system. The policy data file and the APIs are separate. We will be able to

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configure our system accordingly. Our partners have to make similar configurations," Sharma said.

Vaccination has gathered pace in India in recent months, with the country crossing the one billion or 100 crore milestone in October. While 90 percent of India's 900 million adult population have received at least one dose of vaccine, over 60 percent are fully vaccinated, with two doses of vaccine.

Sharma said, while the last 10 percent is always a challenge, he expected the 60 percent to reach 90 percent though he did not specify a timeline. The government originally targeted full vaccination for adults by the end of 2021.

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Cinemas, multiplexes and gyms will be closed again. Schools and colleges will stay shut.

Restaurants and bars will be closed at 10 pm and they will operate at half capacity. The Delhi Metro will function with half capacity.

Salons, barber shops and parlours will be allowed. Spas and wellness clinics will be closed.

Political, religious, festival-related gatherings won't be allowed. Religious places can stay open but visitors won't be allowed.

Public parks will also stay open, but picnics or gatherings won't be allowed.

The restrictions follow Delhi's biggest single-day spike in infections in six months yesterday, with 331 new cases. In two weeks, the share of Omicron cases has gone from 2.3 per cent to 25-30 per cent. The positivity rate - the percentage of samples that return positive - was above 0.5 per cent for two days, which, according to GRAP, is the trigger for a yellow alert.

Delhi Schools, Colleges..

Check complete Order and Restrictions under Yellow Alert here.

The city recorded as many as 331 new cases on Monday, which pushed the positivity rate above the 0.5%. As per GRAP, the city was to call on Yellow Alert on the situation, prompting the shutting down of schools.

"Although COVID-19 cases are rising in Delhi and positivity rate has breached the 0.5 per cent mark but hospitalisations are very low and fatality rate is negligible. Any decision about implementation of 'Yellow' alert restrictions will be taken after further discussions," an officer had noted after Monday.

Taking the call, the government would be releasing the details, which it would decide to shut the schools as a preventive measure. This comes a day after Delhi Government announced winter vacations in Delhi from January 1 to January 15. No online or offline learning activities are allowed in schools during this period.

Private offices in Delhi will operate at 50 per cent, malls and shops will open on odd-even basis and weddings will be allowed with

only up to 20 people as new restrictions under a "yellow alert" take effect in the capital from today amid a surge in Covid cases. Though the restrictions were announced at 3 pm, more than half-way through the work day, the government said they would be in "immediate effect".

Here are the new rules -

There will be a night curfew between 10 pm and 5 am daily.

Private offices will function with 50% staff barring those designated essential services, which includes hospitals, media, banks, insurance companies and telecom services.

Weddings are allowed with up to 20 people and they can take place only at home or in court. The 20-person limit also applies to funerals.

Malls and shops will open on an odd-even basis, between 10 am and 8 pm. Online deliveries can continue.

Standalone shops or markets in residential colonies will not follow the odd-even rule.

Transferred money to wrong account? How to get your money back

The digital platform has made banking easier but it has its own drawbacks. Through net banking, in just three or four steps we can transfer money to our bank accounts, wherever we want. With digital wallets, NEFT/RTGS, UPI, Google Pay, BHIM, and other such services can make bank transactions easy. We can now skip long queues at banks and ATMs as internet banking has made it possible to do transactions at any time, any where.

It has become extremely easy to send and receive money online. This has become extremely convenient, but during this process, we make mistakes. But how do we get our money back if you have made the mistake of sending it to the wrong account?

Nowadays, without additional details like IFSC code, name, branch name, etc., you can even send money online to another bank account. Sometimes, we make a mistake while entering the bank account number. By mistyping the wrong account number, we send money to the wrong beneficiary. But if the mistyped bank account doesn't exist, the money will be sent.

According to RBI, "Responsibility to provide correct inputs in the payment instructions, particularly the beneficiary account number information, rests with the remitter/originator. While the beneficiary's name shall be compulsorily mentioned in the instruction request, and carried as part of the funds transfer message, reliance will be only on the account number for the purpose of affording credit. This is applicable both for transaction requests emanating from branches and those originated through the online / internet delivery channel. The name field in the message format will, however, be a parameter to be used by the destination bank based on risk perception and/or use

for post-credit checking or otherwise."

What this means is that it is the money sender's responsibility to make sure that the correct account number is entered. But mistakes do tend to happen, we are human after all. If you have transferred the amount to the wrong account and the account details are invalid, your money will automatically return to your account.

But what will happen if the account number is valid and the transaction is a success?

"Banks should put suitable disclaimers on the funds transfer screens in the online / internet banking platform and funds transfer request forms advising customers that credit will be effected based solely on the beneficiary account number information and the beneficiary name particulars will not be used thereafter," according to RBI notification quoted above.

The RBI notification further states that, "banks are generally expected to match the name and account number

information of the beneficiary before affording credit to the account."

So, if you accidentally transfer money to the wrong bank account, you can request a reimbursement from your bank by informing them of the RBI guideline from October 2010. However, it depends on the recipient to provide permission for reversal of transaction.

How to get your money back? If the beneficiary details required for making a remittance (such as MMID, mobile number) are wrong, there is a high possibility of the transaction being rejected. If you are remitting money using an account number, do check the account number you are transferring the money to, as the amount will be credited on the basis of account number only, stated the State Bank of India's (SBI) website.

In case of wrong transfer, inform your bank immediately that you have transferred the money to the wrong beneficiary account, call the customer care number. Make a note of the transaction's date and time, as well as your account number and the account to which the funds were mistakenly transferred. You might be asked to visit the branch.

Visit your bank branch, submit a written application for the wrong transfer along with details. Attach the screenshot if necessary.

The bank will act as a facilitator and provide you with details of the bank and

branch of the account where the money has been transferred. If it is in the same bank, you can check with the recipient directly and ask for a reversal.

If it is in a different bank, it is better to visit the branch of the recipient and discuss the same along with written, email communication and screenshots. In such circumstances, the beneficiary's branch may call the incorrect beneficiary and request that the incorrect credit be re-transferred to the remitter.

Can bank transfer money without the permission of the wrong beneficiary? Without the permission of the wrong beneficiary, it is impossible to retrieve the funds. The procedure is complicated, but he or she must admit that a mistake was made on his or her account and that the bank must cancel the transaction and restore the funds to the sender.

It is vital to double-check the beneficiary's account number and IFSC code before making any payment. It can assist in avoiding any type of blunder of sending money to the wrong account.

Online Transaction Safety Tips- Avoid hackers calls or emails, don't engage with unknown person, Keep Net Banking PIN and pass words secret, Change passwords periodically, Don't share bank details over the phone, Do NOT use public computers for online banking, Do not click on links embedded in emails or text messages, Report lost cards immediately

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec 28: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 449 passengers who arrived here yesterday, one positive case has been detected. 12 flights with 2080 passengers arrived on Monday, out of which, 1685 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 395 passengers (it includes 15 international travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 97 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus terminus, test was conducted on 55 passengers and all were found negative. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 58 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. At Halpud, test was conducted on 13 passengers and all were found negative. One Nicobar bound boat passenger was tested positive yesterday. Today, till 3 pm 264 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated out of which 238 were in the age group of 18-44 years.

COVID-19 Vaccination drive going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Dec 28: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,90,285 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of 722 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District on Monday. 614 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 80 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 108 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 10 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.



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Port Blair, dated 21st December, 2021

NOTICE

Applications are invited from suitable candidates for filling-up a post of President in the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission in the U.T. of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on contractual basis.

Eligibility Criteria & Tenure:-

The eligibility criteria and tenure of appointment as per Central Rule 4 of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the President and Members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules 2020 are as under:-

Rule 4 (1) A person shall not be qualified for appointment as President, unless he/she is or has been, or is qualified to be a District Judge.

All other terms and conditions of the appointment shall be governed by the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 as well as the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, term of office, resignation and removal of the Presidents and members of the State Commission and District Commission) Rules, 2020. The contractual appointment shall be on whole time basis for a term of 4 years or up to the age of 65 years whichever is earlier or until the appointment is to be made against the regular sanctioned post.

The normal working hours of the District Commission shall be on all working days of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

Other Important Information:-

1. The applicants are required to submit their applications in the prescribed form as per Annexure-I.
2. The Applicants are required to furnish copies of their 3-5 best judgments/other vital judicial orders passed by them along with their application form.
3. Selection will be made by the Selection Committee prescribed in the Rule 6 of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, terms of office, resignation and removal of the Presidents and Members of the State Commission and District commission) Rules, 2020.
4. Salary/Consolidated remuneration/other allowances will be regulated under the A & N Consumer Protection Rules, 2021 as may be amended from time to time.
5. Every appointment of a President in District Commission shall be subject to submission of a certificate of physical fitness signed by a Civil Surgeon or District Medical Officer or private registered practitioner in the A & N Islands to his/her medical fitness.
6. Before appointment, the selected candidate shall have to furnish an undertaking that he/she does not and will not have any such financial or other interest as is likely to affect prejudicially his/her functions as such President in District Commission.

Declaration of Financial and other interest:-

Under Rule 5 of the Consumer Protection (Qualification for appointment, method of recruitment, procedure of appointment, terms of office, resignation and removal of the Presidents and Members of the State Commission and District commission) Rules, 2020 a person shall be disqualified for appointment as a President in District Commission, if he/she:-

- i. Has been convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for an offence which involves moral turpitude; or
- ii. Has been adjudged as an insolvent; or
- iii. Is of unsound mind and stands so declared by a competent court; or
- iv. Has been removed or dismissed from the service of the State Government or Central Government or a body Corporate owned or controlled by such Government; or
- v. Has, in the opinion of the State Government, such financial or other interest as is likely to prejudicially affect his functions as the President.

Applications complete in all respects with requisite documents attached much reach in the office of the Deputy Director, (CS&CA), A&N Administration, Port Blair-744101 latest by **24th January, 2022** before 5.00 PM.

Deputy Director (CS &CA)

Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs

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Annexure-I
Latest
passport
Size
photograph

Application for the post of President, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

1	Name					
2	Father's Name					
3	Husband's Name (In case of female candidate) Date of birth(DD/MM/YYYY)					
4	Age as on the date of application					
5	Permanent address and Home District					
6	Address for correspondence with Pin Code					
7	Mobile No.					
8	E-mail Present Occupation and Gross annual Income shown in the ITR					
9	Academic Qualification (Matric onwards):					
	Name of Exam	Year of passing	Name of University	Marks obtained	Maximum Marks	Division
10	Date of Enrolment as Advocate and the period of practice at the bar					

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e-Tender Notice

Online e-tender invited for allotment of Mobile Food Van/Truck in various places in Municipal area. The tender documents containing terms and conditions can be downloaded from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>, Tender ID No.2021_PMBC_4768_1 dated 27.12.2021 bidders w.e.f. 27.12.2021 to closing date on 18.01.2022 at 4.00 PM. The tender will be opened on the same day on 18.01.2022 at 4.30 pm in presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives in the chamber of Revenue Officer, Revenue Section, Municipal Council, Port Blair.

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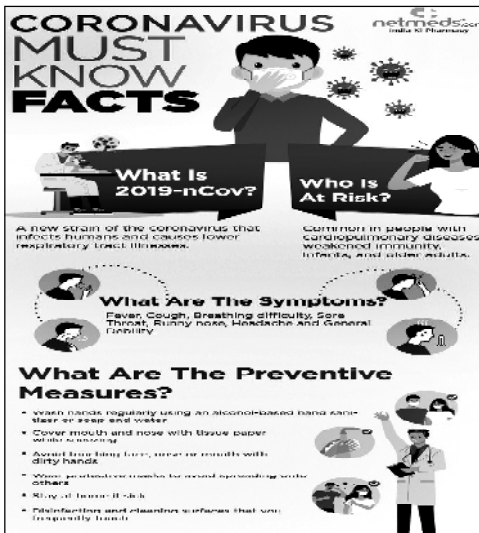
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New Indian Army Recruitment 2021: Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun has issued new vacancies regarding appointment of Cook Special, Cook IT, MT Dvr (Ordinary Grade), Boat Maker, Repairer, LDC, Masashi, Water, Faltugman, MTS (Safaw ala), Groundsmen, GOC Orderly, MTS (Chowkidar), Groom, Barber, Equipment Repairer, Bicycle Repairer, MTS (Messenger), Laboratory Attendant post etc. It invites office application from eligible candidates. There are 188 vacancies will be filled by IMA Dehradun and post wise vacancy details are given below. Candidates who are searching Defence jobs kindly submit the application in the prescribed format within 45 days from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment New s. IMA Dehradun Group C Recruitment 2021 Notification & Indian Military Academy Recruitment application form is available @ www.indianarmy.nic.in. Candidates who are seeking 10th pass jobs/ 12th pass jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. Selection will be based on Written Test & Skill Test and selected candidates will be appointed at Dehradun. More details of www.indianarmy.nic.in recruitment IMA New vacancy, upcoming notices, syllabus, answer key, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming central govt jobs notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website.



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1. In case of serving candidates:-	
i	Date of Joining Service
ii	Present Designation
iii	Scale of pay and basic pay
iv	Date of Superannuation
2. In case of retired candidates:-	
i	Date of Joining Service
ii	Last post held
iii	Last pay Scale

3. Service to which the applicant belong/belonged (with cadre batch and name of cadre Controlling authority), if applicable.

4. Relevant experience:-

Sl. No	Position held	Name and address of organization	Period	Nature of work handled

5. Any other accomplishment(s), the candidate may like to inform: _____
6. Whether any criminal case has been registered against the applicant? If yes, the details thereof. _____
7. Whether the applicant has ever been charge-sheeted for any criminal offence or in any Departmental proceedings? If yes, the details thereof. _____
8. Whether the applicant has been convicted by any competent court for any criminal offence? If yes, the details thereof _____

Date: _____ Signature of applicant _____

- Note:-
- Self-Attested copies of the relevant documents in support of proof of age, academic qualification, experience, income etc. be attached.
 - The serving officers/officials shall send their applications along with requisite documents through proper channel on or by the last date of receipt of Application.
 - Application sent through FAX/E-mail shall not be entertained.

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Centre approves two COVID-19 vaccines- Covovax, Corbevax

Anti-viral drug Molnupiravir allowed for emergency use

New Delhi, 28th Dec, 2021: The Union health ministry on Tuesday has approved two COVID-19 vaccines Covovax, Corbevax and anti-viral drug Molnupiravir. The anti-viral drug Molnupiravir can be used only in an emergency, Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya tweeted this

morning. Corbevax is India's first homegrown "RBD protein sub-unit vaccine", the Health Minister said. It is made by the Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E. "It's a hat-trick! It's now third vaccine developed in India," Mandaviya said. "The Nanoparticle Vaccine, COVOVAX, will be manufactured by Pune-based firm Serum Institute of India", he added. Molnupiravir, an antiviral drug, will now be manufactured in the country by 13 companies for restricted use under emergency situation for treatment of adult patients with COVID-19 and who have high risk of progression of the disease, the health minister said.



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India prepares to take lead in 6G technology

New Delhi, 28th Dec, 2021: India has constituted a Technology Innovation Group (TIG) to prepare manufacturing and services ecosystem to capitalise on Sixth Generation or 6G opportunity in the telecom sector.

A 6G Technology Innovation Group (TIG) is constituted by DoT with the objective to co-create and participate in the development of 6G technology ecosystem through increased participation in capability description, standards development at international standard-setting bodies, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) said on Monday.

"This will be necessary to prepare India's manufacturing and services ecosystem to capitalise on 6G opportunity," it added. 6G TIG comprises members from the government, academia, industry associations and TSDSI (Telecom Standards Development Society of India).

In its 1st meeting on November 25 this year, TIG members presented the future technology needs in different sectors of economy to enhance India's contribution in global value chain.

"Taskforce are formed to make recommendations on aspects viz. Mapping of global 6G activities; India's competencies and potential pre-standardization activities; Mission 6G program; R research views on IMT for 2030 and beyond; with regard to Networks, Devices, Spectrum, multi-disciplinary innovative solutions," DoT said.



10 TIPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DO NOT RISK YOUR LIFE

1. Avoid crowded places and large gatherings.
2. Maintain a minimum distance of 1 meter from others.
3. Avoid touching your face, especially eyes, nose and mouth.
4. Avoid direct contact with people who have fever and coughing.
5. Avoid sharing personal items like cups, glasses, etc.
6. Avoid touching public surfaces like door handles, railings, etc.
7. Avoid touching your face after touching public surfaces.
8. Avoid touching your face after touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
9. Avoid touching your face after touching your face.
10. Avoid touching your face after touching your face.

Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Symptoms

Fever, dry cough, sore throat, loss of taste and smell, difficulty breathing, etc.

Protect yourself from getting COVID-19

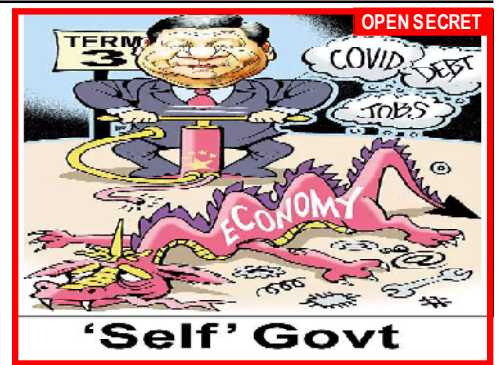
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who have fever and coughing.

What to do if you suspect you have COVID-19

• Stay at home and isolate yourself.

When coughing and sneezing

• Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or elbow.



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Air India handover to Tata Group delayed by a month till Jan: Official

Tata Group's takeover of loss-making national carrier Air India is most likely delayed by a month till January as the completion of procedures taking longer than expected, an official said on Monday.

In October, the government accepted the highest bid made by a Tata Sons company for 100% equity shares of Air India and Air India Express along with its 50% stake in ground-handling company AISATS — the first privatisation in 20 years.

At that time, the government had stated that it wanted to complete the transactions, which included Tatas paying ₹ 2,700 crore in cash, by December end.

As per the conditions in SPA, all formalities of handover would have to be completed within 8 weeks, but this date can be mutually extended by the buyer and seller and is being done in this case.

However, some regulatory approvals are yet to come in for the handover, and certain formalities are yet to be completed, the official, who wished not to be named, told PTI. "The process would be completed by January," he said without giving a specific date.

On October 25, the government had signed the share purchase agreement with Tata Sons for the sale of national carrier Air India for ₹ 18,000 crore.

Tata's would pay ₹ 2,700 crore cash and takeover ₹ 15,300 crore of the airline's debt. The cash component would come once the handover process is completed, another official explained.

Tatas beat the ₹ 15,100-crore offer by a consortium led by SpiceJet promoter Ajay Singh and the reserve price of ₹ 12,906 crore

acquisition of Air India will give it access to a fleet of 117 wide-body and narrow-body aircraft, and Air India Express Ltd another 24 narrow-body aircraft besides control of 4,400 domestic and 1,600 international landing, and parking slots at domestic airports.

Air India started suffering losses every year since its merger with Indian Airlines in 2007-08. A Turnaround Plan (TAP) and a Financial Restructuring Plan (FRP) were approved for Air India by the previous UPA regime in 2007. However, the TAP did not work out, and Air India continued to reel under losses, with the government giving ₹ 20 crore per day to keep the airline afloat.

Over the last decade, more than ₹ 1.10 lakh crore was infused by way of cash support and loan guarantees in the loss-making airline to keep it afloat.

While this will be the first privatisation since 2004, Air India will be the third airline brand in the Tatas' stable - it holds a majority interest in AirAsia India and Vistara, a joint venture with Singapore Airlines Ltd. Tata's

leased planes, while the remaining 99 are owned.

As per the conditions in SPA, all formalities of handover would have to be completed within 8 weeks, but this date can be mutually extended by the buyer and seller and is being done in this case.

However, some regulatory approvals are yet to come in for the handover, and certain formalities are yet to be completed, the official, who wished not to be named, told PTI. "The process would be completed by January," he said without giving a specific date.

On October 25, the government had signed the share purchase agreement with Tata Sons for the sale of national carrier Air India for ₹ 18,000 crore.

Mandatory Gold Hallmarking Rollout Smooth, Further Expansion Underway: Centre

New Delhi, 28th Dec, 2021: The rollout of mandatory hallmarking of gold jewelry in 256 districts has been smooth so far and the process of expanding it to all districts of the country is now underway, according to the Consumer Affairs Ministry.

Hallmarking, a quality certification, has been made mandatory with effect from June 23, 2021

for 14, 18, and 22 carat gold jewelry and artifacts in 256 districts of the country, where there is at least one Assaying and Hallmarking Centre (AHC).

Overall, the rollout of mandatory hallmarking has been smooth, and the process for expanding it to all districts of the country is now underway, the ministry said in its monthly

report prepared for the cabinet.

With facilitative measures taken by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) such as online registration, zero registration fee for jewelers, life-time validity of registration etc, the number of jewelers registered with the BIS have almost quadrupled since the launch of mandatory hallmarking.

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