



Islanders deprecate soaring airfares, demand resumption of chartered flight services

Port Blair, Nov 26: With increase in number of tourist footfalls to these islands and the month of December packed with Christmas festival and New Year celebration and hundreds of students, studying in various colleges and universities in mainland as well as islanders returning home to be with friend and families for the celebration, the exorbitant airfares charged by various airlines are set to spoil their festival this year. According to online travel websites, a return trip between Chennai to Port Blair and Kolkata to Port Blair travel costs at least Rs 20,000 to Rs 24,000 per person. The UT administration is well aware of the prevailing air fares, but has failed to put a cap. The administration should immediately take up the matter with the Civil Aviation Ministry for resumption of chartered flight services, suggested



some islanders. "Introduction of chartered flight between Port Blair, Chennai, Kolkata and Vizat had come as a huge respite for the islanders. But stoppage of the services after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic is causing huge inconvenience to islanders. The tourist season has led to surging air fares in the sectors. Currently the airfares are surging at

here. It cost about Rs 4000 to 5000/- to travel to Dubai or Malaysia. But for Port Blair, the fares have touched almost Rs 20,000/- for a one-way ticket. Promises made by the administration and elected political leaders have fallen flat on all counts. Our children studying in mainland eagerly awaiting for the festive season to come back to Port Blair for vacations have been left dejected. So steep are the airfares that they are unable to avail the flight service this year. We're terribly disappointed as we won't be able to celebrate the festival with our children this year. The UT administration should take decisive steps and take up the issue with the Central Government to provide respite for the islanders from surging airfares as also ensure resumption of the chartered flight services," said some others.

ANTA raised concern over compromise with quality of Education in isles

Association took the issue with Govt. of India with urge for urgent intervention

Port Blair, 26th Nov, 2021: The Andaman and Nicobar Teachers Association has raised the issue of deteriorating quality of Education and illegality in appointment of Principals in Education Department of UT administration with the Government of India. In a letter to the Secretary, School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, GOI the Association has said that 49 Senior Secondary Schools of UT Administration are functional without a Principal and two third of the 40 Secondary Schools are made to run without any Headmaster (S). In absence of full time Principal and Vice Principal, the teaching-learning in schools is badly affected leading to steep degradation in the quality of

Education. Resulting to poor management and quality of Education, islanders prefer to enroll their kids in Private schools. Data reveals that over Twenty thousand students have moved out of Government school. Contrary to this, contractual appointments under Samagra Shiksha are on full pace. The association alleged that the reason for such a deplorable state of affairs in the UT is the outcome of the Education Department's own efforts in shielding irregular appointments of Principal's done in the year 2010. In the year 2010, UT Administration had conducted recruitment for five posts of Principal's through UPSC. The recruitment followed a series of

litigations in CAT and honorable High Court, Calcutta. After long legal debate at different platforms, in MA 003 of 2018, the Honorable High Court, Calcutta termed the appointment given to two of the five candidates as illegal as they did not possess a valid Master's Degree as required for the Post. However, the court did not interfere with the appointment given to them as the department of Education had given them an appointment as a Post Graduate Teacher on the basis of the same invalid Master's degree some twenty years ago. Removing them from the post of Principal would take away their daily bread winning source, the court opined. The association has told the

Secretary, School Education and Literacy, that the Department of Education has been shielding those two Principal's despite a clear verdict of the honorable court. By doing so, the Department has cuffed its own hands from further legal recruitment/promotions to the post of Principals. It has not been able to amend the recruitment rules for the posts of Principal and Vice Principal. ANTA said that as long as these two illegally appointed Principals will continue, the Department of Education will not be able to carry on processes for filling-up the vacant posts of School Principal or Vice Principal. This is so because the teachers with similar

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Thought for today
Why not be instrumental in solving the problems of others instead of being a problem yourself?

Unclaimed Gold Chain found near VKV Lambaline

Port Blair, Nov 26: On 20/11/2021, Mr R. Ritish Kumar and Mr T. Muruga Das came to Police Station Paharganj and deposited a gold colour chain weighing around 10 grams, which was found near Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Lambaline. The chain is safely kept at Police Station Paharganj. The owner of the chain can collect the above mentioned Chain from Police Station Paharganj on production of proper photographs and ownership documents/proof related to chain. They can also contact PS Paharganj on 03192-250525.

LG felicitates winners of National Level Kala Utsav 2020

Port Blair, Nov 26: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency felicitated their young talented students of A&N Islands for securing medals at the National Level Kala Utsav 2020.



Kala Utsav is an initiative of the Ministry of Education (MoE) under Samagra Shiksha, to promote arts in education by nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent of school students at the secondary stage in the Country. As per the NCERT guidelines, in view of the pandemic situation, Kala Utsav competitions 2020 were organised through online mode. In the State level competition, 83 participants from 9 art forms from 9 educational blocks have

participated. Among them, 15 participants have been selected for representing the UT at National level competition. The National Level competition was conducted through online mode from 11th January to 22nd January, 2021 by NCERT New Delhi, in which Ms. Diya Rajbanshi of Govt. Girls Senior Secondary School Port Blair bagged Second Position in the Visual Art 3D category mentored by Smt. Shampa Ray, PGT (Fine Arts) and Ms. Jasmine Topo of Govt. Senior Secondary School Rangat bagged Third Position in Visual Art 2D category mentored by Shri Krishnendu Chakraborty. The program concluded by the pledge on usage of Make in India products by all staff and students.

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Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at DBRAIT

Port Blair, Nov 26: On the occasion of 75th Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology celebrated the occasion with faculties and the students on 26th Nov, 2021 at DBRAIT, Auditorium. The program was held under the theme 'Make in India - Mapping the Indian Products' to aware the young budding engineers of these islands. The program was addressed virtually by eminent scientists as key note speakers from various government research organizations like ISRO, DRDO, MNRE, AYUSH who have presented the various technological developments and future growth under Make in India in their respective sectors. The students also participated and performed, presented various ideas on the above theme. The program concluded by the pledge on usage of Make in India products by all staff and students.

Restart 6 am convoy from Jirkatang, increase number of convoys; demands MP

Port Blair, Nov 26: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to resume 6.00 AM morning convoy and also to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four.



In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today said that the unemployed youths associated with Tourism Industry in Baratang Island are suffering heavy loss because large numbers of Tourists are unable to reach Baratang Island due to the limit of allowing only 90 vehicles in 8.30 AM morning convoy from Jirkatang.

He added that at least 20 to 30 tourist vehicles are not getting permission on daily basis to travel to Baratang from Jirkatang, which is not only causing loss to Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang but also leaving a bad impression about

Andaman, on the visiting Tourists. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma pointed out that most of the Tour Operators of Port Blair and Boat Operators of Baratang are unemployed youths, who have taken loan from Banks to run Tourism Activities in Andamans but due to the pandemic and lockdowns they have already suffered a huge loss in recent past and now when things have become normal, they are unable to reap the benefits, because of these restrictions. He mentioned that there are three convoys from Middle Strait for Jirkatang at 6.30 AM, 11.30 AM and 2.30 PM but there are only two convoys from Jirkatang to Middle Strait, even when there is more

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DLSA celebrates Constitution Day at ADR Centre



Port Blair, Nov 26: As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), A & N Islands, observed Constitution Day at the ADR

Centre, "PRAYAS", Port Blair on Friday. Shri. Subhash Kumar Kar, Lt. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands administered the pledge to the

Judicial Officers, Ld. Lawyers and Staff of District & Sessions Court, Port Blair by reciting the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. Later, the Lt. District & Sessions Judge

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A Group of 17 Indian Defence Accounts Service (IDAS) Probationary Officers, as part of their Tri-Services Command attachment to the Andaman & Nicobar Command, called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency at Raj Niwas on 26.11.2021.

NGO With You observes International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women



Port Blair, Nov 26: An awareness program was organized by WITH YOU NGO on the occasion of International Day for elimination of violence against women on 25.11.2021 at Community hall, Shorepoint. Smt. Girija, DEO Wimberlygunj was the

chief guest and she spoke about the various aspects of women safety. She reiterated that another future without violence against women is possible with education, essential services across policing, justice, health, and social sectors, and sufficient financing dedicated to

women's rights. During the inaugural speech, Miss V. K Mariyam bibi, President WITH YOU said that this day is used to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence;

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COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Nov 26: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,44,077 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the

target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,75,290 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 1676 people were

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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with senior officers of A&N Raj Niwas today (Nov. 26) joined Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of India in reiterating of the Preamble to commemorate the adoption of Constitution of India.

KVK, CIARI celebrates Constitution Day and Technology Demonstration

Port Blair, Nov 26: The ICAR-KVK, CIARI invited 35 numbers of school going students of Don Bosco School, Lalpahar on Friday to its Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sippighat to commemorate the adoption of Constitution by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949. In the event Dr. L.B.



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EDITORIAL

The Andaman EXPRESS

27 November 2021

Attention-deficient times?

How would we listen to The Dark Side of the Moon or Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band had these albums been released today? Much like how video was believed to have killed the radio star when the MTV era began in 1980s, the age of music streaming is said to have killed off the very idea of the album that takes the listener on a thematic, sonic or narrative journey. If this sounds too esoteric an issue to be bothered about, consider a recent Twitter exchange on the subject of the shuffle feature and what it says about our attention-deficient times.

British singer-songwriter Adele, who recently released her fourth studio album 30, responded to news about Spotify removing the shuffle button as the default option on albums, by thanking the music streaming giant for "listening". She tweeted: "We don't create albums with so much care and thought into our track listing for no reason. Our art tells a story and our stories should be listened to as we intended." Whether or not Spotify made this move at Adele's explicit request — the company responded to her tweet with, "only for you" — is besides the point. What this exchange highlights is that, despite having every kind of music, from all over the world, at our literal fingertips, we've forgotten how to really listen to — and engage with — music. What we do instead is skip from song to song, seeking the dopamine hit that comes with every fresh track. The fact that Spotify counts 30 seconds of playtime of every song as a single stream is itself a damning indicator of our flighty listening habits.

Requiem for the music album — one of the 20th century's greatest art concepts — had begun to be written back in the early aughts when the iPod, with a shuffle feature that prioritised singles over albums, upended the industry. With Adele's pushback and Spotify's acquiescence, here's hoping that those requiems would not need to be played anytime soon.

ANTA raised concern..

degrees are leading the seniority list for promotion to the posts. Petition says that the Department of Education has been protecting those two principals at the cost of the future of children of schools.

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The association has urged the authority for immediate intervention into the matter to safeguard the future of students enrolled in Government schools of islands and uphold the quality of education.

LG felicitates..

GTT (Fine Arts). The Lt Governor congratulated and blessed the students for their unparalleled achievements and bringing laurels to the UT. A cash prize of Rs. 20,000/- along with medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to Ms. Diya Rajbanshi and a cash

prize of Rs. 15,000/- along with medal, certificate and trophy was awarded to the father of Ms. Jasmine Toppo by the Lt. Governor. Commissioner -cum- Secretary (Education), Secretary to Lt. Governor, Director (Education), Mentors and parents were also present during the function.

KVK, CIARI celebrates..

Singh, Dr. R. Jaya Kumaravaran, Dr. D. Karunakaran, Dr. B. K. Nanda, Dr. N. Bommayasamy, Dr. Pooja Kapoor spoke on the genesis of Constitution Day, importance of Constitution in shaping the overall development of the country and also spoke on the role of CIARI/KVK in agricultural technology development in the Islands. Later, Technologies

on vermicompost production, small farm implements, value addition in millets, Oyster mushroom production, pot mixture preparation and nursery management are demonstrated by the Experts of ICAR-KVK, Port Blair. Program is conducted under the guidance of Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

COVID-19 Vaccination..

vaccinated in these islands on Thursday. 1249 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 62 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 378

beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 13 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 48 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

NGO With You..

furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden. She appealed the women to raise their voice against any discrimination, violence and requested other women in the society to support them. Shri Rajendra Pal, BDO, Ferrargunj also addressed the gathering and talked about the need for more

women empowerment. During the program, Smti Reva, Vice President NGO, Smti Bindhu, (social worker) Shri Tanzir, panchayat secretary Shorepoint and shri venkat, health educator, CHC Bamboofat also addressed the gathering. Later at the end of the program, E-SHRAM card for women working in private sectors were also distributed.

DLSA celebrates ..

-cum- Chairman, District Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands threw light on the significance of celebrating the Constitution Day.

On the occasion, Shri. Raja Chatterjee, Ld. Additional District & Sessions Judge, Port Blair, Shri. Prasanta Kumar Sil, Ld. Judge, Family Court, Shri. Ayan Majumdar, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Port Blair -cum- Secretary, DLSA, A&N Islands and Shri. V.D. Siva Balan, Ld. Advocate also spoke on the importance of the Constitution Day. Shri. Bijoyesh Ghoshal, Ld. Registrar, Circuit Bench of

Calcutta High Court at Port Blair, Shri. Raja Chatterjee, Ld. Additional District and Sessions Judge, Port Blair, Shri. Prasanta Kumar Sil, Ld. Judge, Family Court, Port Blair, Shri. Ayan Majumdar, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Port Blair -cum- Secretary, DLSA, A&N Islands, Shri. Md. Nurjaman Khan, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 1st Court, Port Blair, Shri. Debabrata Biswas, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 2nd Court, Port Blair, Ld. Members of the A&N Bar Association and staff of District & Sessions Court, A & N Islands, Port Blair were present on the occasion.

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NEW SOUTH AFRICAN COVID VARIANT IS WORST SEEN': WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT B.1.1.529

The announcement by officials in South Africa on Thursday about the discovery of a new COVID variant has caused concern across the world.

UK Health Secretary Sajid Javid announced on Thursday flights from six countries in Africa would be temporarily suspended from Friday noon.

These countries are South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Eswatini (previously Swaziland), Zimbabwe

and Botswana. The Indian government on Thursday asked all states and Union territories to conduct rigorous screening and testing of all international travellers coming from or transiting through South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana.

Sky News reported on Thursday that 57 cases of the new variant, called B.1.1.529, have been identified in South Africa (53 cases), Hong Kong (1 case) and Botswana (3). The single case in Hong Kong was a person who

had travelled from South Africa.

The WHO is expected to hold an emergency meeting to discuss the variant on Friday. The WHO could label B.1.1.529 as a "variant of concern or variant of interest". It could be named 'Nu', the next available letter in the Greek naming system for COVID variants, if it is flagged by WHO.

B.1.1.529 was discovered following a worrying rise in COVID cases in South Africa. "They increased to more than 1,200 per day on Wednesday and 2,465 on Thursday, having previously been just over 200 per day," Sky News reported.

Australia's ABC News reported, "Data collected by laboratories across the country point to the variant being mostly present in the densely populated province of Gauteng, which contains South Africa's largest city, Johannesburg, and administrative capital Pretoria. But the variant has also been found in other provinces."

What we know B.1.1.529 has been considered worrying as it has mutations in the spike protein. "The variant stood out because it contains more than 30 changes to the spike protein—the

SARS-CoV-2 protein that recognizes host cells and is the main target of the body's immune responses. Many of the changes have been found in variants such as Delta and Alpha and are linked to heightened infectivity and the ability to evade infection-blocking antibodies." An article in Nature said on Thursday.

The Guardian reported senior scientists said B.1.1.529 was "the worst variant they had seen since the start of the pandemic".

The Guardian reported, "It has 32 mutations in the spike protein, the part of the virus that most vaccines use to prime the immune system against COVID. That is about double the number associated with the Delta variant. Mutations in the spike protein can affect the virus's ability to infect cells and spread, but also make it harder for immune cells to attack the pathogen."

Dr Tom Peacock, a virologist at Imperial College, London, was quoted by Sky News as describing the mutations as "really awful".

Sajid Javed told reporters the number of mutations means B.1.1.529 "may well be more transmissible and the current vaccines that we have may

well be less effective".

Penny Moore, a virologist at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, told Nature that "There are even hints from computer modelling that B.1.1.529 could dodge immunity conferred by another component of the immune system called T cells." T cells produce antibodies against viral infections in the body.

Aris Katzourakis, an expert on viruses at Oxford, told Nature, "A burning question is does it reduce vaccine effectiveness, because it has so many changes." Katzourakis warned that countries with a high prevalence of the Delta variant must watch for signs of B.1.1.529.

The team led by Moore is planning to test the ability of B.1.1.529 to evade antibodies and other immune responses.

Vaccination solution? Only about 41 per cent of adults in South Africa have been vaccinated, with the daily inoculation rate of 130,000 well short of the government's goal of 300,000 jabs.

Experts told Independent that there was a need to rush vaccine supplies to the southern African region as an emergency measure, given rise of B.1.1.529.

SOLOMON ISLANDS VIOLENCE RECEDES BUT NOT UNDERLYING TENSION

Violence receded Friday in the capital of the Solomon Islands, but the government showed no signs of addressing the underlying grievances that sparked two days of riots, including concerns about the country's increasing links with China.

Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare sought to deflect attention from domestic issues by blaming outside interference for stirring up the protesters, with a thinly veiled reference to Taiwan and the United States.

"External pressures were a very big ... influence. I don't want to name names. We'll leave it there," Sogavare said.

Honiara's Chinatown and its downtown precinct were focuses of rioters, looters and protesters who demanded the resignation of Sogavare, who has intermittently been prime minister since 2000.

Sogavare has been widely criticised by leaders of the country's most populous island of Malaita for a 2019 decision to drop diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favour of mainland China. His government, meanwhile, has been upset over millions in U.S. aid promised directly to Malaita, rather than through the central government.

Those issues are just the latest in decades of rivalry between Malaita and Guadalcanal, where the capital, Honiara, is located, said Jonathan Pryke, director of the Sydney-based Lowy Institute think tank's Pacific Islands program.

"Most of the drivers of the tension have been in the country for many decades and generations, and a lot of it is born out of the abject poverty of the country, the limited economic development opportunities and the inter-ethnic and inter-island rivalry between the two most populous islands," he said.

So everyone's pointing fingers, but some fingers also need to be pointed at the political leaders of the Solomon Islands.

The Solomon Islands, with a population of about 700,000, are located about 1,500 kilometers (1,000 miles) northeast of Australia. Internationally they are probably still best known for the bloody fighting that took place there during World War II between the United States and Japan.

Riots and looting erupted Wednesday out of a peaceful protest in Honiara, primarily of people from Malaita demonstrating over a number of grievances. Police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at the demonstrators, who set fire to the National Parliament, a police station and many other buildings.

Protesters defied a lockdown declared by Sogavare on Wednesday to take to the streets again on Thursday.

Critics also blamed the unrest on complaints of a lack of government services and accountability, corruption and Chinese businesses giving jobs to foreigners instead of locals.

Since the 2019 shift in allegiance from Taiwan to China there has been an expectation of massive infrastructure investment from



Beijing locally rumoured to be in the range of USD 500 million but with the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic shortly after the shift, none of that has yet materialised.

Malaita threatened to hold a referendum on independence over the issue, but that was quashed by Sogavare's government.

Sogavare said Friday that he stood by his government's decision to embrace Beijing, which he described as the only issue in the violence, which was unfortunately influenced and encouraged by other powers.

I'm not going to bow down to anyone. We are intact, the government's intact and we're going to defend democracy," he said.

More than broad geopolitical concerns, however, Pryke said the demonstrations really boiled down to frustration over the lack of opportunities for a largely young population, and the concentration of much of the country's wealth in the capital.

I guarantee you the vast majority of the people involved in the rioting and looting couldn't point China or Taiwan out on a map, he said.

They were there as opportunists because they have had very limited economic opportunity. It's a very poor country with high youth unemployment, and this just shows how quickly these things can spiral out of control in a country that's volatile.

A plane carrying Australian police and diplomats arrived late Thursday in Honiara to help local police restore order.

Up to 50 more Australian police as well as 43 defense force personnel with a navy patrol boat were scheduled to arrive on Friday.

They were requested by Sogavare under a bilateral treaty with Australia, and the presence of an independent force, though small, seemed to help quell some of the violence.

Australia has a history of assisting the Solomon Islands, stepping in after years of bloody ethnic violence known as the tensions in 2003. The Australian-led international police and military force called the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands helped restore the peace and left in 2017.

The Australian personnel are expected to be on hand for a matter of weeks," according Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne.

Payne told reporters on Friday that she had no indication that other countries had stirred up the unrest.

We have not indicated that at all, Payne said.

Australia is not assisting in the protection of the National Parliament and the executive buildings, in a sign that it was not taking political sides.

We've been very clear. Our view is we don't want to see violence," Payne said. We would very much hope for a return to stability."

Local journalist Gina Kekea said the foreign policy switch to Beijing with little public consultation was one of a mix of issues that led to the protests. There were also complaints that foreign companies were not providing local jobs. Chinese businesses and (other) Asian businesses ... seem to have most of the work, especially when it comes to extracting resources, which people feel strongly about, Kekea said.

It's been two days, two whole days of looting and protesting and rioting and Honiara is just a small city, Kekea said. The capital has 85,000 residents.

So I think that there's nothing much left for them to loot and spoil now, she said.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison questioned whether Chinese citizens and businesses were being targeted. He described the unrest as a bit of a mixed story and noted Chinatown was the scene of rioting before Australia's 2003 intervention.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian on Friday condemned the violence and stressed Beijing's support for the Solomon Islands government. He said China was taking measures to safeguard the safety and rights of Chinese people and institutions in the country.

We believe that under the leadership of Prime Minister Sogavare, the Solomon government can restore order and stabilize the internal situation as soon as possible, he said. The establishment of diplomatic ties with Beijing has won sincere support of the people," and "any attempts to undermine the normal development of China-Solomon relations are futile, Zhao said.

Restart 6 am convoy..

pressure of passengers and tourists from Jirkatang side. Mr. Sharma added that together with tourists, residents of the North Andaman region are also going through a difficult time due to the availability of only two convoys from Jirkatang to the Middle Strait that too late in the morning.

He said that for Islanders, especially those who are traveling to Diglipur and other parts of North Andaman, the early morning convoy at 6.00 AM is the best option as in that case, they can reach their destination before

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evening. Presently in 8.30 AM convoy, often because of vehicle breakdowns, adverse weather conditions, or delay in vehicle ferry movements, the ATR passengers reach Diglipur by late night, which is both risky and troublesome. The Member of Parliament pointed out that when normalcy has returned in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the number of flights has increased there is also a need to increase the number of Convoy from Jirkatang to Middle Strait to four, as it was before the lockdowns.

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Constitution Day celebrated at IGNOU Regional Centre

Port Blair, Nov 26: IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair celebrated Constitution Day on Friday in its premises. Floral tributes are paid to the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Chairman of the Constitution Drafting Committee. Senior Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre-Port Blair Dr. S. Raja Rao conveyed the greetings to all the staff and addressed the RC Staff. In his address, Dr. Raja Rao recollected the contribution of Dr. Ambedkar and the time taken for preparing the world's longest and




most exhaustive written Constitution and explained the salient features of the Constitution. Dr. Raja Rao administered the Preamble of the

Constitution to the Members of the Staff and Students. He urged them for upholding of the values enshrined in the Constitution. Dr. Nurul

Hasan, Assistant Regional Director and all the staff have participated in the Constitution Day programme at Port Blair.

Swachh Ambassador visits GMS Aberdeen

Port Blair, Nov 26: Shri Naresh Chander Lal, Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, Andaman & Nicobar islands visited the Govt. Middle School, Aberdeen (Hindi Medium) on Friday. Shri Sudeep Singh Sanitary Inspector of the area also accompanied Shri Lal. Due to the pandemic, the school was closed for long time and grasses and bushes had grown up in few areas of the school premises which will be cleaned as early as possible as assured by the Sanitary Inspector of the area to the Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan.



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 [See Proviso to Rule 9 (1) and Rule 6 (2)]

In Connection with recovery of **Rs. 92,16,631.00/-** (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred And Thirty One Only) as on 16.11.2021 + further interest thereon + other expenses and cost as per demand notice dated 04.06.2020 and possession notice dated 09.09.2021 due to the secured from **Shri M. Senthil Nathan & M/s Manika Vinayagar Hotel Pvt Ltd.,**

Directors : 1) Shri Manickam Senthil nathan
2) Shri Nagu Kanaga Raj

Residing at behind SBI Prothrapur branch, Prothrapur, Port Blair -744105, South Andaman. The **Reserve price will be Rs.1,53,40,000.00/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs And Forty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.15,34,000.00/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Only) respectively.

(Description of the Immovable Property with known encumbrances, if any)

(a) Land of Shri M.Senthil Nathan, S/o Shri V. Manickam, Prop: M/s Amritham Hollow Block, Kamaraj Nagar, Prothrapur Survey No. 227/1/9 area measuring 200.00 sq.mtrs. situated at Prothrapur village under Port Blair Tehsil of South Andaman District, PS: Pahargaon, PO: Prothrapur, Pin -744105.

Bid incremental amount : Rs. 50,000.00/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only)
Date of Inspection of Properties : 22.12.2021(Wednesday)

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 respective 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 Authorised Officer, 98, Maulana Azad Road, Port Blair - 744101 along with the EMD & copy of KYC documents including photo, PAN card & address proof to the Authorised Officer before **04:00 PM on 22.12.2021**.
- 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 Authorised 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 : 26th November, 2021
Place: Port Blair

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

his may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6) / Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrowers and guarantors of the said loan about holding of auction on the above mentioned date.

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IMA Dehradun Recruitment 2021 (New), Apply 188 Group C Vacancies @ www.indianarmy.nic.in

IMA Dehradun Recruitment 2021 | MTS, LDC & Other Posts | Total Vacancies 188 | Last Date Within 45 days | Download Indian Army Recruitment Notification @ www.indianarmy.nic.in

IMA Dehradun Recruitment 2021: Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun has issued new notice regarding appointment of Cook Special, Cook IT, MT Driver (Ordinary Grade), Boot Maker/ Repairer, LDC, Masalchi, Waiter, Fatiguer, MTS (Safaiwala), Groundsman, GC Orderly, MTS (Chowkidar), Groom, Barber, Equipment Repairer, Bicycle Repairer, MTS (Messenger), Laboratory Attendant posts. It invites offline 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 News. 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.

Southern Railway Recruitment 2021, Apply for Sports Quota Vacancies @ sr.indianrailways.gov.in

Southern Railway Recruitment 2021 | Sports Quota | 21 Vacancies | Last Dates: 30.11.2021 | Southern Railway Job Notification @ sr.indianrailways.gov.in

Southern Railway Recruitment 2021: Southern Railway has initiated the hiring process by releasing the notification for recruitment against Sports Quota for the year 2021-22. They are announced 21 vacancies the posts from Level 2 to Level 5 in 7th CPC Pay Matrix. Applicants who are searching for Central Govt jobs may apply for this Southern Railway vacancy. Eligible & willing candidates are advised to download the application & fill the form with correct details. Capable persons need to submit the Southern Railway application form on or before 30.11.2021, 17.00 Hrs.

Class 12th job seekers can apply for this Southern Railway Sports Quota recruitment 2021. Applicants should submit the filled form along with essential documents to apply for this Railway jobs. Southern Railway recruitment 2021 notification & application form are published at www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in/ www.rcmas.in. Selection process consists of trial & interview. Candidates need to pay a fee through prescribed mode on or before the last date. More details about this Southern Railway recruitment 2021, selection list, merit list, results will be uploaded at official website.

Eligibility Criteria for Southern Railway Sports Quota Vacancy 2021
 Educational Qualification : Candidates should have passed Class 12th/ Graduate degree from recognized board/ university.
 Check advertisement for more details.
 Age Limit (As on 01.01.2022)
 Age limit should be 18 years to 25 years.
 Refer notification for age relaxation.
 To get more details about Southern Railway, visit www.sr.indianrailways.gov.in. Here we have provided the educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode & steps to apply. Keep checking at www.dailyrecruitment.in for latest & upcoming notices.

Vodafone Idea demonstrates 4.1 gbps speeds with 5G trial

Telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) on Friday demonstrated around 4 gigabits per second speed during the ongoing 5G trials.

It is the highest speed showcased in the country by a telecom operator till date that has been delivered on a device for use by end customers.

The speed was achieved in the 26 gigahertz spectrum band, or the millimeter band, which is proposed to be put for sale in the future auction.

"We have been able to achieve up to 4.2 Gbps speed in millimetre band during the trial," VIL chief technology officer Jagbir Singh said here.

He said the company has connected 30-35 mobile towers with optical fibre networks and work is on to ramp up other elements of the network infrastructure to support 5G.

The download speed during the live demonstration fluctuated in the range of 3.8-4.1 Gbps.

Telecom gear maker Nokia India has earlier claimed to have recorded top speed of 9.85 gigabit per second on VIL network in back-end data transmission, which means connecting mobile base stations network, during 5G trials in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

VIL has been running 5G trials in Gandhinagar with Nokia and in Pune with Ericsson.

Singh said the government has extended 5G trials by six months, and it will go on till May 2022 or till spectrum auction results, whichever is earlier.

Chief regulatory and corporate officer P Balaji said the trial has been extended till May but the government has not shared any timeline for spectrum auction yet.

VIL demonstrated 5G use cases for remote medical diagnostics, cloud gaming, public safety, emergency services using drones etc.


"I am confident that 5G will provide the fillip that will see the Indian industry innovate and digitize rapidly, thereby creating significant economic value for the country."

"While previous generations of mobile technology were centered around consumer and personal communications, 5G will serve consumers and enterprises and will enable India to unlock the potential of Industry 4.0 for India," Ericsson vice president Amarjeet Singh said.

India to resume scheduled international flights from December 15

Scheduled international flights to and from India will be resumed from December 15, the civil aviation ministry said on Friday. Scheduled international flights have been suspended in India since March 23 last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, special international passenger flights have been operating since July last year under air bubble arrangements formed with approximately 28 countries. In an order, the civil aviation ministry stated: "The matter of resumption of scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India has been examined in consultation with the ministry of home affairs, the ministry of external affairs and the ministry of health and family welfare and it has been decided that scheduled commercial international passenger services to and from India may be resumed from December 15, 2021."

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Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan at Beodnabad Panchayat

Port Blair, Nov 26: The District Child Protection Unit of South Andaman under the District Administration organised an Awareness Campaign on Divyangjan at Beodnabad Panchayat commemorating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The purpose of the campaign was to raise awareness of different types of disabilities and how they impact lives of Divyangjan. Mr Jeo Paul, Assistant Professor, Clinical Psychology and In Charge of Composite Regional Centre, Brookshabad was the Resource Person for the programme. In his address, he explained in brief about the 21 different types of disabilities under RPWD Act. The gathering was sensitized on the functions of



Composite Regional Centre rendering services of Rehabilitation, Skill development and Empowerment through various means. All the participants were

encouraged to disseminate the information to the general public so that the needy people may access the Services of CRC, Brookshabad. The District

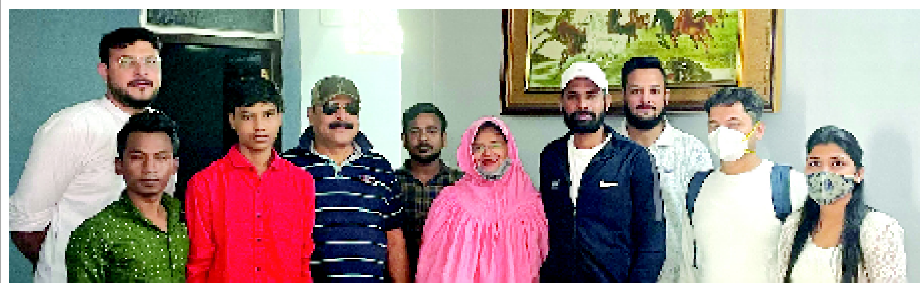
Administration ensures to conduct such awareness on Divyangjan so as to educate the society to treat them equally without any discrimination, said a release.

Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi extends help to stranded air passengers

Port Blair, Nov 26: Due to heavy rain many flights got canceled on Thursday and several passengers, particularly tourists, who were travelling back to mainland were left stranded at Veer Savarkar International Airport. The tourists were left out to find a shelter for the night as flights were

rescheduled for the next day. Some were able to afford and few were left without any roof for the night. The CISF via Mr Mayur Manchal approached Shri Mandeep Grewal, President, Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi to seek some help. Responding to the call immediately, Shri Grewal

committed to provide rooms for 35 passengers. The cost for the stay was borne by PB GKR. Shri Grewal added "We would always be on our toes to help any stranded passengers, as they have come to visit our emerald islands and they must take only good memories of our islands."



Constitution Day Celebrated at Andaman Law College

Port Blair, Nov 26: Andaman Law College celebrated Constitution Day in a grand manner in the presence of Shri Ram Niwas Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Law & Jail), A&N Administration and Vice-Chairman, ANILS graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and Shri Pateek Raj Yadav, DANICS, Director (Social Welfare), A&N Administration as the Guest of Honour. While delivering the welcome address Dr. C. Sathish, Principal (i/c), Andaman Law College said the Constitution bestows greater amount of power to the people of this nation. He said the soul of the constitution lies in the

preamble while the part of the constitution lies in the Fundamental Rights, Fundamental Duties and Directive Principles of State Policies. The Chief Guest in his Constitution Day address emphasized that the Constitution of India serves as a beacon of hope for the citizens and it is a guiding light for all. He also called upon the students to take up the noble mission of protecting, preserving and defending the Constitution of India in its true letter and spirit. The Chief Guest also administered the Constitution day pledge by the reading the preamble and the fundamental duties of the

Constitution of India. The Guest of Honour in his key note address highlighted that the citizens should draw inspiration from the Indian Constitution which has evolved and progressed for the better with time. The Guests also distributed prizes to the winners of Intra-College Quiz and Drawing competition held on the eve of Constitution Day. Cultural programmes including patriotic song, dance and an educational skit was performed by Andaman Law College students on the occasion. Shri Rizwanullah, Deputy Secretary (Law & Jail) and Dr. Jayakumar, Principal, ANCOL were also present at the occasion. The



programme was hosted by Ms. Divya Sharma, Assistant Professor, Andaman Law College and Mr. Prashant Bhadu, Assistant Professor, Andaman Law College delivered the formal vote of thanks.

Power interruption

Port Blair, Nov 26: Power supply will remain suspended on Nov 27 from 7 am to 2 pm in connection with replacement of damaged Aerial Bunched Cable and other urgent maintenance work. The areas to be affected are Agency House, Garacharma complete, 5 MW Solar Power Plant area, Bhatu Basti complete, Laxmi Motor Area, Pathegudda, Satellite Colony and New Pahargaan. The schedule mentioned is tentative and if the work completes earlier the line will be charged accordingly.

Centre cautions states, UTs against new COVID variant detected in South Africa, two other countries

The Centre has cautioned states and union territories against the new variant of COVID-19 detected in South Africa and two other countries. A new variant of COVID-19 has been detected in Botswana, South Africa and Hong Kong that is the most mutated version of the virus yet, according to experts. Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has written to additional chief secretaries or principal secretaries or secretaries (Health) of all states and UTs, stating "multiple cases" of a COVID-19 variant B.1.1529 have been reported in the three countries. He asked all states and Union territories to conduct rigorous screening and testing of all international travellers coming from or transiting through South Africa, Hong Kong and Botswana.

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