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Weather

Dry weather likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 33°C and 27°C respectively on Wednesday 06/05/2020.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 33.3
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.7
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST 065
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST 076
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0458
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1734
 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 18.6 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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Online Summit of NAM Contact Group held
PM calls for concerted global efforts in fight against COVID-19
Urges international community to fight against terrorism & fake news



New Delhi, May 5
 Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi yesterday through Video Conferencing, emphasized on world needs a new template of globalization post COVID-19 based on fairness, equality and humanity. He said the humanity is facing a major crisis in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and NAM can contribute in dealing with it. He said the Non Aligned Movement can help promote global solidarity and

it must remain inclusive.

At the summit, Prime Minister urged the global community to fight against the issues of "terrorism" and "fake news". He said, even as the world is fighting COVID-19 crisis,

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In the service of stranded Islanders
Lt Governor, A&N Islands approves waiving off room rent & food charges for Islanders stuck at Andaman Bhavans at Kolkata & Chennai

Port Blair, May 5

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lieutenant Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency has approved waiving off room rent and reimbursement of food charges for the residents presently staying in Andaman Bhavans at Kolkata and Chennai in wake of spread of 'COVID-19' and lockdown in the country. The approval for waiving off has been accorded upto the period 03.05.2020 for eight families staying at Andaman Bhavan, Chennai and eight families staying at Andaman Bhavan, Kolkata presently.

The Andaman and Nicobar Administration has made arrangements to accommodate all stranded Islanders/students/patients at Andaman Bhavan, in mainland considering the lockdown throughout the country. Now the charges for room rent and food have also been waived off.

Administration is making all possible efforts to ensure that human suffering owing to lockdown is minimized as far as possible, a press release from Directorate of Tourism said.

State Level Advisory Committee meets to review measures taken to fight COVID-19

A & N Islands achieves highest rate of test per million in the Country including high Recovery Rate i.e. 96.97%

Institutional Quarantine Model adopted by Administration proved vital to contain spread of virus in Isles

Port Blair, May 5

The State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC) for Outbreak Control met under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary (Health) today to review the various activities going on to fight Novel Corona Virus Disease (COVID-19) in A & N Islands. All the committee members appreciated and lauded the efforts taken by the A & N Administration to contain the virus effectively by keeping the people in Institutional Quarantine. The Institutional Quarantine strategy of the Administration provided an unprecedented success to contain the virus effectively from first surge that was emerged on 24.03.2020 with the infection of 9 (Nine) members of Tablighi Jamaat who returned from Delhi. The Administration successfully isolated the cases and their contacts in Institutional Quarantine and declared them recovered on 09.04.2020 by achieving Zero active cases. The second surge of virus was emerged on 16.04.2020 when the

DO NOT HESITATE to report early

Remember Patients are getting cured

Together we will fight COVID-19

12th case was found infected in Bambooflat who had further infected 21 persons. A massive search drive was conducted to line list the contacts of these cases and put all the contacts in Institutional Quarantine. This has successfully contained the further spread of virus in the Islands and finally these cases also recovered except 1 (One). All the committee members unanimously appreciated the Institutional Quarantine Model adopted by the A&N Administration which proved a vital tool to effectively contain the spread of virus in the Islands.

The Principal Secretary (Health) informed the members that the Administration is trying to make arrangements for bringing back the residents of

A&N Islands who are in distress and stranded at mainland. He directed Health Department to make elaborate arrangement for screening, transportation, lodging and boarding and testing of all the stranded persons coming from the mainland. Arrangement for monitoring and supervision should also be made to oversee entire operation by the Senior Officers at the Airport/Port/Harbour and at Quarantine facilities. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman was requested to make elaborate arrangement for Quarantine facilities.

The Principal Secretary (Health) further informed the committee members that during the last 40 days the

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JEE Mains to be conducted from July 18 & NEET exam on July 26

New Delhi, May 5

Human Resources Development Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank today announced that Joint Entrance Examination, JEE-Mains to be held from 18th to 23rd July, 2020. Interacting with students from across the country, Shri Nishank said, the JEE-Advanced will be held in August and the dates will be announced soon. He said, National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, NEET will be held on 26th July.

The HRD Minister said, decision will be taken on pending CBSE Class 10th and 12th board exams soon. The two crucial exams were postponed due to the lockdown imposed in the country to combat COVID-19. (Source: india.gov.in)

PBMC takes up work of cleaning of wells, transportation of water from Hutbay/Rutland to mitigate water scarcity

Port Blair, May 5

In order to prevent the outbreak of COVID-19 in Port Blair City, PBMC has been taking various initiatives with the active participation of Elected Representatives.

Water Works:

To mitigate the water scarcity, PBMC with the help of Shipping Department has been transporting water from Hutbay/Rutland at Haddo Wharf. In this regard, another 238 tonnes of water was transported from Hutbay by M.V.Campbell Bay on May 3. As on date, a total of 2446 tonnes of water has been transported from Rutland/Hutbay Islands to Port Blair through



vessels and barges. PBMC has activated one more borewell at Kamraj Nagar, which is discharging 12,000 lts of water per hour. Water is being distributed in the extended wards through water tankers. As on date, a total of 10 water tankers including private water tankers have been engaged by PBMC for distribution of water across all 24 wards.

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Sailing of MV Nancowry & MV Nicobar deferred

Port Blair, May 5

The Directorate of Shipping Services had promulgated the schedule sailing of MV Nancowry from Port Blair to Chennai and MV Nicobar from Chennai to Port Blair on 06.05.2020 to facilitate transportation of stranded passengers. Now, due to administrative reasons, the above

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Reaching out to students with learning contents
Education Deptt. formulates schematic framework to provide education through various medium
Educational contents to be provided to students of remote areas

Port Blair, May 5

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India has issued an Alternative Academic Calendar for Primary, Upper Primary and Secondary classes on its website www.ncert.nic.in/acc.html for students to learn from their home easily during the lockdown (COVID - 19). The links for digital contents for each class, subject and chapter have been

provided in the calendar.

In accordance with the above measures of the Ministry and in wake of the connectivity issues in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Department of Education has formulated a schematic framework to provide education to the students at their home through Doordarshan, Cable TV Networks and All India Radio during the lockdown period.

The telecast of educational

contents for classes VIII to X and XII started from 16th April 2020 through local cable TV networks. Classes for students of X and XII started from 20th April, 2020 through Doordarshan, Port Blair as well. Likewise, the telecast of classes for students of V to VII was started through All India Radio, Port Blair from 24th April, 2020.

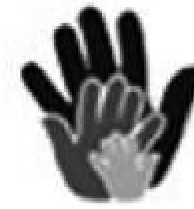
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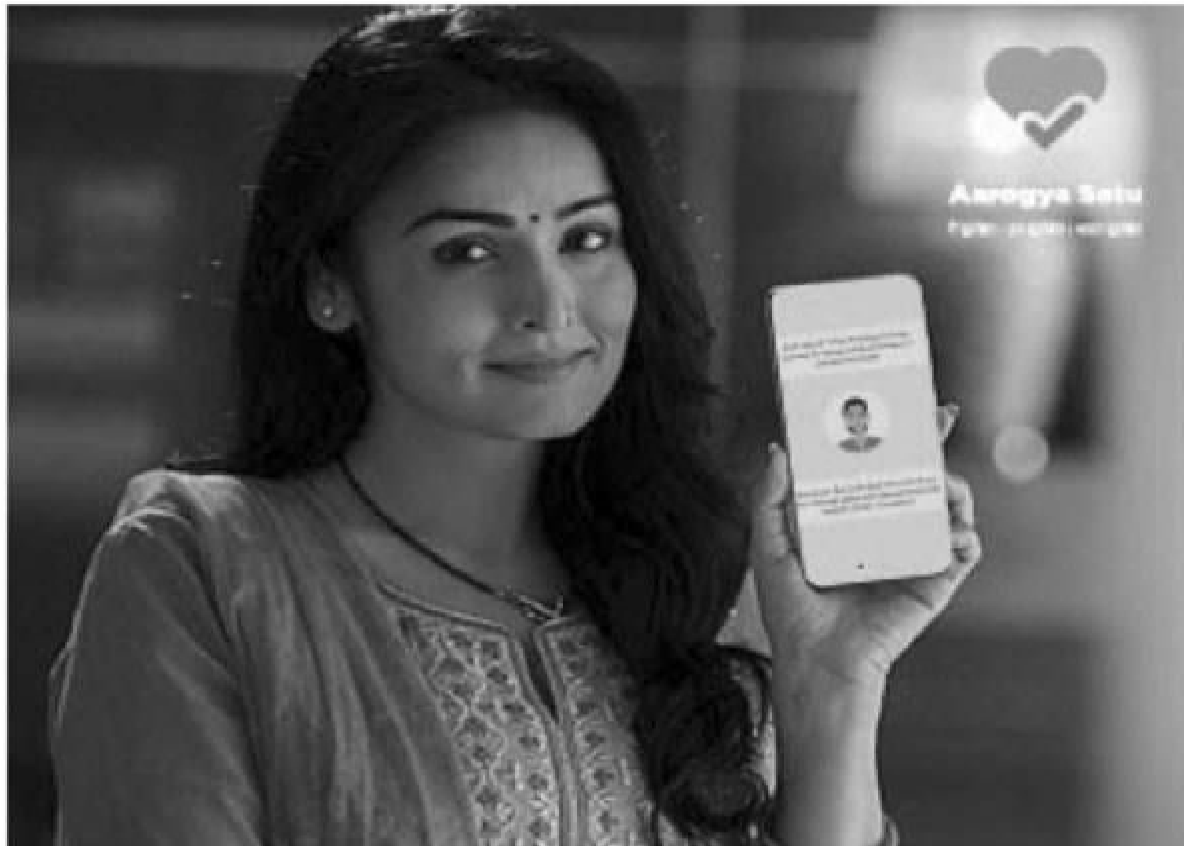
#AndamanFightsCOVID19 Do not pay heed to rumours: Dial State Helpline No. 03192-232102



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SPITTING RELEASES SALIVA IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND

Increasing the risk of spread of COVID-19

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Be a responsible citizen

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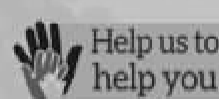


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Always wear Mask



NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19)



There is enough of everything, everyday for everyone
Don't Panic | Don't Rush | Don't Overstock



Maintain at least 1 metre distance in market places, medical stores, hospitals, etc.



Have patience and keep calm while shopping for essential goods/medical supplies



Avoid frequent trips to the market to buy groceries/medical supplies



Avoid shaking hands and hugging as a matter of greeting



Avoid non-essential social gatherings at home



Don't allow visitors at home or visit someone else's home

Observe social distancing at all times

If you have symptoms like cough, fever or difficulty in breathing, avoid any kind of exposure and immediately call the State Helpline number.

For information related to COVID-19

STATE HELPLINE NO: 03192-232102

Together we will fight COVID-19

Andaman & Nicobar Administration
Directorate of Health Services

Tender Cancellation Notice

F.No. CMS/1-1/Proc/Lab Reagent/Consumable/2019-20/176
Dt. 4th May 2020

"e-Tender Notice No. E-Tender Notice NO. CMS/1-1/Proc/Lab Reagent /Consumable /2019-20/1611 dated 06/03/2020 vide Ref DHS ID No. 2020_DHS_65_1 for the Supply of Laboratory Reagents and Consumables items under Directorate of Health Services, Port Blair is hereby cancelled due to Lock Down of COVID-19"

Directorate of Health Services

Tender Cancellation Notice

"e-Tender Notice No. E-Tender Notice NO. CMS/1-1/I.V. FLUID/Proc/2019-20/23 dated 06/04/2020 vide Ref DHS ID No. 2020_DHS_74_1 for the Supply of IV Fluids under Directorate of Health Services, Port Blair is hereby cancelled due to Lock Down of COVID-19"

I.D. No. 6532

Directorate of Health Services

OBITUARY



BRAIT family deeply mourn the sudden and untimely demise of **Dr. Jayant Kumar Mishra**, Professor, Department of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Pondicherry University, Port Blair on 5th May 2020. He was 56 yrs old. May the Almighty God give eternal peace to the departed soul and give courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

BRAIT family

SOME HELPLINE NUMBERS

Police Control room : 100
Fire Service : 101
Coastal Security : 1093
PBMC Control Room : 245798
State control Room: 1077/234287
Extn : 328 / 231179

Magazine

Stop Global Warming
Protect future generations from the harmful effects of global warming by reducing emissions from power plants, cars, factories and other sources
You too can help!!



KIDS' CORNER

Creative DIY Crafts for kids How to make Handprint Flower Bouquet



Materials required:
Any colour cardstock, wooden stick, empty Jar, yarn to match flowers, glue stick.

Method:

- ✦ Cut out hand prints (you should have 4 equally sized).
- ✦ Glue together with a glue stick to form the flower
- ✦ Tape on the wooden stick to the back of the handprint flower.
- ✦ Make the leaves. Just cut out of green cardstock. Add some glue to the end of the leaf and wrap around your wooden stick.
- ✦ Place hand print flowers in your jar vase and enjoy! ✦

Silly riddles

Q. I'm always on the dinner table, but you don't get to eat me. What am I?
A: Plates and silverware

Q. What's bright orange with green on top and sounds like a parrot?
A: A carrot

Q. There's a one-story house where everything is yellow. The walls are yellow. The doors are yellow. Even all the furniture is yellow. The house has yellow beds and yellow couches. What color are the stairs?
A: There aren't any stairs-it's a one-story house.

Q. What's really easy to get into, and hard to get out of?
A: Trouble

Learn Some Idioms & its usage

- Eat, sleep and breathe something
Meaning - Being so enthusiastic and passionate about something that you think about it all the time.
- With bells on
Meaning - When you are delighted and eager to go somewhere, you are said to go with bells on.
- Fever pitch
Meaning - When a feeling is very intense and exciting, it is said to be at a fever pitch.
- Blood, sweat and tears
Meaning - Something that requires a lot of effort and hard work.

Health benefits of Ladies Finger (Okra)



- ***Improves Immunity:** Ladies finger or Bhindi contains Vitamin C which helps in improving immunity.
- ***Prevention of Heart Ailments:** Ladies finger contains soluble fiber pectin which helps in lowering bad cholesterol as well as prevents atherosclerosis. It also helps in the elimination of deposited cholesterol and clots.
- ***Improves eyesight:** The Vitamin A and beta carotene present in ladies finger are helpful in improving eyesight.
- ***Weight Loss:** The low-calorie content of Bhindi makes it a suitable food for weight loss. Ladies finger also has high fiber levels which help in keeping you full for longer.
- ***Promotes Digestion:** People suffering from constipation benefit from regular consumption of ladies finger. The fiber content of ladies finger promotes digestion and regularization of bowels. Pectin swells up in the intestine and helps in easier elimination of waste from the intestine.
- ***Treatment of dandruff and lice:** Okra is used as a home remedy for dandruff and lice. Cut okra horizontally and boil it in water. Add lemon to the water and use it for rinsing hair to get rid of lice and dandruff.
- ***Treatment of Anaemia:** Ladies finger contains iron and folate and Vitamin K which help in the treatment of anaemia by promoting the level of haemoglobin in the body.

Amazing Facts about Caterpillars

- ✓ **The primary role of a caterpillar is to eat:** Caterpillars eat so much food that it is believed they consume as much as 27,000 times their body size. As a result, the caterpillars may end up being 100 times larger than their size when they hatch. When a caterpillar gets out of its shell, its first meal is the eggshell which is rich in protein.
- ✓ **Similar to adult moths and butterflies, caterpillars possess six true legs:** Much as one sees more than six legs on a caterpillar, only the six legs found on its thorax are true legs. The other legs are false legs (called prolegs) that help the caterpillar to climb and move around plant surfaces.
- ✓ **Caterpillars are known for silk production:** Caterpillars produce silk through an opening on their lips known as the spinneret that releases liquid silk. Once the liquid silk gets into contact with the air, it hardens into silk.
- ✓ **Caterpillars have 4000 muscles which are almost six times the number of muscles in humans:** Unlike human beings who possess only 629 muscles, caterpillars have 4,000 muscles. Every one of the muscles has one or two neurons attached to it.
- ✓ **Caterpillars have 12 eyes arranged in a semi-circle:** Caterpillars have 12 tiny eyelets that are known as stemmata. These eyes are arranged in a semi-circle from one side of the head to the other. The stemmata help the caterpillars to identify light and darkness.

Recipe for Tamarind Rice

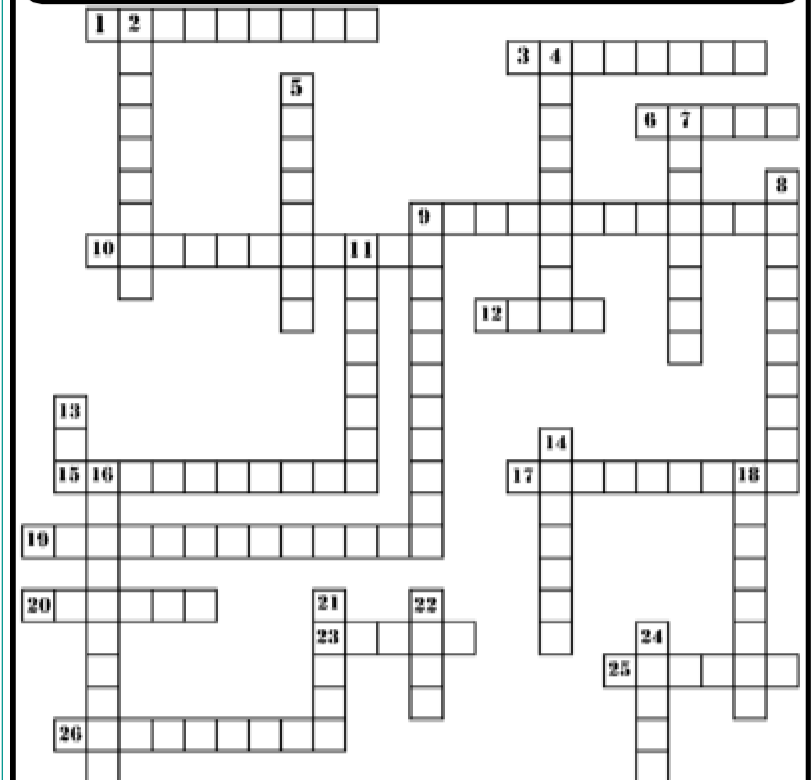


Ingredients:
2 Cups Rice (cooked 'bite-like'), 1/2 cup Tamarind (made into pulp), 3 Whole red chillies, 1/4 cup Curry leaves, A pinch of Asafoetida, 1 tsp Mustard seeds, 1 tbsp Channa daal, 1 tsp Urad daal (dhuli), 1/4 tsp Methi seeds, 1/2 tsp Red chilli powder, 1 tbsp Peanuts, 1 tsp Salt, 1/4 tsp Turmeric powder, 1/4 tsp Gur, Oil

Method:

- ✓ Heat oil and roast peanuts along with both the dals.
- ✓ Saute till the dals splutter and slightly coloured.
- ✓ Now add curry leaves and whole red chillies.
- ✓ Mix them well.
- ✓ Add salt, hing, red chilli powder and turmeric powder. Saute them well.
- ✓ Add gur to the cooked mix and saute well. Now add the tamarind pulp to the mix and saute till it becomes a semi thick gravy.
- ✓ Add cooked rice to the mix.
- ✓ Saute it well so the rice is completely mixed with the cooked gravy.
- ✓ Serve hot, garnished with a tamarind.

Crossword Puzzle: Education terms



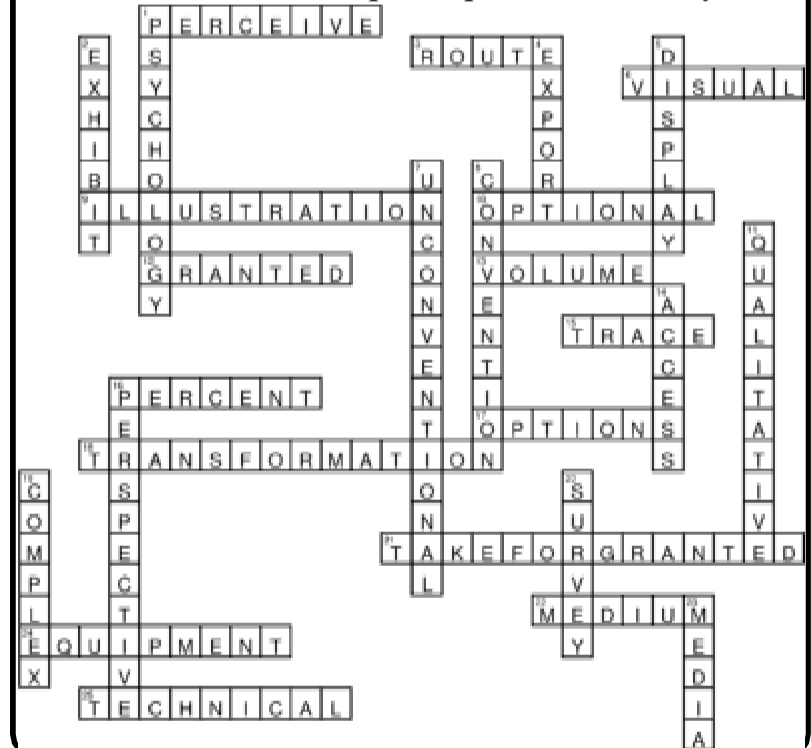
Across

- 1. opportunities or views ahead
- 3. list of the times things will happen
- 6. to suggest an idea without explicitly stating it
- 9. in between, middle
- 10. teaching
- 12. way something is done
- 15. a small change
- 17. discouraged or made low
- 19. an explanation or defense; making something acceptable
- 20. the way something is arranged
- 23. unyielding
- 25. keep
- 26. mis-named

Down

- 2. hesitant or unenthusiastic
- 4. verified or settled
- 5. information that is implied but not given directly
- 7. changed
- 8. strengthened
- 9. leaning in a certain direction
- 11. an essential quality of something
- 13. by means of
- 14. not tense
- 16. prudence, or the right to choose or judge for oneself
- 18. directly stated
- 21. current style; something very popular for a while
- 22. location
- 24. thus

Answers to cross word puzzle published on May 05



Quotable quotes

- * "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
Nelson Mandela
- * "The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."
Walt Disney
- * "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking."
Steve Jobs
- * "If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor."
Eleanor Roosevelt
- * "If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."
Oprah Winfrey
- * "If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success."
James Cameron
- * "Life is what happens when you're busy making other plans."
John Lennon
- * "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."
Confucius

Enrich your vocabulary

- ✓ **Ephemeral** - anything short-lived, as an insect that lives only for a day.
- ✓ **Epistolary** - written in the form of letters or correspondence.
- ✓ **Equanimity** - steadiness of mind under stress.
- ✓ **Equivocal** - open to two or more interpretations.
- ✓ **Espouse** - choose and follow a theory, idea, policy, etc.
- ✓ **Evanescence** - tending to vanish like vapor.
- ✓ **Evince** - give expression to.
- ✓ **Exacerbate** - make worse.
- ✓ **Exhort** - spur on or encourage especially by cheers and shouts.
- ✓ **Execrable** - unequivocally detestable.
- ✓ **Exigent** - demanding immediate attention.
- ✓ **Expedient** - appropriate to a purpose.
- ✓ **Expiate** - make amends for.
- ✓ **Expunge** - remove by erasing or crossing out or as if by drawing a line.
- ✓ **Extraneous** - not belonging to that in which it is contained.
- ✓ **Extol** - praise, glorify, or honor.
- ✓ **Extant** - still in existence; not extinct or destroyed or lost.
- ✓ **Expurgate** - edit by omitting or modifying parts considered indelicate.

Online Summit of NAM....

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some people are busy spreading other deadly viruses like terrorism, fake news, doctored videos to divide communities and countries.

The Prime Minister said, India is regarded as pharmacy of the world especially for a f f o r d a b l e medicines and despite own needs during COVID 19 pandemic, it has ensured supply of medicines to 123 partner countries including 59 NAM members. He also said the country is active in global efforts to develop remedies and vaccines for COVID-19. He said, during this crisis, India has shown how democracy, discipline and decisiveness can come together to create a genuine people's movement. (Source: india.gov.in)

PBMC takes up work of cleaning of wells....

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Cleaning of wells: In a major initiative taken by PBMC, 48 wells were cleaned/rejuvenated across 24 Wards to mitigate the water scarcity. It is worth to mention that a 20 years old Japanese well at Babu Line has been restored. From the above 48 wells, approximately 500 families are benefitting.



Well cleaned/ rejuvenated at Ward No.22

Social Distancing in Markets: Social distancing plays an important role to prevent COVID-19. In order to achieve the above, PBMC has earmarked places for vegetable vendors and general public at all Markets.



Social distancing at markets

Sailing of MV Nancowry & MV Nicobar

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scheduled sailings are deferred till further notice. The above deferment of scheduled sailings has been already communicated to all the passengers through individual SMS by the Directorate of Shipping Services. The inconvenience caused is regretted, a press release from Directorate of Shipping Services said.

A & N Islands achieves highest rate of test....

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Administration is working day and night to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and achieved unprecedented success at many fronts. He informed that A & N Islands has achieved highest rate of test per million in the Country including high Recovery Rate i.e. 96.97%. He further informed that treatment given in G B Pant Hospital has been appreciated by all stakeholders which resulted in a very good recovery rate i.e. around 11 days. The A & N Islands is pioneer in pool testing and provided best arrangements to Institutional Quarantines. During these days of distress, the UT has managed all functions of Health Department normally including provision of Tele Medicines, Tele Counselling and Home Delivery of Medicines through its Helpline No. 232102/102. The A & N Islands effectively prevented the spread of virus in Containment Zones as there was no cases detected in Containment Zones after their notification as Containment Zones. All essential supplies are maintained normally in containment Zones. One of Containment Zone has successfully scale down its operation after no positive case have been detected for last 28 days.

He informed the members that the Administration has achieved these success with the constant help and support from the law abiding citizens of A & N Islands. He appealed to all the citizens of Islands that they should remain in their houses and do not venture out unnecessarily and observe strictly the social distancing and respiratory etiquettes, a press release from Principal Secretary (Health) said here today.

Education Department formulates schematic framework....

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Educational Contents for the upcoming days is as follows:-

Broadcast through All India Radio, Port Blair Centre in entire Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Timings: 09.00 AM to 10.00 AM)						
06.05.2020	VII - Science	V - EVS	VII - Hindi	VI - English		
07.05.2020	VI - Science	V - EVS	VII - English	V - Hindi		
08.05.2020	VI - Hindi	VI - Science	VII - Hindi	VII - English		
Schedule for Local Cable TV Network - (CITY Plus Channel)						
Date & Time	10.00 AM - 10.30 AM	10.30 AM - 11.00 AM	11.00 AM - 11.30 AM	11.30 AM - 12.00 Noon	12.00 Noon - 12.30 P.M.	12.30 P.M. - 01.00 P.M.
Repeat Telecast	06.00 PM - 06.30 PM	06.30 PM - 07.00 PM	07.00 PM - 07.30 PM	07.30 PM - 08.00 PM	08.00 PM - 08.30 PM	08.30 PM - 09.00 PM
CLASS	XII	XII	XII	X	IX	VIII
06-05-2020	Physics	Maths	Economics	Science	English	Maths
07-05-2020	Chemistry	Geography	Business Studies	Social Science	Maths	Science
08-05-2020	Biology	History	Accountancy	English	Science	Social Science
09-05-2020	Computer Science	Political Science	English	Maths	Social Science	English

Note: The upcoming schedules shall be released on every Saturdays for information of all stakeholders.

Students and parents are urged to post their questions/queries/doubts related to their subjects in the following format - (1) Name of the student (2) Address, (3) Class (4) Subject (5) Questions/Query/Doubts, through the mode of SMS or WhatsApp on following mobile numbers - 9933227676, 9474210059, 9474210823 or on Email-id - itmiscell.edn@and.nic.in . Questions / Query / Doubts received through SMS or Whatsapp shall be clarified by the subject teachers on every Saturday from 9.00 am to 10.00 am through All India Radio.

Broadcast of primary classes for the students of II to IV shall commence from 11th May, 2020.

Further, it is to bring to the notice of general public that Zonal Education Officers of their respective zones are also preparing and telecasting educational contents through their local TV networks. In remote areas where network facilities are not available, the educational contents are being provided to the students at their doorstep through CD and pen-drive by the Zonal Officers with the support of local administration. Teachers are also helping the students over phone to clear their doubts. Educational contents developed by the Directorate of Education are also being shared with Zonal Education Officers for the benefit of students.

A central repository of all educational contents is also being developed at the State Institute of Education (SIE), Port Blair to be utilized for future reference.

Students and parents can also access Youtube channel "AN Education Dept Andaman" to view the already telecast classes.

'SWAYAM PRABHA' is a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24X7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite. Educational contents for classes I to XII are available on above channels. It is also informed to the general public that those who have TATA SKY may also view educational contents on 'SWAYAM PRABHA' Channels available free of cost.

The textbooks for the new academic session shall be delivered at the doorstep in the next few days, a press release from Directorate of Education said.

EPFO makes filing of ECR easier for business

Port Blair, May 5

In the current scenario of lockdown announced by the Govt. of India to control the spread of COVID-19 pandemic and other disruptions, the businesses and enterprises are not able to function normally and are facing liquidity / cash crunch to pay their statutory dues even though they are retaining the employees on their rolls.

Keeping in view the above situation and to further ease the compliance procedure under EPF & MP Act, 1952, the filing of monthly Electronic-Challan cum Return (ECR) is separated from Payment of the statutory contributions reported in the ECR. The ECR can now onwards be filed by an employer without the need of simultaneous payment of contributions and contributions may be paid later by the employer after filing the ECR.

The above change will entail convenience to the employers as well as the employees covered under the Act and Schemes.

Filing of ECR by the employer in time is indicative of employer's intent to comply will not therefore attract penal consequences if the dues are paid within the extended time as announced by the Govt.

Filing of ECR in time shall help in credit of employer's and employee's share of contributions, totalling 24% of wages by Central Govt. in EPF accounts of low wage earners in establishments eligible under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana package.

The current ECR data shall also help in policy planning and decisions making for further relief to the businesses and EPF members adversely impacted by the pandemic, a press release from EPFO said.

ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION
LIFE OFFICE / SECRETARIAT

Health Bulletin For Containment Of

नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)

(No. 36/ 05th May 2020)

COVID-19 STATUS AS ON 05.05.2020

Andaman & Nicobar Islands:

Total Confirmed cases	33
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	32
Death	00
Admitted at Hospital	01
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	01	01

* No cases are admitted at Private Hospital.
* The Health Condition of all +Ve cases are Normal and Stable.

Status of Sample Testing:

Total Samples sent till date	4270
Total Reports received till date	4126
Total Pending Reports	144

> House to House surveillance in Containment Zone i.e. Atlanta Point, Dignabad, Round Basti, Sisti Nagar, Mohanpura, Biggiline, Bambooflat, Shorepoint, Hopetown, Stewartgunj, Wimberlygunj, Kanyapuram, Nayapuram, Mannarghat, Calicut and Teylerabad area are being conducted by District Administration with the help of Health Workers. 179797 population surveyed daily in these Zones.

> **01 (One)** Active case in the Islands.

> Intensive awareness is continued through print and electronic media.

> 2020 passengers screened at VSI Airport till 24.03.2020 by medical teams.

> Calls received at 102 - 387 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.

> **32 (Thirty Two)** COVID-19 patient cured and now under observation.

> 1215 persons put under Institutional Quarantine as on today which includes passengers as well as contacts.

SURVEILLANCE DATA

Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date	1052
Contacts under Home Quarantine as on today	813
Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	239
Persons under Institutional Quarantine as on today	372**
Persons completed 14 days period of Institutional Quarantine	843
Passengers completed 14 days period of Quarantine	1812

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

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24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/232102/1077/1070
(Source: Principal Secretary (Health), A&N Administration)

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