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Administration committed to improve healthcare facilities

A&N Islands get 86 more Oxygen Concentrators due to the efforts of Chief Secretary as in the past from various companies

Port Blair, May 28

The A&N Administration is fully prepared to fight COVID-19. In this regard, the South Andaman District has initiated various proactive steps including imposition of lockdown in the South Andaman District. Further, actions have been initiated to enforce COVID restrictions at all places and for management of COVID Care Centres and GB Pant Hospital.

It is to mention that 86 oxygen concentrators provided by a firm were received today by the Administration due to the efforts of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain. In the past also, a large number of Oxygen Concentrators were received from various



companies due to the efforts of Chief Secretary. The delivery of these Oxygen Cylinders will further augment the health facility in A&N Islands. On behalf of A&N Administration, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner (SA), SDM (SA) and AC (U/T) received the 86 Oxygen concentrators donated by M/s Larson and Toubro Limited, for the benefit of the people of these Islands. Accordingly, the same has been handed over to the medical authorities for proper utilisation in the treatment of COVID patients requiring oxygen

support.

Meanwhile, the Containment Zones at Shadipur, Lillypur, Old Pahargaon and Dairy Farm have been reduced in view of no fresh cases being reported from there. However, the District Administration is keeping a strict vigil over the situation in all these areas.

Apart from this, to ensure availability of essential commodities at the door steps of the people, e-passes are being issued to firms and agencies engaged in delivery of essential commodities. The issue of e-passes is being streamlined and it is being ensured that e-passes are issued on priority to the firms/agencies who are engaged in door to door delivery of essential commodities like groceries,

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Vaccination drive being smoothly conducted in A&N Islands

5,597 beneficiaries in the age group of 18-44 years inoculated taking cumulative doses of vaccines administered to 1,24,038

Port Blair, May 28

The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands and so far, a total of 5,597 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. As per the data available, altogether, 858 persons in the age group of 18 to 44 years were vaccinated in South Andaman District.

Similarly, a total of 911 beneficiaries both in the age group of 18-44 years and 45-59 years of age were vaccinated today. In South Andaman, 890 beneficiaries were inoculated while in North and Middle



Andaman 21 persons were vaccinated. With this, a total of 1,24,038 doses of vaccines have been administered so far in A&N Islands. Meanwhile, 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. In South Andaman, the vaccination is being done at JNRM (Contd. on last page)

PBMC highlights role of Swachchta Warriors during pandemic

Delivers services like door to door collection of garbage, keeping drains functional, sanitisation of COVID Care Centres, removal of fallen trees

Port Blair, May 28

Frontline Swachchta Warriors of Port Blair Municipal Council have been carrying out their duties despite the pandemic and adverse weather. In a press release, the Secretary, PBMC stated that Swachchta Warriors are the key to keep the city clean, healthy and



functional. Swachchta Warriors deliver vital services like garbage removal, keeping City's drains functional, sanitisation of COVID Care Centres and even removal of fallen trees

from roads. The Secretary, PBMC further mentioned that safety of Frontline Swachchta Warriors is the top most priority of PBMC and they have been issued COVID appropriate safety equipments to ensure their protection from the virus. This act has (Contd. on last page)

Health ID - Key to digital healthcare journey

2,12,730 lakh digital Health Cards generated in A&N Islands covering 55.9% population

Staff Reporter

Port Blair, May 28

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India has formulated the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) with the aim to provide the necessary support for integration of digital health infrastructure in the country. It is noteworthy to mention that as on date in A&N Islands around 2,12,730 lakh people have created Digital Health Identity Cards covering 55.9% population of the Islands. The data is as per the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) Health ID dashboard.

State / UT	Health-IDs	Health-IDs (% Aashra)	Health-IDs (% of Population)
UTs in Focus	10,71,480	23%	29.4%
Puducherry	4,82,153	26%	38.4%
Andaman And Nicobar	2,12,730	16%	55.9%
Chandigarh	1,68,816	29%	16.0%
The Dadra And Nagar	1,12,412	24%	19.2%
Ladakh	76,530	10%	26.3%
Lakshadweep	20,831	13%	32.3%
Other States/UTs	92,548	100%	0.0%
Total	26,373	32%	0.0%
Total	11,92,401	29%	0.1%

NATIONAL DIGITAL HEALTH MISSION
 All Residents of our Islands are requested to create their Digital Health Card
GET YOUR DIGITAL HEALTH CARD in 2 MINUTES
 by registering on your mobile phone
 For registering yourself visit
<https://healthid.ndhm.gov.in/>
 ANGANAM & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION

It may be recalled that the National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) was launched on 15th August, 2020 across six Union Territories including A&N Islands on a pilot basis. The National Health Authority, New Delhi is the Nodal Agency for implementation of NDHM. Health ID creation of all the citizens is one of the key building blocks under NDHM. Health ID is designed with highest standards of security and privacy and will enable inclusive access to all health services. The Islanders can create their Health ID online by visiting the site <https://healthid.ndhm.gov.in/>. The Health ID can be created using Aadhaar number option or Mobile number to receive their OTP and (Contd. on last page)

Enforcement Team of Department of CS&CA conducts surprise inspection at market areas in city

Market rates of vegetables & other essential commodities found to be under control

Port Blair, May 28

The Enforcement team of Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs conducted a surprise inspection at Vegetable Markets and adjacent Wholesale & Retail Outlets in Port Blair during the business hours from 6 am to 8 am. The Enforcement Team seized various



packaged commodities unsealed/unverified for not complying with the mandatory declarations along with

Prem Nagar area and legal proceedings are under process. The team also visited the Vegetable Markets at Mohanpura, Junglighat & Ratnam Market and it was found that the Rate Charts were conspicuously displayed by the vendors in accordance with the instructions (Contd. on last page)

Media briefing on COVID-19 held Administration closely monitoring the situation in A&N Islands: Secretary (IP&T)

Port Blair, May 28

The Secretary (IP&T), Shri Sunil Kumar Singh addressing a press conference on COVID-19 and the arrangement made by A&N Administration to protect its citizens said that though there is a very marginal dip in the number of positive



cases but we cannot be complacent until the cases drastically comes down. The Administration is closely monitoring the situation and urged the people to strictly adhere

to COVID Appropriate Behaviour. He further stated that during the RTPCR test conducted on 236 flight passengers yesterday, no positive cases were found. He said today, 3 flights with 338 passengers arrived and the RTPCR Test report is awaited. Apart (Contd. on last page)

Tweets on COVID-19 Management by Administration

Valbhav Singh @Valbhav85265298
 Thank you #DHS and the entire team ensuring our safety at Andaman Nicobar. We salute each and every health worker. @DeputyHealth @Andaman_Admin @DcSouthandaman @dncnicobars #AndamanFightsCOVID19 @MoHFW_INDIA Thank you for all your support.

Mohammed Tabraiz @MohammedTabraiz5
 Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRN_ANI and @jitendra_narain
 "LOCKDOWN" Need of the hour. Well designed and well crafted. Results are visible.

lets stay indoor @sumai1482
 @Andaman_admin, good step in introducing RT-PCR test for incoming passengers. It should surely help in controlling the positive cases coming by flight.

Shasi Kumar @shasi92
 In such case, it seems @Andaman_Admin under leadership of @jitendra_narain ji, CS through @DcSouthandaman, @DC_NMAndaman @dncnicobars has done exceptionally well in curbing the virus in A & N Islands. General public played a vital supporting role. #AndamanFightCovid19

Robbie_varghese @Robbie58821568
 Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRN_ANI and @jitendra_narain
 Was a perfect call by the administration to implement lockdown, result is showing up there is a drop in new cases and active cases. Support the frontline warriors by following the appropriate covid protocols to make active cases zero and recovery rate 100%.

V PRABHURAJ @VPRABHURAJ1
 Medical assistance over phone and WhatsApp for pregnant ladies is a unique step. #935-495-4224 @Andaman_admin is showing out of the box thinking.

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

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

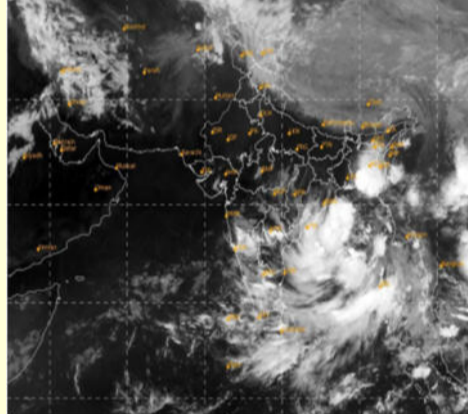
Heavy rain, thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind likely to occur over A&N Islands today

Port Blair May 28
Heavy rain (7-11cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on May 29, 2021. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind speed reaching 30-40 kmph is also likely to occur. On May 30 & 31, thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind with speed reaching 30-40 kmph is likely to occur.

Fisherman Warning:
Due to strong South-West Monsoon over Southeast Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea, wind speed is likely to exceed 45 kmph.

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, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management quoting IMD said.



Administration committed to improve...
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medicine and vegetables during the lockdown so that there is limited movement of people in the market for purchase of such items.
The District Administration is committed in doing its best to improve healthcare facilities and manage the COVID situation and cooperation of public is solicited in carrying it out effectively, a press release received from DC (SA) said.

Health ID - Key to digital healthcare...
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filling up basic information which includes name, sex, date of birth and mobile number. The State Health Agency is the implementing agency for NDHM in these Islands. For any technical help, general public may contact State Health Agency over phone number 03192-231993.

Enforcement Team of Department...
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given by the Department. It was also observed that the market rates of vegetables and other essential commodities are under control.

The Enforcement Drive in the market area shall continue in full swing during the lockdown and beyond to maintain zero tolerance against any act of over-charging, black marketing, hoarding, etc. in the interest of the consumers.

All the wholesalers & retailers have been once again appealed to display the rates of essential commodities in their shops/premises in a conspicuous manner for the information of the general public and avoid any unfair trade practice such as over-charging, black marketing, hoarding, etc. If any wholesaler/retailer/vendor is found indulged in any kind of malpractice resulting to exploitation of the consumers, stringent legal action as deemed fit shall be initiated against them as per the relevant Rules/Regulations framed under the Essential Commodities Act, Legal Metrology Act and any other Act relevant thereto. It is appealed to all the Consumers to bring to the notice of this Department over Toll Free No. 18003453197 or Telephone No. 03192-234062 regarding any malpractice committed by any individual/vendor/shop/establishment for redressal, a press release received from Directorate of Civil Supplies said.

Sl No.	Description	Qty	W. Rate	Actual
1.	Green Peas	1kg	120	120
2.	Green Peas	500gm	120	60
3.	Green Peas	250gm	80	20
4.	Butter (Amul)	100gm	48	48
5.	Butter (Amul)	500gm	235	235
6.	Panzer (MilkMagic)	200gm	85	85
7.	Panzer (MilkMagic)	500gm	190	190
8.	Panzer (MilkMagic)	1kg	360	360
9.	Freshmas (2.5kg PKT)	4kg	460	460
10.	Prawns (1 kg PKT)	1kg	550	600
11.	Drumstick (2 kg PKT)	1kg	180	180
12.	Boneless (2 kg PKT)	1kg	500	500
13.	Lollypop (1 kg PKT)	1kg	100	100
14.	Mutton (1 kg PKT)	1kg	550	600
15.	Chicken (Dressed)	1kg	180	180
16.	Gizzard (450gm PKT)	1kg	100	100
17.	Liver (450gm PKT)	1kg	180	180
18.	Drumstick (450gm PKT)	1kg	180	180
19.	Lollypop (450gm PKT)	1kg	180	180
20.	Boneless (450gm PKT)	1kg	180	180

COVID ALERT

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

- Total number of active cases in India: 2343152
- Deaths in India: 318895
- Total no of active cases in Andaman since 1.03.2021: 193
- Total Deaths since 1.03.2021: 51
- Surge in a single day: 19

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

नोबल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)

(No. 424/28th May 2021)
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 28.05.2021

> Status of Cases :

Second Wave since: 01.03.2021	
Active new case in last 24 Hours	19
Discharges in last 24 hours	39
Total confirmed cases	1942
Total Discharges	1698
Total Active case as on date	193
Total Deaths during second wave	51

Cumulative since March 2020

Details	On 27 th May 2021	On 28 th May 2021	Total
Confirmed Cases	6917	19	6936
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	6591	39	6630
Death	109	04	113

*Includes 01 positives from Airport arrival.
> Clinical Management of Cases :

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Vacant
North & Middle Andaman	286	06	280
South Andaman	5583	187	5396
Nicobar	507	00	507
Total	6376	193	6183

Total 13 containment zone formed in South Andaman District

> Status of Sample and Testing:

Total Samples sent till date	385020
Total Reports received till date	385020
Total Pending Reports	0
Rate of Testing Per Million	962550
Test Positivity Rate	1.80%

> Vaccination Status

Total population	4,00,000	--
Target Beneficiaries	2,81,603(Approx)	--
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated so far	1,24,038	--
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 st Dose so far	1,06,678	37.88
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 nd Dose so far	17,360	16.27
% of population vaccinated	--	26.67

> Passengers screened at VSI Airport & Haddo Wharf

Details	From 25 th May 2020 to 27 th May 2021	On 28 th May 2021	Total
Incoming Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	240522	355	240877
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	0	1032
Outward Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	252740	282	253022
b) Haddo Wharf	928	0	928

(On 28.05.2021, 338 passengers were retested by RTPCR at Airport)
24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/ 232102 / 1077/ 1070
(Source: Directorate of Health Services)

Vaccination drive being smoothly conducted...
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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, a press release from DHS said.

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from this, 6 positive cases were found during the check conducted on Inter Island ship bound passengers at Phoenix Bay Jetty.
During the test conducted on 25 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, 2 positive cases have been reported. He said vaccination drive for 18+ and above 45+ is smoothly conducted in Isles.
Giving details about the number of patients admitted in GB Pant Hospital, the Director, ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal disclosed that 66 COVID positive cases are presently undergoing treatment in the Hospital. Today, 5 COVID patients were discharged and 9 new patients have been admitted. He said 55 patients are on Oxygen support and 3 are on ventilators.
The Deputy Director, G.B. Pant Hospital, Shri Amitabha De said that in the three COVID Care Centres functioning in A&N Islands 1 case has been admitted today while 2 patients were discharged. Presently, 20 patients are being taken care of in these three COVID Care Centres. Apart from this, 4 patients are presently at Wimberlygunj COVID Care Centre. Out of this, 1 is new admission. 2 patients have been discharged from this Centre.
The Director, IP&T, Shri Alok Kumar also attended the press conference.

PBMC highlights role of Swachchta...
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also been appreciated by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in a tweet yesterday.
Meanwhile, the Secretary urged citizens to co-operate with the frontline warriors in keeping the city clean by participating in door to door collection and not littering their garbage on the streets and in the drains. He also appealed to the citizens to utilize PBMC's 24x7 Citizen Helpline 03192-231179 to report any Swachata Related Complaint.



Let's Promote CHALLENGE

To Fight against COVID-19

Follow **3** EASY RULES

Handwash 3 Gargling

Steam Stay Protected!

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
South Andaman District

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

Recommendations of 43rd GST Council meeting

Amnesty Scheme to provide relief to taxpayers regarding late fee for pending returns ; Late fee also rationalised for future tax periods

COVID-19 related medical goods including Amphotericin B for free distribution given full exemption from IGST upto 31.08.2021

Custom duty exemption also given to Amphotericin B

Simplification of Annual Return for Financial Year 2020-21

New Delhi, May 28 (PIB)

The 43rd GST Council met under the Chairmanship of Union Finance & Corporate Affairs Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman through video conferencing here today. The meeting was also attended by Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Thakur besides Finance Ministers of States & UTs and senior officers of the Ministry of Finance & States/ UTs.

The GST Council has made the following recommendations relating to changes in GST rates on supply of goods and services and changes related to GST law and procedure:

COVID-19 RELIEF

As a COVID-19 relief measure, a number of specified COVID-19 related goods such as **medical oxygen, oxygen concentrators and other oxygen storage and transportation equipment, certain diagnostic markers test kits** and COVID-19 vaccines, etc., have been **recommended for full exemption from IGST**, even if imported on payment basis, for donating to the government or on recommendation of state authority to any relief agency. This exemption shall be **valid upto 31.08.2021**. Hitherto, IGST exemption was applicable only when these goods were imported "free of cost" for free distribution. The same will also be extended till 31.8.2021. It may be mentioned that these goods are already exempted from Basic Customs duty. Further in view of rising **Black Fungus cases, the above exemption from IGST has been extended** to **Amphotericin B**.

Further relief in individual item of COVID-19 after Group of Ministers (GoM) submits report on 8th June 2021

As regards individual items, it was decided to constitute a Group of Ministers (GoM) to go into the need for further relief to COVID-19 related individual items immediately. The GOM shall give its report by 08.06.2021.

OTHER RELIEFS ON GOODS

To support the Lymphatic Filaris (an endemic) elimination programme being conducted in collaboration with WHO, the GST rate on **Diethylcarbamazine (DEC) tablets has been recommended for reduction to 5% (from 12%)**.

Certain clarifications/clarificatory amendments have been recommended in relation to GST rates. Major ones are, - Levability of IGST on repair value of goods re-imported after repairs GST rate of 12% to apply on parts of sprinklers/ drip irrigation systems falling under tariff heading 8424 (nozzle/laterals) to apply even if these goods are sold separately.

SERVICES

● To clarify those services supplied to an **educational institution** including anganwadi (which provide pre-school education also), by way of serving of food including mid-day meals under any midday meals scheme, sponsored by Government is **exempt from levy of GST irrespective of funding of such supplies** from government grants or corporate donations.

● To clarify these services provided by way of examination including entrance examination, where **fee is charged for such examinations**, by National Board of Examination (NBE), or similar Central or State Educational Boards, and input services relating thereto are **exempt from GST**.

● To make appropriate changes in the relevant notification for an explicit



provision to make it clear that land owner promoters could utilize credit of GST charged to them by developer promoters in respect of such apartments that are subsequently sold by the land promoter and on which GST is paid. **The developer promoter shall be allowed to pay GST relating to such apartments any time before or at the time of issuance of completion certificate.**

● To extend the same dispensation as provided to MRO units of aviation sector to MRO units of ships/vessels so as to provide level playing field to domestic shipping MROs vis a vis foreign MROs and accordingly, -

● **GST on MRO services in respect of ships/vessels shall be reduced to 5% (from 18%).**

● PoS of B2B supply of MRO Services in respect of ships/ vessels would be location of recipient of service

● To clarify that supply of **service by way of milling of wheat/paddy into flour** (fortified with minerals etc. by millers or otherwise) / rice to Government/ local authority etc. for **distribution of such flour or rice under PDS is exempt from GST if the value of goods in such composite supply does not exceed 25%**. Otherwise, such services would attract GST at the rate of 5% if supplied to any person registered in GST, including a person registered for payment of TDS.

● To clarify that GST is payable on **annuity payments received as deferred payment for construction of road**. Benefit of the exemption is for such annuities which are paid for the service by way of access to a road or a bridge.

● To clarify those services supplied to a Government Entity by way of construction of a rope-way attract GST at the rate of 18%.

● To clarify that services supplied by Govt. to its undertaking/PSU by way of guaranteeing loans taken by such entity from banks and financial institutions is exempt from GST.

MEASURES FOR TRADE FACILITATION:

1. Amnesty Scheme to provide relief to taxpayers regarding late fee for pending returns:

To provide relief to the taxpayers, late fee for non-furnishing **FORM GSTR-3B** for the tax periods from **July, 2017 to April, 2021** has been reduced / waived as under: - late fee capped to a maximum of **Rs 500/- (Rs. 250/- each for CGST & SGST)** per return for taxpayers, who did not have any tax liability for the said tax periods; late fee capped to a maximum of **Rs 1000/- (Rs. 500/- each for CGST & SGST)** per return for other taxpayers; The reduced rate of late fee would apply if GSTR-3B returns for these tax periods are furnished between 01.06.2021 to 31.08.2021.

2. Rationalization of late fee imposed under section 47 of the CGST Act:

● To reduce burden of late fee on smaller taxpayers, the upper cap of late fee is being rationalized to align late fee with tax liability/turnover of the taxpayers, as follows:

A. The late fee for delay in furnishing of FORM GSTR-3B and FORM GSTR-1 to be capped, per return, as below:

(i) **For taxpayers having nil tax liability in GSTR-3B or nil outward supplies in GSTR-1**, the late fee to be capped at **Rs 500 (Rs 250 CGST + Rs 250 SGST)**

(ii) **For other taxpayers:**

● For taxpayers having Annual Aggregate Turnover (AATO) in preceding year upto Rs 1.5 crore, late fee to be capped to a maximum of **Rs 2000 (1000 CGST+1000 SGST);**

● For taxpayers having AATO in preceding year between Rs 1.5 crore to Rs 5 crore, late fee to be capped to a maximum of **Rs 5000 (2500 CGST+2500 SGST);**

● For taxpayers having AATO in preceding year above Rs 5 crores, late fee to be capped to a maximum of **Rs 10000 (5000 CGST+5000 SGST).**

B. The late fee for delay in furnishing of FORM GSTR-4 by composition taxpayers to be capped to **Rs 500 (Rs 250 CGST + Rs 250 SGST)** per return, if tax liability is nil in the return, and **Rs 2000 (Rs 1000 CGST + Rs 1000 SGST)** per return for others.

C. Late fee payable for delayed furnishing of FORM GSTR-7 to be reduced to **Rs.50/- per day (Rs. 25 CGST + Rs 25 SGST)** and to be capped to a maximum of **Rs 2000/- (Rs. 1,000 CGST + Rs 1,000 SGST)** per return.

All the above proposals to be made applicable for prospective tax periods.

3. COVID-19 related relief measures for taxpayers:

● In addition to the relief measures already provided to the taxpayers vide the notifications issued on 01.05.2021, the following further relaxations are being provided to the taxpayers: **A. For small taxpayers (aggregate turnover upto Rs. 5 crore)**

a. March & April 2021 tax periods:

i) NIL rate of interest for first 15 days from the due date of furnishing the return in **FORM GSTR-3B** or filing of **PMT-06** Challan, reduced rate of 9% thereafter for further 45 days and 30 days for **March, 2021** and **April, 2021** respectively.

ii) Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing return in **FORM GSTR-3B** for the tax periods **March / QE March, 2021 and April 2021** for 60 days and 45 days respectively, from the due date of furnishing **FORM GSTR-3B**.

iii) NIL rate of interest for first 15 days from the due date of furnishing the statement in **CMP-08** by composition dealers for **QE March 2021**, and reduced rate of 9% thereafter for further 45 days.

b. For May 2021 tax period:

i. NIL rate of interest for first 15 days from the due date of furnishing the return in **FORM GSTR-3B** or filing of **PMT-06** Challan, and reduced rate of 9% thereafter for further 15 days.

ii) Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in **FORM GSTR-3B** for taxpayers filing monthly returns for 30 days from the due date of furnishing **FORM GSTR-3B**.

B. For large taxpayers (aggregate turnover more than Rs. 5 crore)

i) A lower rate of interest @ 9% for first 15 days after the due date of filing return in **FORM GSTR-3B** for the tax period **May, 2021**.

ii) Waiver of late fee for delay in furnishing returns in **FORM GSTR-3B** for the tax period **May, 2021** for 15 days from the due date of furnishing **FORM GSTR-3B**.

C. Certain other COVID-19 related relaxations to be provided, such as

1. Extension of due date of filing **GSTR-1/ IFF for the month of May 2021 by 15 days.**

2. Extension of due date of filing **GSTR-4** for FY 2020-21 to 31.07.2021.

3. Extension of due date of filing **ITC-04** for **QE March 2021 to 30.06.2021.**

4. Cumulative application of rule 36(4) for availing ITC for tax periods April, May and June, 2021 in the return for the period **June, 2021.**

5. Allowing filing of returns by companies using Electronic Verification Code (EVC), instead of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) till **31.08.2021.**

D. Relaxations under section 168A of the CGST Act: Time limit for completion of various actions, by any authority or by any person, under the GST Act, which falls during the period from **15th April, 2021 to 29th June, 2021**, to be extended upto **30th June, 2021**, subject to some exceptions.

[Wherever the timelines for actions have been extended by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the same would apply]

4. Simplification of Annual Return for Financial Year 2020-21:

i) Amendments in section 35 and 44 of CGST Act made through Finance Act, 2021 to be notified. **This would ease the compliance requirement** in furnishing reconciliation statement in **FORM GSTR-9C**, as taxpayers would be able to **self-certify** the reconciliation statement, instead of getting it certified by chartered accountants. This change will apply for Annual Return for FY 2020-21.

ii) The filing of annual return in **FORM GSTR-9 / 9A** for FY 2020-21 to be optional for taxpayers having aggregate annual turnover upto Rs 2 Crore;

iii) The reconciliation statement in **FORM GSTR-9C** for the FY 2020-21 will be required to be filed by taxpayers with annual aggregate turnover above Rs 5 Crore.

5. Retrospective amendment in section 50 of the CGST Act with effect from 01.07.2017, providing for payment of interest on net cash basis, to be notified at the earliest.

OTHER MEASURES

i) GST Council recommended amendments in certain provisions of the Act so as to make the present system of **GSTR-1/3B** return filing as the default return filing system in GST.

(Note: The recommendations of the GST Council have been presented in this release in simple language for information of all stakeholders. The same would be given effect through relevant Circulars/Notifications which alone shall have the force of law.)

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

Defence Secretary launches DG NCC Mobile Training App 2.0

New Delhi, May 28 (PIB)

Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0 in New Delhi on May 28, 2021. The app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions. It is aimed at providing NCC-related basic information and entire training material (Syllabus, Précis, Training Videos, Frequently Asked Questions) on one platform. It provides the NCC cadets easy access to training material and assists in carrying out training during the pandemic.

Speaking on the occasion, the Defence Secretary congratulated NCC for continuing to impart training to its cadets through online mode, in line with COVID-19 protocols. He said the NCC Training App Version 2.0 will be useful to the cadets in digital learning, overcoming the difficulties posed by COVID-19 restrictions on physical contact. Using this app, the cadets will be able to attend online training, appear in certificate exams and prevent loss of academic year. Complimenting the NCC staff for developing the app, Dr Ajay Kumar said it will certainly be a positive step towards automation of NCC training, in line with 'Digital India' vision of the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Dr Ajay Kumar termed digital technology as a lifeline in these COVID-19 times, stating that now it is a way of life and way of training for NCC cadets. He listed out various steps taken by Ministry of Defence to impart training to cadets through digital means, including the increase in number of different types of simulators in all NCC Directorates. He



added that soon NCC cadets will be imparted training on satellite imagery and GIS-based mapping. Dr Ajay Kumar further said Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for uniforms will soon be made available wherein uniform allowances will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of the cadets.

The Defence Secretary urged the NCC cadets to adopt and maintain the statues of the Armed Forces personnel who sacrificed their lives in the service of the nation, under #NCCforStatues which, he said, will be a fitting tribute to the martyrs for their supreme sacrifice. He also praised the cadets who have volunteered and participated in Ex-NCC YOGDAN in combating COVID-19 last year and those who are participating this year.

In his welcome address, DG NCC Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich said a need was felt that training to NCC cadets should be imparted utilising the digital medium after restrictions were imposed due to COVID-19 in March 2020. DG NCC Mobile App Version 1.0 for training was launched by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh on August 27, 2020 in order to assist online

cadet training. Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Aich added that DG NCC Mobile Training App Version 2.0 will be bilingual (Hindi and English). New pages have also been included for ease of navigation on the app. Précis and Frequently Asked Questions in Hindi have also been added. The DG NCC said there is also an addition of 130 training videos to make the classes more interesting.

The app has been made interactive by including a query option. By using this option, a cadet can post his/her question related to the training syllabus and the same will be answered by a panel of qualified instructors. During the event, NCC cadets also shared their experiences of using Version 1.0 of the app and gave suggestions to further improve the services of the app. They thanked NCC for conducting online training even in challenging times.

Officers and cadets of all 17 NCC Directorates attended the event virtually from across the country. Senior civil & military officials of Ministry of Defence were also present on the occasion. (Source: india.gov.in)

DRDO's 2DG anti-COVID-19 drug priced at Rs. 990 per sachet

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DRDO's 2DG anti-COVID-19 drug has been priced at Rs. 990 per sachet by Dr Reddy's lab. Government officials reports, that Central and State Government hospitals would be provided with the medicine at a discounted price. Union Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh on Thursday said that 10,000 sachets of the anti-COVID drug will be available in the market.

The 2-DG (2-deoxy-D-glucose), an anti-COVID-19 therapeutic application of



the drug has been developed by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with Dr Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), Hyderabad. The second batch of anti-COVID drug 2-DG was released by the manufacturer on Thursday. (Source: india.gov.in)

Centre to provide monetary assistance to students through DBT under Mid-Day Meal Scheme

New Delhi, May 28

The Union Government has decided to provide monetary assistance to students through Direct Benefit Transfer under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

The Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has approved the proposal to provide monetary assistance to Rs. 11.80 crore to students as a special welfare measure. This measure of the Union Government will benefit children studying in Class one to eight in the Government and Government aided schools across the country. The Education Ministry has



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said, the Central Government will provide additional funds of Rs. 1,200 crore to State and Union Territories for this purpose. The Ministry has said the decision will help in safeguarding the nutritional levels of children and

protecting their immunity during the COVID pandemic. It said, the assistance will be provided to eligible children in addition to distribution of free food grains under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. (Source: india.gov.in)

COVID-19 recovery rate further improves to 90.34% in country

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India's daily COVID recoveries continued to outnumber the daily new cases for the 15th consecutive day. Over 2.59 Lakh patients recovered from Corona virus disease within last 24 hours. The recovery rate further improved to 90.34 per cent in the country. So far, over two crore 48 lakh patients have already recovered from this infectious disease. Health Ministry said that the country is registering a significant decline in active caseload, amid the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. It said,

the country registered a decrease of over 76 thousand active cases in the last 24 hours.

At present, there are over 23 lakh active cases in the country. More than one lakh 86 thousand new cases were registered in the last 24 hours. A total of three thousand 660 deaths were reported in the last 24 hours. Meanwhile, 20 crore 57 lakh vaccine doses have been administered in the country so far. Testing capacity has been substantially ramped up and 20 lakh 70 thousand tests conducted in last 24 hours. (Source: india.gov.in)

More than 22.46 crore vaccine doses provided to States/UTs

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As part of the nationwide vaccination drive, Government of India has been supporting the States and UTs by providing them COVID Vaccines free of cost. In addition, the Govt. of India has also been facilitating direct procurement of vaccines by the States/UTs. Vaccination is an integral pillar of the comprehensive strategy of Government of India for containment and management of the pandemic, along with Test, Track, Treat and COVID Appropriate Behaviour.

Implementation of the Liberalized and Accelerated Phase-3 Strategy of Covid-19 Vaccination has started from 1st May 2021.

Under the Strategy, in every month 50% of the total Central Drugs Laboratory (CDL) cleared vaccine doses of any manufacturer would be procured by Govt. of India. It would continue to make these doses available to the State Govts totally free of cost as was being done earlier.

Government of India has so far provided, both through the

free of cost category and through direct state procurement category, more than 22.46 crore vaccine doses (22,46,08,010) to States/UTs. Of this, the total consumption, including wastages is 20,48,04,853 doses (as per data available at 8 AM today). More than 1.84 crore COVID Vaccine doses (1,84,92,677) are still available with the States/UTs to be administered. Furthermore, 3 lakh (3,20,380) vaccine doses are in the pipeline and will be received by the States/UTs within the next 3 days. (Source: india.gov.in)

OBITUARY



The Officers and staff of Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Port Blair deeply mourn the sudden and untimely demise of **KISHORE TIGGA**, HGC attached to Directorate of CS & CA who expired on 27/05/2021 at G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. He joined this department on 11/08/2017. He was a very

sincere and hard working employee. We all pray to the Almighty to grant peace to the departed soul and give strength to his family to bear this irreparable loss.

Director (CS&CA)

2nd DEATH ANNIVERSARY On 29.05.2021

In loving Memory of



Late CK Viswambaran

R/o Garacharama

On this day a golden heart stopped beating hard working hands at rest, it broke my heart to see you go, but I pray to god that may your soul meet minimum on the heaven's shore.

Appu we miss you..

Inserted by: Family members.

OBITUARY



President and all the members of the Andhra Association Port Blair, deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of **Smti D. M. Savitri**, old member of the Association, she was a noted poetess of the Islands, She breathed on 21.05.2021 at Chennai the age of 64 years. Her demise is a great loss of the Literature.

B. Rama Krishna
General Secretary
Andhra Association, Port Blair

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President and all the members of the Andhra Association Port Blair, deeply mourns the sad and untimely demise of **Shri P. Bhima Rao**, R/o. Dairy Farm, Village Yerramukham, Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh.

He was a Ex. Executive members of the association and social worker, He breathed on 25.05.2021 at G.B.Panth Hospital. At the age of 48 years, his

demise is a great loss of the Association and Telugu Community.

B. Rama Krishna
General Secretary, Andhra Association, Port Blair

OBITUARY



With profound grief and sorrow, we inform all about the sad demise of our beloved Mother **T. Indira (Retd. Jr. Accounts Officer, Pay & Accounts Office) W/o Late G. Sreedharan Nair**, at 12.05 am on 28th May 2021 at Chennai.

May our mother's soul rest in peace.
Inserted by: Sreenath, Sreekumar, Sreekanth (Sons), Bindu Sreenath, A.R Sindhu, P. S. Sindhu (Daughter-in-laws) and Grandchildren.
Ph. No. 9476081566, 9434281419

9th Death Anniversary On 29/05/2021



T. MOHAN RAO

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All Family Members & Friends.

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