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PM addresses the World Environment Day event Target of achieving 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol has been preponed to 2025 : PM

New Delhi, June 5 (PIB) Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the World Environment Day event, jointly organized by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change today through a video conference. During the event the PM interacted with a farmer from Pune who shared his experience of organic farming and use of biofuel in agriculture. The Prime Minister released the "Report of the Expert Committee on Road Map



for ethanol blending in India 2020-2025". He also launched the ambitious E-100 pilot project in Pune for the production and distribution of ethanol across the country. The theme for this year's event is 'promotion of biofuels for a better environment'.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that India has taken another leap by releasing a detailed roadmap for the development of the ethanol sector on

the occasion of World Environment Day. He said that ethanol has become one of the major priorities of 21st century India. He added that the focus on ethanol is having a better impact on the environment as well as on the lives of farmers. He said that the Government has resolved to meet the target of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol by 2025. Earlier the resolve was to achieve the target by 2030 which is now preponed by 5 years. He added that till 2014, on an

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Incident of two persons overstaying as Attenders and charging hefty money from patients in G B Pant Hospital reported Chief Secretary orders immediate enquiry into the matter

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It is quite disheartening to come to notice that even in this hour of crisis also, virtually speaking pandemic, some people are minting money by posing themselves as attenders of patients in G B Pant Hospital by exploiting the situation they are in, by charging hefty money from patients. It is learnt that they are charging around Rs 3000/- per patient per day and minting money from many others at a time.

Taking serious note of this practice, the Chief Secretary, Shri Jitendra Narain has immediately ordered an enquiry into the matter and at the same time has also cautioned the people of the Islands to be ever vigilant against such exploitation.

A particular incident has come to the fore wherein two people were overstaying as attenders in G. B Pant Hospital. These two persons were in COVID Ward as attenders for the past almost two months. Now, they have been taken out by Police and put under home quarantine with warning.

Speaking to the Daily Telegrams, the Director, Health Services, Dr. Omkar Singh said, normally, no attenders are required for COVID patients unless they are very sick or critically ill. He advised people to take care of their loved ones by themselves or relatives or friends and not to hire strangers as attenders by paying heavy amount.



Vaccination drive in A&N Islands Total of 1,27,970 doses of vaccines administered; 8,944 beneficiaries in the age group of 18-44 years inoculated

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The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands and so far, a total of 8,944 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. As per the data available, altogether, 310 persons in the age group of 18 to 44 years were vaccinated in South Andaman District.

Similarly, a total of 381 beneficiaries both



in the age group of 18-44 years and 45-59 years today in A&N Islands. In South Andaman, 351 persons were

vaccinated while in N&M Andaman, 20 and in Nicobar District, 10 were inoculated. With this, a total of 1,27,970 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

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Media briefed on COVID-19 situation in Isles Administration is vigilant and strict action is being taken against violators of COVID protocols: Secretary (IP&T) People appealed to avoid unnecessary movement

Port Blair, June 5

The Administration is vigilant and strict action is being taken against violators of COVID protocols, said the Secretary (IP&T), Shri Sunil Kumar Singh addressing media persons on COVID-19 and steps taken by Administration in controlling the virus in the conference hall of IP&T here this evening.



He said, last Sunday, heavy rush in the market was observed and appealed to the citizens not to overcrowd the market and purchase essential commodities from the nearby shops. Stating that it is a pandemic and not a

time to move around unnecessarily, he said, we should restrain ourselves from such practice.

The Secretary further said that, we cannot be complacent during this present scenario. He also mentioned that Administration is closely monitoring the situation and has taken

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Implementation of PMGKAY by Deptt. of CS&CA PHH & AAY cardholders appealed to avail entitlement & subsidised sugar from nearest FPS by June 30

Port Blair, June 5

As per the directions of the Government of India under the scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)', all NFSA beneficiaries i.e. PHH & AAY households is entitled to receive Rice @ 5 kg per person per month for two months (May & June, 2021) free of cost in one instalment. The distribution of

PMGKAY foodgrains has started from May 1st, 2021 which will be available upto June 30th, 2021 and the NFSA beneficiaries who are yet to avail this scheme have been requested to receive their quota from the nearest Fair Price Shop (FPS) to avoid lapse of the entitlement.

In addition to this, the regular entitlement for two months May &

June, 2021 under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) distributed in one go for the NFSA beneficiaries is also available at the nearest FPS.

Further, it is brought to the notice of all NFSA beneficiaries i.e. PHH & AAY cardholders that Sugar at subsidised rate of Rs. 30/- per kg (PHH) and Rs. 15/- per kg

(AAY) is available in all Fair Price Shops (FPS) including N&M Andaman District of this UT. All NFSA beneficiaries, i.e. PHH & AAY cardholders have been advised to lift the complete entitlement of 12 kg per card in one go at the earliest till June 30, 2021 from the Fair Price Shops.

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Pension/financial assistance to senior citizens, widows, destitute women & divyangjan

Social Welfare Deptt. urges beneficiaries to submit Life Certificate for availing assistance

Port Blair, June 5

The Department of Social Welfare is providing pensions/financial assistance to senior citizens, widows, Destitute women and Divyangjan @ Rs.2500/- and Rs.3000/- to the senior citizens above

the age of 80 years. As per the Notification of A & N Administration, all the beneficiaries belonging to above category are required to furnish Life Certificate once in a year for continuation of their financial assistance to

be credited in their Aadhaar based bank account.

Therefore, all the above beneficiaries have been advised to furnish their Life Certificate alongwith the additional information as

mentioned at Part A & B of the Life Certificate format.

The format of the Life Certificate is available with all Anganwadi Workers, Office of the Assistant Commissioner

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World Environment Day observed by District Administration Plantation drive organized in Child Care Institutions of South Andaman

Port Blair, June 5

On the occasion of World Environment Day today, the South Andaman District Administration organised a plantation drive in all the Child Care Institutions of South Andaman following the COVID protocol and necessary guidelines. The District Administration also distributed ration kits to the needy people in association with various Civil Society Organizations.

In order to create awareness regarding environment, a competition on 'waste to wealth' was organized with the help of District Administration and District Child Protection Unit in all the Child Care Institutions. The children



prepared creative things using old newspaper, clothes, plastic, earthenware etc. and displayed their urge to conserve nature.

The DC (SA), Shri Suneel Anchipaka along with SDM (SA) and AC (UT) visited the Capstone Child

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Tweets on COVID-19 Management by Administration

<p>Mustaq Ahmed @Mustaq5702038</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>#thanks_to_district_Andaman 🙏 The declining number of active cases and improvement in recovery rate brings a ray of hope for all. However, I urge you to continue taking all precautions, remain vigilant, and get yourself and your family members vaccinated.</p> <p>#maskupandaman</p>	<p>Shree Kumar @ShreeKumar1</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>I request the local administration to think about imposing complete lockdown on Sunday till situation improves because our fellow islanders have the habit of creating massive crowd in market on Sunday's. They should understand that "Jaan hai toh Jahan hai". Let's fight together!</p>	<p>Ervasu @Ervasu13</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Gud to see that the efforts of administration has got some satisfying results till now, hope people follow the lockdown rules and stay home keeping them safe as well as others too.</p>	<p>Abhi Bhuvan Ghosh @BhuvanAbhi</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Decrease in No's doesn't gives us the right to be free after lockdown. It says we shud b more responsible to prevent the third wave. Follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour.</p>
<p>T.Sharmakha Rao @TSharmakhaRao4</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Active Cases gradually decreasing ... Good decision taken by Administration for extended of lockdown.</p>	<p>S.Kalidasa @SKalidasa7</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Day by day the cases of covid virus is getting down. And saving all the people of island. This is because of our gov't's extraordinary initiatives rule and regulation. All the credit goes to our administration. Thank you.</p>	<p>Sayyid Asharaf @SayyidAsharaf2</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Following the instructions of the admin, police and doctors, we can only reach goal against covid. Wear a mask. Keep a social distance. Avoid unnecessary trips.</p>	<p>RB.MANKANDAN @RBMANKANDAN1</p> <p>Replying to @Andaman_Admin @MediaRNANI and @jitendra_narain</p> <p>Things are changing on good results from red flag to green flag, to move the hand to release the lockdown. We should strictly follow the guidelines till the year even second or third waves passes way to safeguard ourselves, because we can never expect what is next.</p>

COVID ALERT

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



- Total number of active cases in India: 1555248
- Deaths in India: 344082
- Total no of active cases in Andaman since 1.03.2021: 107
- Total Deaths since 1.03.2021: 60
- Surge in a single day: 17

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

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सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT

Health Bulletin For Containment Of नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)

(No. 432/05th June 2021)
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 05.06.2021

> Status of Cases :

Second Wave since: 01.03.2021	
Active new case in last 24 Hours	17
Discharges in last 24 hours	24
Total confirmed cases	2111
Total Discharges	1944
Total Active case as on date	107
Total Deaths	60

Cumulative since March 2020

Details	On 04 th June 2021	On 05 th June 2021	Total
Confirmed Cases	7088	17*	7105
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	6852	24	6876
Death	121	01	122

*Includes 01 positives from Airport arrival.

> Clinical Management of Cases :

Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Vacant
North & Middle Andaman	286	09	277
South Andaman	5583	98	5485
Nicobar	507	00	507
Total	6376	107	6269

Total 14 containment zones formed in South Andaman District

> Status of Sample and Testing:

Total Samples sent till date	389785
Total Reports received till date	389785
Total Pending Reports	0
Rate of Testing Per Million	974463
Cumulative Test Positivity Rate	1.82%
COWIN 1.0	

> Vaccination Status

Total population	4,00,000
Target Beneficiaries	2,81,603(Approx)
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated so far	1,27,970
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 st Dose so far	1,10,576
Cumulative Beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 nd Dose so far	17,394
% of population vaccinated	27.64

> Passengers screened at VSI Airport & Haddo Wharf

Details	From 25 th May 2020 to 04 th June 2021	On 05 th June 2021	Total
Incoming Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	243199	336	243535
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	0	1032
Outward Passengers			
a) VSI Airport	255087	520	255607
b) Haddo Wharf	928	0	928

(On 05.06.2021, 322 passengers were retested by RTPCR at Airport)

24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/ 232102 / 1077/ 1070
(Source: Directorate of Health Services)

Crackdown on bootleggers & illicit liquor by A & N Police continues



Port Blair, June 5

The A & N Police is committed to zero tolerance policy against bootlegging and illicit liquor. To ensure that bootleggers and illicit liquor sellers do not take advantage of Lockdown, a close vigil is being kept over the bootleggers and of late numerous raids have been conducted in various parts of the South Andaman district. Though Police resources are over stretched and police is working 24x7 to enforce lockdown to contain and break the chain of corona virus but there is absolutely no compromise on the issue of bootlegging. Rather, stringent surveillance is being kept over these activities against bootlegging and illicit liquor.

In the month of May, 2021, as many as 42 cases have been registered in South Andaman district. Huge cache of liquor that includes 258 bottles of IMFL and 1702 Kg of Handia were recovered. Criminal case has been registered against Bar Owner of Golden Bar, Garacharma for bootlegging and 41 bottles were recovered in the raid. In addition, search operations were carried out in jungle to discover illicit liquor. Resultant 5820 liters of Lehan (fermented wash) was destroyed in jungle search operations. Leaving no stone unturned, as many as 14 deep jungle searches were conducted to keep a check on this illicit trade.

A & N Police is committed to take stern action against bootleggers and illicit liquor. In this context, 56 History sheets were opened against repeated offenders in the month of May, 2021 and strict surveillance has been mounted. Three persons were also booked under preventive sections of CrPC.

The general public have been requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 100, 112 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret, a press release from SP (SA) said.

PM addresses the World Environment Day event ...

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average, only 1.5 percent of ethanol could be blended in India which has now reached about 8.5 percent. In 2013-14, about 38 crore liters of ethanol were purchased in the country which has now grown to more than 320 crore liters. He said that a large part of this eightfold increase in ethanol procurement has benefitted the sugarcane farmers of the country.

The Prime Minister remarked that the 21st century India can get energy only from the modern thinking and modern policies of the 21st century. With this thinking, the Government is continuously taking policy decisions in every field. He said today, a lot of emphasis is being laid on building the necessary infrastructure for the production and purchase of ethanol in the country. Most of the ethanol manufacturing units are mostly concentrated in 4-5 States where sugar production is high but now Food Grain Based Distilleries are being established to expand this to the whole country. Modern technology based plants are also being set up in the country to make ethanol from agricultural waste.

The Prime Minister said that India is a strong proponent of climate justice and is moving ahead with a lofty global vision like the founding of International Solar Alliance for realizing the vision of One Sun, One World, One Grid and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure initiative. He noted India has been included in the top 10 countries of the world in the Climate Change Performance Index. He added that India is also aware of the challenges that are being faced due to climate change and is also working actively.

The Prime Minister said Clean and Efficient Energy Systems, Resilient Urban Infrastructure and Planned Eco-Restoration are a very important part of the AatmaNirbhar Bharat Campaign. He said due to all the efforts taken related to the environment, new investment opportunities are being created in the country, lakhs of youth are also getting employment. He said India is working with a holistic approach through the National Clean Air Plan to curb air pollution. He said the work on waterways and multimodal connectivity will not only strengthen the mission of green transport, but also improve the logistics efficiency of the country. Today, the service of metro rail in the country has increased from 5 cities to 18 cities which has helped in reducing the use of personal vehicles.

The Prime Minister said that today, a large part of the country's railway network has been electrified. Airports of the country are also made to use electricity from solar energy at a rapid pace. He elaborated that before 2014, only 7 airports had a solar power facility, whereas today this number has increased to more than 50. More than 80 airports have been installed with LED lights which would improve energy efficiency.

The Prime Minister spoke about a project which is underway to develop Kevadiya as an electric vehicle city. He said necessary infrastructure is being made available so that only battery based buses, two-wheeler, four-wheeler will run in Kevadiya in future. He said the water cycle is also directly related to climate change and imbalance in the water cycle will directly affect water security. He told that work is being done with a holistic approach from creation and conservation to use of water resources in the country through Jal Jeevan Mission. On one hand, every household is being connected with pipes, while on the other hand, the focus is on raising the ground water level through campaigns like Atal Bhujal Yojana and Catch the Rain.

Webinar on 'Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship' for early stage Startups & budding student entrepreneurs from June 8

Port Blair, June 5

In the present scenario of Covid restrictions, webinars being one of the most effective distance learning tools allow their attendees to acquire knowledge without being bound to a specific geographical location. In this context, the Department of Industries will be conducting a three-day Webinar on 'Fostering Innovation and Entrepreneurship' from 8th to 10th June, 2021, among early stage Startups and budding student entrepreneurs in collaboration with Invest India Startup India, DBRAIT and ANIIDCO. Interested Startups/ Entrepreneurs may register/confirm their participation for the Webinar through email dirind.and@nic.in / sunianilcool@gmail.com /whatsapp group or call 9 6 7 9 5 5 2 0 2 4 / 9476029393 and avail this opportunity, a press release from Directorate of Industries said.

Word Environment Day observed by District Administration...

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Care Institute, initiated sapling plantation drive in CCIs and distributed sweets to all children and prizes to the winners of 'waste to wealth' competition. They also created awareness about conservation of environment and asked the children to take pledge to plant a sapling every year and take care of it. The SDM, AC (UT) and Tehsildar, Ferraragunj also conducted a similar event in Love Child Care Institute and appreciated the efforts of the children in making wealth from waste materials. The District Child Protection Unit members also ensured the conduct of similar activities in all other Child Care Institutions.

Later, the DC (SA), SDM (SA) and AC (UT) visited and distributed ration kits to the needy people near Ganesh Mandir in Dairy Farm area which were contributed by Civil Society Organisations. SDM (SA) and AC (UT) also visited New Wandoor to distribute ration kits to the needy people donated by Civil Society Organisations. The South Andaman Administration is at the forefront in social welfare activities and preservation of environment of this beautiful Islands. The support and encouragement of civil society organisations and general public is solicited in this regard, a press release from DC (SA) said.



Implementation of PMGKAY by Deptt. of CS&CA... (Contd. from page 1)

It is once again been reiterated that it is the foremost responsibility of concerned FPS Licensees to ensure that social distancing is maintained by the beneficiaries at the time of distribution. Further, all staff of Licensee present at the shop have to wear face masks (compulsory) at all times as well as ensure proper compliance of 'Covid Appropriate Behaviour' such as wearing proper mask, hand sanitizing, maintaining social distancing ('Do Gaj ki Doori') by the beneficiaries.

It is also appealed to all the beneficiaries that any enquiry/complaint in this regard may be brought to notice of the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Port Blair over Telephone No. 03192-230337 or Toll free Phone No. 18003453197 for redressal, a press release from Directorate of CS&CA said.

Media briefed on COVID-19 situation...

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necessary steps to contain the spread of the virus. He also disclosed that sufficient number of oxygen concentrators are available to meet the requirement of COVID-19 patients. As on date, he said, more than 1400 oxygen concentrators are available with the Health Department.

The Secretary further said that during the RT-PCR conducted on 405 incoming passengers who arrived here yesterday, 1 positive case has been detected despite carrying RT-PCR report from mainland. He further disclosed that today, 3 flights with 322 passengers arrived and the RT-PCR report is awaited. He also stated that during the RAT conducted on 87 passengers proceeding to N&M Andaman at Ferraragunj, three were found positive. He said that today, 332 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District till 4 pm, out of which, 310 were in the age group of 18-44 while 22 were above 45.

He also addressed the queries raised by media persons on various issues pertaining to COVID management and other issues concerning the people.

The Director, ANIIMS, Dr. AK Mandal disclosed that 44 COVID positive patients are presently undergoing treatment in the Hospital. Today, 4 COVID patients were discharged and 2 new patients have been admitted. He said, out of the 44 patients, 31 patients are on Oxygen and one patient is on ventilator.

The Deputy Director, G.B. Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De said that in the three COVID Care Centres functioning in Port Blair, 2 new cases have been admitted while 1 patient has been discharged today. Presently, 10 patients are being taken care of in these three COVID Care Centres. Apart from this, 2 new corona patients have been admitted at Wimberlygunj COVID Care Centre and presently, 4 patients are being taken care of in this Centre.

Pension/financial assistance to senior...

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(Campbell Bay, Nancowry, Mayabunder), Office of the CDPOs of Urban (Dollygunj), Ferraragunj, Rangat, Diglipur and Car Nicobar. Considering the COVID-19 pandemic scenario, the beneficiaries are further informed to submit Life Certificate and sign in presence of the nearby Anganwadi Worker and handover to the Anganwadi worker for onward submission to CDPO Office through the Mukhya Sevika of concerned area. Hence, the beneficiaries are not required to visit any of the offices other than the nearby Anganwadi Centre for submission of self signed Life Certificate alongwith the format.

The Care-givers/guardians of those who are bed-ridden or unable to visit the Anganwadi Centre due to locomotor disabilities may inform the same to Anganwadi Worker so that the representative of the Social Welfare Department can visit the home of such persons to collect Life Certificate.

The last date for submission of Life Certificate to Anganwadi worker by the beneficiary is on or before June 30, 2021. Thereafter, the pension benefit will be stopped, if Life Certificate is not received, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

Vaccination drive in A&N Islands ...

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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 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.

Thunderstorm with lightning likely to occur in Isles

Port Blair, June 5

Thunderstorm with lightning is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on June 6. On June 7, heavy rain (7- 11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (wind speed reaching 30-40kmph) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on the same day.

Similarly, on June 8 & 9, heavy rain (7-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (wind speed reaching 45-55kmph) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands. Meanwhile, due to strong southwest monsoon current over Andaman Sea and neighbourhood, the wind speed is likely to exceed 45 kmph over the region. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the neighborhood from June 7 till further information.

For further enquiries/information, one may 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, one can call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

Forest and tree cover in India increases by 24.56 pct to over eight lakh square kilometres: Environment Minister

New Delhi, June 5

Speaking on the occasion of World Environment Day, Environment Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar said every day is an environment day for India. He said trees, animals, and birds have always been revered in India. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar has said, India is one of the few countries where forest cover has actually increased in the last decade. Shri Javadekar said the forest and tree cover in the country has reached 24.56 per cent of the geographic area which is spread over eight lakh square kilometres. He said, India has increased its forest and tree cover by 15 thousand square kilometres in the last six years.

The Union Environment Minister further said, India is home to rich wildlife and



biodiversity having 70 per cent Tiger and Asiatic Lions and 60 percent of Leopard global population. He said, substantial increase in the population of big cats in the last seven years reflects the Government's commitment towards conservation of wildlife and environment.

Highlighting the other initiatives of the government, the Environment Minister has said, phase-two of the FAME India scheme is being

implemented with budgetary support of 10 thousand crore rupees to facilitate and enhance electric mobility. He said, this will help in generating demands for electrical vehicles in the country. Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles, FAME India scheme was launched in the year 2015 for promoting adoption of electric and hybrid vehicles in the country. (Source:india.gov.in)

India calls for a strong and aligned international cooperation to combat the challenge of Fugitive Economic Offenders & Assets

New Delhi, June 5 (PIB)

India has made it clear that the world is presently combatting another serious emerging challenge of Fugitive Economic Offenders and Assets which flee across national jurisdictions. India's Fugitive Economic Offenders Act 2018 law empowers authorities for non-conviction-based attachment and confiscation of proceeds of crime and properties and assets of a 'fugitive economic offender' -against whom a warrant for arrest in relation to a Scheduled Offence has been issued by any court in India and who has left the country to avoid criminal prosecution or judicial processes.

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Special Session on Challenges and Measures to fight Corruption last night, Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh called for a strong and aligned international cooperation on the return of persons and assets sought for such offences, consistent with international obligations and domestic legal systems. He said, as the accused take shelter in foreign countries and conceal the proceeds of crime in complex legal structures spread over different countries and jurisdictions, the gaps and weaknesses of international cooperation in this area are fully exploited by such fugitives to their advantage.

The Minister conveyed India's appreciation to all the countries who are taking this fight ahead in the right direction by intensifying efforts, sustaining political commitment and decisive action, at all levels, against preventing and combating corruption by way of endorsing the United Nations Political declaration. He said,



India provides Mutual Legal Assistance to widest possible extent and it has strengthened its domestic law and widened the scope for International Co-operation with Contracting States and International organizations.

Dr Jitendra Singh said that the UNGA Session is happening at a time when Corona is testing our patience and testing the limits of all of us at enduring misery. He said that in the days gone by, to tide over this crisis, India has coordinated with experts from myriad sectors and according priority to expert and scientific advice for sustainable COVID-19 management. The country is also implementing the five-fold strategy of Testing, Tracing, Treatment, Covid-appropriate behaviour, and Vaccination which can help in curbing the spread of the Pandemic, he added.

Dr Jitendra Singh said, in addition to the suffering the pandemic has created unprecedented short term and long-term challenges in fighting corruption at all levels. It is significantly undermining the distribution of resources, jeopardizing our rebuilding processes, extending economic pressure and delaying the return to growth. The Minister added

that this is indeed the most appropriate time to come together and strengthen international cooperation to prevent and combat corruption.

Dr. Jitendra Singh said that India has a zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and the moto of the Government of India, given by the Prime Minister, is 'minimum government, maximum governance with emphasis on transparency and citizen centricity. With an aim of decentralizing decision-making and bridging communities with local governments across cities and towns, innovative solutions are being implemented using digital tools in all sectors affecting the livelihoods of citizens.

The Minister said that India is already on a digital-first trajectory with one of the highest volumes of digital transactions in the world. The programmatic use of technology has helped in increasing the speed and the plugging of leakages in delivering benefits to the citizens of India. With the linking of biometric ID cards with bank accounts and mobile phones, the system has provided a safety net to millions of citizens in need of immediate monetary aid

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India reports one lakh 20 thousand daily new cases of COVID-19, lowest in nearly two months

New Delhi, June 5

The Health Ministry said, the country reported 1.20 Lakh New Cases in the last 24 hours which is lowest in 58 days. It is less than 2 Lakh since 9 successive days. Country reports more recoveries than new cases consecutively for 23 days. In the last 24 hours, over 1 lakh 97 thousand patients recovered from Covid-19. National Covid Recovery Rate improves steadily and continuously and presently it stands at 93.38 per cent. (Source:india.gov.in)



Election Commission recommends to include Paid News in list of electoral offences

New Delhi, June 5

The Election Commission, in its endeavour to promote free and fair elections in the country, has recommended including Paid News in the list of electoral offences.

Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Sushil Chandra informed that the Commission has suggested the Law Ministry to take necessary steps to amend the governing statutes in order to include Paid News as an electoral offence. Shri Chandra informed that the Central poll body is very much concerned about the menace of Paid News and takes all due steps in order to curb it. (Source:india.gov.in)

NIScPR organizes online session on 'Covid-19 in Children: Threats & Precautions'

New Delhi, June 5 (PIB)

CSIR's new entity, the CSIR-National Institute of Science communication and Policy Research (NIScPR), New Delhi, organized a half-day online session on COVID-19 in children yesterday. The session was focused on the recent second wave outbreak and the impact of COVID-19 on children, threats and necessary protocols required for the safety of children. The Chief Guest of the webinar was Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi; Additional Commissioner (Academics), KVS (HQ), New Delhi and Guest speaker was Prof. Dr. R. Somasekar, Professor of Pediatrics, Sree Balaji Medical College & Hospital (SBMCH), Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Executive Board

Member 2021, Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP). The program was attended by about 150 delegates including several dignitaries, faculty members, researchers and scientists, and students from various schools through the link available on Face Book by CSIR-NIScPR. Dr. Ranjana Aggarwal, Director CSIR-NIScPR, in her introductory remarks highlighted the incredible bonding between two great institutions, the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) and the institute with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) in the form of JIGYASA, a student-scientist connect initiative kick-started in mid-2017, with the purpose of inculcating 'Scientific Temper' among school students and make them science oriented". Further, she added that the 'JIGYASA' has indeed created a commendable impact not only among the students, but also enthusiasm among the scientists as well. She said 'JIGYASA' provides opportunity for students to interact with the scientists directly and thereby motivates the young minds for innovative thinking and approach. In the long run, it is expected to deliver impressive results, especially in terms of S&T developments beneficial to the society. Dr. V. Vijayalakshmi, Additional

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Over 22 crore 78 lakh doses of COVID-19 Vaccine administered in the country so far

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More than 22 crore 78 lakh Vaccine Doses have been administered so far under the Nationwide Vaccination Drive. More than 2.67 crore persons have recovered from COVID infection across the country so far. On a sustained downward slope, India's Active Caseload further decreases to 15 lakh 55 thousand 248.

The Weekly Positivity Rate is currently at 6.89 per cent. Daily positivity rate further dipped to 5.78 per cent. It is less than 10 per cent for 12 consecutive days. In the last 24 hours, 3,380 people lost their lives due to COVID-19.

The Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry has said, the Central



Government has provided over 24 crore 30 lakh Covid vaccine doses to States and Union Territories so far. Of this, the total consumption of doses including wastages is over 22 crore 65 lakh.

The Union Health Ministry has said that vaccination is a crucial pillar for containment and management of the Covid-19 pandemic along with Test, Track, Treat and COVID Appropriate Behaviour. It said, the Central Government has also been facilitating direct procurement of vaccines by the States and Union Territories. (Source:india.gov.in)

COVID-19: Maintain safe distance from anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

GST Revenue collection for May 2021 1,02,709 crore gross GST revenue collected in May



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The gross GST revenue collected in the month of May 2021 is ₹1,02,709 crore of which CGST is ₹17,592 crore, SGST is ₹22,653, IGST is ₹53,199 crore (including ₹26,002 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹9,265 crore (including ₹868 crore collected on import of goods). The above figure includes GST collection from domestic transactions till 4th of June since taxpayers were given various relief measures in the form of waiver/reduction in interest on delayed return filing for 15 days for the return filing month May'21 in the wake of covid pandemic second wave.

During this month the government has settled ₹15,014 crore to CGST and ₹11,653 crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement.

The revenues for the month of May 2021 are 65% higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year. During the month, revenues from

import of goods was 56% higher and the revenues from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 69% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

This would be eighth month in a row that GST revenues have crossed 1 lakh crore mark. This is despite the fact that most of the States have been under strict lockdown due to the pandemic. In addition, while the taxpayers with turnover above 5 crore had to file their returns by 4th June, which they would have otherwise filed by 20th May, smaller taxpayers with turnover less than 5 crore still have time till first week of July to file the returns without any late fee and interest and the revenue from these taxpayers is deferred till then. The actual revenues for the month of May 2021, thus would be higher and would be known when all the extended dates expire.

India calls for a strong and aligned.....

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through ubiquitous direct transfer of benefits.

The Minister said that from filling healthcare needs in remote areas to building data-driven public policy on health, the use of technology fulfils many roles and most importantly in some of the most remote areas of the country.

While concluding his address, Dr Jitendra Singh wished for a steadfast and strong commitment to combating the menace of corruption especially in these times of crisis and reiterated that India is ready to work with other countries, civil society and international organizations to accelerate the implementation of anti-corruption principles.

NIScPR organizes online session.....

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Commissioner (Academics), KVS, in her address, stated that the JIGYASA is like a dream coming true for the students as it provides a platform to interact with the scientists and also witness their work closely. This association has been quite successful for their institution as the students are excited about the various types of engagements that it ensures all through the year. Dr Vijayalakshmi said that the unprecedented Covid-19 pandemic has affected every sphere of our lives, most importantly social life, and passively affected the children's psyche denying them their right to play, be it with their peers, apart from their studies. She recollected how our teachers became IT-savvy technocrats overnight to cope up with pressure of educating the children.

Prof. R. Somasekar, the Professor of Pediatrics from SBMCH, Chennai and EB Member, IAP, delivered a comprehensive keynote address "Covid-19 in Children: Threats & Precautions" covering minute details on the subject. He said Covid-19 in children is still moderate. Though children are vulnerable to the SARS-CoV-2 virus, still the majority of them are asymptomatic and only 1-2% had to go for hospitalization. Dr Somasekar cautioned the parents about the chances of transmission of infection from adults, and the increasing gastrointestinal symptoms among children these days. He explained how to identify and differentiate the covid-19 symptoms from other flu and common cold. Dr. Somasekar said that the covid-19 has so far not affected children much in India but for the state Karnataka, and discussed various Covid-19 treatment options for children. Taking the session forward he suggested some measures to adopt in our day-to-day life: physical exercise, playing with kids, avoiding junk food, good sleep, wearing masks, balanced diet, and age-appropriate vaccination. Most importantly, he advised a close watch for symptoms and change in kid's behaviour.

Finance Minister meets Heads of Insurance Companies for faster claim settlement

Emphasizes for streamlining process and documentation requirements under the schemes for enabling speedy claims disbursement

Under PMJJBY 1.2 lakh claims of Rs. 2,403 crore paid with disposal rate of 99% since 1st April 2020 till date

New Delhi, June 5 (PIB)

Union Finance Minister, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman met the heads of insurance companies through Video conferencing today to review the progress made under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package (PMGKP) Insurance Scheme for Health Workers Fighting COVID-19 and also to accelerate the disbursement of pending claims under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) during the pandemic. She also stressed the importance of streamlining the process and documentation requirements under the schemes so that the claims are disbursed speedily.

During the review, the Finance Minister observed that under the PMGKP scheme, a total of 419 claims have been paid as on date, amounting to Rs 209.5 crore disbursed in the account of their nominees. To address the issue of delays arising out of States sending documents, the Finance Minister said that a new system has been put in place whereby a simple certificate from the District Magistrate

(DM) and endorsed by the nodal state health authority will be sufficient to process these claims. She also appreciated the efforts of New India Assurance Co which has been entrusted to manage the scheme and cited the example of Ladakh where a claim was settled within 4 hours of receiving the DM certificate and urged to maintain a similar approach in future. The Finance Minister also directed the States to take up COVID claims of health workers on priority and make maximum use of this simplified mechanism that has been put in place.

The Finance Minister further observed that under PMJJBY, a total of 4.65 lakh claims have been paid of value Rs. 9,307 crore and since the beginning of the pandemic i.e., 1st April 2020 onwards till date, 1.2 lakh claims have been paid amounting to Rs. 2,403 crore, at a disposal rate of 99%. The Finance Minister emphasised that insurance company officials should continue being sympathetic while providing services to nominees of deceased policy

holders, especially during pandemic period. She also appreciated the recent efforts made by insurance companies and banks in speedy processing of claims.

During the review, Finance Minister also took stock of the disposal of claims made under PMSBY scheme and said that a total of 82,660 claims have been paid of value Rs. 1,629 crore as on May 31, 2021.

She also appreciated the following initiatives taken recently to facilitate claims processing under PMJJBY and PMSBY during the pandemic:

- Processing of claims to be completed by insurers within 7 days instead of 30.
- End-to-end digitization of the claim settlement process between banks and insurance companies.
- Claim documents transmission via email/App, eliminating the delay due to paper transmission
- Public Sector insurance companies to implement API-based App for claim transmission by June 2021.
- Attending doctor's certificate & certificate issued by DM/authorized officer, in lieu of death certificate to be considered Rationalized forms & simplified claims process being issued shortly.
- These claim amounts

provide much-needed financial relief to nominees who have lost near and dear ones, and the government's steps will enhance the ease and speediness of this process.

Scheme Highlights:

PMJJBY and PMSBY were launched in 2015 to provide life and accidental insurance covers respectively of Rs. 2 lakh each to all beneficiaries enrolled under the schemes through their bank with annual premium of only Rs. 330 and Rs. 12, respectively. The objective is to ensure that more and more persons working in the unorganized segment get the much-needed financial security of Rs. 4 lakh by enrolling themselves under PMJJBY and PMSBY at a premium of less than Rs.1 per day.

Through the Government's financial inclusion program, while over 42 crore bank-accounts have been opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), cumulative enrolments under PMJJBY and PMSBY are 10 crore and 23 crore respectively. Through Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-mobile linking, the beneficiaries of different Government schemes are receiving the government support directly in their bank-accounts.

NMPB and CSIR-NBRI Sign MoU for Promotion of Cultivation and Production of Medicinal Plants



New Delhi, June 5 (PIB)

The National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPB) and the National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) signed an MoU on June 4 for extending joint collaborative efforts to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in India.

The MoU will facilitate development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants and herbs identified by NMPB, help in establishment of their nurseries for QPM, development, promotion, conservation and cultivation of the appropriate medicinal plants in different agro-climatic zones, including the threatened medicinal plant species and plants for the high-altitude regions.

Through this collaboration NMPB will support CSIR-

NBRI in carrying out the potential medicinal plant species with high commercial value for the Germplasm collection/conservation and establishment of nursery and seed banks/gene banks.

NBRI while undertaking the survey of medicinal plants will work in coherence with NMPB in the desired direction. The outreaches of NMPB and its implementing agencies like State Medicinal Plants Boards (SMPB's), Regional-cum-facilitation Centres will work together under the ambit of this MoU.

Working under the Ministry of Ayush, NMPB is mandated to coordinate all matters relating to medicinal plants and support Policies and Programs for growth of trade, export, conservation and cultivation of medicinal plants.

OBITUARY

We offer our deepest condolences to the bereaved family members of the dear departed **late REETE (W/o KARTHICK LALL, MIDDLE POINT)** left for heavenly abode on **1st JUNE, 2021**

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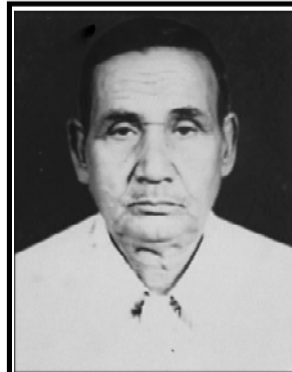
4th DEATH ANNIVERSARY On 06-06-2021

In Loving Memory of
LATE P. C. ROY

R/o Bhatu Basti
Garacharama

Fondly Remembered by:

All Family Members



3rd DEATH ANNIVERSARY On 06-06-2021

In loving memory of

Our beloved Father

SHRI. BATHAKALA NEELIAH

(H/o. Bathakala Laxmiamma)

"Those we love don't go away
they walk beside us every
day unseen,
unheard but always near you.
Will forever remain alive
in our hearts & memories"



Fondly Remembered by:- (Sons & Daughter-in-laws) B. Srinivasa Rao & Varalaxmi, B. Meeraiah & Aruna & B. Shaskir Rao & Keerti. (Daughter & Son-in-Law) K. Jyothi & K. Rama Rao (All Grandchildren & Relatives)

COVID-19: Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.