

## Chief Secretary reviews power situation in Isles; chalks out various long & short term solutions

Port Blair, Nov. 17: A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS in the presence of Secretary (Power), Director (Power), and Superintending Engineer (Electricity) along with senior officials of Electricity Department today. During the meeting, the power scenario and power disruption issues of Port Blair were discussed. After detailed discussion and deliberation, various long term and short term solutions emerged along with ongoing



exercise/ practice being already carried out by the Department on day today basis to stabilize power system for maintaining uninterrupted power supply at Port Blair and adjoining areas of

South Andaman. The decisions taken in the meeting are as mentioned below:

- Special drive will be launched for line clearance in association with other line

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## Member of Parliament highlights issue of reservation of B.V.Sc course seats for A & N Island students

Port Blair, Nov 17 : The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to examine the issue of reservation of B.V.Sc course seats for A & N Island stu-

dents by scrutinising the proposal of Pondicherry Veterinary College already pending with A & N Administration and issue necessary instructions so that students can get the admission from the current session itself.

In a letter ad-

dressed to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament highlighted the problems being faced by the Andaman & Nicobar Island students for getting admission in veterinary Science stream

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## Bairagi demands job reservation for Islanders purely based on domicile certificate

Port Blair, Nov 17: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President BJP, A&N Islands wrote a letter to Mr. Amit Shah, Union Minister for Home Affairs Govt. of India New Delhi and prayed for job reservation for the islanders purely based on

domicile certificate and filling up of all vacant posts. He said in his letter that the largest employer in A & N Islands is the UT Administration (i.e Government Service). During the pandemic of COVID-19, he realized

that the most secured job is that of a Government servant only.

But it is also largely witnessed nowadays that a large numbers of vacancies are being filled up unfortu-

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## IPF writes to HM, demands Implementation of Domicile Certificate for Government Job in ANI

Port Blair, Nov 17: With a prayer to the Home Minister, Government of India, New Delhi, in respect of Implementation of Domicile / Local Certificate for Government Job in A & N Islands, Mr. M.T.Musthafa, President, Island Protection Forum, wrote a letter to him today.

Hailing the Govern-

ment of India for the implementation of Domicile Certificate for Government Jobs in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Mr. Mustafa said in his letter that this decision of the Union of India is bound to help the Local Youths of these regions in securing Govt. Jobs which in turn can pave way for making them and their fam-

ily financially strong and independent, and hence the Youths of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are also expecting to implement the domicile certificate in these Islands for securing job in the Island Administration as well as other establishments of Government of India func-

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## No Parking Fee at Airport for Dropping Passengers within 5 Minutes

Port Blair, Nov 17: Following the request placed by the President, AATO Mr. M.Vinod, a meeting was conducted at the conference hall of Airport Authority of India conference hall. Mr. M.Vinod and Mr. K.Hamza, General Secretary, attended the meeting in

the presence of AAI officials and the parking contractor.

It was decided that no fees will be charged for any kind of vehicles coming to drop passengers at VSI Airport Port Blair for up to 5 minutes duration. Also, the contractor has agreed to

introduce a monthly pass for regular visiting vehicles.

Mr. Vinod has expressed gratitude to Airport Director, VSI Airport for the prompt action and the relief to the tourist vehicle owners who were otherwise being charged Rs.40 per visit even to drop-off the guests.

## Vishal Jolly Meets CINCAN A&N Command

Port Blair, Nov 17: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP along with Mr. M. Vinod, State Vice President, BJP A&N Islands Met Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command at his office today and discussed various issues pertaining to Airports.

Mr. Vishal jolly discussed various issues during the meeting with CINCAN viz to expedite the ongoing Resurfacing work at Port Blair Airport for the benefit of the Islanders and tourism stakeholders.

To expedite the process of increasing the length of the Airstrip of Diglipur



(Cohasa) Airport, which is very much necessary to strengthen our security and for developing Diglipur as a tourist destination. Extension of Campbell Bay Airstrip was also discussed during the meeting. The Commander-in-Chief, A&N Command reportedly assured Mr. Jolly that they are on the job and will try

to expedite the completion of Resurfacing of Port Blair Runway and they will try to expedite the job of increasing the Diglipur and Campbell Bay Airstrip.

Mr. Vishal Jolly has expressed his gratitude towards CINCAN for meeting him amidst his busy schedule.

## Janjati Gaurav Diwas Celebration

Port Blair, Nov. 17: As part of celebration of Janjati Gaurav Diwas, 2022 which marks the birth anniversary of Tribal Freedom Fighter 'Birsa Munda', the Andaman & Nicobar Tribal Research & Training Institute (ANTRI) in collaboration with Directorate of Tribal Welfare, A&N Administration organized a one-day seminar on the theme 'Contribution of Tribal Freedom Fighters'.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal, JNRM, Dr H.K Sharma enlightened the participants about the immense

contribution of tribal communities in Indian freedom struggle. He stated that tribal people showed their heroism by sacrificing their lives in the Independence movement and therefore, it is the responsibility of Indians, particularly the present generation, to make themselves aware of such struggles and remember them with a feeling of pride.

Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Dr Nilanjan Khatua, ex-Director (Tribal Welfare), Shri Som Naidu, Renowned Historian & Founder Kalapani Museum, Shri Mukeshwar Lall, Joint



Secretary, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Ms Sampatti Xalxo, Associate Professor, ANCOL, Ms Jochibet Vincent, Assistant Professor, JNRM, Dr Vivek Sahu and Tribal Welfare Officer, Dr. Pronob Sircar also delivered speeches on different aspects pertaining to the theme.

Students of JNRM and ANCOL participated in the seminar.

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## Admission Schedule for PG Courses In JNRM, Academic Session 2022-2023

Port Blair, Nov 17: Admission to various Postgraduate courses shall take place as per the schedule viz. display of Provisional Merit List on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, Claims & Objection, if any upto 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and the display of Final Merit List on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and counselling shall be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

The merit list shall be displayed in the respective inter-disciplinary departments of JNRM and Claims and Objections, if any, shall also be submitted in the respective departments.

Candidates may attend the counselling at respective inter-disciplinary departments by 9.00am. They should bring the following documents in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission):

1. Student Grade Cards/

Consolidated Student Grade Cards in respect of Graduation (Original will be detained in JNRM)

2. Migration Certificate (only for the candidates other than Pondicherry University) (Original will be detained in JNRM)

3. School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM)

4. X Pass certificate for verification of date of birth.

5. Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS).

6. Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrolment Slip.

7. One passport size photograph

Those who fail to attend the counselling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission to the respective course and the next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission.

### Low Pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal & Adjoining Andaman Sea

Port Blair, Nov 17: A weather bulletin has been received from IMD, Port Blair at 1500 hrs on today that, a Low-pressure area formed over Southeast Bay of Bengal & adjoining Andaman Sea in the morning of today, the 17th November, 2022. It is likely to move west-northwestwards and gradually concentrate into a Depression over central parts of South Bay of Bengal around 19th November, 2022. Thereafter, it is likely to move west-northwestwards towards Tamil Nadu Puducherry and south Andhra Pradesh coasts during subsequent 3 days.

In this regard, following warnings have been issued

by the IMD : Warnings:

(I) Rainfall: Light to moderate rainfall at most places with heavy falls at isolated places is very likely over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 17th November.

(ii) Wind warning: 1. Squally weather with wind speed reaching 40-45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph is likely to prevail over Andaman Sea & adjoining Southeast & East Central Bay of Bengal On 17th; over Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea, Southwest & Central Bay of Bengal on 18th Nov, 2022

(iii) Sea condition: 1. Sea condition will be rough over Andaman Sea & adjoining (See page 4)

## Island Cyclist Qualifies for Iron Man World Championship



Port Blair, Nov 17: Mr. N. Damodaran, Owner, Future Corridor Education Consultancy and an entrepreneur from Andaman Islands qualifies for the Iron Man 70.3 World Championship.

Mr. Damodaran registered his qualifications for the

Iron Man by successfully completing the Iron 70.3 organized in Goa last week. Iron Man a 70.3 is a half Ironman-distance triathlon, consisting of a 1900m swim, 90km bike ride and 21kms half marathon to finish. It's a serious feat of endurance, and a big commitment, requiring months of training and preparation. Each athlete will have 8 hours and 30 minutes to complete the race.

Mr. Damodaran clocked the three events as follows: Swimming (1900 mtrs): 48:27 min, Cycling (90

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## Power Interruption on 19.11.2022

Port Blair, Nov 17: Preventive urgent maintenance in Switchyard of 33 / 11 KV Phoenix Bay Sub-Station will be carried out on 19.11.2022 (Saturday), from 0800 Hrs. to 1400 Hrs. In this connection, power supply in the following area may be interrupted on as and when required from 0800 Hrs. to 1400 Hrs on 19.11.2022 as per schedule given below :-

Date	Area affected	Timing	
		From	To
19.11.2022	Part of Gurudwara Lane, Bengali Club, Biggi Lane, Anthropological Museum, Middle Point, Link Road, VIP Road, Police Line, part of Junglighat, Rajasthan Mandir, ALWH Colony, Hawaghar Jn., Dudh Line, Nayagaon, Bargat Line, GPRA Colony & Carbyn's Junction.	0800 Hrs.	1000 Hrs.
	Part of Junglighat, Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm complete, Dairy Farm Junction, CPWD Complex, Lamba Line, Ranchi Tekery, School Line complete & part of Minnie Bay	1000 Hrs.	1200 Hrs.
	LightHouse, Phoenix Bay, Fisheries Jetty area, Anarkali, Delanipur, Quarry Hill, Phongykyang, Foreshore Road, Megapode, Teal House, Horticulture Road, BSNL Telephone Exchange, Prem Nagar, Golghar, Carmel School area, KV-I area & Murdakhari area.	1200 Hrs.	1400 Hrs.

The time mentioned in the schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly. **The inconvenience caused is regretted.**

## 3<sup>rd</sup> round of Counseling for admission in UG Courses in JNRM for the academic session 2022-23

Port Blair, Nov 17: A few seats are lying vacant in respect of various UG courses in JNRM for the session 2022-23; hence candidates who have applied for admission may attend the counseling on **23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022** at 9.00 AM in the Inter-disciplinary Departments of JNRM.

The candidate should bring the following Documents in Original for Verification and One Set of Photostat Copies (to be submitted during admission):

1. XII Marks Statement (Original will be detained in JNRM)

2. School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM)

3. X Pass certificate for verification of date of birth.

4. Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS).

5. Aadhaar/Aadhaar Enrolment Slip.

6. 01 No. passport size photograph.

**NB: Certificates downloaded through Digilocker are valid during counseling sessions for taking provisional admission by JNRM. However, the Original Marksheet of 12<sup>th</sup> is required to be submitted to JNRM in due course of time for verification and grant of Final Admission by the Pondicherry University.**

Special Instructions for the candidate interested to take admission in BPES: As per the Pondicherry University norms, Physics Fitness Test will be conducted for admission to BPES and the candidate must come in proper sports dress on the day of

counseling for their Fitness Test for the following events:

1. 100 Meter Sprint
2. Shot Put
3. Standing Board Jump
4. Vertical Jump
5. 12 Minutes Run/Walk Test

Those who fail to attend the counseling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission to the respective course and the next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission.

If no candidate is present from a specific category, the left-out seats will be filled from the general merit list on merit basis (except EWS category).

Candidates have to submit the fee receipt in the concerned department latest by the next working day, in the absence of which their admission will be canceled.



## Los Angeles elects Karen Bass, its first female Black mayor in 241 years

US representative Karen Bass defeated developer Rick Caruso on Wednesday to become the next mayor of Los Angeles, as voters elevated the first Black woman to hold the post as City Hall contends with multiple scandals that have shaken trust in government, an out-of-control homeless crisis and rising crime rates.

With 70 per cent of the vote tallied, Bass had amassed an insurmountable lead of nearly 47,000 votes.

Bass — a Democrat who was on President-elect Joe Biden's short list for vice president — overcame more than USD 100 million in spending by the billionaire Caruso's campaign while arguing that she would be a coalition builder who could heal a troubled city of nearly 4 million.

The election tested whether voters in the heavily Democratic city were willing to turn away from their liberal tendencies and embrace an approach that would place a strong emphasis on pub-

lic safety.

Caruso, a former Republican who became a Democrat shortly before entering the race, had represented a turn to the political right.

He argued that Bass and other longtime politicians were part of the problem who led LA into multiple crises.

He promised to expand the police department to deal with rising crime rates and quickly get ubiquitous homeless encampments off the streets.

Bass, a former state Assembly leader, had the advantage of being a lifelong Democrat in a city where Republicans are almost invisible. She was backed by Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and the Democratic establishment.

The election had historical dimensions, as she will become the first woman and second Black person to hold the job, after former Mayor Tom Bradley.

She takes office next month as City Council faces a racism scandal that led to the resignation of its

former president and calls for the resignation of two more members.

More than 40,000 people are homeless, and there is widespread anxiety over crime that has ranged from daytime robberies on city sidewalks to smash-and-grab thefts at luxury stores.

The winner replaces beleaguered Democrat Eric Garcetti, who will conclude two bumpy terms with his nomination to become US ambassador to India stalled in the Senate — apparently over sexual misconduct allegations against a former top Garcetti adviser.

The race was shaped in large part by Caruso's lavish spending — and his unavoidable advertising. City records show his campaign expenses have topped USD 100 million so far, most of it financed with his own money.

Bass, with just a small fraction of that amount at her disposal, had said "it's not the power of the money, it's the power of the people."

## UK, EU and Canada meet COP27 presidency, say talks can't fail

A delegation from Britain, the European Union and Canada met the COP27 president on Thursday to highlight gaps in the current negotiating texts and express their view that the round of global climate talks in Egypt should not be allowed to fail.

Canada's Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault, COP26 President Alok Sharma, and EU climate policy chief Frans Timmermans formed the delegation.

"They thanked the presidency for their work, but reflected on the fact that there's still a lot of gaps in the texts and that they need to build on what has gone before," said a spokesperson for Britain's COP26 Presidency, which hosted last year's climate summit in Glasgow.

The first draft of a deal being hashed out at the U.N. COP27 climate summit would keep a target of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius but left many of the most contentious issues in the talks unresolved ahead of a Friday deadline.

Leaders at the G20 meeting in Bali on Wednesday agreed to pursue efforts to limit the rise in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius and recognized the need to speed up efforts to phase down coal use.

"The G20 should be a baseline not a ceiling, there needs to be a recommitment to 1.5 (degrees Celsius) and the last thing that anyone wants is for this to end without any consensus," the COP26 spokesperson said.

## Russian missile strikes target Ukrainian gas production facilities: Ukraine's PM

Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said new Russian missile strikes on Thursday targeted gas production facilities and a missile plant, Interfax Ukraine news agency reported.

"Missiles are flying

over Kyiv right now. Now they are bombing our gas production (facilities), they are bombing our enterprises in Dnipro and Yuzhmash (missile factory)," it quoted him as telling a conference.

## Low Pressure...

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Southeast & East Central Bay of Bengal on 17th and over Southeast Bay of Bengal and dining areas of Andaman Sea, Southwest & Central Bay of Bengal on 18th Nov, 2022.

(iv) Fishermen Warning (warning graphics enclosed) Fishermen are advised not to venture into:

1. Andaman Sea & adjoining Southeast & East Central Bay of Bengal on 17th November Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea, South West & East Central Bay of Bengal on 18th November For further enquiries / information contact the helpline of the State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077.

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EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014

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EOC (Diglipur): 03192-272241

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## Island Cyclist...

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## Skill Development Training Programme by DoI

Port Blair, Nov. 17: The Directorate of Industries, A&N Administration organized a short term Skill Development Training Programme on 'Handicrafts (Coconut Shell, Wood and Cane & Bamboo) products' at Stewartgunj, Gram Panchayat from 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 to 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Altogether, 21 candidates participated in the training programme and were imparted the basic skills and knowledge for making handicrafts, thus creating self-employment opportunities for boosting the economy of Islands.

The training programme concluded today with a valedictory function during which handicraft



products produced during the training were showcased and the trainees received appreciation from PRI representatives and the villagers. Speaking on the occasion, Shri M.K. Hussain, Pradhan, Stewartgunj, Gram

Panchayat appreciated the handicraft products made by the trainees and advised them to apply the skills obtained during the course of the training program for the betterment of their livelihood.

## Cellular Jail to remain closed for visitors on 25<sup>th</sup> November

Port Blair, Nov. 17: General public and tourists have been informed that the museums of

the National Memorial Cellular Jail will remain closed for the visitors on 25<sup>th</sup> November,

2022 in the afternoon from 12.30 pm onwards due to administrative reasons.

## Six day training programme on natural farming by NABARD

Port Blair, Nov. 17: NABARD, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Office is conducting a six day training programme on natural farming from 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 in two batches for farmers of South Andaman, and North and Middle Andaman. The first batch consisted of 30 farmers from South Andaman. The training for the second batch of 30 farmers from North and Middle Andaman was inaugurated today by Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration and Dr E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI



was the guest of honour.

The faculty members from Kamalnayan Jamanlal Bajaj Foundation, Wardha, Maharashtra conducted the programme. They explained the importance of natural farming and how it reduces the cost of cultivation and increases productivity of the soil and thereby improves income of the farmers. Natural Farm-

ing techniques also helps in production of chemical free and safe to eat vegetables/grains.

The farmers were given one day practical training on various components of natural farming like Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, Agneyastra, etc. during the field demonstration conducted at KVK, Sippighat.

## Baghdad airport hit by second fire in three days

There were no casualties in the latest blaze, which damaged several airline offices in the two-storey Nineveh Terminal. Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani travelled to the airport to be briefed on the probe launched by fire investiga-

tors, his office said.

"Civil defence teams were able to put out the fire," it added. It came after three people were lightly hurt on Tuesday when a fire broke out in a refreshments area in the departures lounge of one of the terminals.

Conflict, neglect and endemic corruption have left Iraq's infrastructure in disrepair.

Safety standards in both the transport and construction sectors are frequently flouted, and accidents are common.

## Seats Lying Vacant in ANCOL

Port Blair, Nov. 17: A few seats are lying vacant in the General and Reserved category (OBC/ST/EWSs) in UG Degree courses in ANCOL for the academic year 2022-2023. All the interested candidates whose names appeared in the final merit list of various UG courses may advise attending the final round of counseling on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2022 without fail. The final merit list may be downloaded from the common college admission portal website (<https://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in>). The special admission cum counseling drive for ST candidates will be conducted on the same day. If any reserved

category (except EWSs) seat lying vacant the same may be released to the General Category candidate on merit on the same day.

The candidates should bring the original documents for verification on the day of counseling and they should bring one set of photostat copies of the X pass certificate, XII pass and mark statement, Transfer Certificate, Bank Pass Book, Aadhaar, Category Certificate (OBC/ST/PH/ Central Govt. Servants / EWSs). The prescribed fees should be paid by the candidate on the date of admission. If any candidate fails to pay the admission fee the candidate's admission will be canceled.

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Fishermen have been advised not to venture into Andaman Sea & adjoining

ing Southeast & East Central Bay of Bengal and Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining areas of Andaman Sea, Southwest & East Central Bay of Bengal on November 18, 2022.

For any assistance, they may call Indian Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554 or Directorate of Fisheries or nearest Zonal Fisheries Office/Sub Station over phone number 03192-240095 / 231474 / 273295 / 265111.

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## Member of...

(B.V.Sc. & A.H) in mainland colleges. He mentioned that whenever students from Andaman approaches in state for admission in studying Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry (B.V.Sc.) degree courses then the state universities ask for a Domicile Certificate.

He added that in all states around 85% B.V.Sc seats are reserved and filled from their own candidates and only 15% seats are left for All India com-

petition which are meagre in number. Therefore it becomes difficult for students of these Islands to compete at the National level for limited seats.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that there is a shortage of Veterinary Doctors in A & N Islands. As per 2019 livestock census there are around cattle -36438 Nos., Buffalo 3700 Nos. Goats 69781, pig 90488 Nos., comprising livestock 145394 Nos. whereas Poultry population ac-

counts for 1283746 Nos. scattered all over the Islands.

He pointed out that the Pondicherry Veterinary College came forward and offered five seats for our Andaman & Nicobar Island students on certain conditions and a proposal was prepared by A & N Veterinary Council and submitted to A & N Administration for further examination and approval which is pending at Education Department for clarification.

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## Chief Secretary...

Departments of Administration to cover maximum areas.

- Forced outages will be rectified expeditiously on war footing basis for resuming power supply at the earliest.
- Adequate BESS capacity of 20 MWhr will be added by PSUs soon to regulate Solar Power in the grid being major cause of power disruption due to cloud intermittency during day time and to meet peak hour demand too by delivering stored excess solar power.
- 10 MW + 5 MW DG plants on hiring basis is under instal-

lation at Bambooflat and will be commissioned in next four to five months.

- Another 15 MW power augmentation by NTPC engaged by Ministry on nomination basis is underway, of which tender process has been initiated by NTPC.
- Under long term solution, 50 MW LNG Power Plant will be established by NVVN at Hopetown by 2026 to cater the present and future power demand of Port Blair.
- Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) will establish 20 MW Solar Plants each at Stewartgunj and Mithakhari

with 100 MWhr BESS capacity in coming 4 to 5 years.

- Load shedding schedule will be published in advance for awareness and convenience of general public.

In addition, the Department will further continue accelerating and will spare no efforts to resolve the power issues in all means right from no light complaints to placing of the upcoming long term projects on ground within timeline to mitigate power demand and to further improve power status in Port Blair and adjoining areas of South Andaman.

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tioning in these islands.

"These Islands are isolated and far flung from the mainland of India. Life in these Islands is tough and expensive in comparison to other parts of India. There are limited resources for higher education and also for employment opportunities," he pointed out.

Referring to MHA's Letter No, U-14011/10(S-41)/77-ANL dated 14-02-1984, he said that A & N Administration had introduced Domicile / Local Certificate for appointment in Government service.

"Accordingly, earlier all vacancies under A & N Administration were filled up only from amongst the Local candidates. However, it is regretted to say that although MHA has not issued any modified directions or withdrawn the aforesaid circular/OM but the local government departments of A & N Administration have discontin-

ued the requirement of Local/Domicile certificate while publishing vacancies resulting in recruitment of non-domicile candidates in the various Group B & C posts of A & N Administration," the IPF President, apprised the Ministry.

Thus, with the limited Government jobs on offer in the Islands and in absence of major industries or private establishments plus the grabbing up of Govt. Posts by the non-domicile candidates, the unemployment among Local candidates have risen to an alarming level, Mr. Mustafa wrote in his letter.

He added that due to non-availability of Private companies in the Islands, local people are fully dependent on the Government Sector. It is pertinent to mention that the Local / Domicile certificate is still being issued by the Revenue Department as per the MHA's Letter No, U-

14011/10(S-41)/77-ANL dated 14-02-1984.

"With candidates from mainland in the fray, the Island youths are now facing difficulty to compete with them and secure the limited job being offered by A & N Administration, he said. The unemployment in the Islands has thus increased manifold and the youths are deeply disturbed and depressed eyeing to a bleak future," was his observation in the letter.

The IPF President requested the Ministry to look into this important matter concerning the Island Youths at the earliest and in line with the decision taken for Jammu & Kashmir/Ladakh, Domicile / Local Certificate may be re-introduced for getting appointment in Government services in the Islands so that the Local Youths of these Islands get the chance to secure at least the Group B and C post of the A & N Administration.

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## Bairagi demands...

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nately by the job seekers from other States of our Country and our aspiring unemployed local youths are left with nothing, as mentioned in the letter by Mr. Bairagi.

In Spite of all struggles with respect to limited education opportunities, geographical isolation, higher cost of living and limited resources available for any other job etc., the youths of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, still try their best to overcome these hurdles with the sole hope and aspiration that they will get some respite from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, was his observation in the letter.

As per the information for the recently advertised 600 post of various group C post, large number of applicants (NON LOCALS) from across India have applied for the same and are going to appear for the examination on 20th of November, 2022. This has created lots of displeasure and unrest amongst the Local Unemployed youths, Political Parties and Public, the A & N BJP State President wrote.

Mr. Bairagi humbly requested for 100% job reservations for all Islanders with respect to all posts belonging to at least Group "B" and "C" category, based on Islander's Certificate or Domicile Certificate as done recently in respect of the UT of LADAKH which they have already raised vehemently in the past before the

appropriate level and it is one of their Political Resolutions that their party has taken in the larger interest of the Youths of our Islands, as claimed by him.

The youths of these Islands don't have many opportunities to explore and therefore the jobs which are meant for A & N Islands or under the A & N Administration should be filled by the candidates who are domiciled in these Islands, he urged.

He then further urged the Ministry to have a specific Rule/Law to be framed and enacted as Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules for all residents who satisfies minimum basic criteria of residence as may be prescribed for the purpose of employment, considering the geographical isolation, cost price index, dependence upon the other parts of our Country and other interrelated aspects.

The A & N BJP State President implored in his letter to Mr. Amit Shah to kindly take up the matter & positively consider for appointment of only local /domicile candidate of from these Islands in the ensuing recruitment process without any hindrance to the ongoing recruitment drive and issue necessary directions to the A&N Administration immediately in this regard, in the larger public interest of the "Unemployed Youths" and "Islanders of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.