

Residents frustrated as Shaheed Dweep Plagued by several hours long Power Cuts

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Port Blair, Nov 10: The entire Shaheed Dweep has been witnessing nearly three to four hours long rotational power cuts for the last 05 days in the area, and that is causing immense hardship to people of the region.

As per report, because of the power cut, there was no power supply to mobile tow-

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Two trees fall on a residential house in Haddo and cause damages



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Port Blair Nov 11: Following a gusty wind, a huge mango tree and an arecanut tree fell on a residential house and substantially damaged it today.

As per report, the

mango tree and the coconut tree standing on the loose soil fell on the house of one Mr. Sujith Singh, situated close to Coast Guard area, Haddo, in the afternoon at around 13:41 PM today when the family members were inside his house, thankfully all family members narrowly escaped.

On being informed, the Police personnel from Chatham Police Station and Fire Station Chatham and Head Quarter reached the spot within no time and cleared the tree branches from the damaged house.

As per information, no casualty was reported in the incident and more details are awaited.

Former Chief Secretary of ANI, sent to three days Police Remand by CJM Court

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Port Blair, Nov 11: The former Chief Secretary of Andaman

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One Matron & ANM from A&N Islands receive National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021 from President of India

Port Blair, Nov 11: One Matron and one ANM from the Health Department of A&N Administration has been awarded National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 by the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu for their meritorious services.

The awardees from Andaman and Nicobar Islands are Smt. S. Vijaya Saigal, Matron (Retd.) GBP hospital/ANIIMS, Port Blair and ANM Ms. Chandra Mallik.

Altogether 51 nursing officers from across the country were felicitated with the National Florence Nightingale Award 2021 by President Smt Droupadi Murmu at



Rashtrapati Bhavan for their exemplary contribution to strengthening healthcare delivery on 07 November 2022.

The National Florence Nightingale Awards were instituted in the year

1973 by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, as a mark of recognition for the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the society.

ANTCC President Expresses Gratitude towards Secretary Education

Port Blair, Nov 11: ANTCC President, Chairman-Campaign Committee and State President NSUI express their gratitude towards the Secretary Education in solving the issues of JNRM Girls Hostellers.

Many girls hostellers of JNRM college had visited Congress Party office and express their grievances regarding the functioning of the hostel in front of Pradesh Congress Committee Presi-

dent Mr. Rangalal Halder, Campaign Committee Chairman Mr. TSG Bhaskar, National Students Union of India (NSUI) State President Mr. M.A. Sajid and City Congress Committee President Mohd Zubair.

The Congress President gave a patient hearing and instructed Mr. M.A. Sajid, State President of NSUI to verify the factual position.

After Verifying the factual position the PCC

President along with NSUI State President and City Congress Committee President met with Principal JNRM and raised the issues of the students. However the Principal was not responsive and failed to give any commitment, this forced the PCC President to organize a Dharna in front of the college, under the leadership of Mr. M.A. Sajid State President. (See page 6)

Road Closure

Port Blair, Nov. 11: The District Magistrate, South Andaman District has notified for the information of all concerned that the road leading from Garacharma Junction to NTS Junction has been

closed for all the vehicles movements (except for essential service) for 20 Days w.e.f. 07/11/2022.

Hence, all the traffic/vehicle movement (except for essential service) through the

road from Garacharma Junction to NTS Junction will be closed for 20 Days and the traffic has been diverted from NTS Junction via Bimblitan and Calicut, a notification issued by ADM (SA) said.

Climate Change and Food Crisis, it's real in 2040-50



Dev Kumar Thappla,
Founder of Education2.0.

Climate change will have a devastating impact on food security as it is expected to reduce global crop yields by almost 20% by 2050. This includes an estimated reduction in maize production of up to 10% by 2100. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has warned that climate change will lead to "new risk management challenges" for

agriculture, especially in areas where natural hazards are common, such as sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. There are three main impacts of climate change on food security: Extreme weather events; Changes in temperature and humidity; and Changes in CO2 concentration and other greenhouse gases.

Changes in temperature and humidity

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Rajiv Gandhi assassination case: SC orders premature release of all 6 convicts

The Supreme Court on Friday ordered to set free all six convicts facing life imprisonment in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case.

The order included the release of Nalini, PR Ravichandran, Robert Pias, Suthendraraja, Jaykumar and Sriharan.

The bench comprising justices BR Gavai and BV Nagarathna passed the order while taking into consideration the case of A G Perarivalan, another convict in the case, who was released in May this year invoking its extraordinary power under Article 142 of the Constitution.

The top court noted that the criteria laid down for Perarivalan were made out even in the case of the remain-

ing convicts.

The bench noted that the Tamil Nadu cabinet had recommended their release on September 9, 2018, and this opinion will be binding on the Governor before whom the convicts had filed remission pleas. The bench also noted that the convicts have spent over three decades in prison and that their conduct in the prison was satisfactory observing they were found to have good conduct and all of them had acquired various degrees during their stay in jail.

Rajiv Gandhi, the former Prime Minister of India was assassinated on the night of May 21, 1991, at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu by a woman suicide bomber at a poll rally.

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Free Coaching Classes Organized for Youth of Mannarghatby PBGKR



Port Blair, Nov 11: After the declaration of vacancy notice by the ANI administration Mrs. Sajida Banu, Pradhan, GP Mannarghat and PRI members along with the noble workers from Port Blair Guru ki Rasoi had arranged Free Competitive Coaching Classes at Mannarghat Panchayat. Many unemployed youth of Mannarghat village attended these classes to perform well in upcoming competitive

exam. The classes Started from Monday 8th August and timing was 6-8 pm at GP Mannarghat conference hall and ended today on 11th November. Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR wished the aspirants appearing for the exams on 20th the best and also committed that will conduct free coaching classes in future as well for the youths. Grewal also thanked Mrs. Sajida Banu, Pradhan, Mannarghat to take such initiatives.

JeM terrorist killed in encounter with security forces in J&K's Shopian

A Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorist was on Friday killed in an encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian. The terrorist has been identified as Kamran Bhai alias Hanees. The encounter between terrorists and security forces began in the Karen area of the Shopian district early Friday. "One FT of JeM #terror outfit killed, identified as Kamran Bhai @Hanees who was active in #Kulgam-

#Shopian area..." the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) of Kashmir, Vijay Kumar, tweeted. Search operations have been launched, he added. Earlier this month, four terrorists, including a top LeT commander, were killed in twin operations in South Kashmir. Three terrorists were killed in an encounter with security forces in Pulwama's Khandipora area in Awantipora, one was gunned down in Anantnag.

Seminar on "Role of Teachers in Nation Building" by ACTA in JNRM

Port Blair, Nov 11: The Andaman College Teachers Association (ACTA), has organised a Seminar on "Role of Teachers in Nation Building" on 10th November 2022 in the Seminar Room, JNRM. The Chief Guest Mr. D. Bhanudas, All India General Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari has informed that patriotism to be inculcated in our action and be a living example through which students can imbibe the best qualities from the teachers for nation building. While describing the students teachers relationship, Mr. D. Bhanudas, has cited the example of Ramakrishna Paramhansh and Swami Vivekananda and the role of teacher like Ramakrishna Paramhansh in transforming Narendra to



Vivekananda. The nation which includes culture, knowledge, tradition and wisdom which are symbolised through our action to make a great place to live in harmony.

Dr. H.K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM spoke about the role of teachers in shaping the lives of students to serve the nation and also urged the faculty members to guide them in order to achieve their goals.

Mrs. Pearl Devdas, Associate Professor &

Head, Department of Geography spoke on the teaching learning process and the importance of teachers and their role for igniting the young minds. Earlier Mr. N. Balakrishnan, President, ACTA has thrown light on the activities of ACTA by giving brief introduction and action plan. Dr. K. Venkatesan, Secretary ACTA welcomed the gathering while Dr. Vivek Kumar Sahu, Treasurer, and ACTA proposed vote of thanks to Dr. Kandimuthu, Assistant Professor of Economics moderated the entire programme.

Sensitization Programme on Cleanliness Drive by ANSI

Port Blair, Nov 11: As part of the sensitization on Cleanliness among the islanders of Andaman Island Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair carried out a special cleanliness programme in collaboration with India Tourism, Ministry of Tourism, Port Blair today, 11-November-2022. Special cleanliness drive was carried out by clearing the bushes and garbage from the premises of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Port Blair. The ashram children took part in this cleanliness drive and a message was given to the children towards sensitizing about



cleanliness of the surroundings where they live.

To mark this occasion a few fruit plants were planted in the premises of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram by the dignitaries present there like Mr. Ramakrishnan, Assistant Director India Tourism, Dr.

Nilanjan Khatua, Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India. Dr. Sumitabha Chakraborty, Mr. Gita Yaikhom, Ms. Suman Ravindran, Mr. Muthu Pandi of Anthropological Survey of India, Dr. Vivek Sahu, Assistant Professor, JNRM. The Ashram Children participated with great joy.

Provisional List of Candidates Applied For Admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme

Port Blair, Nov 11: The category-wise and subject-wise provisional list of candidates applied for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2022-23 in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair has been published online on 11th November 2022 and is available at <http://collegeadmission.aman.gov.in> under "Announcements" for inspection and verification.

Claims/objections/submission of documents, if any including those candidates who have submitted incomplete application forms can be done in per-

son or through email @tagoremail2481@gmail.com up to 3:00 p.m. on 15th November 2022 (including Saturday and Sunday). No claims and objections will be attended thereafter.

After attending claims and objections, the final merit list will be published on 16th November 2022 at 3:00 p.m. and will be available online at <http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in> under "Announcements". Counseling for admission to these courses will be held on 18th November 2022 from 9:30 a.m. onwards at Tagore Audito-

rium.

The candidates who are provisionally selected for admission to these courses will have to submit all the original certificates along with a set of Photostat copies and requisite amount of fees on the day of admission failing which they will not be considered for admission. Those who fail to attend the counseling session on the date and time mentioned above will not be considered for admission to the course and the next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission. Regular classes for these courses will begin from 21st November 2022.

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PM Modi presents honorary doctorate to music maestro Ilayaraja

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday presented an honorary doctorate to music maestro Ilayaraja at the 36th Convocation Ceremony of Gandhigram Rural Institute in Tamil Nadu's Dindigul. Chief minister MK Stalin and Governor RN Ravi were also present at the ceremony. Addressing the event, Prime Minister Modi noted that Gandhigram was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi himself and one can see the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's ideas of rural development at the institute.

He said Gandhi's ideas have the answers to many of today's challenges and Gandhian values are becoming increasingly relevant.

Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's idea of self-reliance, PM Modi said, the government is working towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

"Khadi had been



neglected and forgotten for a long time. But through the call of 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion', it has become very popular."

Weighed upon the difference and disparity between rural and urban areas, PM Modi said the difference in fine but not disparity.

"For a long time, inequality between urban and rural areas remained. But today, the nation is correcting this." Earlier today, Prime Minister Modi flagged off Chennai-Mysuru Vande Bharat Express at Kranthiveera Sangolli

Rayanna (KSR) Railway Station in Bengaluru.

"It will enhance connectivity between the industrial hub of Chennai and the Tech and Startup hub of Bengaluru and the famous tourist city of Mysuru," the PMO said. He later inaugurated the Terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru. The terminal, built at a cost of around ₹5,000 crore, will double the passenger handling capacity of the airport to 5-6 crore passengers per annum, from the current capacity of about 2.5 crore, according to the PMO.

Delhi court defers to Nov 15 order on actor Jacqueline Fernandez's bail plea



A Delhi court on Friday deferred the order on actor Jacqueline Fernandez's bail plea in money laundering case involving alleged conman Suresh Chandrashekhar to November 15. Her interim bail, which was ending today, has been also been extended till Tuesday. Special Judge Shailendra Malik, who had earlier granted Fernandez interim bail, said the order was not ready.

The court had reserved order for Friday on the bail plea of the actor after hearing arguments from the lawyers appearing for Fernandez as well as the Enforcement Directorate. ED had submitted that Fernandez was a flight risk as she is not short of money. To this, the court questioned the agency why the actor was

not arrested so far.

"Why haven't you (ED) arrested Jacqueline yet during the investigation despite issuing an LOC? Other accused are in jail. Why adopt a pick-and-choose policy," the court had asked the probe agency.

The actor has sought bail on the ground that there was no need for her custody since the investigation is already complete and the charge sheet has been filed. The court had on August 31 taken cognizance of a supplementary charge sheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate in which the actor was named as an accused for the first time.

The ED's earlier charge sheet and a supplementary charge sheet did not mention her as an accused.

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NIT No. 39/DB/CD-I/RGT/2022-23 e-Tender ID No. 2022_APWD_8066_1 **Name of work.** Running and maintenance of water supply under SD-IV, Kadamtala of CD-I, APWD, Rangat during 2022-23. **Sub Work:-** Providing filter media by supplying and filling of fine (coarse) sand and stone aggregate of different sizes in 03 Nos. filter beds at Camp No. 3, Kadamtala. **Estimated Cost:Rs. 19,97,027/- Earnest Money Rs. 39,941/- &Time of completion: 02 Months, Last Date of Submission of bid 01.12.2022 at 3.00 PM.**

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SC asks Centre to finalise SOP on medical oxygen supply in 8 weeks

Supreme Court on Thursday gave the Centre eight weeks to finalise guidelines on the supply of medical oxygen equipment and devices as it considered a public interest litigation (PIL) highlighting the tragic death of 60 children at a Gorakhpur hospital in Uttar Pradesh allegedly due to lack of oxygen supply. A bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud said, "The counsel for Union of India states that the National Oxygen Guidelines and SOPs for optimal utilization of medical oxygen equipment and devices are presently under consideration of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare." The Centre informed the Court that further eight weeks will be required to finalise the same.

The bench, also comprising justices Hima Kohli and JB Pardiwala said, "In this view of the matter, we grant time, as prayed, to place a counter affidavit before this Court after the

guidelines are duly formulated placing the relevant guidelines and policy on the record." The Court posted the matter in the third week of January.

The order came on a PIL filed by one Naresh Dixit.

The petition was filed in 2017 in the aftermath of the Gorakhpur tragedy seeking a general order for putting in place a uniform policy on supplying medical oxygen at hospitals without interruption.

It also requested for an enquiry into the lapses into the Gorakhpur tragedy that occurred at Baba Raghav Das Medical College.

60 children lost their lives over a period of one week which included 23 infants. After the incident, it was alleged that the supplier of liquid oxygen took this extreme step after issuing several warning letters to the state-run hospital to pay up his accumulated dues of Rs.68 lakh. Initially, the bench was not

inclined to keep the matter pending. It felt that the matter would be best dealt with by the Allahabad high court.

Advocate Sarvesh Bisaria who argued the PIL along with advocate Prakash Chand Sharma requested the Court to take a holistic view as there was no uniform policy on supply of oxygen across government hospitals.

The bench remarked, "Can we tell Parliament to frame a law. Health is a state subject." Bisaria pointed out that during the Covid pandemic, the Court took up a suo moto matter to arrange for oxygen supply throughout the country. Incidentally, CJI Chandrachud had headed that bench. The bench remarked, "That was an unprecedented situation of high oxygen demand. We are in a completely different situation today." After learning that the matter was under consideration of the government, the bench agreed to examine the guidelines before disposing the petition.

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claimed by a tour agent.

When contacted, a senior officer of the Electricity Department told Andaman Sheekha that an agreement was signed by an outsourcing Company named Express Engineers of Delhi and the Electricity Department and the company is maintaining the generators and power supply in Shaheed Dweep.

There are four generators Shaheed Dweep- of them two are of 750 KVA and one is of 500 KVA and the other one is of 250KVA. Of these, the 500KVA generator is under repair since last several months and the 750 KVA generator got repaired on 08 Nov 2022 and due to this reason, only two DG Sets- 750KVA and 250 KVA were in working condition which were insufficient to supply an uninterrupted power supply in Shaheed Dweep. The Electricity Department has already apprised the company Express Engineers of the issue and asked to start the repair works and set DG sets right as soon as possible so as to eliminate the power cut problems in the island, the Officer further said.

Residents frustrated..

ers and hence there was no mobile or internet network for the last four days in the entire region.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha Daily, a few Tour operators said that, "Tourism sector of Shaheed Dweep has been severely affected due to the worsening power crisis and power cuts in the island." Post pandemic, the sector is going to see its most vulnerable phase of time now as a sizable numbers of tourists are returning back from the island with a bad image due to the power uncertainty while hotels owners are using generators which run on diesel and are facing the same wrath of power cut, they alleged.

"Because of power cut we can't serve our customers, hotel occupancy/booking in the island has fallen massively and if this situation lingers on, after knowing the situation, the influx of tourists may avoid to come to our islands and as a result, the tourism industry is going to sustain a massive financial loss due to this power cut." They lamented.

Mr. Kajal Das,

Mondal President BJP said that "Electricity Department entered an agreement with a Delhi based company for outsourcing and managing the affair of an uninterrupted power supply in the island. But the company reportedly failed to supply power satisfactorily to the consumers of the island," he alleged. Consequently, local villagers and tourists are facing the undesired inconveniences due to non-availability power supply/erratic power supply, he further said.

On the other hand, recently Shaheed dweep is witnessing a good tourist foot-fall for the last couple of months but the power outages are causing a lot of distress to the tourists, especially at budget and mid-segment hotels, people engaged in the business rued.

The high-end hotels may have power backup but the budget hotels are crippled with the problems of power cuts. "Terrible and unfavourable experiences in the island by the travellers is sending a wrong message and is damaging the reputation of the tourism industry here, as

Social Awareness & Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully Campaign

Port Blair, Nov. 11: Childhood pneumonia continues to be the topmost infectious killer among under-five children, contributing to 16.2 percent of under-five deaths in India. World Pneumonia Day will be observed tomorrow (Nov.12) with an aim to accelerate action against Childhood Pneumonia by generating awareness on protection, prevention and treatment aspects, to enhance early identification and care seeking behaviours (management) among parents and caregivers; and also to promote Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) and awareness generation on indoor and outdoor pollution. SAANS (Social

Awareness & Action to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully) campaign will ensure health system strengthening and community awareness towards childhood pneumonia. The SAANS campaign from 12th November, 2022 to 28th February, 2023 will carry the tagline 'Pneumonia nahi, tohbachpansahi' which clearly establishes the positive impact of a Pneumonia Free Childhood.

Meanwhile, the general public have been requested to extend their co-operation to ANMs and ASHAs during community approach for early identification of cases of childhood pneumonia and early management of pneumonia in under-five children.

Celebration of National Book Week 2022

Port Blair, Nov. 11: The National Book Week 2022 will be celebrated in the State Library, Port Blair from Nov.14 to 20, 2022. On this occasion, Book Exhibition and various programmes are being organized by the Directorate of Education in State Library, Port Blair during the weeklong celebration.

Smt. Veditha Reddy, IAS, Secretary (Education), A&N Administration will inaugurate the Book Exhibition on Nov.14, 2022 at 4pm as chief guest while Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, Director (Education) will be the guest of honour. The exhibition will be opened for general public from Nov.14 to 20, 2022, a press release from Directorate of Education said.

MV Swaraj Dweep to sail for Chennai

Port Blair, Nov. 11: The vessel MV Swaraj Dweep will sail from Port Blair to Chennai tomorrow (Nov.12) at 1000 hrs from Haddo Wharf. The embarkation of passengers will commence

from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on Nov.12 and the embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel.

Heavy rain likely to occur in Isles

Port Blair, Nov. 11: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Nov. 14 & 15. For further enquiries / information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Opera-

tion Centre at Helpline No.1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Nov. 11: One COVID positive case has been detected today in A&N Islands from incoming flight passenger who arrived yesterday. Today, 15 flights

with 2082 passengers arrived, out of which, 1867 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 73 passengers and the reports are awaited.



Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry holds series of meetings at Swaraj Dweep



Port Blair, Nov. 11: The Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry headed by its Chairman, Shri Tiruchi Siva (Rajya Sabha) along with other Committee Members viz. Shri Birendra Prasad Baishya (Rajya Sabha), Smt. Sulata Deo (Rajya Sabha), Shri Sandosh Kumar P (Rajya Sabha), Ravindra Kushwaha (Lok Sabha), Bidyut Baran Mahato (Lok Sabha) and Sunil Dattatray Tatkar (Lok Sabha) held meeting with the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands and M/o MSME on implementation of PMEGP scheme in A&N Is-

lands at Taj Exotica, Swaraj Dweep. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS and other senior officers of the Administration were present in the meeting. The representatives of SBI, Central Bank of India, UCO Bank, PNB, A&N State Co-operative Bank, M/o MSME, M/o Finance (DFS) and KVIC also attended the meeting wherein the Committee Members reviewed the performance of PMEGP scheme by the Banks. The Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry also held meeting with the representatives of

Airports Authority of India, National Buildings Construction Corporation Ltd, Engineers India Ltd., Indian Rare Earths Ltd., M/o MSME, M/o Civil Aviation, M/o Housing & Urban Affairs, M/o P&NG and Department of Atomic Energy on the implementation of 25% prescribed procurement from MSEs by PSEs under the public Procurement Policy and reviewed the release of payments to MSEs at the same venue. The Chairman & the Committee Members also witnessed the handicraft items made by the SHGs & MSMEs displayed at the meeting venue.

ANTCC Presid...

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President of NSUI. Further to this, The Secretary Education Mrs. Veddika Reddy IAS had met with the Students Delegation along with Mr. M.A. Sajid. The State President of NSUI in her office and The Secretary Education immediate directions insolving the is-

sues being faced by the Girls Hostellers of JNRM.

The PCC President, Chairman Campaign Committee, NSUI State President and all the Girls Hostellers of JNRM would like to thank Mrs. Veddika Reddy IAS for her express decision making.

Former Chief...

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and Nicobar Administration Jitendra Narain, a suspended senior IAS officer of AGMUT Cadre, was sent to Police Remand for three days by the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate days for further course of investigation this afternoon at Port Blair.

Narain was arrested on Thursday after his bail plea was rejected by court at Port Blair. On Thursday he was kept at Police Station Aberdeen, Port Blair after medical examination and was produced to CJM court this afternoon.

Earlier, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), on 17 October 2022 placed Jitendra Narain under suspension with immediate effect.

As per a government release, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had

received a report on 16.10.2022 from Andaman & Nicobar Police regarding the alleged sexual assault of a lady by Jitendra Narain, IAS (AGMUT:1990), the then Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and others.

The release added that as the Report indicated the possibility of grave misconduct and misuse of official position on the part of Jitendra Narain, IAS (AGMUT:1990), the Union Home Minister directed to take immediate strict action against the officer concerned as per law.

Earlier on October 27 Jitendra Narain, former Chief Secretary Andaman and Nicobar Administration had reached Port Blair from Delhi following a Calcutta High Court order to appear before a Special Investigation Team, which is probing alleged gangrape charges against him.



Climate Change...

Climate change will cause an increase in temperature, especially at the higher latitudes, and a decrease in humidity in most parts of the world. A 1.8°C average increase in global temperatures will lead to a decrease in wheat yields by 15%, while a 3.6°C increase will lead to a 40% reduction in rice yields. These impacts will be particularly strong in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Central and South America. Higher temperatures will also cause reductions in winter wheat yields in the Northern Hemisphere. This could have serious implications for areas like Canada and Russia that rely heavily on wheat exports. Higher temperatures will also reduce the length of the growing season in many areas, which will reduce yields even if there are no increases in rates of crop diseases.

Changes in CO2 concentration and other greenhouse gases

Greenhouse gas emissions caused by human activities such as land use change, excessive use of fossil fuels, and deforestation are the primary cause of climate change. Higher CO2 concentrations could have a positive effect on global food production, but only if CO2 is applied in the right way. To grow plants well, CO2 is required in relatively large amounts. At present, CO2 concentrations are too low (about 400 ppm) to produce this effect, but they could rise to between 500 and 600 ppm by 2050. This would allow significant increases in crop yields in many areas, especially tropical regions. Other greenhouse gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and ozone are expected to increase due to climate change. These gases trap heat in the atmosphere and cause more extreme weather events. Methane is produced by livestock, rice cultivation, and landfill

sites, and its concentration could rise by 50% by 2100.

Extreme weather events
Climate change will also increase the frequency of extreme weather events such as droughts and floods, which will affect agriculture. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predicts that drought areas will increase by as much as 50%, with the greatest increases in arid areas such as southern Africa, southern Asia, and Central America. For example, a recent study has suggested that the UK will face an increased risk of severe droughts in the future, while in the USA and China, the risk of floods will rise. In large parts of sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, the risk of both droughts and floods will increase. Droughts could have a significant impact on food production, especially in parts of Central America, East and Southern Africa, and South Asia. Floods, on the other

hand, may affect crops in South Asia and East Asia, with the potential for significant damage to agricultural land.

Food loss due to deterioration

Food loss due to weather-related deterioration is particularly important in low-income countries with limited resources for storage and handling facilities. Such countries are expected to see a decline in their yield potential due to the effects of climate change. When crops are damaged by extreme weather events such as droughts, floods, and storms, this is known as "weather-related crop loss." In addition to these losses, there is also "deterioration of stored produce," which is often overlooked. If the storage conditions are not suitable, produce such as grain, pulses, and legumes will gradually deteriorate. This often happens in tropical de-

veloping countries. The result will be a lower production potential compared to what would otherwise have been achieved.

Bottom line

Climate change will have a devastating impact on food security as it is expected to reduce global crop yields by almost 20% by 2050. These impacts will be particularly strong in sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Central and South America. The Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has warned that climate change will lead to "new risk management challenges" for agriculture, especially in areas where natural hazards are common, such as sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. There are three main impacts of climate change on food security: Extreme weather events, changes in temperature and humidity, and changes in CO2 concentration and other greenhouse gases. (Image Source: Unsplash)

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