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Weather

Dry weather most likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Sunday 29/03/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.8
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.3
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 061
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 070
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0518
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1730
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 1.3 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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PM Narendra Modi to share his thoughts in 'Mann Ki Baat' programme today

New Delhi, Mar 28

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on All India Radio tomorrow (Mar 29) at 11 am. It will be the 63rd episode of the monthly radio programme. It will be broadcast on the entire network of AIR and Doordarshan and also on AIR News website <www.newsonair.com> and newsonair Mobile App. It will also be streamed live on the YouTube channels of AIR, DD News, PMO and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. AIR will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast. The regional language versions will also be repeated at 8 in the evening.



RMRC-ICMR confirms 3 more cases as COVID-19 positive; total 9 positive cases in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Mar 28

The designated laboratory for COVID-19 in A&N Islands, R M R C - I C M R, Dollygunj has reported 03 more cases tested positive for COVID-19 out of 06 samples sent yesterday. It is pertinent to mention that the persons who reported positive were from the same group

which came from Delhi on 24.03.2020 by Vistara and Indigo flights.

The Administration has taken steps to listing the contact details of these infected persons for which the teams have already been mobilized by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman. The infected persons have

already been admitted to G B Pant Hospital for treatment. All infected persons are normal and they are responding to all queries put by contact listing teams of G B Pant Hospital. Now the total number of cases of COVID-19 are 09 in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, an official communication said here today.

Administration making best efforts to contain spread of COVID-19 in Isles

Lt. Governor urges people to keep patience & cooperate with Administration in dealing with the situation

Port Blair, Mar 28

The A&N Administration is taking all possible measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Islands. In this connection, the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), through an audio message to the Islanders, broadcast over the AIR today, urged them to maintain their self confidence and patience to face the challenges in this testing times. He also called upon the people to cooperate with the Administration in dealing with the situation.

Following is the text of the Lt. Governor's message.....

नमस्कार,

प्रिय द्वीपवासियों,

पिछले दो ही दिनों में 06 Positive cases आने से इस समय हमारा Challenge बहुत ही complex हो गया है। इसमें सर्वप्रथम तो हमें यह ensure करना है कि यह पोर्ट ब्लेयर जैसे घनी आबादी वाले शहर में इनका संक्रमण contained रहे और आगे न फैल सके। और दूसरा कि जिन - जिन लोगों के contact में ये आये हैं, वो trace करें और उनकी भी checking करी जाये। पोर्ट ब्लेयर जैसे घनी आबादी वाले शहर में यह तभी सम्भव हो सकता है जब कि हम Social Distancing को पूरी तरह implement करें और लक्ष्मण रेखा व 'Stay at Home' का बिल्कुल भी उल्लंघन न होने दें। दुनिया के किसी भी देश में इस आपदा से जीतने के लिये कोई perfect template नहीं है। हर जगह वहाँ की local conditions के हिसाब से अलग - अलग उपाय किये जा रहे हैं। और इसी लिये Andamans और Port Blair के संदर्भ में हमने अपने लिये एक protocol बनाया है। इसके चलते इस समय हम किसी perfect world में नहीं रह रहे हैं। सबको अपनी comfort zone से बाहर निकलकर कुछ कठिनाईयों का सामना करते हुए इस आपदा से निपटना है। अपने संदर्भ में आज door delivery of rations, milk, सब्जी वगैरह का दूसरा ही दिन है। कुछ इसमें कमियाँ रही हैं start में, उनको हमने identify करा है और जितने loop - hole हैं, उनको plug किया जा रहा है। यह प्रशासन की कोशिश रहेगी कि लगातार इसको हम plug करते रहें और इसको streamline करते रहें। लेकिन इसका मतलब यह भी नहीं कि कोई असुविधा नहीं होगी। हम बड़े कठिन समय से गुजर रहे हैं और कठिनाईयों को झेलना इस संदर्भ में हमारे लिये आवश्यक है। हम सारी दुनिया में देखें, हर जगह लोग बड़ी-बड़ी कठिनाईयों से गुजर रहे हैं और उनके comparison में हमारी कठिनाईयों इतनी भी insurmountable नहीं है। हाँ जरूरत है कि हम अपनी सहनशीलता को बढ़ायें, अपने आत्मविश्वास को ऊपर रखें, मनोबल को दृढ़ रखें और तभी हम इस आपदा को ठीक तरह से झेल पायेंगे। मैं चाहूँगा आप इसमें हमारा सहयोग करें और अगर किसी के पास कोई positive योगदान है, तो जरूर स्वागत है। किसी के पास नहीं है तो negativity भी spread न करें, यही योगदान हमारे लिये पर्याप्त होगा। तो इकट्ठा मिलकर आइये हम सब इस आपदा से जूझें।

नमस्कार और जय हिन्द!

By evening of March 28, the RMRC-ICMR Port Blair confirmed 3 more positive cases of COVID-19 in the Islands taking the total number of COVID-19 positive cases to 9 from the earlier 6.

All grocery, fruit, vegetable, meat, fish, bakery & pharmaceutical shops to remain open in Isles

Sales to be regulated by observing social distancing

Port Blair, Mar 28

The Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) has been declared a pandemic by the WHO. The A&N Administration is also taking all possible measures to contain the spread of the disease in the Islands. In order to provide all essential commodities to people, the Administration, over the last four days, has been encouraging the door to door supply of essential commodities in terms of the guidelines of the Ministry of Home Affairs including the measures of social distancing.

However, the retailers tasked with ensuring door step delivery of essential supplies found it very challenging to cater to the huge volume of demand received from the public for supplies. To address the grievances arising out of this situation, permission to open all shops of essential items have been granted by the Administration. The customers have to mandatorily observe the measures for social distancing while coming to purchase essential items.

In this connection, the following orders have

been passed by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration with immediate effect:

> The essential goods/commodities would include groceries, fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, drinking water, bakery products and pharmaceuticals. The sale of the same would be duly regulated on the ground by way of strict observance of social distancing measures by the Police.

> General public would be allowed to access use of ATMs, Post Offices and Banks duly observing the social distancing norms by the Police.

> The exceptions as applicable in the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs regarding petroleum products will also be hence forth applicable.

The Chief Secretary has also ordered that the SOP for maintaining supply of essential goods as issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and other related instructions should be fully complied with, an official order to this effect said here today.

Procurement of COVID-19 related medical equipment by A&N Administration

PP kits, masks procured, 2 new ventilators installed in GB Pant Hospital, 2 new ambulances to be ready by March 31

Port Blair, Mar 28

In the wake of increasing spread of the Corona Virus Disease, the Department of Disaster Management has now been made the Nodal Department for COVID-19 related procurement in the A&N Islands. The Department is taking all the possible steps to procure COVID-19 related medical equipment, considering the nationwide lockdown and acute shortage of such equipment and supplies. As a result of efforts made, 200 Personal Protection Kits, which are used by the medical professionals, have reached Andaman Bhawan, Chennai today and another 2000 will be delivered by March 31, 2020. Besides this, supplies like 2 lakh 3-ply masks used by frontline staffs and disinfectants for quarantined homes and medical facilities like 10,000 kgs bleaching powder, 3750 liters of Sodium Hypochlorite solution, 50,000 bottles of hand sanitizers have been procured from OIDC, an undertaking of Daman & Diu Administration and

will reach Chennai by 30th March. These will be air lifted from Chennai along with the Personal Protection Kits. 2 lakh numbers of 3-ply masks and 5,000 N-95 masks have been delivered at Hindon Airbase, Gaziabad, which will soon be airlifted with the help of Andaman Nicobar Command.

300 Corona Testing Kits are expected to reach Delhi by Wednesday from an ICMR accredited facility. Besides these, 2 new ventilators have already been installed in GB Pant Hospital and 2 new ambulances are also expected to be ready by March 31, 2020. Besides this, regular supply of all essential medicines including non-COVID related, is being ensured. These supplies will go a long way in further replenishing the stock of COVID related supplies in the Islands. The Department is reaching out to various Ministries, Govt. Undertaking and private suppliers to meet the requirement of the Islands, an official communication said.

Agriculture-farming, allied activities exempted from lockdown to ensure uninterrupted crop harvest

New Delhi, Mar 28

Agriculture-farming and allied activities have been exempted from the lockdown. The decision has been taken with a view to address problems being faced by the farming community. This will also ensure uninterrupted harvesting of crops. Agriculture Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar has been constantly monitoring issues related to the



farmers ever since the lockdown was enforced. He was apprised of the difficulties the farmers could face in the harvesting of their crops

and transporting food grains to the mandis. The decision will also allow unhindered harvesting of crops.

Under the 2nd Addendum issued by the Union Home Ministry, the categories that have been exempted from the lockdown are : Agencies engaged in procurement of agriculture products, including MSP operations; Mandis operated by the Agriculture Produce Market

Committee or as notified by the State Government, farming operations by farmers and farm workers in the field, Custom Hiring Centres related to farm machinery; Manufacturing and packaging units of fertilizers, pesticides and seed and Intra and Inter-State movement of harvesting and sowing related machines like combined harvester and other agriculture and horticulture implements.

New Delhi, Mar 28 Health Ministry has said all individuals need not get tested for COVID-19 as the disease is primarily reported in individuals with travel history to affected countries or close contacts of positive cases. The Ministry has said that all symptomatic people who have history of international travel in last 14 days should get

tested. Symptomatic persons who had come in contact of confirmed cases, and healthcare workers should also be tested. Testing should be done of pneumonia. symptomatic persons who are hospitalised with Severe Acute Respiratory Illness or Influenza like Illness or severe pneumonia.

BSNL advises people to pay bills online

Port Blair, Mar 28

In view of Corona pandemic, the BSNL, A&N Islands has urged people to avoid visiting CSCs. They have been asked to make online payments using MyBSNL app or portal.bsnl.in. The pay by date has been extended upto 31st March 2020, for landline, FTTH and mobile bills, a communication from the CGM BSNL said here today.

DO NOT PAY HEED TO RUMOURS ON CORONA VIRUS: CLARIFY YOUR DOUBTS BY DIALING STATE HELPLINE NO: 03192-232102

Access to the National Online Education Platform SWAYAM and other Digital Initiatives of HRD ministry has tripled in the last one week - HRD Minister

New Delhi, Mar 28 The Ministry of HRD through its Online/Digital Education Initiatives is trying to ensure that students can continue their learning sitting at their home, during this lockdown period. Union HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has appealed to the students to take advantage of these learning platforms and put their valuable time to good and optimum use. The response to this has been overwhelming. The access to the National Online

Education Platform SWAYAM and other Digital Initiatives has tripled in the last one week. Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal has said that the growth has been seen after provision of free access to best teaching learning resources at SWAYAM while earlier the courses of SWAYAM were time bound for which registration needed to be done in advance. Now to utilise this lock down period productively and to promote online learning, it can be viewed by any learner free of cost without any

registration, the Minister added. About 50,000 people have accessed SWAYAM since 23rd March 2020. This is over and above the 25 lakh students/learners who are already enrolled in the 571 courses of the January 2020 semester of SWAYAM. SWAYAM has a repository of 1900 courses which are now being accessed by people from over 60 countries. The significant majority is from India and the other countries include USA, UAE, Germany, Nepal, Singapore, Canada,

United Kingdom and Australia. The videos of the SWAYAM Prabha DTH TV channels are viewed by around 50,000 people every day. The National Digital Library is now being accessed by about 43,000 people daily which is more than double of the usual number of persons accessing it. The Education portals of NCERT like Diksha, e-pathsala, NROER and

NIOS and the other ICT initiatives like Robotics education (e-Yantra), Open Source Software for Education (FOSSEE), Virtual experiments (Virtual Labs) and Learning programming (Spoken tutorial) are also experiencing very large access rates. Union HRD Minister has urged more and more students to make effective use of these initiatives and enrich their learning experience.

World entered recession: IMF

New York, Mar 28 International Monetary Fund, IMF, has said that the world is in the face of a devastating impact due to the Corona virus pandemic and has clearly entered a recession. However, it projected a recovery next year. Managing Director Ms Kristalina Georgieva said that IMF

has reassessed the prospects for growth for 2020 and 2021. It said that the current recession is as bad or worse than in 2009. She said that the recovery in 2021 will only be possible if the international community succeeds in containing the virus everywhere and prevent liquidity

problems from becoming a solvency issue. Stressing that while containment is the main reason for the economy to stand still and get into a recession, Ms Georgieva said containment is very necessary to come out of this period and step in to recovery.

Number of confirmed coronavirus infections crosses 6 lakhs worldwide

New Delhi, Mar 28 The number of confirmed coronavirus infections worldwide crossed 6 lakhs today as new cases stacked up in Europe and the United States. The total number of global infections had crossed 5 lakhs only two days earlier, according to a tally by John Hopkins University. It showed more than 6 lakh 7 thousand cases and a

total of over 28,000 deaths. While the U.S. now leads the world in reported infections with more than 1 lakh cases five roughly 1,700 deaths: Italy, Spain, China, Iran and France. German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who is in quarantine at home after her doctor tested positive for the virus, told her compatriots in an audio message that

the infections cannot be prevented completely at this stage. The virus already has put health systems in Italy, Spain and France under extreme strain. Lockdowns of varying severity have been introduced across Europe, nearly emptying streets in normally bustling cities, including Paris where drone photos showed the city's landmarks eerily deserted.

Sachin Tendulkar donates Rs 50 lakh to fight COVID-19 pandemic

Mumbai, Mar 28 Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar today donated 50 lakh rupees to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The iconic batsman also took to Twitter to urge fellow countrymen not to ostracize any fellow citizen who might have contracted the dreaded virus.

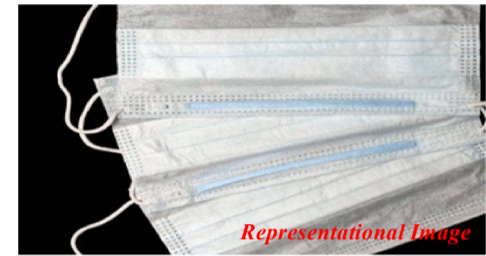


Earlier on Wednesday, the BCCI President Sourav Ganguly pledged to donate rice worth 50 lakh rupees for the underprivileged. Among other prominent cricketers, the Pathan brothers

Irfan and Yusuf donated 4000 face masks to Baroda police and health department while Mahendra Singh Dhoni made a contribution of one lakh rupees.

Among athletes from other disciplines, wrestler Bajrang Punia and sprinter Hima Das are some of the prominent names to have donated their salaries in the battle against the virus.

Centre caps MRP of three ply meltblown face masks at Rs 16 till June 30



New Delhi, Mar 28 The Centre has capped the maximum retail price of three-ply face masks made of meltblown non-woven fabric at 16 rupees per piece till 30th of June. Talking to AIR News, Consumer Affairs Secretary Shri Pawan Agarwal said that the rate of 16 rupees per mask has been fixed after holding consultations with the mask manufactures. He said, the decision will ensure adequate availability of masks. On 21st of March, the Consumer Affairs Ministry had notified maximum retail price for two-ply at eight rupees and three-ply surgical masks at 10 rupees per piece. Shri Agarwal said, efforts are being made to ensure sufficient supply of face masks and hand sanitizers are available in the current situation.

COVID-19: PM Shinzo Abe says Japan at critical stage

Tokyo, Mar 28 Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe says the country is at a critical stage in dealing with COVID-19 infections but not at a point to declare a state of emergency. He further said that Japan has managed to keep clusters under control by carefully following infection routes. But the initial strategy is now having a



difficulty, with a rise of infections that are no longer traceable which is an early sign of infection explosion. Japan has 2,180 confirmed cases of the infection with 59 deaths so far, according to the Health Ministry.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
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NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

When to wear a Mask?

Everyone NEED NOT WEAR a mask!

Only wear a mask if

- You have symptoms (Cough, fever or difficulty in breathing)
- You are caring for a COVID-19 suspect/confirmed patient
- You are a health-worker attending to patients with respiratory symptoms

While wearing a mask, make sure you:

Unfold the pleats of the mask; make sure that they are facing down.

Change the mask after six hours or as soon as they become wet.

Place the mask over your nose, mouth and chin and ensure there are no gaps on either side of the mask, adjust to fit.

Never reuse disposable masks and dispose the used masks into closed bins after disinfecting them.

Avoid touching the mask, while using it.

Do not touch the potentially contaminated outer surface of the mask, while removing it.

Do not leave the mask hanging from the neck.

After removal of mask, clean your hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub disinfectant.

Together we can fight COVID-19!

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