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Weather
 Dry weather most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 33°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 08/04/2020.
 Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 33.4
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 25.6
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 066
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 067
 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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Association of Catholic Andaman & Nicobar Islands comes forward for contributing towards Lt. Governor's Relief Fund

Port Blair, Apr 7
 The Association of Catholic Andaman and Nicobar Islands, donated Rupees Four Lakhs towards Lt. Governor's Relief Fund as contribution, while appreciating the efforts of A&N Administration for containment/relief measures for combating COVID-19. The premises of following



four Educational Institutions administered also offered "as and

when required" by A&N Administration for the use of migrants/COVID-19 victims :-

- Nirmala Senior Secondary School, Port Blair.
- Sagritara High School, Port Blair.
- St. Xavier Primary School, Rangat.
- St. Xavier Middle School, Mayabunder.

संदेश

प्रिय द्वीपवासियों,

जैसा कि आप जानते हैं इस समय हम सारे विश्व व अन्य देशवासियों के समान ही विषम परिस्थितियों से जूझ रहे हैं। हमारे संदर्भ में बढ़ती गर्मी के चलते द्वीपों में सभी के लिये पर्याप्त जल उपलब्ध कराना जैसा कि मैं पहले से कहता आया हूँ, हमारे लिये एक अतिरिक्त चुनौती सिद्ध हो रहा है। साथ ही विश्व व्यापी महामारी COVID-19 के संक्रमण को रोकने के लिये भी युद्ध स्तर पर प्रयास व उपाय जारी है व मान्यता है कि यह काफी समय तक चलने की सम्भावना है।



मानसून के आने में देरी के चलते हमें जल संरक्षण पर अत्यन्त गम्भीरता से ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। सभी द्वीपवासियों से फिर से आग्रह है कि जल के अपव्यय से बचें व व्यक्तिगत hygiene व sanitation का सम्पूर्ण ध्यान रखते हुये जल का केवल आवश्यकतानुसार ही उपयोग करें ताकि अगली वर्षा तक सभी द्वीपवासियों के लिये पर्याप्त मात्रा में जल उपलब्ध रह सके।

विश्व व्यापी महामारी COVID-19 के संक्रमण को फैलने से रोकने हेतु Social Distancing, Break The Chain व Stay At Home से सम्बन्धित केन्द्र सरकार व प्रशासन द्वारा समय - समय पर जारी दिशा - निर्देशों का गम्भीरतापूर्वक अनुपालन करें। सहनशीलता को बढ़ायें व मानसिक रूप से एक लम्बे संघर्ष के लिये स्वयं व परिवार गणों को तैयार करें।

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन इन समस्याओं से निपटने के लिये निरन्तर प्रयत्नशील है। इस संदर्भ में अभी तक मिल रहा आप सबका सहयोग भी अति प्रशंसनीय है। मुझे पूर्ण विश्वास है कि आगे भी आप सभी के सहयोग के चलते हम इन आपदाओं पर अवश्य विजय प्राप्त कर सकेंगे।

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(एडमिरल दे. कु. जोशी)

पीवीएसएम, एवीएसएम, वाईएसएम, एनएम, वीएसएम (अ.प्रा.)

उप राज्यपाल

अंडमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह

एवं उपाध्यक्ष, द्वीप विकास एजेंसी

PBMC frontline field heroes All sanitary workers provided with Personnel Protection Equipments



Port Blair, Apr 7
 The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the recent novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic as public health

emergency of International Concerned (PHEIC). In order to prevent the outbreak of COVID-19 in Port Blair City, the Port Blair

Municipal Council (PBMC) has taken various initiatives. All sanitary workers are provided with the Personnel Protection

Equipments such as mask, hand gloves, hand sanitizers, etc and are deployed for sanitation of their respective Municipal

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Police urges people to refrain from 'forwarding' unverified news & messages

Use Cyber Cell Helpline no: 03192-230668 for verification of messages

Port Blair, Apr 7
 Social media has gained popularity among the general public as a means to communicate and share information. This has also led to the spread of fake news and rumors using this media. We all are being shared information about

the global pandemic COVID-19, without verification or authenticity, which can lead to unwarranted situations of panic, fear mongering or even law and order situations. The A&N Police has advised all users of social media apps like WhatsApp,

Twitter, Facebook etc. To not pay any heed to unverified news or messages. They should also not 'forward' any such messages or news to other people. Instead, being responsible citizens, the general public have been advised to verify the authenticity

of any such message. To verify them, the general public can contact A&N Police Cyber Cell helpline at 03192-230668.

The Police teams are actively seeking peddlers of fake news or rumors. Any person found

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Overcharging for essential commodities Directorate of Civil Supplies to conduct surprise inspection of business establishments

Port Blair, Apr 7
 The Control Room of the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is receiving frequent complaints from various corners over telephone regarding exploitation of the consumers by few traders and vegetable vendors at large by overcharging the rate of essential commodities including perishable items such as vegetables, fruits, meat etc.

money from the consumers in an unethical way during this emergent situation due to COVID-19. Hence, all

wholesalers and retailers of essential commodities and vendors of perishable items have been directed to display the rate of all

the edible items for sale at their trading premises in conspicuous manner for the information of the general public.

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Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana Ujjwala beneficiaries to get three free cylinders for three months

Port Blair, Apr 7
 The Government of India has announced free refills for all the Ujjwala Yojana consumers under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the next three months, i.e. - April 2020-June 2020. Eight Crore PMUY (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana)

beneficiaries will be entitled to get free 14.2 kg LPG cylinders. Accordingly, full RSP of the refill cost for April has been transferred, in advance, to the linked bank account of Ujjwala beneficiaries solely for the purpose of utilising this amount to purchase the

free LPG cylinders. A PMUY customer is entitled to one cylinder per month under this scheme. The beneficiary can book the next refill only after 15 days of receipt of the last refill, a communication from the Asst. Manager (CC & LPG-S), IOC here said.

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Storage level of all water sources depletes alarmingly

Further curtailment in water supply from April 8



Port Blair, Apr 7
 Due to deficit South West monsoon and complete failure of North East monsoon during 2019, the storage level of all water sources including

the major source-Dhanikhari Dam, has depleted alarmingly. The water level in Dhanikhari dam as of 6th April (against its full reservoir level of 66 mtrs) is at the

lowest during the last 5-6 years and the same is detailed below:-

Year	Level
2015	57.34 m
2016	58.13 m
2017	59.14 m
2018	57.15 m
2019	60.74 m
2020	53.30 m

As is evident from the above table, the current water level is lower by 7.30 mtrs compared to the corresponding period of last year. Daily reduction level is 15 cms and in view of this, existing water level at the dam can hardly sustain the

supply till 12th of May 2020. On account of this, the available water source needs to be regulated till the arrival of next South West Monsoon in May-June 2020.

Earlier, 30% curtailment over regular supply was imposed since 1st March 2020. However, given the current situation, unless further curtailment is imposed, it may not be possible to sustain the supply till the arrival of next monsoon.

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Guidelines issued for management of persons in home/institutional quarantine facilities

Persons under institutional quarantine to be discharged after due testing

Port Blair, Apr 7
 The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India has issued Guidelines with reference to management of persons in home/institutional quarantine facilities. The latest guidelines issued on 05.04.2020 provided that the persons who are

under Institutional Quarantine will only be discharged from quarantine facilities after due testing from the designated laboratory. These samples for tests shall be taken on 13th or 14th day of their quarantine period. Thereafter, the respective State/UT Administration

will wait for the results of tests from the designated laboratory and after taking into account the tests results, the persons who are under Institutional Quarantine will be discharged. Further, they will be released with the direction to self-monitor their health at their homes

(home quarantine) for next 14 days and immediately report to the District Surveillance Officer (DSO) or call 102/232102 in case of development of symptoms suggestive of COVID-19.

In this regard, the UT Administration of

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

PM Modi reaffirms gratitude towards doctors, healthcare workers on World Health Day

New Delhi, April 7

World Health Day is celebrated on 7 April every year to mark the anniversary of the founding of World Health Organization. On the occasion, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said that we should not only pray for each other's good health and well-being but also reaffirm our gratitude towards all those doctors, nurses, medical staff and healthcare workers who are bravely leading the battle against the COVID-19 menace.

In a tweet, Shri Modi said that we should also ensure that we follow practices like social distancing which will protect our own lives as well as the lives of others. Shri Modi expressed hope



that the day will also inspire us through out the year, which would help improve our overall health.

Minority Affairs Minister appeals to people to strictly follow lockdown

New Delhi, Apr 7

Minority Affairs Minister, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today appealed to the people to strictly and honestly follow the guidelines of lockdown and social distancing on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat. He urged the people to offer prayers and perform other religious rituals staying inside their homes. Shri Naqvi said, almost all the religious leaders, religious and social organisations have appealed to the Muslims to honestly follow the guidelines of lockdown and social distancing on the occasion of Shab-e-Barat.

All the state waqf boards, through the Central Waqf Council, have been directed to assist the local administration in implementation of lockdown



completely on Shab-e-Barat and appeal to the people to offer prayers and perform other religious rituals staying inside their homes. Naqvi said, entire country is seriously and honestly following the guidelines of

Indian Railways gears up its efforts to produce PPE on mission mode

Haryana, Apr 7

Indian Railways has geared up its efforts to produce Personal Protective Equipment, PPE on a mission mode. The PPE overall produced by Jagadhari workshop in Haryana was recently cleared by Defence Research and Development Organization's lab.

Approved design and material will now be used for making protective overall by 17 railway workshops situated in different zones. The PPE overall will offer much needed protection to railway's Doctors and paramedics working as front line warriors for treating the corona patients.

Railways has said that facilities are being geared up to produce one



thousand PPE overall every day for railway Doctors and paramedics. The production facilities will be ramped up in future. Railways is

Record sea temperatures cause third mass bleaching of Great Barrier Reef: Study

Australia, Apr 7

Australia's Great Barrier Reef has suffered its most widespread coral bleaching on record. It is a big threat posed by climate change to the world's largest living organism. James Cook University professor Terry Hughes said a comprehensive survey last month found record sea temperatures had caused the third mass bleaching of the 2,300-kilometre reef system in just five years.

Bleaching occurs when healthy corals become stressed by changes in ocean temperatures, causing them to expel algae living in their tissues which drains them of their vibrant colours. For the first time, severe bleaching has struck all three regions of the Great Barrier Reef -- the



northern, central and now large parts of the southern sectors. The damage came as February brought the highest monthly sea temperatures on the Great Barrier Reef since Australia began keeping records in 1900.

The reef is worth an estimated 4 billion dollars a year in tourism revenue for the Australian economy, but is at risk of losing its coveted world heritage status because warmer oceans brought about by

climate change have damaged its health. Back-to-back bleaching events in 2016 and 2017 prompted the government agency overseeing the reef to downgrade its long-term outlook to 'very poor'. Bleaching was first seen on the reef in 1998 -- at the time, the hottest year on record -- but as temperature records continue to tumble its frequency has increased, giving coral less time to recover.

COVID-19: PM Modi holds telephonic conversation with Australian premier

New Delhi, Apr 7

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation on Monday with Mr Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of Australia.

The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and the domestic response strategies being adopted by their respective governments.

They agreed on the importance of bilateral experience-sharing in the context of this health crisis, including through collaborative research efforts.

Prime Minister conveyed that Government of India stands ready to provide necessary facilitation and support to any Australian citizens stranded in India due to travel restrictions.

Prime Minister Morrison similarly assured that the Indian community



in Australia, including Indian students, would continue to be valued as a vibrant part of Australian society. Both leaders agreed to remain attentive to the

wider significance of the India-Australia partnership, including in the Indo-Pacific region, even as they focus on solving the present health crisis.

JNCASR develops protective chemical coating likely to be effective against COVID-19

Bangalore, Apr 7

In yet another breakthrough by Indian Scientists, a protective chemical coating likely to be effective against COVID-19 has been developed by Jawaharlal

Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, Bangalore. The proven efficiency of the coating in complete destruction of influenza virus affirms the strong belief of leading scientists that the coating may also be effective in destroying the novel

Corona Virus. Science and Engineering Research Board, a unit of the Department of Science and Technology is supporting the further development of this



coating for the country's battle against COVID-19. The coating is likely to be used on PPEs, masks, gowns, gloves, face shields, used by doctors for enhanced

protection. During the research, the coated surfaces completely killed different drug-resistant bacteria and fungi as well within 30 to 45 minutes.

Boris Johnson shifted to ICU as coronavirus symptoms worsen

London, Apr 7

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has been shifted to intensive care unit (ICU) after his condition worsened. A UK government spokesperson said, Mr Johnson was shifted to ICU yesterday on the advice of his medical team after his condition worsened. He had been admitted to St Thomas' Hospital in London due to persistent coronavirus symptoms.

UK foreign secretary Dominic Raab has taken temporary charge after PM Johnson was moved to ICU. Mr Raab said the team spirit within the government would be guiding force to defeat the pandemic. He said, through the team spirit the



government would implemented Prime Minister's all plans as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has expressed hoped that his British counterpart

Boris Johnson, admitted to a hospital for treatment of coronavirus, finds himself in perfect health soon. In a tweet, Shri Modi said he hopes to see Mr Johnson out of hospital.

Italy unveils record 430 bn US dollars stimulus to boost economy

Italy, Apr 7

Italy has unveiled a record 430 billion US Dollar stimulus to help businesses hurt by a month-long national lockdown that is like to run on for many more weeks. Prime Minister Mr. Giuseppe Conte told the nation to be patient in the face of a pandemic that has now officially claimed 16,523 lives in the Mediterranean country and left millions at least temporarily unemployed. He added that the

people will soon witness a new spring for Italy but for the moment we must stay at home. The programme will add to the 340 billion euros in government-backed loans announced last month. Half of the new package will be earmarked for export-oriented companies whose turnover has imploded over the past month. The government also announced that it will take steps to protect Italian companies weakened by the economic crisis from being

taken over by foreign competitors. Italy has seen its novel coronavirus infection rates subside over the past few weeks and its death toll slowly level off. But the number of fatalities shot back up yesterday from its lowest level in more than two weeks. The civil protection service said the daily number of official COVID-19 deaths rose to 636 yesterday from 525 the day before. Sunday's toll was the lowest since March 19.

No new coronavirus deaths reported for first time January: China

China, Apr 7

China has said no death was reported yesterday from the deadly coronavirus for the first time since it started publishing figures in January. China's National Health Commission, NHC, today said it is a landmark in China's over two-month-long fight against the novel

coronavirus as the country continued to report coronavirus deaths till Sunday, especially from the epicentre Hubei province. The NHC said, overall confirmed cases on the mainland have reached 81,740 by yesterday, including 1,242 patients still being treated, 77,167 patients discharged after recovery, and 3,331

people died of the disease. Meanwhile, State-run Xinhua news agency reported that China for the first time issued an official timeline of coronavirus yesterday in which it stated that coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan in last December where the infection was listed as "pneumonia of unknown cause".

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
Shipping : 245555
Women : 1091
Children : 1098
Coast Guard (Search & Rescue) : 1554
District Control Room : 1070 / 238881
Ambulance : 102

National/International News

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PM Modi, Prime Minister of Sweden discuss COVID-19 crisis



New Delhi, April 7

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister of Sweden Stefan Lofven. The two leaders discussed the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the steps being taken in their countries for

controlling its health and economic impacts.

Shri Modi and Mr Lofven also agreed on the potential for collaboration and data sharing between Indian and Swedish researchers and scientists, which would also contribute to the global

efforts against COVID-19. The two leaders promised to provide necessary facilitation and assistance for each other's citizens, who may be stranded. They also agreed that officials would remain in touch to optimise availability of medical supplies for fighting COVID-19.

Our first obligation is to ensure that there are adequate stocks of medicines for our own people: India

New Delhi, April 7

India will licence paracetamol and hydroxychloroquine in appropriate quantities to all neighbouring countries who are dependent on country's capabilities. Responding to media queries, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Anurag Srivastava today said the decision has been taken in view of the humanitarian aspects of COVID-19 pandemic. He said India will also be supplying these essential drugs to some nations who have been particularly badly affected by the pandemic. He added, there should

not be any speculation or attempt to politicize the matter.

The MEA spokesperson said the DGFT has notified lifting restrictions on 14 drugs yesterday. He said paracetamol and Hydroxychloroquine will be kept in a licensed category and their demand position would be continuously monitored. He assured that the first obligation is to ensure that there are adequate stocks of medicines for the requirement of India's own people. In order to ensure this, some temporary steps were taken to restrict exports of a number of pharmaceutical



products. Mr. Srivastava said these restrictions have been largely lifted after having confirmed the availability of medicines for all possible contingencies currently envisaged.

"Swasth ke Sipahi" delivering essential services and medicines at doorstep of patients and elderly under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana

New Delhi, April 7

Pharmacists, popularly known as "Swasth ke Sipahi", of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, are delivering essential services and medicines at doorstep of patients and elderly under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) of the Government of India. Working as part of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras (PMJAK), they are extending essential services by making available quality generic medicines at affordable prices to the common People of the country and the elderly persons at their doorstep to fight Corona pandemic. This is supporting the government's initiative of practicing social distancing. PMJKs are being run by Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) under Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Government of India with an objective of providing quality and affordable healthcare to anyone in need. Presently, more than 6300 PMJAKs are functioning across the nation, covering 726 districts of the country. In order to stop the spreading of Coronavirus, Government of India placed a lockdown of 21 days i.e. up to 14th April, 2020, across the country.

In such times, all PMJAKs are playing a key role in ensuring availability of essential medicines and delivering them at their



doorstep. As informed by BPPI, recently, one of their "Swasth ke Sipahi" shared his experience. He told about an elderly woman who called him at PMBJK, Pahadiya, Varanasi asking for help. According to the Pharmacist, the elderly woman lives with her husband in Varansi, alone and had exhausted the stock of her daily medicines. Consuming these medicines regularly is critical to maintain her bodily functions. The pharmacist could not stop himself from helping the couple. He collected the medicines, as she asked and set out to deliver the same at her house. Since then, pharmacist has been delivering medicines to the sick and elderly at their doorstep.

One central warehouse in Gurugram, two regional warehouses at Guwahati and

Chennai and around 50 distributors are working towards ensuring a surplus supply of the medicines to all the kendras, across the country. In order to control the supplies of the medicines, Govt. has set up a strong SAP based end to end point of sales software to avoid any stockout situation. mobile application "Jan Aushadhi Sugam" is also available for common public to locate their nearest kendra and availability of

152 cargo flights operated to transport over 200 tonnes of essential medical supplies under UDAN



New Delhi, Apr 7

Government today said, 152 flights have transported over 200 tonnes of essential medical supplies across the country under the Lifeline UDAN initiative. Civil

Aviation Ministry said that these flights are being operated to transport essential medical cargo to remote areas to support fight against Covid-19. It said, 152 flights have been operated by Air

India, Indian Air Force and other private carriers. UDAN flights also carried ICMR kits and other essential cargo to several North Eastern areas and Central and Eastern states too.

Defence Minister chairs GoM meeting to assess post lock-down situation

New Delhi, April 7

Group of Ministers today met at Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh's residence in New Delhi for assessment of post lockdown situation in the wake of COVID-19. The Ministers discussed possible ways of easing out lockdown after fourteenth of this month. Availability and procurement strategy of medical aids and preparedness of hospitals was also evaluated. Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh said the Group of Ministers had an extensive discussion on the prevailing situation post the lockdown. In a series of tweets, Shri Singh said they shared the appreciation for the Union Cabinet's decision to reduce the salaries of all MPs for a year and also the



suspension of MPLADS funds for 2 years. He said the amount saved through these decisions would be utilized in strengthening India's fight against Coronavirus. The Ministers also shared their insights on how to overcome the situation and help the people to stay motivated, determined and vigilant in the battle

against COVID-19.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Shri Amit Shah, Smti. Nirmala Sitharaman, Smriti Irani, Shri Piyush Goel, Shri Prakash Javadekar, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan among others. Home Secretary, Shri Ajay Bhalla was also present in the meeting.

US Prez Trump signs executive order for recovery, use of space resources

Washington, April 7

US President, Mr. Donald Trump has signed a new executive order aimed at encouraging international support for its policy allowing private industry for recovery and use of space resources from the Moon, Mars and other celestial bodies.

Scott Pace, Deputy Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary of the National Space Council said that this Executive Order establishes US policy toward the recovery and use of space resources, such as water and certain minerals, in order to

encourage the commercial development of space.

The executive order titled 'Encouraging International Support For The Recovery And Use Of Space Resources' will create long-time suitability in the human exploration of Moon, Mars and other celestial bodies. The order reaffirms US support for the 1967 Outer Space Treaty while continuing to reject the 1979 Moon Agreement, which only 17 of the 95 Member States of the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space have ratified in the past four decades.

The order further clarifies

that the United States does not view outer space as a 'global commons,' and it reinforces the 2015 decision by Congress that Americans should have the right to engage in the commercial exploration, recovery, and use of resources in outer space.

The order also says that the US is not part of the moon agreement.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Moon Resolution says that Moon and other celestial bodies should be used exclusively for peaceful purposes and their environments should not be disrupted.

Total confirmed COVID-19 cases rise to 4421; 325 patients recover

Apr 07, 2020

The total COVID-19 cases in country have gone up to 4 thousand 421 with 354 reported since yesterday. Briefing media in New Delhi, Joint Secretary in Health Ministry Shri Lav Agarwal said, the death toll has reached 117 with eight deaths since yesterday. He said, till now 326 persons have been discharged after recovery. Shri Agarwal informed that Government has been adopting a strategy for cluster containment and for outbreaks that are amenable to management. He said, this strategy is producing positive results, especially in Agra and Gautam Buddha Nagar in Uttar Pradesh, Pathanamthitta in Kerala, Bhilwara in Rajasthan and East Delhi. He said, Indian Railways has prepared 40 thousand isolation beds in 2,500 coaches. Railways is making 375 isolation beds daily and this is going on across 133 locations across the country.

Quoting a recent ICMR study, Shri Agrwal said, if one

COVID19 patient does not follow lockdown orders or practice social distancing, then the patient can infect 406 people in 30 days. Replying to a media query, he said, there has been no decision on extending lockdown yet. He said, speculation of any kind will not help anyone. Joint Secretary in Home Ministry, Ms Punya Salila Shrivastav said, status of essential goods and services is by and large satisfactory. She said, Home Minister did a detailed review of the status of essential commodities and lockdown measures. Ms Shrivastav said, Home Minister has asked authorities to take quick and stern action against individuals involved in hoarding and black marketing. Dr. Raman R Gangakhedkar of Indian Council of Medical Research said, over 1 lakh 7 thousand tests have been done till date. 11 thousand 795 tests were conducted until yesterday in which 2 thousand 530 are in the private sector. He said, currently, 136 government labs are working and 59 private labs have been given permission.

Health bulletin for containment of COVID-19

(No. 08/ 07th April 2020)

COVID-19 STATUS AS ON 07.04.2020

> National as on 07.04.2020 at 1800 Hrs*

Total Confirmed Cases	4789
Cured / Discharged / Migrated	353
Death	124

• 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:**

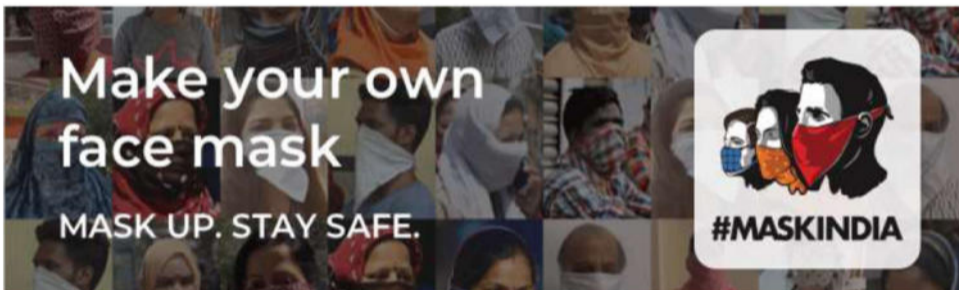
Total Samples sent till date	427
Total Reports received till date	324
Total Pending Reports	103

- > 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.
- > Calls received at 102 - 119 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	225
Contacts under home Quarantine as on today	225
Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	NIL
Persons under Institutional Quarantine as on today	416 **
Persons completed 14 days period of Institutional Quarantine	16
Passengers put under Home Quarantine till date	2020
Passengers under Home Quarantine as on today	Nil
Passengers completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine	1812

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



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

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

Port Trust hospitals ready to deal with COVID-19 outbreak

New Delhi, Apr 7
Hospitals across the Major Port Trusts are prepared to deal with the Covid-19 outbreak. Shipping Ministry has said that these hospitals have been supplied with the Personal Protective Equipment and arrangements to have sufficient staff on duty round the clock have been made.

The Ministry said, over 46 thousand crew members and passengers underwent thermal scanning at ports. It is taking pro-active steps to ensure smooth running of shipping and port operations. The Ministry has directed to ensure that no penalties, demurrage, charges, fee, rentals are levied by the Major ports on any port user for any

delay in berthing or loading operations or evacuation of cargo caused by the reasons attributable to lockdown measures. Ports and Public Sector

Govt urges students, researchers, educators and startups to help combat Coronavirus pandemic

New Delhi, Apr, 7
Government has urged students, innovators, researchers, educators and startups to come forward and help combat Coronavirus infection by participating in Samadhan Challenge. Human Resources and Development Minister Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank in a tweet has asked them to share their ideas to solve the challenges posed by the pandemic. He invited

Undertakings under the Ministry of Shipping have contributed more than 52 Crore rupees from the CSR funds towards PM CARES Fund. Employees of Ports, PSUs and other offices of the Ministry of Shipping have also contributed over seven crore rupees from their salaries towards PM CARES Fund.

students, innovators, researchers, educators and startups with a working prototype of technological advanced solutions which can be validated and deployed immediately. The last date for the application is 14th of this month.



UGC urges to universities, colleges to set up help lines for mental health and psychosocial concerns

New Delhi, Apr 7
Union Human Resource Development Minister, Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has asked the Heads of autonomous institutions coming under the Ministry to take necessary steps for Mental Health and Well-Being of Students in wake of COVID-19 outbreak. Accordingly, in order to address any kind of mental health and psychosocial concerns,

University Grant Commission- UGC requested all Universities and Colleges to take measures for mental health. UGC has suggested to set up help lines for mental health, psychosocial concerns and well-being of students in Universities and Colleges. It should be regularly monitored and managed by Counsellors and other identified faculty members.

Besides, it has also advised for regular mentoring of students through interactions to remain calm and stress free. This can be achieved through telephones, e-mails, digital and social media platforms. The UGC has also suggested to form COVID-19 help groups of students, headed by hostel wardens and senior faculty who can identify friends and classmates in need of help and provide immediate necessary help.

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Therefore, in order to sustain the water supply, it has become inevitable to impose further curtailment in the quantity of water to the extent of 50%. Consequently, the water supply to all areas falling under the jurisdiction of PHED, APWD and in the jurisdiction of PBMC shall be now made once in 04 days with effect from 8th April 2020 instead of the present schedule of once in 03 days.

People have been requested to cooperate with APWD in this hour of crisis, to tide over the situation till the arrival of monsoon in this year, a communication from the Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering Division, APWD, Prothrapur said.

Police urges ... (Contd. from page 1)

spreading fake news will be dealt through strict legal action including registration of FIR under the Indian Penal Code and Information Technology Act. Citizens have been advised to monitor and inform the Police through helplines about any such violation, a communication from the SP Traffic said here today.

All sanitary workers.... (Contd. from page 1)

Wards. It is worth mentioning that sanitation services covered all 24 wards including Quarantine Homes/Hotels/Guesthouses.

PBMC Frontline Field Heroes are deployed for sanitization at large footfall areas such as Bathu Basti, Junglighat, Mohanpura, Ratnam Market and Dignabad, Round Basti, Sisty Nagar and Atlanta Point. PBMC also retrofitted water tankers into Mobile Spraying Machine to disinfect areas at large.

The Secretary PBMC, Shri Suneel Anchipaka has appealed the general public to maintain social distance, stay calm, stay safe and stay home, a communication said.

NHAI achieves highest ever construction of National Highways in FY 2019-20

New Delhi, Apr 7
National Highway Authority of India, NHAI has achieved highest ever construction of National Highways in financial year 2019-20. In a statement, NHAI said, it has completed construction of three thousand 979 kilometre of

national highways and this is the highest ever highway construction achieved in a financial year by NHAI. The authority said, in 2018-19, NHAI had constructed three thousand 380 Kilometre. It said, NHAI is committed to provide a smooth ride on national highways in the country.

Directorate of Civil Supplies.... (Contd. from page 1)

The Enforcement Wing of the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs will conduct surprise inspection at all such business establishment and stringent action shall be initiated against all the offenders which also includes non-display of rate board under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

It is appealed to all the consumers that in case of any complaints regarding overcharging etc, it may be brought to the notice of the Director, Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Port Blair via text message only on mobile number 9434266828 or to the Control Room over Toll free Phone No. 18003453197 & over Ph No: 03192-234062, a communication from the Deputy Director (CS&CA) said.

Guidelines issued (Contd. from page 1)

Andaman & Nicobar Islands is currently keeping 400 suspect cases under Institutional Quarantine in Govt. Guest Houses/Private Hotels. These are the persons who travelled from mainland to the Islands as well as suspect cases who are the contacts of confirmed cases. The process of testing of these suspects has been started and will be completed within 02-03 days. Therefore, persons who are under Institutional Quarantine should wait for the results of tests of COVID-19 being performed on them. As soon as the test results are communicated by RMRC-ICMR, Dollygunj, Port Blair, the Administration will consider the discharge of quarantine. This is required to ensure that the discharged person is 100% free from the infection of the virus.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has already prepared a Containment Plan for the areas from which confirmed cases were detected and a massive drive is going on to screen all residents of these areas on a daily basis to identify the suspect contacts to prevent community transmission of virus. Moreover, to contain the virus locally, it was also decided that no person will be allowed to visit North & Middle Andaman District and Car Nicobar District from South Andaman district without having a Negative tested report for COVID-19 from the RMRC-ICMR Laboratory. The movement will be allowed only for emergency services. All residents of the Islands, have therefore, been requested to extent all help and cooperation to the Administration to effectively contain the spread of COVID-19 in the Islands, a communication from the Principal Secretary (Health) said here today.

Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue



Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick

