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Weather Report
 Light rainfall likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 33°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 23/04/2021.
 Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.7
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 24.4
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 069
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 078
 Sunrise time on 23.04.2021 (in IST): 0504
 Sunset time on 23.04.2021 (in IST): 1732
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)-in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 001.8
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 21 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 346.4 mm

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Chief Secretary interacts with media on COVID -19

Administration fully prepared to deal with growing challenges of COVID pandemic & its top priority is safety of Islanders: CS

|| Calls upon Islanders to follow COVID appropriate behaviour and avoid unnecessary movement ||

Port Blair, April 22

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain today made a fervent call to the Islanders to take the present scenario of war against COVID-19 seriously and strictly adhere to COVID appropriate behaviour without any lapse. Addressing a press conference in the conference hall of Secretariat here this evening, the Chief Secretary said, the Islands are witnessing a rise in the corona positive cases primarily due to the incoming passengers from mainland and the Administration is putting its best effort for its containment, so that the safety and health of the Islanders are not put at stake. Despite various proactive measures taken by Administration for the safety of the Islanders, even during such critical stage, many are seen violating the COVID protocol by not wearing mask, not maintaining social distancing and gathering in large numbers, said the Chief Secretary. Such laxity will beget immense challenge in the coming days, as more and more cases are being detected and might lead to a precarious situation, he added.

Appealing to the people, the Chief Secretary said, "Please stay at home, spend time with your family and avoid unnecessary movements so that we can minimize the impact of the virus and prevent further transmission." Cautioning all, the Chief Secretary stated that in the next few weeks, we have to be extra cautious and it is the duty of every Islander to follow COVID guidelines explicitly and extend their cooperation to the Administration in this battle.

The double screening of incoming passengers at Airport through Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) has helped in detecting large number of positive cases despite the passengers carrying RTPCR negative report, the Chief Secretary remarked. This has immensely helped the



Administration in further curbing the chain of transmission and the positive cases detected are being handled as per the COVID protocol laid down by the Govt., he added. Expressing concern over flight passengers carrying fake/tampered RTPCR negative report, the Chief Secretary said, FIRs have been filed against such errant passengers. The Chief Secretary further requested the people to get themselves vaccinated for their protection. He urged all above 45+ including Govt. Servants to take the vaccine. To facilitate Islanders, the number of Vaccination Centres have been increased from 17 Centres to 88 Centres now.

The Chief Secretary also called upon the media to play a constructive role in creating awareness about COVID

appropriate behavior and encourage people to get themselves vaccinated as a shield against the deadly virus.

The press conference was also attended by DGP, A&N Islands, Shri Satyendra K Garg, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health), Dr. V Candavelou, Secretary (Health), Shri R N Sharma, Secretary (IP&T), Shri Sunil Kumar Singh, Deputy Commissioner (SA), Shri Suneel Anchipaka and other officers of the Administration.

Outlining the steps taken by the Police Department to control the disease, the DGP, Shri Satyendra Garg stated that ever since the outbreak of the second wave of COVID-19, the Department is giving its best effort in preventing the spread of virus by enforcing COVID discipline and round the clock monitoring by the police personnel. Till date, he said, 11563 challans were levied for not wearing face mask; about 63960 challans were made for not following social distancing. He said, 381 FIR have been registered against people for not following COVID appropriate behavior. The A&N Police has so far collected a fine amount of Rs. 1.89 Cr. and more than 500 police personnel are engaged in COVID regulation duty. He also mentioned that 100 % first dose vaccination of police personnel have been done.

Informing about the steps taken by the Administration, the Secretary (Health), Shri R N Sharma said, a total of 5782 beds are available for management of COVID patients. Out of this, 399 beds are at Hospital, 1397 at Dedicated COVID Care Centres, 80 at Dedicated COVID Health Centres and 3906 hotel beds identified for COVID Care Centres. The facility of bed as on March 1 was 1037 and it has been increased to 5782 as on April 21. About the

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DC (SA) & team inspects vaccination drive & COVID-19 management in PHCs at Ferrargunj, Wimberlygunj & Tushnabad Directs Medical Officers to ensure contact tracing, home quarantine of persons



Port Blair, April 22

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA) alongwith Shri Hari Kallikkat, SDM (SA) and Ms. B. Yashaswini, AC(UT) inspected the vaccination drive, field surveillance, door to door delivery of medicine and functioning of hospitals for COVID-19 management in the Primary Health Centres at Ferrargunj,

Wimberlygunj and Tushnabad. He also interacted with the Medical Officers of PHCs and enquired about the progress of vaccination drive and the preparedness of the PHC in the fight against COVID. He directed the Medical Officers to ensure that contact tracing, home quarantine should also be carried out in respect of all persons who are found COVID positive.

Surveillance for ILI/ SARI cases should also be carried out on war footing to avoid its further spread. The DC reiterated that the five-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, COVID Appropriate Behaviour and Vaccination will be meticulously implemented in South Andaman. Later, they also made a visit to Abhyudaya, a

social welfare home for boys, disabled and old aged persons. During the brief visit of the team at Abhyudaya, the DC interacted with the children and senior citizens and enquired about their wellbeing. Further, interacting with the care taker of the home, the DC asked them to ensure that the inmates are vaccinated at the earliest and also ensure strict adherence of the COVID appropriate behaviour.

In continuation with the steps being taken by the District Administration in the fight against COVID-19, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, (Contd. on last page)

District Administration strengthens surveillance & control measures against COVID-19 cases in Isles

Active monitoring of Containment Zones being done to ensure effective services

Port Blair, April 22

Considering the increase in the number of cases, the District Administration, South Andaman has strengthened the surveillance and control measures against the COVID-19 cases. Intense contact tracing and testing are the mainstay of the COVID-19 response and the



District Administration per GOI instructions. Active surveillance, setting up of District testing and isolating as (Contd. on last page)

MP writes to CS for arranging ship to Campbell Bay & Hut Bay to facilitate stranded passengers

Port Blair, April 22

The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to make arrangements for sailing of ship for Campbell Bay for

transportation of stranded people who are stuck at Port Blair due to non availability of ship to Campbell Bay. Earlier, the MP also requested the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration to arrange sailing of boat (Contd. on last page)

Combating increasing number of COVID positive cases in A&N Islands

94,560 doses of vaccine administered to the beneficiaries so far

Port Blair, April 22

Along with the country, the A&N Islands too is witnessing surge in the number of COVID positive cases on a daily basis. To safeguard the people of these Islands, the Administration has deployed all its machineries to ensure proper management of the disease and minimize the impact of the pandemic in the Islands. The vaccination drive is simultaneously being carried forward by the Health Department in different parts of the Islands so that majority of the populations under 45 + age groups are vaccinated at the earliest.

The health teams designated in various vaccination centres spread across the Islands are vaccinating all the beneficiaries who visit the centre on a



Vaccination drive at CHC Bambooflat

Help Administration in its fight against COVID-19
 Spot the unvaccinated
 (Persons above 45+)

94560 doses of vaccine administered in Isles

Many more still remain.....

Inform through WhatsApp / dial on Mobile No. 9474287574
 about the unvaccinated persons

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

Directorate of Health Services
 A&N Administration



daily basis. Today, 2318 doses of vaccines were administered to the eligible beneficiaries by the health teams, taking the total number of Department teams on

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Andaman's war against Corona Virus



Come on Andamans! Follow COVID appropriate behaviour



Adopt COVID Appropriate Behaviour: ' Davai Bhi, Kadai Bhi (Yes to medicine and Yes to caution)

Over 3.14 lakh fresh COVID-19 cases recorded in country

New Delhi, April 22
The record spike in corona virus cases has increased the COVID-19 active caseloads in several States and Union Territories in the second wave of the pandemic. The Health Ministry has said, a record number of over 3.14 lakh fresh cases have been reported in the country within 24 hours.

COVID ALERT

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



- Total number of active cases in India: 2291426
- Deaths in India: 184657
- Surge in a single day: over 3.14 lakh new cases
- Total no of active cases in A&N Islands: 153
- Total Deaths: 65
- Surge in a single day: 37

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

This is the highest number of new cases registered in a single day since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in the country. With this, cumulative positive cases crossed 1.59 crore mark. The Ministry has said, at present, there are over 22,91,000 active cases in the country which comprises 14.38 per cent of the total positive cases.

The country has also touched the grim record of highest number of deaths in a single day. A total of 2104 deaths have been reported in the country within 24 hours, taking the toll to over 1.84 lakh across the country.

Amid the rising new cases, the recovery rate has further declined to 84.45 per cent. The Ministry informed that more than one lakh seventy eight thousand people have recovered from the corona virus infection in the last 24 hours. So far, more than 1.34 crore patients have been recovered from this infectious disease in the country. (Source:india.gov.in)

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Government of India

FOLLOW COVID Appropriate Behaviours

Hand wash



Hands-free greetings





Face-cover/mask



No spitting

Badalkar Apna Vyavahar, Karein Corona Par Vaar

अडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Health Bulletin For Containment Of नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)

(No. 388/ 22nd April 2021)
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON
22.04.2021

> Status of COVID-19 Cases :

Details	Upto 21 st April	On 22 nd April	Total
Confirmed Cases	5490	37*	5527
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	5276	33	5309
Death	64	01	65
Active Cases	150	-	153

* Includes 09 Positives from Airport arrival.

> Clinical Management of Cases :

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Positive Cases Admitted
North & Middle Andaman	173	06	06
South Andaman	838	147	147
Nicobar	26	00	00

Total 09 containment zone formed in South Andaman District

> Status of Sample and Testing for COVID 19:

Total Samples sent till date	358903
Total Reports received till date	358903
Total Pending Reports	00
Rate of Testing Per Million	897258
Test Positivity Rate	1.54%

> COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Phase-I

* 13683 Health Care and Frontline Workers have been vaccinated till 22.04.2021

> COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Phase-II

* 9558 Health Care workers have been vaccinated with 2nd dose as on 22.04.2021

COWIN 2.0

> COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Phase-I

* 70754 people above 45 age group have been vaccinated till 22.04.2021

> COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Phase-II

* 565 people above 45 age group have been vaccinated with 2nd dose till 22.04.2021

> Passengers screened at VSI Airport & Haddo Wharf

Details	From 25 th May to 21 st April	On 22 nd April	Total
Incoming Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	229808	508	230316
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	00	1032
Outward Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	236184	952	237136
b) Haddo Wharf	928	00	928

On 22.04.2021, 495 passengers were retested by RAT at Airport.

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

अडमान के बच्चों की
आवाज़।
माता-पिता को टीका
लगवाना है आज।।

**Get yourself
vaccinated if you are 45+**

Get yourself registered at
www.cowin.gov.in or
Aarogya Setu App or
visit nearest Vaccination Centre in
A&N Islands



I got vaccinated, when will you...?

Chief Secretary interacts...
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vaccination drive, he said, 82700 beneficiaries have been administered the 1st dose of vaccine while 9542 have been administered 2nd dose. Out of around 1 lakh population in the age group of 45+, about 92,242 beneficiaries have been administered vaccine doses till yesterday. He also said the vaccine wastage is nil in A&N Islands. A two minutes' silence was also observed during the press briefing in memory of first Lt Governor of A&N Islands, Shri ML Kampani, who passed away today and also the former Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash, who died yesterday.

PBMC urges people to install float valve on all their connections to prevent overflow of water

Inspection to begin in coming weeks

Port Blair, April 22
Water is the foundation of life and is the most precious gift of nature to mankind yet, we take it for granted and waste it. People leave pipes open leading to overflow of water till the supply is not closed. This leads to waste of precious water which can be saved just by installing a simple float valve on the connections.

PBMC has already made it mandatory in its water bye laws 'Port Blair Municipal Council Water Bye-Laws 2017' to fix float valve in all its connections under Clause 41. In this regard, the general public have been advised to install immediately, a press release received from PBMC said.

which water supply connections shall be disconnected. The ground inspection of household for checking float valves will commence in the coming weeks. Therefore, general public have once again been advised to install the float valve immediately, a press release received from PBMC said.

Transformation of Payment, Accounting & Reporting system by Pay & Accounts Department with implementation of PFMS

Port Blair, April 22
With improvement in the internet connectivity in A&N Islands from August, 2020, the Pay & Accounts Department, A & N Administration has transformed the entire Payment, Accounting and Reporting System by on-boarding the Principal Accounts Office and all the four Pay & Accounts Offices viz. PAO Port Blair, PAO Rangat and PAO Car Nicobar on Public Financial Management System. The Public Financial Management System (PFMS) developed by Controller General of Accounts under Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India is an efficient fund management system, provides online status of fund availability and its utilization on a real time basis and provides end-to-end solution for fund management, payment, accounting and decision support. With the implementation of various modules of PFMS, all 217 DDOs/CDDOs across the islands have been entirely digitized. Initially, the Principal Accounts Office was on boarded on PFMS and two PAOs of Port Blair started using Budget Module, Compilation of Accounts, Reconciliation of accounts, and Letter of Authority Module for authorizing funds to other Ministries. As soon as network connectivity of Islands improved, the Employee Information System (EIS) module, which is a centralized and web based system for Personnel Information & Payroll; and Sanction module of

PFMS were implemented across 217 DDOs/CDDOs under all the four Pay & Accounts Offices including the DDOs under the Sub Pay & Accounts offices. With the implementation of EIS, all the employees with their NICe-mail ID updated in the employee details in EIS and provided with Employee Login ID by their Department can view their pay slip and other service related data. The employee can update their saving details, view tax calculation or estimation report as per details saved by them as well as updated by DDOs. The employee can further submit details of saving online to the DDO through their login. Further, all the four PAOs also migrated to online GPF Module of PFMS by updating the data and subscription details of about 15000 GPF Subscribers on PFMS. The GPF Module enabled the employees with Employee ID to submit the GPF advance / withdrawal application and other GPF related forms online. Also this provides the facility to view GPF Ledger Card, Annual Statement, Final Settlement Status and Interest Calculation System. The GPF Transfer in and Transfer

Out of the subscriber balance can be done by the PAOs on real time. The Department is also in the process of implementing Pension Module for PAOs and the Bhavishya (Pension Sanction & Payment Tracking System), which is an online pension module by Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare, Gol for all the DDOs. The system will eliminate the delays in payment of pension by ensuring complete transparency in settlement of pension cases in a time bound manner and also passing of the ePPO to Digi-locker. This will enable the pensioners to track the status of their pension case. Pension module of PFMS is implemented in PAO (APWD & Forest) and PAO, Rangat. Further, Bhavishya has been already implemented in CDDOs under PAO (APWD & Forest) and DDOs under Pay & Accounts Office, Rangat. The PAO Port Blair and PAO Car Nicobar are also in the process of implementation of Pension Module & Bhavishya for the DDOs under them, a press release from Director of Accounts & Budget, CPAO, Port Blair said.

MP writes to CS for arranging ship...
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to Hut Bay to transport all the stranded people of Little Andaman who are also stuck at Port Blair, a press release received from MP Office said here.

DC (SA) & team inspects vaccination...
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DC(SA)/Chairman, District Registering Authority under Clinical Establishment held a review meeting with all private clinics and made an assessment of the COVID situation. The DC (SA) urged them for timely reporting of ILI/SARI symptomatic cases and to become active partners in the fight against this pandemic, a press release from DC (SA) said.

Combating increasing number of COVID ...
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Administration is also creating awareness on different forums to sensitize the general public on the need to adhere to COVID appropriate behavior at all time, in order to combat the increasing number of COVID cases in the Islands. Various constructive measures are being taken by the Administration, keeping in mind the safety of the people. With concerted efforts from all quarters coupled with the support of general public, the Islands can once again defeat the dreaded virus and emerge as Corona free Islands, a press release from DHS said.

District Administration ... (Contd. from page 1)
Control Room for monitoring, capacity-building of frontline health workers, risk communication and strong community engagement as well as to address the needs of the vulnerable population are some of the key strategic interventions implemented to keep the disease in control.

Responding swiftly to a call received in the District Control Room on 22/04/2021 for urgent evacuation of a patient staying inside the containment zone, who was found critical for diabetic gangrene, the Administration immediately diverted an ambulance to the spot and the patient was shifted to GB Pant Hospital. Further, the District Administration has been actively keeping a watch on containment zones to ensure effective services including social security and safety nets. The moral and legal obligation of District Administration extends to ensuring the 3As: Availability, Accessibility and Affordability for each and every section of the society, with a special stress on the subaltern and vulnerable sections such as women, children, senior citizens and 'divyangs'. The District Control Room is working 24x7 and in case of any emergency, the general public can reach out to DCR on phone numbers 03192-238881/ 240127, 1077 and +919531888844 (WhatsApp), a press release from Dy. Commissioner (SA) said.

Missing complaint registered at PS Ograbraj
Port Blair, April 22
On March 30, 2021, a written report was received from Shri Dulal Mistry, S/o Late Gaurango Mistry (48) yrs, R/o Collinpur regarding missing of his elder brother namely Ganesh Mistry, S/o Late Gaurango Mistry (55) Yrs, R/o Collinpur, who has been missing since December 2019 from his residence. He searched him at nearby locality and also enquired from the relatives and his friends but all in vain. The descriptive roll of the missing person is height- 5.5 feet, complexion-fair, built-normal, hair-black, wearing apparel-full sleeves shirt and full pant, speaks Hindi and Bengali. Based on the complaint, a missing report has been registered at PS Ograbraj. Intensive search is in progress. Hence, it is requested that if any information about the missing persons is found/noticed, it may be informed over phone 100, 112, 03192-232077 or to PS Ograbraj on 9531856271, a press release from SP, South Andaman District said here.

More than 13.23 crore people administered COVID-19 vaccines in country so far

New Delhi, April 22
COVID-19 vaccination drive is smoothly progressing in the country. The Health and Family Welfare Ministry has said, more than 22 lakh doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered to the beneficiaries in the last 24 hours. The Ministry said that over 13 crore 23 lakh people have been inoculated with COVID-19 vaccine jabs in the country so far. (Source:india.gov.in)

**GARBAGE COMPLAINT 24x7
CALL NOW 03192-231179
PBMC CONTROL ROOM**

