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## Union Health Minister reviews Public Health Response to COVID-19 and Progress of Vaccination with 9 States/UTs

**"Recovery outnumbers new active cases for the last 8 days consistently"**

New Delhi, May 21 (PIB)

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare today reviewed public health response to COVID-19 and progress of vaccination with 9 States/UTs. He interacted with Health Ministers of Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Puducherry and Lt Governors / Administrator of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Ladakh, and Lakshadweep in the presence of Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.



Shri T.S. Singh Deo, Health Minister, Chhattisgarh; Shri. Rajiv Saizal, Health Minister, Himachal Pradesh, Shri Vishwajit Pratap Singh Rane, Health Minister, Goa; Admiral D K Joshi, Lt. Governor, A&N Islands; Shri Arun Gupta, Principal Secretary, Chandigarh and other

key officials of the States/UTs were virtually present at this meeting.

Briefing about the COVID situation in the country, Dr. Harsh Vardhan outlined that at present there are 30,27,925 active cases in the country. In the last 24 hours, 3,57,295 COVID patients have recovered and a recovery rate of 87.25 % is being observed. He expressed satisfaction that daily recoveries have outnumbered the daily new COVID cases for the last 8 days consistently. India is observing less than 3 lakh cases from the last 5 days. He informed that in the last 24 hours, India has

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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary and other senior officers of A & N Administration participated in the Video Conference chaired by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, to review the prevailing COVID-19 situation and progress of COVID-19 Vaccination drive in the States/UTs.

## Lockdown in South Andaman District from May 24

**Despite best efforts no drop in corona cases in Isles; Administration left with no option but to resort to lockdown**

Port Blair, May 21

Ever since the outbreak of second wave of corona virus, the Administration has put in its best efforts to contain the spread of the disease. It has taken several proactive steps to contain the transmission of the

virus in the Islands, but despite this, the number of corona positive cases have not come down and in view of this, the Administration is left with no option, but to resort to lockdown in South Andaman District taking into

account the safety of the Islanders from Monday (May 24).

It may be recalled that the Administration has put in place all necessary arrangements to deal with the situation and has sufficient number of beds in Hospital, medicines, oxygen and

other necessary facilities. The Doctors have been deputed on round the clock duty in hospitals but despite their relentless efforts, the cases have not come down. It is also to mention that large number of violation pertaining to

COVID Appropriate Behaviour were reported in spite of repeated request through both print and electronic media.

Administration will strictly enforce the lockdown, a press release from A&N Administration said.

## Preparedness of various Supply Units regarding ensuring availability of essential commodities in Isles reviewed



Port Blair, May 21

The Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs observed "Anti-Terrorism Day" by taking pledge to oppose all forms of terrorism & violence and to promote and uphold peace, social harmony and understanding among

all. Under the Chairmanship of the Director (CS&CA), the officials of all Supply Units across this UT from Diglipur to Campbell Bay took part in the pledge from their respective offices through Video Conferencing by

following all COVID Appropriate Behaviour. The Director (CS&CA) further reviewed the preparedness of various Supply Units regarding ensuring availability of essential commodities including POL products, LPG cylinders and PDS

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## PBMC conducts awareness prog. on COVID appropriate behaviour in market areas



Port Blair, May 21

PBMC is a frontline organization engaged in controlling COVID-19 pandemic in the City. Apart from routine sanitation work, the staff of PBMC regularly visits the market places and create awareness about COVID-19

guidelines viz maintaining social distancing, wearing of masks etc. Awareness is conducted in areas which have high footfall viz., Bathubasti Vegetable market, Ratham Market and Mohanpura Market etc on regular basis. Apart

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## 610 registered beneficiaries in the age group of 18 to 44 years vaccinated 1,19,542 doses of vaccine administered so far in Isles

Port Blair, May 21

The vaccination drive is being held in A&N Islands. About 281 people in the age group of 18 to 44 years were vaccinated in South Andaman today, 278 beneficiaries were vaccinated at N&M Andaman District while 51 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Car Nicobar. The online registration for the vaccination is done through CoWIN portal and Aarogya Setu App.



Online registration is mandatory and no on-site registration will be done and people have been advised to reach the centres as per the time schedule provided to the beneficiaries through the App. The vaccination is being done at JNRM

Vaccination Centre between 9.30 am and 12.30 pm. The general public have been requested to follow Covid appropriate behavior while going for vaccination. Meanwhile, the vaccination for the

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## Media briefed on COVID-19 Spike in positive case forces Administration to resort to lockdown: Secretary (IP&T)

Port Blair, May 21

The Secretary, IP&T, Shri Sunil Kumar Singh while addressing a COVID-19 media briefing held in the conference hall of IP&T today stated that lockdown will be imposed by the A&N Administration in the entire South Andaman District from May 24, 2021. The A&N Administration took this decision after reviewing the COVID-19 situation in A&N Islands wherein the number of



positive cases has reached 274 as on date. The Secretary further informed that despite best efforts made by the Administration and putting in all kinds of

measures viz. making availability of medicines, oxygens, ventilators and the hard work by doctors, paramedical staff, field workers and other

stakeholders, the COVID positive cases didn't come down to single digit as was expected. This has compelled the A&N Administration to take a decision to go for a lockdown to contain the spread of the virus and to save the precious lives of the Islanders, the Secretary said adding that orders for modalities and protocols of the lockdown will be issued in due course. The Secretary urged

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## Tweets on COVID-19 Management by Administration

**Raj kr** @Rajkr12933309  
Sending thanks and warm thoughts to all of you who are working through these challenging times.

**Gourav** @findgourav  
Replying to @Andaman\_Admin @Admiral\_DKJoshi and 2 others  
Hike in new cases insted of discharge shows we doesn't following #doGaajDuriMaskJaruri . Help AN Admin. by comply all covid protocols to reduce the rate of New cases.

**SONJOY HALDER** @halder\_sonjoy  
Replying to @Andaman\_Admin @Admiral\_DKJoshi and 2 others  
Only administration can not control the deadly virus, it is the responsibilities of every islanders. I request all to go for self lockdown at least for 2 weeks, the virus doesn't have legs to move unless we do. If we stop movement then the virus will stop spreading, simple.

**T.Shanmukh Rao** @TShanmukhRao4  
Replying to @Andaman\_Admin @Admiral\_DKJoshi and 2 others  
Current zero active Cases in Nicobar District, good job by nicobar administration

**MOHD SAFIQ** @MOHDSAFB8438039  
I want to Thank @DcSouthandaman @SDMSouthandaman for visiting PHC T/Bad and fulfilling the demands of Ex-PRI's and MOIC. Like Installing Genset, Vehicle for ambulance purpose, Sanitizing machine, and start up of RAT at PHC T/Bad from today itself.

**Anand Kr** @AnandKr1  
Andaman is really a safe haven for us thanks to the efforts of @Andaman\_admin

**Ayurvedic Immunity Promoting Measures**

- Take Chyavanprash 10gm (1tsf) in the morning. Diabetics should take sugar free Chyavanprash.
- Drink herbal tea / decoction (Kadha) made from Tulsi (Basil), Dalchini (Cinnamon), Kalimirch (Black pepper), Shunthi (Dry Ginger) and Munakka (Raisin) - once or twice a day. Add jaggery (natural sugar) and / or fresh lemon juice to your taste, if needed.
- Golden Milk- Half tea spoon Haldi (turmeric) powder in 150 ml hot milk - once or twice a day.

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

**COVID ALERT**  
FOLLOW COVID APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR EVERYDAY AND HELP KEEP COVID-19 AWAY

- Total number of active cases in India: 3027925
- Deaths in India: 291331
- Single day surge: 2.76.000
- Total no of active cases in Andaman since 1.03.2021: 274
- Total Deaths since 1.03.2021: 36
- Surge in a single day: 31

It is time to be alert & vigilant  
Follow COVID appropriate behaviour strictly

Call Control Room number for assistance: 240126, 232102, 1077, 1070  
BADALKAR APNA VYAVAHAR, KAREIN CORONA PAR VAAR  
Issued in public interest by A&N Administration

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन  
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

**Health Bulletin For Containment Of**

**नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)**

(No. 417/ 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021)  
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 21.05.2021

**Status of Cases :**

Second Wave since: 01.03.2021	
Active new case in last 24 Hours	31
Discharges in last 24 hours	16
Total confirmed cases	1795
Total Discharges	1485
Total Active case as on date	274
Total Deaths during second wave	36

**Cumulative since March 2020**

Details	On 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	On 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Total
Confirmed Cases	6758	31*	6789
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	6401	16	6417
Death	96	02	98

\*Includes 06 Positive from Airport arrival.

**Clinical Management of Cases :**

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Vacant
North & Middle Andaman	286	07	279
South Andaman	5583	267	5316
Nicobar	507	00	507
Total	6376	274	6102

# Total 14 containment zone formed in South Andaman District

**Status of Sample and Testing:**

Total Samples sent till date	382015
Total Reports received till date	382015
Total Pending Reports	0
Rate of Testing Per Million	955038
Test Positivity Rate	1.78%
COWIN 1.0	

**Vaccination Status**

Total population	4,00,000	--
Target Beneficiaries	2,81,603(Approx)	--
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated so far	1,19,542	--
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose so far	1,02,185	36.29
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose so far	17,357	16.99
% of population vaccinated	--	25.55

**Passengers screened at VSI Airport & Haddo Wharf**

Details	From 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	On 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Total
Incoming Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	239199	280	239479
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	0	1032
Outward Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	251342	293	251635
b) Haddo Wharf	928	0	928

\* On 21.05.2021, 270 passengers were retested by RAT at Airport.

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

**Preparedness of various Supply Units ....**

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foodgrains in this UT during this pandemic scenario. The status of PMGKAY distribution was also reviewed and necessary instructions were given to the officials to ensure that the PDS distribution through FPS remains unaffected, a press release received from Directorate of CS&CA said.

**Union Health Minister reviews Public Health Response ...**

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conducted the highest ever 20,61,683 tests with the cumulative tests being over 3,30,00,000. Underscoring the critical importance of vaccination drive, the Minister highlighted that India has administered a total of 19,18,89,503 vaccine doses to its citizens. He stated that the Government is in the active process of supporting the manufacturer of vaccines for ramping up vaccine availability in the country. He expressed hope that in the subsequent months, there will be an exponential rise in production of vaccines in the country. He added that "Between August to December 2021, India will have procured 216 crore vaccine doses, while by July this year, 51 crore doses will be procured". The Union Health Minister also said that by the end of the year, the country will be in a position to vaccinate at least all of its adult population.

Highlighting the issue of Black Fungus (Mucormycosis), Dr. Harsh Vardhan informed that all the States/UTs have been asked to notify it as an epidemic and ensure that all the cases of black fungus are duly reported. He assured that all the necessary information and guidelines regarding diabetes control and restricted use of steroids have been provided to States. He also touched upon the speculation that the virus might mutate in future and endanger children. He informed that the health facilities are being upgraded to deal with any such exigency.

Dr Harsh Vardhan presented a snapshot on the COVID situation in all the States/UTs. In Chhattisgarh, intense transmission has been observed since March 2021. The State was observing a near positivity rate of 30% at the start of May. In Himachal Pradesh, there are more than 35,000 active cases, while the fatality rate (1.44%) is much higher than national average. Dr. Harsh Vardhan underlined the issues like complacency, marriages, super spreaderevents etc., for the steep rise in cases in Himachal Pradesh. He informed that Goa is witnessing a rising trend with 22,000 active cases. Daman and Diu has 366 active cases and a declining trend is being observed. Similarly Ladakh is also showing a declining trend with 1,500 active cases at present.

Dr Harsh Vardhan cautioned towards the new emerging trend in the country. He highlighted that now the smaller States are showing an upward trend and there is a dire need to be extremely cautious. He asked the States to follow the basic principles of COVID Appropriate Behaviour along with testing, tracking, tracing, treating and now vaccinating to fight against the pandemic. He emphasised the need to step up vaccination and reiterated the need to dedicate 70% of vaccines provided by the Central Government for the second dose. He also requested the States/UTs to be vigilant against vaccination wastage.

Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, MoS (HFW) reiterated that testing and vaccination should be the focus. He stated that the Centre is providing full assistance to States in terms of medicines for Mucor mycosis, and also Oxygen for the hospitalised patients. He also appreciated the efforts made by all the States/UTs in the fight against COVID.

Through a detailed and comprehensive presentation, Shri Sujeet Kumar Singh, Director NCDC highlighted the trend of active cases, positivity rate and fatality rate in nine states/UTs. He cautioned against the rising cases in smaller states especially Himachal Pradesh. He emphasised on the need to increase surveillance, testing and focus on potential hotspots.

Ms. Vandana Gurmani, Additional Secretary (Health) presented on the progress of vaccination in these 9 State/UTs. Taking note of advice to augment their preparedness to contain COVID-19, the State Health Officials expressed gratitude for the help they have been receiving from the Union Government. Dr Harsh Vardhan assured the states of all support from the Centre in augmenting their vaccine drive.

**Formation of low pressure area over Bay of Bengal and adjoining Andaman Sea**

**Heavy rainfall to occur in Isles on May 22 & 23**

Port Blair, May 21  
India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India in a press release issued today stated that Southwest monsoon is likely to advance to some parts of South Bay of Bengal, South Andaman Sea, Nicobar Islands and some parts of North Andaman Sea and is likely to form a low pressure area over east central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Andaman Sea on 22nd May and intensify into a Cyclonic Storm. A press release from Directorate of Disaster Management has stated that under its influence, heavy to heavy rain (7-

20cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on May 22. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty wind (speed reaching 40-50 kmph) is also likely to occur. Similarly, heavy rain (7-11cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on May 23. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (speed reaching 50-60 kmph) is also likely to occur at one or two places. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (speed reaching 40-50 kmph) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on May 24. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) is also likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on May 25. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea from 21st May till further information. For further enquiries/ information contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/ assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554, the press release added.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Media briefed on COVID-19...**

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the Islanders not to panic and do not overstock essential items. He further requested to maintain social distancing while going for purchase of essential commodities. The Secretary said since last one month, the Administration was monitoring the COVID situation and the surge in positive cases in Isles which, he said, was not at all coming down and the single day surge of COVID cases went upto 49 on May 20, 2021. "We have done everything possible but not able to bring down the number of positive cases to single digit and Administration left with no option but to go for a lockdown in South Andaman District from May 24.

Referring to the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) conducted among passengers, the Secretary said on May 21, 3 flights with 270 passengers arrived and during the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) conducted on these passengers, 6 persons were found positive. He further informed that 105 persons bound for Middle & North Andaman were tested at Ferrargunj of which 7 persons were found positive.

About vaccination drive, the Secretary said it is continuing and today 347 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman, out of which 281 were of 18+ and rest of them were above 45+ age. The Secretary further informed that vaccination for 18+ eligible beneficiaries started in Car Nicobar today. Altogether, 51 persons of 18+ age were administered vaccine.

The Director ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal said that 16 new COVID patients were admitted today in G.B. Pant Hospital and 7 patients were discharged. With this, the number of corona positive patients in Hospital is 96. Out of the 96 patients, 75 are on Oxygen support and 4 are on ventilator.

The Deputy Director, G.B. Pant Hospital, Shri Amitabha De said that altogether, 10 patients were admitted at COVID Care Centres and 4 patients were discharged and the number of patients in the COVID Care Centres is 54. He further informed that 2 COVID patients were admitted and 3 patients were discharged from COVID Care Centre Wimberlygunj and 7 patients were still admitted in the Centre, he added.

The Deputy Director IP, Shri R.S Meena also attended the press conference.

**610 registered beneficiaries in the age ...**

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beneficiaries of 45+ who are yet to receive their 1st Dose is also continuing and for them the facility of on-site registration will be available. The left over beneficiaries (45+) have been requested to get themselves vaccinated.

688 doses of COVISHIELD vaccines were administered to the eligible beneficiaries by the health teams today (May 21), taking the total number of doses of vaccines administered so far to 1, 19,542. The district wise figure of administering of COVISHIELD doses to the eligible beneficiaries on May 21 by the Health Department states that in South Andaman, 347 persons above 18+ were administered the vaccine while in North & Middle Andaman District 290 persons and in Nicobar District, 51 were vaccinated, a press release from DHS said.

**PBMC conducts awareness prog....**

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from this, PBMC is carrying out the IEC activities by fixing large hoardings in all Sanitary Site Offices and in key public areas for disseminating information about best practices during this pandemic and also about the vaccination programme of A&N Administration.

PBMC is also encouraging the citizens to pay the municipal dues online by visiting their website www.pbmc.gov.in. This ensures electronic delivery of services from home and will help in reducing movement of people and the risk of contracting COVID-19, a press release from PBMC said.

**DDK to telecast Doctor's Speak prog. on 'Post COVID care & management through Ayurveda'**

Port Blair, May 21  
Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast a Doctor's Speak live phone-in programme on the topic 'Post COVID care and management through Ayurveda' on May 24, 2021 from 1700 to 1800 hrs. In this programme, Dr. Varsha Raman, Medical Officer (Ayurveda) will be the expert. Viewers can participate in this live phone-in programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367, a press release received from Head of Programme, DDK said.

## Advance of Southwest monsoon into some parts of south Bay of Bengal, South Andaman Sea, Nicobar Islands

### Likely formation of a low pressure area over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Andaman Sea on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and its intensification into a Cyclonic Storm.

► Southwest monsoon has advanced into some parts of southwest Bay of Bengal, most parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, south Andaman Sea and **Nicobar Islands and some parts of North Andaman Sea**, today, the 21st May, 2021 in association with the strengthening & deepening of southwesterly winds over the region and widespread rainfall activity. The northern Limit of Monsoon (NLM) passes through (latitude/longitude) 5°/83°, 10°/90°, 12°/95° and 130°/98°. Conditions are becoming favourable for further advance of southwest monsoon into some more parts of southwest Bay of Bengal, remaining parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, entire Andaman Sea and Andaman & Nicobar Islands and some parts of central Bay of Bengal **during next 48 hours**.

► A cyclonic circulation lies over Southeast and adjoining central Bay of Bengal between 3.1 km & 5.8 km above mean sea level. Under its influence, a Low pressure area is very likely to form over **eastcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Andaman Sea on 22nd May 2021**. It is very likely to move northwestwards and intensify into a **Cyclonic Storm** by 24 May. It would continue to move northwestwards, intensify further and reach North Bay of Bengal near Odisha- West Bengal coasts around 26th May morning.

**Warnings:**

**(i) Rainfall:**

● **Andaman & Nicobar Islands:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy to very heavy falls at isolated places during 21 to 23 May.

● **Odisha - West Bengal:** Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy falls at isolated places very likely to commence from 25th May with significant increase in spatial extension and intensity subsequently.

**(ii) Wind warning**

● Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail over southeast Bay of Bengal & south Andaman Sea from 21st May onwards.

● Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting to 60 kmph is likely to prevail over Andaman Sea & adjoining eastcentral and southeast Bay of Bengal on 22nd May. It is very likely to increase becoming 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph over **eastcentral Bay of Bengal and adjoining north Andaman Sea** from 23rd Morning. It is very likely to increase further becoming 50-60 gusting to 70 kmph on 23rd May and becoming Gale wind speed reaching 65 to 75 gusting to 85 over major parts of central Bay of Bengal from 24th morning and would increase gradually till 25th May.

● Squally wind speed reaching 40-50 kmph gusting 60 kmph is very likely to prevail over North Bay of Bengal and along and off Odisha - West Bengal - Bangladesh coasts from 24th evening. It would increase gradually becoming 50-60 kmph gusting to 70 kmph from 25th evening and would gradually increase thereafter till 26th noon.

**(iii) Sea condition**

● Sea conditions will be rough to very rough over southeast Bay of Bengal & south Andaman Sea from 21st May onwards till 23rd May .

● Sea conditions will be rough to very rough over Andaman Sea & adjoining eastcentral Bay of Bengal on 23rd May, High to very High over major parts of central Bay of Bengal, north Bay of Bengal and along & off Odisha - West Bengal coasts during 24th - 26th May.

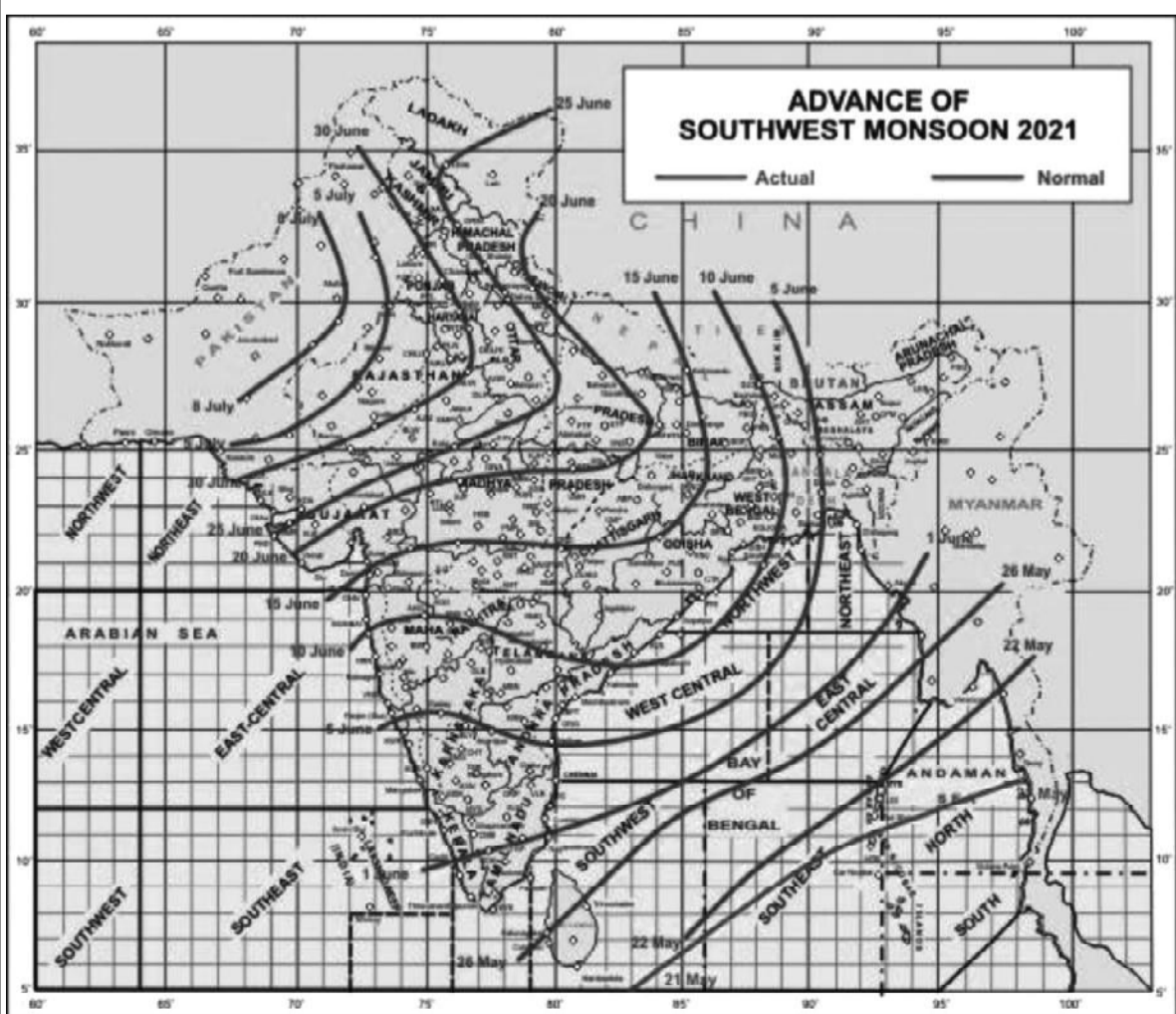
**(iv) Fishermen Warning**

● The fishermen are advised not to venture into southeast Bay of Bengal & south Andaman Sea from 21st May onwards, into central Bay of Bengal from 23rd - 25th May and into north Bay of Bengal and along & off West Bengal - Odisha -Bangladesh coasts from 24th - 26th May.

● Those who are out in the Deep Sea are advised to return to the coast by **23rd May**.

The developmnet of the system is under continuous surveillance and the concerned state governments are being informed regularly.

Kindly visit [www.rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in](http://www.rsmcnewdelhi.imd.gov.in) and [www.mausam.imd.gov.in](http://www.mausam.imd.gov.in) for regular updates.

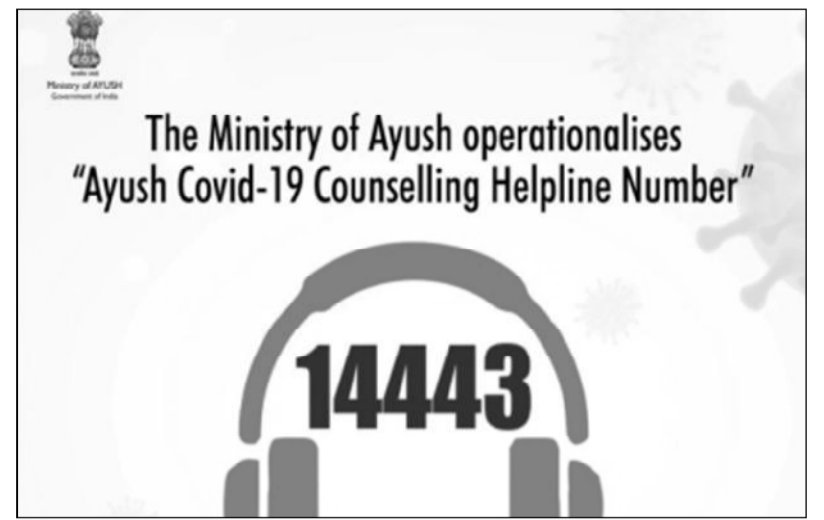


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## Countrywide AYUSH COVID-19 counselling helpline on toll-free number 14443 operationalised

New Delhi, May 21

Countrywide AYUSH COVID-19 counselling helpline has been operationalised. The toll-free number is 14443. The helpline is operational pan-India from 6 a.m. to 12 midnight-all seven days of a week. Through the helpline 14443, experts from different streams of Ayush, namely Ayurveda, Homeopathy, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani and Siddha would be available to address queries of the general masses. These experts would not only be providing counselling and feasible remedies to the patients but would also guide them about the availability of nearby Ayush facilities. The experts would also be suggesting Post-COVID-19 rehabilitation and management



approaches to the patients. The helpline is IVR (Interactive Voice Response) equipped and currently available in Hindi and English languages. The helpline will initially take 100 calls simultaneously and the capacity would be increased in future, as per requirements. Through the helpline, the Ministry of Ayush aims to contribute to the community-wide effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. The effort is supported by the NGO Project StepOne. (Source: india.gov.in)

## Govt. extends due date of furnishing of IT Returns for AY 2021-22

New Delhi, May 21

The Government has extended the due date of furnishing of Income Tax Returns for the Assessment Year 2021-22, for individuals by two months from 31st July to 30th September, 2021. Finance Ministry said that the decision to extend timelines for compliances under the Income-tax Act was taken in light of COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has also extended the due date of Income Tax Returns filing for companies for Assessment Year 2021-2022 from 31st October to 30th November.

In addition to it, the due date of furnishing of belated or

Central Government extends timelines for compliances under the Income-tax Act, 1961 in the following cases	
8	The Statement of Income paid or credited by an investment fund to its unit holder in Form No 64C for the Previous Year 2020-21, required to be furnished on or before 30th June, 2021 under Rule 12CB of the Rules, may be furnished on or before 15th July, 2021
9	The due date of furnishing of Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 31st July, 2021 under sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Act, is extended to 30th September, 2021
10	The due date of furnishing of Report of Audit under any provision of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21, which is 30th September, 2021, is extended to 31st October, 2021
11	The due date of furnishing Report from an Accountant by persons entering into international transaction or specified domestic transaction under section 92E of the Act for the Previous Year 2020-21, which is 31st October, 2021, is extended to 30th November, 2021

revised Return of Income for the Assessment Year 2021-22, which is 31st December has been extended to 31st January, 2022. The Ministry said that the deadline for issuing Form- 16 by employers to employees has

also been extended by a month till 15th of July this year. The due date of furnishing of Report of Audit for the Previous Year 2020-21 was extended to 31<sup>st</sup> October this year from 30<sup>th</sup> September. (Source: india.gov.in)

## DRDO develops antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN'

New Delhi, May 21

Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO has developed an antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN', the DIPAS-VDx COVID-19 IgG Antibody Microwell ELISA for sero-surveillance. The kit will be very useful for understanding COVID-19 epidemiology and assessing an individual's previous SARS-CoV-2 exposure. The kit can detect both spike as well as nucleocapsid proteins of SARS-CoV-2 virus with a high sensitivity of 97 per cent and specificity of 99 per cent.

The Defence Ministry said, the kit has been developed in association with Vanguard Diagnostics Private Limited, a development and manufacturing diagnostics company based at New Delhi. The company will commercially launch the product during the first week of next month. It requires just 75 minutes to conduct the test without any cross reactivity with other diseases. The kit has a shelf life of 18 months and it is expected to be available at about 75 rupees per test. The DIPCOVAN kit was developed indigenously by the

scientists, followed by extensive validation on more than one thousand patient samples at various COVID designated hospitals in Delhi. The antibody detection kit is approved by Indian Council of Medical Research in April this year. In May, the product received the regulatory approval from the Drugs Controller General of India to manufacture for sale and distribution. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has appreciated the efforts of DRDO and the industry in developing the kit at the time of need. (Source: india.gov.in)

## Economy will have stronger and faster recovery after June: NITI Aayog Vice Chairman

New Delhi, May 21

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Shri Rajeev Kumar has said, the second wave of COVID-19 will surely have unpleasant impact on the economic activity but we will still get a very positive growth rate for the first quarter. Shri Kumar said, the kind of very sharp 'V' shape recovery the country was expecting will be less pronounced as the economy suffered due to localised lockdowns and the consumer and investor sentiment got a beating. The Vice Chairman of



the apex planning body of the country said, by the end of June this will be behind us and the vaccination programme would also have gone to another level. Shri Kumar, who is a leading economist, said after June the economy will have a stronger

and faster recovery than most of the people expected. He said, the year will end on a positive note.

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman said, the output of the coming Kharif season will not be affected much by the second wave of the Pandemic. Mr Kumar said, the country is going to have a normal monsoon for the fourth year in a row and the reports about the summer season are also encouraging. The area covered is also quite substantial. (Source: india.gov.in)

# CBSE activates Young Warrior movement to engage five million young people to lead action against COVID-19

New Delhi, May 21  
Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) along with and Sports and Health Ministries as well as YuWaah-UNICEF are activating the nationwide Young Warrior movement to engage five million young people to lead action against COVID-19 and impact 50 million people. In a letter to the Heads of all affiliated Institutions, CBSE has asked to encourage students and teachers between the ages 10 and 30 years to join this movement and safeguard themselves, their families, their communities and the country.



This engagement will comprise a series of easy and real-life tasks with the Young Warrior earning certificate for their actions. These actions include promoting access to verified health and essential services, vaccine registration, COVID Appropriate Behaviour, myth-busting and others. These tasks will be hosted in ten regional languages. (Source: india.gov.in)

# Centre proactively making all round efforts to ramp up supply & availability of Amphotericin-B anti-fungal drug

New Delhi, May 21  
The Union Government is proactively making all round efforts to ramp up supply and availability of Amphotericin-B anti-fungal drug for treatment of Black Fungus disease. Five additional manufactures have been given license to manufacture it within the country while the production by the existing five manufacturers are being substantially ramped up. The production capacity of existing companies was extremely limited in last month. As a result of the handholding

by the government, these domestic manufactures will cumulatively produce over 1.63 lakh vials of Amphotericin-B this month. This will be further ramped up to over 2.55 lakh vials next month. Besides, 3.63 lakh vials of Amphotericin-B will be imported this month while 3.15 lakh vials will be imported in June this year. The five manufacturers who have been given the license to produce the anti-fungal drug, will start producing 1.11 lakh vials of Amphotericin-B per

month from July this year. The Health Ministry and Department of Pharmaceuticals are trying to proactively facilitate these five manufacturers to prepone some of this production. Union Health Ministry in collaboration with External Affairs Ministry is also actively exploring other global sources from where the Amphotericin-B drug can be imported. The Health Ministry is also trying to procure other antifungal drugs which can be used in treatment of Black Fungus. (Source: india.gov.in)

# Ministry of Home Affairs holds Conference of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries of Departments of Disaster Management of States/UTs Preparedness for handling natural disasters reviewed

New Delhi, May 21  
The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), today organized the Annual Conference of Relief Commissioners and Secretaries of the Departments of Disaster Management of States and Union Territories through Video Conference. The Conference was convened primarily to review the status of preparedness for dealing with natural disasters that may arise during the South-West Monsoon 2021. The Conference was presided over by the Union Home Secretary. In his inaugural address, the Union Home Secretary stressed on the need for building up capacities and response reflexes to ensure 24x7 preparedness throughout the year. He also advised all authorities to make extra efforts to secure all health facilities, oxygen generation plants from

heavy rains/floods during the South-West Monsoon or any other impending disaster. The Union Home Secretary asked all concerned officials of the Central and the State Governments to be better prepared, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, to minimize losses due to natural disasters, such as floods, cyclones, earthquakes etc. The Union Home Secretary also released the Version 4.0 of the National Database for Emergency Management (NDEM), developed by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), which is very helpful in integration of real time alerts and warning from forecasting agencies and dissemination of this to Disaster Management Authorities upto district level for disaster risk reduction in the country. The IMD made a presentation on

forecasting, warning and dissemination mechanism, response and preparedness measures and their future plans for enhancing capability in the field of disaster management. Representatives of States and Union Territories, Central Ministries, Central Armed Police Forces, India Meteorological Department (IMD), Central Water Commission (CWC), Snow & Avalanche Study Establishment (SASE), NRSC, (ISRO), GSI and other Scientific Organisations, along with Armed Forces and National Disaster Response Force participated in the Conference. Issues connected with disaster preparedness, early warning systems, flood and river/reservoir management, disaster management on-site and off-site plans of the States and Union Territories were discussed. (Source: PIB)

## SHORT e-TENDER NOTICE

No. DB/23-2/Tender Notice/PBND/2020-21/2123

dated: 21-05-2021

The Executive Engineer, PBND, APWD, Port Blair on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders (In form of CPWD-8) from all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands & do not have any adverse remarks for the under mentioned work(s)

1. NIT No. 06/EE/PBND/2021-22, Name of work:- Repair and renovation of Forest Corporation Building, Haddo for COVID Facility Centre under PBND, APWD, Port Blair, Estimate cost: Rs. 50,74,389/- & time of completion: 01 (One) Month. (Tender ID: 2021\_APWD\_3101\_1)

The last date of bid submission will be 31.05.2021 upto 1500 hours. The e-tender form and other details/information can be seen on website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

**Executive Engineer  
I.D. No. 7791  
PBND, APWD, Port Blair**

## Re e-TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are invited for "Loading, Unloading, Transportation and Stacking of Agriculture Inputs (Roadways)" for a period of one year from the date of acceptance of the rates on as and when required basis. Interested tenderers are requested to quote their rates as per the details given in the e-tender document.

Tender should be filled online upto 10 June, 2021 till 10.30 AM. The tender will be opened on the same day at 11 AM in presence of tenderers or their representative, if any.

Tender documents containing details and terms and conditions along with Price Bid Schedule, Technical Bid Schedule are available in the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> (TenderID- 2021\_AGPRO\_3095\_1).

**Sd/-  
Assistant Director (Admn.)  
Directorate of Agriculture, Port Blair  
F.No. 3-3/DA/PROC/L&U (Roadways)/ 2020-21/ 1211  
I.D. No. 7792  
Dated 20/05/2021**

## NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

No. TN-1/DB/CD-II/PP/2021-22/226 DATED: 18/05/2021

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No. II, APWD, Prothrapur invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from the approved and eligible experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD and Non-APWD Contractors having experience in executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations working in these Islands of appropriate class of enlistment in the respective departments. NIT No. 01/EE/CD-II/2021-22

Name of Work: Construction of approach road in Industrial Estate Dollygunj for Uttam Gas Industries.

Estimated Cost : Rs. 13,72,292.00  
Period of Completion : 10 (Ten) days  
Bid Document Publishing Date : 19/05/2021 (1600 hrs.)  
Bid Document Download/Start Date : 19/05/2021 (1600 hrs.)  
Bid Submission Start Date : 19/05/2021 (1600 hrs.)  
Bid Submission Closing Date : 28/05/2021 (1000 hrs.)  
Bid Opening Date : 28/05/2021 (1030 hrs.)

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

**Executive Engineer  
Construction Division No. II  
APWD, Prothrapur  
I.D. No. 7786  
Tender ID: 2021\_APWD\_3090\_1**

## Corrigendum/extension of due date for submission of e-tender

F.No.1-6/Store/22/20/837 Dated 20th May' 2021.  
This is with reference to e-Tender Notice F.No.1-6/Store/22/20/705 Dated 22nd, April, 2021 vide Tender ID: 2021\_BRAIT\_2984\_1 uploaded in eProcurement portal <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> for "Purchase of spare parts for various models of vehicles" at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair. The last date of submission of eTender has been extended up to 18/06/2021.

The details are as under:-  
Last date and time of tender submission:- 18/06/2021 at 2.00 PM

Date & Time for Opening of Tender:- 19/06/2021 at 2.00 PM  
All other terms and condition shall remain unchanged.

**PURCHASE SECRETARY  
DR. B.R. AMBERDKAR INSTITUTE OF  
I.D. No. 7790  
TECHNOLOGY, PAHARGAON**

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## AFFIDAVIT

I, Ravichandran, S/o Late K. Nagarajan, R/o Lillypur under Port Blair Tehsil, District South Andaman, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. That my actual and correct name is Ravichandran as mentioned in my Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Bank Account & Passport.

2. That my name has been inadvertently mentioned as Ravichandran, S/o Nagarajan in my Educational Certificates.

3. That in my service record in Education Department, A&N Administration, my name has been erroneously reflected as N. Ravichandran in some of the documents including in my GPF Account.

4. That the name Ravichandran, Ravichandran and N. Ravichandran are one and the same person.

5. That this affidavit is executed for the purpose of making correction of my name in my service record and to declare my actual and correct name as Ravichandran for all official and non-official purpose.

Whatever, I have stated hereinabove are true and correct to the best of my knowledge & belief. **Deponent**

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R/o Haddipur

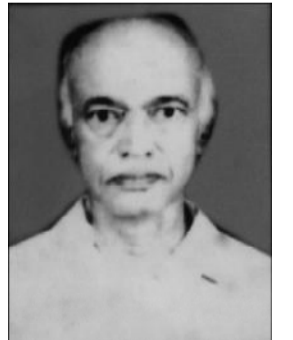
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On 22nd May, 2021

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