

## As RO water unit remains defunct, Patients are forced to buy water or drink untreated water in G B Pant

John Wilbert & Rabindranath Biswas

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Nov 13: Patients and attendants in GB Pant Hospital, have been suffering heavily due to the unavailability of drinking water from RO water unit in hospital OPD Complex, public alleged.

As per report, there is no drinking water facility for the patients in GB Pant Hospital for the past several months as the RO water unit



in the hospital is in defunct state. The General Public alleged that patients who come to Hospital for treatment are forced to buy wa-

ter from the hospital canteen and or else they have to walk long distances to the new medical complex for drink-

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## Sandeep Singh arrested from Haryana Border

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Port Blair, Nov 13: Mr. Sandeep Singh, 38 year, businessman of Port Blair alias Rinku, whose name appeared in the Andaman Gang Rape Case was reportedly arrested today at

Haryana Border, following efforts by Andaman and Nicobar Police, sources said. As per details he will soon be produced before Court in Delhi for a transit remand.

Sandeep Singh's name was mentioned in FIR as an accomplice in the

crime. On 04 November ANI Police had announced a reward of Rs 01 lakh for information for passing any information about Mr. Sandeep Singh. The Calcutta High Court on November first week had rejected the anticipatory bail plea of Rinku.

## N & M District Police Tough on Cannabis Plantations

Port Blair, Nov 13: Keeping a sharp vigil over the anti-social and illegal activities, the district police follow a policy of zero tolerance towards narcotic substances. Swiftly acting on credible information regarding cultivation of Cannabis plants, a team

headed by Insp. Stalin N.S, SHO PS Diglipur, HC Thangarajan, PCs Devsai Toppo, Santosh Lall, Abubacker Siddique, Samaresh Mistry, Samir Halder, K. Ismail and Ct (Driver) Pawan Singh conducted raids.

On 09/11/2022 the team raided and recovered 03 Nos. Cannabis plants from possession of Prodip Das R/o R.K Gram. On another raid on 11/11/2022 at Sita Nagar, Police recovered 03 Nos. Cannabis plants in-

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## D Shrestha Vijay Becomes the A & N State Open Chess Champion 2022



Port Blair, Nov 13: Andaman & Nicobar State Open Chess Selection Championship 2022 which began on 12-11-2022 at JNRM College Auditorium

Port Blair concluded today successfully. The event was sponsored by Vignesh Electronics.

Mr. K. Biju Nair, Chief Editor (i/c), Govt

Press and Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, Guru Ki Rasoi was the guests for the inaugural session of the second day of playing this

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## Vishal Jolly Visits Tribal Communities and Briefs about the Welfare Schemes



Port Blair, Nov 13: Mr. Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI, who is on a 03 days tour to Nicobar District from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022, held a meeting with Tribal Council, Headman of all the 15 villages, ladies representative of the villages and other tribal leaders of Car Nicobar in the Tribal Council Office, Car Nicobar on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

During the interaction Mr. Vishal Jolly briefed

about the welfare schemes provided by Modi Govt. to tribal communities including various infrastructure and economic development initiatives undertaken by the Union Government for welfare and wellbeing of the tribal communities. Also, the BJP State Unit has taken up their present concerns as well as their future needs within the framework of Government of India's Policy; he informed.

Further, the tribal council and other dignitaries

discussed various burning issues related to tribal communities of Nicobar Islands and future development of the islands with Vishal Jolly and asked for immediate redressal. All the issues were taken seriously by Mr. Jolly and assured them to take up the matter with appropriate authority on priority.

The following dignitaries were also present during the meeting:

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## NSUI State President Mr. M. A Sajid requests Secretary Education to declare the Final Year Results for PG Courses in JNRM

Port Blair, Nov 13: Mr. M.A Sajid, State President NSUI has requested the Administration to Promptly Declare the Final Years results of various PG Courses in JNRM.

In his letter addressed to the Education Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Mr. Sajid said that The Students from

JNRM were facing huge difficulties concerning a delay in declaring of their Final Semester results of several PG Courses by the Pondicherry University. Mr. Sajid said that the students from JNRM were likely to undergo their higher education thereafter with a declaration of their results. He further pointed out

towards the JNRM College Management which was inactive as no immediate step and action has been taken so far.

At last, Mr. Sajid clearly said that as for the faith of the students in their Bright Future to kindly declare the Results immediately.

## NSUI State President Mr. M. A Sajid demands filling of Vacant Sanctioned Post of TTI

Port Blair, Nov 13: National Students Union of India State President Mr. M.A Sajid has requested the Administration in filling the vacant Sanctioned Post of TTI.

In his letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration Mr. Sajid said that The Students of Govt. Teachers Training Institute (TTI) were facing enormous difficulties in acquiring excess Education benefits as The Post of PGT Teachers and Lecturers

was lying vacant in the concerned Institute.

He mentioned that at around 6 Sanctioned Post for Lecturers and 15 out of 8 posts of Postgraduate

Trained Teachers Post which were still vacant in the current institute which is to be filled thereafter. He further requested The Administration to take necessary immediate Steps and responsibilities in filling of the posts lying vacant in the Govt. Teacher's Training Institute (TTI)

## Interested stakeholders of cultivation and postharvest management of cinnamon advised

Port Blair, Nov. 13: True cinnamon is one of the ancient spices that have been valued in flavouring and pharmaceutical industries. True cinnamon is extracted from the inner bark of the botanical species namely *Cinnamomum verum*. The bark is characterized by sweet taste and delicate aroma, which makes it an ingredient of choice for food industries. Good quality produce should not be thicker than a thick paper, thus easy to break, and should melt in mouth. A number of medicinal properties are offered by the bark. However, most of the produce in the domestic markets is flooded with thick, dark brown bark with pun-

gent taste. This material is derived from species other than cinnamon and is technically termed as cassia or false cinnamon or Chinese cinnamon. Cassia is known to contain coumarins, which are potentially harmful for health, while cinnamon is safe due to negligible content of this compound. Hence, true cinnamon needs to be promoted for obtaining safer and pharmaceutically potent produce.

As per the report by Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development (DASD), Calicut, Kerala during the year 2019-20, India imported 30,000 tonnes of (See page 6)

## Heavy Rain Warning

Port Blair, Nov. 13: Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Nov. 15 & 16. Due to squally weather, wind speed exceeding 45 kmph is likely to prevail over

Andaman Sea. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea on Nov. 16.

For further enquiries / information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline

No. 1070 & District 1-mergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

## With 734 fresh cases, India sees another drop in daily Covid count; active caseload at 12,307

India logged 734 new coronavirus infections taking the tally of Covid-19 cases to 4,46,66,377, while the active cases dipped to 12,307, according to the Union health ministry data updated on Sunday.

The death toll has climbed to 5,30,531 with three more fatalities, including one reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am showed.

The active cases comprise 0.03 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate has increased to 98.78 per cent, according to the health ministry website.

A decrease of 199 cases has been recorded in the active Covid-19 caseload in a span of 24 hours. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,23,539, while the case fatality rate was re-

corded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website 219.80 crore doses of Covid vaccines have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide Covid-19 vaccination drive.

India's Covid-19 tally had crossed the 20-lakh mark on August 7, 2020, 30 lakh on August 23, 40 lakh on September 5 and 50 lakh on September 16.

It went past 60 lakh on September 28, 70 lakh on October 11, crossed 80 lakh on October 29, 90 lakh on November 20 and surpassed the one-crore mark on December 19. India crossed the grim milestone of two crore on May 4, three crore on June 23 last year and four crore on January 25 this year. Two new deaths reported in a span of 24 hours are one each from Karnataka and West Bengal.

Showroom: No. 2, Middle Point, Opposite Bengali Club, Next to Hotel Shompen, Port Blair, South Andaman, Andaman and Nicobar Islands - 744101. Tel: 9531829000



## GREETINGS

On the occasion of Children's Day I extend my warm greetings to all children of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Children's Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister of India, Shri. Jawaharlal Nehru and the day is of great importance for giving love, attention and affection to the children.

The celebration of Children's Day teaches us several values and I urge all parents and guardians to instil good morals and virtues in their wards and groom them to be responsible Islander as well as citizens of our country.

**Kuldeep Rai Sharma,**  
Member of Parliament,  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

## National Book Week 2022 Celebration

Port Blair, Nov 13: "The National Book Week 2022 will be celebrated in the State Library, Port Blair from 14 to 20 November, 2022, on this occasion Books Exhibition and various programs are being organized by this Directorate. (See page 4)

## Vishal Jolly Hoists Party Flag at Nicobar District Headquarters

Port Blair, Nov 13: Mr. Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI hoisted party flag at Nicobar District Headquarters, in the Perka village on 12 November in presence of tribal leaders and tribal villagers, during his 03 days tour to Nicobar District. Inspired by the leadership the tribal people enthusiastically participated in the flag hoisting event and the party's ideology reaching out to the tribal communities even to the remotest part of the country.



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## MESSAGE

On the occasion of Children's Day, the 14<sup>th</sup> November, I extend my warm and affectionate wishes to the children of A&N Islands.

Children are like buds in a garden who should be nurtured with love and care as they are the future of the Nation. Children's Day symbolizes the innocence, love and purity that children bring to this world. They possess immense potential to contribute to the society and humanity. All teachers, parents and the society have the exalted duty to facilitate them towards their all-round development in tune with their interest and aptitude so that their talents and energies can be channelized towards building of a New India.

The children of our Islands have made us proud by their outstanding performance in the AISSCE & AISSE examinations, various competitions at National level and bringing laurels to the Islands. The overall pass percentage in Class XII examination 2022 is 96.74% which is 4% more than the National average. I take this opportunity to congratulate the achievers of AISSCE & AISSE 2022 who have exhibited exemplary determination, hard work and perseverance.

A&N Administration is firmly committed to untiring endeavors for ensuring complete nutrition, safety and excellent education of all children so that they can become enlightened, self-reliant and responsible citizens of our great Nation.

On this occasion, I entreat all children of the Islands to make best use of their childhood and realize their dreams to take our Nation forward on the path of peace and prosperity.

**Sd/-**  
**(Admiral D K Joshi)**  
**PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)**  
**Lieutenant Governor A&N Islands**  
**& Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency**

## CITU Mayabunder Zonal Conference Held

Port Blair, Nov 13: The Mayabunder Zonal Conference of the CITU was held at Mayabunder today (13.11.2022). Inaugurating the Conference, Mr. B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, and CITU State Committee explained in detail the various anti-working class decisions of the A&N Administration which were being resisted by the CITU and trade unions all over the islands. He said that the Administration is not accepting even the orders of the High Court and Supreme Court



and is pushing the workers to spend their hard earned money for litigation.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. D. Ayyappan, Vice Presi-

dent, CITU A & N State Committee said that the BJP government at the center is taking away whatever rights and benefits enjoyed by the workers in the country by

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## Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry Visits National Memorial Cellular Jail



Port Blair, Nov 13: The Department Related Parliamentary Committee on Industry headed by its Chairman, Mr. Tiruchi Siva (Rajya Sabha) along with other Committee Members today visited the

National Memorial Cellular Jail and paid tributes to the freedom fighters.

The Chairman & Committee Members also visited the Solitary Cell of Veer Savarkar in the Jail



premises and paid their obeisance to the great martyr of our motherland. On completion of the visit to Isles, the Parliamentary Committee departed for the mainland today.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Nov 13: Mr. Kajal Das, Mondal President Shaheed Dweep, Bharatiya Janata Party along Pinkey Das, Pradhan Shaheed Dweep with all party workers has expressed his deepest

condolences on the sad and untimely demise of Mr. Deepak Halder Veterinary Surgeon posted at Gaushala Farukhnagar, Gurugram Haryana and Permanent Resident of Shaheed

Dweep, All members of Gram Panchayat Neil Kendra, pray to the almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss

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## Birth Anniversary of Dr. Salim Ali the Birdman of India

Port Blair, Nov 13: The birth anniversary of Dr. Salim Ali, 'The Birdman of India', was celebrated by the Science Centre. As part of the programme, the students were taken to Chidiyatapu, a place well known for its avian fauna for watching the birds through binoculars. The students were taught to identify the birds and its nature in its natural habitat and also explained the unique biodiversity of Chidiyatapu. Around 50 students from various schools in & around Port Blair took part in the programme. After completion of the tour, the students appeared for a 'Feedback Test' on the experience



gained by them during the bird watching. Accordingly, Kumar NatikKarmakar of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line, Kumar G. Sai Vignesh of Ananda Marg Middle School, Junglighat secured first and second position whereas

Kumari Banashree Das of Govt. Sr. Sec. School Line & Kumari Kiruthisha of Govt. Sr. Sec. School Rangachang were adjudged as the third & consolation prize winners respectively.

## A & N Open Chess Selection Championship 2022 Begins

Port Blair, Nov 13: Andaman & Nicobar State Open Chess Selection Championship 2022 which is being rganized by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) has begun today the 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at JNRM College Auditorium Port Blair.

Mr. Vishwendra, Secretary-cum-Director (Transport) was the chief guest of the opening ceremony who made the ceremonial first move on the top board to kick starts the event in presence of S Netazi, Observer, deputed from Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Port Blair. Mr. G Bhasker, Patron ANCA, graced the occasion as the guest of honor who lauded the efforts of ANCA in promoting the game of chess in A & N Islands.



Earlier Mr. Tanveer Singh Vice president ANCA, while welcoming the gathering, highlighted the recent achievements and vision of ANCA.

Around 170 players are participating enthusiastically in the two-day state level chess Championship which will be held over 9 rounds in Swiss format for two days.

The Championship

will serve as a selection tournament for the upcoming MPL 59<sup>th</sup> Senior National Chess Championship-2022 scheduled to be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022 to 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Near ITO, New Delhi.

The best four players will be selected for the MPL 59<sup>th</sup> Senior National Chess Championship-2022.

## Multi-Speciality Health Camp as Part of 'Community Interaction Programme' Of Indian Coast Guard at Radhanagar Village

Port Blair, Nov 13: The Community Health Centre, Diglipur in association with the Diglipur based Coast Guard District Headquarters and Gram Panchayat of Radhanagar, organized a multi-speciality health camp as part of 'Community Interaction Programme' of Indian Coast Guard at Radhanagar Village.

The Medical Camp comprised of General Physicians, Dental Surgeon's,



Ayush Doctors, Yoga instructor, Health educator and councillors from CHC Diglipur, Physician & Medical Staff from Coast Guard,

and health workers from Radhanagar. Free Medical Consultations, treatments and medicines were provided to all in the camp.

## National Book...

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rectorate in State Library, Port Blair. During the weeklong Mrs. Veditha Reddy, IAS Secretary (Education) Andaman and Nicobar Administration will inaugurate the Book Exhibition on 14th November, 2022 at 04.00 P.M as Chief Guest and Mr.

Aditya Kumar Jha, DANICS; (Education) will be the Guest of Honor.

The Exhibition will be opened for general public from 14th November to 20th November, 2022 "final function of the Books Exhibition".

## CITU Mayabunder...

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introducing the four labor codes after abolishing a large number of labor laws which were in force even before independence.

He said that all the public sector undertakings in the country are being sold out to corporations. He further said that the promises made by the BJP during the Parliament elections in 2014 and 2019 are turned out to be hollow promises as none of the promises has been fulfilled so far. He expressed concern over the spiraling prices and unemployment in the country. Mr. Rahul Dev Mridha, CPI (M) leader and Advocate, Mrs. Shipra Bala, CITU State Committee Member and Mr. Anand Rajan, Treasurer,

ASNVMS also spoke on the occasion. Mr. PK Khalid, Secretary, CITU State Committee presided.

The Conference elected Mr. K. Muralidharan Pillai as President, Mr. M. Murugesan as Secretary and Mr. Ramesh Pradhan as Treasurer of the new Zonal Committee of the CITU. A number of resolutions on various issues relating to the workers in general and those in Mayabunder particularly were also adopted in the conference. A large number of workers of Mayabunder and adjoining areas working in various departments and organizations attended the conference.

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# Russia calls G20 to drift focus from security to socio-economic problems

Russia on Sunday called for the G20 to stop talking about security and focus on the world's most pressing socio-economic problems, ahead of a summit set to be dominated by Western criticism of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The G20 - a group of the world's largest economies that make up more than 80% of global GDP - is set to meet on the Indonesian island of Bali this week, with Western leaders including U.S. President Joe Biden expected to use the high-profile forum to slam Russia publicly over the war in Ukraine.

In a statement issued ahead of the summit, Russia's foreign ministry said it was "fundamentally important that the G20 concentrate its efforts on real, rather than imaginary, threats." It added: "We are convinced that the G20 is called upon to deal with socio-economic problems. Expanding its agenda into areas of peace and security, which many countries are



talking about, is not viable. This would be a direct incursion on the mandate of the United Nations Security Council and will undermine the atmosphere of trust and cooperation in the G20." Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will head Russia's delegation to the summit - the first since Moscow invaded Ukraine in February - after the Kremlin said President Vladimir Putin was too busy to attend.

Earlier on Sunday, Lavrov scolded the West for seeking to "militarise" south-east Asia, in comments that

set the stage for a potentially tense confrontation at the G20.

Russia said the global food crisis would form a key part of the agenda in Bali, which falls just days before the landmark Black Sea grain deal could expire on Nov. 19.

Moscow is calling for the West to ease some sanctions that it says block crucial agricultural and fertiliser exports, and has so far refused to commit to extend the deal, which facilitates grain exports from Ukraine's southern ports.

## 1 dead, several injured as blast rocks busy street in Istanbul: Report



A person died and several people were injured after an explosion rocked a busy pedestrian street in central Istanbul, Reuters reported.

Several media outlets shared pictures and videos of the spot showing injured pedestrians running from the scene of the blast. Turkish broadcaster TRT and other media reports showed ambulances and police heading to the scene on Istanbul's popular Istiklal Street in the Beyoglu district. State-owned Anadolu agency said the cause of the blast was not yet known. The nearby Kasimpasa po-

lice station said all crews were at the scene but gave no further details.

The cause of explosion is not known. A wide black crater is also visible on the images as well as several bodies on the ground nearby. Broadcaster CNN Turk said 11 people were injured. The avenue is a crowded thoroughfare popular with tourists and locals, lined by shops and restaurants. The explosion occurred at about 4:20 p.m. local time. Istiklal avenue was affected during a series of attacks targeting Istanbul in 2015-2016 claimed by the Islamic State group.

## Spain capital protests in support of primary healthcare, over 2 lakh attend: Report

Tens of thousands of Spanish public health workers and their supporters staged a demonstration Sunday to demand more primary health care staff and protest what they claim is the progressive dismantling of the public health system in favor of private providers by the conservative regional government in Madrid. The protest in the Spanish capital, dubbed the 'white tidal wave' because of the white medical coats worn by many protesters, took place under the slogan "Madrid rises up for public health."

The Madrid region is at the center of the protests. Partial walkouts started in the region last Monday, with an all-out strike called for Nov. 21 for nearly 5,000 Madrid doctors.

The protest was called by neighborhood associations, labor unions and leftist political parties.

The Madrid regional government led by the Popular Party's Isabel Ayuso has come under fire in recent years, and especially since the COVID-19 pandemic started in 2020, for poor staffing in hospitals and primary health care centers. Organizers say that though Madrid is the Spanish region with the highest income per capita it is also the one that spends the least amount per capita on primary health care. They claim that for every 2 euros spent on health care in Madrid, one ends up in the private sector.

"The people of Madrid deserve quality primary health care and not delays of more than a week to see family doctors or pediatricians," the AMYTS doctors' union says.

Ayuso denies there are staff shortages and claims the protests and strikes are being orchestrated by left-wing parties in the run-up to municipal and regional elections next year.

## Goa braces for 'unprecedented' tourists first time post-Covid, and all the latest news

As the tourism season peaks in Goa, the government, under mounting pressure, is gearing up to welcome tourists from all around the world. Goa this year is expecting unprecedented tourist numbers in the first season that opens fully after the Covid pandemic. As per official estimates, prior to the pandemic, the state witnessed close to 90 lakh tourists, including around 9 lakh foreigners. Explosion on tracks near Udaipur, cops say all angles including sabotage probed

An explosion occurred on the railway tracks in Rajasthan's Udaipur on Sunday, hours before the Asarwa-Udaipur Express was supposed to pass. The explosion occurred near Kewda ki Naal under Jawar Mines Police Station, Udaipur.

Prince Harry and Meghan Markle should lose

their royal title if the former's memoir attacks the royal family, a poll conducted by Express UK asked. Majority of Britons believed that the couple should lose their titles as 59 percent said the couple should no longer be called the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

Months after it was reported WhatsApp is testing a feature that will allow users to link their WhatsApp account with a secondary device (Android), fresh reports state the Meta-owned platform is testing it for smartphones, by enabling for some beta testers.

Raveena Tandon took a leaf out of Juhi Chawla's birthday post for her and wished the actor on her 55th birthday with similar pictures. Taking to Instagram on Sunday, Raveena Tandon posted a string of old pictures fea-

turing herself and Juhi. 'You are the captain. You can't bat like that and put your team in deep trouble': Harbhajan slams 'ordinary' Babar Azam

Pakistan put up a below par score against England in the T20 World Cup final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Sunday. Against the new ball, the openers failed to get going or rather England was too disciplined with their bowling and accurate with their field placements. 'Sunday burn done right' by Rakul Preet Singh. Video inside

Rakul Preet Singh is an absolute fitness enthusiast. The actor keeps slaying fitness goals with snippets from her gym diaries on her Instagram profile on a regular basis. Be it a high intensity routine or yoga, Rakul Preet believes in working hard and staying in shape.





## Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana completes four years

Port Blair, Nov. 13: The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI has launched the world's largest health assurance program named Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) in 2018. The scheme has successfully completed 4 years of its implementation on 23rd September, 2022. Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY aims to provide cashless treatment worth Rs 5 lakh per family per year against secondary and tertiary hospitalization care. Presently, 12,691 families (40,206 members) have registered under the AB-PMJAY scheme in this UT and are entitled for cashless treatment at 28,000 empanelled public and private hospitals across the country. To create awareness among the general public and to identify the unregistered eligible AB – PMJAY beneficiary various IEC activities are



conducted in this UT.

A Beneficiary Identification Camp was organized by State Health Agency (SHA), Port Blair at UHC Dairy Farm recently. In this camp, 8 new beneficiaries were identified and AB-PMJAY cards were created for them. During the camp, the resource persons from the State Health Agency also addressed the queries from the public pertaining to Ayushman Bharat – PMJAY scheme. Further, the State Health Agency

(SHA), Port Blair organized an awareness programme on Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) for the students and faculty of Govt. Teachers Training Institute, DIET Campus, Port Blair on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov., 2022. This session was aimed to create awareness about the benefits attached with the scheme. The students were exhorted to further inform and educate their parents and community about the scheme.

## D Shrestha Vijay...

morning.

They made the ceremonial first move on the top boards to kick start the second day games in presence of S Netazi, Observer, deputed from Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, Port Blair.

Around 170 players have participated passionately in the two-day state level chess Championship which was held for 9 rounds in Swiss format in which D Shrestha Vijay, a class VI student of Carmel Sr. Secondary School Port Blair clinched the Championship Trophy & remained undefeated in the championship who scored 8.5 points with 8 wins and a draw in 9 rounds. P. S Satish, AAO, PFMS, PAO Port Blair secured second position and M A Dinakar, a class IX Student of Kamaraj English medium secured third position while AKS Srimannaryana, Commandant, Indian Coast Guard secured fourth position. They were awarded with Trophies, Cash Prize and Certificates.

These four players



are eligible to represent Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the upcoming MPL 59th Senior National Chess Championship-2022 scheduled to be held from 22nd December 2022 to 3rd January 2023 at Indira Gandhi Sports Complex, Near ITO, New Delhi.

Apart from Open

category, two best players each in boys and girls from Under 08, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, and Under 18 were also awarded with trophies and certificates.

Best Youngest Boy and Girl, Best women and Best Veteran Players were also awarded with Trophies and Certificates.

## As RO water...

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ing water.

When contacted, the Staff of GB Pant Hospital said that the RO water unit was repaired a long time back but when informed about the defunct condition of the RO water unit, they cross checked the matter and found that the RO water unit was directly connected with the tank which dispensed water but without filtering the potable water as it is lying defunct for months together. As a result, patients had been drinking this untreated water, they alleged.

When contacted, the Medical Superintendent

told Andaman Sheekha Daily that he was not aware of the matter as no one made any complaint about the matter to him; even his staff didn't apprise him of the matter. Regretting the matter, he said that if RO water unit was directly connected with the tank then it was undeniably wrong. He assured that he will enquire into the matter and try to resolve the issue as early as possible.

Until repair work of the RO water unit is completed, the authority should display a sign board which would read- "RO water unit under repair", the general public opined.

## N & M District...

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cluding 26 gram Ganja from the possession of Shivanth Shanker R/o Sitanagar. In total 517 grams of illicit ganja and plants were seized. Both the accused were arrested by observing all legal formalities and 02 different cases have been registered under relevant sections of NDPS Act at PS Diglipur. The entire trap was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Lakshya

Pandey, DANIPS, SDPO, Diglipur and overall supervision of the undersigned.

The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest Police Station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitable rewarded.

## Interested..

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cassia thereby causing loss of foreign exchange worth 57,000 lakh rupees. In order to reduce country's dependency on external supplies and provide better quality/safer produce, cultivation of cinnamon is being promoted under the CSS-NHM Project on Spices project by DASD, Calicut. ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair has been involved in the research and development activities for promoting cultivation of cinnamon in the islands. In order to sensitize the stakeholders and provide technical guidance for commercial cultivation and processing, front line demonstrations have been planned at farmers' fields.

Interested stakeholders who wish to take up demonstrations at their farm have been requested to contact Dr. Ajit Arun Waman, Scientist- SS (SPMA), ICAR-CIARI and PI, CSS-NHM on Spices Project (Whatsapp/ Mobile: 9933263441; Email: ajit.arun@icar.gov.in). Selected beneficiaries in the project would be provided quality planting material and technical help in cultivation and postharvest management of cinnamon. Cultivation of cinnamon could be taken up as an intercrop in existing coconut/ arecanut gardens, as a pure crop, or as a component of agro-tourism farms. This could help in making the islands a hub for cinnamon production.

## Vishal Jolly Visits....

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Chief Captain Tribal Council  
2. Mr. Reginal Watchful – Vice Chief Captain, Tribal Council  
3. Mr. John Levi – Deputy Vice Chief Captain, Tribal Council  
4. Mr. Wilson Amos –

HMAC Member  
5. Mr. Paul Benjamin – Executive Member, Tribal Council  
6. Mr. L Davidson – Executive Member Tribal Council  
7. Mr. Gabriel Evan – Joint Secretary, Tribal Council.