

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)



M - Mera
A - Apka
S - Suraksha
K - Kawach

Always wear Mask
Protect yourself and others

Since 1920s the Oldest Daily...

Daily Telegrams

...the Largest Circulating Daily of the Islands

Light rainfall likely over Port Blair. Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 26°C respectively on Sunday 01/08/2021.

Weather Report

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.2
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.9
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST : 081
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST : 083
Sunrise time on 01.08.2021 (in IST): 0506
Sunset time on 01.08.2021 (in IST): 1745
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 001.1
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 21 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1803.0 mm

Regn. No. 34190/75

No. 212

Port Blair, Sunday, August 01, 2021

Web: dt.andaman.gov.in

Rs. 3.00

Pages 4

PM to launch digital payment solution e-RUPI on August 2

New Delhi, July 31 (PIB) Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will launch e-RUPI, a person and purpose specific digital payment solution on 2nd August, 2021 via video conferencing. Prime Minister has always championed digital initiatives. Over the years, several programmes have been launched to ensure that

the benefits reach its intended beneficiaries in a targeted and leak-proof manner, with limited touch points between the government and the beneficiary. The concept of electronic voucher takes forward this vision of Good Governance.

About e-RUPI
e-RUPI is a cashless

and contactless instrument for digital payment. It is a QR code or SMS string-based e-Voucher, which is delivered to the mobile of the beneficiaries. The users of this seamless one-time payment mechanism will be able to redeem the voucher without a card, digital payments app or internet banking access,

at the service provider. It has been developed by National Payments Corporation of India on its UPI platform, in collaboration with the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and National Health Authority.

e-RUPI connects the sponsors of the services

(Contd. on last page)

Promoting 'Save a Seed, Plant Trees Campaign' in Educational Institutions

70 fruit & flower saplings planted in JNRM campus

Port Blair, July 31 With the launch of 'Save a Seed, Plant Trees Campaign' by the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain, the Administration is working towards promoting this campaign among Educational Institutions. As part of this campaign, today a planting drive was organized during which 70 fruit and flower saplings were planted in the campus of JNRM.



Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary (Education), A & N Administration Smti. Anjali Sehrawat stated that such plantation drive will play a catalytic

role in the success of this mission. She further stated that such activities by individuals and institutions will fulfill the needs of society with the motto

'Live for others'.

Elaborating on the vision 2047, the Secretary informed that the objective of this mission is to create systematic plantation of vegetables and fruit bearing trees for consumption of common man. Dwelling upon the role of teachers in society, the Secretary appealed to the teaching staff to imbibe good qualities and facilitate students to pursue better career options.

(Contd. on last page)

District Administration (Nicobars) conducts vaccination drive in Little Nicobar

74 eligible beneficiaries vaccinated in four hamlets: DC (Nicobars)

Nicobars, July 31

The District Administration (Nicobars) in coordination with PHC Campbell Bay and Indian Coast Guard Station Campbell Bay conducted a COVID-19 vaccination drive in the remote habitations of Little Nicobar Island yesterday.

Despite rough weather conditions, the team of doctors and staff successfully completed the vaccination drive in



four small hamlets namely Puloulo, Pulo Panja, Pulo Patia and Pulo Bha. The team consisting of four staff led by

Medical Officer, PHC Campbell Bay left for the drive by Coast Guard Ship at 5 am and came back to Campbell around

9 pm.

Giving details about the drive, the DC (Nicobars) in a press release stated that a total of 74 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in the four hamlets. Despite wide vaccination coverage, the District Administration reiterated the continued importance of COVID appropriate behavior viz. wearing of mask and maintaining social distancing.

'Save a Seed, Plant Trees' campaign by District Administration

Plantation drive conducted at Ferrargunj Children Home at Abhyudaya Complex and Disabled Children Home

Port Blair, July 31

With the launch of the campaign, 'Save a Seed, Plant Trees', the District Administration has been studiously working towards promoting this campaign among the children of CCIs in Port Blair. As part of the campaign, plantation drive was conducted at Ferrargunj Children Home at Abhyudaya Complex and Disabled Children Home.

The plantation drive started with a small note to the children about the



essence of saving, storing and planting fruit bearing trees which enables to the children about the

actively participated in the campaign and promised to adopt one plant each so that they can learn and watch how things grow and evolve thereby inculcate the culture of planting and sowing trees so as to develop healthy eating habits. Altogether 18 saplings were planted at the complex and refreshments were also provided to the children.

The District Administration aims to

(Contd. on last page)

Awareness campaign on PMEGP & PMFME Schemes to be held in South Andaman from Aug.3

Unemployed youth intending to setup self employment ventures urged to attend the camp

Port Blair, July 31 The Directorate of Industries in association with A&N Islands Khadi & Village Industries Board and Banks will be organizing 'Awareness Campaign-cum-Peoples Education Programme on Prime Minister's Formulation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises

(PMFME), Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) being implemented by the KVIB and other Govt. sponsored self-employment schemes at different Gram Panchayats of South Andaman District. Accordingly, the campaign will kick start

from Gram Panchayat, Tushnabad on Aug. 3 at 10 am. Similarly, it will be held at Gram Panchayat, Chouldhari on Aug. 4 at 10 am and at Gram Panchayat, Bambooflat-I on Aug. 5 at 10 am. The camps will also be held at Gram Panchayat, Mannarghat on Aug. 7 at 10 am and

Community Hall, Ograbraj on Aug. 10 at 10 am.

The main objective of the programme is to disseminate information to the participants about the role of A&NI KVIB and Industries Department towards Rural Industrialization

(Contd. on last page)

South Andaman District Police conduct raids at different locations

Banned tobacco products worth Rs. 3.02 cr seized; FIRs registered against two persons for violation of Prohibitory Order

Port Blair, July 31

In a major raid conducted at different places, South Andaman District Police have seized huge quantity of banned tobacco products worth Rs. 3.02 crore which were stored at three locations belonging to Ravichandran and Uday Kumar (Cousin of Ravichandran) in Junglighat area and in the basement of Hotel White Perk, Austinabad. Around 1,000 cartons of tobacco products were seized during the raid.

The Police have filed two FIRs. One FIR against Uday Kumar and Ravichandran at PS Aberdeen and the other one at PS Pahargaon against Ravichandran under section 188 IPC read with section 51(b) of the DM Act, 2005 for the violation of Prohibitory Order promulgated under the



Disaster Management Act, 2005. Further investigation is in progress. The District Administration/Excise

Department/local Police are verifying the input data on incoming tobacco quantity at PMB and looking into the

shipping company, manufacturer, purchaser records to verify the source of

(Contd. on last page)

Media briefed on COVID-19

Mobile RAT testing team conducts random sample test at Chouldhari; all reports found negative: Secretary (IP&T)

Port Blair, July 31 The Secretary (IP&T), Shri Sunil Kumar Singh briefing the media persons on COVID-19 status in the Islands held in the conference hall of IP&T here this evening stated that during the RT-PCR test conducted on 327 flight passengers, who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. RAT test was conducted on 294 passengers arrived here and bound for North & Middle



Andaman at Ferrargunj and one positive case was found. Today, 2 flights with 348 passengers arrived here and the results of RT-PCR reports

are awaited. Mobile RAT testing team conducts random sample test at Chouldhari (Lalpahad) on 86 persons and all reports were found negative.

About vaccination drive which is being conducted in the Islands smoothly, the Secretary said, today till 3 pm, 1153 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman, out of which, 900 were between the age group of 18-44 years.

(Contd. on last page)

Eastern Naval Command Fleet on visit to A&N Command; to undertake combat manoeuvres in Andaman Sea

Port Blair, July 31 The Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy is on a visit to Port Blair from July 31 to Aug. 2, 2021. The Eastern Fleet is commanded by Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, Rear Admiral Tarun Sobti, and is stationed at VSM and is supported by two Vishakhapatnam. The visiting Eastern Fleet is deployed for

undertaking combat manoeuvres in Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea and comprises of one frigate, two destroyers, one anti-air warfare submarine and two corvettes. While



(Contd. on last page)

Andaman Fights COVID 19 Use face mask & maintain 'do gaz ki doori' - Together we will fight COVID-19

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Health Bulletin For Containment Of

नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)
(No. 488/ 31st July 2021)
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 31.07.2021

> Status of Cases :

Details of Second Wave since: 01.03.2021	
Active new case in last 24 Hours	02
Discharges in last 24 hours	02
Total confirmed cases	2543
Total Discharges	2468
Total Active case as on date	08
Total Deaths	67

Cumulative since March 2020

Details	On 30 th July 2021	On 31 st July 2021	Total
Confirmed Cases	7535	02	7537
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	7398	02	7400
Death	129	00	129

> Clinical Management of Cases :

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Vacant
North & Middle Andaman	286	00	286
South Andaman	5583	08	5575
Nicobar	507	00	507
Total	6376	08	6368

> Status of Sample and Testing:

Total Samples sent till date	440870
Total Reports received till date	440870
Total Pending Reports	0
Rate of Testing Per Million	1102175
Cumulative Test Positivity Rate	1.71%
COWIN 1.0	

> Vaccination Status

Total population	4,00,000
Target Beneficiaries	2,81,603(Approx)
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated so far	2,96,254
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 st Dose so far	2,02,481
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 nd Dose so far	93,773
% of population vaccinated	50.62

> Passengers screened at VSI Airport & Haddo Wharf

Details	From 25 th May 2020 to 30 th July 2021	On 31 st July 2021	Total
Incoming Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	262951	359	263310
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	0	1032
Outward Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	277164	565	277729
b) Haddo Wharf	928	0	928

(On 31.07.2021, 348 passengers were retested by RTPCR at Airport)

24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/ 232102 / 1077/ 1070
(Source: Directorate of Health Services)

Help Administration in its fight against COVID-19

Spot persons violating COVID appropriate behaviour
(Not wearing mask, not following social distancing norms etc.)

Click pictures of violators and inform through WhatsApp on
A&N Police Helpline 3rd Eye Mobile no. **9531892228** or
District Administration South Andaman **9531888844**

Let's break the chain of transmission

#Together we win battle against COVID-19 pandemic in Isles

A&N Administration

Ministry of Ayush Government of India | Help us to Help you | myGov

STAY SAFE WITH AGE OLD WISDOM OF AYURVEDA

AYUSH Home Remedies for Dry Cough/Sore Throat

Steam inhalation with fresh Mint leaves/caraway seeds can be practiced once in a day

Clove powder mixed with natural sugar/honey can be taken two to three times a day

Consult a Doctor if the symptoms persist

Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar State AYUSH Society, A & N Administration

Tokyo Olympics: PV Sindhu loses to Tai Tzu-Ying in semi-final; Kamalpreet enters discus throw final

Tokyo, July 31
In the Tokyo Olympics, it was the mixed day today for Indian contingent. In a big upset, ace shuttler P.V. Sindhu lost to top-seed Tai Tzu-Ying of Chinese Taipei 18-21, 12-21 in the semi-final of the women's singles. First game was a hard fought one, but in second game, Tzu-Ying literally blew away Sindhu with her immaculate style. However, Sindhu is still in contention of a podium finish when she'll feature in the bronze medal match against China's He Bing Jiao tomorrow.



The quest for medal of Indian Women pugilist Pooja Rani also ended as she was defeated by Qian Li of China in middleweight (75 kilogram) category. Pooja lost 0-5 in the boxing encounter. Top-seed and favourite boxer Amit Panghal also bowed out after losing to Yuberjen Martinez of Colombia, 1-4 in pre-quarter finals of Men's flyweight event. India's campaign in

Archery ended this morning as Atanu Das defeated South Africa 4-3 in a must-win pool 'A' match. Vandana Katariya's historic Olympic hat-trick helped the Indian side in improving their chances of entering the quarterfinals. Athlete Kamalpreet Kaur entered the final of Women's Discus Throw after pulling out a monster 64-metre throw in the qualification

round. India's national record holder Kamalpreet also finished second in the overall standings. However, discus thrower Seema Punia was out of the medal contention after she finished at 16th position with 60.57-metre throw. The final will be held on Monday. In Men's Long Jump Qualification - Group 'B' India's Sreeshankar finishes 13th with a best jump of 7.69 metres. Indian shooters Anjum Moudgil and Tejaswini Sawant failed to make it to the finals of the women's 50-m rifle three positions event, settling for the 15th and 33rd position respectively.

INDIANS IN ACTION AUGUST 1 SUNDAY (All timings in IST)

- GOLF** 4:11 AM: Men's Individual Stroke Play Round 4 (Udayan Mane)
- EQUESTRIAN** 4:15 AM: Eventing Cross Country Team and Individual (Fouaad Mirza)
- GOLF** 5:55 AM: Men's Individual Stroke Play Round 4 (Anirban Lahiri)
- BOXING** 9:36 AM: Men's Super Heavy (+91kg) Quarterfinal 1 (Satish Kumar vs Bakhodir Jalolov of Uzbekistan)
- BADMINTON** 5:00 PM: Women's Singles Bronze Medal Match (PV Sindhu vs He Bing Jiao of China)
- HOCKEY** 5:30 PM: Men's Quarter-final (India vs Great Britain)

South Andaman District Police conduct raids ...

(Contd. from page 1)
purchase including bills and comparing it with the quantity of goods actually seized so far. Incidence of previous consignments brought and cleared from Port will also be probed.

The seizure was possible based on the information received from various sources including District Administration through A&N Administration that on the intervening night of 30th/31st July, 2021, large quantities of banned tobacco products have been illegally stored at various places of South Andaman District in violation of Prohibitory Order dated 15th July, 2021 issued under the Disaster Management Act, 2005. Based on this information, multiple raid teams were constituted under the leadership of Shri Ankit Chauhan, SP, South Andaman, Ms. Geetanjali, Manjeet, Narra Chaitanya, and Shri Kalaivanan R, SDPO/South Andaman. Simultaneous raids were conducted at five different places. The operation was supervised under the dynamic new IGP, Shri Anil Shukla.

The accused Ravichandran, S/o Shri Veluswamy (aged 45yrs), R/o Behind Island Bakery Junglighthat is owning and operating four trading agencies namely Royal Fancy Store, Kumar Brothers, V.R Trading Co. and Chitra Agency while the accused Uday Kumar, S/o Muthuchamy (38 yrs), R/o Junglighthat is the cousin of Ravichandran.

Keeping in line with the philosophy of zero tolerance against any kind of illegal activity, South Andaman District Police took swift action on information and seized the banned tobacco products.

Meanwhile, the general public have been requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to police at 112, 03192-232100 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret, a press release from SP (South Andaman District) said.

Eastern Naval Command Fleet ...

(Contd. from page 1)
approaching Port Blair, the Fleet ships fired a gun salute to the Flag of Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, CINCAN on 31st July, 2021, which was reciprocated on behalf of the CINCAN. After visiting Port Blair, the Eastern fleet would undertake combat manoeuvres in Andaman Sea. The operational deployment is to further enhance synergy amongst Eastern Naval Command and Andaman and Nicobar Command. The exercise would symbolise the commitment towards the safety & security of the Islands situated 700 NM from the mainland. The operational manoeuvres in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea would further strengthen the critical capability to monitor sea areas and important Sea Lines of Communications (SLOCs) through the Indian Ocean Region, a press release from PRO ANCHQ said.

PM to launch digital payment...

(Contd. from page 1)
with the beneficiaries and service providers in a digital manner without any physical interface. It also ensures that the payment to the service provider is made only after the transaction is completed. Being pre-paid in nature, it assures timely payment to the service provider without involvement of any intermediary.

It is expected to be a revolutionary initiative in the direction of ensuring a leak-proof delivery of welfare services. It can also be used for delivering services under schemes meant for providing drugs and nutritional support under Mother and Child welfare schemes, TB eradication programmes, drugs & diagnostics under schemes like Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, fertilizer subsidies etc. Even the private sector can leverage these digital vouchers as part of their employee welfare and corporate social responsibility programmes.

Social Welfare Deptt. in process of shifting payment mode of social security pensions

Port Blair, July 31
The Social Welfare Department is in the final stage of on boarding on end to end computerization through e-district portal from the present mode of payment and is expected to complete the process by the end of first week of August 2021. In view of this, a short delay is expected in disbursing the social security pensions of the beneficiaries registered in the scheme, a press release from the Department of Social Welfare said.

2,96,254 doses of vaccines administered to beneficiaries in Isles so far

Port Blair, July 31
The vaccination drive is being conducted smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 2,96,254 doses of vaccine have been administered to the beneficiaries. Today, a total of 1694 people were vaccinated. 1165 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 536 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 405 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 333 were in the age group of 18-44 years. A total of 93,382 doses of vaccine have been administered to the beneficiaries in the age group of 18 to 44 years till date, a press release from DHS said.

Promoting 'Save a Seed, Plant...

(Contd. from page 1)
Shri Kamlesh Kumar, Joint Secretary (Higher Education), A & N Administration was also present on the occasion and participated in the plantation drive. In his welcome address, the Principal, JNRM, Dr. H.K. Sharma appealed to the gathering to plant more fruit bearing trees to cope up with any unforeseen challenges, a press release from JNRM said.

'Save a Seed, Plant Trees'...

(Contd. from page 1)
promote such campaign among the children of Child Care Institutions so that the children CCIs would be benefitted by maintaining a balanced diet to keep them healthy and fit, a press release from Chairman, DCPU said.

Awareness campaign on PMEGP...

(Contd. from page 1)
through setting up of micro-enterprises/ Individual units / self-employment venture duly availed finance under Govt. sponsored schemes. The awareness programmes will be followed by extension of consultancy services to the rural entrepreneurs by the Rural ICS Cell of the A&NI KVIB and PMFME Cell on the spot.

All unemployed/underemployed youths of the concerned area who intend to setup their self employment ventures under manufacturing / services sector duly availing finance under the PMEGP, PMFME and other Govt. sponsored self employment schemes may attend the programme as per the venue, date & time specified above along with two copies of passport size photographs, copies of local certificate / Islander identity card, ration card, educational qualification / training certificates, if any etc. for filling up of loan applications under the captioned scheme in respect of their jurisdiction on the spot, a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

Media briefed on COVID-19...

(Contd. from page 1)
The Director, ANIIMS, Dr. A.K Mandal said that 1 corona patient is undergoing treatment at GB Pant Hospital while no patient is on oxygen or ventilator. The Deputy Director, GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De said that two patients are being taken care of at ITI COVID Care Centre.

ANIIMS for YOU

MUCORMYCOSIS AND COVID 19

-Dr.Sneha K, Assistant Prof, Microbiology, ANIIMS

Black Fungus in COVID 19 or Mucormycosis is associated with high morbidity and mortality. It can occur along with active COVID-19 infection (Concomitant) or can occur sequentially in weeks to months following recovery (Sequential). According to WHO, the incidence rate globally varies from 0.005 to 1.7 per million population. In India the prevalence is higher than in the developed countries. Following the surge of COVID-19 associated mucormycosis, the Government of India directive, several states made Mucormycosis a notifiable disease in May 2021.

Mucormycosis is a serious but a rare fungal infection caused by a fungus of the class Zygomycetes. They are ubiquitous in nature, mostly present in soil, damp places, decaying organic matter. This commonly affects the people with health problems/ weakened immune systems or take medications which lowers the body's ability to fight disease. Most commonly affects nasal, orbital and cerebral regions. These fungi invade the blood vessels and destroy them resulting in tissue necrosis and death. As they get lodged into the nasal cavity, they relentlessly destroy the adjoining and the surrounding tissues which include the paranasal sinuses, palate and orbits.

The spores can travel down the respiratory tract and comfortably get lodged into lung and hence compromising the oxygenation capacity of lungs. Early diagnosis and prompt administration of appropriate antifungal are important for improving the outcome of patients. The overall case fatality rate is 50% although early diagnosis and treatment lead to better outcomes. It is vital to understand and be aware of such health complications and symptoms during the pandemic. It helps in initiating the necessary treatment on time.

Clinical types:

- Rhino-orbital-cerebral mucormycosis (ROCM)
- Pulmonary mucormycosis
- Disseminated mucormycosis
- Gastrointestinal mucormycosis
- Primary Cutaneous mucormycosis

Q. How does one get mucomycosis?

Primarily by the inhalation of fungal spores from the environment through nasal route. Skin infection can occur when it enters through a skin injury/burns/scrape.

Q. Who gets mucormycosis & the risk factors?

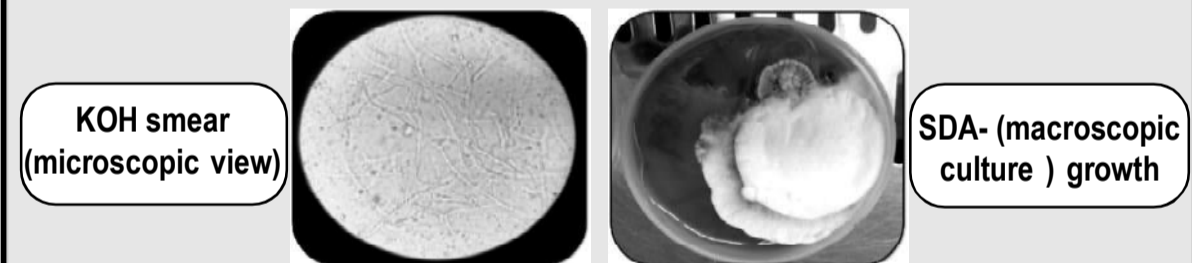
- Uncontrolled Diabetes, especially with diabetic ketoacidosis
- Cancer/Malignancy/ Post transplant recipients
- Long-term corticosteroid use/ Injection drug use
- Skin injury due to surgery, burns, or wounds
- Prematurity and low birthweight (neonates)

Warning signs and symptoms

- Nasal blockage, nasal discharge (bloody or brown/black), blackish discoloration over the nasal bridge or upper side of mouth, local pain.
- Facial Pain or numbness or swelling, palpebral swelling, conjunctival congestion.
- Headache, orbital pain, loss of vision.
- Toothache, loosening of maxillary teeth, jaw involvement.
- Blurred or double vision with pain; paresthesia, skin lesions/ulceration/swelling/ redness
- Fever, altered sensorium, paralysis, focal seizures
- Cough, shortness of breath, bloody vomits

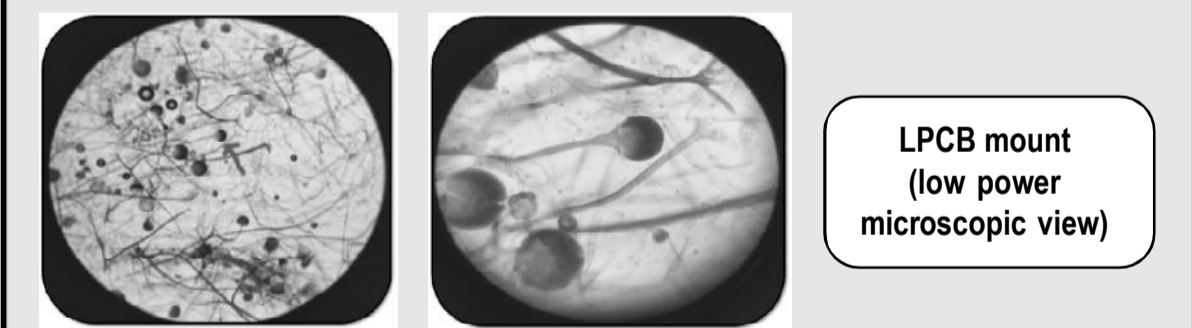
Diagnosis

- Diagnostic Nasal endoscopy
- Imaging - CT scan of Paranasal sinuses, MRI - Brain, Orbit and face
- Histopathological examination of affected tissue.
- Potassium hydroxide smear(KOH)-Broad aseptate, ribbon shaped fungal hyphae seen.
- Fungal culture -Sabouraud's Dextrose Agar (SDA)
- Lactophenol cotton blue mount (LPCB)- Cotton white or greyish black colony, Purewhite/tan/brown/greyish/black



Management

- Treatment of uncontrolled Diabetes mellitus and diabetic ketoacidosis
- Judicious use of steroids and other immunosuppressive drugs.
- Administering antifungals- Amphotericin B.
- Extensive Surgical debridement to remove all necrotic tissues.



Q. Is mucormycosis contagious?

No, does not spread from person to person.

Q. How can one prevent it?

- Maintain good personal hygiene.
- Environmental cleanliness - Avoid exposure to decaying organic matters.
- Avoid areas with a lot of dust like construction sites/ excavation sites. Use masks if you are visiting.
- Wear shoes, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt when doing outdoor activities such as gardening, yard work, or visiting wooded areas.
- Avoid activities that involve activities with soil or dust such as yard work or gardening. Wear gloves when handling materials such as soil, moss, or manure.
- To reduce the chances of developing a skin infection, clean skin injuries well with soap and water, especially if they have been exposed to soil or dust.
- Monitoring and strict blood glucose control levels in diabetic patients.
- Should be aware of early signs and symptoms of mucormycosis.

Do's and Don'ts for Patients

- Keep the doctor informed about all your co morbidities and if under any medications.
- Do not self medicate, especially don't take steroids on your own.
- Don't ignore the warning signs detailed above.

KEYTAKE HOME MESSAGE

Opportunistic fungal infections are commonly occurring in COVID -19 patients. Awareness among the public and health care providers is of paramount importance for early diagnosis and treatment for improving the outcome of this lethal disease. Current trends indicate that the surge is higher in those with pre-existing diabetes, those on systemic corticosteroids and is being observed in both people with COVID 19 and those recovering from the disease.

Together we can definitely win this battle against "COVID associated Mucormycosis".

10 cr families covered under Ayushman Bharat scheme, 50 cr people eligible for free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh: Minister

New Delhi, July 31

Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, 10 crore families have been covered in the country. Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya yesterday informed the Lok Sabha that now 50 crore people are eligible for free treatment of up to an amount of Five lakh rupees under the scheme.

Replying to a supplementary question, Shri Mandaviya said in the House, the Government is promoting a favourable

environment for organ donation. He said, for the accessible organ transplantation, the Government has taken several initiatives.

Ayushman Bharat, a flagship scheme of Government of India, was launched as recommended by the National Health Policy 2017, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). This initiative has been designed to meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its underlining

commitment, which is to leave no one behind.

Ayushman Bharat is an attempt to move from sectoral and segmented approach of health service delivery to a comprehensive need-based health care service. This scheme aims to undertake path breaking interventions to holistically address the healthcare system at the primary, secondary and tertiary level, by adopting a continuum of care approach. (Source: india.gov.in)

New Polyhouse Technology for Horticulture Crops

New Delhi, July 31 (PIB)

Dr. (Prof.) Harish Hirani, Director, CSIR-Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute, Durgapur inaugurated a "Naturally Ventilated Polyhouse Facility" and laid foundation stone of "Retractable Roof Polyhouse" at Ludhiana in Punjab.

Briefing about the technology, Prof. Hirani said that the farmers face number of problems such as excessive or insufficient cold, heat, rain, wind, and other factors associated with insufficient transpiration, and also crop losses in India due to insect pests is about 15% at present and this loss may increase as climate change lowers the plant defense system against insects & pests. To some extent these problems can be overcome by conventional polyhouse. Conventional Polyhouse have a stationary roof to reduce the effect of weather anomalies and pests. However, there are still disadvantages due to roof covering which sometimes lead to excessive heat, and insufficient light (early morning). Besides this, they are also prone to insufficient levels of CO₂, transpiration and water stress. A combination of open field conditions and conventional Polyhouse conditions is a more robust way to deal with the climate change and associates problems in the future.

Dr. Harish Hirani also



revealed that CMERI Extension centre, Ludhiana is installing a "Retractable Roof Polyhouse Technology". This all-weather structure will have an automatic retractable roof which will be operated based on weather conditions and crop requirements from the conditional database using PLC software. This ongoing development will help farmers to cultivate crops which can fetch higher yield, firmer and high shelf-life produce by creating optimal indoor micro-climate conditions compared to conventional open field tunnels & naturally ventilated poly houses, and also it is viable technology for organic cultivation.

Shri Jagdish Manikrao, Senior Scientist, who is leading the research team on the development of this technology explained that the retractable roof will be used to manipulate sun light quantity, quality & duration, water stress, humidity, carbon di-oxide levels, and crop & soil temperatures. Dr. Pradeep

Rajan, Sr. Principal Scientist, Head, Farm Machinery and Precision Agriculture further elaborated that this structure is being developed in collaboration with CSIR-IHBT, Palampur and in the process of integrating Artificial Intelligence in automating the Polyhouse based on the crop and weather requirements and providing an IoT enabled farmer friendly user interface.

The Director, also briefed that as the scientific experimental data on the advantages of the new Polyhouse system are lacking, therefore horticultural crops will be cultivated in both naturally ventilated Polyhouse and retractable roof poly house for comparing the crop production and produce quality. With installation of Naturally Ventilated Polyhouse and Retractable Roof Polyhouse side by side, we can get the required scientific data and by analyzing the results we can enhance productivity. The developed facility will be used as a demonstration farm to the farmers.

India covers 92.8% seeding of ration cards with Aadhaar numbers

New Delhi, July 31

India has covered 92.8 per cent seeding of ration cards with Aadhaar numbers. The States and Union Territories have completed the Aadhaar seeding of about 21.91 Crore ration cards and around 71 Crore beneficiaries at the national level. This information was given by the Minister of State for

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Ms. Sadhvi Niranjani Jyoti in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha on Friday. She said, nearly four lakh 98 thousand Fair Price Shops in the country are having ePoS devices up to by 23rd of July.

An average of about one crore 50 lakh portability transactions are recorded on a monthly basis under One Nation - One Ration Card. It accounts for only about 10 per cent of total Public Distribution System transactions happening in the country. The Minister said, more than 29 Crore portability transactions have been recorded under the plan since its inception in August 2019. (Source:india.gov.in)

COVID-19: Wash your hands regularly using soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.

ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
DIRECTORATE OF SHIPPING SERVICES
PORT BLAIR

No.1-3/DSS/Roster/DSS/2019-20/ (PF-II)/1454 Dt. the 22nd July, 2021.

NOTICE

It is to state that due to the proposed decommission of the vessel MV Nancowry, some of the roster crew members enrolled under Mainland-Island sector will be surplus in some categories i.e. over and above 140% against the available post thus it becomes obligatory upon the Department to ensure the welfare aspects of the roster crewmembers that too without overburden on Govt. ex-chequer as the surplus crewmembers would have to pay retainer allowance for long ashore period due to non-availability of vacant post for their engagement.

Taking cognizance of the above, it would be noteworthy that the scope of future job opportunities of roster crewmembers of Mainland-Island sector is to be enlarged by providing ample job opportunities for engagement in other sector vessels.

Therefore, it is hereby brought to the notice of all Surplus category roster crewmembers enrolled under Mainland-Island sector that respective surplus category crewmembers would have the option for **Change of Roster** to other roster i.e. Inter-Island Sector and Foreshore sector against the available post in the respective sectors.

The desirous surplus category roster crewmembers of Mainland-Island Sector willing for Change of Roster should submit their consent in a plain application addressed to the Officer, In-charge, Crew Cell, DSS, Port Blair specifying the opted sector for their future engagement. The application would reach this office on or before one month from the date of issue of this Notice.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

I.D. No. 7891

Officer, in-charge (Crew Cell)

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS
ON SUPERANNUATION
ON 31.07.2021**



Dr. SUGRIV SINGH
SVO, DAH & VS

"Wish you a happy, healthy, prosperous & peaceful retired life. All the best to second inning of life. Welcome to Sr. Citizen Club"

Best wishes from:
Family members and well wishers

8th Happy Birthday

On 01.08.2021



ARNAV SINGH

S/o Maneesh Kumar Singh & Nidhi Singh
R/o Bhatu Basti

"Many Many more Happy Birthday to you, God bless you with all the happiness and success in your life"

Best wishes from: Anushka Singh (Sister), Abhinav Singh (Brother) and all family members

LOST

I have lost my 10th Pass Marksheet and Certificate, 12th Pass Marksheet and Certificate and Migration. My admission No. 969/1322. I lost certificate while travelling in the Bus between Joginder Nagar and Campbell Bay area, on dated 01.01.2021. Finder Please Contact Rajkumar, Mob. 9476038075

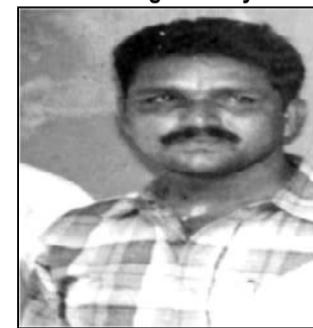
HOME TUITION

For Class - X - Gen. Science
Class XI and XII - Chemistry
Contact: 9679511637

9th Death Anniversary

On 01-08-2021

In Loving Memory of



LATESREE KUMARAN NAIR (SUNIL)

"You are always in our hearts"
Inserted by: Amble (Wife) Anju & Anila (Daughters) and Usha (Mother).

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY

ON 01.08.2021



LATE SHANKER LALL (PAPPU)

RETD., ELECTRICITY DEPT.

R/o BHATU BASTI

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF MY BELOVED FATHER

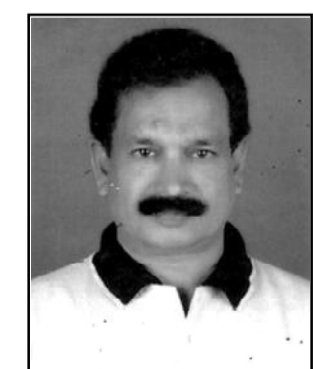
"I miss you Abba, I miss the way you used to guide me and talk me about everything. You were only my real friend whom I could talk everything. With every night and day I miss you so much."

Inserted by:

Smti. Hira Kunwar (Wife), Master Shivansh Lall (Grandson) and family members.

7th DEATH ANNIVERSARY

On 01.08.2021



Adv. JAYACHANDRAN E. P.

"Portrayal of love, humanity & generosity"

Though unseen, unheard, you are always with us. We miss you in every walk of our life.

From:

Wife, Sons and all family members.

DISCLAIMER

Readers are requested to verify and make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves about the veracity of an advertisement before responding to any advertisement published in this newspaper.

The publisher of this newspaper, does not vouch for the authenticity of any advertisement or advertiser or for any of the advertisers products and services.

The Owner, Publisher, Printer, Employees of this newspaper shall not be held responsible/liable in any manner whatsoever for any claims and/or damages/consequences for advertisements in this newspaper.

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE (COMMN)
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS**

O.B. No. Port Blair dated the July, 2021

DESERTION OF :-

ASI(Comn)/RO/43/Anupam Roy of A & N Police Radio Organization posted at PR Teresa was temporarily transferred to PR Makachuva for 30 days vide OB No.220 dated 26/3/2020. He was relieved from Teresa to PR Makachuva on 28/7/2020 and meanwhile his temporary station was modified as Afrabay instead of Makachuva. On the way to Afrabay, he was stranded at Campbell bay from 29/8/2020 to 26/10/2020 and attached temporarily at PR C/Bay.

On 21/10/2020, he was referred to GB Pant hospital Port Blair by MO I/C PHC Gandhi Nagar, Campbell bay and left the station (Campbell bay) on 27/10/2020 for Port Blair without the approval of the competent authority and remained absent unauthorizedly w.e.f. 27/10/2020.

After arriving Port Blair, he submitted his resignation vide letter dated 02/11/2020. A Show Cause Notice vide No. PR/Folio/388 dated 01/4/2021 has been called upon to him to explain reason for his unauthorized absence and directed to report for duty within 7 days. He didn't provide any valid reason/ documents for the act of his unauthorized absence from duty and didn't report for duty.

Whereas, his unauthorized absence period exceeded more than 21 days, he is declared as deserter under Rule 6.19(a) of A & N Police Manual 1963 and his name is struck off from the roll of A & N Police force w.e.f. 27/10/2020.

Under rule 6.19(b) of A & N Police Manual, 1963, ASI (Comn)/RO/43/Anupam Roy is further given an opportunity to appear before the undersigned along with his explanation for re-instatement, if any, within 15 days from the date of publication of this order, failing which the desertion order will be made absolute and his name will finally be removed from the rolls of A & N Police force w.e.f. 27/10/2020.

Manjeet, IPS
Superintendent of Police (Commn)
A & N Islands

I.D. No. 7890

TO LET

2 BHK Flat at S.A. Road, 2 Bathroom attached with two bed room, 24 hours water supply, Fully Tiled.

Contact No. 9434285175

8th Death Anniversary

On 01/08/2021



Late B. Subbadramma (01/08/2013)

W/o B. Sreeramulu

You have always kept the Family tied with love, care and affection, I pray to Almighty that he gives you eternal peace in return you place is in heaven.

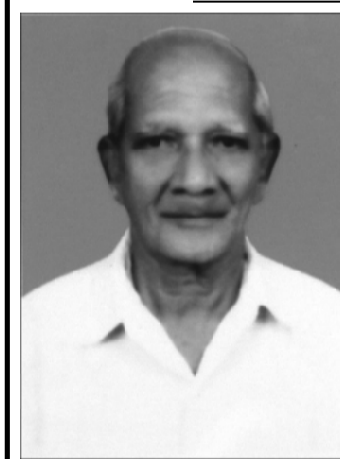
"I Love you Mom"

Inserted by: Son B. Ramakrishna (General Secretary, Andhra Association, P/B) and Family Members.

**OPENING
SHORTLY**

A Complete Sports
Showroom
at Port Blair

SHRADH CEREMONY



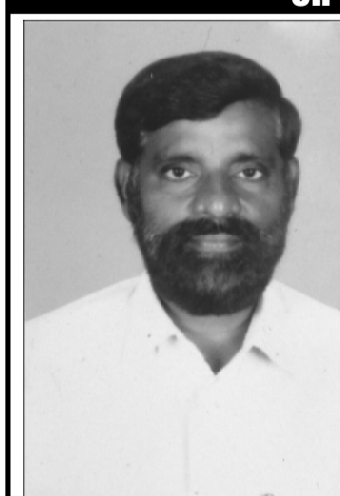
We express our sincere gratitude to all family members, relatives and friends, who stood by us at the time of grief on the sad demise of our beloved **Shri JOGINDER LALL (Retd. Forest Ranger)**, aged 87 yrs. who left for heavenly abode on 20/07/2021 at 9.30 pm.

We request your kind presence on the Shradh Ceremony (Theravi) which will be held on 02/08/2021 (Monday) from 12.00 noon onwards at our residence Bhatu Basti, Port Blair adhering to Covid-19 protocols.

Inserted by: Prem Kunwar (Wife), Shailender Lall, Perminder Lall (Sons), Seema, Ambily (Daughter-in-law), Aditya & Sneha (Grand Children)

1st Death Anniversary

On 01-08-2021



Late M. RAVINDRA RAJA SEKAR
(DSS Deptt.)

We thank God for giving such a perfect, Caring husband, affectionate father and lovable grand father. We love & miss your Gospel Service such as Eden Calvary Ministries, Choir Master, Writer, Preacher, Composer, Magician, Puppeteer and as Social Worker.

"Every life is a learning for some one, what we learned from you is to be, humble, calm, love and to be kind.

Inserted by:

R. Victoria (Wife), Sheeba Selvi (Daughter), VS. Keerthi Shrey (grand daughter), P. Vijaya Sekaran (Son-in-law) & all family members.

ALCOHOL... A CURSE FOR SOCIETY

HARMFUL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

CAUSE OF VARIOUS CHRONIC DISEASES
CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS AND PREMATURE DEATHS
ILL EFFECTS OVER FAMILY AND SOCIETY
MAJOR CAUSE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER CRIMES

SAY NO TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION.

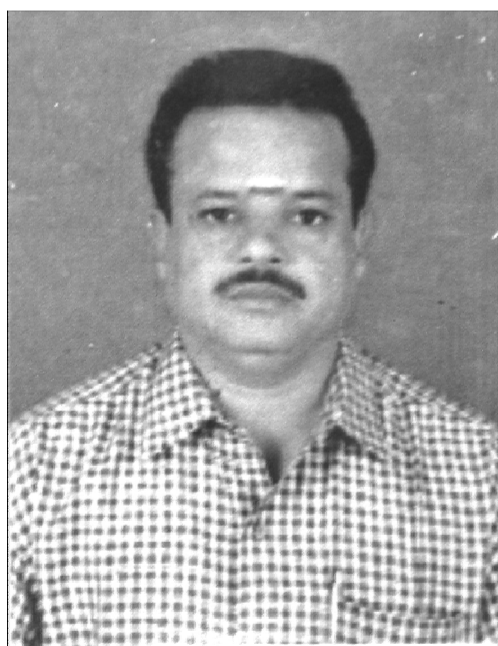
CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN COMMUNITY

DO NOT USE ALCOHOL AS A MEANS TO RELIEVE STRESS

POSITIVE THOUGHTS POSITIVE FUTURE

राष्ट्रीय कैंसर, मधुमेह, हृदय रोग व पक्षाघात बचाव एवं नियंत्रण कार्यक्रम
NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR PREVENTION & CONTROL OF CANCER, DIABETES, CVDS & STROKE (NPCDCS)
राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन, अंडमान निकोबार द्वीप समूह
NATIONAL HEALTH MISSION, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

12th Death Anniversary



Late. C. SUBRAMANIAN

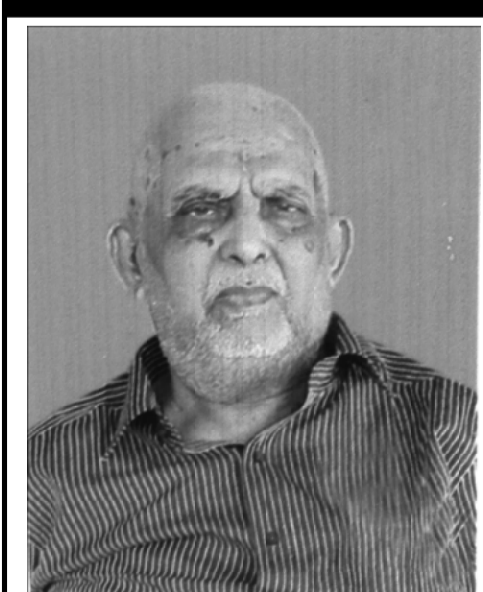
New Tamil Nadu Medicals, Aberdeen Bazar, Port Blair

"Your love and blessings always with us in our life and we miss you."

Inserted by:

S. Shanthi (Wife), S. Hari (Son) and Employees of New Tamil Nadu Medicals

SHRADH CEREMONY



BELOVED LATE B. NARAYAN

We express our sincere gratitude to all our family members, relatives and friends, who stood by us at the time of grief on the sad demise of our beloved **Late B. Narayan**, Aged: 85 years (Retired from Medical Department), R/o Atlanta Point, Port Blair who left for heavenly abode on 20.07.2021

We request to all our family members, relatives and friends for their kind presence on the Shradh Ceremony, which will be held on 02.08.2021 from 12.00 Noon onwards at our residence Atlanta Point, Port Blair adhering to COVID-19 Protocols.

Inserted by:

Venkatamma (Wife),
B. Srinivas Rao (Srinu) & B. Ramakrishna (Abbu) (Sons)

And all family members