

**Thought for today**

*If I rely on too many people, I increase my chances of being disappointed.*

**ASA celebrates ID**



Port Blair, Aug 16: Andaman Sangeet Academy (ASA) Junglghat, Port Blair, celebrated the "75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day" on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Sunday. The See... Page 02

# In a first, lower level staff of Chatham Mill Division barred from attending ID function

Port Blair, Aug 16: 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated across the islands by organizing beffing programmes on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Like the Independence Day celebrations in other places in the islands, the Chatham Mill Division, Department of Forest & Environment, A&N Administration also organized Independence Day programmes at 9.00 am in the Chatham Saw mill.



All the officers, staff and workers of Mill Division, Chatham attended the function. However, the certain officials and staff of the Mill Division were not allowed to attend the Independence Day function. Some staff workers, including Forest Ranger, Chatham (Security Officer In-charge) and Security Inspector (Watch and Ward) have barred the entry of some low level staff and workers inside the mill premises to attend the flag hoisting ceremony. See... Page 02



**Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency hoisting the National Tricolour at the historic Netaji Stadium on the occasion of Independence Day-2021 on 15.08.21.**

\* Salute of the Independence Day parade at the historic Netaji Stadium on 15.08.21.

\* Inspecting the Independence Day parade at the historic Netaji Stadium on 15.08.21.

\* Placing wreath at the Martyr's Column at National Memorial Cellular Jail on the occasion of the Independence Day celebrations on 15.08.21.

## MP for 'walk-In Rapid Antigen Test Facility' (Optional) for ATR Passengers, day before Journey

Port Blair, Aug 16: The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma today wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration and requested an optional, 'Walk-in Rapid Antigen Test Facility' for ATR passengers. In a letter mailed to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration today, the Member

of Parliament pointed out that as there is almost normalcy in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and ATR has been opened for public movement, with necessary permission, large numbers of people are travelling through ATR, every day. He added that due to the mandatory 'on the site' Rapid Antigen Test at Ferrargunj, many ATR passengers are facing huge inconvenience, especially



children, ladies, and old age persons. Those who are travelling to Diglipur are also facing huge difficulties. The Member of Parliament highlighted that for RAT, the ATR passengers are asked to report nearly two hours prior to Convo Time, at Ferrargunj and for reaching Ferrargunj, one has to start nearly one hour before the testing. See... Page 02



The former Mahila President, Pradesh Congress Committee, Smt Santa Laxman Singh hoisted the national flag at Gandhi Bhawan to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration. Shri K. Ganeshan, Chief Spokesperson, and AICC Members Pradesh Congress Committee members District Congress Committee members Seva Dela members Pradesh Mahila Congress Member Block Congress Members and senior Congress leaders, workers and supporters of Congress party were present on the occasion.

## Celebration of "azadi ka amrit mahotsav" at ANC

Port Blair, Aug 16: At Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the nation's only Joint Forces Command the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) organized flag hoisting and singing of National Anthem at 50 remote islands situated across the length



and width of the archipelago. The flag hoisting ceremony was undertaken between 13 Aug to 15 Aug 21 by all the components viz Indian Army, Indian Navy, Indian Air Force and Indian Coast Guard of the Command with enthusiasm and See... Page 02

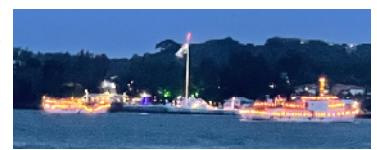
## Snakes caught and released in jungle

Kadamtala, Aug 16: A red tailed trinket and black tailed rat snakes were rescued at Kadamtala, Middle Andaman on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Later these snakes were released in the jungle.



## Illumination of ships and movement of SVV flame to southern group of islands

Port Blair, Aug 16: On 15 Aug 21 the nation celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day. A series of activities marked the momentous occasion. The festivities began with ships dressing overall and basking festive. This was followed by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose See... Page 02



## Media briefing on COVID-19 No new +ve cases, more than 3.25 lakh inoculated

Port Blair, Aug 16: No fresh positive cases of COVID-19 have been detected on Monday. All the passengers, who arrived here in flights on Sunday, tested negative for the infection. RT-PCR tests were conducted on passengers arriving here in four flights today and the results will be available tomorrow.

None of the 174 passengers bound for the North and Middle Andaman districts tested positive for the infection at Ferrargunj today, said the Director of Information, Publicity and Tourism, Mr Alok Kumar. At the daily press briefing, Mr Kumar informed that RAT testing was conducted on 173 passengers at

Phoenix Bay Jetty and all tested negative for the infection. 263 doses of COVID-19 vaccine were administered at JNRM today of which 217 beneficiaries were in the age-group of 18-45 years, he said. More than 3.25 lakh beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in these See... Page 02

## To mark "Azadika Amrit Mahotsav" SHE Market organized by the SHGs under DAY-NRLM

Port Blair, Aug 16: The Government of India has launched various self-employment Generation Schemes under National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), a poverty alleviation project implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. This scheme focuses on promoting self-employment and the organization of rural poor women. The basic idea behind this



## ID celebration by Betapur BCC

Billiground, Aug 16: Betapur Block Congress Committee, Billiground celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with hoisting of National flag by Shri Manoj Halder, President, BCC Billiground followed by national anthem and sweet distribution. The See... Page 02



## Drunken driving claimed lives of two

Port Blair, 16<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2021: The 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day turned out to be a sad day for two families as they lost their loved ones. In a tragic accident that took place yesterday at Junglghat Jetty, a Mahindra XUV 300 nosedived into sea where two persons sitting on front seats lost their lives and the person sitting on the rear seat managed to open the

door and caught hold of a rope until he was rescued. Persons who lost their life are Ajay Minj, Age-33 S/o Late Anand Minj R/o Prem Nagar, All India Radio backside and Adesh Kujur, Age-32 S/o Kuldeep Kujur R/o Bathu Basti. The rescued person informed that they had been partying since morning and were under the influence of alcohol. In a drunken

situation, a few friends went to the North and Middle Andaman districts to meet someone. When they were returning, it was raining heavily. In poor visibility other cars managed to come out of the jetty but the SUV driver failed to keep the vehicle on the jetty and nosedived into the sea. Despite the difficult situation, rescue See... Page 02

## Visit of victory flame to naval component

Port Blair, Aug 16: The Swarnim Vijay Victory was received by the Naval Component on 14 Aug 21 for visit to all Naval units at Port Blair. The Victory Flame was taken to Naval Transmitting Station, INS Utkrosh and See... Page 02



## Diglipur celebrates Independence Day, AC hoists national flag

Diglipur, Aug 16: The 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration was held in a manner befitting the occasion in Diglipur, however with some extra precaution and measures in view of the COVID-19 situation. Asst Commissioner

Diglipur Mr. Ankit Kumar Yadav, IAS hoisted the flag on this occasion at Vivekananda Stadium. The salutation was participated by the Police department. Earlier to this, he paid floral tributes to the statue of

Subhash Chandra Bose on his way. Representatives of various departments were present on this occasion. After that Asst Commissioner went to CHC Diglipur and distributed sweets to the patients on this occasion

## K. Ganeshan inaugurates coaching centre

Port Blair, Aug 16: A new coaching Centre named "Little Ganesh Coaching Centre" was inaugurated yesterday by Shri. K. Ganeshan Ex-Chairperson and Ex-Councilor-PBMC. This See... Page 06



## Knockout Carrom Tournament by NSUI on 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day

Port Blair, 16<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2021: National Students Union of India (NSUI), A & N Islands under

the auspices of Pradesh Congress Committee organised an open knockout carrom tournament at

Gandhi Bhawan, Port Blair on 15<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2021. The tournament was aimed to encourage maximum

student participation, promote healthy and fierce competition. The tournament was conceptualized by

Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament and Shri. Rangalal See... Page 06



## AATO celebrates ID

Port Blair, Aug 16: Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with Andaman Adventure Sports Association Celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day at Carbyns Cove Beach in a befitting manner. Shri M. Vinod, President, AATO hoisted the National Flag and the programme was attended by members of both the association. This was the first time Independence Day programme was held at Carbyns cove beach. Shri Vinod has thanked all those who made their contribution to make the programme success. The programme concluded with Distribution of Sweets.



## Swarnim Vijay Varsh Victory Flame Reached at Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Aug 16: The Swarnim Vijay Varsh Victory Flame reached Car Nicobar on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The Victory Flame along with the contingent was received with huge enthusiasm by Group Captain Rajesh Varma, VSM, Station Commander Air Force Station Car Nicobar and Mr Yash Chaudhary, IAS, District



Commissioner, Car Nicobar. A Air Force Contingent was accorded ceremonial Guard of Honour by an See... Page 02



# EDITORIAL

## The Andaman Express

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### Digital tools for lung care

In just a few months' time, digital technologies in medicine have taken a quantum leap. The pandemic necessitated the use of digital technologies in the healthcare sector at unprecedented levels. Platforms such as Aarogya Setu, CoWin, teleconsultation portals, and online clinical platforms have helped provide efficient and affordable healthcare services. To digitalise healthcare records and avoid crowding at hospitals across the country, India also launched the National Digital Health Mission and permitted e-pharmacy and telemedicine platforms to offer consultations. While stakeholders at all levels toiled hard to address the healthcare needs of patients, healthcare professionals often found themselves working in an unfamiliar setting, treating an unknown disease. They had to make life-critical decisions every minute. Lack of authoritative data to support these decisions, made it highly challenging for them to match symptoms with treatment recommendations. This raised the need of having updated and reliable information platforms such as Clinical Decision Support system (CDSS) at the point of care. Doctors are confronted by increasing amounts of clinical data related to every patient they treat along with an exponentially increasing volume of medical research. While databases and electronic health records help doctors to manage the rising tide of paper records, patient-specific recommendations provided by CDSS can ensure improved decision making and enhance patient safety.

### Chatham ..

on the directions of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mill Division, Chatham. Independence Day is a national festival and all Indians, irrespective of caste, colour and religion celebrate the day. Every citizen has the right to attend the flag hoisting ceremony and celebrate the day. For generations, Independence Day functions are also held in all the government departments in the islands where the head of the department hoists the national flag and sweets are distributed to the staff to rejoice the freedom of the country. However, such an act of not allowing some lower level staff who does not fit into the shoes of the senior level officers to attend the flag hoisting ceremony on the basis of grade discriminated against the spirit of the country and calls for immediate inquest into the matter and if found correct strict action against the culprits should be followed. After the hoisting of the national flag and national anthem, sweets are distributed to the employees attending the ceremony, but for the first time in Chatham Saw Mill history, sweets were not distributed to the staff in the Chatham Mill. Despite procurement of sufficient

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stock of sweets, instead of distributing the sweets to the staff who attended the function, the sweets were reportedly given to the inmates of Seva Niketan Orphanage at Dairy Farm in the Forest Ranger, Security Inspector, Watch & ward Section, Chatham. The staff who do not get the sweets have no problems with the distribution of sweets to the inmates of the orphanage, but most of them feel that additional stock of sweets should have been procured for distribution among the staff who attended the flag hoisting ceremony. Such acts by the officers of Mill Division, Chatham are against the spirit of the Constitution of India. Every body appreciates the decision of distribution of sweets by the senior officers of the Mill Division to the orphanages, but they should have also ensured that all staff attending the ceremony should have also been given sweets as Independence Day is a joyous occasion and citizens celebrate the occasion with open hearts. "These officers spend several lakhs on only function, but they don't have sufficient money to procure sweets for distribution to the staff," said one of the staff.

### ASA ..

programme has been arranged near Buniyadabad Community Hall, Port Blair at 4.30pm. Shri Pranab Banerjee, retired Head Master of Education Deptt. of A & N Administration was the Chief Guest in this cultural programme. The Function was started with welcome speech by Shri Tapas Kumar Das, President of ASA. The students of Andaman Sangeet Academy (ASA) named Panshu, Saiavi Rohanch, Siddhant, Goutham, Prerit presented patriotic song with keyboard and Shrey a Banerjee sang two songs with table accompanying by Souhath. They are sung very well in front of gathering. Audience was mesmerized by the speech by the Chief Guest Shri. Pranab Banerjee. The programme was concluded at 5.30pm with the vote of thanks by Shri Soumen Home Chowdhury, the General Secretary of Andaman Sangeet Academy (ASA), Junglithat, Port Blair.

### ATR ..

time from point of Journey. Hence, the entire process extends the ATR journey time to more than 3 hours. He further pointed out that presently due to pathetic road conditions, reaching Diglipur takes nearly 12 to 13 hours, depending upon the weather conditions and due to "on the site" RAT at Ferargunj, the total journey hours becomes 15 to 16 hours, which is painful for children, ladies and elderly people. Hence, for the convenience of people, the Member of Parliament requested to start 'walk-in Rapid Antigen Test facility' at Port Blair for ATR passengers, on an optional basis. If

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such facility is provided then most of the ATR passengers can undergo RAT one day before the journey and save their journey time by 3 hours on the day of ATR journey. The optional 'Walk-in RAT' may be carried out afternoons at Port Blair and the validity of the test be fixed to 18 hours, he suggested. The MP mentioned that this will not only reduce the crowd at Ferargunj RAT site but also reduce the pressure from the shoulders of Health, Police and Revenue Staff, for testing a large number of passengers at Ferargunj Check post on daily basis.

### Drunken driving ..

operation was initiated immediately but the persons stuck into the SUV were evacuated and rushed to Hospital, where they were declared brought dead. The sincere

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effort of the Police department to make people understand the hazards of drunken driving has failed to yield desired results as people are responding irresponsibly.

# 'PUNISH UNRULY OPPOSITION MPS': MINISTERIAL TEAM TO RAJYA SABHA

The "unprecedented, extreme, and violent acts" by Opposition MPs in the Rajya Sabha last week demands stern action, a delegation of seven Union Ministers has submitted to House Chairman Venkaiah Naidu. Receiving a memorandum on the matter from the team, he said he will examine the matter and decide on an appropriate course of action.

During its meeting with the Chairman, which also saw the presence of Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh,

the delegation referred to marshals being prevented by the MPs from discharging their duties. The team of ministers that met him consisted of Piyush Goyal, Pahlad Joshi, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Dharmendra Pradhan, Bhupendra Yadav, Arjun Ram Meghwal, and V. Muralidharan. Chairman Naidu later met MP Samit Patra, who was in the Chair when the events of August 11 took place in the Rajya Sabha. On that day, as the government presented a bill to allow greater private participation in public

sector insurers, chaotic scenes were witnessed in the House, including physical jostling between the opposition and parliament security staff. "In 55 years of my parliamentary career, I have never seen this kind of behaviour towards women MPs in the Rajya Sabha. More than 40 men and women were brought into the house from outside. It's painful. It's an attack on democracy," NCP chief Sharad Pawar alleged. Promoted to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com several women MPs have alleged they were physically assaulted by male marshals as they were protesting.

The government, however, rejected such claims and, in turn, alleged that it was a woman



marshal who was in fact manhandled by opposition members.

### ANC ..

national fervor. The National Flag was also hoisted at Anderson Island, Clyde Island, Grub Island, Interview Island, North Cinque Island, North Reef Island, South Cinque Island and South Reef Island. As part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh initiated online celebrations, post his speech from DRDO Bhawan on 13 Aug 21. From Andaman and Nicobar Islands, INS Bazaz, the southernmost sentinel and Guardian of Indian Ocean Region

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participated, which was telecasted live. INS Bazaz at part of celebrations hoisted National Flag and sung National Anthem in which 75 service personnel from all four components of Andaman and Nicobar Command participated. A joint services drill was also conducted as per the great military traditions, thus expressing solidarity with the entire nation and reaffirming their commitment to uphold the sovereignty and independence. During the conduct of events all COVID protocols were followed.

### COVID-19 ..

islands. Over 2.27 lakh beneficiaries have received the first dose of the vaccine and around 97,939 beneficiaries have been administered both the doses. 117,082 eligible people in the age group of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 458881 samples have been sent for tests at

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the designated laboratories of which reports of 458881 have been received taking the rate of testing to 1147203 per million. The administration is taking all necessary steps to contain the spread of the disease and people are requested to follow COVID Appropriate Behaviour, the media was informed.

### INS Utkrosh ..

INS Jaraw for display. The Flame was also taken through naval residential areas of Minnie Bay, Vijay Baugh and Haddo and was presented for public display at all locations. Subsequently, the flame was brought to the Naval Jetty and was conducted onboard Naval Ships in harbour. The flame was

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accorded ceremonial reception at all the units. Thereafter, the flame was displayed at Headquarters Naval Component with ceremonial courtesies. The event received over whelming response from all service personnel and engulfed every one in the spirit of patriotic fervor and a sense of victory.

### Swamin Vijay Vahs Flame ..

to welcome the Flame and was witnessed by various officials of Air Force and Civil Administration. Thereafter, the Victory Flame was escorted by a team of cyclists to Air Force Station Car Nicobar. The

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Victory Flame convoy halted at Civil Tsunami Memorial to pay homage to the victims of the Tsunami tragedy. The Flame was greeted with respect and enthusiasm by the local citizens who had gathered enroute.

### BBCC Billiground ..

ceremony was attended by senior party leaders, Shri Hirannoy Roy, Shri Manjivendra Mondal along with Smt. Latha Saha, Shri. Khokan kovi

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raj, Shri Amrito Lal Mistry, Shri Sankar Roy and large gathering of general public from Basantipur to Belapur area.

### SHGs ..

make them capable of self-employment. Topomote Rural Self Help Groups and provide them better marketing facilities for the sale of their products, the ANIRML Cell has organized "SH" Market exclusively by the SHGs under DAY-NRLM on the occasion of 75th Independence day. The SHG members of Gram Panchayat at Calcut Spighat, Radhanagar and Beodnabad under C.D. Block Prothrapur and Gram Panchayat at Ferargunj, Tushnabad, Numanagar, Chankhai under C.D. Block Ferargunj have participated in the SHE Market. The SHE Market has provided a platform and handholding support to the Rural SHGs women and helps to generate

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livelihood. The SHGs were provided with an opportunity for the sale of their products i.e., bakery items, vegetables, bamboo and cane items, local spices and poultry products etc. The SHG members have sold products to a tune of around Rs. 40,000 in both the Blocks. The general public also requested the SHG members of respective Gram Panchayats to continue the SHE Market every Sunday. The Secretary (RD/ Panchayat) and Director (RD/ Panchayat) has also ensured that the SHG Sunday Market shall be organized on regular basis by following COVID Protocols issued by the Administration from time to time in the Blocks to promote the SHGs women and their livelihood.

### DSS ships ..

Dweep Coastal Battery firing 21 Guns salutes at the stroke of noon on 15 Aug 21. To commemorate the occasion befittingly, four ships of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, in close coordination with two ships of Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS) were positioned off south point for illumination, preserving a relentless backdrop to the solemn ceremonies. At sunset on 15 Aug 21, the ship's silhouettes were shimmering illuminated in glory of the 75th of our Independence, attracting huge crowds towards Marine Drive and Marina Park, firing the crackers with

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patriotic fervour. Indian Nav ships Chetland Cheriya, Coast Guard Ships Rajtarang and Arun Asif and DSS ships MV North Passail and MV Wandoor formed the group of ships undertaking illumination. Earlier in the day a ceremonial guard was presented in attendance of the Swamin Vijay Vahs Flame. The Flame was thereafter embarked onboard Naval Ships and has departed on her journey to the Southern Group of Islands. The Flame will be routed through Car Nicobar, Kamorta and Campbell Bay before returning to Port Blair on 26 Aug 21.

## Will Fuel Prices Come Down? What Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Said

### The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government under former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had issued oil bonds that are up for redemption now

The government would have easily given relief from high oil prices if it did not have to bear the cost of oil bonds that the previous government had issued to companies, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters today. The United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government under former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had issued oil bonds - or instruments in lieu of cash subsidy to oil marketing companies - that are up for redemption now. "If I had not incurred the UPA's oil bonds alone, sources told NDTV in June, I would have given relief from petroleum prices," Ms Sitharaman said, explaining why she can't cut excise duty on petrol and diesel for now. In the past seven years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, over ₹ 70,000 crore



has been spent on interest payment alone, sources told NDTV in June, contrasting it with this year's budgetary allocation of ₹ 35,000 crore towards the COVID-19 pandemic. The centre has alleged that under-recoveries of oil companies, thanks to oil subsidies, were converted into oil bonds by the UPA regime. "The centre and states need to sit down and find a way forward to resolve high petroleum prices," Ms Sitharaman told reporters today. The Congress denies that oil bond payments are to be blamed for the centre's claimed inability of giving relief to people. Amitabh Dubey, president of the

Delhi chapter of Professionals' Congress, pointed out that PM Modi's government had, in the six-week period between May and June alone, increased fuel prices by ₹ 7 per litre. Promoted to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com On reports that Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal criticised many big domestic businesses for allegedly overlooking national interests, Ms Sitharaman said what Mr Goyal meant was that the industry should also think about small traders and support them. At an event organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) last week, Mr Goyal criticised Tata and more broadly said local businesses should not just focus on profits or think of bypassing local laws, news agency Reuters reported.

## Will Help Afghan Hindus, Sikhs Come To India, Says Government On Crisis

### "The government will take all steps to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals and our interests in Afghanistan," the foreign ministry said.

Hindus and Sikhs from Afghanistan will be given priority once commercial flight service begins from Kabul, India said today -- a day after Taliban took control of the city. As panic-stricken Afghans gathered at the airport to skip the war-torn country, India said it would "facilitate repatriation to India of those who wish to leave Afghanistan." "The government will take all steps to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals and our interests in Afghanistan," foreign ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi told reporters.

Pointing to the situation in

Kabul that's "deteriorating by the day", the ministry said, "We are in constant touch with the representatives of Afghan Sikh and Hindu communities. We will facilitate repatriation to India of those who wish to leave Afghanistan."

"There are also a number of Afghans who have been our partners in the promotion of our mutual developmental, educational and people to people endeavours. We will stand by them," Mr Bagchi added.

Commercial flight operations from the Kabul airport have been suspended. "This has forced a

pause in our repatriation efforts. We are awaiting the resumption of flights to restart the process," Mr Bagchi told reporters.

Afghan airspace was shut yesterday amid chaos at the Kabul airport, where US security forces fired in the air yesterday as the crowds became unmanageable. Five people died -- the cause is not known yet. Later the airport was placed under a security cordon.

India has been evacuating her citizens as well as some Afghan nationals since Taliban started advancing as US and NATO forces withdrew. "We are

aware that there are still some Indian nationals in Afghanistan who wish to return and we are in touch with them," Mr Bagchi said today.

Sources have told NDTV that more than 200 Indians -- including Foreign Minister staff and paramilitary soldiers stationed for their security -- are yet to be evacuated from Kabul. An aircraft is on stand-by at the Kabul airport to pick them up. But transferring them from the Indian mission compound to the airport is proving a hurdle. Taliban has enforced a curfew in the city, sources said.

## "200 Sikhs In Gurudwara In Afghanistan": Amarinder Singh's SOS To Centre

Taliban's return to power to Afghanistan after 20 years has escalated the humanitarian crisis that started when the United States pulled out its troops in May. As concerns often emerge, triggering concerns and appeals worldwide about the safety of foreigners as well as locals, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh also made an urgent request about the evacuation of 200 Sikhs stuck in a Gurudwara. "Urge @DrJaisankar, MEA, GoI, to arrange for immediate evacuation of all Indians, including around 200 Sikhs, stuck in a Gurudwara in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover. My govt is willing to extend any help needed to ensure their safe evacuation."

Hours after Taliban captured Afghanistan's capital Kabul, the airspace was closed today, aggravating the crisis. This was as evacuation of all Indians, including around 200 Sikhs, stuck in a Gurudwara in Afghanistan after the Taliban takeover. My govt is willing to extend any help needed to ensure their safe evacuation. @MEAIndia (sic), the Punjab

agency AFP reported. "The airspace is closed. How any airline can operate? We were not able to restart our 12:30 pm flight to Kabul," a source in Air India told NDTV. On Sunday, Amarinder Singh had said that there was a need to remain extra vigilant at all borders of the country, saying Afghanistan's "fall" to the Taliban "does not augur well" for India. Promoted to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com

"Afghanistan's fall to Taliban doesn't augur well for our country. I'll strengthen the Sino-Pak nexus against India (China has already sought military's help on Uyghur). The signs are not at all good, we need to be extra vigilant now at all our borders."

More than 60 countries, including the US, have urged Taliban to let Afghans leave the country, warning of accountability for any abuses. "The United States joins the international community in affirming that Afghans and international citizens who wish to depart must be allowed to do so," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken wrote on Twitter as the State Department released a statement signed by its close allies.





**Nationwide Mahila morcha is paying tribute to 75 Women Freedom Fighters.**  
**The Andaman Nicobar BJP Mahila Morcha under the leadership of Smti Sampa Banerjee organized a programme at Cellular Jail by paying tribute to the unsung freedom fighters of our country. BJP State President, Shri Ajoy Bairagi, Ex- MP Shri Bishnu Pada Ray and other BJP padadhikari, karyakartas were present on the occasion. After that BJP Mahila Morcha team honoured three INA members (Indian National Army) by personally reaching their house. These INA members were Shri John M Lobo, Shri Rehamatulla and Smti Sushila Devi.**

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#### AFFIDAVIT

I, M. Sidtheeq, S/o E. Marikar, R/o 258, Old Pahargao, Polytechnic Road, Dollygunj, Port Blair, South Andaman, do hereby solemnly affirm and say as follows:-

1. That the actual and correct name of my father is EBRAHIM MARIKAR.
2. That my father's name has been mentioned correctly as EBRAHIM MARIKAR in my Aadhar Card bearing No. 424846800869.
3. That in my Birth Certificate, the name of my father has been mentioned as MARIKAR which is incorrect.
4. That I intend to correct the name of my father in my Birth Certificate which is to be corrected as EBRAHIM MARIKAR.
5. That this affidavit is made for the purpose of correction of the name of my father in my Birth Certificate.
6. That henceforth for all purposes my father's name shall be read as EBRAHIM MARIKAR.
7. That the above stated are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DEPONENT

#### Lost

It is notified for the information that I, Sanjoy Das, S/o. Lakshmi Kt Das, R/o Madhupur, Dgipur, lost my Birth Certificate issued by Birth and Death Registrar, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 20/05/2021 at Dgipur Bazar. Finder please contact on 9434266382.

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#### VACANCY NOTICE

Port Blair Smart Projects Ltd. Port Blair, A & N Islands, proposes to fill the posts of Chief Financial Officer (01 Post), General Manager (Admin) (01 Post), General Manager (Operations) (01 Post) ON CONTRACT BASIS.

The detailed vacancy notice containing instructions for applications, eligibility criteria and other details along with application form may be downloaded from [www.andaman.gov.in](http://www.andaman.gov.in) the last date of application is up to 11.59 PM on 31/08/2021.

No. DB-TN/PBSD/2021-22/2135  
 OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
 PORT BLAIR SOUTH DIVISION  
 APWD, PORT BLAIR

Dated 13 /08/2021

#### Notice Inviting e- Tender

The Executive Engineer, Port Blair South Division, A.P.W.D., Port Blair on behalf of President of India invites online Item rate bids from contractors of APWD or any other Govt. Department irrespective of their enlistment subject to condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these Islands and do not have any adverse remarks –

NIT No : 29/EE/PBSD/2021-22  
 Name of work : Upkeep and maintenance of Raj Niwas.  
 Sub work : Construction of RCC Water Tank Staging  
 Estimated Cost : ₹27,79,467/-  
 Time of completion : 06 (Six) Months

NIT No : 33/EE/PBSD/2021-22  
 Name of work : Special Repair to roofing and ceiling of Kaveri block of JNRM Girls Hostel, Port Blair.  
 Estimated Cost : ₹14,40,662/-  
 Time of completion : 02 (Two) Months

Last date and time of submission of Bid : 02/09/2021 15:00 Hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Bid : 03/09/2021 10:00 Hrs.

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

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### India Post Office Recruitment 2021, Apply for 2429 GDS & Other Vacancies @ [indiapost.gov.in](http://indiapost.gov.in)

India Post Office Recruitment 2021 | GDS Vacancy | Total Vacancies 2357 | Last Date: 19.08.2021 | India Postal Circle Recruitment Apply online @ [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in)

India Post Office Recruitment 2021: Applications are invited via online mode by the respective recruiting authorities from eligible candidates for the selection and engagement to the following posts of Gramin Dak Sevaks. India Post is going to fill up 2357 vacancies in West Bengal. It has recently published the recruitment notification for 2357 vacancies and these vacancies are assigned for GDS Vacancy. India Post Office invites online application from 10th passed candidates to fill up India Post Office Vacancy 2021. Applicants who are looking for 10th Std Jobs in central govt can make the India Post online registration from 20.07.2021 to 19.08.2021. India Postal Circle recruitment notification pdf & apply online link is available @ [www.indiapost.gov.in](http://www.indiapost.gov.in).

Candidates can submit India Post Recruitment Application from 20.07.2021. Applicants should pass 10th Std and age limit should be 18 to 40 years. Contenders have to pay required fee and make the payment via either online or offline. India Post Office will recruit the aspirants on Academic Background/ Interview/ Written Test/ Merit. Shortlisted candidates will be appointed in West Bengal. Incomplete application & application after the due date will be rejected. More details of Post Office Jobs in WB, upcoming WB Postal jobs notices, merit list, selection list, admit card, result, upcoming India Post notifications and etc. will be uploaded on official website. India Post is a government of India agency, executing postal services in India. It has been functioning since 1854. Headquarter is located in Sansad Marg, New Delhi until now. They provide services such as letter post, parcel services, EMS, delivery, freight forwarding, third-party logistics and also deposit account. Presently, there are 22 postal circles in India and it has more than 4 lakhs employees are working in this department. Postal Circles are J&K Postal Circle, Punjab Postal Circle, Uttarakhand Postal Circle, West Bengal Postal Circle, North Eastern Postal Circle and Kerala Postal Circle.

Here you will get details of Branch Postmaster (BPM), Assistant Branch Postmaster (ABPM) and Dak Sevak posts like educational qualification, age limit, application mode, fee and how to apply. Keep check Daily Recruitment regularly to get latest government exams.

### ITBP Recruitment 2021, Apply 65 Constable Vacancies @ [itbpolice.nic.in](http://itbpolice.nic.in)

ITBP Recruitment 2021 | Constable Post | 65 Vacancies | Last Date: 02.09.2021 | Apply Online @ [itbpolice.nic.in](http://itbpolice.nic.in) ITBP Recruitment 2021: Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force has issued the recruitment notification for the post of Constable (General Duty) under Sports Quota in the Sports disciplines. The ITBP invites both Male & Female candidates for filling up 65 vacancies for non-gazetted and non-ministerial for Group 'C' posts. These vacancies are not available for physically challenged persons or ex-servicemen. Eligible Indian citizens may apply this ITBP sports quota recruitment through online mode only, another mode of application form will not be accepted. The online application form starts from 05.07.2021 and the last date of receipt of online application is 02.09.2021. Candidates are requested to fill the online application form carefully, because if any mistakes declared in the application form will not be entertained. Those candidates who are applied for ITBP recruitment may be recruited by the process of interview/ test. After the interview, applicant will be appointed at anywhere in India with the scale pay of Rs. 21,700 to Rs. 69,100. If you want more details about ITBP Sports Quota recruitment, ITBP Constable recruitment, ITBP jobs, upcoming recruitment notification, selection list, results, merit list etc. check the official website. This is the great opportunity for the candidates who are seeking for Central Govt jobs.





Halder, President- Pradesh Congress Committee, A & N Islands. Shri. Sudeep Rai Sharma, Senior Congress leader and Ex-councilor- PBM was the chief guest for the tournament. Shri. Mahinder Prasad, Ex-NSUI President, and Ex-Councilor PBM was the Guest of Honour. Special invitee's were Shri. R. K. Raj, Senior Congress leader, Shri. Rajendran (Raj) Ex-NSUI President & Smt. Dileet Kaur, Congress Leader. The entire

programme was guided by Shri. Mohd. Zubair, President, City Congress and the team NSUI was led by Shri. M. A. Sajid, Ex-NSUI State President. Altogether 30 teams participated in the tournament. Fixtures were drawn for men's and women's doubles. The closing ceremony was held in the evening, wherein Shri. K. Ganeshan, Chief Spokesperson, Pradesh Congress Committee and AICC member was the Chief Guest. Guest of Honour was Shri.

Masih Lugin, General Secretary- Pradesh Congress Committee, A&N Islands & Shri. John Robert Babu, Ex-State President- Pradesh Youth Congress. Special Invitees were Shri. Elairaja (Alsu), President Pradesh Youth Congress, Shri. Abdul Islam President, North BCC, Shri. Shaktivelu President Garachama BCC, Shri. Najib Siddique, Miss. Bindya Banerjee & Shri. Nand Kishor, Vice President of Youth Congress,

Shri. Vikram, State General secretary Youth Congress, Shri. Raj Reddy and Shri. Sonu Raj, Congress leaders. All the top 3 winners were awarded cash prizes and rest participants were given participation certificates. The whole programme was managed and coordinated by Shri. Saurav Nair, NSUI State General Secretary. Other office bearers of NSUI present during the occasion was Shri. Nishit Biswas, Shri. Maheshwaran



## Health camp and football tournament at Ramnagar

DJ Venkatesh

Diglipur, Aug 15: To commemorate the 75th Independence Day of India, a health camp and football tournament was organized at Ramnagar gram Panchayat, Diglipur today. Both the programs were organized by the villagers to mark the importance of Outdoor games and health. Shri G. Suresh Kumar, SHO, PS Kalighat was the chief guest of the Football tournament. Shri J. S. Baxia, Father of Ramnagar church was Guest of honour on this occasion speaking on this occasion, SHO highlighted the importance of outdoor games and motivated the youths to come forward for more participation in such types of events. A total of



six number teams participated in this tournament and finally, team Plot C won the match by 1 goal. Villagers and Ex-PRs present to witness the game. Vote of

thanks given by Ex-Sarpanch Shri Namjan Baria. A Health Camp was also organized in Ramnagar Gram Panchayat on this occasion in association with

Dr. Nikhil Multi Specialty Hospital, Diglipur, Ms Rakhi Rani Halder Social Worker and Mithun Das coordinated for arranging the programmes.

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## ABVP celebrates ID



Port Blair, Aug 16: The Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) Andaman and Nicobar Islands celebrated "Azadika Amrit Mahotsav", the 75th Indian Independence Day at Saheed Ramesh Singh Park, Sadipur as its part of campaign

"Ek Gaon Ek Tiranga". On this auspicious occasion the flag was hoisted by Dr. Santhosh Kumar Jha, State President, and Dr. Kandhimurthy Vibhag Pramukh, ABVP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. President ABVP, ANI gave

a detail account of importance of celebration of this day by ABVP and told students and youth to get inspiration from freedom fighter and even those martyred after Indian independence like Saheed Ramesh Singh Jee. The guest of honour Smt.

Sheela Singh ji, ex Councilor calls the youth to come forward for the service of the nation. Shri R. Rajsekhar, State Secretary ABVP in his speech apprised about national programme 'EK GAON EK TIRANGA' launched by ABVP.

## Football Tournament at Alipur Ground



Port Blair, Aug 16: On 75th Independent day, One day football tournament organized by Mahura Youth Club, Alipur Ground. Mr V K Abdul Aziz, renowned, Social Worker was the chief guest on the occasion. He inaugurated the tournament in which 09 teams from various youth

clubs of nearby village participated. Chief Guest also addressed to youth about the importance of sports for the development of youths, gifted sports and awareness on Drug & Alcohol. All football lovers gathered as audience (Physical distance, wearing facemask). The team "Youth of

Brindaban" has succeeded to win in the match. Mr V K Abdul Aziz distributed prize to the winning team

"Youth Of Brindaban", all SOP, Safety measures follow as per COVID protocol.

### IMD's WEATHER FORECAST FOR NEXT 05 DAYS

**Monday 16 Aug (Day-1)** Heavy rain (7-11cm) likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

**Tuesday 17 Aug (Day-2)**

**Wednesday 18 Aug (Day-3)**

NIL

**Thursday 19 Aug (Day-4)**

**Friday 20 Aug (Day-5)**

**FISHERMAN**

**WARNING**

Due to squally weather over Andaman sea and adjoining South east Bay of Bengal, wind speed likely to exceed 45 kmph, fishermen are advised not to venture into the sea on 16th and 17th August, 2021.

### PORT WARNING

Nil

For further enquiries / information contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. **For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.** State Control Room: 03192- 238880 (Tele-Fax), 1070(Helpline). District Control Room: 03192-238881, 1077(Helpline). EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020 EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222 EOC (N&M): 03192-262960 EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014 EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241 EOC (Swaraj Dweep): 03192-282030 EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527