



**A cold mortuary Box was donated by former Pramukh of Mayabunder Shri. Abdul Siddique on behalf of his late parents to Dr. R.P. Hospital in the presence of DC (N&M) Smti. Anjali Sherawat.**

## Medical negligence

Mayabunder, Dec 01 : M. V. Bharat Seema left for Mayabunder from Diglipur on 27.11.2021 at around 1400hrs. There were four referred patients in it. Among these two were pregnant women and one another a structure patient. It reached Mayabunder harbour in the evening itself. From Mayabunder five referred patients got into this vessel. Among these two were seriously ill.

While departing from Mayabunder, it had total nine patients, nine attenders and three Medical staffs. Ironically this

vessel is not equipped to accommodate nine patients at a time. However the Doctor onboard accommodated them and escorted them safely to Port Blair. The Vessel reached Port Blair on 28th Morning at 0830hrs. At Port Blair, G B Pant Hospital sends one Ambulance to the port for escorting total 21 persons to the referral Hospital. The Ambulance was in very bad shape. There are serious doubts about its fitness clearance. Medical staffs ensured that one more Ambulance arrives at the port.

Now the million dollar question is when there was clear message from Health officials of Diglipur and Mayabunder that there are nine referred patients in the ship, who took the decision to send one Ambulance to the harbour? 'If someone would have lost their life, who would have been held responsible for this mess? Someone should have to be made accountable to ensure this mistake is not repeated again' said an attender under condition of anonymity.

## M. Vinod writes to Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Dec 01 : Shri. M Vinod, State Vice President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands had written a letter to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration highlighting the problems of the residents, farmers as well as the hoteliers of Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. In his letter Mr. M Vinod has mentioned about the issue of day long power cuts. Mr. Vinod has mentioned in his letter that the residents, farmers, hoteliers and other entrepreneurs of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep are facing constant day long power

cuts. He added that taxes are being paid and electricity bills are being paid, but still people have to face such day long power cuts which are extremely disappointing. Mr. Vinod also raised the issue of irregular supply of fertilisers, urea and pesticides to the farmers of Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep through agriculture department. Mr. Vinod further raised the issue of poor internet connectivity at Shaheed Dweep. He informed through his letter that BSNL has tried to improve internet connectivity, but private players like Airtel has completely failed in

providing better internet connectivity. Mr. Vinod has further demanded to restore the Rangat - Shaheed Dweep - Swaraj Dweep - Port Blair boat service just like in the Pre-COVID times for the convenience of the general public. Mr. M Vinod informed the Chief Secretary that tourism, farming and allied activities are the main source of income of the residents of Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep. He further requested the Chief Secretary to intervene in the issues for the benefit of the residents, farmers and hoteliers of Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep.

## Vaccination- shield against the virus

### 5,53,514 lakh eligible beneficiaries vaccinated in Isles so far

Port Blair, Dec 01 The safety of the citizens is the foremost priority of the Administration, especially during this pandemic time. To shield its citizens from the corona virus, the vaccination of eligible beneficiaries is being initiated by the Administration in different parts of the Islands. Accordingly, the vaccination began with administering of COVISHIELD vaccine for Health Care Workers followed by frontline workers and vulnerable population with co-morbidities.

Subsequently, the vaccination for 45 and above was initiated followed by 18 to 44 years which is currently underway. Meanwhile, the vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,53,514 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2, 81, 603 (approx.). A total of 2347 people were vaccinated today.

1932 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman

District, out of which 121 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 395 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 9 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 20 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. A total of 1,75,770 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date.

## PBGKR sponsors Travel Jersey of Andaman's

Port Blair, Dec 01: The Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi has sponsored the travel jerseys of A&N Islands Football team participating in Santhosh Trophy at Kerala.

PBGKR has also sponsored air travel for two young talents of our islands to participate. "Our Best wishes to the team and we hope the boys make us proud by

showing their scintillating performance in the tournament," said Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President of PBGKR.

## प्रशासन ना करे इतिहास के साथ खिलवाड़



पोर्ट ब्लेयर । 30 दिसंबर 1943 एक ऐतिहासिक दिन जब जिमखाना मैदान के पास अंडमान क्लब के सामने नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने आजादी का पहला तिरंगा फहराते हुए अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह को स्वतंत्र घोषित कर अंडमान का नाम शहीद तथा निकोबार का नाम स्वराज्य रखा था ।

30 दिसंबर 2018 भारत के प्रधान मंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस के द्वारा आजादी की पहला तिरंगा फहराये जाने के 75 वीं वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह की यात्रा पर आए थे और इतिहास के पन्ने को बदलते हुए एक नई जगह को फ्लेग पाइंट का नाम देकर तिरंगा झंडा फहराये थे ।

अंडमान-निकोबार प्रशासन के द्वारा इतिहास के साथ खुलेआम खिलवाड़ किया गया है । हर साल की तरह पिछली बार भी 30 दिसंबर को झंडा रोहण सामाहरोह अंडमान क्लब के सामने आयोजित नहीं करके फ्लेग पाइंट में आयोजित किया गया था और संजोग की बात देखिए ऐन मौके पर मशीन खराब हो जाने के कारण झंडा रोहण कई घंटे देरी से आयोजित हुआ था और जहां पर नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने आजादी का पहला तिरंगा फहराया था वहां पर सन्नाटा छाया हुआ था तथा बाद में कुछ स्थानीय लोगो ने अपनी तरफ से इस ऐतिहासिक जगह में झंडा रोहण कर नेता जी को अपनी श्रधांजलि अर्पित किये थे ।

दक्षिण अंडमान में रहने वाले पुराने वांशिंदे अपनी याद को ताजा करते हुए बताते हैं कि नेता जी ने जिमखाना मैदान में अंडमान क्लब के सामने आजादी का पहला तिरंगा फहराने के बाद जनता को संबोधित किया था और ये वही ऐतिहासिक जगह है जब यहां के पुराने वांशिंदो के पूर्वजो ने आजादी की लड़ाई लड़ने के लिए नेता जी को सोना चांदी और नगद रुपया दिए थे ।

कई बुजुर्गो ने अपनी आंखों में आंसू लाकर पीपुल्स ब्यूह के संवादाता को बताए की प्रशासन के द्वारा इतिहास को बदल देने से आने वाली पीढ़ी कभी भी यह जान नहीं सकेगी की आजादी का पहला तिरंगा नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने कहा फहराया था । अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह में रहने वाले कई लोगो का कहना है कि प्रशासन को इतिहास के साथ खिलवाड़ नहीं करते हुए 30 दिसंबर के दिन अंडमान क्लब के सामने ही झंडा रोहण कार्यक्रम आयोजित करना चाहिए और फ्लेग पाइंट को एक प्रमुख पर्यटन स्थल के रूप में और आकर्षक बनाना चाहिए ।



## EDITORIAL

## 'कोरोना वैक्सीन की दोनों डोज लें, बंपर इनाम जीतें' दरभंगा के DM की पहल



कोरोना एक बार फिर दुनिया को डरा रहा है। कई जगह नए वैरिएंट के मामले सामने आने के बाद सरकारें व प्रशासन अलर्ट हो गए हैं। ऐसे में सबसे जरूरी है वैक्सीन की दोनों डोज जल्द से जल्द लगवाएं। बिहार के दरभंगा के डीएम ने लोगों को इसके लिए प्रेरित करने के लिए इनाम देने की घोषणा की है।

नए कोरोना वैरिएंट के बीच बिहार के दरभंगा में जिलाधिकारी ने वैक्सीन को लेकर एक पहल शुरू की है। उन्होंने लोगों को वैक्सीन के प्रति आकर्षित करने के लिए पुरस्कार दिए जाने की घोषणा की है। उनका कहना कि जो भी व्यक्ति दोनों डोज लगवाएगा, उसे आकर्षक पुरस्कार दिए जाएंगे।

जिलाधिकारी त्याग राजन ने अपने अधिकारियों के साथ अहम बैठक कर टीकाकरण में तेजी लाने की बात कही। इसके अलावा कोरोना टीका की रफ्तार बढ़ाने के लिए एक इनाम वाली स्कीम का भी घाषणा की गई।

स्कीम के तहत दरभंगा जिले में अब 'कोरोना वैक्सीन की दोनों डोज लें और बंपर इनाम जीतें' जी हां! सही सुना आपने। कोरोना के दोनों डोज लेने के लिए लोगों को कोरोना के टीके लगे, इसके लिए जिले में अब कोरोना के दोनों डोज लेने वालों के लिए बम्पर इनाम देने की घोषणा खुद दरभंगा के जिलाधिकारी ने की है।

दरभंगा के जिलाधिकारी त्याग राजन ने बताया कि नए कोरोना वैरिएंट का खतरा एक बार फिर से दिखाई देने लगा है। हालांकि उन्होंने फिलहाल यहां के लोगों को डरने की बात नहीं कहते हुए कोरोना टीका जल्द से जल्द लगवाने की अपील की। कोरोना से लड़ाई में टीका ही एकमात्र बचाव है। ऐसे में लोगों को आकर्षित करने के लिए एक स्कीम के तहत इनाम देने की भी घोषणा की।

जिलाधिकारी ने बताया कि कोरोना दोनों डोज लेने वालों के बीच अब बंपर पुरस्कार भी दिया जाएगा, जिसमें घरेलू इलेक्ट्रॉनिक आइटम से लेकर स्मूट के अलावा दस लोगों को कॉन्सोलेसन इनाम भी दिया जाएगा। इनाम प्रखंड स्तर पर सप्ताह में एक बार दिया जाएगा। इनके अलावा महीने में एक बार जिला स्तर पर यह बंपर इनाम कोरोना के दोनों डोज लेने वालों के बीच बांटा जाएगा।

### Awareness prog. on promotion of Legal Adoption by DCPU

Port Blair, Dec 01: The District Child Protection Unit, South Andaman under District Administration conducted an awareness program on Adoption focusing on International Adoption Month of the year 2021, based on the Theme "Promotion of Legal Adoption".

The program was organized in collaboration with the Block Development Office, Ferrargunj on Tuesday at Shore Point Gram Panchayat. The

participants of the program were sensitized on the Adoption Regulation of Central Adoption Regulation Authority which promulgates that all the Adoption whether Prospective Adoptive Parent/ Relative Adoption/ Step Parent Adoption shall be registered in CARINGS. The gathering was also informed in detail about the procedures, Do's & Don'ts of Adoption.

Members of the Child Welfare Committee were also present in the meeting and

interacted with the participants. The Team sensitized the participants for surrendering children who can be restored through legal adoption rather than giving away the children to the needy without following any legal process.

The District Administration, South Andaman ensures to support and lend every possible help to the persons intending for adoption and conduct such programs to create awareness on the said topic from time to time, a release said.

## Member of Parliament congratulates David Beckham and Esow Alban for bringing laurels for the Country and Islands

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has congratulated Islands' cyclist Mr. David Beckham for clinching Gold medal in International UCI C2 competition and Bronze medal in Keirin event representing India at Portugal. He also congratulated Mr. Esow Alban for winning the Silver medal for India.

As per details, Mr. David Beckham of Perka Village, Car Nicobar representing the country

in the sprint event at Troféu International José Bento Pessoa, the International UCI C2 competition for elite and juniors being held at Anadia, Portugal has brought laurels to the country and the Islands by clinching Gold medal. Making a comeback after a shoulder injury, Islands very own cycling sensation, Mr. Esow Alban of Kinyuka Village, Car Nicobar won the Silver medal.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma in his message said that there is huge untapped potential in the sports

field among Island youths and if they are properly guided and trained they can bring many more laurels for Andaman and Nicobar Islands and our country.

Mr. Sharma through this press release has also urged the Administration to carry out necessary modifications and repairs in existing velodrome and transform the same into a world class cycling training center for Island youths, interested in cycling.

## Testing of food samples by MFTL in South Andaman

Port Blair, Dec 01: The Mobile Food Testing Laboratory (MFTL) of Food Safety Department conducts regular visits at various areas of South Andaman District for carrying out analysis of food samples at the door step of general public. During the past three months about 146 food samples including milk and milk products, drinking water, fishes & other food samples were tested through MFTL and Rs.10350/- has been collected as analysis fee.

In addition to this, the MFTL also

conducted awareness programmes and training programmes on safe & hygienic food, good hygiene practices and good manufacturing practices etc. During the past three months, 51 awareness programmes were organized and altogether 536 Food Business Operators (FBOs) and general public attended these programmes. Similarly, 06 training programmes for food manufacturers were conducted with the participation of 94 Nos. of food business employees. Every month the

MFTL visits various places as per the monthly schedule programme to carry out the above activities. The Commissioner Food Safety, A&N Islands/Dy. Commissioner, South Andaman District has requested general public to avail the facilities of MFTL at their door step and if required, suspicious food samples can be tested. Further any queries/complaints regarding adulteration of food items can be made at contact numbers 03192-236168 or District Office control room toll free No. 1070.

## Good News: 10 fishermen to be repatriated from Myanmar jail to India

Port Blair, Dec 01: 10 fishermen of Indian Fishing Boat namely "Subha Sree Sea Food", who were arrested by Myanmar Coast Guard will be reportedly released soon from Myanmar Jail after nearly 6 months and will be arriving India on 02 December 2021. According to an office memorandum of Ministry of External Affairs dated 29, November 2021, 10 Indian fishermen were captured by Myanmar Coast Guard from Diglipur region, on 11 April 2021, while they were fishing.

The Indian Mission in Myanmar conducted Remote Consular

Access (RCA) from 13 to 17 September 2021 and also sent a formal request letter dated 21 September 2021 to MOFA to grant amnesty to these 10 fishermen on humanitarian grounds and also raised the issue with concerned authorities through diplomatic channels. Finally, with the mediation of the Indian Mission in Myanmar, these fishermen are going to be released soon. As per detail, today they were scheduled to reach Yangon to undergo RT-PCR test from where they will board the Air India Flight to New Delhi on 02 December 2021.

According to the memorandum, Emergency Certificates (EC) have also been issued to the fishermen by the Indian Mission in Myanmar and they have been accommodated in the passenger's list for Air India Flight on 02 December 2021 from Yangon to New Delhi.

The said ten fishermen are Mr. Marimuthu Thothan, Mr. Karthik Raja, Mr. S. Kumar, Mr. Surendra Sarkar, Mr. Arul Amalan, Mr. Ajith Kumar Azhagar, Mr. Jai Seelan, Mr. P. Sheik Mohammed and, Mr. Tarun Sarkar.

## District Administration, PBMC, NGOs hold cleanliness drive at Dollygunj Industrial Estate

Port Blair, Dec 01: The District Administration along with Port Blair Municipal Council in collaboration with Walk for plastic, YBSSCT, True Vision Foundation, Ration Rasheed Foundation, ACCI & MES Builders Association held a Cleanliness drive at Dollygunj Industrial Estate on Tuesday during which the teams collected all the plastic sacks, wet cardboard, broken mugged woods and glass bottles.

Mr. Sunel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman was personally present and participated in the cleanliness drive. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman interacted with the team members and reiterated that people will have to shun this notion that keeping clean their surroundings is somebody else's job and not theirs. The people need to understand that if they can cause litter, they will have to clean it also. Right to health is very closely linked to clean environment and every individual is responsible to protect each other's human rights.

The District Administration aims for organizing such cleanliness

drives, periodically, mainly at public places, keeping in tune with the spirit of "Swachh Bharat Mission" and thus, motivating others to inculcate the habit and culture of cleanliness. District Administration further appeals to all civil societies to participate and promote such cleanliness drives in their campaigns to contribute in the journey of cleaning and become a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission for improving access to safe and accessible green public spaces.

The District Administration aims for organizing such cleanliness

## ANCA to organize open Chess Tourney from Dec 12

Port Blair, Nov 30: The Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) will be organizing an open Chess Tournament 2021 on Dec 12 at Dairy Farm Community Hall, Ward No. 14 in association with Seventh Day Adventist Church, Dairy Farm.

Interested players may register their names along with an Entry fee @ Rs. 250/- at Chess

Academy Dairy Farm Community Hall, between 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm from Tuesday to Friday. The Last date for submission of entries is 10.12.2021, 6.00 pm.

Players who have registered with All India Chess Federation (AICF) will only be allowed to participate in the tournament. Players who are yet to register/renew with AICF for the year

2021-22 are requested to complete the same at the earliest by visiting: <https://prs.aicf.in/> For entries and more details, one can contact General Secretary ANCA @ 9434293379 or Mrs. Sudha, Office Asst. ANCA @ 95319 27472 or [email@anchessassociation@gmail.com](mailto:email@anchessassociation@gmail.com) visit [www.anchessassociation.com](http://www.anchessassociation.com).



## Test of Disaster Warning Sirens

Port Blair, Nov 30: The Disaster Warning Sirens has been installed in the premises of Secretariat, DBRAIT, DSS Marine, Chatham Saw Mill (Forest Dept), Police Station Aberdeen, Police Station Pahargaon, Police Station Chatham, JNRM College, Port Blair, Fish Landing Centre, Junglighat, IOC, Forest Guest House Carbyns Cove, Police Station Bambooflat, Police Station Ograbraj, Police Station Chouldari, Police Station Humfreygunj, O.P Wimberlygunj, O.P Fernagunj, Police Booth Hati taapu, OP Tirur, Tirur Jarawa Protection Post, OP Radhanagar Rajiv Gandhi Aquaculture,

Kodiyghat, Police Station Neil, Police Station Havelock, Nimbutala, Rangat, OP 19 Km R.K Pur, L/Andaman, Fir Station, Hut Bay (L/Andaman), EOC Car Nicobar, Teresa – A.E Office APWD, Chowra – JE Office, APWD, Katchal – A.E Office APWD, EOC Kamorta and EOC Campbell Bay. The sirens have been installed to alert the general public during any Disaster which is blown at high pitch/volume.

The sirens will be tested on 3rd and 18th of every month at 1000 Hrs. During the test, the siren will be blown for two successive blasts for 30 seconds. Siren of

Electronic Display Board installed at Police Control Room, State Control Room, Junglighat (Fisheries Dept.), Met Office, MRCC, JOC, INS Jarawa at Port Blair, Fisheries Dept. A Rangat, EOC at Mayabunder, MRCC at Diglipur, Fisheries Dept. at Hut Bay, EOC at Kamorta, EOC at Car Nicobar, and MRCC & EOC at Campbell Bay will also be blown in a similar manner at 1000 Hrs. The general public is hereby informed not to panic during the test of siren and to remain calm during test blast of siren on the date and time specified.

## Protests by Campbell Bay Farmers Turns Aggressive; Protest site shifted to AC office

Port Blair, Dec 01: Hundreds of Farmers of Great Nicobar Islands have been protesting, since 22nd November 2021, to press their genuine demands of procurement of Copra at Minimum Support Price. Today farmers of Great Nicobar called a Campbell Bay Bandh and Chakka Jam, which was supported by Small Traders

Association and General Public. The farmers are also demanded copra procurement center at Campbell Bay.

As per details the protest turned a little aggressive when protesters burnt tyres at Zero Point to express their anguish but other than tyres burning the protest was peaceful.

Later in the evening the protesters

moved from Zero Point to AC office of Great Nicobar and decided to continue their protest from the AC office till their demands are fulfilled.

Till now the farmers have not got any kind of response or assurance from the side of Administration for which farmers, most of whom are from ex-serviceman families, are deeply disappointed.

## Farmers suffer massive crop damage due to untimely rain in Islands: Ex-Vice President ANPCC

Port Blair, Nov 28: Mr. Sanjay Chowdhury Ex-Vice President of Andaman and Nicobar Pradesh Congress Committee has written a letter to the Lt. Governor, Mr. Chowdhury and informed him that unlike last year this year Islands witnessed continuous rain

due to sudden changes in weather conditions including sudden depression and many other natural conditions.

He said that because of untimely rain the farmers have suffered heavy loss due to damage of standing crop. Mr. Sanjay

Chowdhury demanded timely assessment of the losses and announcement of a relief package for those farmers, who have suffered due to this continuous rain.

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

No.Ten/DB/CD/KMT/2021-22/1460

dt. 18/11/2021

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, Andaman P.W.D, Kamorta invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item Rate tenders from the **experienced and eligible contractors having valid GST Registration and requisite experience of having successfully completed similar works(s) in terms of cost dealing with electrical works with any of the Govt. Organizations in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands having no adverse remarks for following work.**

1. NIT No. 12/NIT/DB/CD/KMT/2021-22 Name of work:- **Repair of Govt. Middle School building at Pilpillow.** Estimated Cost : Rs. 37,05,398/-  
Period of completion : 10(Ten) month.  
Tender ID No.- 2021\_APWD\_4412\_1
2. NIT No. 13/NIT/DB/CD/KMT/2021-22 Name of work:- **Renovation of 03 nos. classrooms for Govt. Primary School Chukmachi at Teresa .**  
Estimated Cost : Rs. 25,07,044/- Period of completion : 06(Six) month.  
Tender ID No.- 2021\_APWD\_4410\_1
3. NIT No. 14/NIT/DB/CD/KMT/2021-22 Name of work:- **Renovation of 03 nos. classrooms for Govt. Primary School Minyuk at Teresa .** Estimated Cost : ` 14,57,819/- Period of completion : 06(Six) month.  
Tender ID No.- 2021\_APWD\_4409\_1

Bid Document Publishing Date : 29/11/2021 (1400hrs)  
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Bid Submission Start Date : 29/11/2021 (1400hrs)  
Bid Submission Closing Date : 16/12/2021 (1000hrs)  
Bid Opening Date : 16/12/2021 (1030hrs)

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

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## 57 donate blood at camp at INS Kumbhir

Port Blair, Dec 01 : The Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation Camp which was organized by INS Kumbhir, Port Blair on 26th November 2021 at INS Kumbhir, Port Blair As part of Navy Week. A total of 57 Defence personnel voluntarily donated blood and participated for this noble cause. The camp was organized under the leadership of Dr M. Joy, Project Director, A & N AIDS Control Society and Director, State Blood Transfusion Council, A & N Islands. Dr Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health), Director of Health Services was

the Chief Guest and inaugurated the camp. The Blood Donation was facilitated by the Dr. Ganesh Samadder, CMO (NMSG), Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors on various aspect and importance of blood donation. Voluntary Blood donation is the best way to celebrate any occasion. Blood has no replacement and is the best gift to mankind. He motivated all voluntary blood donors to donate blood fearlessly in the forthcoming camp with all covid-19 protocols.

Augustin Raja, Lieutenant Commander Executive Officer for Commanding Officer, INS Kumbhir C/o. Navy Office, Port Blair to organized the camp and made arrangement for conducting the camp successfully. The technical team from Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and A & N AIDS Control 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.

## Bus service resumes from Baratang to Diglipur; villagers express gratitude towards STS Director

Port Blair, Dec 01: The Bus service from Baratang to Diglipur will be resumed from tomorrow onwards, sources said.

Former Zilla Parishad member of N&M Andaman from Baratang, Mr. R Alager Swami, Mr. Roy George, former pradhan, Nilambur, Mr. Anand Bengra, ex Samity member, Mr. Sathish Kumar, ex-up pradhan and all former PRI members of Baratang have expressed gratitude towards

the Directorate of STS Transport Department for restarting the bus services.

It is learnt that the Bus services will be initially operated on alternative days. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the bus will depart from Baratang early in the morning at around 4:00 AM and Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. On return the bus will depart from Diglipur at 07:00 AM.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha Daily, Former Zilla Parishad member of N&M Andaman from Baratang, Mr. R Alager Swami said that the service has been started on alternative days due to a shortage of drivers and conductors in the area. "We have been assured by the Director of STS had assured the villagers that soon daily services will be started as it was earlier before the pandemic," he added.

## MP demands MSP for Copra farmers in Great Nicobar

Port Blair, Dec 01: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the Department of Agriculture to procure Coconut/Copra at Minimum Support Price from the farmers of Campbell Bay .

In a letter to the Lt. Governor, Mr. Sharma said that in case procurement of Coconut/Copra by the Administration is not

possible then I request you to kindly direct the private parties, purchasing Coconut/Copra from Campbell Bay at much lower rate to buy Coconut/Copra from farmer only at Minimum Support Price, so that the farmers get justified rate for their produces. The Member of Parliament pointed out that the farmers of Campbell Bay are solely dependent on Agriculture in which Coconut/Copra are the major produces but due to non

availability of Minimum Support Price (MSP) these farmers are unable to sell their Coconut/Copra produces, since a long time and are suffering financial loss. He mentioned that in case of COPRA, delay in procurement means further loss to the farmers as the COPRA gradually dries up and the weight decreases, hence immediate steps to resolve this issue is necessary.

## Development works in South Andaman reviewed by District Commissioner

Port Blair, Dec 01: Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman along with SDM, South Andaman inspected various developmental activities being carried out at Sippighat, Meethakhari, Namunagar, Shaitankhadi to Wimberlygunj. Officials from Revenue, RD and other line departments also accompanied. During the inspection the DC(SA) had a brief meeting with ex-Pradhans, local Representatives and residents and gave a patient hearing to their grievances related to Road Condition, Drinking water, electricity, playground development at Ograbraj Middle

School, Street lights and various other issues. The Deputy Commissioner issued directions to officials of the line departments by DC (SA) for the redressal of the grievances at the earliest in a time bound manner. The DC(SA) along with the team also inspected the Health & Wellness centre at Wimberlygunj. During the visit the medical staff present there reported about the lack of sufficient sanitary staff and medical equipments. DC (SA) assured to take up matter with concerned authorities for resolving the said issues. The local residents lauded the efforts of DC (SA) for the works undertaken

under the RURBAN mission such as market place, guest house at shore point, Shade at Bus stands, community hall and Road under PMGSY-I. The DC(SA) reiterated that the District Administration is committed to the development of infrastructure and its maintenance in South Andaman and also sought the cooperation of the local populace in its efforts. The DC(SA) asked the Revenue & RD field staffs to follow up on all the matters raised by the public. He further asked the public to feel free to reach out to his office for their genuine grievances.

## NYK Port Blair celebrates Constitution Day

PORT BLAIR, DEC 01 : The Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair celebrated Constitution Day on Friday at Maharashtra Mandal here in which 80 youths participated. The event was organized in association with Maharashtra Mandal and Andaman Ondiviran Welfare Association, Port Blair. On the occasion, Dr. Ramesh Kumar, Associate Professor, JNRM was the Chief Guest who administered the oath of Fundamental Duties based on the Preamble to the Constitution and

Fundamental Duties to the youth. He paid floral tribute and garlanding the portrait of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Further, he addressed to youth about the importance of Constitution Day and biography and great achievement of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. On the occasion others guest Mr. Arvind Patil, Secretary, Maharashtra Mandal, Mr. Suvaramani, Yuva Shakti Finder, Dr. Selvi, JNRM, Dr. Sunita Patil of Vedant Education, Mr. Sathyaraj, President, Andaman Ondiveeran Welfare

Association, Mr. Hassan Ali, social worker also present and grace the occasion they paid floral tribute and also spoke on the importance of Constitution Day. Apart from this, Kumari Deepika Roy, and S.Sumitra, student of JNRM also gave speech on the biographies of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar. Earlier, Mr. Gopal Ch Biswas of Nehru Yuva Kendra, welcome the gathering. Mr. Jagjeevan Ram, Deputy Director (OSD) NYK proposed the vote of thanks.

## Member of Parliament demands to earmark proper swimming area with double safety netting for tourists and local residents at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches

Port Blair, Dec 01: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to earmark a proper swimming area at Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove beaches with double safety netting for tourists and local residents, so that safe swimming can be opened in these three prominent beaches.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Sharma added that as tourism has revived in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, thousands of tourists are reaching Port Blair on a daily basis and many of them are going back deeply

disappointed as they are unable to swim in any of the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas. He pointed out that Andaman and Nicobar Islands being a beach destination, tourists mainly plan to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands to experience swimming in sea and also to enjoy water sports activities but in all the beaches in and around Port Blair, viz Wandoor, Chidiyatapu and Corbyn's Cove swimming is prohibited because of threat of crocodile attack.

The Member of Parliament said that tourists who spend thousands of rupees to visit Andaman and Nicobar Islands get very disappointed when they are told that swimming is only allowed in Shaheed Dwep and Swaraj

Dwep and not in Port Blair and adjoining areas.

This is sending a negative signal to all over the world and will surely ham Andaman's Tourism Industry in the coming future, he mentioned.

Mr. Sharma added that not only tourists, local residents are also unable to swim in any of the beaches of Port Blair and adjoining areas even when they live very close to sea, which is a major source of disappointment. He said that Tourism is the main industry in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and thousands of people are solely dependent on Tourism for their livelihood and this is extremely important to look into these important issues to promote Andaman Tourism globally.

## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi in Collaboration with District Administration, SA conducts Special Vaccination Camp at Rutland

Port Blair, Dec 01: With a sole purpose to eradicate the coronavirus from these Islands and Making the vaccination reach even to the remotest of places, PBGKR in collaboration with District Administration, South Andaman and PHC Manglutan

conducted a vaccination camp at Rutland.

In total 76 beneficiaries, all residents of Rutland were vaccinated in the camp at Rutland.

Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR thanked the District

Administration, South Andaman and PHC Manglutan to make the vaccination reach to the remotest of places. The local residents of Rutland wholeheartedly thanked the initiative by the PBGKR team.

## Awareness Programme by With You NGO on International Day for elimination of violence against women

Port Blair, Dec 01: An awareness program was organized by WITH YOU NGO on the occasion of International Day for elimination of violence against women on 25.11.2021 at Community hall, Shorepoint.

Mrs. Girija, DEO Wimberlygunj was the chief guest and she spoke about the various aspects of women safety. She reiterated that another future without violence against women is possible with education, essential services across policing, justice, health, and social sectors, and sufficient

financing dedicated to women's rights. During the inaugural speech, Miss V.K Mariyam Bibi, President WITH YOU said that this day is used to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subject to rape, domestic violence and other forms of violence; furthermore, one of the aims of the day is to highlight that the scale and true nature of the issue is often hidden. She appealed the women's to raise their voice against any discrimination, violence and requested other women in the

society to support them. Mr. Rajendra Pal, BDO, Ferrargunj also addressed the gathering and talked about the need for more women empowerment.

During the program, Smti Reva, Vice President NGO, Smti Bindhu, (social worker) Mr. Tanzir, panchayat secretary Shorepoint and Mr. Venkat, health educator, CHC Bambooflat also addressed the gathering. Later at the end of the program, E-SHRAM card for women working in private sectors were also distributed.

## Encouraging response to ANCA's Chess Tourney in N&M Andaman

Port Blair, Dec 01: For the first ever North & Middle District, an Open Chess Tournament 2021 was organised by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on Sunday the 28th November 2021 at Youngster's Club, Keralapuram, Diglipur. The event was sponsored by Saravana Xerox Diglipur and Andaman Trad Syndicate, Port Blair. All safety norms for COVID were adhered during the entire tournament.

Mr. N.S.Stalin, Inspector, SHO, Diglipur was the chief guest of the event who inaugurated the

tournament by making the first move on the top board in presence of Mr. Singaram, a leading businessman of Diglipur who graced the occasion as the guest of honour.

A good number of players participated in the event in which Sarath Menon of Mayabunder secured first position, N Eshwar Rao of R K Gram stood second place, Dasrath Mistry of Shibpur & P J Eppan of Keralapuram secured third and fourth position respectively.

The top four players of the tournament were awarded with

trophies, cash prize and certificates. by the chief guest and guest of honour. Prizes were also given to Best young player, best veteran and best women of the tournament. Mr. H. Dinesh, IA was the chief arbiter for the tournament who presented the Arbitrator's report at the end of the event. As a goodwill gesture, the General Secretary, ANCA distributed new chess boards along with pieces to the Youngster's Club for the promotion of game of chess in the vicinity.

## Campbell Bay resident awarded special Search and Rescue award by National Maritime Search and Rescue Board

Port Blair, Dec 01: Mr. V. Raja Rao, owner of Fishing Boat "Yellamma" Rajiv Nagar, Campbell Bay has been awarded a special Search and Rescue (SAR) award for saving lives of 03 fishermen of FB Manikana boat on 24th June 2021.

According to details Mr. Raja Rao had exhibited tremendous courage to save these three

fishermen of the boat Manikana, which capsized near Pillow Millow Island, close to Little Nicobar.

The "Search and Rescue award for Fishermen" was presented by the Director General, Indian Coast Guard, Chairman, National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board during the 19th NMSAR board meeting on 25th

Nov 2021 in New Delhi to Mr. Rao.

Mr. Rao displayed a selfless duty in sync with the highest traditions of maritime fraternity by prompt response in providing assistance to the distressed crew of a boat at sea. The SAR award for the fishermen consisted of a trophy with commendation certificate.

## ISMAT organizes contests to generate awareness on drug abuse

Port Blair, Dec 01: In bid to eradicate use and abuse of drugs among school and college children, ISMAT, a women's initiative has launched a Drug awareness campaign. The first phase of the campaign was a "Survey on Drug Abuse" among the students of XI, XII and Undergraduates. As a part of the 2nd Phase of the campaign, inter college Poster Making, Collage Making and Elocution Competitions were organized on the theme of 'Use and Abuse of Drugs'. The competitions were conducted in JNRM Campus on Nov 20. The event registered enthusiastic participation of around 50 students of ANCOL, Andaman Law College, JNRM and TGCE. Dr Hemant Kumar Sharma, Principal, JNRM was the chief guest on the occasion. Ms. Shahnaz Jadwet, Ex-President, ISMAT welcomed the

chief guest with a plant and Dr. Shirin Jadwet, President ISMAT delivered the welcome address. Dr Mitesh Behari, Consultant Neuro-Psychiatrist & De-Addiction Specialist, from the Health4U Multi-Specialty Clinic spoke on "Drug Abuse, its repercussions on the youth of these islands". The session was interactive and informative. Dr. Mitesh emphasized on the fact that drug addiction is a disease. The longer the addiction the longer it takes to cure, he said stressing on the importance of creating awareness among the youth to curb the growing menace. The chief guest and Dr Venkatesh, HOD, JNRM also encouraged the students to say no to drugs and stop others from taking it. The winners of the competitions held were:

Poster Making Competition

1. Kumari Jyotica from TGCE-First Prize
2. Ms. Puja Halder from Andaman Law College- Second Prize
3. Ms. T. Sandhya from TGCE – Third Prize
- Collage Making Competition
1. Ms. Ayesha Hassan from TGCE-First Prize
2. Ms. Saily Dung Dung from JNRM- Second Prize
3. Ms. T. Tanujha from TGCE – Third Prize
- Elocution Competition
1. Ms. Rachna Devi from TGCE-First Prize
2. Ms. Suparna Debnath from TGCE- Second Prize
3. Ms Sandhya from TGCE – Third Prize

The winners were felicitated by the chief guest and other dignitaries. Rasheeda Peer, General Secretary, proposed the vote of thanks.

## ANCA organizes first ever Simul event at Rangat

Port Blair, Dec 01: As part of chess for everyone program, the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) organized first ever Simul at Rangat on Friday at Zilla Parishad Hall, Rangat to promote the game of

chess at the grassroot level. Around 30 players took part in the event. The players of Rangat were thrilled to play Simul with the chess trainers and officials of ANCA who arrived Rangat in connection with conduct of the

District Level Open Chess Tournament at Diglipur on Nov 28. ANCA also distributed chess sets for further promotion of the game at Rangat. The event was well coordinated by S Elavarasan, Teacher from DEO Rangat.

## Women SHGs benefit from visit to CIARI

Port Blair, Dec 01: Eighty members of the women Self Help Groups (SHG) from Tushnabad and Ferrargunj visited ICAR-CIARI through Surabhi under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. In order to promote cultivation of island suitable spices and underutilized fruits among the farm women, creation of awareness is important. Horticultural Plants Propagation Unit of the ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is a dedicated nursery to promote the cultivation of endemic, native and potential horticultural crops of the islands. This nursery also serves as a source of information to the visitors and thereby encouraging them to take up the cultivation. During the visit, Dr. Ajit Waman,

Scientist, ICAR-CIARI explained the participants about various spices, aromatic and medicinal plants suitable for cultivation in the islands. He explained both the backyard and commercial aspects of cultivation to them and urged to take up cultivation in the groups so as to improve the bargaining power during marketing of the produce. Production technologies for cinnamon, lemon grass, tejpat, bush pepper, long pepper, woody pepper etc. were explained to the participants during the session.

Dr. Pooja Bohra, Scientist, ICAR-CIARI enlightened the gathering about the diversity of underutilized fruits of the islands.

Nutritional benefits from consumption of these fruits and scope for value addition of the local species were also explained to them. During the interaction, participants were made aware about the production techniques of underutilized fruits such as blood fruit, Andaman Kokum, Kau phal, Andaman Kau phal, West Indian cherry, passion fruit, bilimbi, breadnut etc.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Mr. Francis Xavier of Surabhi. Mr. Xavier along with his team members coordinated the visit for the benefit of the stakeholders. The programme was organized under the guidance of Dr. E.B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

## No Intraocular Lens (IOL) Implants at GB Pant Hospital; Suffering continues for patients

Port Blair, Dec 01: Eye patients of Andaman & Nicobar Island are in distress as no intraocular lenses (IOLs) Surgery is being conducted at present at G B Pant Hospital, due to non-functioning of Microscope equipment's Lens, patients allege.

It is learned that from the past two years in the GB Pant Hospital, Microscope equipment's Lens is not working which is very important equipment for eye surgery.

The GB Pant Hospital is the only referral hospital in Andaman and

Nicobar Islands, especially for the poor. However, due to interruption in the surgery, the patients are forced to go to private hospitals for the same surgery, which is very expensive and beyond the reach of common people.

In this regard, when Andaman Sheekha contacted a senior officer of the Health Department who on the condition of anonymity recently said that eye surgery is going on but that particular surgery of Intraocular lenses (IOLs) is not being conducted for

the last two years because of its one of Microscope equipment's Lens is not working which is very important for surgery.

"This particular IOLs surgery is not being conducted and the lens is also very expensive, it is only available in international markets and we have already ordered for the equipment," he added. He later informed that within 2-3 months this equipment will be received and once the equipment is reached, immediately the IOLs surgery will also start, the senior officer added.

## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Provide Shelter for Stranded Passengers

Port Blair, Nov 26: On 25th November when due to heavy rain many flights got canceled, some tourists (passengers) who were travelling back to mainland were stranded at Veer Savarkar International Airport.

The tourists were left out to find a shelter for the night as flights were rescheduled for the next

day. Some were able to afford and few were left without any roof for the night, when CISF via Mr Mayur Manchal approached Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi to seek some help.

Responding to the call, Mr. Grewal committed to provide Rooms for 35 passengers. The

cost for the stay was borne by PBGKR.

"We would always be on our toes to help any stranded passengers, as they have come to visit our emerald islands and they must take only good memories of our islands," Mr. Grewal said.