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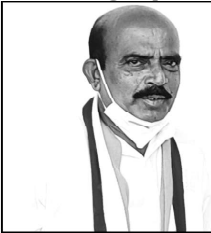
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Admn. mulls filling up vacant posts in various Departments

Unemployed youth & general public thank Shri Rangalal Halder, ANTCC President for taking up the matter with Administration



Port Blair, Dec.26: The Andaman & Nicobar Administration on 23rd Dec, 2021 has issued a circular addressed to all heads of departments & appointing authorities under the administration requesting them to forward the vacancy position in each

category of posts under their jurisdictions to the Secretary (Personnel) as part of a proposal to conduct a common/combined recruitment examination for filling up the vacancies. As 15th January 2022 has been fixed as deadline for departments to submit the details, there are renewed hopes among the unemployed youth and general public that, soon a large recruitment drive will be conducted to fill up the posts under the administration. While thanking the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration

for proposing a combined recruitment process, unemployed youth and general public are full of praise for the ANTCC President Shri Rangalal Halder who had taken up the matter with the Administration recently.

In the meantime, one of the private member bills on reservation of 100% jobs for locals of Andaman and Nicobar Islands introduced in the Lok Sabha by the Member of Parliament on 03rd December 2021 also assumes greater significance as, if the bill

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100% reservation of jobs for locals and legislative assembly close to becoming law thanks to Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble MP

Port Blair, Dec.26: Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, A&N Islands had introduced on 3rd December 2021 two private members bills in the Lok Sabha titled "The reservation of posts in Government establishments of A&N Islands Bill 2019" to ensure 100% reservation of jobs under the administration for residents of Andaman &

Nicobar Islands besides introduction of legislative assembly in these Islands.

The bill on 100% reservation of jobs for locals have revived the hopes among the unemployed local candidates their long pending demand would be met one day. Introduction of the bill on employment comes at a time when the local unemployed youths are complaining of local employment being taken

away by mainlanders. Against this, people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands whisper that Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament has very tactfully taken up the matter of Legislative Assembly and 100 percent reservation in employment for the islanders in the Parliament. It is said that it was his calculative step to take up the matter in the Parliament.

Public lauds the MP for making two private member bills get through in the Lok Sabha



through the Lok Sabha pushing it close to becoming a law if approved by both the houses after discussion. Local youths are hopeful that, Shri Kuldeep has the capability and potential to transform the bills into laws with his ability to articulate before the lower house.

Port Blair, Dec.26: While the introduction of Legislative Assembly for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and 100% reservation for residents of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has been a long pending demands of the general public, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the lone and first time MP of these Islands have emerged successful in putting these two bills

In the event of these bills being dropped as unfeasible by the Government, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma the Member of Parliament will lose nothing. The real losers will be the ruling party members in Andamans who would suffer major setback for their inability to take up the cause of local youths. All discredit will go to the

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Compulsory PUC Certificate for motor vehicles Traffic Police cash in on without giving adequate time for motorists to get their vehicles tested

Port Blair, Dec.26: Barely into a couple of days of the Chief Secretary, A&N Admn issuing a direction making it compulsory for all motor vehicles to possess PUC certificate, the traffic police which otherwise play hide and seek games to trap drunk and driving, started cashing in on the situation. Complaints have started pouring in from general public that, traffic police on duty have started penalising motorists for not possessing PUC certificate from the day one. This

comes as a time when only a handful of pollution checking units being in operation in the city. While a centre situated at Mohanpura is temporarily halted over license issues, two more centres in Junglighat, Haddo and Dollygunj are reportedly functional to cater to the testing requirement of thousands of vehicles plying within the city.

Ever since the news of the diktat published in the newspaper stipulating

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NOTICE INVITING e- TENDERSNo.DB-TN/CD/CB/2021-22/ 2576 Dated the 22nd Dec' 2021.

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APWD, Campbell Bay invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from **experienced and eligible Contractors having valid GST Registration and requisite experience of having successfully completed similar work(s) of relevant magnitude in soil investigation for quarry materials** without any adverse remarks in any of the Govt. Organizations in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the following work.

1. NIT No. 65/EE/CD/CB/2021-22 Name of work: Soil investigation for five Nos. land boreholes (15 m each) at Campbell Bay to ascertain potential and quality of available materials at probable quarry site at Joginder Nagar near Shri. Avtar Singh house in lieu of CC/RCC retaining wall to protect the sliding of earth wherever required from 18-27 Km on NS Roads (SH-2) in GNI. Estimated Cost: Rs. 8,92,700/-, Period of Completion: 03 (Three) Months & last time & date of Submission of bid : 05-01-2022 (12:00 hrs)

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder paid a surprise visit to the PHC R.K.Pur, Little Andaman



The authorities of PHC R.K Pur, Little Andaman were taken aback when a team of Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee led by its President Shri. Rangalal Halder paid a surprise visit to the PHC on Wednesday to study the condition of treatment facilities. Shri. Rangalal Halder was accompanied by DCC President

South Andaman Shri. V.K Abdul Aziz and several other Congress leaders of Little Andaman. They personally visited each and every ward to see the arrangements made there for patients.

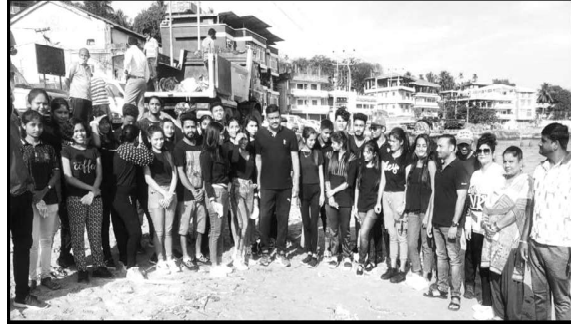
Later, they convened a meeting with senior official of the PHC and raised the issue of shortage of healthcare staffs and medical equipments.

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 24: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 473 passengers who arrived here yesterday, two positive cases have been detected. **Today, 12 flights** with 2071 passengers arrived, out of which, 1657 were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 414 passengers (includes 23 international travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT

conducted on 198 passengers bound for **North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj** no positive case has been detected. **At Mohanpura Bus Terminus**, test was conducted on 117 passengers and all were found negative. **At Phoenix Bay Jetty**, 142 passengers were tested with RAT and all were found negative. **At Helipad**, test was conducted on 14 passengers and all were found negative.

Member of Parliament Participates in Beach Cleaning Drive



On Sunday (19.12.2021), the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma participated in a beach cleaning drive, organised at Haddo Sea Shore area. Many school students, college students and local youths participated in the event and contributed their best to keep the beach clean along with the Member of Parliament. The very purpose of this beach cleaning drive is to encourage all Islanders, especially youths to

come forward and keep the beaches in Andaman and Nicobar Islands clean. In the recent past the Member of Parliament had organized dozens of such beach cleaning drives involving youths of these Islands with an aim to keep Andaman beaches clean and send a positive message to the society.

This beach cleaning drive was conducted by X-Ta-Sea Event Pvt Ltd and Wized Craft Event Mumbai.

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" அரசாங்கம் நினைக்கிறது அவர்களுக்கு நீ ஒரு "வருவாய் " என்று...!

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Omicron less likely to put you in the hospital, studies say

Two new British studies provide some early hints that the omicron variant of the coronavirus may be milder than the delta version. Scientists stress that even if the findings of these early studies hold up, any reductions in severity need to be weighed against the fact omicron spreads much faster than delta and is more able to evade vaccines. Sheer numbers of infections could still overwhelm hospitals.

Still, the new studies released Wednesday seem to bolster earlier research that suggests omicron may not be as harmful as the delta variant, said Manuel Ascano Jr., a Vanderbilt University biochemist who studies viruses.

"Cautious optimism is perhaps the best way to look at this," he said. An analysis from the Imperial College London COVID-19 response team estimated hospitalization risks for omicron cases in England, finding people infected with the variant are around 20 per cent less likely to go to the hospital at all than those infected with the delta variant, and 40 per cent less likely to be hospitalized for a night or more.

That analysis included all cases of COVID-19 confirmed by PCR tests in England in the first half of December in which the variant could be identified: 56,000 cases of omicron and 269,000 cases of delta.

A separate study out of Scotland, by



scientists at the University of Edinburgh and other experts, suggested the risk of hospitalization was two-thirds less with omicron than delta. But that study pointed out that the nearly 24,000 omicron cases in Scotland were predominantly among younger adults ages 20-39. Younger people are much less likely to develop severe cases of COVID-19.

"This national investigation is one of the first to show that Omicron is less likely to result in COVID-19 hospitalization than Delta," researchers wrote. While the findings are early observations, "they are encouraging," the authors wrote.

The findings have not yet been reviewed by other experts, the gold standard in scientific research. Ascano noted the studies have limitations. For example, the findings are specific to a certain point in time during a quickly changing situation in the United Kingdom and other countries may not fare the same way.

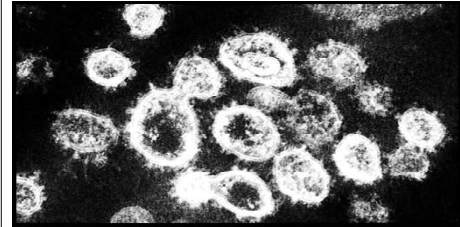
Matthew Binnicker, director of clinical virology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, said that in the Scottish study, the percentage of younger people was almost twice

as high for the omicron group compared with the delta group, and that "could have biased the conclusions to less severe outcomes caused by omicron."

He nonetheless said the data were interesting and suggest omicron might lead to less severe disease. But he added: "It's important to emphasize that if omicron has a much higher transmission rate compared to delta, the absolute number of people requiring hospitalization might still increase, despite less severe disease in most cases."

Data out of South Africa, where the variant was first detected, have also suggested omicron might be milder there. Salim Abdool Karim, a clinical infectious disease epidemiologist in South Africa, said earlier this week that the rate of admissions to hospitals was far lower for omicron than it was for delta.

"Our overall admission rate is in the region of around 2 per cent to 4 per cent compared to previously, where it was closer to 20 per cent," he said. "So even though we're seeing a lot of cases, very few are being admitted."



with various patient characteristics. Identifying order of symptom onset of infectious diseases might aid in differentiating symptomatic infections earlier in a population thereby enabling non-pharmaceutical interventions & reducing disease spread, they said.

The study, published in the journal PLOS Computational Biology, used modelling approach to predict symptom order in a set of 373,883 cases in the US between January and May 2020.

The most likely symptom order differed between the initial outbreak in China — where fever most often preceded cough, and nausea or vomiting was a common third symptom — and the subsequent spread to the US. In the US, cough was most likely to be the first symptom, and diarrhoea was a more common third symptom.

By analysing additional data from Brazil, Hong Kong and Japan, the team showed

that the different order of symptoms was associated not with geographic region, weather, or patient characteristics, but with SARS-CoV-2 variants.

The presence of the D614G variant in an area — which was predominant in the US in early 2020 — was associated with a higher likelihood of cough being the first COVID-19 symptom experienced by patients.

As Japan shifted from the original Wuhan reference strain to the D614G variant, symptom order shifted as well, the researchers said. The study authors hypothesize that the increased transmission of D614G could be linked to the symptom order. "These findings indicate that symptom order can change with mutation in viral disease and raise the possibility that D614G variant is more transmissible because infected people are more likely to cough in public before being incapacitated with fever," they added.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 24 The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,89,563 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. A total of 476 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today. 400 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South

Andaman District, out of which 57 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 54 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 6 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 22 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

Likely order of Covid symptoms depends on coronavirus variant: Study

The most likely order of symptoms that patients with COVID-19 experience is different for different variants of the

SARS-CoV-2 virus, according to a study. The researchers from the University of Southern California in the US

wanted to know whether the order of COVID-19 symptoms varied in patients from different geographical regions or

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Novavax says COVID vaccine triggers immune response to Omicron variant

Novavax Inc's COVID-19 vaccine is effective in generating an immune response against the Omicron variant, according to early data published on Wednesday, suggesting that the U.S. drugmaker's existing COVID-19 vaccine can help combat the new Omicron variant.

Novavax's two-dose, protein-based vaccine was authorized for use this week by European Union regulators and the World Health Organization. It has previously been approved by countries including Indonesia and the Philippines but not the United States.

Novavax said that receiving an additional booster dose of Novavax's vaccine further increased people's immune response to Omicron. The data was taken from Novavax's ongoing studies of its vaccine's effectiveness in adolescents & as a booster. "We are encouraged that



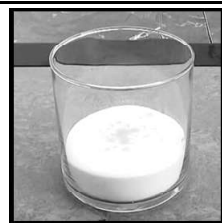
boosted responses against all variants were comparable to those associated with high vaccine efficacy in our Phase 3 clinical trials," said Gregory M. Glenn, Novavax's president of research & development.

Other COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers, including Pfizer Inc. and Moderna Inc., also increase immune responses to Omicron, early data from those companies has shown. Resistance in all cases is stronger in people who have received an additional booster dose. Novavax is working on developing an Omicron-

specific vaccine and said Wednesday it expects to begin manufacturing doses of the variant-specific shot in January. The drugmaker will start shipping vaccines to the EU's 27 member states in January as part of its deal to supply up to 200 million doses. The company will also begin shipments in early 2022 to COVAX, a vaccine distribution mechanism overseen by WHO that allocates COVID-19 shots to poorer countries. Novavax and its partner, Serum Institute of India, have agreed to send COVAX more than 1.1 billion doses of Novavax's vaccine.

Try This Easy And Affordable Trick To Make Your Home Smell Amazing

The first impression is very important when you enter a home – is it clean, does it smell nice? But some people take this even more seriously. When you visit their place, you can't help but wonder – how come it smells like the most beautiful garden all the time? Sure, synthetic air fresheners and fragrance candles are easy to come by and can smell quite intense. What you might not know is that the substances in these can be quite dangerous to inhale, especially in the long run. There must be a more natural approach



to this, aside from placing bouquets around your home, right? If you've heard about essential oils before, you'll be curious to know how to make this unbelievably simple project for your very own organic air freshener!

What better way to have our houses smell like flower gardens than a cheap, natural and hand

made scent-disperser! If you're curious about how to make this easy DIY project, go to the next page for a tutorial!

Nothing is easier than making this chemical-free and inexpensive air freshener for yourself! Pick up a mason jar with a lid – or any bottle with a large opening. You'll also need baking soda and essential oils of your choice. This video below will help you assemble this easy, organic home scent kit in no time. Make sure to check it out and send this trick to your friends if you liked it.

This simple trick helps you remove the circles under your eyes - Try it out!

The reason why the skin beneath our eyes turns black is often an unhealthy lifestyle, lacking enough sleep and hydration. But some people deal with this problem despite sleeping a lot and drinking enough water. For some people, it's just unlucky genetics that is behind this problem. Luckily, almost everyone has an easy fix for black spots around the eyes at home already!

The only problem: most people aren't aware of this inexpensive and easy solution.

So what is the magic solution to dark circles? It's the humble potato!

Yes! It's indeed possible to cure dark circles with a potato. The secret behind this is a mix of useful properties that the potato offers your skin. Potatoes are rich not only in vitamins but are also known for their anti-aging properties and for being naturally cool. This cooling effect is particularly helpful in reducing the swelling around the eyes.

Catechol can be found in a variety of skincare products. This organic compound is known for its lightning effect, which is perfect to get rid of dark circles. But there is no need to buy expensive skincare products, Catechol is found in potatoes and all you have to do is cut a thin slice and place it on your



eyes for a while. It really couldn't be much easier!

First of all: You should use a regular potato. Sweet or red potatoes are not suitable for this purpose. Once you have decided which potato to use for your skin treatment, you should make sure it's properly cleaned with water. After all, nobody wants dirt on his or her skin!

Just like in cooking, there are various ways to get the best out of the potato. Let's see what options you have for getting rid of dark circles.

1. Make a thin slice and place it right beneath the eye. But be careful, the juices of the potatoes shouldn't get into your eyes, as this can be quite irritating and will ruin your experience.

2. Grate the potato, then place some of the potatoes in a handkerchief and place this potato pocket beneath your eyes. This works particularly well as the potato releases more of its beneficial compounds if grated first.

Make sure to apply the potato treatment for around 15 minutes and repeat this procedure daily. Only with regularity, you can achieve great results!

"Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."

- Jackie Robinson

MESSAGE ON 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF 2004 TSUNAMI



On the 17th Anniversary of the Tsunami disaster I offer my sincere prayers for all the brothers and sisters,

who have lost their life in the Tsunami Tragedy, which ravaged our Islands on 26 December 2004, the darkest day of Islands' history.

The Tsunami tragedy has shattered many families and left thousands of people lonely in this world. I pray to God to give them enough courage to bear this irreparable loss. Disasters like the 2004

Tsunami has taught us to bravely fight against all adversities during any disaster. Natural calamities can't be stopped but disaster preparedness and proper training can save thousands of lives. Hence we all must focus more on disaster preparedness & disaster management training.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma
Member of Parliament
A&N Islands

ANTCC organises Sarva Dharma Prathna Sabha, pays glowing tribute to Tsunami victims.

An all religious prayer meeting (Sarva Dharma Prathna Sabha) was organized by Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee at Gandhi Bhavan on 26th December, 2021 to pay obeisance to the dear Islanders who lost their precious lives in the devastating Tsunami.

The function was organized under the leadership of ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder & ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman Shri. TSG Bhasker.

At the outset, ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder garlanded the Tsunami replica and paid floral tribute to the departed souls, which was followed by all senior leaders of the party and general public. A two minute silence was also observed to pay homage to



the Tsunami victims.

Shri. Rangalal Halder expressed his solidarity with the families of the victims of this

unfortunate event.

The entire programme was coordinated by Congress leader Shri. Sebastian Tirkey.

TSUNAMI MEMORIAL SERVICE AT AIR FORCE STATION CARNICOBAR

Air Force Station Carnicobar organised a memorial service as a mark of respect to the 122 departed souls who lost their lives when Air Force Station Carnicobar was struck by the devastating Tsunami on 26 December 2004. During this solemn ceremony, the personnel of the Station paid tribute



to the supreme sacrifice made by the air warriors and their families.

Air Cmde P Maheshwar, Vayu Sena Medal, who was the Chief Operations Officer of Air Force Station Carnicobar on that ill-fated day presided over the ceremony and placed a wreath as a mark of respect.

Andaman Tamizhar Sangam pays homage to Tsunami victims



Members of Andaman Tamizhar Sangam on 26th December 2021 paid homage to those perished by the tidal waves on the fateful day of 26th December in 2004.

In a simple ceremony held in the Andaman Tamizhar Sangam Hall those gathered at the Sangam observed two minutes silence in memory of the perished lives.

Face can tell if you're rich or poor

People can guess if an individual is rich or poor just by looking at their face, and such indicators can even influence job prospects, a study has found.



Using an annual median family income of about \$75,000 as a benchmark, researchers from University of Toronto in Canada grouped student volunteers into those with total family incomes under \$60,000 or above \$100,000 and then had them pose for photos with neutral faces devoid of expression.

They then asked a separate group of participants to look at the photos and, using nothing but their gut instinct, decide which ones were 'rich or poor' just by looking at the faces.

The team was able to determine which student belonged to the rich or poor group with about 53 per cent accuracy, a level that exceeds random chance.

Researchers also found that this indicator of a person's economic standing may even act as a 'self-fulfilling prophecy' that influences social interactions. "Those first

impressions can become a sort of self-fulfilling prophecy. It's going to influence your interactions, and the opportunities you have," said Thora Bjornsdottir, PhD student at University of Toronto.

"What we are seeing is students who are just 18-22-years-old have already accumulated enough life experience that it has visibly changed and shaped their face to the point you can tell what their socio-economic standing or social class is," said Nicholas Rule, associate professor at University of Toronto.

"Over time, your face comes to permanently reflect and reveal your experiences. Even when we think we're not expressing something, relics of those emotions are still there," Rule added.

There are neurons in the brain that specialise in facial recognition. The face is the first thing you notice

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becomes a law in time, it will ensure 100% reservation of jobs for the islanders without giving any scope for entry of

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mainlanders, it is surmised. However, hopes are high that, the coordinated efforts of the Member of Parliament and the tireless works of the ANTCC President combined could do wonders for the welfare of the Islanders.

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account of the BJP said a senior Congress leader. Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma the Representative of the islanders has completed his task and taken up the

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matter in the form of bills in the highest Forum of the Govt in Parliament. Now the turn is for the BJP, who is in Govt. Since both issues are sensitive, public related and common for all Party. Let us wait and watch the contribution of the BJP in the matter for a good cause of the islanders.

Compulsory...

a hefty penalty for violators, general public possessing motorcycles and cars have started queuing up before a few available pollution checking centres. The one in Haddo witnessed a long serpentine queue since 23rd December 2021. Like wise, other centres in Junglighat & Dollygunj too witnessed similar situation.

There are thousands of motor vehicles plying across South Andaman which include heavy cargo vehicles, heavy passenger vehicles, light motor vehicles, autorickshaws and motorcycles. On an average, it takes about 10 to 15 mts for a vehicle to be tested and going by this timing, a unit can test up to 60 vehicles in a day with ten hours of service. Considering the number of vehicles plying in South Andaman and given the limited number of testing centres across the city, it will take atleast a month for all vehicles to get tested and the action of police to penalise the PUC violators are premature and untimely. Due to the sudden orders of the administration, the general public is on a panic mode

and the untimely penalty imposed by police for PUC violations add to the flames, it is complained.

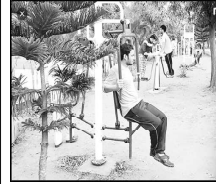
Alleging further, general public points to large scale emission from government owned fleets such as STS buses, departmental trucks besides numerous heavy vehicles hired by government agencies such as PBMC to clear garbage. Most of the stage-carriages bearing "A" and "B" serial registration numbers are the worst polluters with the blessings of the authorities, it is further alleged. First of all, authorities should clamp down on the vehicles under the government fleets as they ply uncontrollably on the roads without the fear of being penalised by the Traffic police. Almost all the old buses in the STS fleet are bad emitters. Autorickshaws which are not suitable for the local topography becomes worst emitters within months of deployment.

Ignoring the top emitters such as STS buses, private stage carriages, departmental and private trucks, the

traffic police are playing hide and seek with innocent motorcyclists. It is hard to see any motorcycle emitting smoke and the traffic police on duty do not care about it and simply ask the motorist to produce PUC Certificate.

General Public demand that, the administration should have given atleast a month time for all vehicles to get pollution tested as it is premature for the traffic police to penalise the helpless motorcyclists and private cars without giving adequate time to get the PUC tested. Hence, motorists demand that time may be given atleast till 31st January 2022 enabling all to get their vehicles tested for emission.

Let's hope that, the Chief Secretary who ordered the rule considers this plea and give the motorists adequate time for testing of vehicles. In the meantime, if the number of testing units is increased by immediately renewing the lapsed licences, it will also help ease the congestion by enabling a speedy testing procedure.



can make these equipments safer. Similar complaints are received from Joggers Park where a couple of equipments stand installed for the use of general public.

The Secretary, PBMC may take cognisance of this matter and instruct the officials concerned for proper maintenance of the open gym equipments as lack of maintenance might prove unsafe to general public.

ADVISORY TO GENERAL PUBLIC ON CONTROL OF NOISE POLLUTION DURING THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

This year, the eve of Christmas and New Year will be celebrated in A&N Islands on midnight of 24th & 31st Dec, 2021. In view of the directions issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on the control of Noise & Air Pollution during the festive season, general public is hereby informed that only the fire crackers falling into green crackers and improvised crackers shall be used strictly between 11.55 PM to 12.30 AM. 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 11.55 PM to 12.30 AM and permitted noise levels. Any violation in this matter will be dealt promptly as per the law.

Member of Parliament highlights poor BSNL mobile network connectivity issues of Guptapara and Manjery Villages

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief General Manager, BSNL, Andaman and Nicobar Circle to increase the signal strength of BSNL towers, erected at Guptapara and Manjery areas for better coverage to the people living in these villages and adjoining areas. In a letter addressed to the Chief General Manager, BSNL, Andaman and Nicobar

Circle the Member of Parliament added that the villagers residing in the Guptapara and Manjery areas have raised the issue with his office that people of the area are not getting proper mobile network for which they are facing immense hardship for contacting to others. He pointed out that students of these areas are facing huge difficulties because they are unable to attend online classes.

Open Gym at Marina Park lacks proper maintenance; Public complains lack of safety

On the evening of 25th December 2021, a girl while working out at the open gym installed in Marina Park had a miraculous escape when

a bench on which she was working out had fell sideways. It became evident that, the nuts and bolts holding the bench to the ground had

disengaged as a result of rusting. Although the girl escaped unhurt, other peoples working out in the gym complained of lack of maintenance as other

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