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## Lone Cardiologist of Health Services Resigns; Public urges Administration to appoint a Cardiologist immediately

**John Wilbert & Rabindranath Biswas**

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Dec 13: The G B Pant Hospital of Port Blair has been running without a cardiologist formore than two weeks as the lone Specialist Cardiologist Dr. Srikanth has reportedly resigned from Directorate of Health Services.

According to information, the Specialist Car-



diologist had resigned on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022, which in turn rendered closure of the

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## Four People arrested by PS Bambooflat for selling Ganja

**John Wilbert**  
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Dec 13: A Special Crack Police team of

Bambooflat Police Station busted a network of drugs peddling by registering cases and arresting four persons un-

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## Member of Parliament demands to re-introduce the ANISHI scheme for the Islanders

Port Blair, Dec 13: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament on 9-12-2022 (Friday) raised a very important issue in the Parliament under rule 377 regard-

ing the poor healthcare system in the Islands.

He emphasized that for any major health issue the Islanders are referred to referment under rule 377 regard-

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## Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma Requested To Lt. Governor A&N Island, For the Recruitment of Post Pharmacist Grade III, Under DHS

Port Blair, Dec 13: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, MP, Mr. B. P. Ray, Ex MP and Mr. Abhay Kumar, National President, Indian Pharmacist Association, has written to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to conduct the much awaited written exam for the recruitment for the post of Pharmacist Grade III, under DHS, which was scheduled to be held on 18th of December 22.

This exam has been post-

poned stating administrative reasons.

In their respective letters it is stated that, after the gap of 9 years the recruitment notice was floated by the DHS, in 2018, for filling up the 25 posts of Pharmacist which was later revised to 28 posts in 2019. In the same year the eligible list of candidates were also published by the administration and candidates were waiting for the exam to be held on 18/12/22 as published in the

newspaper. Many candidates had traveled from different destinations to attend this exam at Port Blair. Moreover many candidates are on the verge of age debar as it could be the last chance for them as this vacancy was called after almost 9yrs.

Keeping all the above into consideration, it was worth fully requested by the administration to declare and conduct the exam at an

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## Aberdeen Police Station Cracked Down a Burglary Case within Hours


Port Blair, Dec 13: PS Aberdeen police cracked a burglary case within hours, which occurred in the ANIIDCO Wine shop at Junglighat, during the intervening night of 10-11/12/2022 by arresting a burglar and recovering stolen IMFL bottles.

The burglary case was reported at PS Aberdeen on 11/12/2022 at 1300 hours. As per the complaint, on 10/12/2022, Manager, ANIIDCO Wine shop, Junglighat had closed their shop at about 2120 hours and on 11/12/2022 at 0820 hours, when they came to open the shop, they found that the shutter of the shop was opened and 04 carton boxes containing 180 ml bottle of IMFL worth Rs 22,080/- were stolen. Upon this, an FIR was registered and investigation entrusted to SI R.Dhiraj Kishen of the PS. A team was constituted consisting of SI R.Dhiraj Kishen (I.O), HC Sunil Singh Yadav,

PCs S.N Rao, Sandeep Lakra, Asish Singh and Shiv Kumar under the supervision

of Insp. Girish Kumar, SHO PS Aberdeen for the search

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## Central Crime Station Seizes Commercial Quantity (1.020 Kgs) Meth Amphetamine from Little Andaman, Arrests One

Port Blair, Dec 13: Acting on a specific intelligence input received from reliable source, Police team from Central Crime Station consisting of Inspector S. Kannan, SI M.A Rasheed, Constables K. Rajendran & Raja Rao arrested one person namely Swapan Biswas S/o Late Rashik Biswas, resident of R.K Pur, Little Andaman on 10/12/2022. 1.020 Kgs of Meth Amphetamine was recovered and seized after observing all codal formalities from the accused which was clandestinely concealed behind house. A case under relevant

sections of NDPS Act-1985 has been registered at PS CCS and investigation is on.

The general public especially from Little Andaman who are in possession of Methamphetamine received from seashores are once again requested to surrender the contraband to local police and pass on information regarding storage of contrabands or any other illegal activity on the following telephone numbers- 100, 232586, 233307, 9474290250. The identity of the informer will be kept secret.


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## Training Programme on First Aid, Fire Fighting & Disaster Preparedness



Port Blair, Dec 13: Three (3) days training programme on "First Aid, Fire Fighting & Disaster Preparedness" is being conducted at Fire Service Training Centre, Fire Service (HQ) from 13/12/2022 to 15/12/2022 to sensitize Teachers, Govt Servants, Hoteliers, Coaching Institute and General Public.

During the training, participants will be made aware of various activities of Andaman & Nicobar Fire Service i.e Fire Control Room,

operational techniques of Water Tender, Rescue Tender & Disaster Management equipment's i.e Search & Rescue equipment, Chain Saw, Concrete Cutter, Air Lifting Bag, Combi Tools etc. A live demonstration will also be organized on firefighting by using various fire extinguishers on different types of fire at Fire Service (HQ) by involving the participants. In the inaugural function, Mr. S.K.Jain, IPS Inspector General of Police

(Law & Order) briefed about the importance of fire safety awareness to the participants. They were appealed to share and adopt the best practices and knowledge gained through this training programme. The Course certificates will be handed over to the participants at the valediction programme on 15 December, 2022.

87 persons are attending the training programme. They were briefed about fire safety precaution, fire mitigation and firefighting measures.

## District Consultative Committee and District Level Review Committee Meeting Of South Andaman District for September 2022 Quarter

Port Blair, Dec 13: District Consultative Committee and District Level Review Committee Meeting of South Andaman District for the quarter September 2022 was held today at 10.00 AM under the Chairmanship of Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman at Conference Hall, District Office to review the performance of Banks under Annual credit Plan, Government Sponsored Schemes and Flagship Schemes launched by Prime Minister.

Deputy Commissioner advised the banks to give more focus on Flagship Schemes and Jan Suraksha like Pradhan Mantri Suraksha

Bima Yojna (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY), Atal Pension Yojna (APY), Stand up India and PMSGP. He was also instructed to achieve the targets allotted to banks in time. He also advised the banks to conduct financial literacy camps in coordination with PRIs and ULBs. He also advised Canara Bank and Andaman & Nicobar State Co-operative Bank to cover the unbanked villages by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. CD Ratio of the District has improved by 3.88% and stands at 60.87%.

Mr. C Raj, Chief Manager, SBI, welcomed the Chairman and informed that Banks had organized 58 Digi-

tal Awareness Camps and 104 Financial Literacy Camps during the quarter in South Andaman District. Under Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna banks enrolled 6617 and in PMJJBY 3357 beneficiaries upto the quarter in South Andaman Districts.

1372 beneficiaries enrolled under APY. South Andaman District achieved 44.27% of the Priority Sector Lending Targets as on 30.09.2022.

Meeting was attended by Mr. Debajyoti Datta, AGM, RBI, Mr. P K Ummer Farooq, Lead Bank Manager, SBI, Ms Swathi, AGM, NABARD Senior officials of banks and Govt Department.

## Blood Donation Camp in Maharashtra Mandal



Port Blair, Dec 13: International Volunteer Day and Week is celebrated from 05 December to 11 December. The occasion is celebrated to promote the spirit of volunteering among people worldwide, encourage voluntary efforts and recognize volunteer contributions to the achievement of sustainable development goals (SDGs) at the local level. This year's theme is "Solidarity through Volunteering". To mark the week, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair has organized a blood donation camp in Maharashtra Mandal on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022. On this occasion, 40 youth participated and after examining, 25 of them were donated blood. The programme is organized in association with Maharashtra Mandal and A & N Blood Donor Association.

Mr. Aziz Ur Rahman, SR Vice Chairman, PBMC was the Chief Guest on the occasion. He also made the youth aware of the benefits of blood donation and highlighted the power of our collective humanity to bring about positive change through voluntarism. He inaugurated the blood donation camp by donating his

blood first. Dr. CH Hemanta Rao, Founder and Director Sarva Bhasha, Mr. Gorakh Nath Patil, President, Maharashtra Mandal, Mr. Ajay Seth GTT, SSS Campbell Bay also present as guest and made the youth aware about the activities and role of volunteers.

On the occasion, Mr. Ramesh Bhadhe, AGM, BSNL, Mr. Sanjay Kumar, President, A&N Blood Both Association, Mr. Pradeep Kumar divisional Engineer, BSNL Mr. G Ravi, ALLU Arjun Army Andaman (NGO) Mr. Sambhu Murthi Andaman Handicapping Hands, (NGO) Dr. Sunita Patil, Maharashtra Mandal, Mr. Rohit Kumar, News AapTak, Mr. Mustafa, Social Worker, Mrs. Sangeeta Jadav, Social Worker and Dr. Sunita Patil, President, Pradyut Youth Club, Panigat were also present and graced the program.

Earlier, Mr. Gopal Chandra Biswas Nehru Yuva Kendra Port Blair welcomed the Chief Guest and Other Guests and He has also made the youth aware of the purpose of the program to participate in voluntary activities such as blood donation, organ donation, tree plantation, cleanliness campaign etc. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks.

## Reschedule of BPCC-110 course Exam of IGNOU

Port Blair, Dec 13: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) TEE December- 2022 examination of the Course BPCC-110 held at the Exam Centers on December 12, 2022 (morning session) has been canceled due to unforeseen cir-

cumstances. The exam for this course has been rescheduled again on January 06, 2023 in the morning session. The learners who appeared for the BPCC-110 exam are advised to re-appear on the scheduled date. For more details, visit

IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair or contact over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: [rcportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:rcportblair@ignou.ac.in).

A communication from the Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair said.

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## AAP appoints Rajya Sabha member Sandeep Pathak as its national general secretary

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Tuesday appointed Rajya Sabha member Sandeep Pathak after it became eligible for national party status following the recent Gujarat assembly election results. Pathak was the election in-charge for Punjab and Gujarat. He was AAP's surprise pick for Rajya Sabha after Arvind Kejriwal's party registered a thumping victory in Punjab. "Aam Aadmi Party hereby appoints Dr. Sandeep Pathak as the Rashtriya Sangathan Mahamantri (National General Secretary Organisation)," AAP said in a release. "He will also be a Permanent Invitee to the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) of the party."

Pathak is an assistant professor in Department of Energy Science and Engineering at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi.



AAP national convener and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal congratulated the IIT professor over his appointment as the party's national general secretary and wished him luck for his new responsibility. "I congratulate Dr. Sandeep Pathak and wish him good luck for his new responsibility. We have to build AAP sangathan in every nook and corner of the country," Kejriwal said in a tweet. The announcement came ahead of AAP's national council meeting scheduled for

December 18. The meeting is likely to be held at a farmhouse in Delhi and may be addressed by AAP national convener and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann, deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, and other senior leaders of the party. All 10 Rajya Sabha MPs, MLAs and party representatives from Gujarat, Goa, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and other states are also likely to attend the meeting.

## Amit Shah attacks Congress after chaos in Parliament, highlights Nehru link

It was a chaotic start to the day in Parliament on Tuesday as opposition leaders lashed out at the central government over the clashes along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang on December 9. The details about the face-off emerged on Monday when the Indian Army - in a statement - underlined that the face-off "led to minor injuries to few personnel from both sides". This is the first such incident involving the two nations since June 2020 Galwan Valley clashes in the sensitive Ladakh sector. Union Home Minister Amit Shah hit out at the Congress and highlighted a link to Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. He accused the Nehru government of giving away Permanent Membership of the UNSC (United Nations Security Council). "Who was giving dinner to the Chinese diplomats when soldiers were killed in Galwan? When the Congress was in power in 2006, China claimed its right over Arunachal," he said. The grand old party was accused of raising the border issue in

Parliament "to avoid questions on the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation's FCRA [Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act] cancellation," by the Union Minister.

The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation (RGF), he alleged, had got ₹1.35 crore from the Chinese Embassy. Its registration was cancelled as this was not according to FCRA rules, he said. Shah also raised the issue of the Chinese issuing paper visas to residents of Jammu and Kashmir in 2010 when the Congress was in power. He said that road and infrastructure construction in Demchok was halted by the Congress. "I want to say, the BJP government will not allow any incursion on land. The bravery shown by soldiers is appreciable, they have saved our land," the Home Minister said. Ahead of the expected address of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, both the houses saw huge ruckus, prompting the Speakers to call for brief adjournment. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were thereby adjourned till 12 pm. "Looking at the gravity of the situation and the request made by the Opposition, I urge the Chair to allow the Defence Minister to



make a statement at 12.30 pm instead of 2 pm," Union Minister Piyush Goyal urged Speaker and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar in Rajya Sabha amid the chaos. Rajnath Singh's 2 pm Rajya Sabha address was then preponed to 12:30 pm.

Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge earlier gave a notice under rule 267 to adjourn business and take up the matter.

"China has encroached upon our land. From Ladakh and Uttarakhand, they have reached Arunachal. We've the right to know the government's preparation to tackle China's conspiracy," Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, leader of the Congress in Lok Sabha, was quoted as saying by news agency ANI. In his address Rajnath Singh said the Chinese troops were sent back following the December 9 clashes. He also said that no deaths or major injuries were reported from the Indian side.

## Amid Delhi airport congestion, IndiGo asks passengers to arrive 3.5 hours early



With the Delhi airport facing congestion including long queues and waiting time, airline carrier IndiGo has now asked its passengers to reach the airport at least 3.5 hours before their flight takes off.

The air carrier tweeted, "The Delhi airports are experiencing high footfalls and the check-in and boarding time is expected to be longer than usual. Passengers are requested to reach the airport at least 3.5 hours prior to domestic departures, and to carry only one piece of hand baggage weighing seven kgs for a smooth security check".

"Please ensure that you complete your web check-in, for added convenience. Please use gate numbers 5 and 6 for entry at Delhi Airport, Terminal 3, as these are nearest to IndiGo check-in counters", the airline tweeted.

IndiGo's advisory to the passengers comes a day after union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia visited the Delhi airport amid congestion at the terminals. He inspected the arrangements made to address the congestions and directed the officials to take necessary actions.

## 'PLA troops sent back, matter was raised with China': Rajnath on LAC face-off

The Indian Army stopped the troops of Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) last week along the contested Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang sector, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told both houses of Parliament on Tuesday amid opposition attacks. In his address, the Defence Minister said that "no soldier died or no major injuries were reported". The army is prepared to face such incidents, he underlined, hailing the bravery of soldiers. The Arunachal face-off is the first such clash since the June 2020 Galwan Valley incident in the sensitive Ladakh sector. "On December 9, PLA troops tried to transgress the LAC in Yangtse area of Tawang Sector and unilaterally change the status quo. The Chinese attempt was contested by our troops in a firm and resolute manner," he told Parliament. "The ensuing faceoff led to a physical scuffle in which the Indian Army bravely prevented the PLA from transgressing into our territory and compelled them to return to their posts. The scuffle led to injuries to a few personnel on both sides. I wish to share with this House

that there are no fatalities or serious casualties on our side," he further underlined. His comments came after he had held a high-level meeting on the issue earlier in the day.

"Due to timely intervention of Indian commanders, PLA soldiers went back to their locations. As a follow up of the incident, local Commander in the area held a Flag Meeting with his counterpart on December 11 to discuss the issue in accordance with established mechanisms. The Chinese side was asked to refrain from such actions and maintain peace and tranquility along the border. The issue has also been taken up with the Chinese side through diplomatic channels," Rajnath Singh pointed out. Urging unity on the matter, the Defence Minister said: "I would like to assure this House, that our Forces are committed to protecting our territorial integrity and will continue to thwart any attempt made on it. I am confident that this entire House will stand united in supporting our soldiers in their brave effort."

The opposition staged a walkout when they were not allowed to hold a discussion after the remarks.



## Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan has been Envisioned to Support those on TB Treatment

Port Blair, Dec 13: The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan on September 9, 2022 which was envisioned to bring together all community stakeholders (Ni-kshay Mitra/Donor) to support those on TB treatment, help to accelerate the country's progress towards TB elimination and to make this campaign a mass movement.

There is an inferiority complex associated with this disease, and the disease is viewed as a stigma, which also has to be eradicated. Everyone should be made aware that TB germs are often present in everyone's body and when the immunity of a person, due to some reason, decreases, then this disease expresses itself in that person. With treatment, one can definitely get rid of this disease.

The type of additional assistance that may be provided by the Ni-kshay Mitra to on-treat-

ment TB patients who have given consent for support shall include the following:

- Nutritional support
- Additional investigations for the diagnosed TB patients
- Vocational support
- Additional nutritional supplements
- The minimum period of commitment for providing additional support to the TB patient shall be 6 months.

Ni-kshay Mitra (Donor) for this programme includes co-operative societies, corporate, elected representatives, individuals, institutions, non-governmental organizations, political parties and partners who can support by adopting the health facilities (for individual donor), blocks/urban wards/districts/States for accelerating the response against TB to complement the government efforts, as per the district-specific requirements in coordination with the district administration. Mr. Suneel Anchipakka, Deputy Commissioner/Chairman, District Health Society (SA)

has appealed the NGOs, Civil Societies Organizations, Religious groups & individuals to come forward to provide nutritional support to the TB patients for which they may register themselves in the Ni-kshay 2.0 portal @ <https://www.nikshay.in> to join with this campaign to eliminate TB by 2025. The support provided by Nikshay Mitra to the patient under this initiative is in addition to the free diagnostics, free drugs and Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (Nutritional Financial Assistance) provided by the National TB Elimination Programme (NTEP) to all the TB patients notified from both the public and the private health facility.

Accordingly, as per the initiative of District Administration towards community involvement for providing nutritional support to TB patients of the Society, 21 donors have been registered under South Andaman District and has provided nutritional kits to 178 beneficiaries of South Andaman District.

## Congress' Pateriya, arrested over 'kill Modi' remark, shows victory sign outside court

Congress MLA Raja Pateriya, who was denied bail by a district court in Madhya Pradesh's Pawai over his controversial remarks on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, claimed that he didn't say those words and is a "follower of Mahatma Gandhi".

Pateriya, who is also the Congress state vice-president for Madhya Pradesh, was arrested in the morning by the Panna Police.

"It's a fight of ideology. I haven't said those words. I am a follower of Mahatma Gandhi," he told reporters outside the courtroom and showed a victory sign.

Earlier too, Pateriya had denied making the alleged statement, saying he was misquoted.

"I am a follower of Gandhi's ideology. My statements were presented in a distorted way. A person following Gandhi can never be

in favour of killing anybody," he said in a video he released for clarification. However, the MLA received severe backlash over the remarks, leading to police complaints against him.

Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra slammed the Congress over the MLA's statement alleging that fascism had taken over Mahatma Gandhi's "non-violent" culture within the grand old party. "This Congress is not Mahatma Gandhi's Congress, it is an Italian Congress where Mussolini culture is becoming more assertive and fascism is taking over," he attacked. He also informed the media about Pateriya's arrest. "Two more sections 115 and 117 of the IPC have been increased along with sections 451, 504, 505 (1)(b), 505 (1)(C), 506, 153-B (1)(C) of the IPC (in Pateriya's FIR). He will be presented in Pawai court. These are non-bailable sections but it is up to the Court," he said.

## Kerala dowry case: HC rejects plea to suspend husband's sentence

The Kerala high court on Tuesday rejected a petition filed by Kiran Kumar, who was convicted in dowry death case of his wife Vismaya Nair seeking an order to suspend his sentence and release him on bail. An employee of the state motor vehicles department Kumar was sentenced to 10-year rigorous imprisonment and a fine of ₹12.50 lakh by the additional district court in Kollam (south Kerala) in May this year. Kumar had sought suspension of the verdict saying he was a victim of media trial and sentence was based on assumptions and conjectures. Rejecting his plea, a division bench of justices Alexander Thomas and Sophy Thomas observed that sentence cannot be suspended at his juncture.

"Criminal miscellaneous application is dismissed. It is made clear that observations and findings in the order are for limited purpose of this application and it will not any way affect contention to be taken up by applicant in appeals," the court observed. The death of the woman, a BAMS student, had triggered outrage

in the state.

Kumar had married the woman on May 30, 2020.

According to police, she was found hanging in her husband's house June 21, 2021. The case was fast-tracked and Kumar was found guilty by the trial court on May 23, 2022. Parents had alleged that their daughter was harassed over the car they gifted to her at the time of wedding.

Despite her parents gifting him gold, land, among others, the husband used to continuously harass her.

The woman's parents had first pressed for murder charges against the husband. However, the post mortem revealed it was a case of suicide.

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## 'Praise her, not criticise': Minister defends Chennai mayor after footboard row

CHENNAI: Tamil Nadu minister Sekar Babu has responded to a sharp criticism by opposition parties of Chennai mayor R Priya and municipal commissioner Gangandeep Singh Bedi for hopping onto a multi-utility vehicle's footboard during chief minister MK Stalin's inspection of the city, saying their action should be praised, not criticised.

"This should not be viewed as something planned or demeaning. They just acted fast, in the moment, so they reach the CM at the next spot on time. A woman mayor whose acts are as brave as the men she is with should be praised and not criticised," said Babu, the minister for hindu religious and charitable endowments.

Priya, who took over as the city's first Dalit mayor in March this year - at 28, she

was also the city's youngest mayor - has not responded to the barrage of criticism from opposition leaders from the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

JJ Ebenezer, a lawmaker of the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) who was accompanying the mayor and the municipal commissioner, said they were walking and hopped onto the footboard of the vehicle which is usually used by the security detail to stand when the vehicles are at a slow speed.

AIADMK spokesperson D Jayakumar on Monday said the mayor travelling on the footboard reflected how she was treated. "I'm pained to see that in a soil where Amma (J Jayalalithaa) ruled like an iron lady, this is how the Mayor is being

treated," he said.

Former AIADMK minister Sellur Raju told reporters in Madurai that the mayor, Chennai's first citizen and a top official hanging on to a vehicle in the CM's convoy was a "shameful sight".

On Sunday, Tamil Nadu BJP president K Annamalai cited the photographs of the mayor standing on the footboard on Twitter, saying it was proof that the DMK's narratives of self respect and social justice are fake and evident in the visuals.

DMK's Sekar Babu rubbished the criticism. "In the past, there were governments who restricted Mayors from even being seen in public. A corporation official's hand was broken. We are not such a government," he said without elaborating on the two incidents."



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## AATO Requests Union Home Minister and Tourism Minister to Scrap EOI Proposal for Opening of New Water Sports Activities In A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec 13: In his recent visit to Delhi, Mr. M. Vinod, President, AATO has submitted a representation to Mr. Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Mr. Kishan Reddy, Union Tourism Minister to permit new water sports activities in A&N Islands. Water Sports activities play a vital role in promoting tourism in these remote islands. These activities are also a major source of employment for the local youth of these islands. However, in the recent past, there have been multiple administrative issues with the permissions

for these activities. An expression of interest for running these activities was being drafted, but the same has not been feasible.

For the last one year, permissions for all activities are granted temporarily for a period of three months. Obtaining permissions is a tedious process and takes months to complete. This has led to the closure of activities in peak tourist season. Due to this, not only the tourists are deprived but the locals are also rendered unemployed. For the same reason no new permissions for any

kind of activity has been granted in the last one year, many unemployed youths who have purchased boats and set up Scuba Dive Centers are under the immense pressure of bank loans, staff salaries, and other financial hardships. Tourism has been badly affected due to COVID in the last 2 years leading to financial and mental stress of the stakeholders who are mostly youths. Now that tourism has restarted, their hopes are being shattered due to permission issues for running water sports activities.

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### Four People...

der the NDPS act. On 08 Dec 2022, credible information was received to the Special Crack Police team of PS Bambooflat that two persons are carrying Ganja, which they are going to sell at Chouldary area.

Following the tip off a raid was carried out by the team of Special Crack team PS Bambooflat consisting of Sub Inspector Tejeshwar Rao, HCs Ashok Roy, PC Vishal, PC Feroz, PC Manikandan, LPC Molina & Investigating Officer Abdul Salam under the guidance of SDPO Bambooflat near

Chouldary area.

During the raid the Police team recovered around 25 grams of Ganja from the procession of Rakesh Mondal resident of Tsunami Shelter Chouldary and Mohammed Meraj, a resident of Tushnabad on which both the people were arrested. Later developing the information further, on 09 Dec 2022, a special squad of PS Bambooflat along with the team of PS Chatham conducted a joint raid at a house of Mr. Akash, a resident of Haddo and recovered 50

grams of illicit Ganja. Another joint raid was conducted at the residence of Mr. Poowathi Raja of Sunder colony from where around 150 Grams of illicit Ganja was recovered and the accused persons were arrested in the aforementioned cases. All these operations took place under the close supervision of SDPO (Bambooflat) Mr. Arshdeep Singh Panwar and under the overall supervision of Mr. Rajiv Ranjan, IPS, Superintendent of Police, and South Andaman District.

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### Member of...

ral hospitals at Chennai or Kolkata. Prior to the introduction of Ayushman Bharat scheme the local Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands used to have ANISHI scheme.

By this scheme the Islanders used to get Rs. 5 Lakhs for the treatment and

also used to get the money for to & fro travelling expenses. But after the introduction of Ayushman Bharat, the ANISHI scheme was stopped. And the islanders are referred under Ayushman Bharat. In this scheme the patients referred are not permitted with travelling ex-

penses, which costs heavily on the poor Islanders, therefore, I requested the Government to re-introduce the ANISHI scheme for the Islanders or else in the prevailing scheme of Ayushman Bharat the travelling expenses of the patient to be included.

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### Mr. Kuldeep Rai...

earliest.

It was also conveyed to the administration that

many vacancies are anticipated after 2019 under DHS and around 40 vacancies of

Pharmacist under ANIIMS may also be filled calling for fresh recruitment notice.

### Aberdeen Police...

of the accused and stolen property. The team swung into action and worked professionally, nabbed the accused person, a resident of Brookshabad and recovered 119 stolen IMFL bottles

within 04 hours of reporting of the crime. The entire investigation took place under the supervision of Sh. Sunny Gupta, IPS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, and South Andaman. The general pub-

lic is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-233077 & 03192-232400. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

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## AIKS 35th Conference

Port Blair, Dec 13: The 35<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of the All India Kisan Sabha began at Thrissoor, Kerala today (13.12.2022) with hoisting of the AIKS flag by its President Mr. Ashok Dhawle at the venue of the 35<sup>th</sup> Conference. The Conference will conclude on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. AIKS played an important role in the joint movement of farmers against the four anti-farmer agriculture laws in the country during 2020 – 2021. With a membership of one crore thirty-seven lakhs kisans, All India Kisan Sabha is the largest kisan organization in the country.



A delegation from Andaman & Nicobar Islands comprising Dr Gouranga Majhi, President, Mr. SR Mridha, Secretary, Mr. Ramjiban Sarkar, Vice President and Mrs. Sarani Topno, Joint Secretary of Andaman & Nicobar State Committee of AIKS are attending the Conference.

## Heavy Rain Warning

Port Blair, Dec 13: As per Indian Meteorological Department's weather forecast, heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on Dec. 14 & 15. 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 assistance, call Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554.

## Lone Cardiologist... (From page 1)

operation theatre of the heart patients in the hospital.

The GB Pant Hospital is now facing a serious challenge to provide service to the patients with cardiac complaints. On one hand Islanders are demanding an adequate supply of highly trained cardiologists to help deliver state-of-the-art care to a growing number of cardiac patients in Andaman and on the other hand the lone Cardiologist of DHS has resigned.

In fact, the lone referral hospital in A & N Islands had been suffering owing to the absence of a cardiologist for a long time. After a gap of one and half years, Dr. Srikanth joined GB Pant Hospital last year in the month of Nov 2021. Soon after joining, Dr. Srikanth dedicated himself to serve the people, and within a short span of his tenure, he attended scores

of heart patients and rendered best treatment.

As per information, Dr. Srikanth performed nearly 136 operation cases of the heart patients between 2021 Nov to Nov 2022 with superb success and in which many operations were very complicated.

Now, the resignation of Dr. Srikanth came as a terrible blow to the Health Services, people opined.

While on the other hand, patients requested the Andaman and Nicobar Administration/Health Department to recruit permanent Heart Specialists, and until it is done, Heart Specialists should be arranged at least on a weekly basis from any Private Hospitals in mainland on MoU basis so that patients with cardiac issues can continue to get the treatment on regular basis and complicated operations can be done at Port Blair, they suggested.