

## PM inaugurates Joint Conference of CM of States & Chief Justices of High Courts

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**It is important to promote local languages in the courts so that people of the country feel connected with the judicial process**

New Delhi, April 30 (PIB)

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi participated in the inaugural session of the Joint Conference of Chief Ministers of States and Chief Justices of High Courts at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi today. Chief Justice of India Justice N.V. Ramana, Justice UU Lalit of Supreme Court, Union Ministers, Shri Kiren Rijiju and Prof S.P. Singh Baghel, Supreme Court Judges, Chief Justices of High Courts, Chief Ministers and LGs of States and Union Territories were among those present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said "in our country, while the role of the judiciary is that of the guardian of the constitution, the legislature represents the aspirations of the citizens. I believe that this confluence and balance of these two branches of the Constitution will prepare the roadmap for an effective and time bound judicial system in the country." He said that 75 years of independence have continuously clarified the roles and responsibilities of both the judiciary and the executive. Wherever it is necessary, this relation has evolved continuously to give direction to the country, he said. Calling the Conference a vibrant manifestation of the beauty



of the Constitution, the Prime Minister said that he has been coming to the conference for a very long time, first as Chief Minister and now as Prime

Minister. 'In a way, I am quite senior in terms of this Conference' he said in a light-hearted manner.

Setting the tone for the conference, the Prime Minister said "In 2047, when the country will complete 100 years of its independence, then what kind of judicial system would we like to see in the country? How do we make our judicial system so capable that it can fulfil the aspirations of India of 2047, these questions should be our priority today". "Our vision in Amrit Kaal should be of such a judicial system in which there is easy justice, speedy justice, and justice for all", he added.

The Prime Minister emphasized that Government is working hard to reduce delay in justice delivery and efforts are on for increasing judicial strength and improving judicial infrastructure. He said ICT has been deployed for case management and efforts to fill the vacancies at various levels of judiciary are underway.

The Prime Minister reiterated his vision of use of technology in governance in the context of judicial work. He said that the Government of India considers the possibilities of technology in the judicial system as an essential part of the Digital India mission. He appealed to the Chief

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## Lieutenant General Manoj Pande takes over as new Chief of Army Staff

New Delhi, April 30

General Manoj Pande today took over as the new Chief of Army Staff. He succeeded General Manoj Mukund Naravane. General Pande is the 29<sup>th</sup> Army Chief and the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to get this opportunity. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, General Pande was commissioned into the

Corps of Engineers in December 1982. He commanded an engineer regiment during Operation Parakram in the Pallanwala sector along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir.

In his 39-year military career, General Pande has commanded an engineer brigade in the western theatre, an infantry brigade along LoC, a mountain division

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## Vaccination drive in A&N Islands 11,726 beneficiaries in the age group of 12 to 14 yrs vaccinated so far against target of 13000

Port Blair, April 30

The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,75,628 doses of vaccine have been administered to beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above so far. Similarly, 23,424 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 yrs. and 11,726 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in

the age group of 12 to 14 yrs. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 19,512.

A total of 431 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands today. 204 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 8 beneficiaries were in

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## Ban on manufacturing, importing, stocking, distribution, sale & use of identified single use plastic to be effective from July 1

**Deptt. of S&T encouraging citizens to use alternative products**

Port Blair, April 30

Considering the adverse impacts of littered single use plastic items on both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, Hon'ble Prime Minister gave a clarion call to phase out single use plastics by 2022. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has banned the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single use

plastic (SUP), including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities vide notification G. S. R No.571 (E) dated 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 - Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules-2021. The ban will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.

Keeping in view the harmful effects of single use plastic, it is very essential to use the alternatives that will replace plastic

consumption from our life. In order to promote the locally available alternatives in these Islands, the Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC), Department of Science & Technology, A & N Administration has invited all such vendors/manufacturers of alternatives of single use plastic including compostable plastic commodities to

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## Compensation for failures/complications/deaths arising out of sterilization operations Family Planning Indemnity Scheme providing indemnity cover to beneficiaries undergoing sterilization, doctors & health care facilities

Staff Reporter

Port Blair, April 30

Sterilization services are largely provided through public and accredited Pvt/NGO health facilities. There is a continuing concern about the number of adverse events following sterilization as well as litigations faced by the facilities/doctors against such cases. To mitigate this, the Government of India introduced the National Family Planning Insurance Scheme which was later modified as Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS), now operational through State NHM Program Implementation Plan instead of private sector insurance



company.

The objective of the Family Planning Indemnity Scheme is to indemnify all beneficiaries of sterilization, doctors and health

facilities (public and accredited private/NGO) conducting sterilization operation in the unlikely event of death/ failure/ complication following sterilization operation.

On compliance of directives of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India with respect to the doubling of compensation under Family Planning Indemnity Scheme (FPIS) and to share the burden thereof equally by the Govt. of India and the respective State Government, the UT Administration of A&N Islands has notified the doubling of

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## National Family Benefit Scheme being implemented by Social Welfare Deptt. BPL category family eligible for availing benefit under the scheme

Port Blair, April 30

The Directorate of Social Welfare is implementing the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) under the National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Under this scheme, an amount of Rs.20000/- will be given as a lump sum assistance to the bereaved household in the event of death of the breadwinner.

It is clarified that in the event of death (natural or otherwise) would make the family eligible for assistance. A woman in the family, who is a homemaker, is also considered a 'bread-

winner' for this purpose. The family benefit will be paid to such surviving member of the household of the

deceased poor, who after local enquiry, is found to be the head of the household. For the

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### GREETINGS

I extend my warm greetings and good wishes to all the residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, particularly, the workers, both men and women on the occasion of International Day of Labour.

International Labour Day, also known as International Workers' Day or May Day, is commemorated to promote the welfare of workers worldwide and to encourage employers and international labour organizations to improve the working environment. The day emphasizes the importance of workers' movement in achieving much-needed improvements in their working circumstances.

I salute all workers who contribute their every day hard work for the growth of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as well as our country. Most importantly, I compliment all workers for their contribution to structural, economic and social progress in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On this day, let us acknowledge the sacrifices of the workers and compliment them for helping the country and the people in all walks of life.

Sd/-  
(Kuldeep Rai Sharma)  
Member of Parliament  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## COVID-19 status in A&N Islands No positive case detected during RT-PCR test conducted on incoming flight passengers

Port Blair, April 30

During the RT-PCR test conducted on 111 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 17 flights with 2191 passengers arrived, out of which, 1898 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 196 passengers and the reports are awaited.

During RAT conducted on 53 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was

conducted on 37 passengers, no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 62 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. At Helipad, 1 passenger was tested

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## Initiative under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Winners of various competitions organized by Directorate of CS&CA on patriotic theme felicitated

Port Blair, April 30

As part of celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs conducted various competitions

based on patriotic theme through online mode among the students of various schools in A&N Islands. The winners of these competitions were awarded with prizes by the Director (CS&CA) in

a function held on April 28 in the Conference hall of Directorate of CS&CA.

Addressing the students and teachers, the Director (CS&CA)

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## ANIIDCO providing financial assistance to industrial concerns as per IDBI/SIDBI guidelines

**Interested persons can avail financial assistance to set up their own ventures**

Port Blair, April 30

ANIIDCO was notified as a Financial Institution during May 1992 by Government of India (GoI), and the Corporation started lending activity in 1996. During May 1997, GoI made certain provisions

of State Financial Corporation Act (SFC), 1951 applicable to ANIIDCO with the objective of financing 'Industrial Concerns'. The Corporation provides financial assistance to industrial concerns as per IDBI/

SIDBI guidelines.

Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to industrial concerns engaged in manufacturing, preservation or processing of goods, transport for passengers/goods etc,

hotels and restaurants, assembling, repairing or packing any article with the aid of machinery or power, providing engineering, technical knowledge or other service for promotion of industrial growth,

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अण्डमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION सचिवालय /SECRETARIAT			
HEALTH BULLETIN FOR CONTAINMENT OF			
नोवल कोरोना वायरस रोग (COVID-19)			
(No. 761/30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022)			
COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 30.04.2022			
<b>Status of Cases:</b>			
<b>Details of Third wave since: 01.01.2022</b>			
Active new cases in last 24 Hours			00
Discharges in last 24 hours			01
Total confirmed cases			2307
Total Discharges			2321*
Total Active cases as on date			00
Total deaths			00
<b>*Includes 14 discharges of second wave</b>			
<b>Cumulative since March 2020</b>			
Details	On 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	On 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Total
Confirmed Cases	10035	00	10035
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	9905	01	9906
Death	129	00	129
<b>&gt;Clinical Management of Cases:</b>			
Name of District	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Vacant
North & Middle Andaman	286	00	286
South Andaman	5583	00	5583
Nicobar	507	00	507
Total	6376	00*	6376
<b>*01 Positive case in home quarantine.</b>			
<b>Status of Sample and Testing:</b>			
Total Samples sent till date			724751
Total Reports received till date			724751
Total Pending Reports			0
Rate of Testing Per Million			1811878
Cumulative Test Positivity Rate			1.38%
<b>&gt; Vaccination status:</b>			
Total population			4,00,000
Target Beneficiaries			3,22,000 (Approx.)
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated so far			6,75,628
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose so far			3,40,429
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose so far			3,35,199
% of Target beneficiaries fully vaccinated			--
% of Population vaccinated			104.10
			85.11
<b>Vaccination for 15 - 18 years age group</b>			
Target beneficiaries for 15-18 years			23,000
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose so far			23424
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose so far			19155
			81.78
<b>Vaccination for 12 - 14 years age group</b>			
Target beneficiaries for 12-14 years			13,000
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 1 <sup>st</sup> Dose so far			11726
Cumulative beneficiaries vaccinated with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dose so far			7513
			64.07
<b>Precautionary dose</b>			
			19512
<b>*2nd dose % against 286000 beneficiaries.</b>			
<b>&gt; Passengers screened at VSI Airport &amp; Haddo Wharf</b>			
Details	From 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 to 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	On 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Total
Incoming passengers			
a) VSI Airport	634135	2181	636316
b) Haddo Wharf	1032	00	1032
Outward passengers			
a) VSI Airport	639131	3081	642212
b) Haddo Wharf	928	00	928
<b>(On 30.04.2022, 196 passengers were retested by RTPCR at Airport)</b>			
<b>24x7 CONTROL ROOM NUMBERS: 240126/ 232102 / 1077/ 1070</b>			
<i>(Source: Directorate of Health Services)</i>			

## Electricity Deptt. appeals general public to minimize use of power

Port Blair, April 30 5 PM to 11 PM.

It is to bring to the kind notice of general public that due to sudden rise in power demand, it has created a severe paucity of power demand in Port Blair and adjoining areas of South Andaman. A detailed demand side management has been prepared by the Electricity Department to ensure optimal utilization of available power. In pursuance of the same this detailed directions are being issued. All consumers have share in the demand generated for power consumption. To minimize & optimize such demand the following have been solicited:

- > Switch off the Air Conditioners (AC) during peak hours from
- > AC, if used in day hours shall be set at 26°C and use with ceiling fan for even distribution of cool air. However, use of AC even during day hours should be minimal
- > Use LED lamps for lighting.
- > Ensure optimal utilization of light in office premises & unnecessary lighting may be switched off.
- > Use of High Mast during peak hours should be avoided by PMB, DSS, PBMC & Pradhans.
- > In case of operation of High Mast becomes essential by DSS/PMB, load of high mast should be put on standby DG sets as far as possible.
- > All Govt. buildings functioning from 0830 hrs to 1700 hrs or beyond and installed

with standby DG sets shall meet their own requirement by running DG sets.

- > Consume power judiciously by rationalizing the power requirements by using minimal lights & other electrical gadgets and switch off all non-required lights, fans and other electrical gadgets etc.

The Executive Engineer concerned will form teams to sensitize the consumers to personally monitor for effective compliance. Surprise checks would also be initiated by the respective Executive Engineers to ensure compliance. Cooperation from general public is highly solicited for judicious usage of power, an appeal issued by SE (i/c), Electricity Department said.

## Compensation for failures/complications/deaths arising out ...

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ex-compensation fixed under Family Planning Indemnity Scheme under Section 1 (A-D) with effect from October 15, 2020 issue of the Notification in respect of claims being settled hereafter. The content of the scheme are as under:-

Coverage	Limits as per FPIS (Amount paid from NHM (CSS))	Enhanced rate as directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court (Payable through State Health Budget)	Total Amount
Death following sterilization (inclusive of death during process of sterilization operation) in hospital or within 7 days from the date of discharge from the hospital	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 2 lakh	Rs. 4 Lakh
Death following sterilization within 8-30 days from the date of discharge from the hospital	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	Rs. 1 Lakh
Failure of sterilization	Rs. 30000/-	Rs. 30000/-	Rs. 60000/-
Cost of treatment in hospital and up to 60 days arising out of complication following sterilization operation (inclusive of complication during process of sterilization operation) from the date of discharge	Actual not exceeding Rs. 25000/-	Rs. 25000/-	Rs. 50000/-

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Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts to take this forward. The e-courts project is being implemented today in mission mode, he said. He gave example of success of digital transactions as they are becoming common in small towns and even in villages. Out of all the digital transactions that took place in the world last year, 40 percent of the digital transactions took place in India, the Prime Minister informed. Proceeding further on the theme of use of technology, the Prime Minister said that nowadays, subjects like block-chains, electronic discovery, cyber security, robotics, AI and bioethics are being taught in law universities in many countries. "It is our responsibility that in our country also legal education should be according to these international standards", he said.

The Prime Minister said it is important to promote local languages in the courts so that people of the country feel connected with the judicial process and their faith in the same increases. He said that people's right to judicial process will strengthen by this. He also said that local languages are being promoted in technical education also.

The Prime Minister also talked about the complexities and obsolescence in laws. He informed that in 2015, the Government identified 1800 laws which had become irrelevant and 1450 laws have already been repealed. Noting that only 75 such laws have been removed by the States, Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said "I would urge all the Chief Ministers that for the rights of the citizens of their State and for their ease of living, definitely steps should be taken in this direction."

Prime Minister insisted that judicial reform is not merely a policy matter. Human sensitivities are involved and they should be kept in the centre of all the deliberations. Today, there are about 3.5 lakh prisoners in the country who are under-trial and are in jail. Most of these people are from poor or ordinary families, he pointed out. In every district there is a committee headed by the District Judge, so that these cases can be reviewed and wherever possible, such prisoners may be released on bail. "I would appeal to all Chief Ministers and Chief Justices of High Courts to give priority to these matters on the basis of humanitarian sensibility and law", he added.

The Prime Minister said mediation is also an important tool for settlement of pending cases in the courts especially at the local level. There is a thousands of years old tradition of settlement of disputes through mediation in our society. Mutual consent and mutual participation, in its own way, is a distinct human concept of justice, he said. With this thinking, said the Prime Minister, the Government has introduced the Mediation Bill in the Parliament as an umbrella legislation. "With our rich legal expertise, we can become a global leader in the field of solution by mediation. We can present a model to the whole world", he said.

## Central Consumer Protection Authority issues Advisory to e-commerce entities against illegal sale and facilitation of wireless jammers

### Sale and use of wireless jammers prohibited for general consumption

New Delhi, April 30 (PIB)

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued an Advisory to e-commerce entities concerning selling or facilitating sale of wireless jammers to consumers through their e-commerce platforms.

Sale and use of any wireless device without authorization/license under the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 or Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act (IWTA) 1933, unless exempted by rules, is illegal. Jammers come under the purview of IWTA, 1933 and the Act lays down that license is required for possession and use of jammers.

As per the Guidelines issued by the Government of India, Jammers may be allowed only under exceptional circumstances, only when authorized by Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat. The guidelines can be accessed at <https://cabsec.gov.in/others/jammerpolicy>.

It may be mentioned that the Department of Telecommunication issued an Advisory on 21.01.2022 with reference to illegal facilitation and sale of wireless jammers on online platforms. Also, Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade has issued a Letter to all e-commerce entities to comply with the rules and regulation laid down by the Government of India against sale and purchase of any kind of mobile jammers.

Under Section 18 of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, CCPA is empowered to protect, promote and enforce the rights of consumers as a class, and prevent violation of consumers' rights. Further, CCPA is empowered to prevent unfair trade practices and ensure that no person engages himself in unfair trade practices.

CCPA is continuously monitoring the consumer protection landscape in the country. Recently, CCPA issued Safety Notices under Section 18(2)(j) of the Act to alert and caution consumers against buying goods which do not hold valid ISI Mark and violate compulsory BIS standards.

## Thunderstorm with lightning likely to occur in Isles

Port Blair, April 30

Thunderstorm with lightning is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands tomorrow (May 1). Thunderstorm with lightning and gusty wind (speed reaching 30-40 kmph) is likely to occur at one or two places over Nicobar Islands on May 2 & 3.

For further enquiries / information, one may 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, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

## Initiative under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav ...

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encouraged students to participate in extra-curricular activities and explore their hobbies & interests. Significance of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' was also explained to the children, a press release from Directorate of CS & CA said.

## National Family Benefit Scheme being ...

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purpose of the scheme, the term 'household' would include spouses, minor children, unmarried daughters, and dependent parents. In case of death of an unmarried adult, the term household would include minor brothers/sisters and dependent parents.

The death of such breadwinner should have occurred while he/she is more than 18 years of age and less than 59 years of age. The assistance would be given to every case of death of a breadwinner in a family.

The eligibility criteria for availing the Scheme is that the family should belong to the BPL category. The eligible beneficiaries may obtain the form from the Directorate of Social Welfare or Offices of the CDPOs at Urban Project, Ferrargunj, Rangat, Diglipur, Car Nicobar and other out stations, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

## Lieutenant General Manoj Pande takes...

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in the Ladakh sector and a corps in the northeast. He was the Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command before he took charge of the Eastern Command. (Source: india.gov.in)

## 11,726 beneficiaries in the age group of 12...

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the age group of 12-14 years, 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 83.

111 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 12-14 years, 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 31.

116 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 22 beneficiaries were in the age group of 12-14 years, 8 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 27, a press release from DHS said.

## ANIDCO providing financial assistance..

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providing medical health or other allied service, setting up or development of tourism related facilities etc.

The quantum of loan is maximum 75% of the total project cost upto Rs.10 lakh and minimum 66% of the total project cost exceeding Rs.10 lakh for purchase of machinery. The promoters contribution is minimum 25% for the project cost upto Rs.10 lakh and 34% for the project cost exceeding Rs.10 lakh.

The rate of interest for different loan amount is fixed based on SIDBI's prime lending rate which is at present 9.95%. Accordingly rate of Interest calculated as per the range of finance is as under:

Range of Finance	Interest Rate
Upto Rs. 50,000	7.95%
Above Rs. 50,000/- to Rs.2,00,000	8.95%
Above Rs. 2,00,000 upto Rs. 25,00,000	9.45%
Above Rs. 25,00,000/-	9.95%

Interest rate is subject to change as per changes in the SIDBI Prime Lending Rate (PLR). A rebate of 1% is provided for prompt payment and 2% lower rate is admissible for industrial concerns engaged in tourism, horticulture, fisheries, food-processing and environment friendly projects like recycling waste etc. A maximum repayment period of 10 years with a moratorium period of 6 months to 2 years depending on the project is provided.

Persons interested to avail financial assistance may contact the Manager (Credit & Finance), ANIDCO, Vikas Bhawan, Port Blair, Phone No. 03192-231422, email: cfaniidco@gmail.com, a press release from ANIDCO said.

## Ban on manufacturing, importing...

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approach ANPCC. The Department will take necessary action for creating awareness on available alternatives of SUP to phase out single use plastic by 2022, a press release from ANPCC said.

## No positive case detected during RT-PCR..

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with RAT and no positive case has been detected, a press release from IP&T received here said.

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITION (SHIPPING HELPLINE NO. 245555)	
NOTE: FOR SHIPPING RELATED QUERIES PLEASE DIAL TO TOLL FREE NUMBER 18003452714.	
<b>INTER ISLAND SECTOR:</b>	
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar on 03.05.2022 (Tue) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.05.2022 (Wed) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar.	
Passenger Tickets for onward journey will be issued on 03.05.2022 at Haddo Wharf two hours prior to the departure time of the vessel based on the list provided by Deputy Commissioner's Office, Port Blair and also after due verification of COVID Test Certificate and Islander Card/Local Certificate/Tribal Pass etc.	
<b>LITTLE ANDAMAN SECTOR:</b>	
MV Kalighat will sail for Little Andaman on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 02.05.2022 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Little Andaman.	
<b>FORESHORE SECTOR:</b>	
Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels will be issued to the general public at STARS Ticketing Counters two days prior to her scheduled departure date.	
<b>01.05.2022 (SUN)</b>	
<b>SHAHEED DWEEP &amp; SWARAJ DWEEP</b>	
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0930 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	
MV Kamorta will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0930 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	
MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.	
MV Strait Island will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.	
MV Strait Island will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	
MV Kamorta will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.05.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	
<b>02.05.2022 (MON)</b>	
<b>SHAHEED DWEEP &amp; SWARAJ DWEEP</b>	
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.05.2022 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0930 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.	



ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION  
SECRETARIAT  
NOTIFICATION

No./2022/F.No. 3-75/2021/PR.-WHEREAS, the draft Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Rural Area) Water Supply Bye-Laws, 2021 were published in the Official Gazette as required under Sub-section 1 of Section 202 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994 (No. 1 of 1994) inviting suggestions and objections from the general public with 30 days from the date of their publication vide Press Note F.No. 3-75/2021/PR dated 28.04.2021.

AND, WHEREAS, the suggestions and objections received in the matter has been examined and incorporated suitably in the Bye-Laws.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Sub-Section (1) of Section 203 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994, the Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), Andaman & Nicobar Islands hereby make the following Bye-laws with immediate effect.

**1. Short Title:**

i) These Bye-laws may be called- the A & N Islands (Rural Area) Water Supply Bye-laws, 2022.

ii) These Bye-laws shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. Definitions:** In these Bye-laws, unless the context otherwise, requires: -

i) "Capacity" in relation to storage cistern means the capacity of the cistern measured upto the waterline/ level.

ii) "**Commercial Premises**" means any wherein any business, trade or profession is carried on for profit and includes journalistic, or printing establishment and premises in which business of banking, insurance, stocks and share, brokerage or produce exchange is carried on or which is used as hostel, restaurants boarding, chicken & mutton stalls, slaughter houses, catering house, theatre, cinema done or other place of public entertainment or bhawans running commercial activities in the premises, farm houses & paying guests accommodation where food is cooked & served to the paying guests and also includes the premises where new construction or renovation of old building.

iii) "**Communication Pipe**" means

a) where the premises supplied with water abuts the part of the street/roads in which the main is laid, and the service pipe enters those premises otherwise than through the outer wall of a building abutting on the street and has a stopcock placed in those premises and as near to the boundary of that street/ roads as is reasonably practicable, so much of the service pipe as lies between the main and that stopcock;

b) in any other case, so much of the service pipe as lies between the main and the boundary of the street in which the main is laid, and includes the ferrule or other method of connection at the junction of the service pipe with the main to support intermittent water distribution network in coming years subject to availability of water by Department entrusted with water supply in that area and also-

(i) where the communication pipe ends at a stopcock, that stopcock, and

(ii) any stopcock fitted on the communication pipe between the end thereof and the main;

iv) "Connection pipe" means any pipe from the ferrule upto the stop tap connecting the city supply main with a service pipe;

v) "**Consumer**" means any corporate body, person or persons supplied or applying to be supplied with, or using water from the Rural area water works, or any person or persons otherwise liable for the payment of water charges;

vi) "**Consumer's pipe**"/ "**Consumer's fittings**" means all pipes, fittings such as taps, cocks, valves, meters, cisterns, baths, water closets, lavatory basins and other similar apparatus used in connection with the supply and use of water from the Water Works, which are not the property of the Water Supply Department/Agency.

vii) "**Corrosion Resisting Alloy**" means an alloy which is highly resistant to corrosion by the water supplied by the Water Supply Department/Agency.

viii) "**Cylinder**" means a cylindrical closed vessel capable of containing water under pressure greater than atmospheric pressure.

ix) "**Distributing Pipe**" means any consumer's pipe, which is trunk not main, but conveys water supplied by the Water Supply Department/Agency, from a storage tank/reservoir, and under pressure from such cistern only;

x) "**Ferrule**" means a ferrule connecting a connection pipe with the distribution pipe;

xi) "**Functional House Hold Tap**" means a piped water tap connection provided to a household or within its premises for supplying drinking water supply

xii) "**Gram Panchayat**" means Gram Panchayat constituted under Sub-section (I) of section 11 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994;

xiii) "**House**" means dwelling house, whether a private dwelling house or otherwise and includes any part of a building, if that part is occupied as a separate dwelling house or any land to which water from the Rural Water Supply network is supplied;

xiv) "**Indian Standard Specification**" means standard or specification issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

xv) "**Residential Premises**" means used wholly for human habitation and includes all garages, stables and other out buildings appurtenant thereto and being used for purposes subservient to residence.

xvi) "**Service Pipe**" means so much of any pipe for supplying water from a main to any premises as is subject to water pressure from that main, or would be so subject but for the closing of some tap;

xvii) "**Stand Post**" means a point of public water supply provided with a tap or other mechanical contrivance for opening or closing the supply;

xviii) "**Storage Tank**" means any tank, other than a flushing cistern, having a free water surface under atmospheric pressure from which water supplied from the Rural water supply network is delivered for use otherwise than through a draw of tap fixed to the cistern;

xix) "**Stop Tap**" means stopcock, stop valve and any other device fitted at the end of a connection pipe furthest away from Rural water supply network, for the purpose of shutting of or regulating the supply of water from the main to any house, building or land;

xx) "**Tank**" means a non-cylindrical closed vessel capable of containing water under pressure greater than atmospheric pressure;

xxi) "**Temporary Purpose**" in relation to the use of any pipe means building, demolition or constructional work for such period as the work is in progress, or any other temporary purpose for a period not exceeding six months or such longer period as the Water Supply Department/Agency may approve in any particular case;

xxii) "**Village Water and Sanitation Committee (VWSC)**" means standing committee under Gram Panchayat/Tribal.

xxiii) "**Warning Pipe**" means an overflow pipe so fixed that its outlet is in an exposed and conspicuous position where the discharge of any water there from may be readily seen.

xxiv) "**Water Line**" in relation to a cistern means the top water line at which the overhead tank/ cistern is designed to work;

xxv) "**Water Supply Department/Agency**" means Divisions of Andaman Public Works Department / Gram Panchayat/ Zilla Parishad responsible for supply of drinking water as well as operation and maintenance of water supply in rural area under jurisdiction.

xxvi) "Zilla Parishad" means Zilla Parishad constituted under Section 144 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Panchayats) Regulation, 1994;

**PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY**

**3. Use of Public Stand Post/Functional House hold Tap Connection (FHTC):**

(i) No person, unless otherwise duly authorized by the Water Supply Department/Agency shall open or in any way interfere with any main pipe, valve or fire-plug or fire hydrant connected with the Rural water supply network.

(ii) No person shall wilfully or negligently cause the water from a stand post/FHTC to run waste, and every person after using the stand post shall turn off the tap.

(iii) No person shall use stand post or public tap/FHTC with the object of securing a supply of water for a purpose other than a domestic purpose.

(iv) No person shall use the stand post for bathing or for washing of clothes or other articles or animals.

(v) No person shall use water derived from the stand post, public tap or fire hydrants/FHTC for building operation or for the purpose of any manufacturing or for any commercial purpose.

(vi) All public stand post providing water free of charges to be removed out and metered stand post/ Functional House Hold Tap Connection (FHTC) will be sanctioned to each individual/a group of people, residents association, market association etc. on applying for metered public stand post/FHTC and recommendation of **VWSC** of respective area. The authorized person on behalf of above association shall be sanctioned with ½ inch metered connection subject to the following condition:-

1. He/ She shall pay the tariff regularly as notified by Water Supply Department/ Agency time to time failing which the stand post will be disconnected.

2. He/ She will be responsible for payment of water charges and ensure maintenance of metered public stand post/FHTC, wastage of water and other relevant provisions of these Bye-laws as applicable to other consumers.

(vii) The consumers presently availing benefit from existing public stand post(if any)are also to apply the same manner as stated in clause (vi) in the prescribed form within one month of Notification of this Bye-laws failing which the public stand post will be disconnected.

**Explanation:-** For the purpose of these bye-laws, water for a domestic purpose shall not be deemed to include water for:

(a) Any trade, manufacture or business; or for any commercial purpose.

(b) Fountains, swimming baths or for any ornamental or mechanical purpose including that for cooling, air conditioning and water softening plants; or

(c) Gardens or for purposes of irrigation; or

(d) Watering roads or paths; or

(e) Construction purposes; or

(f) For washing vehicles or animals.

MAKING ALTERATION OR EXTENSION OR PRIVATE CONNECTION

**4. Application for Connection** :-Subject to the provisions of Bye-law 38, no connection with the Rural water supply main for private connection and no alteration or extension of any such existing water connection shall be made in any private premises or house except on an application of the owner of such premises or house or of his/her recognized agent, who shall be registered as the consumer and shall be responsible for the observance of these Bye-laws so far as the connection on his/her house or premises is concerned.

**5. (i) Regular Connection:**

The consumer shall apply for 1st regular connection in prescribed form by paying basic connection chargers of Rs 300/- and for 2nd or subsequent regular connection by paying additional charges of Rs 200/- per connection over and above the basic charges or as notified from time to time along with the documents specified by the Water Supply Department/Agency. The consumer has to clear all the due water charges of Water Supply Department/Agency in the area before applying for 2nd or otherwise subsequent regular connection. On receipt of the intimation regarding sanctioning of connection, the applicant shall deposit the water meter security as per actual cost (refundable security for recovery of water charges in case of default) connection charges & other material will be supplied by the applicant as specified by Water Supply Department/Agency in the area. The meters shall be provided, installed & maintained by the applicant at his own cost after getting it tested from the Water Supply Department/ Agency in the area. In case the Water Supply Department/ Agency provides/replaces such meters, the consumer would be required to deposit the cost of water meter & other allied material required for connection. Connection charges for the water connection shall only be raised in the name of owner or

registered General Power of Attorney Holder.

(a) Connection charges shall be as notified by Water Supply Department/Agency from time to time.

(b) All material required for connection shall be made available by consumer at his own cost including necessary excavation at site,

(c) Consumer has to pay road cutting charges (If any) as per rate decided by Road Construction Agency.

(ii) All such applications shall be accompanied by the documents specified by the Water Supply Department/Agency.

(iii) On receipt of the complete application, in hard copy or online as applicable, the connection shall be sanctioned, if found in order as per Byelaws.

(iv) No new water connection will be provided for commercial premises of area more than 500 Sqm, without operational rainwater harvesting in place.

(v) In the event of non-payment of water charges or any other due by the Consumer, the Water Supply Department/Agency may recover the arrears out of the security deposited by the Consumer. If the security deposited by the consumer is inadequate to recover the full arrears of the Water charges/ or any other due, the Water Supply Department/Agency shall be authorized to disconnect the connection in default of non-payment.

(vi) In case, the meter has been damaged or rendered defected, the Water Supply Department/Agency may direct consumer in writing to replace or repair / rectify the meter within 48 hours failing, which the water connection will be disconnected. However, subject to the provisions of Byelaw 5(i), in general, the meters of required higher sizes shall be purchased & replaced at the cost of consumer.

Sub-Registrar/Revenue department will ensure that No Dues Certificate is obtained from the Water Supply Department/Agency in respect of water charges and other due charges before granting NOC for sale of property.

Transfer of Ownership Fee of Rs. 500/- per connection will be charged by the Water Supply Department/Agency to change the name of the consumer.

**6. Sanction for Alteration or Extension:**

(i) If, on receipt of the estimate (cost of material & labour for excavation etc.) the applicant wishes to have the alteration or extension carried out, he/she shall deposit in the office of the authorized officer of Water Supply Department/Agency the amount of the estimate (cost of material & labour for excavation etc.), and if alteration or extension is sanctioned by Water Supply Department/Agency, the work of laying communication pipe and fittings shall be executed by the Water Supply Department/Agency. The remaining work of pipes laying and consumer's fittings and service pipes shall be done by licensed plumber in accordance with these Bye-laws. If any conditions of limitations are imposed by the Water Supply Department, while conveying sanction to the connection, such conditions or limitations shall be binding on applicant.

(ii) The licensed plumber, after completion of the work shall submit a completion report in prescribed form.

(iii) Competent Authority for the grant of water connection / alternation / extension shall be as under:-

Sl. No.	Description	Size of connection	Competent authority to sanction the water supply connection
1.	Regular Domestic, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional connection (Other than for construction purposes)	Upto 15mm	Executive Engineer
2.	Regular Domestic, commercial, Industrial and Institutional connection (Other than for construction purposes)	20mm to 40mm	Superintending Engineer
3.	Water connections of all categories	Above 40mm	Superintending Engineer
4.	All types of temporary water connections	a) Upto 15mm only b) Above 15mm	Executive Engineer Superintending Engineer

7. **Requirement of Meter:-** All existing connections for water supply shall be metered as per the schedule separately notified by Water Supply Department/Agency at the cost of the consumer.

8. **Requirement of Rain water harvesting:** All establishments of area more than 500 Sqm without/ Non functional rainwater harvesting & recycling of waste water must ensure installation within six months of notification of these Bye-laws. All other household shall also comply with guidelines related to rainwater harvesting as issued time to time.

9. **Connection to mains:** All consumer's pipes and consumer's fittings shall be provided and laid in accordance with these Bye-laws and shall be perfectly sound and water-tight before the water supply is commenced. On completion of the work, a completion report in prescribed form duly signed by the licensed plumber shall be submitted to the Water Supply Department/Agency. Water supply will not be supplied to any house or premises unless compliance of the above provisions is made.

10. **Alteration or removal of Consumer's Pipes and Fitting:** - No consumer's pipes shall be altered or extended except with prior permission of Water Supply Department/Agency in accordance with these bye-laws

11. **To curb leakage of waterline between Ferrule and Water Meter:** On observing leakage on any such points, notice will be served to the consumer asking him/her to get the leakage rectified within a period of 2 days. In case of non-compliance, leakage shall be got repaired at the risk and cost of the consumer and the amount so involved will be intimated to the bill section of Water Supply Department/ Agency along with the fine of Rs. 500/- which will be recovered in the ensuing water bill.

12. **A consumer may be permitted to have his own meter subject to the following conditions:**

(a) Meter shall be of a type approved by the Water Supply Department/Agency and in proper working condition.

(b) A consumer may have his own sub-meter installed with the sanction of Water Supply Department/ Agency but the Water Supply Department/Agency shall not be responsible for its maintenance or repair etc. or for reading of a Sub Meter.

(c) In case of loss or theft of water meter, the consumer shall file an FIR/DDR or an affidavit duly attested by the Magistrate/Public Notary and submit an application for installation of the new meter along with copy of any of these documents to Water Supply Department/Agency, after depositing the requisite water meter cost and installation charges as per actual.

(d) Reinstallation /disconnection charges: The following reinstallation/disconnection charges shall be recovered from the consumer:

Meter Size	Reinstallation/Disconnection charges
15mm or ½" i/d	Rs. 50/-
20mm or ¾" i/d	Rs.60/-
25mm or 1" i/d	Rs.75/-
40mm or 1 ½" i/d	Rs.100/-
50mm or 2" i/d	Rs.200/-
More than 50mm up to 100mm or 2" upto 4" i/d	Rs.300/-
More than 100m	Rs.500/-

13. **Charges for Water Consumed:**

The charges for the water payable by the consumer shall be as follows per month:

(i) The water consumed for domestic use in residential premises shall be charged at the following rates slab:-

(a) First 15 Kilolitres.	@ Rs. 3.00 per Kilolitre.
(b) From 15 Kilolitres upto 30 Kilolitres	@ Rs. 5.00 per Kilolitre.
(c) From 30 Kilolitres upto 60 Kilolitres	@ Rs. 7.00 per Kilolitre.
(d) Above 60 Kilolitres	@ Rs. 9.00 per Kilolitre.
(e) For non-metered every first connection	@ Rs. 50/per connection/month.
(f) For non-metered every second connection	@ Rs. 80/per connection/month
(g) For non-metered every third connection	@ Rs. 120/per connection/month

For all subsequent connections increment @50% over rate of previous connection charges as prescribed above shall be applicable.

Consumers can also pay in advance the water charges subject to condition that final adjustment against such advance payment shall be based on actual meter reading at the end of the period of advance.

Consumer will be required to install water meters within prescribed time limit from the date of notification (notice to be issued separately by the Water Supply Department/Agency) failing which chargeable rate shall be double the rate mentioned at 13 (e) & (f) . It shall be realized from the consumer in subsequent bill.

Provided that the Water Supply Department/Agency with the approval of the Administrator may give certain rebate to a particular category of persons like Divyang (disabled persons) etc as per the notification issued from time to time.

**(ii) The minimum Rates for Commercial Premises/Establishment shall be as under:-**

Sl. No.	Description	Minimum rates Chargeable PM
1.	Booths (Trade of fast food/dhabas etc.)	Rs. 60/- per ton
2.	Hotels, Cinema, Shopping Malls, Restaurants/Bars/Garages and Wine Liquor shops (with A/C facilities) Commercial/Clinic & other commercial coaching establishment	Rs. 120/- per ton
3.	All Hotels, Restaurants, Lodges and Guest Houses with (Non- A/C facilities) Residential building or any part these of being used for professional purpose.	Rs. 110/- per ton
4.	Under Charitable <b>(Category – A)</b> One ½ dia tap provide at religious institutions will be treated as domestic connection.	Rs. 50/- per ton
5.	Under Charitable <b>(Category – B)</b> All other connection will be treated as commercial connection as per the quantity measured by the water meter	Rs. 60 /- per ton
6.	Educational Institutions (per ton) a) Government b) Private	Rs.100/- per ton Rs.100/- per ton
7.	Government Departments	Rs.200/- per ton
8.	Ship Supply	Rs. 300/- per ton
	<b>Tanker Supply</b>	
9.	Domestic Consumption Tanker Supply (Card)	Rs. 80/- (per month for 200 liters per day)
10.	Casual Supply (Per 200 ltrs.)	Rs. 30/- per 200 ltrs.
11.	Commercial Supply (per ton)	Rs. 180/- per ton
12.	Charitable Supply (per ton)	Rs. 60/- per ton
13.	Education Purpose (per ton)	Rs. 50/- per ton
14.	Govt. Department Supply (per ton)	Rs. 200/- per ton
15.	Ship Supply (per ton)	Rs. 300/- per ton
16.	Temporary Connection (1/2") per connection subject to Max 1000 lit/day	Rs. 450/- per ton

The above charges are subject to change from time to time through Notification by Water Supply Department/Agency in consultation with Village Water and Sanitation Committee. Premises not covered by clauses I & II shall be charged at 255 per kilolitre

(iii) Enhancement of Water Charges /Penalty Levied:-

**Rate as per tariff/ penalty mentioned in this Bye-laws will be enhanced additionally @ 3% with respect to the rates of predecessor year on yearly basis and will be reviewed in every 3 years.**

14. (A) A consumer who fails to pay the water charge by the due date shall be liable to pay interest and fine as under :-

(1) Interest @12% per annum for the delay period beyond 12 months.

(2) Fine of Rs.50/- for a delay period of 15 days and in case of further continuing breach with a further fine of Rs.5/- per day.

In case the delay in payments exceed more than 03 months from the due date indicated in the original bill then the original bill shall be deemed to be notice and water supply to the premise shall be disconnected without any further notice. Thereafter, in case of reconnection, the consumer will be liable to pay interest and fine as per above along with reconnection fee:

Provided that the Water Supply Department/Agency may:-

i) Allow the arrears of water charges to be paid in such number of installments as deemed fit by the Department; and

ii) Waive the penalty levied for non-payment of water charges by the due date in the following cases:-

(a) Where the meter reading recorded on the bill is found to be incorrect; or

(b) Where the meter found to be not in proper working order.

**14 (B) Special provisions for Housing Societies:**

**1) Charges for Societies:** Water connection shall be allowed to only those Societies which have been approved by Andaman & Nicobar Administration/Town & Country Planning. Connection charge shall be levied as per rates fixed by Water Supply Department on total household basis and charged in the name of society only.

**2) Tariff Structure for the Housing Societies:**

Water shall be supplied to the Societies through bulk meters. The water will be supplied only to the underground tank of the society considering it as only one unit in such cases, the Society may installed separate water sub-meter for individual flat/house. Water supply shall not commence unless the bulk water meter is installed. Mere deposit of the Tee Connection charges/fee will not entitle commencement of water. The Society shall be responsible for the payment of the total water supplied to it.

The charges for the water payable by the consumer to be calculated for each dwelling unit shall be same as per the tariff proposed above under Bye-law-13(i).

**15. Position of Meters:**

(i) Every meter shall be placed as near to the stopcock as possible and in a position where it can be conveniently examined. The position shall be selected by the Water Supply Department/Agency, who shall have exclusive control of meter and stopcock.

(ii) An account of the service and cost of repairs of the meters installed by the Water Supply Department/ Agency shall be kept in Form "A" in the **Annexure**.

(iii) Interference with meter: No meter shall be disconnected from the service pipe or otherwise interfered with, except with the permission of the Water Supply Department/Agency.

16. The Water Supply Department/Agency may withdraw or restrict water supply during peak demand hours for non-domestic use or at any other time, if it appear necessary to do so in order to maintain sufficient supply of water for domestic purposes.

17. **Correctness of meter:** Water Supply Department/Agency has full power to check the correctness of meter through authorized agency or itself. Applicable fee for testing charges are as below:-

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Sl. No.	Size of the Meter	Amount of Testing Fee
i)	½" or 15 millimeters	Rs. 200.00
ii)	¾" 1" to or 20 millimeters to 25 millimeter	Rs. 250.00
iii)	1 1/2" or 40 millimeter	Rs. 300.00
iv)	2" to 3" 50 millimeter to 80 millimeters	Rs. 350.00
v)	4" to 100" millimeters	Rs. 400.00
vi)	6" to 8" 150 millimeter to 200 millimeters	Rs.450.00
vii	10" to 12" or 250 millimeter to 300 millimeters	Rs. 500.00

Provided that in case the meter is found tempered with, the following penalty shall be imposed: -

- ½" dia Rs.500/-
- ¾" dia Rs.750/-
- 1" dia Rs.2000/-
- Above 1" dia Rs.3000/-

The competent authority for levying the said penalty shall be the authorized officer/Executive Engineer of the Water Supply Department/Agency.

**19. Replacement of Meter:**

(i) The Water Supply Department/Agency shall cause a meter to be removed from service pipe and be replaced by a new meter or by a meter which has been satisfactorily repaired and tested.-

(a) When the meter-reading book shows that the consumption has fallen off and the cause of the fall cannot be ascertained.

(b) Where the meter is damaged or is not recording or is otherwise out of order; or

(c) After continuous service of 24 months.

(ii) A meter removed under clause (i) shall be examined and if necessary shall be repaired, cleaned and oiled.

(iii) The meter shall then be tested and shall not be passed for service unless its readings are accurate within five percent.

20. **Authenticity of Consumption:** Entries in the register of a meter shall be prima facie evidence of the quantity of water consumed.

21. The proper working of water meter shall entirely rest with the consumer. Any noticed defect shall be intimated with a remark on the water bill itself. Such consumers shall be required to replace their water meter within a maximum period of four months from the date of issue of last bill bearing the remarks that the meter is defective. The charges for the period for which the meter remained defective will be on the basis of average consumption during the last one year. In case of non-replacement of water meter within four months, the water supply shall be disconnected without any further notice.

22. **Bill of Demand:** The bill of demand for meter rent and water consumed shall be presented by the Water Supply Department/Agency and shall be paid within fifteen days from the date of presentation of the bill.

**Explanation:** - For the purpose of this bye-law, a bill shall be deemed to have been duly presented, if it is sent to the registered address of the consumer or e-mailed/SMS to the consumer.

**23. Connections:-**

(i) Every private connection shall be fitted with at least a ferrule or any other method of connection a stopcock, water meter, service pipe and a tap. If in any house or premises the connection is found to be without above fittings, water supply shall be disconnected as laid down in **Bye-law (31)**.

(ii) All pipes, ferrules, stopcocks, water meters and other fittings of the connection shall be under the control of the authorized officer of Water Supply Department/Agency. Access to these shall be made by any official authorized by the Water Supply Department/Agency, at any time for repairing and altering the said pipes, taps etc. or for reading the meters.

(iii) No portion of any water connection or the pipe or main leading to it or meter shall be tampered with by any consumer in any way whatsoever, whether for the purpose of repair, alteration or any other purpose except with the written permission from the Water supply department/Agency.

(iv) The registered consumer shall be liable to pay the cost of damage and/or for loss of meter, its surface box or any other material installed by the Water Supply Department/Agency for providing connection to his/her house or premises provided that in the event of damage to the meter which, if found by the Water Supply Department as wilful, the connection shall be closed as provided for in "bye-law 31".

**24. Maintenance of Consumer's Pipes and fittings:**

(i) Every consumer shall maintain the stop taps, pipes and other fittings inside the house or premises in water-tight conditions and in thorough working order.

(ii) The Water Supply Department/Agency shall be entitled to depute an official to inspect the water supply installations within the house or premises of the consumer at any time during the day between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. During night time, after the supply hours, only an officer of the rank of Junior Engineer or above shall be authorized for inspection.

If the installation or any part thereof is found to be defective, the Water Supply Department/Agency may serve a notice to the consumer to rectify the defect within 24 hours. In the case of serious defect involving heavy wastage of water or endangering safety of the residents or building, water supply shall be disconnected without notice as provided for in bye-law 31.

**25. Consumer's Fitting, Testing and Stamping-** All consumer's fittings of whatsoever kind shall conform to the provisions and specifications to such further standards as may from time to time be prescribed by the Water Supply Department/Agency and whether so specified or not shall be produced for approval to the Water Supply Department/Agency before being fixed. All such fittings shall be maintained, repaired and renewed at the consumer's expense to the satisfaction of the authorized officer of Water Supply Department/Agency. All consumer's fittings or apparatus used in connection with the water supply of rural area shall be tested and stamped by the Water Supply Department/Agency or/and shall bear a test mark or stamp approved by the Water Supply Department/Agency as guaranteeing conformity with these bye-laws.

**26. Consumer's Pipes and Fittings-** All consumer's pipes and fittings shall be provided and laid at the consumer's cost and no consumer shall be entitled to supply of water unless and until such pipes, fittings laying and fixing thereof are approved by the Water Supply Department/Agency on compliance with these Bye-laws and unless proper drainage arrangements have been made.

**27. Erection of water Closets to be Approved:-** No connection shall be ordered for the supply of water to any water-closet or urinal unless its erection is approved by the Water Supply Department/ Agency and sufficient storage is provided as specified in the building bye-laws.

**28. Separate Communication/Delivery Pipe to every Premise:** - Every house or premises supplied with water by the Water Supply Department/Agency shall have its own separate communication/Delivery pipe. No communication pipe shall be used to supply water to more than one house or premises.

**29. Duties of Consumer:**

(i) No consumer shall

(a) Use or permitted to use a connection in such a way as to cause waste or unauthorized use of water.

(b) Fix any tap in any court-yard, passage or outside any houses or premises, so as to be available for use by the public without special permission in writing from the Water Supply Department/Agency, or fix any tap in close proximity to places where injurious fumes are likely to be produced, or fix any cock or connection to any tank or reservoir so as to permit any part of the contents of the said tank or reservoir to siphon back into the consumer's pipes.

(c) Re-open any connection that has been stopped or re-connect the connection pipe with the Rural water supply main when the connection pipe has been severed from the said main except with permission of the Water Supply Department/Agency.

(d) Alter the index to any meter or prevent any meter from duly registering the quantity of water supplied.

(e) Obstruct or use water before it has been registered by a meter set for the purpose of measuring the same.

(ii) A consumer shall pay for all water registered by meter fixed in his/her house or premises subsequent

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to a burst in the service pipes if the Water Supply Department/Agency is satisfied that adequate precautions had not been taken.

30. Prohibited Connections of Consumer's Pipes: - No Service pipe shall be connected to any Water closet, urinal, steam boiler or to any hot water system or any apparatus used for heating or any closed vessel other than through a cistern of such size and description as directed/suggested by the Water Supply Department/Agency.

31. **Disconnection:** - Every water supply connection shall be disconnected on the request of the consumer or by order from the Water Supply Department/Agency in the area because of the following reasons:-

- in the interest of water works.
- for the purpose of effecting repairs to any part of the water supply system.
- If the bill for water supply and meter remains unpaid for a period of three months from the date of presentation of the bill to the consumers.
- in case, wherein assumed by the Water Supply Department/Agency, the use of water causes the house or premises to become unsanitary.
- in case, wherein assumed by the Water Supply Department/Agency, adequate drainage arrangements have not been made for disposal of waste water.
- if, anticipated by the Water Supply Department/Agency, danger is involved to the occupants of the house or premises or to the structural stability of such houses or premises or parts thereof.
- for misuse or infringement of any bye-law; or
- in case, as directed by Water Supply Department/Agency the commercial establishment does not install rain water harvesting & waste water recycling as mentioned in this Bye Laws.
- in case, where the owner or occupier has used or dealt with the premises in a manner contrary to any condition imposed on the transfer of land/building by the A & N Administration, as the case may be, however the water connection shall not be disconnected unless the owner or the occupier as the case may be, has been given reasonable opportunity of being heard.
- in case the other dues of the Water Supply Department/Agency are not being paid by the consumer for last 6 months.

**Explanation:** The Disconnection of a water connection means merely the closing of stop tap and removing of the meter.

32. **List of Licensed Plumbers:** The Water Supply Department/Agency shall issue plumbing license as per the qualification and procedure through proper Notification. It shall also maintain a list of licensed plumbers in public domain for providing services related to water supply connection.

33. **Work to be done by Licensed Plumbers:** All work likely to be taken up by consumers in connection with the water supply or use of water as permissible and allowed under any of these bye-laws shall only be executed by listed a licensed plumber by water supply department/Agency or their authorized worker only.

34. **Plumber's Name to be Furnished:-** Every person who employs a licensed plumber to execute any such work shall furnish to the Water Supply Department/Agency the name of the plumber.

35. **Penalty for infringement of Bye-laws:** Any person who commits a breach of any of these bye-laws shall be punished with fine of Rs.50/- and in case of further continued breach a further fine of Rs. 5/- for every subsequent day during which the breach continues:

Provided that levy of fine as per above will not absolve the person from paying interest @ 12% per annum for the delay period and compensating for the loss, if any, suffered by the Water supply department/Agency because of infringement of bye-laws.

36. (i) The Gram Panchayat shall implement provision of Notified /UT Guidelines on Ground Water Extraction as effective on date in the matter of charges, penalty and other applicable compensation content in guidelines in toto. Further Gram Panchayat shall also follow Provision and Guidelines issued by Central Ground Water Authority or UT Ground Water Monitoring Committee as applicable on date including the requirement of NOC through NOCAP Web application of CGWB in matter of ground water extraction as well as registration of drilling rigs and various other matters as content in these guidelines and notification and their amendments.

37. **Change of Water Tariff from Commercial to Domestic:**

For change of water tariff from commercial to domestic, an affidavit shall be submitted by the consumer stating that the commercial activity was previously carried out but subsequently stands discontinued henceforth. The tariff shall be changed by the authorized officer of Water Supply Department/Agency based on an application along with affidavit to this effect.

38. **Illegal use of Pumps and Motors:**

No direct on line water boosting arrangement shall be installed by the consumer. In case, it is found to be installed on the direct water supply system within the premises, the following action shall be taken against the consumer:-

- Confiscation of pump/motor and fine of Rs. 500.00 for first offence.
- Confiscation of pump/motor and fine of Rs. 1000.00 for second offence.
- Disconnection of Domestic/Commercial water connection.
- Confiscated pump will be released to consumer only after paying of fine.

39. **Illegal Restoration of already disconnected Water Supply:**

To streamline the levy of water charges in cases where disconnected supply is restored without proper authority, the consumers shall be charged water charges for the consumption at the penal rates of double the applicable rates of the tariff structure along with defaulting amount. Additional Charges of Rs.500/- will also be charged for disconnection of water supply from the ferrule for each such attempt.

40. **Disputes Settlement & Redressal Committees:**

i) Any question, dispute or difference, whatsoever arising in respect of water connections obtained by the consumers from the Water Supply Department/Agency under these Bye-laws regarding water tariff, charges, penalties etc. imposed by the competent authority in accordance with or on account of violation of the said bye-laws shall be referred to the following Dispute Redressal Committees(DRC) constituted to settle the disputes.

ii) The various Reviewing and Appellate Authorities shall be as under:-

A) If the Water Supply Department/Agency is Andaman Public Works Department

Sl. No.	Competency for settlement of dispute	Reviewing Authority	Appellate Authority
1.	Up ₹ 1,00,000/-	EE Level Dispute Redressal Committee	SE Level Dispute Redressal Committee.
2.	Above ₹ 1,00,000/-	SE Level Dispute Redressal Committee	CE Level Dispute Redressal Committee.

B) If the Water Supply Department/Agency is Zilla Parishad/Gram Panchayat

Sl. No.	Competency for settlement of dispute	Reviewing Authority	Appellate Authority
1.	Up ₹ 1,00,000/-	Block Level Dispute Redressal Committee	District Level Dispute Redressal Committee.
2.	Above ₹ 1,00,000/-	District Level Dispute Redressal Committee	UT Level Dispute Redressal Committee.

The following committees shall act as Review/Appellate Authorities for settlement of Dispute in the Water Charge Bills in case the Water Supply Department/Agency is APWD:-

A. **Executive Engineer Level Dispute Redressal Committee:-**

i.	E.E. APWD(concerned)	Chairman
ii.	Chairperson, Village Water Sanitation Committee (VWSC)	Member
iii.	AAO, APWD (concerned)	Member
iv.	Assistant Engineer (concerned)	Member
v.	J. E (concerned)	Member Secretary

This Committee shall be the Reviewing authority for the disputes involving an amount upto Rs 1,00,000/-

B. **SE Level Dispute Redressal Committee: -**

i.	S.E. APWD	Chairman
ii.	E.E. APWD (concerned)	Member
iii.	Chairperson, Village Water Sanitation Committee (VWSC)	Member
iv.	AAO, APWD (concerned)	Member
v.	A. E. APWD (concerned)	Member Secretary

- APWD means Andaman Public Works Department
- S.E. APWD means Superintending Engineer, Water Supply Department with jurisdiction over the area.
- E.E. APWD means Executive Engineer, Water Supply Department with jurisdiction over the area.
- AAO means Assistant Account Officer of concerned Division of APWD.
- A.E. APWD means Assistant Engineer, APWD with jurisdiction over the area.
- J.E means Junior Engineer, APWD with jurisdiction over the area.

This Committee shall be the Reviewing authority for the disputes involving an amount beyond ₹ 1,00,000/- & shall act as an Appellate Authority for the disputes involving upto ₹ 1,00,000/-

C. **CE Level Dispute Redressal Committee: -**

i.	CE, APWD	Chairman
ii.	SE, APWD (concerned)	Member
iii.	Chairperson, Village Water and Sanitation Committee(VWSC)	Member
iv.	FO to CE, APWD	Member
v.	EE, APWD (Concerned)	Member Secretary

This committee shall act as an Appellate Authority for the disputes beyond Rs.1,00,000/-

The following committees shall act as Review/Appellate Authorities for settlement of Dispute in the Water Charge Bills in case the Water Supply Department/Agency is Zilla Parishad/Gram Panchayat:-

A) **Block Level Dispute Redressal Committee:-**

i.	Assistant Commissioner (concerned)	Chairman
ii.	Chairperson, Village Water Sanitation Committee (VWSC)	Member
iii.	Block Development Officer(concerned)	Member
iv.	Revenue officer (concerned)	Member
v.	Panchayat Secretary(concerned)	Member Secretary

This Committee shall be the Reviewing authority for the disputes involving an amount upto Rs. 1,00,000/-

B) **District Level Dispute Redressal Committee: -**

i.	Deputy Commissioner(concerned)	Chairman
ii.	Assistant Commissioner(concerned)	Member
iii.	Chairperson, Village Water Sanitation Committee (VWSC)	Member
iv.	Tehsildar (concerned)	Member
v.	Block Development Officer (concerned)	Member Secretary

This Committee shall be the Reviewing authority for the disputes involving an amount beyond ₹ 1,00,000/- & shall act as an Appellate Authority for the disputes involving upto ₹ 1,00,000/-

C) **UT Level Dispute Redressal Committee: -**

i.	Secretary, Department of Rural Development	Chairman
ii.	Deputy Commissioner (concerned)	Member
iii.	Chairperson, Village Water and Sanitation Committee(VWSC)	Member
iv.	Director, Department of Rural Development	Member
v.	Assistant Commissioner (concerned)	Member Secretary

This committee shall act as an Appellate Authority for the disputes beyond Rs.1,00,000/-

iii) **Procedure For Making An Application**

In case, the consumer is not satisfied with the billed amount, he/ she will have to make a written request to the Member Secretary of the concerned Committee alongwith 50% of the billed amount in the shape of the Demand Draft payable to Water supply department/agency. The Member Secretary shall arrange a meeting of the Dispute Redressal Committee once in a month and place all such requests before the Committee for decision.

In case, the consumer is not satisfied with the decision of concerned Dispute Redressal Committee (Reviewing Authority), he can make an appeal to the Appellate Authority in writing within 15 days from the decision of Reviewing Authority.

In all these Dispute Redressal Committees, the Consumer and/or his authorized representative shall be given full opportunity to put his /her case before the concerned Dispute Redressal Committee. Normally, these committees

shall try to arrive at a consensus decision. In case of difference of opinion amongst the Chairman / Members thereof, the case will be decided with a majority opinion present. The Dispute Redressal Committee shall pass speaking Orders/Decisions and specify clearly, if any relaxation of rules is involved in the case. The Committee Members, if required, can also inspect / visit the premises to access the factual position. Each Dispute Redressal Committee shall decide the cases by holding maximum two meetings for any disputed case and in case the consumer or his/her authorized representative fails to turn up in the meeting, the decision of the Review/Appellate Authority shall be considered as final. Atleast one meeting will be convened in a period of one month by each committee to decide the case.

Decision of the Appellate Authority will be final and binding and no further appeal shall be entertained. These Committees shall review and decide all the cases including waiving off irrecoverable amounts. Further these Committees shall consider/review all the disputed cases of the consumers, who have been sanctioned water supply connection.

Meter connections including cases relating to excessive charging of water bills due to following reasons:

- Premises remained locked after construction but water bills kept on increasing every month.
- Premises initially occupied but thereafter remained locked for considerable period.
- Excessive water bill on account of high average consumption due to any technical defect in water meter including recording of wrong water meter reading.
- Excessive water charges bill due to leakage within the premises of the consumer.
- Water connection got sanctioned but physically no water connection was installed at site and the construction was not commenced or only a part of the building constructed but remained incomplete.
- Excessive water bill due to levy of commercial charges where the commercial activity was not carried out at all or was carried out for a limited period.
- To settle disputed bills, where the Water Supply Department/Agency disconnected the water supply but the same was reconnected by the consumer without the permission of Water Supply Department/informing the Water Supply Department/Agency.
- Building was not fully occupied, only a Chowkidar/ Watchman residing for watch and ward.

All the pending cases lying for consideration/ review shall be forwarded to the concerned committees by the respective Member secretary of the area under their jurisdiction within a month from the issue of this Notification. However, the cases already decided prior to the formation of these committees shall not be reopened.

41. Every connection must have float valve at the end point of discharge mouth for control on over flow/wastage of water, it is mandatory or else the connection will be disconnected. Water Supply Department/Agency limits its responsibility of providing water at reasonable pressure upto a height of 1.0 m from the ground level of the building, Consumers are required to construct Storage Tanks / Sump Tanks within the height limit mentioned above for collecting water through the communication pipe.

42. No person shall construct any Latrine or Cesspool within Five meters of any well, tank, water pipe or in any position where such well, tank or pipe is likely to be injured or water therein polluted.

(Admiral D.K. Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lieutenant Governor

Andaman & Nicobar Islands

By order and in the name of Lieutenant Governor

Sd./-

(Sheela Devi)

Deputy Secretary (RD/Panch.)

FORM-A (See Bye-Laws 15) Register of Service and Repair of Water Meters														
Size _____ Inches _____ Meter No. _____														
Manufactured By _____														
Period of Service in Service														
Sl. No.	Service	Taken of	Month and Day	A/c dated issue	A/c dated return	Lines/K. Recorded	Lines/K. recorded in meter readings kept	Reason for return	Nature of repair to meter	Cost of Material	Labor	Material	Total	Remarks
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	

**2<sup>nd</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
ON 01.05.2022  
In Loving Memory of



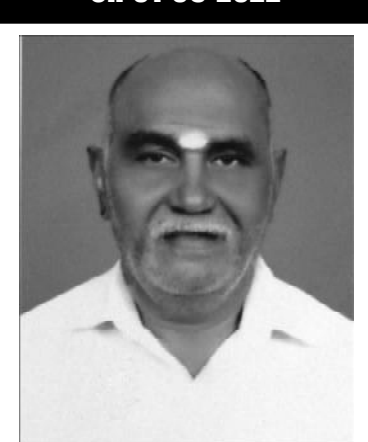
**Late. JUTTU BEENAIAH**

R/o. Dairy Farm

"You will always remain in our hearts forever"

Interested By: J. Papamma( Wife), J. Bhaskar Rao (Son), Dhanamma, Nagamma, Bhuji ( Daughters ) & all Family Members.

**1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary**  
On 01-05-2022



In Loving Memory of

**Late V.R. ALAGAPPAN**

R/o Brichgunj, Port Blair

Inserted by: Sheelawathi and

all family members.

## REMEMBRANCE

**1<sup>ST</sup> DEATH ANNIVERSARY On 01.05.2022**



**Late KALIDAS BISWAS**

24<sup>th</sup> Aug., 1958 - 01<sup>st</sup> May, 2021

"Your faithfulness and piety are the source of our strength and learnings. The heritage of your love and values guides us in every moment.

We rededicate ourselves in upholding the human values and ethics which you cherished and pursued throughout your life."

"We will always adore your immense love."

---Your Loving Family---

Headmaster, Students and Staff Members of GSS, Junglighat  
**Wishes a Happy Superannuation of**



**Smti. Kailash Kumari, GTT**

Date of Joining Department :

15.07.2006

Date of Retirement : 30.04.2022

## FOR SALE

Force Cargo King Pick-up of "L"

Serial in a good running condition.

**Contact: 9474280875 /**

**9933282262 / 7893185546**

**Congratulations on your Superannuation**

On 30-04-2022



**Shri JAGANNATH**

(Superintendent-Cum-Foreman)

D.O.A.: 17-11-1987

We wish you a Happy Retirement Life

**With best wishes from:**

All Staff of S.S.M. & E Center, Directorate of Industries Deptt., Port Blair

## FOR SALE

Maruti Alto (A/C), 2006 Model well

maintained, good running condition, Fitness

valid upto 2027. Interested person please

**Contact: 9933285346, Price: 88,000/-**

**1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary**

On 01-05-2022

In Loving Memory of



**Late RAKKAMMA**

R/o Prem Nagar

DOB: 10-06-1973 DOD: 01-05-2021

Even though you left

us to the Heavenly

Abode but you are

with us.

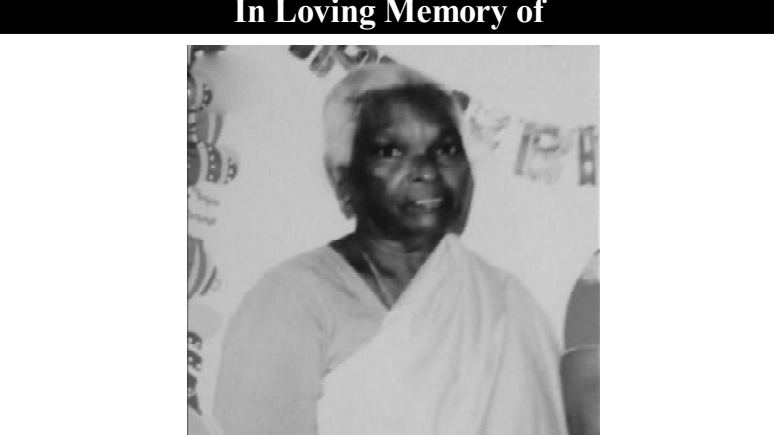
Inserted by: D. Moses Kani (Son), I.

Selvi (Daughter) and all family members.

**11<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary**

On 01-05-2022

In Loving Memory of



**Late Samadhanam**

"No one can take your place Mom.

I miss u every passing day Mom"

R/o Wright Myo

Inserted by: Sons & Daughters & all family members

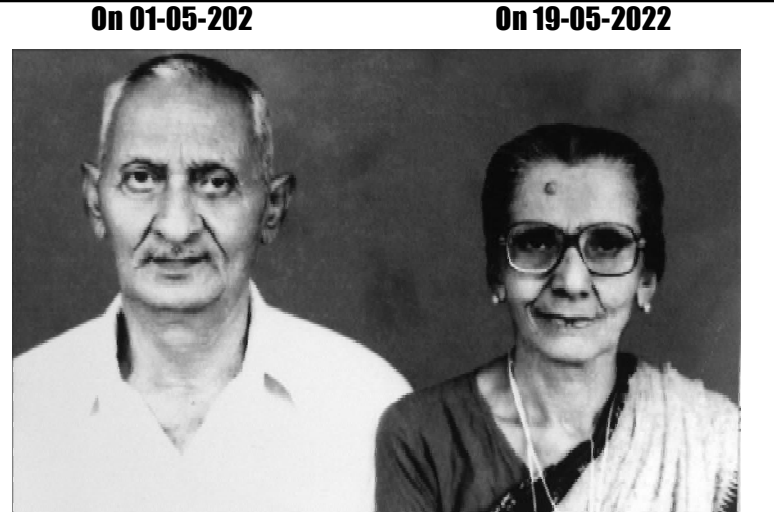
## REMEMBRANCE

In loving memory of our beloved Parents

**21<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniversary**

On 01-05-202

On 19-05-2022



**JAGAT RAM**

**SITA**

Inserted by: All family members

**Remembrance of loving Parents & Brother On 01.05.2022**



**MARY VICTORIA**

(Benedicta Kerketta)

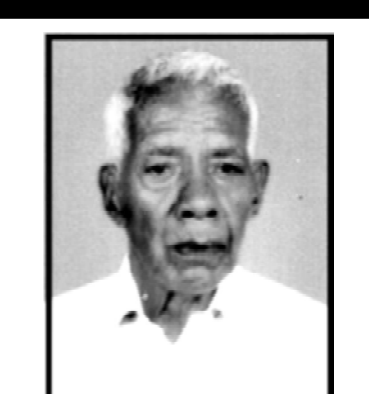
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**MANISH KIRO**

DOB: 28.03.1986

DOD: 01.05.2021



**PIOUS KIRO**

DOD: 08.05.2021

"I will comfort those who mourn, bringing words of praise to their lips."

Inserted by: Miss Berthilla Kiro & Mrs. Deeprose Kiro (Daughter/Sister), Shri Sirnius Tutty (Son-in-Law / Brother-in-law),

Sara & Shiny Tutty (Grand Daughter / Nieces) & All Family Members.

**16<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary**

On 01<sup>st</sup> May, 2022

In loving memory of our beloved mother



**PHOOLMATHI**

South Point, Port Blair.

Inserted by:

Kishor Narayan & all family members.

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