

NH needs to be reconstructed taking into consideration the terrain and climate prevalent here



Port Blair, October 06 : Road has disappeared on the National Highway from Baratang to Kadamtala No.03 .Similar is the situation from Swadesh Nagar to Rest Camp. In both these stretch of road, repair is not possible. Here road needs to be reconstructed using quality materials suitable for the terrain and the climate of these islands. It will be better if a pragmatic study of this terrain is done before construction of road here.

On the other hand, there is no road from Mohanpur to Sita Nagar. Here the road has withered away. Now only metals

can be seen lying on the road. This road is a death trap for two wheeler drivers. The situation is no different from Aerial Bay to Lamiya Bay. Most of the culverts on this National Highway need to be restored as they are also in very bad shape.

The newly constructed road from Nimbutala to Panchavati had become uneven on many places. Patches have been removed for restoration work, but restoration work is not taking place.

In the prevailing condition patch work or repair of this road will not yield any result. In fact it will

be wasteful expenditure. This road needs to be reconstructed in a professional manner using the materials suited for the terrain and climate of these islands.

Before doing so, this road needs to be closed for traffic. In order to reduce inconvenience to the common inhabitants of this area, frequency of boat service needs to be increased manifold. In the prevailing situation there is urgent need to restore boat service to Baratang Island for the convenience of tourists and local islanders alike.

अपना कब्र खोद रही प्रदेश भाजपा

नगरपालिका और पंचायती चुनाव की आहट सुनाई देने लगी है। ऐसे में लोगों में सुगबुगाहट जोरों पर है कि इस बार भाजपा को उसकी हैसियत का एहसास कराना है। इस केंद्र भासित प्रदेश का पूरा नियंत्रण केंद्र के पास है पर भाजपा स्थानीय इकाई इसका लाभ उठाने में असमर्थ रही है।

मंहगाई आसमान छू रही है और बेरोज़गारी की समस्या विकल्प रूप ले रही है। लोगों को बुनियादी सुविधाओं से वंचित रखा जा रहा है। सड़क, बिजली, पानी आदि भगवान भरोसे है। प्रशासन के खिलाफ कोई भी राजनैतिक दल आवाज़ उठाने की हिम्मत नहीं कर रहा, मानो आज भी हम कालेपानी की सज़ा काट रहे हैं। जिसने भी आवाज़ बुलंद की, उसका अस्तित्व ही खतरे में पड़ जाता है। फिर वो कभी मुँह नहीं खोल पाता।

राजनैतिक दल प्र शासन की तारिफ करते थक नहीं रहे हैं। इसमें सबसे आगे भाजपा है। अब चर्चा गर्म है कि भाजपा के इशारे पर ही प्रशासन ज़ादती पर उतर आता है। हालात इतने बदतर हैं कि जहाजरांनी सेवा जिसे द्वीपों का Lifeline कहा जाता है, वो भी द्वीप प्र शासन की दया पर निर्भर है।

अब ये स्पष्ट हो चला है कि द्वीपों के प्रशासक को इस बात की जानकारी नहीं है कि लोगों की क्या समस्या है। उप राज्यपाल महोदय तो ऐसा बर्ताव कर रहा है कि उन्हें लोगों की समस्याओं से कोई सरोकार नहीं है। वे लोगों के बीच नहीं जा रहे हैं, उनकी समस्याएं नहीं सुन रहे हैं और ना ही समाचार पत्रों में उजागर किया जा रहे समस्याओं पर ध्यान दे रहे हैं।

जैसी राजा वैसी प्रजा। प्रशासनिक अधिकारी भी प्रशासक की राह पर चलते हुए लोगों की समस्याओं को अनदेखा कर रहे हैं।

इन सब के बीच स्थानीय भाजपा के पदाधिकारी प्र शासन की तारीफ करते नहीं थक रहे। माने ऐसी प्रशासनिक सेवा के बिना द्वीपवासी बेहाल हो जाते। अब तो ये लगभग तय है कि नगरपालिका और पंचायती चुनावों में मतदाता इसका करारा जवाब देगा। अगर वक्त रहते भाजपाई, लोगों के प्रति अपनी नज़रिया नहीं बदलेंगे तो मुँह की खानी पड़ेगी।

भाजपा को यह समझने की ज़रूरत है की ऐसी ही प्रशासनिक व्यवस्था के चलते उन्हें सौंसद के पद से हाथ धोना पड़ा था। अब यही प्रशासन आने कृकृकृसे पंचायत और नगरपालिका चुनावों में भाजपा का पतन का कारण बनेगा।

लेकतंत्र में मतदाता का स्थान सर्वोपरि है। चुनाव के वक्त मतदाता अपने अधिकार का इस्तेमाल कर किसी भी राजनेता को आसमान से हाशिये पर ला सकता है। बात हर एक राजनैतिक दल पर समान रूप से लागे होती है। अब इन्हें समझाना चाहिए कि लोग बेवकूफ नहीं हैं बल्कि समझदार हैं अपनी बात को सही समय पर व्यक्त करने में पूरी तरह से सक्षम भी हैं।

2168 people vaccinated today in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct. 6: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,48,540 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,70,461

eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2168 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands. 1129 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 187

beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 994 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 28 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 45 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

Book bank and a Stationary Bank for the children



Port Blair, Oct 06: Pankh Andaman with District Child Protection Unit (SA) initiated a book bank and a stationary bank for the children in Balika Niketan on the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This book bank also acts as a small library for the children with a variety of books and also a stationery bank where they can get all the necessary

stationery item at their disposal. The Chief Guest for the inauguration of the book bank and stationary bank was Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District commissioner, South Andaman and Mr. Hari Kallikat, IAS, SDM, South Andaman. Mr. Suneel Anchipaka also said on the importance of books in the life of a human being. A special yoga

session was also conducted by yoga expert Mrs Rajni Ahuja. This was a refreshing session for the children. President, Komal Anand and members Suchitra Maheshwari and Dishu Kurup were also encouraged the mothers to donate books and stationery items for these books banks.

Suicide of children has set alarm bells ringing

Port Blair, October 06 : There are reports of sudden rise in suicide cases among the adolescents. Recent suicide by an adolescent school going girl is alarming. Online classes had taken its toll on these children who are stuck up in one room for hours together. Sudden shift into offline mode

also seems to have impacted few, psychologically.

Considering the importance of healthy body and healthy mind, Directorate of Education needs to ponder over conducting regular psychological classes for the children in distress. Interactive session with Psychiatrists should

be made part of curriculum. This is the time to concentrate on mental health of children. There should be a thorough study on the recent suicide of children.

Concrete step needs to be taken by the administration to tackle mental health issues of students, before things go out of hand.



Merchant Association of Diglipur conducted Swatch Diglipur Abhiyan in Diglipur on 3rd October, 2021

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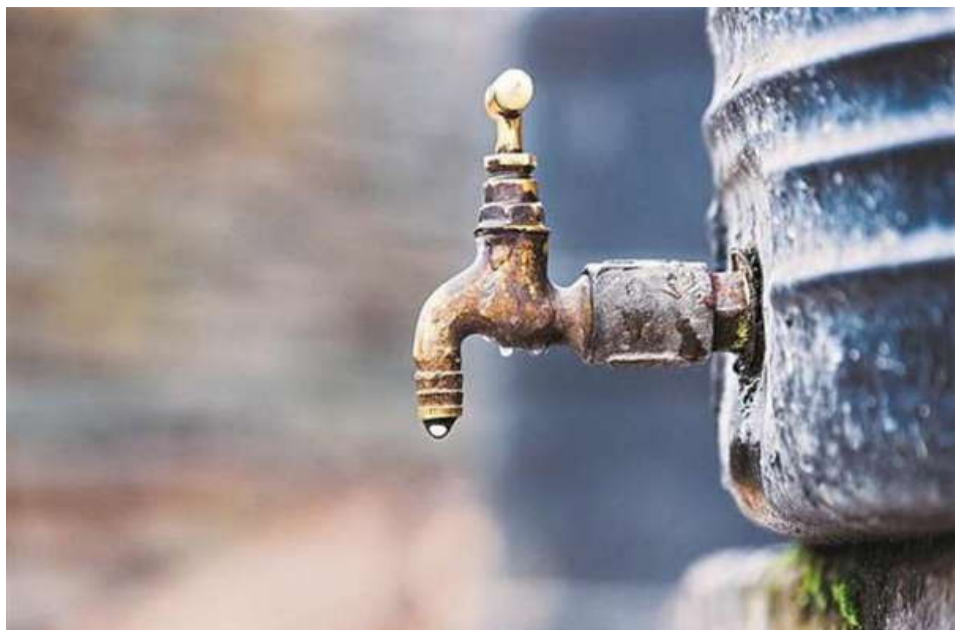
The Saraswati Shishu Vidya Mandir School, Rangat, Middle Andaman has been extended its recognition period and upgraded in the middle stage from primary by the Directorate Of Education Port Blair ,Andaman & Nicobar Administration vide DE's order F.No.7-86(1)/Genl/Edn/2020-21/2913 dated 16th September 2021 with effect from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2024 vide its recognition No. N 2021/055. In this connection the school is going to open the admission in the Primary and Middle Stage with 25% Admission for poor students for the present and coming session 2022-23 under RTE Act 2009.

Head Master



EDITORIAL

अगर नहीं सुधरे हालात तो दुनिया के पांच अरब लोगों को झेलना पड़ेगा जल संकट— यूएन की रिपोर्ट



न्यूयार्क (संयुक्त राष्ट्र)। संयुक्त राष्ट्र की एक रिपोर्ट में पूरी दुनिया में मंडराते जल संकट के प्रति आगाह किया है। इस रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि पानी की कम उपलब्धता की वजह से पहले से ही दुनिया के करोड़ों लोग मुश्किलों का सामना कर रहे हैं। ये रिपोर्ट **The State of Climate Services 2021** जमना के नाम से जारी की गई है। इसमें ये भी कहा गया है कि वर्तमान समय में वाटर मैनेजमेंट, इसकी निगरानी, पूर्वानुमान और वक्त रहते चेतावनी दी जा सकने वाली तकनीकों के बीच सही तालमेल नहीं है। वहीं विश्व स्तर पर किए जा रहे जलवायु वित्त पोषण के प्रयास भी अपर्याप्त हैं।

संयुक्त राष्ट्र के आंकड़े बताते हैं कि वर्ष 2018 में करीब साढ़े तीन अरब लोग ऐसे थे जिनके पास वर्ष में केवल 11 माह के लिए जल की सुलभता थी। इसका अर्थ है कि उन्हें एक माह तक जल संकट से जूझना पड़ता था। वहीं, वर्ष 2050 तक ये आंकड़ा 5 अरब हो सकता है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र की मौसम विज्ञान एजेंसी के महासचिव पेटेरी टालस का कहना है कि धरती का तापमान जिस तेजी के साथ बढ़ रहा है उसकी बदौलत जल की सुलभता में भी बदलाव आ रहा है। जलवायु परिवर्तन का सीधा असर बारिश के पूर्वानुमान और कृषि ऋतुओं पर भी पड़ रहा है। उन्होंने इस बात की भी आशंका जताई है कि इसका असर खाद्य सुरक्षा, मानव स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण पर भी हो सकता है।

इस रिपोर्ट में कहा गया है कि वर्ष 2000 से जल-संबंधी आपदाओं में तेजी हो रही है। यदि पिछले दो दशकों की बात की जाए तो वर्तमान में समय में जल संबंधी त्रासदियों में तेजी आई है। साथ ही इससे होने वाली मौतों का आंकड़ा भी बढ़ा है। इसका सबसे अधिक प्रभाव एशियाई देशों में ही देखने को मिला है। टालस का कहना है कि बीत एक वर्ष के दौरान जापान जापान, चीन, इंडोनेशिया, नेपाल, पाकिस्तान और भारत में जबरदस्त बारिश और इसके बाद ही परेशानियां वाली घटनाएं सामने आई हैं। लाखों लोगों को इसकी वजह से विस्थापित भी होना पड़ा है। यूएन की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक ऐसा किसी एक देश या एक क्षेत्र में देखने को नहीं मिला है बल्कि समूची दुनिया में ये दिखाई दिया है। यूरोप में आई बाढ़ की वजह से कई लोगों की मौत हुई और अरबों रुपये की संपत्ति का नुकसान हुआ।

जल संकट की बात करें तो बीते दो दशकों में भूमि की उपसतह में जल की मात्रा में प्रतिवर्ष 1 सेंटीमीटर की दर से कमी आई है। इसका एक बड़ा प्रभाव अंटार्कटिका और ग्रीनलैंड में भी देखने को मिला है। वहीं बीते दो दशकों में पूरी दुनिया में सूखे की घटनाओं में भी तेजी आई है। इसकी वजह से सबसे अधिक मौत अफ्रीका में हुई हैं। जल संकट पर केंद्रित इस रिपोर्ट में ये भी बताया गया है कि वर्तमान में करीब 2 अरब लोगों को इसका सामना करना पड़ता है। स्वच्छ पेयजल की आपूर्ति पूरी दुनिया के लिए एक चुनौती है। इसके लिए रिपोर्ट में कुछ सलाह दी गई हैं। इसमें कहा गया है कि वाटर मैनेजमेंट को सही कर इससे छुटकारा पाया जा सकता है। इसके अलावा निवेश का भी स्तर बढ़ाने की जरूरत है। इस रिपोर्ट में गरीब देशों में सूखा और बाढ़ का पूर्वानुमान और समय रहते चेतावनी देने वाली प्रणालियों को लगाने और इसमें निवेश करने की अपील की है।

ANTCC assures to fight against Administration: Dharna Planned today to press various demands



Port Blair, Oct 06: The Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee today assured that under the leadership of Mr. Rangalal Halder, President ANTCC and Mr. G Bhasker, Chairman Campaign Committee the party would fight against Administration for all the wrong doings and to get justice for the public.

Addressing his maiden press conference, the President of ANTCC, Mr. Rangalal Halder today said that ANTCC will organize a mass Dharna on October 06 from 10 AM to 1 PM at various locations demanding fulfillment of common man's demands and fulfillment of demands related to development of Islands.

Giving details about the demands to be raised during the dharna, Mr. Halder today said that the ANTCC is with all the farmers, who are protesting against three farm laws. "Farmers are protesting against three black farm laws and also MSP and ATNCC is always with the farmers," he said.

Regarding 100 percent job reservation he said that the system of advertising jobs online is causing problems for Islanders and in many cases a large number of Mainlanders are being appointed in government jobs in Andaman, which should have been reserved 100 percent for Islanders.

Criticizing the Government for failing in providing continuous power supply, Mr. Halder said that power supply was never so bad earlier. "Now even in Port Blair town there are power cuts for more than an hour daily," he said. He said that the government is planning to privatize the electricity, which the ANTCC will not let happen. "Congress party is against this privatization," he added.

The President ANTCC also criticized the administration for introducing a biometric system for the issue of fertilizers. "The Government has forced the

farmers to sit at home for which the Congress Party will raise its voice," he added.

Mr. Halder also spoke against the circle rate introduced by the Administration. "The Administration has introduced a circle rate for land for which did the Administration ask anyone?" he questioned. He also said that due to wrong planning of Administration the youths of North and Middle Andaman are not able to set up new ventures as they are unable to convert their land into commercial land.

He said that the Administration must think of introducing a PG course in ANIIMS so that the students of Andaman's Medical College can get a PG degree from Andaman.

He also attacked the Government for high airfare in the Port Blair sector. He urged the Administration to do something to reduce airfare and introduce concessions for Islanders in airfare.

Addressing the scribe the Chairperson of ANTCC Campaign Committee, Mr. G Bhasker said that till the time of Press Conference the party has not got permission to stage Dharna on 6th October 2021. He said everyone has a fundamental right to protest.

"We have not received permission yet to protest and I am sure we won't get, but still we will go ahead. These all are efforts to suppress our voice. We have not seen our Lt. Governor in the last three years, media persons might have seen Lt. Governor but we are not permitted to see SAHAB," Mr. Bhasker added. He assured that the Dharna is not just a political stunt and the decision has been taken after planning properly by the President of ANTCC for the welfare of Islanders.

As per a pamphlet issued by ANTCC today the major demands of Dharna are: Withdrawal of Farm Laws which is being opposed nationwide; Fine tune Covid 19 management in

islands and early disbursement of relief package to dependents of deceased; Reversal of hike in Price of essential commodities viz. Petrol, Diesel, Cooking Gas and essential commodities; Constitution of Judicial Committee to probe surveillance of opposition leaders, journalists & officers using Pegasus spyware; Stop privatization of public sector undertakings, Stop attack on tribals, dalits and women; Implement monetary stimulus package for revival of MSMEs; increase MGMREGA to 200 days and double the wages; Release of all the political prisoners arrested under Draconian Laws like Sedition/ NSA and Anti CAA Protests and restoration of full statehood for Jammu & Kashmir.

List of local demands include revival of Pradesh Council; reservation of all jobs in islands for local candidates; Andaman Jobs for Andaman Youths only; Improve Inter Island Shipping Services, the life line of Islanders; maintenance Repair and Renew the Roads in the Islands; Also improve the quality of ATR Road; Improve Power Supply; Improve Internet Connectivity; Support farmers of our islands; STOP supply of materials through GEM; Increase salary of Asha and Anganwadi workers; Timely disposal of old age, widows, destitute and Handicapped (differently abled); Reduce circle rates for land registration; Start commercial conversion of land; Bridge between Chatham and Bambooflat for the better commuting; Start Post Graduate medical course in ANIIMS; Timely Election for PRT & PBMC; Control and reduce airfares and Establishment of Central university.

Earlier, Mr. K Ganeshan, the Chief Spokesperson of ANTCC welcomed media persons. NSUI National Secretary Miss. Mamatha Nerlige was also present during the press conference.

No Passenger Found COVID-19 Positive in Andaman: Secretary IP&T

Port Blair, Oct 06: The Secretary IP&T, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh today informed that eight flights with 705 passengers arrived today at Port Blair Airport and all passengers have undergone RT-PCR test, the results of today's RT-PCR tests are awaited.

While addressing the COVID-19 media briefing today at IP&T Conference hall he pointed out that among passengers who arrived yesterday (Monday), no passenger was found COVID-19 positive.

The Secretary further informed that 342 persons (travelers) bound for N&M Andaman were tested at Ferrargunj in which all persons were tested COVID-19 negative during Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) and altogether 155 people were tested at Phoenix Bay jetty, passengers travelling were tested in which all were found Covid-19 negative in Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). He said at Mohanpura Bus stand 161 RATs were conducted in which all were found COVID-19 negative today

and 02 crew members found positive yesterday in RTPCR test. "Today a total of 453 doses of vaccine were provided to eligible beneficiaries among which 436 persons were of the 18-44 year age group," he added. Later Dr. A.K. Mandal, Director, ANIIMS informed that at GB Pant Hospital only two 02 COVID-19 patient is admitted, whereas no asymptomatic patient is at Covid Care Center, he added.

Priest Convicted for Life Term by Hon'ble Special Court, Mayabunder

Port Blair, Oct 06: The Hon'ble Special Court under the POCSO Act, North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder presided by Shri Jimut Bahan Biswas on 05.10.2021 convicted one Saranga Mondal, a resident of Billiground under section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012. The convict was accused of committing aggravated penetrative sexual assault upon a minor girl of 15 years age.

It is learnt that the convict was engaged by the father of the victim to perform some kind of puja to bring back his wife who had eloped with another person. The convict had convinced the father of the victim to conduct the puja beside a nallah. The prosecution

version is that the convict under the pretext of organizing the puja, took the victim girl along with him in his bicycle near the nallah where the puja was to be conducted and committed rape upon her.

The Hon'ble Court of Learned Additional District & Sessions Judge, Mayabunder being the designated Special Court under the POCSO Act, 2012 tried the case which was registered as Billiground PS FIR No. 30/18 dated 03.04.2018 under section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012 and under section 506 of the IPC.

The Hon'ble Special Court while sentencing the convict, Saranga Mondal to undergo rigorous imprisonment for life and also imposed a fine of Rs. 2,00,000/-

upon him out of which 90% of the amount is to be paid to the victim as compensation.

The Hon'ble Court further awarded a compensation of Rs. 5,00,000/- to the victim and entrusted upon the Administration the responsibility of disbursing the compensation amount within 30 days through the office of District Legal Services Authority, A & N Islands and District Magistrate, North & Middle Andaman District, Mayabunder.

The Hon'ble Special Court had also in its judgment appreciated the investigation done by the 10/ SI Ranga Raj of the case. The State Prosecution was conducted by the learned Special PP, Shri Keshab Chandra Mondal.

Zilla Parisad Building, Mayabunder will be attached by the Order of Hon'ble Court

Mayabunder, Oct 06: A money execution case was filed by the decree holder before the Hon'ble Court of Additional District Judge, North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder for realization of the decretal amount of Rs. 20,27,221/- together with interest in respect of arbitration case. It is also learnt from reliable sources that Hon'ble Court has been pleased to pass an order in the previous occasion for attachment of the movable and immovable properties of the judgment debtor namely Zilla Parisad, North & Middle Andaman, Mayabunder but the same was recalled on the basis of undertaking by the said judgment debtor to pay the

decretal amount but they failed to pay the same although several opportunities were given to them. It is also learnt that Hon'ble Court has expressed the displeasure for delaying the proceeding by preferring various vexatious applications and disobeying the order of Hon'ble Court by the present Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parisad, Mayabunder as a result decree holder can not get the fruits of the decree.

It is also found by the Hon'ble Court that due to delay of making payment the interest of decretal amount are increased day after day and for such disobedience of the Hon'ble Court's Order, the

Government Exchequer is destroying. Finally, on 04th October, 2021, the Hon'ble Additional District Judge, North & Middle Andaman District has been pleased to pass an order for attachment and auction of the movable and immovable properties of the judgment debtor namely Zilla Parisad, Mayabunder till realization of decretal amount together with interest.

The Attaching Officer of the Court was directed to cause actual seizure of the properties of judgment debtor and to submit the execution report.

Health Camp by Member of Parliament witnesses overwhelming response

Port Blair, Oct 06: As a part of weeklong Health Camp program being organised by Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament in association with ANIIMS and Private Hospitals from 01.10.2021 to 07.10.2021 during the Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Health Camp on 02.10.2021 was conducted in the Community Hall at Chouldary under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) and on 03.10.2021 in the Community Hall at Shore Point under the aegis of Pillar Health Center, Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital and Arun Hospital.

At the outset the Member of Parliament appreciated the endeavor of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for bringing the Health Checkup facilities and treatment at the door steps of the common people residing in the remote localities through Health Camps. He also

requested the A&N Administration to conduct Health Camps in the remote areas of Middle & North Andaman District and Nicobar District at regular intervals which will save money and time of the residents of remote localities spent on visiting GB Pant Hospital for medical checkup and treatment. Mr. Sharma expressed gratitude to Dr A K Mandal, Director of ANIIMS for lending the services of Doctors for conducting Health Camps at six various locations in the rural areas of South Andaman District and for his presence in the Health Camp at Chouldary. The Member of Parliament also applauded the services of the team of specialist doctors of various disciplines of medicine and surgery of ANIIMS. Around 150 women from Chouldary and the nearby villages attended the Health Camp for medical advice, check-ups, treatment and medicine. At the Health Camp

held on 03.10.2021 at Shore Point, the Member of Parliament expressed gratitude to the management of three Private Hospitals for voluntarily conducting Free Health Camp for the benefit of the ladies belonging to less privileged strata of society. The Member of Parliament thanked the eye specialist, gynecologist, pediatrician, general physician and their team for making themselves available on Sunday for the health camp. More than 160 women availed the benefits of free health camp at Shore Point. The Member of Parliament requested the ladies present at venue of the Health Camps to spread health awareness and necessity of medical check-ups amongst their fellow companions. He said by early diagnosis of diseases or illnesses in such Health Camps, it becomes easy to cure it on time and life can be saved before any danger or damage happen to it.

Airtel Network disappears from Shaheed Dweep; Residents demand intervention of Administration

Port Blair, Oct 06: Hundreds of residents of Shaheed Dweep who have opted for Airtel SIM over BSNL are now finding themselves in big trouble as since last nearly one month the Airtel mobile network is giving nightmare to them. According to the residents, the mobile network of Airtel has simply vanished from Shaheed Dweep. Once in a while, the networks appear for few minutes

or hours and then again disappears. Residents complain that they have taken up this issue with Airtel officials at Port Blair but nothing has been done so far to restore the network.

As Airtel network is simply not available residents have to depend on BSNL network, which is already giving hiccups to Islanders of Shaheed Dweep due

to its unbelievably slow mobile data speed.

Now the residents are requesting to the Administration intervene in this matter and direct the Airtel to restore mobile network in Shaheed Dweep.

Andaman Sheekha tried to contact Airtel Officials at Port Blair to know the reason behind such poor service but they were unavailable for a comment.

Jolly demands to increase the frequency of flights for Andamans

Port Blair, Oct 06: Mr. Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP- A & N Islands & Member Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GoI has demanded to increase the frequency of flights for Andamans by taking on twitter Mr. Jolly wrote that DGCA allowing 85% capacity to operate domestic flights with current status

of safety standards owing to covid pandemic. Andaman & Nicobar Island has already inoculated 100% of the first dose to the targeted population & is also on the verge of completing the second dose.

Further in his tweet he urged the Union Minister of Civil Aviation and Andaman & Nicobar

Administration to consider increasing the frequency of flights for Andamans to enable in sustaining the economy and tourism industry as the November & December month is one of the peak seasons for landing of tourists in Andamans.

Member of Parliament Honours Elderly people at various locations of South Andaman

Port Blair, Oct 06: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament with a view to mark the celebration of International Day for Older Persons which is celebrated on 1st of October every year organised functions at various locations in South Andaman District to honour elderly people for their contribution towards society and development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

To honour the elderly persons, functions were organised by the Member of Parliament in the Community Hall at Buniyadabad on 30.09.2021, at Bimlitan, New Bimlitan and Sippighat on 01.10.2021, at Haddo on 02.10.2021 and at Bambooflat

on 03.10.2021.

The functions were attended by large numbers of elderly persons residing in and around the place of conduct of the function.

While addressing the Senior citizens present at the venues of function, Mr. Sharma said that we are very much thankful to the elderly people of the Islands for gifting us a homogeneous society which lives in perfect harmony and peace irrespective of caste, colour, creed and religion. He said it for this reason our Islands are very often referred as 'Mini India'.

The Member of Parliament further said that the development what we see around us are the result of relentless service, hardwork

and sacrifices made by our old aged persons who despite several constraints made our Islands a lovely place to live.

The Member of Parliament requested the old aged people present in venue of the function to speak out their grievances and assured to make all possible efforts to get it resolved.

The Member of Parliament honoured the elderly persons present in the function by showering flower petals and by presenting Shawl. Other prominent senior citizen who addressed the gathering were Smt. Shanta Laxman, Mr. K Ganeshan, Smt. Pushpanjali Raju and Smt. Ratna Kannan

Member of Parliament demands supply of adequate quantity of fertilizer to all farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Oct 06: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary to supply adequate quantity of fertilizers to all farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today said that the quantity of fertilizer supplied to them, is grossly insufficient.

He highlighted that farmers are given only a few gunny bags of fertilizer every year, irrespective

of the size of their cultivation land area. A farmer with more cultivation land is given the same amount of fertilizer as it was given to farmers with a small piece of land, which is causing confusion and losses.

He mentioned that farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are not financially strong enough to buy fertilizers from private shops for cultivation and hence they are largely dependent on Administration for fertilizers.

Considering the problems being faced by the farmers, the Member

of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to direct the Agriculture Department to conduct a survey to find out the cultivation land area available with each farmer of these Islands and supply fertilizer in proportion to the area of cultivation land of each farmer.

He also requested to provide fertilizers to the farmers throughout the year as per the season, so that the farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands can do farming in a proper way and contribute greatly in Andaman's economy.

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e- TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No-I, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate e-tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from the approved and eligible Contractors of APWD and non APWD contractors irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed similar nature of work in terms of cost in any of the government department in A&N Islands and they should not have any adverse remarks for following work:

- NIT No. :- 16/EE/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/20-21**, Name of work: Maintenance and painting of all staff qtrs footpath all workshop and Academic buildings at ITI Dollygunj under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** :Rs. 24,12,585/- Time of completion:-04 [Four] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3986_1]
 - NIT No. :- 33/EE/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/20-21**, Name of work: Construction of Boys Hostel [Ph-II] for 30 rooms for 60 Bedded at ITI D/Gunj under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair SW:- Maintenance of Girls Hostel [Block -II] ITI at Dollygunj **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 7,26,424/- Time of completion:- 03 [Three] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3988_1]
 - NIT No. :- 11/EE/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/20-21**, Name of work: Face lifting of old boys hostel building along with minor repairs and maintenance of boys hostel at ITI Dollygunj under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 12,12,684/- Time of completion:- 04 [Three] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_3989_1]
- Tender should be filled on line upto 3.00 PM on or before 18.10.2021. The tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM in presence of tenderers representative if any.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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Door to Door Vaccination Drive by Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi with District Administration, SA & PHC Manglutan

Port Blair, Oct 06: With the only goal to make sure the islanders present at every corner gets vaccinated, Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi in collaboration with District Administration, SA and PHC Manglutan held a door to door vaccination drive. Remote

areas of Manjery, Nayasahar, Guptapaha and Sippighat, where people were unable to make it to the covid centres due to physical health problems and other health issues were covered today, a total of 39 houses were visited by the teams and vaccinated. Mr.

Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR thanked Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, DC, SA and his team for the support and Entire PHC Manglutan and Anganwadi workers of the area who made sure the people get vaccinated.

Ajoy Bairagi demands to discontinue RAT for Inter-District Travel

Port Blair, Oct 06: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has written a letter to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration requesting him to discontinue the need for RAT for Inter-District Travel in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi in his letter has mentioned that the vaccination drive is continuing successfully in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He further mentioned that the

Islands have achieved 100% first dose vaccination. He further mentioned the recent exemption from tests given to the doubly vaccinated individuals who have completed two weeks from the second dose of vaccination for travel from the mainland to the Islands, is a welcome step.

Mr. Bairagi further mentioned that currently, Islanders have to pay Rs. 100/- for RAT for inter-district travel. He added that the pandemic has brought several hardships for everyone both

financially and mentally. He also mentioned that the residents of far-flung Islands have to visit Port Blair due to various reasons because of the facilities available at Port Blair.

He requested the Chief Secretary to look into the issue and do the needful by discontinuing RAT for Inter-District travel keeping in view the minimal COVID-19 active cases as well as the vaccination status of the Islands.

Member of Parliament demands Immediate Repair and opening of night shelter (Dharamshala) of PBMC for public

Port Blair, Oct 06: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary to repair the night shelter (Dharamshala), run by PBMC, so that it could be allotted to needy Islanders, who are visiting Port Blair and looking for safe and affordable shelter.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary today the Member of Parliament mentioned that he has been informed by a large number of people from remote Islands

that at present Port Blair city's lone night shelter (Dharamshala), run by Port Blair Municipal Council, is not being allotted to the public as the Dharamshala building is not in good shape.

The MP pointed out that earlier, the Dharamshala used to be the only option for many Islanders, coming to Port Blair for various urgent needs, including medical treatment and other urgent works, because the Dharamshala was very affordable and located very close to Aberdeen Bazaar and G

B Pant Hospital. The Member of Parliament added that now, as the Dharamshala is not allotted to the public they are forced to look for other options like lodges or hotels, which are beyond the reach of common Islanders, visiting Port Blair city from remote Islands.

He requested the Chief Secretary to issue necessary directions to the Secretary of PBMC to repair the Night Shelter (Dharamshala) as early as possible, so that the same could be allotted to the public.

HRS Celebrates Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Sashtri

2nd October every year has its own importance making the birth anniversary of two great personalities who put their whole life and soul for the country, Father of our nation Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi and Swargiya Lal Bahadur Sashtri who coined the famous slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan".

The birth anniversaries were celebrated by the Hindu Rashtra Shakti in Govt. Middle School, Billiground in a simple manner.

Commencing the program, Mr. Hiralal Halder, Head Master welcomed the gathering comprising of teachers, students and HRS members. Smt. Swapna Baroi, PST highlighted the life teaching of Gandhiji and the

sacrifices made by both the leaders.

Dr. P. K. Mandal (State General Secretary, HRS (N&M Andaman) was guest of honour who shared his knowledge about Mahatma Gandhiji. Dr. Mandal put forth the objectives of HRS and stressed the need for the students to learn the real history of our country and involve themselves in talking forward our culture rich traditions to the coming generations.

Mr. Dilip Kumar Das, District President and an active member of HRS organized the whole program which was coordinated equally by the other active members Mr. Niranjan Ch. Mazumder, Nirodh Behari Mistry,

Jeet Halder, Mahadev Majumder, Nepal Bhatto, Advocate Akash Bepari, and Gauranga Nandi.

About 15 students from the economically weaker section were given the stationery items consisting Note books, Geometry box, School bags etc. The school management of Govt. Middle School, Billiground appreciated Dr. P.K. Mandal and his teams for their tireless and selfless working nature during crisis.

The event concluded with the rendition with vote of thanks by Mr. Mritunjay Biswas, PST and finally National Anthem.

DCP and Pankh organizes event at Balika Niketan

Port Blair, Oct 06: The District Child Protection Unit under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman organized an event at Balika Niketan on 4th October 2021 in collaboration with "PANKH"-Andaman, NGO.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Mr. Suneel Anchipaka was the Chief Guest of the event. Sub Divisional Magistrate, South Andaman and the team of PANKH Andaman were also

present. The program started with lighting of the lamp with Saraswati Vandana. Book bank and Stationary bank was inaugurated by the Chief Guest sponsored by the Civil Society "PANKH". In his address Deputy Commissioner South Andaman appreciated the initiative of Book Bank and encouraged the Children to develop the habit of reading.

The Deputy Commissioner further appealed to donate old books and reading material for the Child

Care Institutions and help in creating Book Banks. Books need to be made a part of the environment a child grows up in and everyone should be encouraged to donate books since reading improves memory and empathy and also makes us feel better and more positive too. The Program ended with small cultural program and vote of thanks.

NSUI organized "Tiranga Yatra" to commemorate Gandhi Jayanti



Port Blair, Oct 06: The National Students Union of India, A&N Islands organized a "Tiranga Yatra" on Saturday with it's members carrying a 100-foot-long tricolor to commemorate the 152nd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to celebrate 75 years India's Independence with the aim to redeem Gandhism and Gandhi's India.

Hundreds of NSUI members and students from various colleges participated in the yatra starting from Congress Office to Gandhi Statue, Aberdeen Bazaar and inversely back to Congress Office. All throughout the tiranga yatra they raised patriotic slogans

and waived flags of NSUI.

The Yatra was led by PCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder, PCC Campaign Committee Chairman Shri. TSG Bhasker, NSUI National Secretary Miss. Mamatha Nerlige and NSUI State President Shri. M.A Sajid. Addressing the Rally, Shri. Halder said "Bapuji was not a political personality, rather he was a great saint and social reformer. He had kept the whole country united with his mesmerizing personality. He was indeed the true symbol of all caste, creed, language, religion and national integration". Miss. Nerlige said "The Congress party's foundation was laid on the ideology of unity in diversity. The

father of the nation showed us the way to live harmoniously and NSUI will never dilute it's core ideology at any cost". She called upon the NSUI members to spread the message of unity. She added that NSUI will not allow any party divide the country on communal lines.

NSUI State Vice President's Shri. Nishit Biswas, Shri. V. Maheshwaran, Shri. Rajeev Rao, Shri. R. Plato along with NSUI State General Secretaries Shri. Vishal Din, Shri. Anick Das, Shri. Saurav Nair and several other NSUI functionaries took part in the yatra.

Massive Plantation Drive in the Arrival Terminal, VSI Airport, Port Blair by TAAN

Port Blair, Oct 06: Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar organised a Massive Plantation Drive in the Arrival Terminal, VSI Airport, Port Blair today on 4th October 2021 from 10:00 am to commemorate and mark the 75 Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in association with Airports Authority of India & Dept. of Environment & Forests, A&N Admn.

In this connection, the solemn function was presided over by Mr. Manoj Gangal, Regional Executive Director (Eastern Region), Airports Authority of India, Kolkata and Dr. G. Trinadh Kumar, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests (R&WP), A&M Forests, A&N Admn. They

highlighted the importance of planting saplings and also shared valuable information on how small steps like planting trees from human beings could be indirectly beneficial to them and to preserve mother nature, such events need to be encouraged at all times.

A welcome note was given by Mr. Ankit Kumar Tripathi, Vice President, TAAN to all the guests and members of the association present.

The plantation was graced by Mr. Jameel Khaliq, Airport Director, VSI Airport, Port Blair, Mr. Rajinder Singh, Dy. Commandant, CISF / CASO, VSI Airport, Port Blair, Mr. G. Prakash Reddy, GM (Engg.), VSI Airport, Port Blair and Mr.

Ayyub Hassan, IFS, DFO (FE & PD), A&N Forests, A&N Admn. The drive went on to all success and altogether 75 saplings have been observed in the premises by the dignitaries, officials present, visitors and students.

The officials and guests have thanked for such a wonderful and enthusiastic gathering and have appreciated this move by the association. Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar is highly grateful to all the guests and dignitaries for making it a grand success.

A vote of thanks to end the program was delivered by Mr. Mohd. Shabbir Hussain, President, TAAN.

67th wildlife week celebration by Biological Park, Chidiyatapu

Port Blair, Oct 06: As part of 67th wildlife week celebration on 04th Oct 2021 the Biological Park, Chidiyatapu organized a field trip to important birding areas involving terrestrial and Aquatic habitat within South Andaman islands. The field trip was mainly

meant for forest executive staff from different forest divisions. Where a total of 30 forest staffs participated in a day long programme. The trip prominently covered birding areas like Kalatang, Ograbraj, Sippighat, Burma Nallah where different bird

species both terrestrial and aquatic habitat was identified and present issues threatening bird species diversity was discussed. The resource persons from Andaman Avian Club, Port Blair helped in identification of birds' species during the visit.

Gandhi Jayanti Celebration by BJP State Unit

Port Blair, Oct 03: On the Occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the State Unit of BJP-A & N Islands led by Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A & N Islands and other party leaders organised a programme at State BJP Office, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Bhawan, Middle Point, Port Blair. The programme started with Shradanjali by karyakartas followed by Bhagawatgeeta pat by Pandit Ravikesh Triathy,

Quaran Pat by Maulana Hasibur Rahman, Bible verses by Father R Vinod Jay, Gurugranth Pat by Baba Sukhwinder Singh, Ram Dhan by Miss Sreejitha Kayal Mr. Jyotirmoy Bawali welcomed the gathering during the occasion. Mr Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A & N Islands also addressed the gathering on the occasion. The vote of thanks during the occasion was presented by Mrs. Sabeena

Mustaq. The Programme was Hosted by Mrs. Protima Banerjee and concluded in presence of Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Mr. L Moorthy, National Council Member, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, State Vice President, Mr. M Vinod, State Vice President, Mr. K Ramdas, State General Secretary apart from other office bearers, senior leaders and karyakartas.