

## Ration Rasheed urges for providing medical assistance to students at homes

Port Blair, Oct 02: Mr. MP Abdul Rasheed, Director, Rasheed Foundation in a letter to the Chief Secretary has urged for constituting an expert medical team and extending medical treatment to those students of Model School who have also complaint about medical issues after the death of

a Class 8th student. The sudden death of the Class 8th student of Model student in GB Pant Hospital has led to depression and mental agony among the other students who were also admitted in the GB Pant Hospital for treatment on September 16, 2022. Since the parents of these

students are fearful to visit GB Pant Hospital for medical examinations and treatment, Mr. Rasheed suggested providing all possible health-care assistance to all other students at their home itself through an expert medical team, till such time, these students overcome the suffering.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bambooflat Open Chess Tournament 2022 organised

Port Blair, Oct 02: 1<sup>st</sup> Bambooflat Open Chess Tournament 2022 was organised by Bambooflat Chess Academy under the aegis of Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 at ZPVKv Auditorium, Shore

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## World Tourism Day celebration by IWC

Port Blair, Oct 02: The Inner wheel Club of Port Blair celebrated 'World Tourism Day' on 27th September 2022. A Plantation drive was conducted by President, Mrs Satinder Pal Kaur, Vice President, Mrs Komal Anand, Secretary, Mrs Bakhtawar Noble, along with other

members of Inner Wheel Club, Port Blair at Narayan Park. A few saplings were planted for beautification of the park. A yoga session was also conducted on the same day by Rajni Ahuja, a yoga fitness expert and also a member of Inner Wheel Club, along with her stu-

dents at Veer Savarkar park. Different yoga asanas demonstrated by the students was the highlight of the evening. Emphasis was given to the theme of the project "Feel Good tourism yoga. Mental health and overall wellbeing of all was also emphasised.

## POCSO case registered against minor boy

John Wilbert  
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 02: On 30 September evening a POCSO case was registered against a resident

of South Andaman region. As per details a 17 year minor boy reportedly sexually assaulted a minor girl.

The family of the victim girl reportedly reg-

istered a complaint in Police Station Bambooflat in this regard and police started legal proceedings against the accused as per law. More details are awaiting.

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## PM Narendra Modi's young authors mentoring scheme YUVA 2.0 launched

The ministry of education on Sunday launched the YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) scheme.

YUVA 2.0 is a Prime Minister's scheme for mentoring young authors, and a programme to train young and budding authors below the age of 30 to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.

The education ministry said in a release, "YUVA 2.0 is a part of India@75 Project (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) to bring to the fore the perspectives of the young generations of writers on the theme 'Democracy (institutions, events, people, constitutional values past, present, future)' in an innovative and creative manner. This scheme will thus help to develop a stream of writers who can write on a spectrum of subjects to promote Indian heritage, culture and knowledge system."



The ministry of education launched the YUVA 2.0 scheme in view of the significant impact of the first edition of the YUVA.

The first edition witnessed a large-scale participation from young authors in 22 different Indian languages including English.

The launch of YUVA 2.0 is in line with the PM's vision to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's democracy.

The ministry added, "India tops the chart in youth population being 66% of the total, waiting to be tapped for capacity building and thereby

nation building. With the purpose of mentoring a new generation of young creative writers, there is an imminent requirement to take initiatives at the highest level, and in this context, YUVA 2.0 will go a long way in laying the foundation of the future leaders of the creative world," the release added.

The National Book Trust, India, as the implementing agency under MoE will ensure the phase-wise execution of the scheme under well-defined stages of mentorship.

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## Organs of Delhi AIIMS official's sister give life to four

Organs of a senior Delhi AIIMS official's sister who was declared brain dead a few days ago were donated, giving a fresh lease of life to four people and vision to two.

Snehlata Choudhary, sister of Rabindra Agarwal, an IAS officer posted as the additional director of administration at AIIMS here, had sustained a severe head injury during her morning walk last month.

The 63-year-old was initially operated for head injury in Jharkhand's Jamshedpur and then airlifted

to AIIMS Trauma Centre for further treatment, a senior doctor said.

Choudhary was health conscious and used to go for morning walks regularly for the last 25 years. "Despite best efforts, her condition did not improve and was declared brain dead on September 30," the doctor said.

She was a home maker and social worker. "She was a strong supporter of the eye donation campaign and supported the cause of

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## Indian American Vivek Lall gets Lifetime Achievement award in US

Vivek Lall, an Indian-origin General Atomics CEO, is honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'.

The citation was given to Lall, who has done PhD in Aerospace Engineering from Wichita State University in Kansas, by the AmeriCorps and the Office of the President. It was also personally signed by the President of the United States, as per the official statement.

AmeriCorps is a part of the US Government. The organisation aims to foster activities that bring Americans closer together to "serve communities."

Dr Lall, an industry leader and scientific community titan works as Chief Executive at General Atomics. The company is a global leader in the specialised fields of nuclear technology and has developed state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) like the Predator,

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## Tri-services Missile Command on anvil as stand-off weapons era dawns



In the era of stand-off weapons, the Narendra Modi government is considering setting up of a tri-services missile/rocket command on the lines of the space and the cyber command as the first steps towards military theatre commands.

The proposed missile command will be responsible for deployment of missile and rocket regiments against any hostile adversary and will be manned by commanders of the three services in rotation. This means that conventional missiles like BrahMos and Akash as

well as Pinaka rockets will be placed under one command for rapid deployment against any adversary. The proposal to set up a missile command has been moved in the aftermath of the May 2020 East Ladakh stand-off with the PLA and the use of rockets and missiles in the Ukraine theatre by the Red Army. The PLA has deployed rocket regiments in the depth areas of occupied Aksai Chin with missiles in the hinter in Tibet and Sinkiang region. The missile command will be on similar

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## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Oct 02: Ms V. K. Mariyam Bibi the Zilla Parishad Member, Bambooflat, Smti Rasheeda bibi, Pradhan, Hopetown and Shri B. Laxmi Narayan, Samity member, and other PRI members of Gram Panchayat expressed their

heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family of Late C. H. Appa Rao aged 38 years R/o Hopetown who lost his life in an unfortunate incident. As per details, he had gone for fishing and drowned into sea near North Bay on 02.10.2022.

## World Tourism Day 2022 by DARTED



**Rabindranath Biswas**  
Sheekha News Service

Diglipur/Rangat, Oct 02: Diglipur Association for Rural Tourism for Rural Tourism & Ecological Development (DARTED) in coordina-

tion/association with S. T. Maker (Sangeet Trend Maker) celebrated World Tourism Day 2022 in Diglipur and Rangat in North & Middle Andaman on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022.

A number of activities were conducted on this

occasion. PRI members, the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), CHC, Diglipur & other Doctors and Medical Staffs, Diglipur Tourist Fibre Boat Owner Association (DIFBOA), Diglipur Vehicle Association (DVA), Hotels, Restaurants & Bars

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### TENTATIVE SAILING PROGRAMME OF MV SWARAJ DWEEP FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2022.

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## RSS takes out march amid tight security in Puducherry

Scores of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) volunteers, both boys and men in uniform, marched on the streets of Puducherry in a procession on Sunday, even as the neighbouring Tamil Nadu denied them permission and pulled up by a court to allow them on November 6 instead.

Bharatiya Janata Party MP in Puducherry, S Selvaganapathy, flagged off the procession around 4pm where the members wearing their uniform (dark olive green trousers, white shirt, cap, belt, black shoes) were led by a musical band, and vehicles which carried saffron flags.

A Namassivayam, present home minister and former president of the Puducherry Congress Pradesh Committee, who was among the rebels to switch over to the BJP last year, also participated wearing the traditional uniform of the RSS, the ideological mentor of the BJP.

More than 500 RSS

volunteers from various shakas (branches) participated in the march, which culminated in a public meeting. The procession went through Puducherry's arterial roads and important points such as Nehru street. More than a 1,000 police officers were deployed along the march route to prevent any law and order issue.

The superintendent of police (east) in Puducherry's National Democratic Alliance government by an order on September 16 granted permission for the RSS with certain conditions. However, the opposition, which included Puducherry's former Congress chief minister V Narayanasamy, and DMK leaders, held a human chain on Sunday morning, opposing the permission granted to RSS. They raised slogans that Puducherry was a peaceful territory and Hindutva was being pushed on them.

In both Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, the RSS said that the march was being carried out on account of three reasons: Vijayadashami festival

(when the RSS was founded in 1925), B R Ambedkar's 125th birth anniversary and 75th year of India's Independence.

Meanwhile in Tamil Nadu, the RSS and DMK-led government are facing the matter in the Madras high court. After the Tamil Nadu government disallowed the route march initially scheduled on October 2 due to law and order concerns, the court on Friday directed Tamil Nadu police to grant permission on November 6 instead. The court said contempt action will be initiated if the order is violated.

The same single judge bench G K Ilanthiraiyan had on September 22 gave its nod for RSS's route march, with 11 conditions. But the state government argued that they have intelligence reports of law and order disruption following multiple petrol bomb attacks on BJP and RSS members, which erupted after the National Investigation Agency raided the now banned Popular Front of India on September 22 and 27.

## Toll from Durga puja pandal fire in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadoi's goes up to 3



The toll from the Durga puja pandal fire in Uttar Pradesh's Bhadoi late on Sunday night went up to three as two more people, including a 10-year-old boy, succumbed to their burn injuries on Monday. Over 60 people suffered burns in the incident.

District magistrate Gaurang Rathi said the boy died while undergoing treatment in Varanasi. He added that 22 people suffered severe burn injuries and were rushed to Banaras Hindu University Trauma Centre in Varanasi.

Rathi said prima facie a short circuit appeared to be caused the fire even as

a Special Investigation Team (SIT) has been formed to investigate the matter.

Vinay Prakash, an eyewitness, said a curtain near the entrance of the pandal caught fire around the time of aarti.

Officials said around 150 people were inside the pandal at the time of the incident.

Additional director general of police (Varanasi Zone) Ram Kumar formed the four-member SIT, which includes the top fire department and police officers. "The SIT would analyse the cause of the fire and submit its report."

## Indian American...

Reaper and Guardian drones.

Lall, a son of an Indian diplomat, was one of the handfuls of individuals with Indian origins to have been invited to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the past year during his Washington visit.

Notably, before his leadership position in Gen-

eral Atomics, Dr Lall worked at other leading organisations like NASA, Raytheon, Boeing and Lockheed Martin; his experience and accolades have been considered unparalleled by many in the scientific community and by long-term industry watchers alike.

He is serving as a US Technical Team Member to

the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Science and Technology (STO) with the Pentagon.

He was appointed in a critical advisory role to the US Cabinet Secretary heading the Department of Transportation, encompassing entities like the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), in 2018.

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## World Tourism...

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and other stakeholders as well youths of Rangat&Diglipur wholeheartedly extended their full support to this tourism gala. Andaman Tourism & Indiatourism Port Blair gave unconditional support to DARTED, and without which the event couldn't have gained the initial impetus and success, DARTED source said.

Mr. SiddaRaju, the CMO, Diglipur took a stimulating interest in the event under whose guidance a Yoga Session at Ross & Smith Island was held in which all present on the island practiced yoga. Similarly, a Yoga Session was also held at Amkunj Beach, Rangat early morning the same day. Yoga Session was followed by Beach cleaning at both the places i.e. Ross & Smith Island and Amkunj Beach, Rangat. Then they carried out a plantation drive in which they planted saplings at the beaches. The theme of the

event was "Rethinking Tourism".

In the evening, they organized a Musical Evening with Tourism Information in which the Chief Guest was Mr. Dipankar Mistry, Pramukh, Diglipur while Mr. Manasvi Vashistha (DANIPS), DySP, Diglipur, Wing Commander: Manish (IAF, Diglipur), Mr. Uttam Kumar Saha (President DARTED) & Smt. Asra Banu (President S.T-Maker) were Special Guests at this event. However, the musical evening was hijacked by Smt. Asra Banu (President S.T-Maker) who spellbounded the audience with her melodious voice and the people wondered where this mellifluous songstress remained hidden till that day. The event turned out to be a tremendous success, and the people urged the DARTED to hold such a tourism festival next year as well, a communiqué from DARTED said.

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## Puducherry warns striking power staff of action on outages

Warning the striking power staff, Puducherry home minister A Namassivayam, who holds the electricity portfolio, said on Sunday that severe action will be taken against those who caused electricity outages in the union territory.

"The electricity staff who are responsible for causing hardship and trouble to the public will face stringent action," Namassivayam said. "Our government will not be a mute spectator to this."

Puducherry plunged into darkness on Saturday evening as the indefinite strike by electricity workers entered its fourth day against the NDA government's plans to privatise power distribution operations. Public who were affected also began protesting on the streets and caused road blockades. Power was restored in most places by

Saturday night and Namassivayam said that it was fully restored by Sunday noon.

After the government issued a tender on September 27 to a private entity to take over Puducherry's distribution and retail supply of electricity, the employees of the Puducherry electricity department began their strike on September 28 to secure their employment in the government until their retirement. They want the government to reconsider the move to privatise.

The protests continued on Sunday amidst heavy police deployment. The minister held an emergency meeting with the heads of the electricity and police departments on Saturday and said that the administration has decided to requisition the services of 24

central power grid staff to tackle the situation. Staff in Uttar Pradesh's power department too organised state-wide protests, expressing solidarity with their Puducherry counterparts, on Saturday.

Puducherry's lieutenant governor Tamilisai Soundararajan also warned those protesting to go back to work. "Those cutting off electricity lines and fuses will face severe consequences," Soundararajan said. "We will register cases and take necessary legal action against those disrupting essential services."

The opposition in Puducherry has urged the All India N R Congress (AINRC) chief minister N Rangasamy to convene a special assembly session with all parties to discuss the situation.

## PM Narendra...

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The books prepared under this scheme will be published by National Book Trust, India and will also be translated into other Indian languages ensuring the exchange of culture and literature, thereby promoting 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.'

The selected young authors will interact with some of the best authors in the world, participate in literary festivals and more.

The scheme will help in developing a stream of writers who can cover the past, present and future of various aspects of de-

mocracy in India.

In addition, it will also provide a window for aspiring youths to express themselves and present a broader vision of Indian democratic values at domestic as well as international platforms. The ministry further said that the concept of this scheme is to groom the next generation of young authors to create ambassadors of Indian literature. Considering the fact that India ranks third in the field of book publishing and possesses a wealth of indigenous literature, India should present it at the global level.

## Battling the ideology that killed Gandhi: Rahul

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is canvassing the state on Sunday, said Bharat Jodo Yatra is a battle against the ideology that killed Mahatma Gandhi.

The leader, on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, said, "Just as Gandhiji fought the British Raj, we are battling with the ideology that killed Gandhi – the ideology that delivered inequality, divisiveness and erosion of our hard-won freedom – in the past eight years."

"The Bharat Jodo Yatra aims at spreading the message of 'ahimsa' and 'swaraj' and is against the politics of 'himsa' and 'asatya'. This battle is across country – from Kanyakumari to Kashmir," Rahul said, in a letter.

The letter was written when the foot march was at Badanavalu Khadi Gramodyaga Kendra, which Mahatma Gandhi had visited back in 1927.

"Swaraj has multiple meanings – it is freedom from fear, which is something that our farmers, youth, and small and medium enterprises desire. It is freedom of our states to exercise their constitutional



freedom and of our villages to practice Panchayati Raj system," he said.

"It is also the conquest of self of Bharat Yatri who are travelling 3,600km by foot or lakhs of citizens who are walking with us for shorter period. This yatra is the quiet and determined voice of Indians against politics of fear, hatred and division," he added.

"It is convenient for those in power to appropriate Gandhi's legacy, but it is much more difficult to walk in his footsteps," Rahul has said in the letter.

The Yatra will traverse at least eight districts in Karnataka, covering around 510km, to mobilise support for the party ahead of the state and Lok Sabha elections.

The state unit is hoping that the Yatra will help fight the Bharatiya

Janata Party (BJP) in polls by raising issues of "corruption, communalism, lack of development, and ineffective governance", among other issues.

"Many men, women and children are taking part in the Yatra. People fear that the values that Gandhi ji gave his life for as well as our constitutional rights are under threat. I request my fellow citizens to walk with us in the spirit of 'ahimsa' and 'sadbhavana'," Rahul said.

On Sunday, Rahul Gandhi invited members of different communities of Badanavalu village in Mysuru for lunch to boost the spirit of unity. He also inaugurated a 180m road, which was not in use since the last 29 years and named it Bharat Jodo road. The leader went on to plant saplings on Khadi Gramodyog Kendra premises to mark his visit.

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## Gollabhama sarees of Telangana get Unesco listing; an honour to Siddipet weavers: Govt

The Telangana government on Sunday hailed the listing of Gollabhama sarees, a unique variety of sarees made in Siddipet district, as an iconic craft of India by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (Unesco).

State finance and health minister T Harish Rao, who represents Siddipet constituency, said the Unesco had communicated that the Gollabhama sarees woven at Siddipet were listed under iconic crafts of the country.

Describing it as an honour to the skill of

Siddipet weavers, Rao said the state government was making all efforts to promote Gollabhama sarees through the state textiles department and would set up stalls all over the country.

He said Gollabhama sarees of Siddipet were granted geographical index tag nearly 10 years ago and now it was heartening to note that they had won the Unesco recognition.

"Siddipet has become the sole address for these unique sarees made exclusively by the local weavers. We shall present these Gollabhama sarees

as gifts to visitors who arrive from various parts of the country and from across the world," he said.

In its report on "Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile," Unesco listed the history and legends behind the textiles, especially the strenuous efforts put in by the weavers.

Apart from Siddipet Gollabhama sarees, Telangana's Himru weaving and Gongadi sheep wool blankets were also featured in the Unesco's list of nearly 50 iconic textile crafts of the country.

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## Tri-services...

lines as the tri-services cyber command and the space command as the future wars will hardly have any contact between troops unless used for capturing enemy territory.

While the Modi government is moving towards military theatre commands, it does not want to take any military reform in a hurry and without proper conceptualization at the doctrine and commander level as well as integration at the lowest level of formations. Given that India has a land frontier of over 15,000 kilometers and coastline of over 7,000 km, the army will be the priority on land as Navy will be on sea.

For optimum operational results, India needs to rethink its offensive doctrines as the tri-services command has a role in taking the war to the enemy and not while de-

fending its own territory. There is no point splitting up scarce military assets among various theatre commands if the threat is coming on India's land frontiers or sea frontiers. The functioning of the tri-service command at Andamans and Nicobar Islands has sobered up the military reformists as the Navy has a spearhead role in India's island territories and not the Army till such time India does not adopt the expeditionary forces concept. The Air Force cannot be limited to air defence of Indian airspace but also in launching offensive against the enemy by taking down or degrading its war machine.

Before embarking on the military theatre command charter, Indian national security planners will have to game war scenarios where the tri-services can be opti-

mally utilized and best fit.

With Narendra Modi government appointing India's second Chief of Defence Staff in Gen Anil Chauhan, his task will be to listen to the three armed forces chiefs on their views on theatre commands and rapidly operationalize the cyber and defence commands.

Gen Chauhan's task also will be to wean the armed forces from its British Imperial Legacy, as exemplified in PM Modi's Paanch Prans, as the Indian military is still human resource oriented and not tech oriented. Even today, a whole lot of money is spent on building new military messes and golf courses rather than developing counter-offensive capabilities in cyber-war or developing smarter missiles.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Bambooflat Open...

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The tournament was inaugurated by Renowned International Master V Saravanan, from Chennai by making the ceremonial move on the top board against R Kashthuri Bhai to kickstart the event,

Miss Mariam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member was the chief guest for the closing ceremony while Shri Basheer Pradhan

Kanyapuram Panchayat graced the occasion as the guest of honour. They gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament.

Around 130 players participated in the event which was held in rapid mode over seven rounds in which R Kashthuri Bhai was the winner, D Shrestha Vijay stood second, P S Satish was third, P Anand Rao stood fourth while Rohan Singh an

under 08 boy who performed brilliantly and secured fifth position in the open category. The winners were awarded with trophies, cash prizes and certificates.

Apart from open category three best players each in boys and girls from Under 09, Under 13, Under 17 and best youngest, women and veteran players were also awarded with cash prize, trophies and certificates.

## Organs of...

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organ donation throughout her life. She had also qualified for Kaun Banega Crorepati," the doctor added.

Choudhary's heart, a kidney and corneas were donated to patients at AIIMS, while her liver will be utilised in the Army RR Hospital. Her second kidney was given to a patient at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, according to the arrangement by National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation.

The forensic medicine team conducted virtual autopsy - computed tomography and also carried out post-mortem during organ retrieval, the doctor said.

Donation of organs by a bureaucrat's family member comes at a time when the government is try-

ing to create awareness around the issue.

"Since April, 12 donations have taken place at AIIMS Trauma Centre, Delhi, the highest here since 1994. The team at the trauma centre has made major changes in brain death certification and organ procurement processes, leading to sustained increased numbers now," the doctor said.

The organ procurement services at AIIMS Trauma Centre is led by Professor of Neurosurgery Dr Deepak Gupta.

In India, one person dies from road accident every three minutes, amounting to 1.50 lakh such death every year, but only 700 organ donations take place. Awareness is the need of hour, another doctor said.

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