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APWD successfully completes 2 tanks of capacity 10.66 lakh litres each at Afra Bay and Macachua in Great Nicobar Island



Port Blair, Oct. 17: Towards ensuring continued access to adequate quantity of potable water in extreme dry season

to remote areas of Afra Bay and Macachua in Great Nicobar Island, APWD has successfully completed 2

tanks of capacity 10.66 lakh litres each. Every year, during summer, the tribal inhab-

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Officials of Civil Supplies Clarify about supply of fortified rice to various schools to end confusion among parents and PRI Members

Salim Javed & Vikramaditya
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 17: Following news published by Andaman Sheekha Daily on 15 October 2022 issue, regarding some

children of Padmanabapuram region complained about Diarrhea as well as vomiting and doubts over quality of rice being supplied to various schools by Civil Supplies De-

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Secretary Health Visits Middle Andaman, Meets Public and PRI Members

Trinath & Rabindranath
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 17: Mr. Arjun Sharma, IAS, Health Secretary & Director of Health, A & N Islands was on an official visit in Middle Andaman today.

Soon after reaching Middle Andaman, the top Official of the Health Dept. had

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Grand Opening ceremony of New Kids & Pets Accessories Showroom 'Little Andaman'

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Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 17: 'Little Andaman' opened its doors for the first time on 17th June. The event started at 09 AM. The Member of Parliament Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma inaugurated the show room by cutting ribbon. The new showroom is located near



Annai Agency, Junglighat, Port Blair, South Andaman.

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Advisory for students, interested for admission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut

Port Blair, Oct. 17: All concerned candidates have been informed that the Assistant Registrar, Directorate of Admissions, University of Calicut has informed that the University of Calicut has reserved one seat each in all UG & PG programmes, additional created and reserved over and

above the sanctioned strength in the affiliated Arts and Science Colleges under this University, but within the Statutory maximum limit for the native students of the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the academic session 2022-23. The closing date for admission for Under Graduate

and Post Graduate programmes in the affiliated colleges under University is Oct. 28, 2022.

The candidates who are interested for admission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut have been asked to go

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Heavy Rain Warning

Port Blair, Oct. 17: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar

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Inauguration of Two Day Agriculture Startup Conclave by Prime Minister

Port Blair, Oct 17: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), LtGovernor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the virtual release of 12th Installment of financial benefit to the beneficiaries under PM KISAN SAMAN NIDHI Scheme by Mr. Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India and inauguration of two day Agriculture



Startup Conclave and 600 MANTRI KISAN District PRADHAN SAMRUDHI Kendra outlets.

Inauguration of Renovated Community Hall at Ward No-1 Haddo

Port Blair, Oct 17: The Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council Mrs. U. Kavitha inaugurated the Renovated Community Hall at Ward No-1 Haddo today. The Senior Vice Chairperson Mr. Azizi-ur-Rahman, Councilors of various wards and officers / officials of the Council were present during the occasion. At the outset the Councilor Ward No-1 Mr. S. Shahul Hameed welcomed the gathering. The Civic Chief stated that the Community hall was in a dilapidated condition and the same has been renovated



which was a long pending demand of the local populace of the area. She further stated that the Port Blair Municipal Council is working round the clock to provide state of art civic amenities / services to its citizen's

and many new ventures are in pipeline in this regard. Mr. S. Shahul Hameed, Ward Councillor while his address appealed the residents of the ward to take use of the facilities and also keep it neat and clean while utilizing the same.

Cleanliness Drive Conducted by Allu Arjun Army Andaman at Marina Park Beach

Port Blair, Oct 17: On 16th October 2022, Allu Arjun Army Andaman (AAAA) conducted the SWACHTHA ABHIYAN in collaboration with Andaman Helping Hands, A&N Islands (AHHANI) and Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) at Marina Park Beach.

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Revised sailing of MV Kalighat

Port Blair, Oct 17: This is to inform to the passengers/general public that due to Administrative reasons the scheduled departure time of the vessel **MV Kalighat** for Campbell

Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, T e r e s s a , Katchal & Nancowry (all ports) on 18.10.2022 at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf has been revised. Now the ves-

sel will sail for Campbell Bay via all ports on the same day at 1400 Hrs instead of 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp at JNRM Port Blair

Port Blair, Oct 17: Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by Lions Club, Port Blair in collaboration with the Department of Home Science, JNRM College on 15th October 2022 at JNRM College, in connection with the Birth Anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India. A total of 34 units of blood were donated by voluntary donors.

The Blood Donation was facilitated by Dr. N. R. Kodhandram, Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Chief Medical Officer (NFSG). The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors on various aspects and importance of blood donation.



Mr. B V Karunakaran, Secretary, Lions Club of Port Blair organized the camp and made arrangements for conducting the camp successfully. The technical team from Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and A & N AIDS Con-

trol Society ensured that the donated blood units are screened for the blood transmissible diseases.

They also examined the donors for eligibility. Donors' certificates were also distributed to the voluntary donors.

Mv Swaraj Dweep to sail from Port Blair To Chennai

Port Blair, Oct 17: Vessel MV SWARAJ DWEEP (voy. no. 1012) will sail for Port Blair to Chennai on 18.10.2022 at 1600 hrs as per the following programs.

Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs on 17.10.2022 i.e. one day prior to sailing of the vessel.

Embarkation of passengers will commence from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs on 18.10.2022. The embarkation of passengers will be closed

one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel. Bona fide passengers may please note that: -

The vessel will sail soon after the embarkation of passengers and completion of other formalities from Haddo wharf.

The accompanied baggage's exceeding the prescribed norms is likely to be rejected. The size and weight of each package should be 1 mtrs x 0.5 mtrs. And within 20 kgs It must show in bold let-

ters the name and the ticket number of the passenger. The packages found bigger in size and more in weight will be rejected. The excess baggage's will be subject to double the rate of freight.

Note: the passengers are strictly advice to reach well in time as the embarkation of passenger and excess baggage will be closed one hour before the scheduled time. Those passengers arriving late will not be entertained to board the vessel.

Cleanliness Drive...

has given recognition to us and now Sree Sakthivel Murugan Youth Club from Lamba Line has joined with us on 15 Oct 2022 for better cohesion towards the society for 100% elimination of garbage its everyone responsibility to make our city proud in SWATCHH SURVEKSHAN Rankings.

During this drive, 32 Volunteers were participated and removed off total 14 bags of garbage were collected from Marina Park Beach which consisted all type of mixed garbage like

plastics materials, Alcoholic bottles (Two bags containing about 207 bottles), Tetra packs, Water bottles, wastage shoes, sandals, plastic bags followed by waste plastic rope etc.

The cleanliness drive was graced by Mrs. Rekha Sudhakar and Mrs. Bharti both teachers from Carmel Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair and Dr. Muruganandam, Scientist D', RMRCBPB, ICMR, Port Blair.

Volunteers raised slogans with great enthusiasm and patriotism as Clean Port

Blair-Green Port Blair and Bharat Mata ki Jai at the end of the event.

They are thankful to each and every volunteer for their participation and support. Especially to Teachers and Students of Carmel Senior Secondary School, Port Blair, They always need this kind of support from all in future.

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Lt. Governor participates in virtual release of 12th Installment of financial benefit to the beneficiaries under PMKSN Scheme

Port Blair, Oct 17: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in the virtual release of 12th Installment of financial benefit to the beneficiaries under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme by Shri Narendra



Modi, the Prime Minister of India & inauguration of two day Agri Startup Conclave and 600 District Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samrudhi Kendra outlets.

Grand Opening...

The public is invited to celebrate the occasion by browsing the large range of kids & pets accessories and experience the vibe firsthand. The grand opening includes dozens of giveaways, refreshments, and gifts.

"Little Andaman is exclusively for kids & pets and offers accessories & clothes for children ages 0-8, and all pet accessories & food. Little Andaman is committed to creating perfect accessories & clothing that meets the needs of children's daily lifestyles. The brand offers high qual-

ity, functional gear for toddlers and kids up to 8 years at affordable prices. Its main focus is on producing new and modern styles that make children comfortable and safe," said David Moses, Director of Yireh Marketing.

David Moses, Director of Yireh Marketing, commented that "Little Andaman is honored to open our new showroom in Port Blair, a premier shopping location in Andaman. They look forward to becoming a member of the local community and build-

ing our reputation for excellence among local parents as well as the pet lovers and international visitors on holiday in the city. Also they thanked all the guests, partners, friends and neighbors who showed up and helped us launch the new branding."The new showroom will be located near Annai Agency, Junglighat, Port Blair, Port Blair's largest open-air shopping center. It will be open from 10 am until 8 pm Monday - Saturday. Also, people are recommended to get navigation through Google maps.

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Officials of...

partment, a team of officials from Civil Supplies reached Middle School Padmanabapuram on 15 October 2022 to investigate whether there was any issue with the rice supplied for Mid-Day meal.

Andaman Sheekha report had earlier clearly mentioned in the news article that there was no direct evidence of children falling sick due to Mid-Day meals.

The report also mentioned that without proper tests this will be unfair to blame School authorities or Civil Supplies for any mismanagement in this regard.

During the visit the officials of Supplies to the Middle School Padmanabapuram, they explained that rice content which many people had mistaken as "plastic rice" are actually fortified rice, which is nothing but added mineral contents like Folic Acid, Vitamin B12 and Iron. These substances are known as FRKs (Fortified Rice Kernels), which are micronutrients added to regular rice.

The Food Inspectors explained that according to FSSAI, 1 KG of fortified rice contains 28 to 42 mg of iron,

75 to 125 microgram of folic acid and 0.75 to 1.25 microgram of Vitamin B-12 which is mixed in 100 kg of regular rice in the ratio of 1:100.

The officials clarified that there is nothing to panic in this issue and people shouldn't spread wrong information in society.

The matter came to light after the Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Shivapuram Mr. Venkateshwar Rao issued a press statement to Andaman Sheekha saying that some children of the region are falling sick and having health issue Diarrhea and Vomiting.

Following this he had visited the Padmanabapuram School to check the condition of rice used for Mid-Day meals. Talking to Andaman Sheekha Daily the Pradhan of Gram Panchayat Shivapuram Mr. Venkateshwar Rao on Sunday said that after issue raised by him some officials of food safety and civil supplies visited the Padmanabapuram School and clarified the entire issue to Parents, PRI members and teachers. "Till now even ground staffs, dealing with mid-day meals, were unaware of the fact that forti-

fied rice is being supplied to the schools and the unknown particles present with rice, are added nutrients. I was informed that as Mid-Day meal staffs had no knowledge about fortified rice, they were segregating the added minerals from ordinary rice just to be on the safe side," he added. The Pradhan said that during Saturday's visit of Civil Supplies staff the matter has now become clear.

He also said that a few children of the region, who had complained about Diarrhea and vomiting, had reached hospital from their respective home but when the matter of presence of unknown substance in rice used for mid-day meal came in the knowledge of parents, they thought the cause of such health issue was mid-day meal and they raised alarm.

The officials of Civil Supplies/ Food Safety also assured the gathering that from now on they will inform all schools about this fortified rice so that there is no confusion among Mid-Day meal staffs, teachers and parents.

It is learnt that after the visit of Staffs of Civil Supplies a team of Food Safety had also visited the school.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHINY RUNDA**, D/o MOTI RUNDA, aged about 38 years, by faith Christianity, presently R/o Panighat, Mayabunder, North Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have completed 38 years of my age and my date of birth is 21.10.1984.
2. That I have many Muslim friends, and I am very much impressed by my friends and the teaching of Islam and culture.
3. That, I intend to embrace Islam religion and renounce Christianity.
4. That, there is no any criminal force or undue influence or any coercion of any person or persons behind embracing Islam but only as per my will and wish.
5. That hereinafter I shall be known as **SHANAAZ BEGUM** as a member of Islam religion.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

Henceforth I should be known as **SHANAAZ BEGUM** instead of **SHINY RUNDA** for all purposes and intends. The above said paras are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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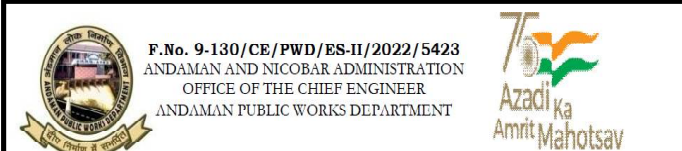
AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHINY RUNDA** (Old Name), **SHANAAZ BEGUM** (Adopted Name) D/o MOTI RUNDA, aged about 38 years, by faith Christianity, presently Panighat, Mayabunder, North Andaman District, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, do hereby declare as follows:

1. That I have completed 38 years of my age and my date of birth is 21.10.1984.
2. That, in all my documents my name is mentioned, printed and written as **SHINY RUNDA**.
3. That, now I have embraced Islam religion and renounce Christianity as per my will and wish and I adopted new Islamic name as **SHANAAZ BEGUM**.
4. That hereinafter I shall be known as **SHANAAZ BEGUM** as a member of Islam religion.
5. That this affidavit is made for adopting new name and making correction in all my personal and official documents.
6. That I am aware that, if any statement in this declaration is false, and in making such statement I either know or believe it to be false or do not believe it to be true I am liable to imprisonment and also to fine.

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Port Blair, dated the 14th October 2022.

PRESS RELEASE

The last date of submission of online application invited from the eligible candidates vide Notice of Vacancy for Recruitment in APWD uploaded on 16/08/2022 in the Administration portal www.andaman.gov.in and Department's portal www.apwd.and.nic.in to fill up the various vacant post of Group 'B' (Non-Gazetted) and Group 'C' Non-Ministerial posts is further extended till 14/11/2022, 05.00 PM due to administrative reasons.

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Secretary Health...

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a direct interaction with the PRIs at Samiti Hall, Rangat and various issues were kept before the Secretary.

The PRIs of this region raised the issues of shortage of Medical staffs including Male Doctors, poor infrastructure in the CHC, Rangat while PHCs in Bakultala, Nimbutala, Betapur, Dasaratur, and new PHC at Bakultala are plagued with the shortage of ANMs and dearth of required medicines. As part of his tour, the Secretary Health visited CHC, Rangat on the basis of these inputs and inquired in detail about the shortcomings of the Hospital.

On being apprised of the glitches and deficiencies affecting the CHC, Rangat the Health Authority assured to bring an end to all those health related issues as early as possible. After completion of the inspection of CHC, Rangat they proceeded towards PHC, Billiground to see the condition of PHC Billiground.

In transit, they met with Shri Venkateshwar Rao, Pradhan, Shivapuram and inspected the Betapur Sub Health Centre as well. On the higher Official's visit, Mr.

Veknkateshwar narrated in detail the situation of the centre and urged the needful to eradicate the shortcomings of the sub centre.

At the end of today's tour, they arrived at PHC, Billiground at 3.30PM. On the arrival of the Health Secretary, ANI & Director of Health Service ANI, local leaders welcomed him.

The Health Secretary and Health Director inspected all the units of the PHC, Billiground very minutely and the Chief Medical officer Dr. Ajit Kumar put forth the requirements of the PHC in detail.

After completion the inspection Secretary Health & Director collectively addressed the public and PRIs.

On this occasion, Dr. P.K. Mandal, SGS, BJKM, ANI very effectively highlighted the different issues of PHC Billiground. He said that the Hospital immediately requires the appointment of a new Lab assistant and appointment of X-ray technician. The PHC Billiground is in dire need of Digital X-ray machine, a new 50KV Gen set, weekly 6 days visits/services of Ayush Doctor and at least weekly 2 days Homeo

Doctors services at the Health Centre. Providing instruments and staff for Thyroid examination is also a requirement of the PHC. He further informed that the building where inpatients are kept is in bad condition which requires it to be urgently restored in the interest of the public.

Health Secretary after listening to all the points raised by Dr. P.K. Mandal, assured necessary action.

The Health Secretary and Director of Health assured the public and PRI that they will immediately take necessary steps to resolve all the issues so that people of the region could get good health services. Health secretary further added that he is very much happy to get the opportunity to meet such well health aware people of this district. He said the public are free to contact him in connection with health related issues at any point of time. Dr. Mandal, Tushar Bepari expressed their gratitude to the Health Secretary and director of Health Service for patiently hearing the grievances of the public and giving assurance of solving all difficulties related to health.

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COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct. 17: No COVID positive case has been detected today in A&N Islands. Today, 14 flights with 2184 passengers arrived,

out of which, 1987 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 145 passengers and the reports are awaited.

Advisory for...

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through the website of the University (<https://www.uoc.ac.in/>) for details of the courses offered in UG and PG programmes.

Interested and eligible candidates seeking ad-

mission in UG & PG Programmes in the University of Calicut have been requested to submit the application to the Development-IV Section, Secretariat by Oct. 21, 2022 upto

5 pm, so that the same can be forwarded to the University of Calicut for consideration of the admission against the seats reserved for the students of A&N Islands.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I on behalf of Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Shoal Bay invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

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Heavy Rain...

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kmph is likely to prevail over Andaman Sea along & off Andaman and Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea from Oct. 18 till further order. For further enquiries/information contact

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

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itants residing in permanent shelters at Afra Bay and Macachuafaces acute scarcity of water due to drying up of wells/available spring sources there. Both these places are accessible only through mechanized boat or engine dinghy by sea. Due to which, every year, potable water had to be transported from Campbell Bay to Afra Bay and Macachuaby boat or engine dingy during extreme peak summer for consumption of the residents. To meet the demand, sufficiently large water storage tanks were proposed for construction by making use of prefabricated GI tank with liner for storing

10.66 lakh litres water in each tank. Despite several unforeseen hurdles in the wake of COVID pandemic, construction of the tanks has been successfully completed and commissioned by APWD. The augmented water storage will benefit 150 population of Afra Bay and 175 residents of Macachua. With the completion of this project, 10.66 lakh litres water can be stored in each tank during rainy season when it is available abundantly in the local water sources. This stored water can be utilized for consumption by the native tribal inhabitants during peak summer without having to face any hardship.