Since 1920s the Oldest Daily... Daily Telegrams ...The Largest Circulating Daily of the Islands

New Delhi, Aug 9 (PIB)
Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate and dedicate to the Nation through video conferencing the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Chennai and Port Blair tomorrow (August 10) at 10.30 am. According to a release issued by the Ministry of Communications, the Department of Telecommunications, the Prime Minister will unveil the plaque to mark dedication of the submarine Optical Fibre Cable project followed by inaugural address by PM. The programme will be streamed live via PIB website: https://www.pib.gov.in.

The Prime Minister said during his visit to A&N Islands in the year 2018, he had a vision to make A&N Islands the first island to be at par with the ASEAN countries. The submarine OFC project by BSNL, implemented in the COVID-19 pandemic. This long cherished dream of the Islands has been made possible under the dynamic leadership and constant monitoring of Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and with the fervent support of Hon’ble Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah and Hon’ble Minister of Communications, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.

The submarine cable will also connect Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep, Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Kamorta, Great Nicobar, Long Island, and Ratang. This connectivity will enable delivery of faster and more reliable mobile and landline telecom services to Andaman & Nicobar Islands, at par with other parts of India. The foundation stone for the project was laid by the Hon’ble Prime Minister on 30th December, 2018 at Port Blair.

With the launch of the project, the per capita bandwidth will be par with the ASEAN countries. The submarine OFC link will deliver bandwidth of 2 x 200 Gigabits per second (Gbps) between Chennai and Port Blair, and 2 x 100 Gbps between Port Blair and the other Islands. Provision of reliable, robust, and high-speed telecom and Broadband facilities in these Islands will be a landmark achievement from the viewpoint of consumers, as well as for strategic and governance reasons. 4G mobile services, which were constrained due to limited backhaul bandwidth provided via satellite will also see a major improvement.

Enhanced telecom and Broadband connectivity will boost tourism and employment generation and provide an impetus to the economy and raise standards of living. Better connectivity will also facilitate delivery of e-Governance services such as telemedicine and tele-education. Social enterprises will benefit from opportunities in e-commerce, while educational institutions will utilize the enhanced availability of bandwidth for e-learning and knowledge sharing. Business Process Outsourcing services and other medium and large enterprises will also reap the benefits of better connectivity.

The project is funded by the Government of India through the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under the Department of Telecommunications. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) executed this project while the submarine Optical Fibre Cable project by BSNL, is the Technical Consultants. About 2300 Kms of Submarine OFC cable has been laid at a cost of about Rs 1224 Crore.
### Total Reports received till date

**Status of Sample and Testing for COVID 19:**

* Includes Twelve cases of Nicobar District.

**Home Isolation**

- North & Middle Andaman: 123
- Nicobar: 30
- Home Isolation: 80
- 44%

**Clinical Management of Cases**

- **Active Cases**
  - Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Isolation: 12979
  - Symptomatic Persons under Home Isolation as on date: 88
  - Symptomatic Persons completed 07 days in Home Isolation: 6
  - Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) put in Home Quarantine as on date: 20
  - Contacts (Symptomatic) put under Isolation in Govt. Facilities: 0
  - Symptomatic Persons put under Home Quarantine: 0
  - Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) put in Home Quarantine: 0
  - Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) in isolation in Govt. Facilities: 0
  - Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine: 0
  - Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Isolation: 12979

- **Deaths**
  - No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas released from quarantined after they tested Negative as of today: 284

- **Total Confirmed cases**
  - 12979

- **Delhi**
  - 263

### SURVEILLANCE DATA (w.e.f 25.05.2020)

- Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) under Self-Monitoring for 14 days till Date: 2029
- Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) completed 14 Days Self-Monitoring: 1596
- Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) in isolation in Govt. Facilities: NIL
- Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) put in Home Quarantine as on date: 025
- Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) completed 14 days Quarantine inclusive of journey period/isolation period: 725
- Symptomatic Persons isolated in Health facility as on date: 70
- Symptomatic Persons under Home Isolation as on date: 00
- Symptomatic Persons completed 07 days in Home Isolation: 11
- Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date: 3129
- Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine: 1768
- Contacts (symptomatic) put under isolation in Government Facilities: 01
- No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas quarantined in Govt. Facilities as on today: 08
- No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas released from quarantined after they tested Negative as of today: 284

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### COVID-19 से बचने के लिए दिशा-निर्देश

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On this occasion, BSNL has also announced new plans as well as enhanced data volume in its existing plans both in wireline and mobile. The enhanced data services announced will be effective immediately after the inauguration.

For BSNL Wire line segment, Copper broadband customers will now be provided with higher speeds which is upto 10Mbps and up to 15 times more data download ranging from 30 GB to 750 GB in a month on its existing plans. The data speed restriction after the download limit, is also enhanced from 512 kbps to up to 2 Mbps in various plans.

BSNL FTTH (Optical Fibre) customers are also provided with higher speeds up to 100 Mbps and up to 15 times data volume download ranging from 60 GB to 1500 GB in a month on its existing plans. The data speed restriction after the download limit, is also enhanced from 512 kbps to up to 4 Mbps in various plans.

While the facilities in terms of data volume available in the download has been increased multiple times with enhanced speed, there is no increase in the monthly tariff plan charges in any of the plans.

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### Towards efficiency, transparency, and inclusiveness

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**Recipe for Ginger Garlic Chicken**

**Ingredients:** 1 Chicken (cut up into small pieces about 1/2 inch); 2 tbsp Cornflour; 1/4 cup Oil; 1 Large Onion, sliced; 2 tbsp Ginger, grated; 10 Garlic cloves

**For the Sauce:** 2 tsp Soy Sauce, 1/2 cup Water, 1 tbsp Vinegar; 1/4 cup Tomato Puree, 1 tsp Salt, 1/4 tsp Black Pepper, powdered, 1 tsp Cornflour.

**Method:**
- Wash chicken pieces and wipe dry.
- Put these and cornflour into a paper or plastic bag and shake well to coat chicken well.
- Remove and dust off the excess flour and keep aside.
- Heat oil in a kadhai.
- Add chicken pieces first over high heat then lower the heat and fry till golden and cooked through.
- Drain well and keep aside.
- In the remaining oil, add sliced onion, ginger and garlic, and stir fry till onion is transparent.
- Add chicken, turn around a few times and then add the mixed sauce ingredients.
- Stir fry till the sauce thickens a bit and serve hot.

**Amazing facts about Radio**

- **AM stands for Amplitude Modulation** and FM stands for Frequency Modulation.
- **KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania** was the world’s first commercial radio station.
- **Radio stations east of the Mississippi River use “W” as the first letter in their call signs** and those west of the Mississippi River use “X” as the first letter in their call signs.
- **FM Radio made its first appearance in 1939.**
- **Around the world, there are more than 2 billion radio sets in use.** That’s about one radio for every 3 people.
- **Although a number of inventions and discoveries were required to make radio broadcasting possible,** Guglielmo Marconi and Nikola Tesla have both been called the “Father of Radio”. Marconi, who, at age 23, sent a radio signal across the English Channel in 1899, but Tesla was a major player in the research, experimentation, and development of radio.

**Kitchen Tips**

- After making eggs sunny-side up, deglaze the pan with sherry vinegar, then drizzle the sauce on the eggs to add another dimension to the dish.
- After working with garlic, rub your hands vigorously on your stainless steel sink for 30 seconds before washing them. It will remove the odor.
- If you find you need more oil in the pan when sautéing, add it in a stream along the edges of the pan so that by the time the oil reaches the ingredients being cooked, it will be heated.
- When you deep-fry, hold each piece of food with long tongs as you add it to the oil. Hold it just below the oil’s surface for five seconds before releasing it. This will seal the exterior and stop it from sticking to the pot or the other food.

**Connect the Dots**

- Connect Dot to Dot Worksheets are fun, but they also help kids develop many important skills. These skills, eye-hand coordination, color concepts, picture and number comprehension, form the foundation for early learning success. Enjoy the Connect Dot to Dot Worksheet!
Digital Andaman & Nicobar strengthening Digital & Aatmanirbhar Bharat

Airtel congratulates the Department of Telecommunications on the inauguration of the underwater optic fiber link between Chennai and Andaman and Nicobar by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi.

With the commissioning of the fiber link, Airtel has become the first mobile operator to launch 'Ultra-Fast 4G' services in Andaman and Nicobar.