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## Prime Minister Narendra Modi names 21 largest unnamed Andaman & Nicobar Islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees



Port Blair, Jan 23: Twenty-one large unnamed islands of Andaman and Nicobar were named on Monday after Param Vir Chakra awardees in a ceremony attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Parakram Diwas.

He also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep, earlier known as Ross Islands.

Addressing the

event, the prime minister noted that many messages are contained in the naming of the 21 islands, including that of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat'.

"Today, the 21st cen-

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## Erratic Water Supply in Diglipur region upsets Residents



Rabindranath Biswas  
Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, January 23: The residents of Sitanagar village of (See page 6)

## ANTCC Celebrates 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose



Port Blair, Jan 23: Along with the entire Nation, Andaman Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee celebrated the 126<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose today at 11:00 AM in the Congress Office, Port Blair.

ANTCC President

Mr. Rangalal Halder garlanded the portrait of Netaji followed by a floral tribute by The Chief Organizer-Congress Seva Dal, City Congress President, NSUI State President, Mahila Congress, All Senior leaders and Party

workers present there.

Mr. Rangalal Halder said that this day was Observed so as to remember and honor Netaji's indomitable spirit and selfless service towards the Nation. Netaji Subhas

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## Air India urination case: AICCA demand revoking de-rostering of flight crew

All India Cabin Crew Association (AICCA), the cabin crew body of the airline on Monday demanded a rollback on the de-rostering of the crew that operated the Air India New York- Delhi flight where in November last year, a male passenger allegedly urinated on a female co-passenger "The AICCA has perused the DGCA press note on the AI-102 (26/11/22) and noted with deep regret the unusually harsh punishment on the Pilot-in-Command. The AICCA places on record that all the crew and pilots acted judiciously, within the law and in the best interests of the safety, security and well-being of all the passengers and crew on the flight," it said in a statement. "...the facts of the case are still being looked into by the Delhi Police, Delhi courts and the DGCA and we would not like to prejudice them", the association stated.

Earlier this month, Air India issued show cause notices to the pilot-in-command and four crew members of the flight and de-rostered them pending the ongoing investigation related to the alleged urination incident. Di-

rectorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) too issued show cause notices to the airline and all its crew further imposing a financial penalty of Rs. 30 lakh on Air India and Rs. 3 lakh fine on the airline's director of in-flight services for inadequate and untimely action. It also suspended the license of the pilot-in-command for three months for failing to discharge his duties as per rules. The AICCA, thus demanded that the crew concerned should be rostered for duty again.

"The association will be guided by its legal advisors in the matter. We demand that our de-rostered crew are now rostered back on flights, now that the orders are out," it said. "Our attention is also drawn to the press reports and extracts of the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) which are incredulous and flawed. There is no seat 9B on the Air India 777-300 ER and our (15) crew and (4) Pilots did not personally appear before the ICC committee to depose before them either," the association claimed. "... report, which has been submitted to DGCA, also respectfully, seems based on wrong



facts and incorrect assumptions and hence a nullity," it alleged.

HT was the first to report that the crew informed the airline's top management about the incident, upon landing. "The alleged incidents of AI-102 dated 26 November 2022 have received unparalleled attention in the global media over the last 15 days and we have witnessed an unprecedented trial by media of our crew and airline into the incident.

It must be noted our crew filed detailed reports on the incident on landing, to those concerned and acted on instructions," the association further stated. Sources close to the matter said that the association also wrote to the airline's top management, including the chairman and managing director (CMD) of Air India Campbell Wilson, on Monday, demanding to roster the cabin crew for their flight duties again.

## 'No bigger issue than statehood of J&K': Rahul Gandhi amid Bharat Jodo Yatra

There is no bigger issue than statehood of Jammu and Kashmir, Rahul Gandhi said on Monday amid the Congress's Bharat Jodo Yatra which is in its final phase. Gandhi's remarks come as J&K is gearing up to hold elections soon for the first time after Article 370 was scrapped in 2019 by the central government. The Congress leader was also seen having a meeting with Kashmiri Pandits over a meal in a video shared by the party. The opposition parties have been repeatedly targeting the BJP over the issue of statehood of J&K. Leaders of the ruling party have said that the

issue will be considered.

"A delegation of Kashmiri Pandits met me today. I was shocked by what they told me. They said that Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha told them they should not beg. This is appalling. I want to tell the LG that he should apologise to these people," Gandhi can be heard saying at a gathering on Monday. Giving more details on this, the grand old party's communication in-charge Jairam Ramesh tweeted: "Today, Rahul Gandhi met a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits; the following was discussed -They haven't received any salary from the state government for almost 6 months

because they have been protesting the targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits (sic)""Rahul Gandhi asked them to prepare a three point memorandum. He will be writing a letter to PM Modi today and will also raise the issue in Parliament. He has promised to send a high powered delegation from the Congress party to the Valley on the matter of Kashmiri Pandits," another tweet read. Gandhi-led Bharat Jodo Yatra is being held amid tight security after two explosions were reported last week in the Narwal area of Jammu. The administration has said all proper arrangements have been ensured.

## ANTCC Celebrates...

Chandra Bose was a revolutionary freedom fighter who led the Indian National Congress as its President in 1938 and his contributions shall always be remem-

bered by every Indian.

He further said that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was a prominent leader in India during the period of British rule as he

had laid various contributions and efforts to build a force known as the **Azad Hind Fauj (Indian National Army)** to serve the Nation.

## Bango Bhasi Mahasabha Foundation launches Magazine



Port Blair, Jan 23: The Executive Members and Office bearers of "Bango Bhasi Mahasabha Foundation" (National NGO) held a meeting under the Chairmanship Mr. M. N. Biswas (All India Vice-President of BBMF) at the house of Mr. M. N. Biswas, at Royal Colony of Dolgunj, Port Blair. The meeting was

organised to launch a Magazine "OperEperDipentarer Bangla Kantho" (1st Editor) to mark the Celebration of 126 th Birthday of Great Freedom Fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Editor of the Book is Smt Kalyani Halder & ApurbaMazumder (Both are School Teachers).

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## CPI (M) Holds Public Meeting at Kalighat

Port Blair, Jan 23: CPI (M) unit of Kalighat Area organized a public meeting at Kalighat Bazar on 22nd January, 2023 on various pending demands and issues of the people of North Andaman.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. D. Ayyappan, Secretary, State Organising Committee of CPI (M), who was on a visit to North Andaman, criticized the BJP-led central government for the rising unemployment in the islands and also not taking any concrete measures to create jobs for the youth of these islands. He



expressed concern over the rising prices of LPG, diesel, petrol and essential commodities and said that the BJP government has completely failed to arrest prices in the country.

Mr. Ramjiban

Sarkar, State Secretariat Member of the Party and Ex-Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Kalighat briefly explained the demands of the people of Kalighat area including the construction of Kalighat-

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## Editor, Baakprotima participates Biswa Bangla Sahitya O Sanskriti Utsav



Chennai, January 23: Mr. Anadiranjan Biswas, Editor, Baakprotima (Bengali Little Magazine) and News Spotlight (Bilingual Fortnightly Newspaper) participated in the prestigious Literary Con-

ference namely Biswa Bangla Sahitya O Sanskriti Utsav (World Bengali Literature and Culture Festival, 13th in series, held in Haldia Township, West Bengal from 21st to 23rd

January 2023.

Mr. Anadiranjan Biswas was honoured by the organisers as he was invited to chair the third session of poetry reading of the second day (22 January 2023).

## U.S. Mission to India Launches Staffing Surge as Part of Expanded Efforts to Reduce Visitor Visa Wait Times

Chennai, January 23: On January 21, the U.S. Mission in India launched the first in a series of special Saturday interview days, as part of a larger effort to reduce wait

times for first-time visa applicants. The United States Embassy in New Delhi and Consulates in Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, and Hyderabad all opened con-

sular operations on Saturday to accommodate applicants who require in-person visa interviews. In the coming months, the Mission will continue to

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## 2773 DRMs benefited with Adhoc Bonus : APWD Karmachari Sangh express Gratitude

Port Blair, Jan 23: The APWD Karmachari Sangh today said that the Chief Engineer, APWD has concurred the sanction of Adhoc Bonus to DRMs, who were benefitted with 1/30<sup>th</sup>, with the approval of Personnel Department and Finance Department of A & N Administration.

The APWD Karmachari Sangh (AKS) has expressed its gratitude to Chief Secretary, Secretary (PWD), Chief Engineer,

APWD for giving the approval to release the Adhoc Bonus.

The Sangh expressed gratitude to Andaman Nicobar R a j y a Karmachari Mahasangh (ANRKM) and Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS), A & N Islands for the long pending achievement by way of organising GATE Protest on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2023 with all previous correspondences for release of Bonus AND on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. A & N Administration has given the approval for

release of Adhoc Bonus to all DRMs with 1/30 which covered 2773 employees.

Similarly, the Sangh requested the Chief Secretary to pave the path for release of Adhoc Bonus to all DRMs without any discrimination of 1/30<sup>th</sup> benefitted or not, who worked in offices following a 6 days week for at least 240 days for each year for 3 years or more (206 days in each year for 3 years or more in case of office observing 5 days week).

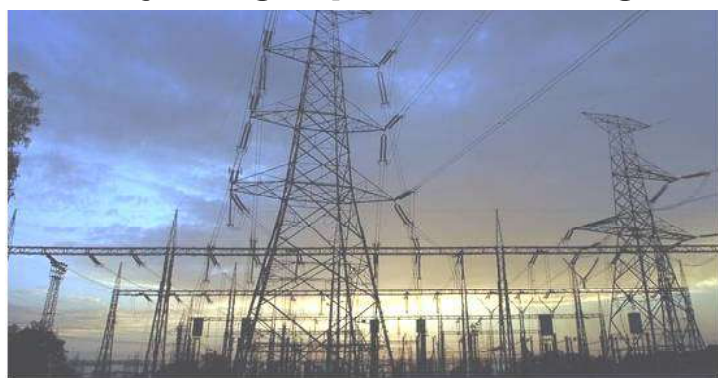
## Karachi, Lahore among Pakistan's major cities hit by huge power outage

A major power breakdown hit Pakistan leaving major cities without electricity due to a fault in transmission lines.

"There are reports of multiple outages from different parts of the city. We are investigating the issue and will keep this space posted," said Imran Rana, Spokesperson, K-Electric in a Twitter post. Confirming the development, Pakistan's Geo News reported that several areas in Karachi and Lahore were without electricity.

#BREAKING: Countrywide power breakdown since 7:30am in #Pakistan," Pakistan journalist Asad Ali Toor tweeted.

The two transmis-



sion lines from Guddu to Quetta tripped, according to Quetta Electric Supply Company (QESCO). The company added that 22 districts of Balochistan, including Quetta, are without power, Geo News reported.

Pakistan this month announced a new energy conservation plan as its fragile economy continues to struggle

with multiple challenges including the country's foreign exchange reserves have dwindled to alarmingly low levels. Earlier in October last year, Pakistan experienced a major power breakdown that deprived large swathes of the country, including provincial capitals Karachi and Lahore, of electricity, for more than 12 hours.

## U.S. Mission to...

open additional slots for appointments to take place on select Saturdays.

These additional interview days are just one component of a multi-pronged initiative to address the backlog in visa processing caused by COVID-19:

- The Department of State has implemented remote processing of interview waiver cases for applicants with previous U.S. visas.

- Between January and March 2023, dozens of temporary consular officers from Washington and other embassies will arrive in India to increase processing capacity.

- The Department of State is also increasing the number of consular officers permanently assigned to the Embassy and Consulates.

- The U.S. Mission in India released more than 250,000 additional B1/B2 appointments.

- Consulate General Mumbai also extended its weekday operating hours to make space for additional appointments.

By this summer, the U.S. Mission in India will be at full staffing, and we expect to be processing visas at levels from prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in profound reductions in the Department's visa processing capacity, and many of our embassies and consulates were at times only able to offer emergency services. As travel restrictions have been lifted, the U.S. Mission to India has made it a priority to

facilitate legitimate travel and adjudicated over 800,000 nonimmigrant visas in 2022, including record numbers of both student and employment visas. In every other visa category, interview wait times in India are at pre-pandemic levels or lower.

Consulate General Mumbai currently adjudicates the most visa applications in India and is one of the largest visa operations in the world. "Our consular teams across India are putting in the extra hours to meet the needs of international travelers and bring down wait times," said Mumbai Consular Chief John Ballard. "This is part of a Mission wide effort to find innovative solutions to facilitate travel to the United States."

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## Sailing of MV Bahrat Seema postponed

Port Blair, Jan 23: Due to administrative reasons, the scheduled sailing programme of MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 23.01.2023 at 2100 Hrs has been postponed by a day. Now the vessel will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on

24.01.2023 at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 25.01.2023 at 1330 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted, a release from Shipping Services said here today.

## Sailing of MV Sindhu Postponed

Port Blair, Jan 23: Due to insufficient booking of passenger tickets, the vessel MV Sindhu which was scheduled to sail for Kolkata on 25.01.2023 from Port Blair (voyage No. 48) and her return voyage from Kolkata to Port Blair on 31.01.2023 (voy-

age No. 49) has been postponed till further notice. However, fresh date of sailing of the vessel will be announced in due course. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is highly regretted, a release from Shipping Services said here today.

## 'Now or never': Japanese PM Kishida on stopping country's shrinking population



Japanese Prime minister Fumio Kishida pledged on Monday to take urgent steps to tackle the country's declining birth rate, saying it was "now or never" for the world's oldest society.

"Our nation is on the cusp of whether it can maintain its societal functions," Kishida said in a policy speech at the opening of this year's parliamentary session. "It is now or never when it comes to policies regarding births and child-rear-

ing - it is an issue that simply cannot wait any longer," he added.

Kishida said he would submit plans to double the budget on child-related policies by June, and that a new government agency to tackle the issue would be set up in April.

Japan saw a record low number of births in 2021, the latest data available, prompting the biggest-ever natural decline in the population.

## CPI (M) Holds...

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Nischintpur bridge. Mr. AVA Samad, Secretary, Diglipur Area Committee and Mr. Dulal Mondal, Kalighat Area Committee Member also addressed the meeting.

A large number of villagers of Kalighat and nearby areas attended the

meeting. Mr. Dilip Karmakar, CPI (M) SOC Member, CPI (M) Panchayat Members Mr. Madhan Sarkar and Radhika Devi, former Panchayat Member Smt Pushpa Dey and Mr. Narayan Bairagi, Convener, DYFI Area Committee were also present.





## Maldives to support India's candidature to UNSC for term 2028-2029

Maldives has decided to support India's candidature to a non-permanent seat of the United Nations Security Council for the term 2028-2029, the election for which is scheduled to be held during the eighty-first session of the United Nations General Assembly in June 2027.

The decision to support India was taken following the visit of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to the Maldives on January 18 and 19. Maldives' Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the country's strong support for India is rooted in the strong partnership and close bonds of friendship that exists between the two countries.

"India has continuously demonstrated strong and effective leadership in maintaining international peace and security. India has also been a strong proponent of the values and principles enshrined in the United Nations Charter," the statement said.

"The Government of Maldives is confident that

India will be a voice for all developing countries on the Security Council, and will continue to make meaningful contributions towards global discourse on peace and security in the years to come," it added.

During his visit to the Maldives, EAM Jaishankar called on President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and held discussions with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Abdulla Shahid.

The visit saw the signing of agreements related to the bilateral development cooperation besides ground-breaking, inauguration and handing-over and launch of a number of key India-supported projects that will contribute to the socio-economic development of the Maldives.

Jaishankar inaugurated the India-funded Community Centre in Foakaidhoo with Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid.

The minister had said that the bilateral development partnership is creating quality social infrastruc-

ture in Maldives, spread over 16 atolls and 36 islands and the joint efforts benefit women and youth development and promote sports.

During the visit, Jaishankar joined Maldives President, ministers and local leaders at the ground-breaking ceremony of Hanimaadhoo International Airport Development Project.

This project will bridge the gap between the people of Northern Maldives and the rest of the world and bring the people of the two countries together. Jaishankar had said that signing of the contract for the expansion of the MIFCO (Maldives Industrial Fisheries Company Limited) facility will also be a major milestone that will augment livelihood opportunities. "Our focus on capacity development has also been seen in the training programmes which have benefited more than 900 Maldivian officials last year alone," Jaishankar had said in a tweet.

## Biden orders to lower US flags at half-mast to honor California shooting victims



President Joe Biden on Sunday ordered all US flags at public buildings to be flown at half-staff to honor the victims of the mass shooting in Monterey Park, California. Biden directed

that flags be lowered until sunset on January 26 "as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on January 21, 2023, in Monterey Park, California," a White House statement said.

## Suspect in California mass shooting killed himself in van: Police



The man wanted for a mass shooting in Monterey Park, California during Lunar New Year is dead, apparently from suicide, police in Los Angeles said Sunday. Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Luna said police had tracked a wanted van and when officers approached, they heard one gunshot from within the van. "The suspect sustained a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was pronounced dead at the scene," Luna said.

The man was named as 72-year-old Huu Can Tran.

"I can confirm that there are no outstanding suspects from the mass shooting incident," Luna said, adding the motive for the attack, which left 10 people dead, was not yet known.

"The investigation is still ongoing. Sheriff's homicide detectives are working around the clock gathering additional information and working on determining the motive behind this extremely tragic event," he said.

## Germany urged to allow Ukraine to unleash its Leopard tanks against Russia

European foreign ministers, meeting on Monday to discuss aid to Ukraine, pressed Berlin to let countries send German-made Leopard tanks, after Germany appeared to open the door to such shipments by allies.

Western countries failed to reach agreement on sending Ukraine heavy battle tanks when they pledged billions of dollars worth of support last week at a U.S. air base in Germany. Germany's Leopard tanks, fielded by armies across Europe, are widely seen as the best fit for Ukraine, but Berlin must authorise their sale and has yet to do so.

German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said on Sunday that Berlin would not stand in the way if Poland wanted to send the tanks.

Arriving at the meeting in Brussels on Monday, she declined to elaborate on those comments in detail or say if she had been speaking for the whole government, but said it was important to "do ev-

erything we can to defend Ukraine".

Chancellor Olaf Scholz's centre-left Social Democrat party argues the West should avoid sudden moves that might escalate the war. But a number of allies reject that position, saying Russia is already fully committed to its assault on Ukraine.

"At this point there are no good arguments why battle tanks cannot be provided," Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics said. "The argument of escalation does not work, because Russia continues escalating."

Lithuanian Foreign Minister Gabrielius Landsbergis said the tanks should not be held up one more day, while Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Reinsalu said Germany, as an "engine of Europe", had particular responsibility to help Ukraine. Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn said Russia could win the war if Europeans "don't help Ukraine with what they need now".

The EU is consider-

ing sending a new tranche of 500 million euros worth of military aid to Kyiv. EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said he hoped member states would approve it on Monday, "but I don't know". French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna said she was confident the package would be approved.

Polish media have reported that Hungary was holding up that package. The Hungarian foreign ministry and government spokesman did not respond to requests for comment on those reports.

The ministers will discuss a 10th package of sanctions to take effect next month against Russia, diplomatic sources have told Reuters, though no decisions are expected on Monday. The ministers will also talk about using Russian assets frozen in Europe under sanctions to help rebuild Ukraine.

Separately, the foreign ministers are due to add more names to an Iran sanctions list over human rights abuses.

## Sri Lankan diplomat translates Jairam Ramesh's book into Sinhala

Sri Lankan deputy high commissioner Niluka Kadurugamuwa, who is a well-known translator of books, has translated Indian author and Congress leader Jairam Ramesh's book 'The Light of Asia: The poem that defined the Buddha' into Sinhala.

The translated version, "Budusiritha Lowata Genagiya Maha Kavyaya: Asiyawe Alokaya", was launched recently. This is the eighth translation by Kadurugamuwa, who is an

award-winning translator.

"The Light of Asia: The poem that defined the Buddha" is a work based on extensive research and serves as a biography of the epic poem 'The Light of Asia' and its author, Edwin Arnold.

The book describes how the poem 'The Light of Asia', based on the life of the Buddha, inspired many personalities such as Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, BR (See page 6)

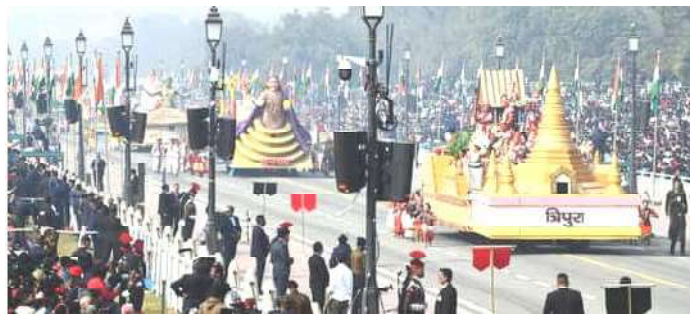


## Republic Day 2023: How and where to buy tickets for the parade and Beating the Retreat ceremony

Come this Thursday, India will be celebrating its 74th Republic Day with great enthusiasm. President Draupadi Murmu will unfurl the national flag on the recently unveiled Kartavaya Path, formerly known as Rajpath, where a grand parade will be held.

Every year, millions across the country witness the rich tradition, cultural heritage, and spectacle of the nation's progress and achievements on their television sets. This year too, the public can experience the splendour of these events on Kartavaya Path.

Republic Day Parade rehearsal, the parade, beating the retreat ceremony are some of the events. The website will display the different kinds and numbers of tickets that are currently offered, along with prices. Though there is no entry fee for the Beating the Retreat ceremony, one can buy tickets for the January 26 parade online. The price of tickets is ₹20, 100, and 500 depend-



ing on the type of event a person will attend. The ministry of defence has set up an online portal [www.aamantran.mod.gov.in](http://www.aamantran.mod.gov.in) for the Republic Day parade. One has to create an account to buy the ticket. The tickets can be booked between 10am and 12:30pm and 2pm and 4:30pm till January 24. After registering on the portal, the person will be redirected to the login page where he has to login via his registered mobile number. A verification code will be prompted on the mobile number and after entering the OTP, he/she will be directed to the events page.

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the list that he/she wants to attend. After entering all the required details of attendees, the person will upload a valid identification proof of the attendees. After the payment, the person will get the tickets on his registered mobile number and email-id.

A person can book a maximum of 10 tickets with one registered mobile number. Each ticket will have a QR code that will be scanned at the parade location by security officials. People can also buy the Republic Day parade offline from Sena Bhawan Gate No 2, Shashtri Bhawan Gate No 3, Main Gate Jantar Mantar, and Gate No 1 Pragati Maidan.

## Erratic Water...

Diglipur Tehsil have been reportedly experiencing the travails due to the erratic water supply by the APWD, Diglipur in the area.

According to information, the dwellers of Ward Nos. 5, 6 & 7 of Sitanagar village have been reportedly experiencing the problems owing to not getting the piped water from APWD, Diglipur for the last one and half month. The water is supplied to these people by tanker on alternative days and which is reportedly not sufficient, they alleged. When asked about this water crisis, Mr. Biplob Mondal, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Sitanagar, Diglipur told Andaman Sheekha that, this problem arose precisely because a pipeline of about 100 mtrs stretch which was removed by the agency engaged to construct NH in the area is yet to be laid/replaced. And this severance of pipeline rendered water-supply cut through pipe right from Sitanagar Panchayat Building area to the last Bijan Barrack and some interior parts falling under Ward Nos. 5, 6 & 7

of Sitanagar village and resultantly the residents of this locality aren't properly getting water, the Pradhan said.

In fact, the water supplied by the APWD in Ward Nos. 5, 6 & 7 is through a tanker and that too on alternative days. Besides, the tanker supplies/fills the dwellers' drums/containers kept by the roadside; and hence, the residents of the interior parts of the area who can't take and carry the water from roadside to their residential houses which are situated interior side and are fairly away from the ATR/NH have been facing bigger problem, the Pradhan claimed.

Mr. Biplob has recently written to the Executive Engineer, CD, APWD, Diglipur pressing the demand for restoring the damaged/removed pipelines and regular water supply through public taps and individual water-taps in the area. The Pradhan further demanded in his letter to replace the pipes with larger diameter (in comparison to the existing ones) and also to

increase the timing of the water-supply in the locality.

In response, the Executive Engineer updated the Pradhan with the information that the concerned agency responsible for laying the pipelines informed him (EE) that the required pipes are expected to be available this Wednesday (25/01/2023) and the agency shall start the pipe laying work from the following day itself and connect the severed pipeline of the 100 mtr stretch, Mr. Biplob Mondal further disclosed.

However, the January 29<sup>th</sup> deadline has been set by Mr. Biplob before which the water supply should be restored to normalcy with replacement of damaged and removed pipes and hiking of water-supply timing so that the residents in the area may get adequate clean drinking water under the Jal Jeevan Mission of the Central Govt., or else the Pradhan along with the villagers of Sitanagar Panchayat will resort to Chakka Jam/Dharna on NH4 on the 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023, he threatened.

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## Sri Lankan...

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Ambedkar and the Sri Lankan writer Anagarika Dharmapala.

The book also reveals how the poem was translated into more than 30 languages, including Sinhala, and inspired movements for social equality. The poem has also featured in music, dance, drama and cinema. Ramesh is a member of the Rajya Sabha representing Karnataka and was a Union minister during 2006-2014. He has authored several well-known books.

Kadurugamuwa is an officer of the Sri Lanka

Foreign Service who has been serving as the deputy high commissioner in New Delhi since 2019. He won Sri Lanka's State Literary Award for best translation of a novel into Sinhala in 2018, 2019 and 2022. In the past, Kadurugamuwa has translated books such as Orhan Pamuk's novel 'The Red-Haired Woman', Isabel Allende's novel 'Island Beneath The Sea', Mario Puzo's novel 'Six Graves To Munich', Gabriel Garcia Márquez's novel 'In Evil Hour', and Amitav Ghosh's 'The Glass Palace'.

## Prime Minister...

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tury is seeing how Netaji Subhash, who was tried to be forgotten after independence, the country is remembering the same Netaji every moment," PM Modi said.

"For decades, there was a demand to declassify the files related to Netaji. The country also did this work with full devotion," he added.

Union home minister Amit Shah was also present at the ceremony in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Speaking at the event, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to name islands after Param Vir Chakra awardees will ensure they are remembered forever.

The largest unnamed island was named after the first Param Vir Chakra awardee, Major Somnath Sharma, who was martyred in action on November 3, 1947 while repulsing Pakistani infiltrators near Srinagar Airport.

The 21 Param Vir Chakra awardees, after whom the islands have been named are: Major Somnath Sharma; Subedar and Hony Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM; 2nd Lt.

Rama Raghoba Rane; Nayak Jadunath Singh; Company Havildar Major Piru Singh; Capt GS Salaria; Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa; Subedar Joginder Singh; Major Shaitan Singh; CQMh. Abdul Hamid; Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore; Lance Naik Albert Ekka; Major Hoshir Singh; 2nd Lt. Arun Khetrapal; Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon; Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran; Naib Subedar Bana Singh; Captain Vikram Batra; Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey; Subedar Major (then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar; and Subedar Major Retd (Hony Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav.

"This step will be an everlasting tribute to our heroes, several of whom had made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the nation," the Prime Minister's Office said.

The National Memorial dedicated to Netaji will have a museum, a cable car ropeway, a laser-and-sound show, a guided heritage trail through historical buildings and a theme-based children's amusement park, besides a resto lounge.