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Weather

Dry weather most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 31/03/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.0
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.4
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 056
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 058
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0517
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1731
 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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Social organisations play big role in countering superstitions, wrong beliefs misinformation against COVID-19: PM Modi

New Delhi, Mar 30 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today said, social organisations have a big role to play in countering superstitions, wrong beliefs and misinformation. The Prime Minister was interacting with representatives of organizations working for social welfare, via video conference. He appealed to them to spread awareness about the COVID-19 outbreak. Shri Modi added that people were seen gathered in places and flouting social distancing norms in the name of belief. He said, it is necessary to highlight the importance of



maintaining social challenge of the virus the Prime Minister praised the dedication and commitment of organizations participating in the video conference, towards serving humanity.

Recalling Mahatma Gandhi's words, that serving the poor and downtrodden is the best way to serve the nation, Shri Modi said, the entire nation is displaying immense resilience, grit and patience in facing the

People urged to contribute generously towards Lt. Governor's Relief Fund

Port Blair, Mar 30

The Lieutenant Governor's Relief Fund is administered for charitable and welfare measures by providing financial assistance to those amongst the very needy residents of these Islands in cases of privation and also to those affected by natural calamities like fire, flood, earthquake, cyclone, etc.

In addition to the above, assistance from Lt Governor's Relief Fund is granted to poor and indigent people, needy persons requiring medical relief, persons in recognition of acts of valour/bravery at the personal risk of the individual, bereaved families of the persons who are killed/attacked by any of the hostile tribes residing in the A&N Islands, sportsman who has won a national or international award in the field of sports and talented youths of the Islands in the field of education who has secured a top rank in an All India Examination etc.

The Lt. Governor's Relief Fund therefore needs replenishment from time to time. It is therefore appealed to every citizen including Government Servants, private entrepreneurs, philanthropists and voluntary organizations and general public to contribute generously to this fund. Contributions to this fund are voluntary and not compulsory and this fund are fully exempted from Income Tax under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. The Permanent Account Number (PAN) of the Fund is AAAGL0242G. Contribution can be made to "Lt. Governor's Relief Fund, Andaman and Nicobar Islands" through cheque, bank draft, cash or electronic transfer to Syndicate Bank, Port Blair Main Branch A/C No. 99002010002104 (IFSC Code: SYN0009900), which will be duly acknowledged, a communication from the Secretary to LG, Shri, Kulanand Joshi said here today.

COVID-19 A&N Administration charters cargo flight; to arrive with essential medical supplies today

Port Blair, Mar 30 In view of the spread of COVID-19 in the country and as part of several measures to contain the spread of the disease in the Islands, the A&N Administration has chartered an Air India transport some essential medical supplies to the Islands. The Air India Special Cargo chartered flight will arrive here from Chennai tomorrow (March 31) with 0.5 tonne of Mask, 70 kgs of PPE (kit), 20 packets of Hollow Fiber Dialyzer, 3 tonnes of Sanitizers, 2.5 tonnes of Sodium Hypochlorite and 1 tonne of Bleaching powder. Apart from this, one C-17 aircraft of A&N Command will be bringing some more essential items from Delhi. These include 3 lakh 3-ply masks, 90,000 gloves, 15,000 sanitizers besides 5,000 N-95 masks, the Secretary Management, A&N Administration informed here today.

RMRC-ICMR confirms one more case as COVID-19 positive; total 10 positive cases in A&N Islands

- All residents in 3 Km radius of the resident of confirmed case to be screened
- People urged to cooperate & remain indoors during lock down period

Port Blair, Mar 30

The designated laboratory for COVID-19 in A&N Islands, R M R C - I C M R , Dollygunj has conducted test of 33 suspected cases yesterday, out of which 32 samples were found negative and only 01 sample was found positive. Now, the total number of cases which have been found positive is 10 out of 99 samples tested in this UT till date.

has shifted the positive case to G B Pant Hospital isolation ward and started the process of contact listing. As on today, all patients of COVID-19 are healthy and stable. They are cooperating in contact listing to find out those who came in their contact after they were infected with the virus. It is pertinent to mention that the one case which is found positive is contact case

of the person who DC South Andaman has travelled from Delhi to Port Blair by Indigo Flight on 24.03.2020. All general public of this area have been requested to cooperate with District Administration during screening process and also to remain in their houses during the Lock Down period to effectively combat against the spread of COVID-19 in the Islands, an official communication said here today.

India Fights Corona: Health Ministry advises people to follow preventive measures like social distancing

New Delhi, Mar 30 In the wake of growing Novel Corona virus cases in the country, the Health and Family Welfare Ministry has issued several advisories for the people to contain the spread of COVID-19. These advisories stress on several preventive measures like social distancing, personal hygiene and restriction of mass gatherings. Government has said that there is enough supply of essential items and people need not to worry and rush to market places. People have been advised to have patience and keep calm while shopping for essential goods and medical supplies. Frequent trips to buy essential items should be avoided and people should refrain from shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting. At least one metre distance should be maintained by people at market places, medical stores and hospitals. Non-essential social gatherings at home should be avoided and visitors at home should not be allowed. People should not touch their eyes, nose and mouth. Frequent hand sanitation is a must. Both sides of hand has to be washed for at least 20 seconds. If a person is experiencing cough and fever or any other symptom, he or she should avoid close contact with others and doctor should be consulted immediately. The Health Ministry has issued a toll free number 1075 for the public for enquiry about corona virus. All Indians must do their bit and keep themselves and others safe in this fight against COVID-19.

Corona Prevention

Follow these Do's & Don'ts

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain personal hygiene and physical distancing Practice frequent hand washing. Wash hands with soap & water or use alcohol-based hand rub. Cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/tissue while sneezing and coughing Throw used tissue into close bins immediately after use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shake Hands Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever Tough your eyes, nose and mouth Sneeze or cough into palms of your hands

Health Ministry confirms 100 COVID-19 patients cured and discharged

New Delhi, Mar 30 Union Health Ministry has confirmed that total number of confirmed cases of Corona virus climbed to 1,071 in the country. It has also confirmed that 100 patients have been cured and discharged and 29 deaths have been reported in the country so far. Indian Council of Medical Research, ICMR has given approval to 123 government laboratories and 47 Private laboratories

chains for testing of several odds, the battle against Corona virus pandemic is on. The number of recovered Corona virus patients in China reached to 75,000. In India, 100 patients have been cured so far. It reflects that despite



Number of COVID-19 cases reported in last 12 days much less than those reported in developed countries

New Delhi, Mar 30 92 fresh confirmed cases of novel coronavirus or COVID-19 have been reported in the past 24 hours in the country. With this the total number of cases has now gone up to 1071 including 29 deaths. Briefing media in New Delhi, Joint Secretary Shri Lav Aggarwal said that the cases reported in the last 12 days are much less than the those reported in the developed country. He said, this happened because of the cooperation of people of the country, our collective preemptive action, social distancing and enforcement of lockdown. He said the country is battling against an infectious disease and people are required to follow the guidelines issued in this regard.

Shri Aggarwal also informed that the government has also constituted empowered groups focusing on issues including medical emergency management and hospital management. He said, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has also decided to create isolation facility at its National Institute of Training and Hostels. He said, Centre is engaged with the States and focusing on setting up dedicated COVID-19 hospitals and strengthening the health infrastructure. He said, out the positive cases reported in the country, 99 patients have recovered. He said, there is no evidence of community transmission in the country and it is at local transmission. (Contd. on last page)

BSNL prepaid SIMs not to be discontinued till April 20: Minister

New Delhi, Mar 30 Union Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad today said that prepaid SIMs of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, BSNL will not be discontinued till 20th April. Interacting with the Chief Postmaster General and Chief General Manager of BSNL of all the States and Union Territories through video conferencing, Shri Prasad said, BSNL is working hard to ensure that the phone linkage

remains active during this time. He said, for outgoing calls, ten rupees incentive has been provided automatically from today, so that poor people and needy people continue to work. Shri Prasad said, Postal Department is sending lot of money order to poor people.

Govt clarifies no plan to extend 21 days lockdown

New Delhi, Mar 30 Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba has denied media reports claiming that the government will extend the lockdown. It said, there are rumours and media reports claiming that the government will (Contd. on last page)

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

Migrant workers not be retrenched by employers All employers to pay wages on time without any deduction

Port Blair, Mar 30
In pursuance of order dated 29th March, 2020 issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, the Office of the Labour Commissioner, A&N Administration has issued the following guidelines for implementation with immediate effect:-
1. The Migrant workers who are brought to these Islands for any kind of works and employed in any Industrial Establishments, Shops & Commercial Establishments, Building and other construction works, Transport undertakings, Factories of Govt./ Private shall not be

retrenched by their employers from their services and the employers shall not deduct their wages during pandemic of Covid-19.
2. The Inter Islands workers shall also be paid their wages and not to be retrenched by their employers. Their movement to their home destination is restricted during the lockdown period.
3. All the employers, be in the industries or in the shops and commercial establishments, shall make payment of wages to their workers, on the due date without any deduction, for the period their

establishments are under closure due to lockdown.
4. Wherever the workers, including the migrants/inter Island workers/student are living in rented accommodation, the landlords of those properties shall not demand payment of rent for a period of one month. If any land lord forcing labourers and students to vacate their premises they will be liable for action under the Disaster Management Act.

5. Adequate arrangements shall be made for temporary shelters wherever required and provision of food etc. for the poor and needy people by the District Magistrate in Coordination with the Labour Department and Voluntary Organisation. For the migrant labourers stranded due to lock down in respective area/ rented accommodation/ labour Camps of the contractors their basic

need required to be attended by Contractors. In case of violation of any of the above measures, the respective District Magistrate/DCs and Sr. SP/SP/DCP shall personally liable for implementation of the above directions and lockdown measures issued under the above mentioned order, a communication from the Secretary (Lab & Employment) said here today.

Tokyo Olympics to take place from July 23 to August 8 in 2021

Tokyo, Mar 30
The 2020 Tokyo Olympics, which has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic, will now be held from July 23 to August 8 next year and the Para Olympic Games will be held from August 24 to September 5. The new dates of Tokyo Olympics, which had been scheduled to take place from July 24 to August 9 in the Japanese capital, were agreed on Monday between the International Olympic Committee and local organizers, as per a report from Japan's



Kyodo News agency said and further confirmed by sources in the Indian Olympic Association. A task force established by the Tokyo Games organizing committee charged with handling the delay opted for a similar time frame in 2021 in order to use existing plans for the games as much as possible, added the report. Meanwhile, Tokyo 2020 President Yoshiro Mori has warned international federations that it will be a "major challenge" on deciding who covers the additional costs arising from the postponement of the Olympic Games.

ITTF suspends events till June 30, freezes world rankings

New Delhi, Mar 30
The International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) has suspended all planned events till June 30 and froze the world rankings due to the upheaval caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The ITTF Executive Committee met yesterday to discuss the effects of the Corona virus outbreak on the international table tennis events schedule. The ITTF said in a statement that due to the continued uncertainty caused by COVID-19 pandemic and postponement of Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympics Games, the Executive Committee decided to suspend all currently planned ITTF events and activities that



involve international travel until 30th of June. ITTF also decided to freeze ranking lists as of March, 2020 and further evaluate all implications related to the postponement of events, travel restrictions and other complications, with scope for further decisions on potentially necessary adjustments. The Federation will hold another follow-up meeting on 15th April to further evaluate the situation.

Examination cancelled

Port Blair, Mar 30
The written examination for recruitment to the post of Labour Inspector in the Office of Labour Commissioner scheduled on April 4, 2020 has been cancelled in view of COVID-19, a communication from the Labour Commissioner said.

Number of COVID-19 cases..

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Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry, Smti Punya Salila Srivastava said that Home Ministry is regularly monitoring the enforcement of lockdown with the State governments. She said, the guidelines of the lockdown are being followed by the States and availability of the essential items and services are satisfactory. She said, the situation of migrant workers is under control.

Dr Raman Gangakhedkar, Head Scientist in ICMR said that so far over 38 thousand COVID-19 tests have been conducted. He said, 115 labs under ICMR network are functional and approval was given to 47 private labs.

Govt clarifies..

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extend the lock down when it expires. The Cabinet Secretary rejected these reports and stated that these are baseless.

Govt extends PLI, RPLI Premium payment period till April 30

New Delhi, Mar 30
In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, the government has extended the Premium payment period for Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life Insurance upto 30th of next month without charging any penalty. Directorate of Postal Life Insurance (PLI) under the Ministry of Communications said that although many Post Offices are functional as part of essential services, Postal Life Insurance and Rural Postal Life customers are facing difficulty in approaching post offices for payment of premium. It said, as a

measure of convenience to all the customers, the period of payment has been extended. The decision is likely to benefit approximately 13 lakh policy holders who have not been able to pay

premium for current month. As compared to about 42 lakh policy holders who paid premium last month, only 29 lakh of them have been able to pay premium for this month till today.

25 DD, LS, RS channels to be mandatorily carried by MSOs, cable operators: I&B Ministry

New Delhi, Mar 30
An advisory issued by the Ministry said today that non-carriage of these notified channels are liable for action under the cable act. Accordingly all MSOs and cable operators are directed to mandatorily carry these channels.

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Help us to help you

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.	 Place the mask over your nose, mouth and chin and ensure there are no gaps on either side of the mask, adjust to fit.	 Avoid touching the mask, while using it.	 Do not leave the mask hanging from the neck.
 Change the mask after six hours or as soon as they become wet.	 Never reuse disposable masks and dispose the used masks into closed bins after disinfecting them.	 Do not touch the potentially contaminated outer surface of the mask, while removing it.	 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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