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## Unavailability of Prescription Slips Ail patients at Health and Wellness Centre, Haddo

John Wilbert & Shachi

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Jan 10: Patients visiting Health and Wellness Center of Haddo have been facing huge inconvenience due to the unavailability of Medical Prescription Slips.

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## Villagers and PRI members of Ramnagar, North Andaman threaten to boycott 2024 LS Elections



Port Blair, Jan 10: The have written a letter to the Pradhan and villagers of President of India, Prime Minister, Gram Panchayat Ramnagar

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## Member of Parliament demands to constitute an expert committee for studying and improve water scenario of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Jan 10: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. Kudleep Rai Sharma has highlighted the problems being faced by the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands due to scar-

city of water during the dry season, in front of the Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, New Delhi. The said Parliamentary Standing Committee is scheduled to visit Andaman and Nicobar

Islands on 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023. In a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the

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# Vice Chairperson PBMC expresses gratitude

Port Blair, Jan 10: Mr. Azizur Rahman Senior Vice Chairperson of PBMC expressed his sincere gratitude to Mr. Prakash Adhikari, Zilla Parishad Member, President-Deepak Majumdar, Secretary- Gopal Majumdar and all committee Members of Sri Nityananda Seva Sangha for inviting him and Mrs. Protima

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## CS meets Senior Officials and other staff of Secretariat

Port Blair, Jan 10: The Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, met the Senior Officials and other staff of Secretariat at A&N Secretariat premises today. While extending New Year greetings to the entire Secretariat family and also wishing them progress and prosperity, the Chief Secretary urged



everyone to work with dedication for the development and the betterment of the Islanders.

## Schedule of All India Trade Test (AITT) for supplementary candidates received

Port Blair, Jan. 10: The schedule of All India Trade Test (AITT) for supplementary candidates has been received from Directorate General of Training (DGT), New Delhi for Trade Practical & Engineering Drawing subjects of annual pattern (2018 to 2021) and semester pattern (2014 to 2017), under the

Craftsman Training Scheme (CTS) for various Engineering and Non-engineering trades.

The exam will be held from Feb. 6, 2023 onwards at Government Industrial Training Institute, Dollygunj, Government Vocational Training

Institute, Bakultala and Government Industrial Training Institute, Arong. The schedule has been displayed in the notice board of the respective Institutions. The concerned trainees can contact the Academic Cell of the respective ITIs for any further information and clarification.

## 36 Government Accommodations Allotted

Port Blair, Jan. 10: The Housing & Estate Section, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Secretariat has allotted around 36 Nos. Govt.

Accommodations (Type-I, Type-II & Type-III) vide Order Nos. 3338, 3339 and 3340 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022 respectively under General

category through the Automated Allotment of Government Accommodation Application (computerized system) (See page 6)


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## HC quashes Kerala govt's order banning plastic carry bags

The Kerala high court on Tuesday quashed the state government's order banning plastic carry bags weighing less than 60 grams per square metre (GSM). Hearing a set of petitions filed by merchants and others, the single bench of justice N Nagesh stated that the "state has no power to enforce such a ban" and cited certain amendments made by the

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# TB Free India by 2025



Port Blair, Jan 10: Tuberculosis continues to be a major public health problem and therefore implementation of National TB Elimination

Programme (NTEP) has witnessed immense political and administrative commitment to eliminate tuberculosis by 2025, five years

ahead of the global target. To achieve this, the Central TB Division, Min. of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), (See page 4)

## 33rd Annual Athletic Sports Meet Organized by Govt. Sec. School Shivapuram



Port Blair, Jan 10: On 06th of the January Govt. Sec School

Shivapuram hosted its 33rd Annual athletic sports meet,

a day filled with fervor and excitement. (See page 4)

## Firing Practice by NCC Cadets



Port Blair, Jan 10: Senior Division/Senior Wing Army and Naval NCC cadets conducted firing from .22 Rifles at Brichgunj firing range on 10 Jan 22 as a part of their training during the ongoing Combined Annual Training Camp at JNRM, Port Blair. The firing was conducted under the guidance of Camp Commandant Lt Col Pankaj Modgil, Deputy Camp Commandant Lt Cdr Ankit Pant and PI staff of both the units. Cadets were also trained in various aspects of field craft.

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## Cleanliness Drive Conducted by the SAAF

Port Blair, Jan 10: On 08th January 2023, Swachh Andaman Abhiyan With Friends (SAAF) conducted cleanliness drive in Collaboration with Port Blair Municipal Council (PBM), Andaman Helping Hands, A&N Islands (AHHANI), Allu Arjun Army Andaman (AAAA), Sree Sakthivel Murugan Youth Club (SSMYC), Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable (YBSSCT), True Vision Foundation, Ration Rasheed Foundation, Human Helping Animals and Walk For Plastic at New Fish Landing Jetty, Junglighat.

During this drive, all volunteers participated with a futuristic thought and total 09 bags of garbage were collected from FLC Jetty, Junglighat which consisted of all types of mixed garbage like plastics materials, Alcoholic bottles, Juice bottles,



Water bottles, Gutka wrappers etc.

Ocean sustainability is only the path of global prosperity. Cleanliness is the responsibility of every citizen of this country for healthy living and their green future generation. Volunteers raised slogans with great enthusiasm and patriotism like Clean Andaman -

Green Andaman at the end of the event.

Thanks to all volunteers for their participation and support. Swachh Andaman Abhiyan with Friends (SAAF) extends heartfelt gratitude towards PBM for providing vehicle facility for removal and disposal of the accumulated garbage.

## Open Table Tennis Tournament organised at Chouldari

Port Blair, Jan 10: An open tournament was organized by Mr. Kaushik Pahari & Mr. Nabajit Mistry at Chouldari community hall from 7 Jan to 8 Jan 2023. Winners of the Tournament were:

In Singles Tournament: Winner Mr. P. Surya Kumar Runner up- Mr. Alok Bora

In Doubles Tournament: Winner: Mr. Alok Bora & Mr. Suresh Baro

Runner-up Mr. P. Surya Kumar & Mr. Vadivelan



Prize were distributed by Chief (Pradhan Chouldari) and Guest Mrs. Tapasi Saha of Honor Mr. D.N Madhu

## Village Adoption Program at Sippighat Village by Botany Department, JNRM

Port Blair, Jan 10: The Department of Botany, JNRM has adopted Sippighat Village in April 2022 on a long-term basis. The adoption program, which is part of the non-audit course for M.Sc. students, is prescribed by Pondicherry University. On 9th January, as part of the adoption program, the M.Sc. I<sup>st</sup> & II<sup>nd</sup> Year Students of the Botany Department visited Sippighat village and organized a range of activities like plantation of medicinal trees and demonstrations of the importance of herbal medicine in daily life. A workshop on poster making on scientific themes viz., Clean Earth, Green



Earth etc. was organized for the children of the village. They were also shown a number of simple biological experiments in order to instill scientific curiosity in them. The children enthusiastically attended the workshop and were given crayons and other drawing materials. The program was attended by Smt. Jyothi,

Pradhan, Mr. Mohd. Abdul Abid, Panchayat Secretary, Sanitary workers, students and villagers of Gram Panchayat Sippighat. Faculty members Mrs. Rashmi Janak and Ms. Shalini of the Botany Department, JNRM was present on the occasion. Refreshments were also served at the end of the program.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Jan 10: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP and Mr. Dharmendra Narayan, Councillor, PBM Ward No. 17 has condoled the sad demise of Mr. Brij Mohan Das, Charge men, Forest Department S/o Late SreeKishan,

aged 69 R/o Dollygunj who expired yesterday on 08.01.2023. The leaders prayed to the Almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Jan 10: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP and Mr. Rajesh Pal Govind, Councillor PBM, Ward No. 18 has condoled the sad demise of Mr. Shree Kishen, S/o Late Sree Ram R/o Garacharma

who expired yesterday on 08.01.2023. The leaders prayed to the Almighty to give peace to his eternal soul departed for heavenly abode and give strength to his bereaved family member to bear this irreparable loss.

## 33rd Annual...

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citement amidst thrills and spills and cheers.

The chief guest for the opening ceremony was Mr. Venkateswarraopradhan Gram Panchayat shivapuram along with special guests Mr. B Ashok PRI, GP Shivapuram and Mrs. B Neelveni SMDC chairman.

The day starts with March past and drill. The movement of houses was highly competitive event. After that mass PT, Aerobics, dumbbells, slow Aerobics, a beautiful dance by the students and followed by vari-

ous sportsevents were conducted.

The chief guest for the closing ceremony was Mr. M Ramesh Kumar, JEAPWD along with special guests Mr. Saju S, and Camp Officer Headquarter Betapur. During closing ceremony the guests witnessed few events followed by Fancy dress competition. After prize distribution by the guests the Cup was given to the overall winner of Annual athletic meet 2022-23 by Chief Guest. And finally, after the national anthem the beautiful program ended.

## TB Free India...

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Government of India (GoI) is adapting a newer innovative strategy as "TB free status" districts or states claiming reduction in TB (80% reduction in TB incidence from 2015). Since, it may take a longer duration for achieving TB free status, interim recognition is also considered as awards and certification of progress towards TB Free Status under bronze (20%), silver (40%) and gold (60%) categories. This aims to motivate, inspire and instill competitiveness in the mindset of the various stakeholders who are working for TB elimination in the districts or states.

The District Administration through its District Health Society, South Andaman NTEP (SA) has claimed the Bronze award as per the programme indicators

of the district. Accordingly, the Sub National Certification survey has started in 10 selected villages namely Shore Point (RV), Kadakachang (RV), Hashmatabad (RV), Mithakhari (RV), PB (MCI) Ward No.10, Dollygunj (RV), Calicut (RV), PB (MCI) Ward No.8, PB (MCI) Ward No.15 and Hutbay (RV).

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has appealed to the general public of the above said villages to cooperate with the field staff and those having fever, cough, night sweats and loss of appetite to visit nearest Health Centre or inform the volunteers reaching out for survey for investigation on the symptoms to keep the Islands healthy.





## Unavailability of...

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Patients, especially those who are visiting the HWC, Haddo for the first time are straight-away asked to buy a notebook from nearby shops, to be used as prescription slips as the HWC is out of prescription slips.

For old residents, especially those who do not carry sufficient cash, it is impossible to visit shops again to buy a notebook and hence often they return back without treatment, alleged a villager. "The DHS must make sure

that all PHCs, CHCs and HWCs are well stocked with medical prescription slips. For their mistakes patients can't be sent to private shops to buy notebooks. More than financial loss, such matters result in time loss and huge

inconvenience to the public. Imagine an old man visiting the HWC alone, with high fever, how can he go to the market again to buy a notebook?" questioned a villager.

When Andaman Sheekha Daily contacted the in-charge of Haddo Wellness Center, the in-charge said that last week the HWC ran out of prescription slips, following which the matter was communicated to DHS. However, justifying the move he said that every patient should maintain their own prescription notebook instead of slips because slips get lost easily and then it becomes difficult for Doctors to refer

to the treatment history of patients. "Maintaining a prescription notebook helps the doctor to advise better medical treatment for the patients," the incharge added.

Others argue that if this is true then the Health Department must stop issuing prescription slips in all CHCs, PHCs and HWCs and issue press statements urging every patient to bring their own prescription notebook. The DHS must also inform and educate the public that how a person after road accidents or patients with high fever and other urgent health issues can pre-plan about carrying a prescription notebook with them?

## Member of...

main source of water in A & N Islands primarily comprises of Rain Water, and A & N Islands are receiving an average annual rainfall of about 3000 mm every year which is way above the average annual rainfall of many other States and UT of Union of India. But, in spite of this the people of A & N Islands and in particular Port Blair and adjoining sub-urban areas have to face a catastrophic situation of water supply during dry spells every year i.e. from January to June.

He added that at times, the situation becomes so worse that the people are supplied potable water once in three days for only 15 to 20 minutes.

He mentioned that the main reason for this being, dependency on single major water storage sources in most of the habitable island of A & N Islands and in particular Port Blair and adjoining sub-urban areas. Moreover, A & N Islands being an area under Seismic Zone – V is susceptible for frequent devastating EarthQuakes and Tsunami and if on any worse case this single dependant major water body/reservoir gets affected then the entire major population of Port Blair and adjoining sub-urban areas will get affected causing a state that there might not be a single drop of water to drink and survive, he added. He further mentioned that if less rainfall is received during the North-East monsoon (during November-December every year), the reservoirs are not charged up to the optimum level resulting in depleted storage of required quantity of water to be used in dry spells.

The Member of Parliament added that sometimes the situation gets so degraded that water barges/passenger ships are deployed by Andaman & Nicobar Administration to bring water from other islands to Port Blair to meet the exigency of the water crisis. Port Blair City in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is emerging as a planned city

with global standards. As a futuristic city it has already attracted corporate majors and investors in Mainly Tourism and other potential sectors with an inflow of tourists travelling A & N Islands being about 5 lakhs in the year 2018 and the figure is likely to double up in 5 years to come, he added.

He said that considering Tourism as the major sector of revenue and employment generation for the people of A & N Islands it has to be recognized on an early date the necessity of providing potable water generated from natural sources (i.e rain water) to the consumers in the city in quality and quantity and if the situation of water crises like this year persists in future also tourism sector is likely to be affected the most causing major losses to the stakeholders in terms of employment and revenue. The Member of Parliament said that as we cannot always rely on timely rainfall every year concrete engineering solutions to the problem of managing the water crisis has to be worked out especially when no sound contingency plan to cope up with this sort of crises in future is available with Andaman & Nicobar Administration. Hence, in the wake to overcome this sort of water crisis various Mid Term and Long Term measures as water supply projects for Port Blair and its adjoining sub-urban areas and rural areas of A & N Islands are proposed, which if taken up would mitigate the water crisis of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the future years to come.

Also, as per Flagship programme of Govt. of Union of India under JAL SHAKTI ABHIYAAN & JAL JEEVAN MISSION it is prudent on our part to provide effectively the basic means of living i.e WATER of optimum required quantity to the general public so as to improve their social living condition, the Member of Parliament added. The Member of Parliament requested the Parliamentary Standing Committee to recom-

mend the Govt. of India to constitute an expert committee for studying water scenario of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and its augmentations to meet the perennial water requirements of the Islands in view of growing population and development of tourism sectors. Other than this the Member of Parliament proposed various mid term and long term proposals for Augmenting the Water Supply of Port Blair City and Adjoining Sub-Urban Areas.

**Mid Term Proposals for augmenting the water supply are:**

- 1) Creation of Planned Water Management Policy and accountable task force.
- 2) Augmentation of water supply by construction of Weir Dam at Bimblitan Village, Port Blair.
- 3) Augmenting the Dead Storage capacity of DhaniKhari Dam by Dredging / Desilting the Dam reservoir bed.
- 4) Augmenting the Storage capacity of various water sources / bodies in Port Blair Town by Dredging / Desilting the reservoir bed.
- 5) Rutland Island Water Supply Scheme (Balance work).
- 6) One more aspect to be taken into account when a proposal for augmentation of water supply is being envisaged is wastage of water from existing water generation and distribution systems.

**Proposals for Augmenting the Water Supply of Rural Areas of Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Mid-Term):**

- 1) Construction of Check dam/ weir in all 37 habitable Islands.
- 2) Providing Filter water to all 400 villages in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

**Long Term Proposals for augmenting the water supply are:**

- 1) Augmentation of water supply by constructing/ Developing Sweet Water Lake at Sippighat Village, Port Blair.
- 2) Augmentation of water supply by executing the Flat Bay project at Port Blair.

## Villagers and...

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ister of India, Home Minister, Minister of Roads, Transport & Highway, Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Chief Election Commissioner of India, Lieutenant Governor of A&N Island, Member of Parliament and sought immediate intervention to sort out the long pending demands for construction of village roads under Gram panchayat Ramnagar.

In the letter, the Pradhan of GP Ramnagar Mr. Mitun Das & others highlighted about the worst condition of all major village roads under Gram

Panchayat Ramnagar since 2017 and also informed about the failure of Pradhan Mantri GraminSadakYojna -II.

He mentioned that village roads are in such a bad shape that it is unfit even for pedestrians for which students, old age people, senior citizens are facing huge hardship.

He mentioned that as no action has been taken to solve the problem by the Administration despite several representations, the villagers along with the PRI members of the village have passed a resolution in Gram Sabha meeting of 02nd January 2023 to

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### AUCTION NOTICE

25 Seater Bus SWARAJ MAZDA, AN-01-C-0495 of Indian Coast Guard is available for auction. Interested parties can inspect the vehicle on all working days (Monday to Friday) between 09 AM to 04 PM at Coast Guard MT Pool, Campbell Bay.

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Director General Indian Coast Guard, Shri VS Pathania, PTM, TM ahead of relinquishing charge on superannuation called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. HLG thanked him for all support rendered to Andaman & Nicobar Administration during his tenure.

## HC quashes...

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union government last year.

Setting aside the state government's order, the HC noted that only the union government can issue such an order under waste management rules to regulate or restrict the use of plastics.

The state government enforced a blanket ban from Jan 1, 2022. The state also imposed heavy fines on violators who use or sell plastic bags, following which many organisations approached the court against the order. The verdict was welcomed by many traders and merchant bodies whose businesses were affected since the ban order. However,



ever, the verdict was opposed and criticised by green activists who claim that non-degradable plastic goods will flood the state.

"We have no special love for plastics. The government will have to provide a strong alternative.

Plastic goods worth crores of rupees were seized and heavy fines were imposed. Now the state government is bound to return those fines," said S S Manoj, Kerala Vyapari Vyavasaya Ekopana Samity leader after the HC's verdict.

## 36 Government...

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## Vice Chairperson...

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Banerjee ex-SVC, PBMC, Mrs. Pramila Kumari, Zilla Parishad South Andaman, Adhyaksha for the weeklong pooja ceremony at Sri

Nityananda Seva Sangha at Radha Krishna Mandir, Guptapara. The pooja started from 07th Jan 2023 and will continue till 12th Jan 2023.

Pooja is being organized from morning till night, which includes (Bhog) Annadhanam for 2500 to 3000 devotees per day of pooja festival.

## Villagers and...

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boycott the upcoming Lok Sabha Election 2024 if the public demands are not fulfilled on urgent basis.

The villagers and PRI members demanded to hand over all PMGSY-II roads of Ramnagar village to APWD for early repair and maintenance of all village roads from UT funds and urgent repair or construction of main road from forest check post to Makham Halder house in 2023.

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hanging as a mark has been found on her neck. However, the exact cause of deaths will be known after we get the post-mortem report."The bodies have been sent for postmortem and action will be taken based on the report,

Deputy Commissioner of Police Yashpal Jaganiya told reporters. The DCP added that while the deceased man has "not accused anybody of harassment for loan repayment, the police will investigate the angle as well."