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## ANDAMAN PATIENT STRANDED AT KOLKATA Poor patient referred to Kolkata Hospital under Ayushman Bharat Scheme asked to deposit Rs.60,000 for operation

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Rabindranath  
Biswas**

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 16: The patients referred from GB Pant Hospital to referral hospitals on the mainland for better treatment under Ayushman Bharat Scheme have been reportedly experiencing ordeals in Mainland Hospitals. In one such example, one Mr.

Barun Sarkar, R/o Nayagaon who is a patient with the complaint of spinal injury was referred to mainland for further treatment in a pvt. Hospital, Kolkata.

However, the ordeal he has been experiencing at the hospital is untold. Mr. Barun Sarkar is an indigent who used to work as a boat carpenter and sustained a spinal injury eight years ago due

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## Member of Parliament requests Minister of Agriculture to direct NAFED to procure Copra from Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Price Support Scheme

Port Blair, Oct 16: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to direct National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) to procure Copra from Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Price Support Scheme.

In a letter addressed to the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of farmers in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including the majority of brothers and sisters of Nicobari Tribal Community and farmers of Great Nicobar (Campbell Bay) depend on Copra farming for their livelihood.

He added that due to delay in procurement of these

Copra under Price Support Scheme of Government of India, presently Copra farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially Copra producers of entire Nicobar District are being exploited by middlemen, who are procur-

ing Copra from them at very cheap price. As with time, Copra loses weight and it causes further loss to the Copra farmers, the Member of Parliament requested the Minister for an early action in this regard.

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## Private Worker arrested in Diglipur in POCSSO Case

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## BSNL Employees Union Emerges as Single Largest Union

Port Blair, Oct 16: The 9<sup>th</sup> Membership Verification in the BSNL to recognize the majority union through secret ballot was held in the country on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. The votes were counted and results were declared on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. BSNL Employees Union has emerged as the single largest Union with 15311 votes (48.62%) of the total votes polled while the nearest rival NFTE polled 11201 votes (35.57%) all over India. In Andaman and Nicobar Islands,



BSNL Employees Union polled nearly 61% of the polled votes. The membership verification takes place once in three years. The BSNL Employees Union has been elected as the largest union successively for the last 8 times in the country. SP Kalairajan, Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Telecom Circle of BSNL Employees Union congratulated all the BSNL employees for the great victory of the Union in the Membership verification.

## Deputy Commissioner visits Shaheed Dweep Island

Port Blair, Oct 16: The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Mr. Dikhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Mr. RadheyShyam Meena, DANICS, Director



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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in virtual launch of Digital Banking Units by the Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi dedicating 75 DBUs located in 75 Districts across Nation, including SBI, Mohanpura at Port Blair in A&N Islands to commemorate the 75 Years of Independence.

## COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct. 16: Two COVID positive cases have been detected today in A&N Islands from incoming flight passengers who arrived here yesterday. Today, 13 flights with 1842 passengers arrived, out of which, 1652 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 148 passengers and the reports are awaited.




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## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 16: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands along with all Office bearers of BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands have condoled the demise of Murugammal Residence of Buniyadabad on 15/10/22, Late

Murugammal was Mother of Mr. R. Moorthy, Shakti Kendra Pramukh, ward no-8, Buniyadabad. The Leaders pray to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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## CIPMC distributes IPM Kits in Dasarathpur FFS on Rice

Port Blair, Oct 16: Keeping in view of pest & disease attack on paddy, CIPMC conducted Farmers' Field School-Kharif 2022-23 to sensitize and spread awareness about IPM technology at Dasarathpur of Rangat, N & M Andaman by involving 30 Rice farmers (10 Women Farmers) and 5 AEOs.

Addressing the programme, Mr. Shiva Kumar H. D., APPO (WS), CIPMC Port Blair welcomed all the farmers and elaborated the ill effects of indiscriminate use of chemical on environment and human health and re-



quested to use bio pesticide as far as possible and spread Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technologies learnt during FFS programme among other

farmers. Mrs. S. C. Rekha, Assistant Director, Dept. of Agriculture, Rangat shared her views on IPM Methods, Natural enemies, Cultural, Mechanical

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## Lions Club of Port Blair in collaboration with JNRM organised Mega Blood Donation to remember Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Port Blair, Oct 16: The Lions Club of Port Blair in association with the Department of Homescience, JNRM, and Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration organised a massive Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the 91<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr

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## National Training of Trainers Workshop on Small-Scale Fish worker (SSF) Guidelines

Port Blair, Oct 16: 3 days National Training of Trainers Workshop was conducted by International Collective in Support of Fishworkers (ICSF) Trust on the Small-Scale Fish worker (SSF) Guidelines in Chennai, Tamil Nadu from 13th to 15th October. The Voluntary Guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries (VGSSF) are guiding principles for the small-scale fisheries sector formulated by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United

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## NYA President requests A & N Administration for a similar policy like Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021 for the tribal people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands that leads to complete job reservation for all in Class III and Class IV jobs.

Port Blair, Oct 16: Mr. Rayhaan Pasha, President of Nicobar Youth Association had requested the Chief Secretary through email that a similar policy like Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021 for the tribal people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands that leads to complete job reservation for all in Class III and Class IV jobs. He strongly believe that such employment reservations will catalyze rapid and significant growth of the tribal population by ensuring basic income for their families. The members of the tribal community appreciate the bold decision of the Govt. of India to form the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh. Most importantly, the community strongly believes that the exclusive reservation of jobs for locals under Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Sub-

ordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021 is particularly life changing for the people of Ladakh. Inspired by actions taken for the local of Ladakh, Rayhaan Pasha had humbly requested the kind attention of A & N administration towards bringing necessary policy changes that allow for complete job reservation for tribal people living in tribal reserve area in all Class III and Class IV jobs. As all are aware, the archipelago of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is a group of scattered Islands and suffers from many logistical and topographical challenges. The islands are separated by the sea and scattered over a stretch of 1000 km. This peculiar geographical situation makes it very difficult for the local tribal youth to build a prospering livelihood despite their enduring and persistent attitude. Enduring several difficulties and with their strenuous efforts, a large sect of the

tribal population has succeeded in getting trained as teachers, midwives, nurses, doctors, and other professionals. Regardless of being professionally trained, they are awaiting suitable appointments by the Administration to make a decent living. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has added to the already existing challenges in the lives of these marginalized communities, making their dreams of decent livelihood a distant reality. He humbly requested the Chief Secretary to kindly process their request on a priority basis and thereby eradicate the financial hardships the tribes of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are facing due to employment scarcity. He further finally, on behalf of the entire tribal community express deepest gratitude and support for the governance of UT Govt A& N Islands and hope that their request is considered at the earliest convenience.

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## Lions Club of...

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022 in JNRM New Block.

During the inauguration the Chief Guest Mr. Kalaivanan.R, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District shared his experience and the interaction he had with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam while he was a student. Mr. Kalaivanan.R, IPS explained the importance of students life in campus by utilising the available resources and also in outside the campus by involving various social activities like blood donation, tree plantation, drug abuse prevention and traffic management & regulation. Mr. Kalaivanan.R, IPS has narrated the experience of reading the Wings of Fire-Autobiography of Dr Kalam which is the inspiration for many like him in the length and breadth of country. This is the book through which one can have the positive attitude and hard work which were the main motto of Dr Kalam while addressing the students and youth in our country.

Dr. H. K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM, informed the gathering that in collaboration with the Lions Club of Port Blair every year JNRM is organising various activities. Dr Kalam was a visionary and his ideas are always for the development of our country. Despite he hails from the humble background nothing can prevented him from achieving the mission. He is the real role model for the student community, Dr. Sharma, a d d e d . MJF.Ln.G.Somasundaram, Past President, Lions Club of Port Blair presented the activities under the banner of Lions Club like Health, Environment, Water and Sanitation. He dwelt in detail about the Service Motto of Lions Club for the society. MJF.Ln.G.Somasundaram further informed the gathering that Student Social Activities like Swachh Bharat, Clean India are also carried out by Lions Club of Port Blair. From Lions Club of Port Blair MJF Lion B.V.Karunakaran, Secretary, Lion P.Anbarasan, Chairperson (Marketing & Communication), MJF.Lion. T. Rajaguru, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,

Lion. K. Abdul Kani, Joint Treasurer, Lion. G.Anitha, Treasurer and other office bearers were present on the occasion.

Dr. K.Venkatesan, HOD, Homescience and Coordinator of this programme spoke about Dr Kalam's innovation in Science & Technology and his contribution in Missile & Nano Technology. He also shared PURA Model and administered Ten points oath to the student community. Earlier Mrs. Nidhi Shekhawat Assistant Professor of Home Science welcomed the gathering and Dr. Rekha Kumari, Resource Person, Department of Home Science proposed vote of thanks. Mrs. Poonam Singh, Resource Person, Department of Home Science moderated the programme. In this connection Poster Competition was also conducted on "Kalam's Vision and India's Development". Ms. Shailey, Ms. Rameetha, Ms. Shubha Lakshmi of 2<sup>nd</sup> B.Sc., Home Science got the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize respectively in poster competition. The prizes and donor certificate for Blood Donation were distributed by the dignitaries.

## Cleanliness drive carried out by the members of "Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha"

Port Blair, Oct 16: A cleanliness drive was carried out by the member of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) at Senior Secondary School KishoriNagar under DiglipurTehsil. The 18 members BJYM participated in a cleanliness drive as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission and cleanliness of the school campus was done for about a week.

As part of the cleanliness drive the local youths cleaned the entire school campus and even collected bamboo and cane from the nearby jungle to construct eco friendly fencing around the school campus.

The resident of KishoriNagar hailed the efforts of the local youths associated with the BJYM



Diglipur unit. Special gratitude was expressed towards the BJYM team member, who contributed their efforts in cleanliness drive also the members from PRI Mrs. AlhadiMridha and DRM Mr. Joynath.

The programme was carried out under the guidance of Swachh Bharat Ambassador of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Naresh Chander Lal.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 16: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman & Nicobar Islands has deeply mourned the sad and untimely demise of Mehmood, Assistant Divisional Officer, Delhi Fire Ser-

vice, R/o Dollygunj, Port Blair who passed away at Delhi on 15th October 2022. He prayed to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

## CIPMC distributes... (From page 3)

cal methods, Neem based Bio-pesticide, Traps & vermicomposting and suggested to prepare low cost bio-pesticides on the own farms to reduce the cost of cultivation and dependency of the Government supply. At the same time she also assured the supply of quality seed and inputs to the farmers in the subsidized rates from Agriculture Dept.

Mr. Azmat Qadir, SCFA, Rangat Sub Depot, explained the use of Pheromone traps, Sticky traps and

seed treatment for prevention of pest incidence in paddy fields and about various departmental schemes for the benefits of the farmers and assured continuous support from the Agriculture Dept. IPM Kits were distributed to all the farmers in presence of Assistant Director, Pradhan and Members, Gram Panchayat, Dasarathpur. Programme was concluded by co-ordinate of FFS programme Mr. Shiva Kumar H. D. with vote of thanks.

## Death Mourned...

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Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands, Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, Mr. M. Vinod, State Media Convener along with all Office bearers of BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands have also condoled the Sudden demise of Mehmood, Assistant Divisional Fire Officer, Fire Services, Delhi, R/O Dollygunj, who breathed his last on 15/10/22 at AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi. The Leaders pray to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.





## Chess Selection Championship 2022 concluded with prize distribution ceremony

Port Blair, Oct 16: Maxwell A & N State Sub Junior (U-15) Chess Selection Championship 2022 was organised by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on 16.10.2022 at Govt. Tagore College of Education Auditorium, Middle Point, Port Blair

The tournament was graced by Mr. Sara Chandran, Deputy Director of Education (Plg/Perl) as chief guest while Mr. V Selvam, Nodal Officer, Sports and Youth Affair, Port Blair was the guest of honour for the inaugural ceremony. They inaugurated the championship by making the ceremonial move on the top boards against R.Kashthuri Bhai for Girls event and A. Chirag Kumar for Boys event to kick-start the championship.

The chief guest for the closing ceremony was Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIAR while Mrs. I P Sushilla owner Maxwell and Mr. Soumitra Roy, Insurance advisor graced occa-



sion as the guest of honours. They gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament.

A full day event was held separately for boys and Girls in rapid format over six rounds. Around 90 players participated in the event, in which Shrestha Vijay, Carmel School secured first position, MA Dinakar, Kamaraj English Medium School secured second and J.S Viraj, VKV Lamba Line stood third and V Yashwant, Model School stood fourth in boys category.

Similarly, in the girls category, R Kashthuri Bhai, GDM School secured first position, Tanisha Raj, VKV Lamba Line school secured second,

Kavya Raj, VKV, Lamba Line stood third and S Vidhya, Kamaraj English Medium School secured fourth position respectively. The winners were awarded with Trophies, Cash prize and certificates.

These top best four players from boys and girls have been selected to participate in the upcoming National Sub Junior (U-15) Chess Championship 2022 to be held in New Delhi during November 2022. Apart from U-15 category, three best players each in boys and girls from Under 09, Under 11, Under 13 and best youngest boy and girl were also awarded with trophies and certificates.

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## Deputy Comm...

(RD & PRIs) and Tehsildar, Port Blair visited Shaheed Dweep Island on 15.10.2022. The Pramukh, Port Blair Panchayat Samiti, Pradhan and Zilla Parishad Member, Neil Kendra also accompanied them on the occasion. During the visit the DC (SA) inaugurated newly constructed e-Patwarkhana, situated at Neil Kendra village, Shaheed Dweep Island. The modern e-Patwarkhana consists of e-corner facilities to cater all online services through which the citizen can avail all online services directly. With this, the District Administration, South Andaman has achieved the target of cent percent online services throughout the district. The DC(SA) issued few senior citizen certificates to the beneficiaries generated on the spot through the e-corner.

The Deputy Commissioner also made field visits to the Bharatpur beach and Sitapur sunrise point along with PRIs to check the various issues raised by the PRIs and directed the concerned line department to resolve the issue at the earliest. The DC (SA) inspected the road towards the Sitapur sunrise point and it was informed by the EE, APWD that the estimate for the road has already been submitted. The PRI members requested DC(SA) to take up the matter with the forest department for construction of eco-friendly huts and also a Police booth at Sitapur. During the visit to Bharatpur beach, DC(SA) requested the stakeholders to keep the beach neat and clean. He further informed private boat operators to shift the boat anchorage location from the beach area and requested fisheries department to identify suitable location for anchorage of private boats and the same will be resolved. At the Jetty area, the PRI members requested for construction of open

canopy sheds and a Police Assistant Booth for the passengers as the frequent arrival of boats creates congestion at the Jetty. In order to resolve the issue DC(SA) directed the Tourism Officer to put up a proposal for smooth schedule of the boats to reduce the congestion at the Jetty area. DC (SA) also inspected the internal road connecting from Bharatpur beach to the Medical and subsequently to the Jetty. Since the road belongs to Zilla Parishad, DC(SA) requested the Zilla Parishad Member to put up the proposal for the road and directed the CEO (ZP) to expedite the work.

The DC (SA) also inspected the land proposed for allotment under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) and directed the revenue field functionaries to submit the proposal for allotment on priority.

Further the team visited the Solid Liquid Waste Management Centre and inspected its operations, he directed the Sanitary Supervisor to coordinate with the agency and to send the packed wastes immediately and to further ensure regular collection of dry waste.

The South Andaman District Administration also organized Revenue Camp Court with the theme 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' at Neil Kendra. The camp was attended by Officers of various line Departments such as Rural Development, Tourism, Fisheries, Health, Education, APWD, Transport, Electricity and Police Dep't. The camp was also attended by a large number of villagers and their representatives. Various issues related to common public facilities, regularization of land, road construction, issues related to supply of LPG cylinder, water, demand for development works at different villages, matters related to education, set

apart of land for Anganwadi Centres were raised. The grievances of the general public were recorded during the Camp Court along with their contact details and progress on the issues will be communicated in due course of time by all the concerned Departments.

The DC (SA) gave a patient hearing to all their grievances, assured them of its early disposal. He gave on the spot directions to the Tehsildar and officers of other line Departments to take up the issues concerning them and to dispose them at the earliest. The applicants who had applied for various Tehsil services like OBC, Local, Resident certificate etc. were handed over the same during the programme. Besides this, specific instructions were also issued to the concerned revenue field functionaries in response to various petitions filed by the residents of the village. The PRI members and the general public thanked the District Administration for organizing 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' camp at the grass root level and its effort to address the core issues. The DC (SA) also emphasized on the cleanliness of the island and appealed the PRIs and general public to carry out cleanliness drives on regular interval to enhance solid waste management and bringing about a behavioural change in people regarding healthy sanitation practices. The DC (SA) also directed the Revenue field staff and the officials of the line departments to follow up on all the matters that were placed before the camp. He assured the gathering that the District Administration is committed to the overall development of the Panchayat and urged the people to feel free to reach out to the District Administration for redressal of their grievances. Similar camps will also be organized in each Gram Panchayat in the coming weeks.

## CORRIGENDUM

In a main news carried in Andaman Sheekha Daily newspaper with caption "Some children of Padmanabapuram and Pinaki Nagar region complain about Diarrhea and Vomiting; Parents demand detailed investigation to find the root cause", the name of "Middle school of Pinaki Nagar" crept in inadvertently in the second paragraph. Middle School of Pinaki Nagar has no connection with the news. The error is highly regretted.

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## Heavy Rain Warning

Port Blair, Oct. 16: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Oct. 17, 18, 19 & 20. Meanwhile, due to squally weather, wind speed is likely to exceed 45 kmph over Andaman Sea along and off Andaman and

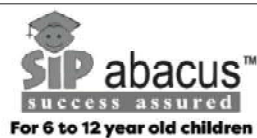
Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been not to venture into the sea from Oct.18 till Oct. 20. For further enquiries/ information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 16: Mr. Rakeshwar Lall, State President & Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray former Member of Lok Sabha along with all members of Hindu Rashtra Shakti have deeply mourned the untimely demise of R. Murugammal, W/o. Late Rajagopal, R/o Buniyadabad Near Water Tank on 15/10/22. Late

Murugammal was Mother of Mr. R. Moorthy, Shakti Kendra Pramukh, BJP ward no-8, Buniyadabad. The Hindu Rashtra Shakti of Andaman and Nicobar Islands prayed to the Almighty to give eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family members to bear the irreparable loss.





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## NATIONAL TRAINING...

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The aim of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of fish worker's organizations, CSOs, and community-based organizations to engage with the SSF Guidelines to negotiate issues of concern in regard to policy, legislation, lives and livelihoods of the SSF communities. The workshop was attended by fisher representatives from all the coastal states and coastal union territories including Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI). Mr. S. U Maheshwar Rao, Member of Governing Body, National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) & Representative of National Platform for Small-Scale Fishworkers (NPSSF) and Ms. Madhuri Mondal, Senior Programme Officer Dakshin Foundation and an islander working with fishing communities, attended the workshop from ANI. The 3-day workshop was divided into multiple

sessions. On the first day, there were sessions on customary rights of fishing communities and challenges faced by the marine fishing communities in India by Trustees of ICSF Dr. John Kurien and Mr. V Vivekanandan. There were also talks on Marine Fisheries Management in India and Status of Marine Fish Stocks in India by scientists of Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI). On the second day, there was a talk on Public Expenditure in India on Coastal fishing communities by scientists from Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE). There were also sessions on the World Trade Organization (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and its implications for India. On the third day, there were presentations on Coastal land rights by Senior Researchers from Centre for Policy Research and advocates from Madras and Bombay High Courts. Discussions were held on fisheries governance issues faced by marine fishers in each state and the governance reforms needed in the states and at union level. The

representatives from ANI expressed the need to have a mechanism for participatory fisheries management in the islands by formation of state and district level committees with fisher representatives, fisheries department officials, civil society organizations working with fishers and scientific institutions like FSI, CMFRI, Pondicherry University. Discussions were held on existing schemes for marine fishing communities in India and reforms needed on these. The representatives from ANI mentioned the need to provide pension to fish workers above the age of 50 years and also to provide diesel subsidy for the fishers. They informed that there is also a need to build capacity of fishers in the islands periodically on various aspects of health, safety and use of technology. They discussed the need to improve the post-harvest fish storage and handling by enhancing hygiene and quality of facilities in local fish markets. The need to recognize and prioritize the customary rights of local fishers was also highlighted.

## Poor patient...

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to heavy lifting but driven by poverty, he was compelled to continue the work all those years which further aggravated the injury.

What is disheartening to mention here that Mr. Sarkar has been asked by the management of the Pvt. Hospital at Kolkata to deposit Rs. 60,000/- separately for all tests required in connection to further diagnosis/tests of his disease. Already for MRI, other tests, food and lodging the patients have spent nearly Rs. 30,000 out of nearly Rs. 59,000 he had obtained as donation from generous people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The penurious Barun has been put in unspeakable trouble when he found all his reserves exhausted in the tests while there is none to financially back him there at mainland. Not having sufficient money in hand, Mr.

Sarkar has been leading a hard scrabble life there at Kolkata. Not having enough money to manage his food and lodging, he also pleaded with the people of these islands to extend possible help to him. The beneficiary patients ought to avail all the benefits inclusive of tests and treatment under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, but to its contrary, the management is reportedly exploiting the patients referred to some referral pvt hospitals by forcibly asking the patients to conduct tests separately at mainland.

Crippled by his spinal cord injury, as a hole in his spinal cord has been detected in the CT scan, Mr. Sarkar is fighting two battles- one he is struggling with pennilessness and the other one battling with serious health issues at mainland where the expectation of monetary help from

others is of remote possibility.

Surprisingly when the patient asked the concerned Doctor to give a requirement of money in form of quotation so that the same can be used to request money from any possible donors, the Doctor reportedly refused to give any quotation in writing. The administration of A & N Islands should immediately intervene in the matter so as to redress the undesired problems being faced by the indigent patients of these islands who are being badly treated, allegedly exploited and most importantly put in unpredictably miserable conditions by the management of the referral pvt. hospitals in Kolkata and elsewhere on the mainland, the people opined. They also emphasized on the re-introduction of the ANISHI in the islands, as well.

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## Private Worker...

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port, a POCSO case was registered at PS Diglipur yesterday when a 22 year old person reportedly committed the crime with a 16 year juvenile girl studying in class XI.

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