

## ***A prime property left to rot Fish Vendors welcome passengers to Modern Bus terminus***



Port Blair, October 27 : ITF ground was once a sought out location with well maintained ground and quality structures. Since the day the yearly festival came to a grinding halt, the whole

infrastructure created for this prestigious festival is left to rot. Electrical wiring is hanging dangerously. The structure itself is in dilapidated state. There is urgent need to restore the lost

glory so that it can once again be put to use for entertaining the tourists. Most importantly it will be a platform for local musical organizations to showcase their talents.

### ***MV Pillopanja & MV Mus to be withdrawn from Service for maintenance and repair works***

Port Blair, Oct 28: In order to carry out preventive routine maintenance work on board vehicle ferry vessel MV Pillopanja operating between Middle Strait and Baratang will be withdrawn from service for 04 days w.e.f. 27.10.2021 onwards. However, in absence of MV Pillopanja, the vehicle ferry vessel MV Austin-

III presently providing services between Uttara and Gandhighat will be shifted to provide services between Middle Strait and Baratang. Due to shifting of MV Austin-III, there would be only vehicle ferry vessel MVF Kadamtala to cater the services between Uttara and Gandhighat, during the above period.

Similarly, MV Mus, operating between Chatham and Bambooflat will be withdrawn from services for two days with effect from 27.10.2021 for undertaking urgent repair. Normal vehicle ferry operation at these routes will be restored on resumption of these vehicle ferry vessels.

### ***Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi with Speed Boat Association Conducts Vaccination Camp at Water Sports Complex***

Port Blair, Oct 27: Making it sure that the people coming in contact with the tourists on daily basis gets fully vaccinated, Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi with Speed Boat Association in Collaboration with District Administration, South Andaman conducted a

vaccination camp at Water Sports Complex. In total 108 people got vaccinated in the special camp conducted. Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR thanked District Administration, South Andaman and DHS for the never ending

help extended to conduct the camp. Mr. Hari Kallikkat, SDM, SA along with Miss Yashaswini B, IAS(P) visited the camp and encouraged the people to get their second dose on time.

### ***No passenger found COVID-19 positive: Secretary IP&T***

Port Blair, Oct 28: The Secretary IP&T, Mr. Sunil Kumar Singh today informed that eight flights with 1398 passengers arrived today at Port Blair Airport among which, those passengers who were not fully vaccinated have undergone RT-PCR test, the results of today's RT-PCR tests are awaited. While addressing the COVID-19 media briefing today at IP&T Conference hall the Secretary pointed out that among passengers who arrived yesterday (Monday), no

passenger was found COVID-19 positive. The Secretary further informed that 162 people (travelers) bound for N&M Andaman were tested at Ferrargunj and all were tested COVID-19 negative during Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). At Phoenix Bay jetty altogether 36 people were tested in which all were found COVID-19 negative during Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). He further said that today at Mohanpura Bus stand 100 RATs were conducted in which all were found COVID-19 negative and

at Helipad a total 05 persons were tested in which all found COVID-19 negative. "Today a total of 336 doses of vaccine were provided to eligible beneficiaries among which, 302 people were of the 18-44 year age group," he added. Later Deputy Director GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De, informed that at GB Pant Hospital no COVID-19 patient is admitted and no asymptomatic patient is at Covid Care Center.

### ***Awareness generation program on "Menstrual Hygiene"***

Port Blair, Oct 27: An awareness generation program on "Menstrual Hygiene" was conducted by PBMC for women SHGs formed under DAY-NULM at Dr. BR Ambedkar Auditorium on 26th October, 2021 in collaboration with ANIIMS, Port Blair. The inauguration session was addressed by Joint Secretary, PBMC Mr. Anand Vardhan Mishra, DANICS. Mr. Muthu

Kumar, Project Officer, PBMC welcomed the gathering. Dr. Amrita Burma, MD, Community Medicine, and expert in the concerned subject, highlighted the various aspects and issues related to Menstrual Hygiene. The programme was received with enthusiasm by the attendees and many queries and doubts were cleared. The program witnessed huge response from members

belonging to different SHGs within municipal area and on this occasion, memento to the expert from ANIIMS was presented by Joint Secretary, PBMC as a token of appreciation. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Ms. Sweta Burma, City Mission Manager (Skill & Livelihoods), City Mission Management Unit, DAY-NULM, PBMC.



Port Blair, October 27 : The modern Bus terminus at Mohanpura is in the news for all the wrong reasons. In the entry gate of this modern Bus terminus two fish vendors have found a

comfortable place for selling their catch sitting on either side of this gate. "This vendors openly flout all the norms prepared by PBMC for street vendors. Amazing part is that, this is going on right under

the nose of PBMC headquarter. If PBMC cannot stop street vendors from occupying the place in front of their headquarter, then the plight of other locations are imaginable.

### ***Member of Parliament distributed completion certificate to 50 ladies of Tailoring and Fashion Designing course***



Port Blair, October 27 : The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Chairman of Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Union, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma distributed course completion certificates of 50 ladies of

Bambooflat region on 23.10.2021, who have successfully completed three month-long Tailoring and Fashion Designing course organized by Andaman and Nicobar State Cooperative Union. At the outset, Mr. Kuldeep Rai

Sharma, who was the Chief Guest on the occasion, stated that the motto of the Union behind imparting such training is to give self independency to the rural women in these hard days when there is very little scope of employment in Government.

### ***MV Chuglam to sail form Campbell Bay via Nancowry***

Port Blair, Oct 27: The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 01.11.2021 (Mon) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately

after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from 27.10.2021 (Wed) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing.

All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

### ***Heritage Walk conducted by AATO***

Port Blair, Oct 27: A Heritage Walk was conducted on 26 October 2021 by the Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with the Ministry of Tourism (India Tourism Port Blair). The walk was a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations by AATO. Students of BBA Tourism of JNRM College participated in the walk along with AATO members and India Tourism officials.

JNRM faculty members Mr. Abdul Salam & Ms. Saida also graced the occasion. From Cellular Jail the participants walked to the Battle of Aberdeen war memorial where Joint Secretary AATO Mr. Saikat Biswas briefed the participants about the famous war of Aberdeen and the importance of the war memorial. The walk culminated at JNRM college, where the participants were given certificates and refreshments. Speaking on the occasion Mr. M. Vinod highlighted the importance of Cellular Jail in the freedom struggle of India and urged the

students to carry forward the vision of the freedom fighters on the occasion of 75 years of India's independence. Delivering the vote of thanks Shri.K.Hamza, General Secretary of AATO thanked India Tourism Port Blair, JNRM tourism faculty and Heaven on Ocean Tourism (Coral Safari) for the support rendered for conducting the Heritage Walk. AATO in association with the ministry of tourism will be conducting FAM trips for the JNRM students and also organise photography & Essay writing competition as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.





## EDITORIAL

## काम की बात जानिए क्या होता है PAN, TAN और TIN कार्ड में अंतर यहां समझिए आसान भाषा में



हम में से अक्सर कई लोग PAN, TAN और TIN कार्ड में कंप्यूज हो जाते हैं। इसी कड़ी में आज हम आपको PAN, TAN और TIN कार्ड के बीच का अंतर बताने वाले हैं। इसके अलावा हम आगे इस बारे में भी जानेंगे कि इनका इस्तेमाल किन किन जगहों पर किया जाता है टैक्स फाइलिंग के दौरान अक्सर ये शब्द हमारे सामने आते हैं। ऐसे में इनकी जानकारी होना काफी जरूरी है नहीं तो व्यक्ति को भविष्य में कई दिक्कतों का सामना करना पड़ सकता है। आइए जानते हैं इनके बारे में।

### TAN (Tax Deduction and collection account Number)

TAN नंबर को आयकर विभाग द्वारा जारी किया जाता है। ये एक 10 अंकीय अल्फान्यूमेरिक कोड होता है जिसका इस्तेमाल जै और TDS को ट्रैक करने के लिये किया जाता है। TCS से अभिप्राय स्रोत पर एकत्रित कर से है। वहीं TDS से तात्पर्य स्रोत पर कटौती कर से है। TAN का उपयोग करना काफी जरूरी है।

अगर आप इसका इस्तेमाल नहीं करते तो बैंक द्वारा आपके टीडीएस भुगतान को अस्वीकार किया जा सकता है। फॉर्म 49ठ की सहायता से आप ज़ाछ के लिए ऑनलाइन या ऑफलाइन आवेदन कर सकते हैं।

### TIN (Tax identification Number)

ये 11 अंक का एक आइडेंटिफिकेशन नंबर होता है। इसका इस्तेमाल अंतरराज्यीय बिक्री लेनदेन के लिए किया जाता है। टिन नंबर व्यक्तिगत व्यवसाय मालिक या इकाई को दिया जाता है। 11 अंक के टैक्स आइडेंटिफिकेशन नंबर के पहले दो अंक राज्य को दर्शाते हैं। टिन नंबर को ग्रह मंत्रालय द्वारा जरूरी कर दिया गया है।

### PAN (Permanent Account Number)

परमानेंट अकाउंट नंबर एक 10 अंकों का कोड होता है। इसे आयकर विभाग द्वारा जारी किया जाता है। अक्सर नौकरीपेशा लोगों को इसकी खास जरूरत होती है। कार्डधारक द्वारा किए जा रहे लेने देने पर नजर रखने के लिए सरकार द्वारा इसको जारी किया जाता है।

## NSUI State President meets JNRM Principal; demands quick redressal of hostel related issues

Port Blair, Oct 27: NSUI State President Mr. M.A Sajid along with NSUI State General Secretary Mr. Vishal Din today met the JNRM Principal and submitted a memorandum to him complaining about the girls' hostel warden for not allowing the hosteller students to go outside the hostel for purchasing essential materials for their daily needs and restricting them to attend regular

computer and other coaching classes at private institutions in and around Port Blair. The NSUI State President has been receiving frequent complaints by girls' hostellers regarding the glitches in their hostel. Taking cognizance of this matter, the JNRM Principal resolved the issue within few hours and immediately made a schedule of timing for girls' hostellers to go

outside hostel and assured that college management shall work in the interest of students and fix accountability for any kind of negligence. Mr. Sajid thanked the JNRM Principal for his act of kindness. All students of JNRM girls' hostel were happy after hearing the decision of JNRM Principal.

## Fire reported from Billiground Transformer

Port Blair, Oct 27: A minor fire was reported from a Transformer of Billiground region this evening. As per information received on 22 Oct 2021 the Transformer, placed in front of SBI, Billiground got damaged due to a lightning because of which Billiground and part of Harinagar had witnessed blackout. Villagers soon

approached the concerned officials to replace the Transformer. As per the details, soon a new Transformer was installed but due to unknown reason the new Transformer also got damaged. Later the damaged Transformer was again repaired. Today as per villagers, due to huge load of

electricity, a fire was seen inside the Transformer. The fire was later doused by fire brigade personnel, who reached the spot, after public complaint. Sadly due to all these issues a large area of Harinagar and Billiground witnessed prolonged power cuts.

## Community Service activities by NCC Cadets

Port Blair, Oct 27: As part of nationwide 'Clean India' program, cadets of Naval NCC Unit are participating in a wide spectrum of activities to create awareness and to stop the use of single use plastic in the Islands.

The cadets conducted awareness drive and statue cleaning at Gandhi Park on 25 Oct and participated in cleanliness drive of Community Hall at Junglighat on Tuesday under the supervision of ANOs and PI Staff of the Unit.

45 NCC Cadets participated in events with zeal and enthusiasm holding self made banners related to the perils of plastic. All COVID 19 protocols were followed during the conduct of the events.

## Animal Rights Activist comes to the rescue of calf, injured by APWD Truck

Port Blair, Oct 27: Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) (SA) People for Animal (PFA) (AU) Member Secretary, Dr. P. M. Murali today rescued a male calf on the road which was hit by an APWD Truck on a road at Sippighat.

As per detail, the truck driver had escaped the place of the accident along with 05 laborers on it. However, Dr. P. M. Murali who

happened to be in the nearby vicinity coincidentally rushed to the spot at Sippighat. He learnt that the driver without bothering for the tiny innocent voiceless had left the place. Immediately Dr. Murali chased the truck and found them at Garacharma. He asked the driver to take the calf to the hospital and leave him to the Shiv Colony Cattle pound or else be ready to face section 428 of IPC.

Later the driver turned his truck and reached the site again and took the calf for treatment at Bathubasti, and later it was admitted at the said Cattle pound for its care ahead. Dr. Murali has lauded the efforts of Mr. Sanjay & his friend who daringly intercepted the truck driver & informed the former.

## 4.5 meter Python rescued from INS Kardip

Port Blair, Oct 27: On Sunday last, a 4.5 meter long Python was rescued from INS Kardip area of Nancowry Islands.

As per information on 24 October 2021 at night some local

people of INS Kardip Islands saw the huge Python was hanging in a building pole, the matter was immediately reported to the higher officials of defense.

On information, the Department

Staff safely rescued the Python, which was around 4.5 meters long. Later in the next morning, the snake was released in nearby Jungle, which is away from Residential Place.

## A & N State Coop. Bank Registers its Highest Net Profit of Rs. 7.20 Crores; Highest Profit of the bank till date since last 55 years

Port Blair, Oct 27: The 55th Annual General Body Meeting of A & N State Coop. Bank was held on 24th October, 2021 (Sunday) at its Conference Hall. The programme was chaired by Mr. Bhagat Singh, Chairman, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Vice Chairman (the Member of Parliament), Board of Directors, Representatives of various Service Coop. societies, Managing Director, Senior officials and staff members of the Bank.

At the outset, Smt. Jolly James, GM (Development) welcomed all the delegates for the General Body Meeting 2021. The programme commenced by Bouquet Presentation and lighting of traditional lamp.

Mr. K. Murugan, Managing Director took up the agenda of the meeting as per the Notice and presented the Annual Report of the Bank for the year 2020-21. The Audit Report of the bank for the year 2020-21 was adopted before the Apex Body for finalisation. He further informed the august house regarding the achievements and various initiatives undertaken by the Bank for the development in the challenging environment of

COVID-19 pandemic. He informed that the total Deposit portfolio of the Bank has touched Rs. 1154 Crores against the loans and advances of Rs. 680 Crores. The total business of the Bank has grown upto Rs. 1835 Crores with a CASA (Current Account Saving Account Ratio) of about 60%. The Managing Director further presented the Annual Budget for the year 2021-22 along with the borrowing power of the Bank for approval before the Apex Body. Mr. Bhagat Singh, Chairman of the Bank in his address appreciated the customer, share holders and the staff member of the Bank for extending their patronage and guidance for continues development of the Bank.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Vice Chairman of the Bank (the MP) in his key note address appreciated the able leadership of the Management of the Bank which has added another feather in achieving the milestone profit of Rs. 7.20 Crores in the year 2020-21. He further opined that the Bank has taken aggressive measures under the SARFEASI Act 2002 to realise the due from chronic defaulters. The Bank was able to recover a total of Rs. 281

Crores during 2020-21 which is the highest recoveries made by the Bank till date. The Bank has registered a Net Profit of Rs. 7.20 Crores, registering a growth of 836 % on its year-on-year basis (Y-o-Y), which is the highest Profit of the bank till date since last 55 years. He further took the opportunity to thank all the members of various Service Coop. Societies, gratitude to all the Customers & Islanders for their loyalty, trust and confidence which has always remained a source of inspiration for the Bank. He also resolved to achieve continuous and meaningful growth in future years by leveraging large network of the branches to touch more hearts and spread more smiles among the Islanders. The Management of the Bank felicitated the SARFAESI Team for their hard work, dedication and path breaking recoveries during the financial year 2020-21, which has resulted the bank to achieve a Net Profit of Rs 7.20 Crores.

The Annual General Body Meeting ended with Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Anjan Sengupta, GM (Banking).

## Salt Water Crocodile captured from fish farming pond

Port Blair, 27 Oct: A Salt Water Crocodile was caught yesterday from a pond of Wandoor Ward Number 01. As per details the two meter long crocodile was sighted in a private fish farming (pisciculture) pond by the owner,

who informed the matter to Forest Department. Immediately Forest Department's wildlife team reached the spot and captured the female Salt Water Crocodile with the help of fishing net. The croc was later taken to

Biological Park of Chidiyatapu where the Crocodile was kept for a medical checkup and as per source, after some day the crocodile will be safely released in natural habitat soon.



## Member of Parliament demands Re-opening of Jolly Bouy and also opening of new Islands for Tourists

Port Blair, Oct 28: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of A&N Administration to re-open Jolly Bouy Island and also to open new Islands for promotion of Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today pointed out that as the threat of COVID-19 infection is now minimum all over India, a large number of tourists have started coming to Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

He mentioned that tour operators, who have suffered heavy loss in the last nearly 18 to 20 months due to COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, can

now see some ray of hope for a revival of tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The Member of Parliament added that many tour operators have approached MP office and demanded the re-opening of Jolly Bouy Islands, which has been kept closed since the beginning of the pandemic.

Mr. Sharma pointed out that tourists visiting Andaman and Nicobar Islands have already been witnessing a lot of restrictions in movement due to the threat of crocodiles and other restrictions and if famous tourists spots like Jolly Bouy are kept closed, it will certainly leave a negative impact on Tourism and send a wrong message about Andaman to rest of the world.

Moreover, stakeholders of Andaman Tourism are demanding for the opening of some more tourist spots for Tourists so that they get more options and Andaman gets repeat tourists in the coming days. There is a growing demand to open Islands like Rutland Island and Cinque Island for tourism, Mr. Sharma said.

The Member of Parliament further mentioned in his letter that he is hopeful that if the Administration re-opens Jolly Bouy and also opens Islands like Rutland Island as well as Cinque Island for tourism, the Tourism Industry also will be able to bounce back soon from the present situation.

## MP, ANI inaugurates refurbished CCS Outlet at Aberdeen Bazaar

Port Blair, Oct 27: The Member of Parliament, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today inaugurated the newly refurbished and renovated Consumer Cooperative Stores (CCS) Outlet at Aberdeen Bazaar in the presence of Chairman, Secretary, Board of Directors and prominent and Ex Board Members of CCS Ltd. Speaking on the occasion, the MP congratulated for the successful completion of renovation of the CCS branch. He exhorted the CCS board to work enthusiastically in the service of the Islanders and bring back the lost glory of the organization and regain trust of the Islanders.

Earlier welcoming the august gathering, Mr. Abdul Siddique secretary CCS Ltd threw light on the journey of CCS made so far. He informed that CCS is one of the oldest institutions of the Islands and over the years it has gone through many ups and downs. Under the able guidance of the MP and with an aim to thrust upon the Cooperative movement in the Islands, the CCS Management Board is committed to revive the institution. The Management has also taken the decision to renovate and refurbish its other outlets in Bathubasti, Bambooflat and Wimberlygunj to make it more user-friendly and enable

smart shopping. The Secretary, CCS thanked for the overall guidance, support and vision of the MP and for the support rendered by all its Board members. Chairman CCS Ltd smti Pushpanjali Raju and Ex Secretary of CCS Ltd in the year 1974 Mr. Hamid Ali, Mr. Rangalal Halder President Antec & Smti Shanta Laxman Singh Senior leader and social worker also spoke on the occasion. MP also launched one Mega Bumper Offer which shall be valid till 31st December, 2021. Lucky winners can win exciting prizes for which the nearest CCS Outlet in South Andaman may be reached out.

## Live Band Performance at Cellular Jail, Marina Park, Flag Point and Corbyn's Cove by A&N Police

Port Blair, Oct 27: In series of events organized by A&N Police to observe Police Commemoration Day and Rastriya Ekta Diwas, all women Police Brass Band and Pipe Band of A&N Police performed live at iconic places of Port Blair such as Cellular Jail, Flag Point, Marina Park and Corbyn's Cove from 22-24 October, 2021. The Band played some of the finest patriotic and melodious tunes to

mark the occasion. The band displayed a very energetic performance which was widely applauded and appreciated by the general public and tourists.

As a tribute to the brave Police personnel for their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty and to spread awareness about their active role and contribution in maintenance of law and order, A&N Police is organizing number of events such as cleanliness

driven/beach plogging, awareness campaign, essay and drawing competition events for children, planting fruit trees etc. from 21st to 31st October, 2021. General public is requested to come forward and participate in the activities to be conducted by A & N Police. COVID-19 protocols were observed while conducting the event.

### Notice Inviting e-Tenders

No. 130-DB/RCD/e-tender/2021-22/ 2487

Wimberly Gunj Dt. 19/10/2021

The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Division, A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj invites on behalf of President of India online Item rate tenders from contractors open for all irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD works manual and with other GOI Organizations in these Island and do not have any adverse remarks: -

1. NIT No. 70/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/21-22 (Tender ID: 2021\_APWD\_4122\_1).  
Reconstruction of (4x3 Mtr.) RCC box culvert at Shoal Bay -10 under RCD, Wimberly Gunj. Estimate Cost:- ₹. 60,41,317/- Time of completion:- 04 (Four) Months.

Last date of Submission: 16/11/2021 at 3.00 PM and Opening date : 18/11/2021 at 10.00 AM

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website – <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app>.  
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## Member of Parliament requests CS to resume daily-morning direct ferry for Shaheed Dweep

Port Blair, Oct 27: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to resume the daily direct ferry for Shaheed Dweep in the morning hours.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that before the COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions, the Directorate of Shipping Services used to operate a daily direct ferry to Shaheed Dweep at 6.30 AM,

which used to return back to Port Blair at 9.00 AM from Shaheed Dweep. This direct ferry was extremely useful for the general public as well as vegetable producers and farmer and milk producers of Shaheed Dweep. He mentioned that due to COVID-19 restrictions, the ferry was withdrawn and at present only one government ferry is scheduled to Shaheed Dweep that too via Swaraj Dweep.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that according to residents of Shaheed Dweep the ferry reaches Shaheed Dweep in

the afternoon hours by that time all vegetable cargo and milk consignments lose all its worth. As per villages of Shaheed Dweep they have been suffering heavy loss due to withdrawal of morning ferry, which is the best time for them to load vegetables and milk consignments for Port Blair.

Considering the problems and losses being faced by the resident of Shaheed Dweep the Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to resume daily-morning direct ferry for Shaheed Dweep.

## Cleanship Drive by Naval NCC Cadets at Balidan Vedi – Martyr's Memorial, Homfraygunj

Port Blair, Oct 27: As a part of "Clean India" Program 45 cadets of Naval NCC Unit undertook cleanship drive at Balidan Vedi – Martyr's Memorial Homfraygunj, Port Blair under the supervision of SLt(ANO) Dr. Satyam Setia and PI staff of 1 AN Naval Unit

NCC. The cadets also paid their homage to the martyrs. As a part of the event, the cadets were able to understand the sacrifices made by the 44 members of the Indian Independence League and INA who were arrested and tortured by the Japanese during their

occupation of the islands from 1942-45. Lt Cdr Ankit Pant, Commanding Officer 1 (AN) NU NCC Unit praised the efforts and the enthusiasm shown by the cadets. He also reiterated the importance of Clean India Mission.

## Inter District SQAY Championship on 2nd November

Port Blair, Oct 27: The Islands SQAY martial Art Association affiliated with Sqay Federation of India, Recognised by State Sports Council A & N Administration, will organise Inter District SQAY Championship on

2nd November for the upcoming State Selection for National SQAY Championship 2021 going to held at Goa from 27th-29th Dec 2021 for sub junior, Junior & Senior (Boys & Girls). District and state selection will be

at Dojo ISMAA. The interested Sqyers can register their names on or before 02nd Nov 2021 in the following Numbers, 9679550452/9734323399.

## CIARI conducts Interaction with Custodian Farmers of Karen Community at Webi

Port Blair, Oct 27: Interaction with Custodian Farmers of Karen Community was conducted at Karen Welfare Community hall, Webi on 20th October 2021, wherein a total of 22 members (15 male and 7 female) participated.

REV. Saw Saytha on behalf of Karen community briefed about the efforts taken by the CIARI in projecting Karen rice landraces at National level which has brought lot of fame to the community.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, placed on record the efforts taken by community in setting up seed gene bank for conservation of seeds with the award money. He highlighted on

the importance of conservation of landraces and its cultivation and encouraged the younger generation to come forward to showcase the local cuisines by giving proper publicity to attract visiting tourist in Islands.

Dr. P. K. Singh, Principal Scientist and Head (I/c), CIARI, spoke about importance of conservation of farmer's variety and its role in crop improvement programs. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head, KVK ANI briefed on the role of KVKs in conducting need based training and demonstration programs in agriculture & allied fields. Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist, CIARI impressed on the role of goats, poultry and piggery as a vital component of rice based

farming system. The exhibits displayed by Karen community were also shown to the team.

At the outset, Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist and In-charge, Social Science Section, ICAR-CIARI, welcomed the august gathering and briefed about the Plant Genome Saviour awarded to Karen rice varieties and its registration as Farmers variety in 2016 under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority (PPVFR), New Delhi which was facilitated by scientific team of ICAR-CIARI. Dr. K. Venkatesan, Scientist & Mr. Thomson Ex-Pradhan also shared their views on the occasion.

## Pathetic Condition of ATR; SDM Rangat issues Conditional order to ATR contractor

Port Blair, Oct 27: The Sub Division Magistrate of Rangat of North and Middle Andaman has issued a conditional order to the Manager of Mantena Vasistha Strait JV (Package III) of ATR on the issue of pathetic condition of Andaman Trunk Road.

In the order the SDM mentioned that it has been noticed by him and several written complaints have also been received from the villagers of Rangat Sub-Division that the stretch of NH-4 in Middle Andaman is in poor condition. He added that the commuters as well as vehicular traffic have to face the risk to their lives and bodily injuries on a daily basis and numerous potholes and patches has made travelling an unpleasant experience and uncertain which causes threat to life and property.

He mentioned that the work of rehabilitation and up-gradation of section from Km 107.760 to 129.445 (after Middle Strait to Humphrey), Km 130.600 to 138 (After Humphrey to Kadamtala) @ km 155.000 to 181.000 (End of Jarawa Reserve to Rangat) of NH-223 to 2-Lane with hard shoulder in the Union Territory of Andaman Nicobar Islands comes under Package III has been awarded to contractor M/S Mantena Vasistha Strait JV.

He mentioned in his order that he has noticed that neither the said repair works have been completed on time nor convenient to the commuters have been kept in mind, which seems gross misconduct and negligence towards the works and

endanger the life of general public and property.

The SDM has ordered the Manager, M/s Mantena Vasistha Strait JV to fill-up the potholes and patches using WMM and bituminous materials immediately, specially from Rangat Bazar to Hawamahal Bridge and Uttara Jetty to Kadamtala Bazar on priority basis for convenience of general public as well as smooth vehicular traffic and expedite the work of completion of the project.

The SDM asked to furnish the compliance report of the above order in his Court on 23/10/2021 or to appear at 05:00 P.M in the court of undersigned on 25/10/2021 to show-cause why the order should not be enforced.



## Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Oct. 27: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,82,235 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2, 81, 603 (approx.). A total of 1,72,535 eligible people in the age group

of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2433 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands. Meanwhile, 1580 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 122 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly,

574 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 25 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 279 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 4 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

## AATO Delegation Meets DC South Andaman

Port Blair, Oct 27: A delegation of Andaman Association Of Tour Operators led by its President Mr. M. Vinod along with Mr. PS Vijayan, Org. Secretary and Mr. Vivek Singh, Vice-President met Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, DC South Andaman at his office and discussed various tourism related issues and requested the Deputy Commissioner to consider the

issues raised by AATO. The major requests made were to provide one separate convoy in the morning for tourists visiting Baratang; To provide bigger boats like Coral Queen for Swaraj Dweep seeing the increase in arrival of guests; To provide additional ferry service for Shaheed Dweep. Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, DC South Andaman

listened to the issues raised by AATO and has assured to look into the same. President AATO has expressed his gratitude towards Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, DC South Andaman for all his support towards tourism industry and meeting the delegation of AATO amidst his busy schedule.

## Swachh Bharat Campaign by India Reserve Battalion, A & N Islands

Port Blair, Oct 27: A&N Police is organizing 10 days Police Commemorative events from 21st October till Rashtriya Ekta Diwas to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31 October. These programmes are being held to spread awareness about the role, contribution and sacrifice made by the Police personnel in maintenance of internal security of the nation. On 23rd October, India Reserve Battalion of A & N Police organised a cleanliness

drive at Mazar Pahad sea shore area in the presence of brand ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, Padmashree awardee, Mr. Naresh Chandra Lall, as part of 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'. A total of 70 IRBN personnel of various ranks actively participated in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' event after the office hours and removed the plastic and other garbage to make seashore area plastic free by disposing off all waste material in a systematic manner. The motive

behind cleanliness drive was to promote cleanliness, hygiene and also to sensitize the general public about the services rendered by Police personnel to the nation. Staff of IRBN segregated dry waste from wet waste and disposed off as per norms in coordination with PBMC. Efforts were made to involve local residents and to sensitize them. All protocols related to prevention and containment of spread of COVID-19 were observed during the event.

## Online Fire Safety Awareness Training Programme

Port Blair, Oct 27: Andaman and Nicobar Fire Unit as part of the Police Commemoration week in an attempt to disseminate awareness on fire safety and risk prevention, as deeply as possible into the society reached out to the entrepreneurs and conducted an online training programme on "First Aid Fire Fighting" and best practices in fire safety and prevention on 23/10/2021.

During the training session awareness was provided on origin & classification of fire, type of fire extinguishers, its operational techniques and the various evacuation procedure to be adopted during emergency, and the necessary fire fighting paraphernalia needed in their establishments etc. The participants also clarified their doubts during the interactive

session. Apart from the above, the A&N Fire Service will conduct similar online Fire Safety training programmes from 25th to 30th October, 2021. The interested participants from Govt. establishments, Private entrepreneurs, Educational institutions etc. can contact over phone number 232697/9434274881 for enrollment.

## Training-cum-awareness on "Management practices in rice seed production" by ICAR-CIARI at Diglipur

Port Blair, Oct 27: A training-cum-awareness on "Management practices in rice seed production" was organized at Madhupur village of Diglipur on 19th October 2021 for the benefit of rice farmers under AICRP seed (Crop) in collaboration with ICAR-CIARI KVK, Nimbudera. A total of 55 (35 male and 20 female) farmers got benefited from the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI and the Chief Guest complimented the efforts of the team of Scientists of ICAR-CIARI and the farmers in popularizing CIARI's high yielding rice varieties in participatory mode in large cluster of villages at Diglipur. He was happy to note on the replacement of HYVs of rice introduced by CIARI. Further, he exhorted the

young group of farmers to form small group to establish modern rice mill for getting better head rice recovery which will fetch higher prices in the market. He also highlighted on the importance of Integrated farming system and the role of each component such as crop, dairy, poultry, fishery and piggy in enhancing farm income. He concluded his remarks by impressing upon to harvest paddy crop from bottom so that the paddy straw can be used as a fodder for cattle after treating with urea and molasses. Dr. P.K. Singh, Principal Scientist and Head (I/c), CIARI emphasized about scientific management practices involved in rice seed production. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist and Head, KVKs of ANI briefed about integrated management of

pest and diseases in rice crop. Dr. Jai Sunder, Principal Scientist, CIARI highlighted the role of goat and poultry in integrated farming system. Dr. K. Venkatesan, Scientist, CIARI talked about role of quality seed in rice cultivation. In the introductory remarks Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist and In-charge, Social Science Section, ICAR-CIARI, welcomed the august gathering and highlighted on the importance of such programme followed by interaction to get first hand feedback on the bottlenecks and solution to carry forward. The team also visited the rice fields, poultry incubation unit and gave scientific advice for better management of the enterprises and it's up-scaling. The program concluded with the Vote of thanks proposed by Mr. K. Shyam Sunder Rao.

## Cyclothon event organised by Pankh in collaboration with Rotary Club of Port Blair Nextgen

Port Blair, Oct 27: On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Pankh NGO, with the support of District Administration South Andaman and in collaboration with Rotary club of Port Blair NextGen organized a Cyclothon event of 12 kms starting from Cellular Jail to Carbyns Cove and back same route. The event was categorised into Pro and Armature, wherein around 50 participants had participated. The event was honoured by Mr. Suneel

Achipaka, District Commissioner, South Andaman and Mr. Hari Kallikat, SDM, South Andaman. International cyclists of our Islands Ms. Debora Harold and Nikita were also as guests for the event. Swami Mr. Shudhanand also attended the event. The whole event was successfully managed by the members of Pankh NGO and Rotary Club Next Gen Port Blair in the presence of Pankh president Mrs. Komal Anand & Secretary Mrs. Geeta Naveen Bhatt and

Rotary club next gen President Paranthaman Divya Prasad & Secretary Jyoshita Anand. The flag off was done by Mr. Hari Kallikat, SDM, South Andaman. The District commissioner, Mr. Suneel Achipaka mentioned the "importance of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and appreciated the event". The prize distribution ceremony was honoured by Mr. Suneel Anchipaka Deputy Commissioner, SA and Mr. Hari Kallikat, SDM, SA.

## NGOS' Association shows Solidarity with Aided School Teachers agitating for Payment of Monthly Salary

Port Blair, Oct 27: Non-Gzatted Govt. Officers' Association, A & N Islands has decided to extend support to the ongoing agitation of teachers and other employees of Nirmala Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair and MES Sr. Sec. School, Steward Gunj. Staff of the only two aided schools of A & N Islands are on streets for the last many days as they were deprived of their monthly salary from the month of April, 2021.

On Saturday the leaders of the Association visited both the agitation sites at Port Blair and Steward Gunj to express their solidarity with agitating teachers. Many teachers and other low paid employees were on tears while conveying their hardship to the office bearers and said they are victimised for none of their faults. Some of them even lost their words when they lamented about the threats they have been

facing from banks and other lenders for non payment various loans. In their address to the participants of dharna, T S Sreekumar, General Secretary and R Surendran Pillai, Assistant General Secretary of the Association held the administration and the management responsible for the impasse. They urged the higher authorities of the Administration for necessary intervention to settle the issue at the earliest to stop further sufferings to these teachers. Other office bearers including S.L. Vinjit, Jay Murthy, E.A. Johnson, etc also interacted with the staff on agitation. Meanwhile in a letter sent to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri T S Sreekumar, General Secretary of the Association requested his intervention for early disbursement of pending salary of

nearly 100 teachers and other staff working at Nirmala School, Port Blair and MES School, Steward Gunj. He stated the important role played by these schools in advancement of certain under privileged sections of the society and said any disruptions in their functioning will surely hamper the interest of hundreds of poor children. He told the Chief secretary about the grave situation these teachers are facing due to non payment salary for the last five months and urged for humanitarian approach on the issue. He cited the fact that even in this hardest condition the staff of both the Schools are continuing their normal work to protect the interest of their children and asked urgent measures to clear the payment due from the month of April.

## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi distributes Health Kits to Under Privilege Kids of Namunaghar Area



Port Blair, Oct 27: On Sunday, Acting swiftly to a call from Smt Manjit Kaur, Social Worker of Namunaghar area who stated that some Children residing in and around Namunaghar Panchayat area are facing difficulties to get any supplements and nutritional

food due to the harsh conditions faced by parents due to the pandemic. Mr. Mandeep Grewal, President, PBGKR reached the area alongwith Mr. Gurmeet Singh, Secretary, PBGKR and handed over the kids with Health Kits.

Also while interacting with the Kids, Grewal stated in the present scenario we all need to keep a check on the health not only physical but mental health of kids of age group 4 to 12 years as there is not much to do since long due to the pandemic.

## General body meeting of Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh Held

Port Blair, Oct 27: A general body meeting of the Nagarpalika Shramik Sangh was held at Port Blair on 22nd October, 2021 under the chairmanship of Mr. B. Chandrachoodan. The meeting discussed various issues and problems of workers working in the Port Blair Municipal Council and adopted resolutions on it. The meeting through a resolution demanded regularization of the services of daily rated mazdoors of PBMC as hundreds of workers are working on daily rated basis for the last several years. Through another resolution, the meeting demanded to provide suitable residential

accommodation to the workers as many of these workers staying at various places are forced to live in unhygienic conditions. The meeting further demanded to provide uniforms, gloves, mask, shoes, raincoat etc to all the workers including daily rated mazdoors. Through another resolution, the meeting demanded to extend the financial benefit of 1/30th of pay plus DA to all the daily rated workers of PBMC. Addressing the meeting, B. Chandrachoodan, President of the Union and General Secretary, CITU A & N State Committee said that the central government and its Administration in the

islands are pursuing various anti-working class and anti-people policies. He said that unemployment in the islands is increasing and the BJP government at the Centre has failed to create jobs for the local youths in the islands. He expressed concern over the spiraling prices. Mr. R. Surendran Pillai, President, CITU State Committee and Mr. SP Kalairajan, Vice President, CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. A large number of workers of PMBC attended the meeting.