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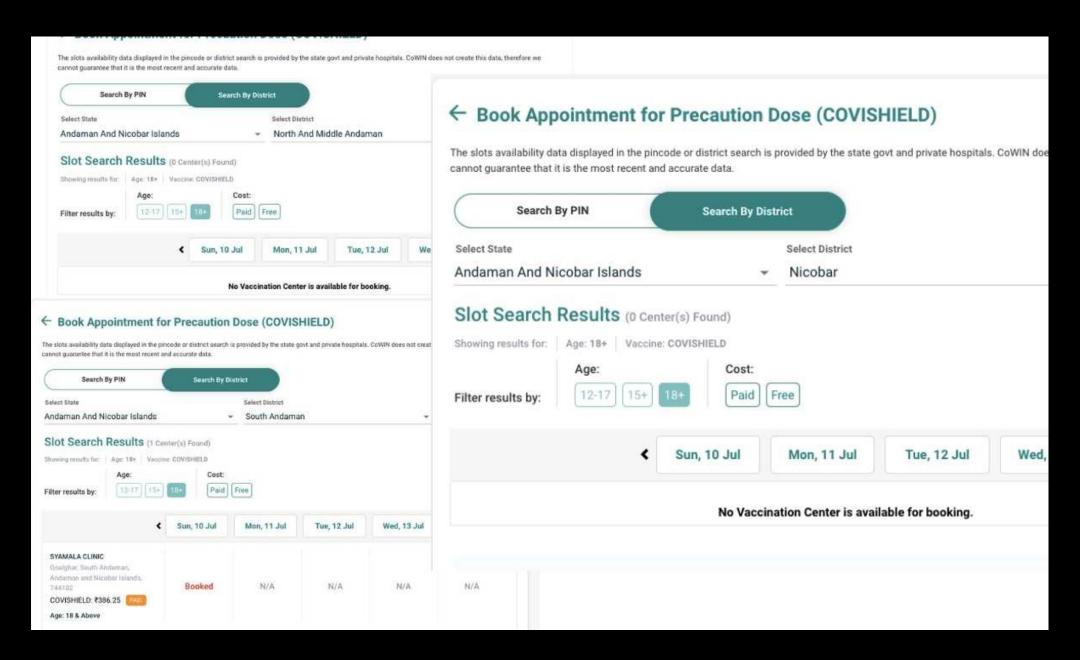
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### Campbell Bay, 10 July 2022

To strengthen the fight against COVID-19, India recently reduced the gap between the second dose and the precautionary dose of COVID-19 Vaccination to six months from the earlier mandate of nine months.

Individuals in the age group of 18+ can now avail the precautionary dose after six months from their second dose of vaccination. For individuals aged 18-59 years, precautionary dose is only

available in private vaccination centres on payment. Individuals in the 60+ age group, Health Care Workers and Front Line Workers can get themselves vaccinated with the precautionary dose free of cost at Govt. Vaccination Centres.

Syamala Clinic at Port Blair is the only Private Vaccination Centre in the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. No private vaccination centres are available in Nicobar District and North and Middle Andaman District.

Majority of the eligible population of Andaman

and Nicobar Islands still does not have access to Precautionary Dose of COVID-19 Vaccination due to the non-availability of private vaccination centres.

The isolated islands of the archipelago makes it even more complicated for the residents to get themselves vaccinated with a precautionary dose. A person from Great Nicobar will have to spend at least Rs. 8,000/- for travel, stay and other expenses just to get his precautionary dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Non-availability of adequate transportation

from the remote Islands is another deterrent for the residents to travel to Port Blair for getting inoculated.

Andaman and Nicobar Administration ran an impressive vaccination campaign and inoculated 100% of the eligible Islanders with the 1st and 2nd dose of COVID-19 Vaccines, residents now demand that precautionary doses of Vaccination should be made available at local Vaccination Centres at the Islanders. respective Citizens say they are ready to pay the required charges for getting themselves inoculated with the precautionary dose if the

vaccines are available at vaccination centres near them.

Finding private vaccination centres is not difficult in mainland India as people can easily travel to towns and cities nearby their villages and get themselves inoculated. In an Island setup, the vaccines must be brought near the people in major settlements as everyone can't travel due to the high cost and unavailability of adequate means.

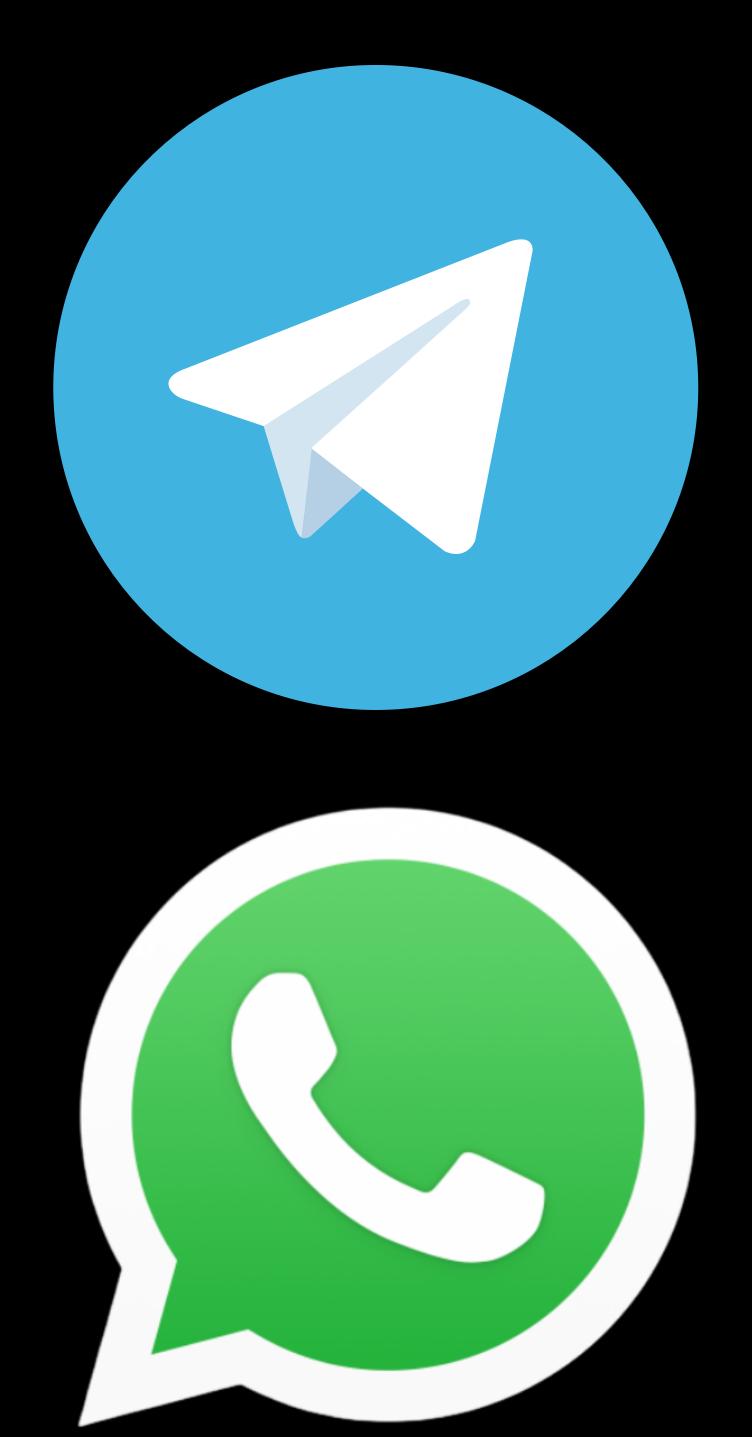
With the rise in COVID-19 cases in the Islands, it has become even more important for people to get

vaccinated with a precautionary dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to avoid any complications.

The lack of advanced medical facilities only increases the need for COVID-19 precautionary dose coverage in rural areas of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The PRI members from various rural areas are also demanding starting of COVID-19 precautionary dose for people aged 18-59 years in their respective areas. Special arrangements should be made for the rural

population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands considering the local problems of the residents.





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# PBGKR Distributes School Uniforms and Shoes to Children at Capstone Child Care



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Rohit Kumar

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Port Blair, 10 July 2022

Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi has left no stone unturned to help Islanders in need from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The activities of the NGO did not subside with the decline in COVID-19 cases.

The NGO has been working tirelessly to fulfil the needs of the children of various Child Care Institutions operating in the Islands.

Recently the NGO distributed School Uniforms and Shoes to the

children residing at Capstone Child Care.

Mr. Mandeep Gerewal, President, PBGKR said "Every kid dreams of getting new uniforms and shoes as the school reopens. With the sole motto of making children happy and putting a smile on their faces, the team of PBGKR provided the kids with new uniforms and shoes."

Mr. Mandeep further added "We have a very dedicated team which never says no to any demands which is presented before us. We try

our best to fulfil as many requirements as possible. The smile on the kid's faces are priceless."

PBGKR is doing an exceptional job of serving the Islanders in need. Many residents of the Islands have appreciated the work of the NGO.





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## 16-Year-Old Student from Andaman Commits Suicide at Kota



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Campbell Bay, 10 July 2022

Mr. Navneet, a 16-year-old student hailing from Andaman and Nicobar Islands has reportedly committed suicide at Kota. Navneet was a Medical Aspirant and was preparing for NEET (UG) at Allen Career Institute, Kota.

According to News reports Navneet did not pick his parents' calls until late at night on Saturday. Worried parents contacted hostel authorities. The authorities knocked on his door but Naveneet

did not open it for a long time. When the authorities peeped from the window they saw Navneet hanging from the fan of his room.

Hostel authorities informed the Police who came and lowered the body of Navneet. He was rushed to MBS Hospital, where he was declared dead.

A Postmortem Examination of the body will be conducted on Monday after the parents reach Kota.

7 students of Allen Career Institute, Kota have committed suicide since 1st January 2022, but the

District Administration has not taken any action against the institute commented Danik Navjyothi, in its report of Navneet's Suicide.

Navneet reportedly had exams on 17th July and was under stress, informed one Senior Police Officer of Kota to a media outlet.





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