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## Govt. proposes amendment to RBD Act 1969

Port Blair, Oct 31: The Union Government has proposed amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (RBD), 1969 to enable it to "maintain the database of registered birth and deaths at the national level". The move is aimed to simplify the provisions of various sections of the existing RBD Act, 1969 and to make it people friendly, a statement by the Ministry of Home Affairs said. Existing sections of the Act and amendments proposed by the Office of the Registrar General, India (ORGI) have been indicated in the draft respectively. Suggestions/comments on the proposed amendments or otherwise, can be provided, in the third column along with justification in the last column to the Ministry within 30 days.

## Casual workers engaged in Electricity Divisions rue apathy

**5 months of engagement; no wages, formal appointment orders**

Port Blair, Oct 31: For around 500 casual workers on daily wages of the power agency of these islands, this festive season has been ruined. Having worked for over five months solely on trust and without any official appointments, the workers are now forced to run pillar to post begging for release of their legitimate right of wages having toiled for the agency that mandated tasks of diverse nature.

As per reports, more than 500 casual workers on daily wages were engaged by the Electricity Department in May 23rd this year. In around 54 divisions of the agency, the workers have been rendering their services either for field works or office. While engaging the casual workers, the heads of the divisions had verbally assured them of appointments and wages as per prescribed norms. But over five months have passed since these casual workers on daily wages, dependent wholly on the duties performed by them for a government agency, have been deprived of their basic right of wages.

"We've been working for the Electricity Department for years. Every time we are engaged and assured of payments and deployed for various works across sites located in different parts of these islands. Being on work on casual basis, we trusted the in-charges of the divisions and were paid accordingly for the past many years. The situation has arisen this time. It's now more than five months that we have been biling. But neither appointment orders have been issued, nor pay ments have been released. Despite repeated pleas, no measures have been taken to address the issue," bemoaned a casual worker employed by the Electricity Department in a division of South Andaman.

"Most of us have been facing countless hardships for the past many years working in casual basis. But having trust on officials of the Electricity Department divisions, we have been carrying out our duties diligently. Something like this has never happened before. It is now becoming very difficult for us to pull on and manage our household expenditures without See... Page 02

## MP demands larger ferry vessels on lease for Bambooflat & Chatham sector



Port Blair, Oct 31: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to induct atleast two bigger vehicle ferry vessels on lease for Bambooflat and Chatham sector. The Member of Parliament has also requested the Chief Secretary to order immediate repair of all the vehicle ferry vessels which are out of service so that the existing shortage can be addressed and the general public gets some relief. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament has pointed out that the people of the South Andaman region are facing tremendous hardship in travelling between Bambooflat and Port Blair, due to shortage of vehicle ferry vessels, regular breakdowns of existing vehicle ferry vessels, heavy rush and limited capacity of these vehicle ferry vessels. He said that every day thousands of people of Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town n, Stew artgunj, Shore Point, Panigath, Marnaghat, Wight Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas face a lot of hardships to reach Port Blair and return back to their place via these age-old vehicle ferry vessels.

Considering problems being faced by thousands of people of South Andaman region, especially Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town n, Stew artgunj, Shore Point, Panigath, Marnaghat, Wight Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas, the Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to induct atleast two bigger vehicle ferry vessels on lease for Bambooflat and Chatham sectors.

He mentioned that bigger vehicle ferry vessels with the capacity to carry vehicles, double or triple in number than the existing capacity, will not only be economical in fuel consumption but also save the time of the general public and reduce waiting time considerably. Once bigger vehicle ferries are inducted existing vehicle ferries can be diverted for Dandus Point and other sectors.

## ANTCC pays rich tributes to Late PM Indira Gandhi on her 37th Martyrdom Day

Port Blair, Oct 31: In line with the All India Congress Committee in honoring Late Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi, the Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee paid rich tributes to the Late leader on her 37th Martyrdom day on 31st October 2021. In a ceremony held at Gandhi Bhawan, senior leaders and functionaries of the District Congress Committee, City Congress, Youth Congress and Mahila Congress and other frontal organizations took part in the programme. The occasion was also used to pay tributes to Late leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 146th Birth anniversary, a communication from the Gandhi Bhawan said.

## DNA mourns demise of AP Mohammad

Port Blair, Oct 31: A condolence meet was organized in the premises of The Andaman Express office here on Sunday to pay tributes to Shri AP Mohammad, resident of Stew artgunj village. A stalwart who guided youth for decades as a senior leader of the Congress Party and a prominent representative of the fourth estate as Editor of Sahulki Aur, Mr. Mohammad passed away on Sunday. He 83 and was suffering from prolonged illness. Shri K. Ganeshan, Chief Editor of The Andaman Express along with Mr. Vijay Rao Eco Of India and Mr. Sanjib Kumar Roy Andaman Sheekha paid tributes to Shri AP Mohammad and remembered his contribution to the society and prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul.

## Block Congress President highlights power issues of Harinagar

Port Blair, Oct 31: The President of Betapur Block Congress Committee, Shri Manojit Halder has invited the attention of the Member of Parliament, A & N Islands towards erratic power supply in Ward No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 in Harinagar, Middle Andaman since Oct 22, 2021. In a letter to the Member of Parliament, Shri Halder said that due to the apathy of the officials of the Electricity Department, villagers of Harinagar Panchayat at See... Page 02

## Airline operators announce winter schedules

Air India, AirAsia, SpiceJet and IndiGo have announced their winter schedules with effect from October 31. Flight No. AI 1485 from Delhi will land in Visakhapatnam at 7.40 a.m. and leave for Port Blair at 8.15 a.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In the return direction, AI 1486 from Port Blair will arrive in Visakhapatnam at 12.30 noon and leave for Delhi at 12.30 See... Page 02

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## Legal Awareness Prog. on "Women Empowerment and Child Abuse" by DLSA

Port Blair, Oct 31: As per the directions of National Legal Services Authority, New Delhi, the District Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands conducted a Legal Awareness Programme on "Women Empowerment and Child Abuse" by DLSA on Sunday. The programme was held at the premises of the District Legal Services Authority, Port Blair. The programme was attended by a large number of people. The programme was conducted by the District Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands. See... Page 02

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## DBRAIT students honor country's unsung heroes in Science & Tech

Port Blair, Oct 31: As a part of 75 week celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology hosted another event on the title "Unsung heroes in science and Technology" on Saturday. The event was witnessed by a large number of people. The event was conducted by the DBRAIT students. See... Page 02

## Gambling den busted at Andal Basti, 6 arrested

Port Blair, Oct 31: The PS Pahargoon team has busted a gambling den at Andal Basti and arrested 06 persons along with a bet amount of Rs. 30,280/- which was used for gambling. Upon receipt of credible information regarding See... Page 02

## Online orientation prog. on "Effective use of SCC" at ALC

Port Blair, Oct 31: The Andaman Law College organized an online orientation program on "Effective use of SCC (Supreme Court Cases)" for the students and teachers of Andaman Law College on 30.10.2021 (Saturday). The resource person for the program was Shri. See... Page 02

**Best Wishes from...**  
Mr. K. Ganeshan, Ex. Chairperson - PBM & Mr. Laxmi Ganeshan, Chief Editor, A/Kural

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# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

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### Facebook to Meta

A toxic company by any other name, the consensus on social media seems to indicate, still smells just as foul. And as branding exercises go, Meta looks like it's a mini flop. Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's founder and CEO of the parent company which owns Instagram, WhatsApp and a host of other social media and VR products, announced the much-anticipated name change to Facebook Inc's holding company on Thursday. Meta, rather obviously, will focus on the Metaverse. The new logo is a blue infinity symbol — the shape of many a naive tattoo envisioned post an intro to philosophy lecture — and the name change is clearly meant to indicate the company's pivot to virtual reality.

The problem with the rebranding is that it sells the same old schtick: Helping 'connect people'; with virtual reality, people will feel 'right there' no matter how far apart they are. An unsaid though obvious corollary is that the company formerly known as Facebook will look to control this new VR-headset, algorithm-driven Utopia. Unfortunately, no matter how Meta it becomes, in the real world, the company has yet to address how its apps and algorithms have led to social strife, political polarisation and the devaluation of facts. On Twitter, people pointed out that "Meta" sounds like a designer drug — apt, given how addictive and harmful whistleblower Frances Haugen's revelations have shown the company's products to be.

Facebook (now Meta) is responsible in large part for the jaded response to its attempts at an image makeover. VR and the internet were supposed to be ways to transcend the limitations (vis a vis knowledge) and pettiness (through open communication) of the human condition. Yet, companies like Facebook have turned the dreams of a better future into portents of a dystopian nightmare. A cliché logo and a vague, earnest new name won't change that.

### Block Congress.

have been facing violent problems due to unprecedented power cuts for the past few months.

On Oct 22, the transformer installed at Harinaraj village got damaged due to thunder and lightning. However not a single official of the Electricity Department came forward to install a new one. Another transformer was installed on Oct 23 that too damaged within minutes of installation. Another old transformer was brought on the spot by the local staff of the Electricity Department but not installed till the

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date due to lack of accessories required for installation. Electricity officials sought materials and accessories from local residents, but villagers objected to installation of the old transformer as it may not be suitable for supply of required power in the localities and cause low voltage problems. You are requested to kindly take up the matter with the concerned authorities in the administration to iron out concerns of the villagers here, said Shri Halder in the letter to the Member of Parliament.

### Airline operators..

p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Similarly, AI 651 from Mumbai to Mumbai via Rajpur and Visakhapatnam will arrive in Visakhapatnam at 1.35 p.m. and leave at 2.15 p.m. on all the seven days of the week. AI 451/452 Delhi/Vizag/Delhi will arrive in Vizag at 4.35 p.m. and take off at 5.15 p.m. on all the seven days of the week. IndiGo is operating 18 inbound and 16 outbound flights

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to various destinations such as Bengaluru, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry and Kurnool. AirAsia is operating daily flights to Bengaluru, Delhi and Hyderabad. SpiceJet is operating daily flights to Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Chennai. The timings and schedules can be checked on the website of the airline concerned.

### Legal Awareness..

Awareness Caml Programme on "Women Empowerment and Child Abuse" as part of PAN India Awareness and Outreach Campaign in the auditorium of the Directorate of Industries on Saturday. Dignitaries present on the occasion, Shri Ay an Majumdar, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Port Blair-Cum-Secretary, DLSA, A&N Islands, Shri. Md. Nurjuman Khan, Ld. Judicial Magistrate First Class, 1st Court, Port Blair, Shri. Prashanta Bhandu, Assistant Professor, Andaman Law College

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and Smt. Ratna Kannan, CWC Member/ Social worker, spoke on different topics. They highlighted various provisions of laws relating to Women Empowerment, Child Abuse, Drug Abuse, Legal rights of the peoples and explained benefits offered by the Legal Services Authority Act, 1987. The speakers have also acknowledged the contribution of the women in building up the nation. A cultural programme was also organized as part of the programme in collaboration with Andaman Law College students.

### DBRIT students ..

by at least 300 students in the institute's auditorium, following the Covid protocol.

Being the student centric program, the students of civil engineering department sensitized the gathering about the basic concept of celebrating the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The students prepared the live history and struggle of the eminent researchers and scientist during pre and post independence of India through a video presentation.

Dr. Shankar Abaji Bhisey, recognized for Bhishopye, a type casting machine. Dr. Anandibai Joshi, First female Doctor of India, Dr. Asima Chatterjee, First lady

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Doctorate in Organic Chemistry, Dr. Kamala Sonnie, discovered cytochrome-C in plants/ animals/ human cell. Dr. Verghese Kurian, associated with white revolution in India. Dr. Anna Mani, first woman Meteorologist and Physicist, Dr. Narinder Singh Kapany, Father of Fiber optics, Mr. G.D. Naidu, Editor of India are theus-sung innovators of India, presented during their event. This presentation aims to pay tribute to eight such unsung Indian innovator and researchers whose achievements and fascinating innovations deserve to be held across the globe but largely went unnoticed amid India's prolonged struggle for freedom.

# INDIA'S FIRST MANNED OCEAN MISSION 'SAMUDRAYAN' LAUNCHED

India's first manned ocean mission 'Samudrayan' was launched in Chennai on Friday by Union Minister Jitendra Singh and with this the nation joined an elite club of nations having such underwater vehicles for carrying out subsea activities.

The nation has made huge progress in science and technology and when an Indian goes up into space as part of the Gaganyaan programme, another would dive deep into the ocean, the Minister said.

The Minister tweeted, 'Launched India's First Manned Ocean Mission #Samudrayan at #Chennai. India joins

elite club of select nations USA, Russia, Japan, France & China having such underwater vehicles. A new chapter opens to explore ocean resources for drinking water, clean energy & blue economy."

In his launch address at the National Institute of Ocean Technology here, Singh said the mission does not only increase the scientific capacity but also gives the nation a sense of esteem that 'we are doing something which no less than any other country of the world.'

"What we are actually contributing is not only confined to the

realms of scientific work, it is actually contributing to building of India's national esteem," he said at the event that also coincided with the institution's foundation day celebrations.

"Very soon, may be in a year or two, we have a man going deep into the ocean, and I was telling the other day to some of the scientists from ISRO that it was a strange coincidence because Gaganyaan has got delayed."

"It was to be launched somewhere by the end of this year before the next Independence day. I said it was God's will, now we have

one man going up in space and one in the ocean simultaneously. The delay in Gaganyaan has virtually tried it with your deep sea mission. So when an Indian goes up into the space, same time, an Indian will go deep into the ocean. See what a huge progress," the Minister said.

An official release said the Matsya 6000 under Samudrayan initiative is capable of carrying three human beings in titanium alloy personnel sphere of 2.1 metre diameter enclosed space with an endurance of 12 hours and an additional 96 hours in case of emergency situation.

The niche technology facilitates carrying out deep ocean exploration of non-living resources such as polymetallic manganese nodules, gas hydrates, hydro-thermal sulphides and cobalt crusts, the NIOOTs said.

Matsya 6000, the deep sea vehicle, will be ready for qualification trials by December 2024, according to an NIOOT official.

"The manned submersible can take three scientists to ocean depths to explore oceans and to survey the ocean bed and collect the data and samples," the official said.

By the end of 2022 or 2023, the shallow water (500 metres) phase is expected to happen which would be followed by more deeper initiatives, he added. "Indigenous efforts are underway at NIOOT towards design of the vehicle and some of the subsystems are realized from Indian as well as from global market towards

its special usage in high pressure deep sea environment," the release said.

The NIOOT had developed a 'personnel sphere' made of mild steel with local industry for an operational capability of 500 metres and tested for its usage as per the International Classification and Certification Agency for man rated operation during this month's sea trial using Ocean Research Vessel Sagar Nidhi in Bay of Bengal.

The deep sea vehicle shall be maneuvered at deep sea floor with six degree freedom using battery powered propulsion system for 4 hours at 6000 metre depth, according to the release.

"Basically this vehicle is a platform to carry any devices, sensors etc to deep sea for doing experiments/ observations in the presence of a human being."

This programme shall augment India's capability with infrastructure facility such as high thickness welding facility and deep ocean simulator.

During the course of the programme new skill sets are being added under the capacity building which would pave the way for industry development within the country under 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' in the 75th Year of India's Independence.

System design, concept of operation, subcomponents functionality and integrity, emergency rescue, failure mode analysis are reviewed and certified as per the rules of International Association of Classification and Certification Society for man-rated usage of manned submersible at a depth of 6000 metres, the release added.

### Casual workers engaged..

receiving salaries on time. We are compelled to borrow money from friends and relatives and its quite a loss of face when we are not able to repay in time. The festive this year has been spoiled. Despite being on rolls of government employees for temporary engaged, we were deprived of salaries for the past five months. Intervention of the Lt. Governor will surely resolve the issue," lamented some others.

Prior to Independence a small steam driven reciprocating DG generator of 100 KW capacity was installed by the British at Ross Island in 1926. Direct current DG Sets of 100 KW capacity was installed at Port Blair during 1929. After independence two steam turbine generating sets of 550 KW each were established during 1951 in the Power House at Chatham

Island. The boilers were operated on wood fuel and saw dust, which were the waste products of Chatham Saw Mill and later on switched over to Mangrove Wood which was used as fuel. This was the start of the alternating current power supply at Port Blair. The Electricity Department claims to operate and maintain power generation, transmission & distribution system and networks in these islands for providing electric power supply to general public and also implements various schemes under Plan and Non-Plan Programmes for augmentation of the diesel generating capacity and establishment of new Power Houses and T&D systems. This department also functions as a Nodal Agency for implementing Renewable Energy Programme of

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gambling at Andul Basti near Murdakai, a police team comprising of SI Mohd. Rahil Islam, ASI Tarak Nath, HC/ A. Raja and PC/ Manikandan raided the gambling den on 28/10/2021 and arrested 06 persons involved in gambling. An amount of Rs. 30,280/- and a deck of playing cards were recovered from the possession of accused persons. The accused persons are identified as follows (1) A. Murugesan R/o Bhatubasti, (2) Biswajit Mondal R/o Patthargadda 4 No., (3) P. Mohammed Hamid R/o Garacharma, (4) Ajay Golder R/o Bhatubasti, (5) V. Sundaram R/o Prothpur, (6) P. Gunanathan R/o Garacharma.

The South Andaman District Police is committed to its policy of zero tolerance against any kind of anti-social activity and the team of Police Station Pathargadda has once again proved its commitment in this direction. General public is hereby requested to pass on credible information regarding any kind of anti-social activity in their locality or any kind of crime to Police at 100, 112 & 03192-233077. Identity of the informer will be kept secret.

**PV Sindhu loses to Japan's Sayaka Takahashi in semi-final at French Open**

French Open Badminton tournament, Indian shuttler P.V. Sindhu lost to Japan's Sayaka Takahashi 21-18, 16-21, 12-21 in the semi-final of the women's singles in Paris. The two-time Olympic medalist P.V. Sindhu was the last remaining Indian badminton player at the BWF World Tour event.

## CITU for filling up of vacant posts in govt. departments of Admn.

Port Blair, Oct 30: The CITU has demanded immediate filling of all vacant posts in various departments under Andaman and Nicobar Administration. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shri B. Chandrachudhan, General Secretary, CITU A & N State Committee said that almost all the departments under the Administration have failed to fill up the direct recruitment vacancies available with them during the last few years despite the directions issued by the Administration in the past. He told the Chief Secretary that a vacancy position of each department will speak voluminous about the callous attitude on the part of the authorities to fill up these posts when thousands of educated local youths are waiting for a job in the islands.

Drawing the attention of the Chief Secretary, Chandrachudhan said that teachers are not recruited during the past 2-3 years while hundreds of posts of teachers of various categories are lying vacant and the schools especially in the outstations are facing shortage of teachers. He further said that in APWD thousands of posts of mazzdoors and other skilled posts are lying vacant and the maintenance works of buildings, government quarters, drinking water supply in rural areas, maintenance of roads, etc are being carried out through daily rated mazzdoors throughout the islands. In almost all the departments, large numbers of posts are lying vacant and the authorities show least concern of the sentiments of the unemployed youths, he said.

CITU informed the Chief

## RBI's BIG announcement on sale of old coins, currency notes

New Delhi, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2021: The trend of buying and selling old coins and currency notes has been going up for the past few days. People, now a days, are frequently selling antique coins and notes and earning money for them. Old banknotes and coins are being sold through many online and offline platforms.

How ever, it is important to note that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently issued a piece of important information regarding this. RBI said that some fraudulent elements are using the name and logo of the central bank for the sale of old banknotes and

coins on online, offline platforms. If you are also preparing to sell or buy old coins and notes, then first definitely check this information given by RBI as online fraudsters are continually trying to deceive customers. In a tweet on its official Twitter handle, the RBI said, "It has come to the notice of Reserve Bank of India that certain elements are using the name and logo of Reserve Bank of India incorrectly and through various online, offline platforms." For selling old banknotes and coins, people are asking for fees/ commissions or taxes. The Reserve Bank has said in its

statement that it is not involved in any such activity and will never ask for any fee or commission from any one for such transactions. At the same time, the bank has said that it has not given any authorization of any kind to any institution or person for such activities. Notably, RBI does not deal in such cases nor does it ever ask for any such fee or commission from anyone. The bank said, "The Reserve Bank of India has not given any authority to any institution, company or person, etc., to charge any fee or commission on behalf of the Reserve Bank on such transactions. The Reserve Bank of India advises the general public not to fall into the trap of such fake and fraudulent offers."

## MP Condoles demise

Port Blair, Oct 31: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has deeply mourned the sad demise of Mr. AP Mohammed (83years), Stewart gunj village, Senior congress leader and Editor Sahil ki Aur, who passed away on today morning 31.10.2021. He prayed to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

## AP Mohammed no more, Congress leaders mourn

Port Blair, Oct 31: Shri Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee and Shri G Bhasker, Chairman, Campaign Committee along with Senior Leaders of Congress Party and its at Frontal Organizations have deeply mourned the demise of Shri AP Mohammed, resident of Stewartgunj, South Andaman District. He passed away on Sunday afternoon illness. He was the Vice-President of Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee, President of Muslim Educational Society School, Azad Nagar, Wimberlygunj, Founder member of AMSO, Chief Editor of News Paper 'Sahil Ki Or' and renowned Social Worker. With his death, Congress family has lost a great personality. The leaders prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for enough strength for the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

## DEATH MOURNED

Port Blair, Oct 31: National Secretary AICC and K Ganeshan Vice President INTUC has conveyed condolences to the bereaved family of late A.P.Mohammed (84) R/o Stewartgunj on his demise today at 6 am at his residence. He was a senior Congress leader and the Editor of 'Sahil ki Or' weekly also the father in law of Shri M.A. Rasheed an office bearers of INTUC and the State transport Employees Union. The leaders has prayed for the eternal peace of the departed soul.

## Condolence

Port Blair, Oct 31: Shri. VK Abdul Aziz, Social Worker Brindaban expressed deep sadness at the passing away of Shri. A. P. Mohammed Saab, F/o A.P. Aziz & A.P. Yousuf Resident of Stewart Gunj Port Blair breathed his last today (31/10/2021) at 0600 Am. May his soul rest in peace.

### Online orientation..

Rajesh Raina, Deputy Manager, Eastern Book Co. Pvt Ltd. While delivering the welcome address, Principal (i/c), Andaman Law College, Dr. C. Sathish emphasized on the significance of SCC online for legal and social science research. He said SCC online information is very much reliable, authentic and accessible. Mr. Rajesh Raina demonstrated the SCC Online database usage to the students and teachers of Andaman Law College. He explained the available search modules with appropriate examples and illustrations of the SCC database. He also said its proper utilization will not only saves users' time but also gives sought result with precision and accurate output. The programme was anchored by Mr. Saurab Duda, Assistant Professor, Andaman Law College, while the v-deo of thanks was proposed by Mr. Shashi Brushan Prasad, Librarian, Andaman Law College, Port Blair.

### COVID-19 Vaccination going smoothly in isles

Port Blair, Oct 31: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,91,419 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,73,042 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 16,396 people were vaccinated in these islands on Saturday. Meanwhile, 1236 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 72 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 92 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 6 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 281 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 18-44.



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Last date and time of submission of Bid : 15.11.2021 1100 hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Bid : 15.11.2021 1130 hrs.

The tender form and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocurement.andaman.gov.in>.

Deputy Director  
Biological Park,  
Chidiyatapu

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## RATE ENQUIRY & BUDGETORY QUOTATION OF EXPENDABLE MEDICAL STORES FOR PRICE AGREEMENT: INHS DHANVANTARI

INHS Dhanvantari, a hospital in Andaman & Nicobar Islands with all basic specialities including dental centre intends to enter into Price Agreement for the year 2021-2022 or for a period of one year for supply of expendable medical stores items including laboratory reagents (approximately 1900 items) and solicits rate enquiry and budgetary quotations for the same. Interested dealers may please contact INHS Dhanvantari (Ph: 03192-248947, Email - [ghanvantari@navy.gov.in](mailto:ghanvantari@navy.gov.in)) for detailed information. The list of items proposed for rate contract will be subsequently communicated. Willingness to participate in the above Price Agreement is to be submitted latest by 05 Nov 2021.

## 5 big changes coming into effect from Nov. 1

Port Blair, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2021: From Monday (November 1), many sectors and things associated with day-to-day affairs will see changes. While some of these changes will affect the common people, others will give them a chance to earn money. These changes are coming into effect just days before the country celebrates Diwali, the festival of light.

On the technological front too, a major change will be implemented by instant messaging service WhatsApp which will affect many users across the country as well as the world.

A look at some of these changes:-

- LPG delivery system:** All LPG gas cylinder consumers must know that a new set of rules will kick in from November 1, 2021. Those who have been getting Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinder home-delivered till now, have to blow a new rule from next month. The consumers will have to furnish a one-time password (OTP) for delivery of LPG cylinders to their homes. The change comes as part of the new Delivery Authentication Code (DAC).
- Price of LPG cylinders expected to go up:** News agency PTI reported earlier this month that the price of the cylinders with liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), used for cooking food in many houses, can be increased by oil marketing companies. The news agency said that under recovery on the fuel widened to over 100 per cent.
- Relief for pensioners:** The State Bank of India (SBI) is launching a new service from November 1. Under it, the pensioners won't have to visit a bank branch to submit their certificate. The facility will allow the pensioners to do so via a video call.
- Good news for investors:** Those looking to invest their hard-earned money will get a chance on November 1, when the initial public offer (IPO) of Policy Bazaar will open. They will get more chance when the IPO of digital payments company Paytm launches on November 8. Apart from Policy Bazaar, the IPOs of SJS Enterprise, chemical maker Sigachi industries will also open on November 1. It is also the date when Nykaa's IPO closes for public.
- WhatsApp to end support for some Android and iOS users:** Instant messaging platform WhatsApp has shared the list of smartphones which use old software - both Android and iOS - and won't be able to use the messaging platform from November 1. The users who have not updated their operating systems have been asked to do so before that date.

## IOCL Recruitment 2021, Apply 2439 Apprentice & Other Vacancies @ iocl.com

IOCL Recruitment 2021 | Apprentice Posts | Total Vacancies 1900+ | Last Date 12.11.2021 | Indian Oil Refineries Recruitment Notification @ [www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com)

IOCL Recruitment 2021: Indian Oil Corporation Limited has issued new job notice on 22.10.2021 to fill up 1900+ vacancies in various Refineries. It invites application via online mode and apply link has been activated on 22.10.2021. There are 1900+ candidates will be recruited for Trade Apprentice & Technician Apprentice posts under the Apprenticeship Act 1961 and Refineries Division wise vacancy details are given below. Candidates who are looking for diploma jobs in central govt kindly make the online registration @ Indian Oil Careers. As per the IOCL recruitment notification, online mode applications will be received up to 12.11.2021.

Indian Oil Apprentice Recruitment Notification & IOCL Refineries Division Recruitment apply online link is available @ [www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com). Candidates who are seeking 12th pass Jobs must check their eligibility i.e. educational qualification, age limit, experience and etc. Indian Oil Corporation Apprentice selection will be based on Merit list and selected candidates will undergo apprenticeship training at following Refineries like Guwahati, Barauni, Gujarat, Haldia, Mathura, PRPC Panipat, Digboi, Bongaigaon & Paradip. More details of [www.iocl.com](http://www.iocl.com) recruitment, Indian Oil New vacancy, upcoming Indian Oil Corporation Jobs 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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## South Western Railway Recruitment 2021, 904 Apprentice Vacancies, Apply Online @ www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

South Western Railway Recruitment 2021 | Apprentice | 904 Vacancies | Last Date: 03.11.2021 | RRC Hubli Job Notification @ [www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in)

South Western Railway Recruitment 2021: South Western Railway - Railway Recruitment Cell, Hubli has released the notification for engagement of Apprentices for the year 2021-2022. SWR invites application to fill up 904 vacancies under the Apprentices Act, 1961. Candidates who are searching for Railway job may apply for this SWR Apprenticeship vacancy. Applicants are instructed to apply via online from 04.10.2021 @ [www.rchubli.in](http://www.rchubli.in). They will hire candidates on basis of merit list for apprenticeship training. Deadline to make a registration for this RRC SWR Apprentice recruitment 2021 is 03.11.2021.

Candidates who had passed Class 10th are eligible to apply for this South Western Railway Hubli recruitment. Diploma/ Engineering degree holders are not capable to apply for this SWR Apprentice jobs. Aspirants must bring a valid email id, mobile number, aadhar account & self bank account at time of online application process & keep it active throughout the recruitment process. Training will be provided at Divisions/ Workshops/ Units of South Western Railway. More details of South Western railway jobs, admit card, merit list, upcoming RRC Hubli vacancies & results will be uploaded at official website.

Visit official website to get more career opportunity @ RRC SWR. Educational qualification, age limit, selection process, apply mode, fee details & steps to apply are provided above. For latest updates, visit [www.dailyrecruitment.in](http://www.dailyrecruitment.in).

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## IPL 2022: BCCI SETS RS 90 CRORE PURSE FOR MEGA AUCTION

**Rs 42 Crore To Be Deducted For Maximum 4 Retentions**

Mumbai, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2021: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has increased the total purse value for the 10 IPL franchises to Rs 90 crore for the upcoming IPL 2022 mega auction. Two new teams—Lucknow and Ahmedabad—have been added from the next season.

Rs 33 crore will be decreased for three retentions while two retentions will lead to deductions of Rs 24 crore and if a team chooses to retain only one player, it will lose Rs 14 crore from its purse. Each uncapped player retained will cost Rs 4 crore.

Further, the board has also cleared

The BCCI clarified that if the player salary agreed upon is higher than the amount specified above, then the higher of the two shall be deducted from the purse. "The sums set out above are the minimum amount(s) which will be deducted from a Franchisee's Salary Cap. If the League Fee agreed with a Retained Player set out above exceeds the relevant sum set out above, then an amount equal to that higher League Fee shall be deducted from the relevant Franchisee's Salary Cap."

"If the League Fee agreed with a Retained Player is less than the relevant sum set out above, then an amount equal to the relevant sum set out above shall be deducted from the relevant Franchisee's Salary Cap," the BCCI letter stated. The 8 current teams cannot retain more than three Indians (capped/uncapped) while a maximum of two overseas players can be retained. Also, a team cannot keep more than two uncapped players.

As for the new franchises—owned by RP Sanjiv Goenka Group (RPSG) and CVC Capital Partners (Irelia Company Pvt Ltd)—two Indians can be picked from outside the auction while only one overseas star can be selected by them. Also, to keep in mind for them is that they can pick only one uncapped player before the auction.



According to a report in Cricbuzz, the BCCI sent a mail to all the franchises stating that the existing 8 franchises can retain a maximum of four players while the two new teams can pick three players other than the already retained ones.

The policies regarding the purse deductions after the retentions have also been finalized by the board. If a team retains four players, Rs 42 crore will be cut from the total 90 crore purse.

that the salary of each player in case of four retentions will be Rs 16 crore for Player 1, Rs 12 crore for Player 2, Rs 8 crore for players 3 and 4. In case of three retentions, the fee for Player 1 will be Rs 15 crore, Player 2 will be Rs 11 crore and Player 3 will be 7 crore. Two retentions will lead to a salary of Rs 14 crore for Player 1 and Rs 10 crore for Player 2. If a team keeps only one player, it will have to pay him Rs 14 crore per season.

## CWC meet today, decision on internal elections likely

New Delhi, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2021: The Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest executive body, will meet on Saturday to give another try to fix the schedule for long-pending organisation elections— an exercise that will have to keep in mind upcoming assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Uttarakhand and Goa, according to people aware of the matter.

The meeting, to be held offline for the first time in more than 18 months, will also discuss the current political situation, with a focus on UP's Lakshimpur Kheri, where eight people died when a car moved down protesting farmers, and in the violence that followed. The incident led to major political protests, and several Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra met the families of the victims

after initially being disallowed by the UP Police.

The CWC expected to back the demands of the Congress delegation that met President Ram Nath Kovind, and asked for dismissal of junior minister of state Ajay Mishra, and a probe in the Lakshimpur Kheri incident by sitting judges of the Supreme Court or high court. But bigger challenges for the CWC lie elsewhere.

A schedule proposing organisation elections in June this year was rejected because it was close on the heels of the five assembly polls in April-May. Now, the new schedule must take into account the upcoming elections in four states expected in the next six months, the people cited above said.

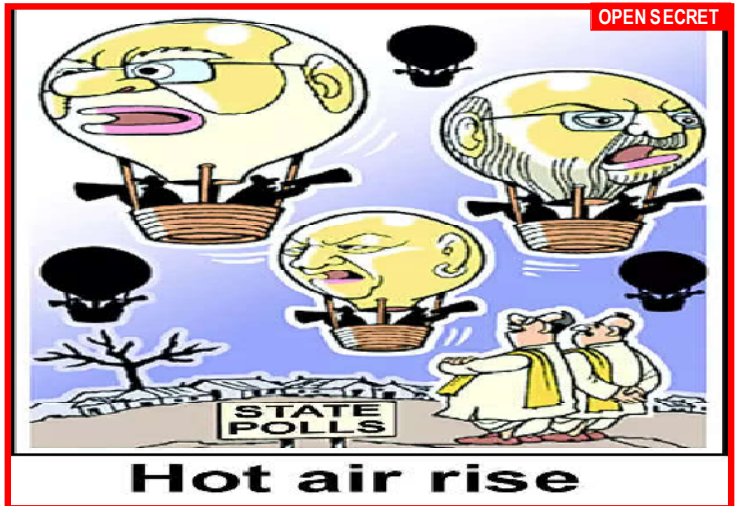
They added that a majority of the Congress leaders want Rahul Gandhi to return to the helm and

assume the formal position of the president of the party, particularly since he is deeply involved in nearly all key decisions of the party now. A senior leader, however, added: "If Rahul Gandhi or any active Congress leader is chosen as the president, there might not be an immediate election at all. Rahul was the last president and he resigned after the Lok Sabha elections on July 3, 2019."

But organisational polls will be necessary for election to various bodies such as CWC and the Central Election Committee. Last year, at the CWC, when demands were made to hold elections for these two important bodies, Gandhi had agreed and assured party colleagues that an internal poll would be held at least for the working committee.

The other key issue in the meeting will be how issues raised

by a group of Congress leaders, referred to as G23, are tackled. Last month, senior Congress leader and one of the top members of the G23, a group of 23 that wrote letter to party chief Sonia Gandhi asking for sweeping changes in the organisation, demanded a CWC meeting to discuss the Punjab and Goa situations and the "exodus" of leaders leaving the party in those two states. Two party leaders aware of the matter added that loyalists of Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi were expected to thwart any criticism over Punjab (where there has been a change of guard with Charanjit Singh Channi stepping in as chief minister after a bitter feud between former CM Captain Amarinder Singh and state union chief Navjot Singh Sidhu) with the argument that the situation is under control.



## CSK felicitates Neeraj Chopra, presents him Rs 1 crore

NEW DELHI: Three-time Indian Premier League champions Chennai Super Kings on Sunday honoured Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra by presenting him Rs 1 crore in recognition of his historic feat at the Tokyo Games.

A cheque of Rs 1 crore on behalf of Chennai Super Kings Cricket Limited was presented to the Olympic champion javelin thrower here.

CSK also presented a special jersey with the number 8758 (highlighting his gold medal-winning effort of 87.58m) as a mark of respect to Chopra, who joined Abhinav Bindra as only the second Indian individual gold medalist in the Olympics, a press release said.

"The entire nation is proud of



Neeraj for his stupendous achievement. By becoming the first Indian to win a medal (gold) in track and field, he has set a benchmark."

CSK CEO K S Viswanathan said.

"He is an inspiration for the next generation. 87.58 is a number that will forever be etched in Indian sporting history and it's an honour for us to present this special

jersey to Neeraj. We wish he brings more glory to the nation."

After receiving the award and special jersey, the 23-year old Chopra said that the past two months have been an opportunity for him to experience new things and also thanked the CSK management for the support.

"Thank you so much for your support and for the prize. It feels good. I never thought that I'll get so much love after winning gold. It was completely unexpected and it feels good. Hopefully I'll work hard and get good results," he said.

With a throw of 87.58m on August 7 in Tokyo, Chopra became the first Indian to win a gold medal in athletics at the Olympic games.

Selection trial for 58<sup>th</sup> Natnl. Roller Skating C'Ship

Port Blair, Oct 31: The 59<sup>th</sup> National Roller Skating Championship will be conducted at Delhi from 11/12/2021 to 22/12/2021 by Roller Skating Federation of India. For this Championship Andaman Skating Team Selection

will be jointly conducted by Andaman & Nicobar Roller Skating association and Sai Trust. Selection trial will be conducted on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 and the team selection will be on 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (at marina Park

Road 6:00 pm in both days) Events: Quad Speed Skating & Inline Speed Skating: 5-7 yrs (Boys & Girls), 7-9 (Boys & Girls), 9-11 (Boys & Girls), 11-14 (Boys & Girls), 14-17 (Boys & Girls) and 17 above (Boys & Girls).



## T20 World Cup: Afghanistan take on Namibia in Abu Dhabi

In ICC Men's T-20 Cricket World Cup, chasing the target of 161 runs set by Afghanistan, Namibia were 62/6 in 13.2 overs in Abu Dhabi, when reports last came in. Afghanistan scored 160 runs for the loss of five wickets in the stipulated 20 overs.

Earlier, Afghanistan won the toss and elected to bat. In another match, India will take on New Zealand at 7:30 p.m. in Dubai.

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## Citizens advised to follow norms to control noise pollution during Deepawali

Port Blair, Oct 31: Deepawali festival will be celebrated on 04th November, 2021 in A&N Islands. In view of the recent directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the control of Noise & Air Pollution during the festival season, general public is hereby informed that only the fire crackers falling into green crackers and improved crackers shall be used strictly between 08.00 PM to 10.00 PM. Similarly, fire crackers are also not to be used at any time in the areas designated as silence zones, i.e. an area at least 100 meter away from hospitals, nursing homes, primary and district health-care centres, educational institutions, courts, religious places or any other area declared as a silence zone by the authorities concerned. General public is also advised to earmark common central places in every locality/area where people could gather and burst fire crackers within the prescribed limits of time i.e. from 08.00 PM to 10.00 PM and permitted noise levels. The directions are meant for the safety and security of the general public while they enjoy the festival in its gaiety.

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