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**Weather**

Dry weather most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 34°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 07/04/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 32.7  
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.2  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST: 060  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST: 075  
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0512  
 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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## Government decides to cut salary of MPs by 30 percent for one year; Suspends MPLAD fund for two years

New Delhi, Apr 6 month. Speaking to media Cabinet has decided to suspend MPLAD fund for two years from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022. He said, an amount to the tune of 7900 crore rupees will be accumulated and deposited in the consolidated Fund of India to fight COVID-19.

Union Cabinet today approved an Ordinance amending the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament Act, 1954 for reducing salary by 30 per cent for one year. It will come into effect from 1st of this

Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar said, the salary of Union Ministers and Members of Parliament will be cut by 30 per cent for one year. He also informed that

Shri Javadekar also informed that President, Vice President, Governors of States have also voluntarily decided to take a pay cut of 30 per cent as a social responsibility for one year. The money will go to Consolidated Fund of India.

## LG sanctions Rs. 2.50 crore out of Lt. Governor's Relief Fund for immediate transfer to PM CARES Fund

Port Blair, Apr 6 **Fund against the one day salary contribution of the officers and employees of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Central Govt Offices, Local Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings etc. functioning in these Islands.**

The spread of corona virus has been alarming and is posing severe health and economic ramifications for our country. Distress situations, whether natural or otherwise, demand expeditious and collective action for alleviating the suffering of those affected, strengthening of infrastructure and capacities etc.

In view of the gravity of the situation caused by COVID-19 and based on the appeal of the Home Minister, the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands has sanctioned an amount of Rs.2.50 crore out of Lt. Governor's Relief Fund for immediate transfer to PM CARES

The amount so released from the Lt. Governor's Relief Fund to PM CARES Fund shall be recouped from the one day salary contributions by the officers and employees of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Central Govt Offices, Local Bodies, Public Sector Undertakings etc. functioning in these Islands, a communication from the Deputy Secretary (Finance-I) said here today.

## COVID-19: Education Deptt issues advisories Teachers asked to teach students from home using electronic/social media Explore DIKSHA portal for coverage of syllabus

Port Blair, Apr 6 already issued measures to mitigate the anxiety of the students and stakeholders. In view of the prevailing extraordinary circumstances of the spread of COVID-19, the Education Department, A&N Administration has issued the following advisories:

The new academic session 2020 - 2021 in the A&N Islands was scheduled to start from 1st April, 2020, but due to lockdown to contain spread of COVID-19, all the schools have been suspended till further order. The Ministry of HRD and CBSE have

**VIII:** All students studying in classes 1 to 8 during the session 2019 - 2020 shall be promoted to the next class irrespective of whether the examinations have been conducted or not.

**❖ For Classes IX and XI:** All the schools to promote students of Class IX and XI to the next class on the basis of all the school based assessment including project work, periodic test, term exam etc. conducted so far. For any child who is unable to clear the internal process (in any number of subjects), the school may utilize these Lockdown period for providing

**❖ For Classes- I to**

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## Meeting held to discuss 100 days action plan for kick-starting local economy

Port Blair, Apr 6 distancing and related arrangement to fight COVID-19 post lockdown scenario; and a 100 days action plan for kick-starting the local economy, especially in sectors like tourism, fisheries trading etc. Accordingly, a meeting was held last Saturday under the chairmanship

In a meeting held recently to review the actions being taken by the Administration on COVID-19, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi directed for constituting sub-groups to craft out seamless system of social

of the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (PWD/Civil Aviation), Shri V Candavelou. The representatives from the ACCI, Andaman Tour Operators Association and other stakeholders from the related sectors attended this meeting and gave their valuable suggestions. Deliberations

on the suggestions and proposed measures to set in motion the Islands' economy in the post lockdown scenario were held during the meeting. The Administration is in the process of finalizing an action plan for submission to the govt. of India, official sources informed.

## A&N Police urges people with travel history to inform local authorities immediately Strict legal action against violators under DMA & IPC

Port Blair, Apr 6 the Police, Health Department or the Administration.

The global pandemic COVID-19 has already infected 10 persons in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The A&N Police has appealed to those among the public who have a recent travel history from the Mainland, especially from those areas which have seen a large number of positive Corona Virus cases, that they should immediately inform the local authorities such as

Further, those people who have travelled from abroad, or those who have any symptoms associated with Corona infection such as cough and fever should also immediately give information to these local authorities so that they can be tested, treated, and, if required, be placed in quarantine or isolation as need be. A failure to

comply with the above and other government directions would lead to violation of the law, whereby, the violator would be liable to have a FIR registered against them. Further, if, due to this negligent behavior there is harm caused to the public at large or the community then they would also be liable to have strict legal action taken against them under the Disaster Management Act and the Indian Penal Code. Responsible citizens of the Islands have been urged to immediately contact the Police Department or the Health authorities if they have any information regarding the COVID-19 infection, and should help make sure that they themselves, their families, the Islands, the country and the world are safe from this global pandemic, an official communication said here today.

## COVID-19: Promoting use of homemade protective cover for face & mouth People not suffering from medical conditions may use handmade reusable face cover

Port Blair, Apr 6 people who are not suffering from medical conditions or not having breathing difficulties may use the handmade reusable face cover, particularly when they step out of their house. This will help in protecting the

In view of the advisory issued by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW), Govt. of India on 03.04.2020 to promote use of homemade protective cover for face and mouth, the following guidelines have been issued for wide dissemination:-

- Social distancing and personal hygiene are key measures to prevent COVID-19 infections. Certain countries have claimed benefits of homemade face cover for the general public. Such homemade face cover is a good method for maintaining personal hygiene. Such usage certainly will help in maintaining overall hygienic health conditions.
- Therefore, it is suggested that such

community at large. wear specified protective gear.

- This face cover is not recommended for either health workers or those working with or in contact with COVID-19 patients or are patients themselves as these categories of people are required to
- It is advised that two sets of such face covers be made so that one can be washed while the other is used. Hand washing would still remain essential

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## COVID-19: Relief for senior citizens & divyangjans by Social Welfare Deptt. Doorstep delivery of financial assistance for March & April Delivery of pensions at pensioners' doorstep begins

Port Blair, Apr 6 financial assistance to senior citizens and divyangjans, disbursed by Department of Social Welfare, for the months of March and April, 2020. The doorstep delivery of pension has started today. The senior citizens and divyangjans who are registered with Department of Social Welfare have been informed that if they are in immediate requirement of financial assistance, they may call at the numbers 9474275625 (for senior citizens) and 9434264646 (for divyangjan). Senior citizens and Divyangjan who call on these numbers will be provided financial assistance by way of cash on priority. They will be required to

To alleviate the distress of senior citizens and Divyangjans during COVID-19 pandemic and to provide relief to them, the A&N Administration has decided to provide doorstep delivery of

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## COVID-19: People with symptoms of Influenza like illness to remain in quarantine

Port Blair, Apr 6 distance. should consult the health professional accordingly or call 232102. However, they shall maintain the norms of social distancing and follow personal hygiene and etiquettes for coughing and sneezing. Also, they shall restrict their movements and only emergency/needed movement may be undertaken, a communication from Dr. Avijit Roy, DD (H)/NO COVID-19 said here.

All those who have completed their 14 days' of Home/Institutional quarantine (including those in Govt. sponsored quarantine facilities) are free from quarantine on 15th day of the quarantine period starting from the day of contact and/or the day they were put under quarantine subject to various orders/direction issued by UT Administration/Govt. of India for maintaining social

However, those who are having any symptoms of Influenza like illness shall continue to remain in quarantine till the disappearance of symptoms or negative test result whichever is applicable.

Further, they should also have self-observation for next 14 days for development of any symptoms. If any symptom develops during the next 14 days, they

## Zero tolerance against unfair trade practices by merchants Civil Supplies Deptt to carry out rigorous enforcement drive

Port Blair, Apr 6 in selling/distribution of essential commodities are extorting money from the general public by means of overcharging than the maximum retail price or prevailing market price, which is in gross violation of various Acts and Rules framed by the Government of India to safeguard the interest of the public.

The Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs has noticed that various Fair Price Shops, General Merchants, Pharmacies and other establishments engaged

Taking a serious view of such gross misconduct and unfair trade practices by certain sections of the business community, a rigorous Enforcement Drive shall be carried out by the Enforcement Team of the Department in the open market to


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## Free foodgrains & pulses under PMGKY Port Blair, Apr 6 In view of the pandemic of COVID-19 and the country wide lockdown, the Government has started Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY). Under this, all the persons covered under the PDS mechanism will be issued additional 5 kg foodgrains per person and 1 kg dal per household, per month, for the next three months, free of cost.

**24X7 Local Health Channel dedicated to COVID-19 functional in Nicobars Contents in Nicobari language also**

Carnicobar, April 6 The District Administration of Nicobar has started a 24X7 Local Health Channel dedicated to its prevention and COVID-19. This channel has all content in English, Hindi and Nicobari languages for the benefit of the people to understand about COVID-19, its precautions to be taken by the people. It also displays the Control Room Numbers apart from

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

**Health bulletin for containment of COVID-19**

(No. 07/ 06<sup>th</sup> April 2020)

**COVID-19 STATUS AS ON 06.04.2020**

> National as on 06.04.2020 at 0900 Hrs\*

Total Confirmed Cases	4067
Cured / Discharged / Migrated	292
Death	109

• Source Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

> **Andaman & Nicobar Islands:**

Total Positive cases	10
Discharged from Hospital	00
Death	00
Admitted at Hospital	10
Migrated out of Country	00
Outside Resident	00

> **Status of Hospitals:**

Name of Hospital	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Positive Cases Admitted
G B Pant Hospital, Port Blair	50	10	10

\* No cases are admitted at Private Hospital.

\* *The Health Condition of all Ten +Ve cases are normal and stable.*

> **Status of Sample Testing:**

Total Samples sent till date	324
Total Reports received till date	254
Total Pending Reports	70

- > House to house surveillance for contact tracing of positive cases is being done by District Administration with the help of Health Workers.
- > Intensive awareness is continued through print and electronic media.
- > 170 passengers from COVID-19 affected countries have been screened at VSI Airport, Port Blair and Port/Harbour of the Islands and placed under surveillance.
- > 2020 passengers screened at VSI Airport till 24.03.2020 by medical teams. Out of these 398 passengers are under home quarantine and 393 are under quarantine at Govt facilities.
- > Calls received at 102 - 105 calls.
- > 15 lines are activated in State Head Quarter Control Room and District Headquarter Control Room also set up at North & Middle Andaman District and Nicobar District.

**SURVEILLANCE DATA**

Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date	178
Contacts under home Quarantine as on today	178
Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	NIL
Persons under Institutional Quarantine as on today	393 **
Persons completed 14 days period of Institutional Quarantine	16
Passengers put under Home Quarantine till date	2020
Passengers under Home Quarantine as on today	398
Passengers completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	1414

\*\* The figure contains institutional Quarantine persons from passengers as well as contacts both..

Aarogya Setu App COVID-19 Tracker launched to alert you and keep you safe!

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**24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/232102/1077/1070**

(Source: Principal Secretary (Health), A&N Administration)

**UN chief urges Govts to consider protecting women as part of response to COVID-19 pandemic**

New York, Apr 6

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has urged governments around the world to consider protecting women as part of their response to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic. In a statement, Guterres said that for many women and girls, the threat looms largest where they should be safest. He further added that over the past weeks as economic and social pressures and fear have grown, we have seen a horrifying global surge in domestic violence. He urged all



governments to make the prevention and redress of violence against women a key part of their national response plans for COVID-19.

**Teachers asked to....**

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remedial intervention, and school may give the opportunity of appearing in school based test/tests, online or offline. The promotion of such children may be decided by the Head of the Schools on the basis of such tests.

All the zonal officers have been directed to take initiatives in the following areas for the betterment of the students during lockdown period:

- ❖ All the school heads, teachers and students to explore grade appropriate contents from DIKSHA portal (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) and keep going on towards the coverage of syllabus for the session 2020 - 2021. All textbooks and study materials are available in NCERT (www.ncert.nic.in) and DIKSHA (www.diksha.nic.in) portal.
- ❖ All teachers should prepare lesson plans and innovative teaching notes for their respective subjects to provide teaching learning support/ guidance/coaching to the students through electronic/social media as well as prepare innovative contents in the form of text, audio, video such as lesson plan, short piece of innovative classroom interaction as per syllabus for uploading in the DIKSHA portal.
- ❖ Teachers shall teach the students from home using the electronic/social media such as Whatsapp/SMS/email etc. Students may be encouraged to clear their doubts from their teachers through the available electronic/social media. Utmost efforts may be taken to cover the syllabus for the session 2020 - 2021. Parents should support the students in their learning activities through available electronic/social media with the help of their teachers.
- ❖ Head of the institution have been asked to provide the contact numbers of the teachers to all students for contacting and clarifying the doubts, a communication from the Deputy Director Education (Acad/HoO), Directorate of Education said here today.

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sign the withdrawal slip and authorization form of the bank in which they have account and hand over the signed withdrawal slip and authorization form along with the original pass book to the Mukhya Sevika/ Anganwadi Worker of their area, who will collect the pension amount from the bank and hand over to the beneficiary under acknowledgement, a communication from the Director (Social Welfare) said.

**24X7 Local Health....**

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messages of DC Nicobar and Health Team of Bishop John Richardson Hospital under Dr. Anwar Moosa. Content on AYUSH, hand washing techniques etc. will be broadcasted for the benefit of the residence of Nicobar District, a communication received here said.

**COVID-19: Promoting....**

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criteria and hands should be washed before wearing the face cover. Such face covers should also not be thrown anywhere but kept safely, washed properly with soap and hot water and dried properly before they are used.

○ These face covers could be made out of clean cloth available at home, which needs to be thoroughly cleaned and washed before a face cover is stitched/made. The face cover should be prepared in such a manner that it can cover the mouth and nose completely and can be tied over the face easily.

○ There must not be a sharing of face covers and a face cover must be used by only one individual. So, in a family of several members, each member should have a separate face cover.

**Zero tolerance....**

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maintain zero tolerance against any act of overcharging, black marketing, hoarding, etc and stringent legal action without any excuse shall be taken against those offenders found indulging in such malpractices as per the various Acts and Rules framed under The Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and The Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

The consumers of this UT have been requested to directly inform the Director (CS&CA) regarding any malpractice by any person/shop/establishment, via text message only on mobile number 9434266828. The same can also be brought to the notice of the Department of CS&CA in writing or over Toll Free No. 18003453197 or Telephone No. 03192-234062, a communication from the Director (CS&CA) said here today.

**SAI, Hockey India officials discuss Olympic prep for teams on video conference**



New Delhi, Apr 6

In the wake of postponement of the Tokyo Olympics, and in view of the 21-day lockdown in the country, the Sports Authority of India is holding meetings through video conference with all Presidents, Secretary Generals, High-Performance Director, Head Coach, CEOs of respective National Sports Federation to reassess their long-term plan, qualification scenarios and strategy to align with the Olympics to be held in

New Delhi, Apr 6

The Supreme Court today passed a slew of directions for all courts across the country to extensively use video-conferencing for judicial proceedings. It said that congregation of lawyers and litigants must be suspended to maintain social distancing amid coronavirus pandemic. A bench headed by Chief Justice Shri S A Bobde said that recent outbreak of the COVID-19 has necessitated social distancing and it is necessary to ensure that court premises do not contribute to the spread of Coronavirus. The top court, which has restricted its functioning and is conducting hearing through video conferencing of extremely urgent matters during the

lockdown period since March 25. The bench, also comprising Justices Shri DY Chandrachud and Shri L Nageswara Rao, made it clear that no evidence would be recorded via video-conferencing.

It said, if recording of evidence is must in the courts, then the concerned judge would

ensure that distance is maintained inside the courtroom. The court took cognizance of a letter written by senior advocate and former Supreme Court Bar Association President Shri Vikas Singh, who has suggested measures for use of technology for conducting hearings in the courts. Attorney General

Shri K K Venugopal said the National Informatics Centre, NIC must look into efficient and cheap application across the country. The Director General of NIC told the bench that three things are required for video-conferencing -- good broadband connection, good devices and conduct of people.

**SC issues guidelines for all courts for hearings through video conferencing during COVID-19 outbreak**

**Center releases additional 3k crore rupees under NHM funds to states for COVID-19 management**

New Delhi, Apr 6

693 fresh confirmed cases of novel coronavirus or COVID-19 have been reported in the country in the last 24 hours taking the total number to 4067. Out of these, 291 patients have recovered and discharged from the hospitals, while 109 patients have died. Briefing media in New Delhi today, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Shri Lav Aggarwal said, 76 per cent cases have been reported in males and 24 per cent in females. He also informed that during the Lockdown period, 16.94 lakh metric tonnes of food grains have been transported across the country till now. He said, in 13 states, 1.3 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and 1.32 lakh metric

tonnes of rice in 8 states have been allotted. He said, Food Corporation of India is having 55.47 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains in central pool. He said, 1100 crore rupees have already been released from National Health Mission Funds for the states for COVID management and today an additional amount of 3000 crore rupees has been released in this regard. Joint Secretary in the Home Ministry, Smti Punya Salila Srivastava said that the lockdown measures are being implemented. She said, the availability of essential goods and items are satisfactory.

been reported among people over 60 years age, 30 per cent in age bracket of 40 to 60 years and 7 per cent in the people below 40 years of age. Shri Aggarwal suggested to the high risk people to follow the directive and guidelines issued by the government. He also urged the countrymen to follow social distancing measures and guidelines to check the spread of the novel coronavirus. Shri Aggarwal also informed that during the Lockdown period, 16.94 lakh metric tonnes of food grains have been transported across the country till now. He said, in 13 states, 1.3 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and 1.32 lakh metric

**Shab-e-Baraat on April 9; people advised to observe it at home**

Port Blair, Apr 6

The A&N Hilal Committee has intimated that based on sighting of moon in these Islands, Shab-e-Baraat will be observed on the night of April 9, followed by fasting on the next day.

Keeping in view the pandemic of COVID-19, the committee has asked people to offer 5 time regular namaz, zuhar at home instead of jumma on Friday. People have also been asked to observe Shab-e-Baraat at home.

The committee has asked people to strictly follow the lockdown declared by the Government of India in letter and spirit, a communication from the Chairman of the committee said here today.

**'With You' distributes 200 kits of essential commodities amongst needy**

Port Blair, Apr 6

With the view to help the needy people during this lockdown, NGO 'With You', its President, Ms VK Mariyam Bibi distributed 200 kits of essential commodities consisting of 5 kg rice, 2 kg atta, 1 kg each of dal, refined oil, and

sugar besides masalas and salt to the needy people in the unorganized sectors mainly consisting of families of the drivers of auto-rickshaws, private jeep, pickup vans, etc. of Hope Town, Bambooflat, Shore Point, Stewartgunj,

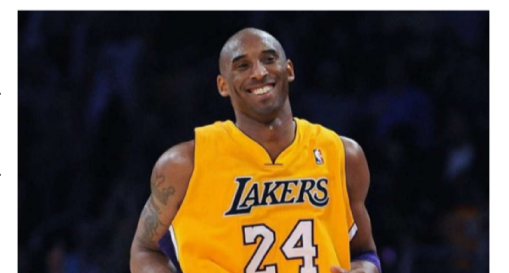
Kanya puram, Wimberlygunj and Mannarghat areas. The Social distancing norms were followed during the distribution that took place at Bambooflat jetty, a communication from its General Secretary said here today.

**Kobe makes Hall of Fame in first year of eligibility**

New York, Apr 6

The late Kobe Bryant was selected on Saturday as a member of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in his first year of eligibility.

The 18-time NBA All Star, who was killed in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26, is part of a nine-member class that includes multiple All-Star selections Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. Four-time Olympic gold medallist Tamika Catchings, coaches Eddie Sutton, Rudy Tomjanovich, Kim Mulkey, Barbara Stevens and longtime Swiss FIBA executive Patrick



Baumann, who died in 2018, also were selected and will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts on Aug. 29. Bryant was a five-time NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers and earned Olympic gold medals in 2008 and 2012. Duncan, a 15-time NBA

All-Star, also was a five-time NBA champion with the San Antonio Spurs where he played for 19 years. Garnett, a 15-time All-Star, drew acclaim for his rebounding and defensive ability with the Boston Celtics and Minnesota Timberwolves and helped lead the Celtics to an NBA title in 2008.