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## Abandoned Vehicles Continue to Clutter roads and Obstruct Traffic; Traffic Police begins removing abandoned vehicles from road



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Port Blair, Dec 14: Pedestrians, commuters, and the City Traffic Police are facing adversities with a huge number of abandoned vehicles cluttering different nooks, crannies, and roads (See page 6)

## DRM staff of Electricity Department suffers electrocution while working on an Electric Pole

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Port Blair, Dec 14: A 30-year-old DRM Staff of Electricity Department suffered electrocution while working on an electric pole (See page 5)

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## Member of Parliament Suggests Grant of Special Grade Designation to Constable and Head Constable of A & N Police for Motivation without any Financial Implications

Port Blair, Dec 14: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has suggested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to grant Special Grade Designation to Constables and Head Constables of Andaman

and Nicobar Police for motivation and also to address the issue of existing stagnation at the rank of Constables and Head Constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police on the same lines as done by Delhi Police. Appreciating the

crucial role of Andaman and Nicobar Police in maintaining law and order in the entire territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Member of Parliament informed the Lt. Governor that there is stagnation at the rank of Constable and Head Constable in (See page 5)

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## Conjunctivitis spreading rapidly in City; Experts urge General Public to take precautions

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Port Blair, Dec 14: With the onset of monsoon and time thereafter is often prone to rise in diseases, from witnessing an uptick in cases of viral fever to some fatal diseases like Andaman fever (leptospirosis) in Port Blair; while eye infection- conjunctivitis- another virus is spreading rapidly in the entire Port Blair city.

Although conjunctivitis is not a serious health threat most of the time, but still there is a need to take precaution to prevent the infection.

According to DHS sources, over the past three

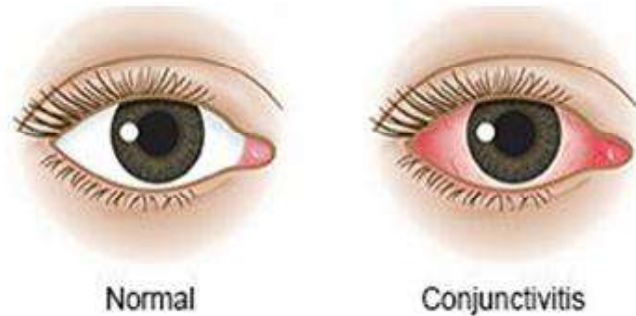
weeks, conjunctivitis infection has grown three-fold. The GB Pant hospital is witnessing six to seven cases daily.

When contacted, Dr. Sutapa Das, HOD, ophthalmologist told Andaman Sheekha that the infection is seen among all age groups and cases have been going up day by day. Although the infection spreads by direct contact with the people who suffer from the condition may rub their eye

and touch others causing the virus to spread.

People infected with 'conjunctivitis' might experience redness, itchiness, irritation, and grittiness in their eyes, while symptoms are common cold or flu like symptoms, fever, sore throat, Pink Eye, acute bronchitis, pneumonia, diarrhea, acute gastroenteritis etc. They may also face the issue of watery

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Normal

Conjunctivitis

## Andaman Nicobar Institute of Medical Sciences hosts White Coat Ceremony



Port Blair, Dec. 14: The Andaman Nicobar Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) hosted the White Coat Ceremony for the new MBBS-2022 Batch at Dr. BR Ambedkar Auditorium today. Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS,

Chief Secretary, A&N Islands graced the event as the chief guest. Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) was the guest of honour. Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Health), Dr. Anil Agarwal, OSD, ANIIMS,

Dr. Munni Singhania, Director, DHS and Dr. Pragya Sharma, Director, ANIIMS were also present on the occasion. The White Coat Ceremony is a rite of passage for medical students, and was

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## Road Closure Notice

Port Blair, Dec. 14: The road portion from Teal House Junction to Chatham Foreshore Road

is closed for all the vehicular movements for 10 days w.e.f. 13.12.2022. Hence, all the vehicles will be di-

verted through Haddo and Chatham Road, a notification issued by DM (SA) said.

## Firing Practice by Indian Army

Port Blair, Dec. 14: Firing practice will be carried out by Indian Army on Dec. 20 & 21 from 1 pm to 5 pm.

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not to venture into South Andaman sea Dec. 15, 2022.

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 assistance, call Coast Guard, SAR Agency at Toll Free No. 1554.

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### Award of DGP Disc & Commendation Certificate felicitated by Director General, Home Guards

Port Blair, Dec 14: It is a matter of great honor and pride for A&N Home Guard Organization that following three (03) of its Home Guard Personnel have been awarded prestigious "DG Disc (Bronze) and Commendation Certificate" for their illustrious and unblemished service on the occasion of 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Civil Defense & Home Guard on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 by the Director General -Fire Service, Civil Defense & Home Guards.

1. HG(R)/53 Sree Kumar of A & N Home Guard Organization.
2. HG(R)/78 G Sunil Kumar of A & N Home Guard Organization.
3. HG(R)/432 K Amina of A & N Home Guard Organization.

Mr. Neeraj Thakur, IPS, DGP, A&N Islands complimented all the awardees for the distinctions conferred on them and bringing honor to A&N Home Guard Organization. He wished them success in their future career.

### Reschedule of MLII-104 and BNS-042 Courses Exam of IGNOU

Port Blair, Dec 14: The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) TEE December- 2022 examination of the Course MLII-104 and BNS-042 held on December 12, 2022 (morning session) and BNS-042 held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 (Afternoon session) conducted at Exam Centers has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. The exam for these courses has been rescheduled again on 05<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 in the morning session (BNS-043) and afternoon session (MLII-104). The revised

hall ticket for these courses will be uploaded on the IGNOU website: [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in). The learners who appeared for the MLII-104 and BNS-042 exam are advised to download the revised hall ticket to re-appear the exam on the scheduled date. For more details, visit IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair or contact over Phone: 03192-242888, 03192-230111 or Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in). A communication from the Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair said.

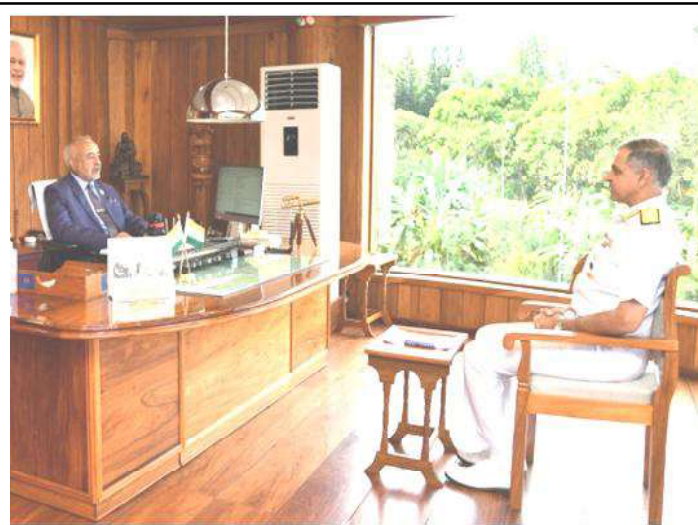
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CAMPAIGN AGAINST TOBACCO BY ANDAMAN SHEEKHA

Rear Admiral Sandeep S Sandhu, NM on taking over as Chief of Staff Andaman and Nicobar Command paid courtesy call on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Perspective plans and infrastructure development projects of Andaman Nicobar Command were discussed.



## MESSAGE

The Govt. of India has launched TB Mukta Bharat Campaign on the occasion of World TB Day on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, with the objective of accelerating implementation of various programmatic activities and for achieving better community engagement towards achieving India's target of TB Elimination by 2025.

I am happy to learn that the Central TB Division, MoHFW has initiated a program on "Community Support to TB Patients -Nikshay Mitra (Donor)" with the objectives to provide additional patient support to improve treatment outcome of TB patients, augment community involvement in meeting India's commitment to end TB by 2025 and leverage the avenues for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

The Hon'ble President of India has launched the operationalization of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to galvanize national support and to create Jan Andolan towards an accelerated movement to eliminate TB. This Abhiyaan aims to provide community support to TB patients through Ni-kshay 2.0 platform and introduction of newer and shorter TB Preventive Treatment.

I appeal to all Individuals, NGOs, Institutions and partners to support and complement the efforts by Government to end TB by providing nutritional support to TB patients and contribute in effectuating a better response against TB. I am confident that with support of Nikshay Mitras, we will be able to achieve the Honble Prime Minister's vision of a TB Mukta Bharat by 2025.

**Jai Hind !**

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

### Ten Days Workshop on -Development of Highly Engaging, Joyful and Innovative Additional Learning Materials for Pre-Primary & Primary Sections



Port Blair, Dec 14: Ten days

workshop on -Development of highly engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning materials for pre-primary & primary sections (3 to 8 years) for PTPSTs and PSTs of South Andaman Zone and Wimberly Gunj Zone was organized at GSS Junglighat from 01.12.2022 to 13.12.2022 by State Institute of Education under the aegis of Department of Education, which was inaugurated by the chief guest Mr. R.K.Singh, Principal, SIE. In the inaugural, he advised the participants to develop the joyful and innovative teaching material as per the need of the child and

surroundings.

Around 27 participants (PTPSTs and PSTs) enthusiastically engaged and developed highly engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning resources for pre-primary & primary sections (3 to 8 years.) as per NEP Task 34.

The valedictory function of the workshop was held on 13/12/2022 in which the participants- Ms. Beena Pandey, PST (EVS group) attached to GSSS School Line, Mr. Jothi Mohan, PST (English group), GSSS Rangachang, Ms. Kiran Kumari (Hindi

group), PST, GPS Macca pahad., Ms. Laxmi, PST (Maths group), Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair and Ms. J. Permeshwari (Pre-Primary group), PTPST shared their fantastic experience about the Workshop. Mr. R.K. Singh, Principal, SIE appreciated the efforts made by the participants to develop the engaging, joyful and innovative additional learning materials and also distributed Certificates. Ms. H. Khairun Nisa, Faculty, SIE co-ordinate the entire programme and vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. R. Sethukkarai, Faculty, and SIE.



## Tornado in Louisiana kills mother, son as huge winter storm hits US heartland

A mother and her young son were killed overnight when a tornado ripped through a rural town in northwest Louisiana, one of a swarm of twisters that touched down in the region as part of a massive winter storm system sweeping the United States. First responders found the young boy's deceased in a wooded area near his destroyed home in Keithville, Louisiana, a town of 300 people, late on Tuesday night after a tornado was spotted in the area, the Caddo Parish sheriff said in a statement.

Searchers later found the body of the boy's mother under debris one street over from the destroyed home, Sheriff Steve Prator said, noting that an adult male was taken to a local hospital with unknown injuries.

"Several structures were damaged. Electrical



lines and trees were also knocked down," he said.

The tornado was one of 18 twisters reported in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi late on Tuesday and early on Wednesday causing damage to structures and downing power lines and trees, the National Weather Service said. The tornadoes were part of a sprawling winter storm that swept across the heart of the United States over the last two days, leaving parts of the Upper Plains and Midwest buried under blowing snow, closing schools and making roadways impassible.

The system was expected to continue to cause blizzard-like conditions in the North and flooding with the potential of tornadoes in the South on Wednesday. It also threatened to cover parts of the East with ice and snow into Thursday.

Ice accumulation could down trees and power lines and cause power outages while making roadways hazardous, the NWS said, urging motorists to stay home.

## Russia shells regional headquarters in Kherson central square, Ukraine says



Russian forces firing multiple rocket launchers hit the regional administration building on the central square of the recently liberated southern Ukrainian city of Kherson on Wednesday, a senior Ukrainian official said. Ukraine recaptured Kherson from Russian forces on Nov. 11, prompting days of celebrations on the square that President Volodymyr Zelenskiy visited days later to hail the end of the Russian occupation. Russian forces have been shelling Kherson from the opposite side of the Dnipro River since leaving the city and withdrawing from the western bank of the river.

Kyrylo Tymoshenko, deputy head of Zelenskiy's office, said two floors of the building had been damaged, but that no one was reported hurt.

He posted images on the Telegram messaging app showing debris by the building and the ceiling of a corridor inside that had collapsed, bringing down rubble. Some windows appeared to have been smashed, though the structure of the building looked intact. An unconfirmed video circulating on Telegram showed a huge plume of smoke pouring up from the top of the administration building.

## US to issue additional H-2B visas for fiscal year 2023: Details



For the first time, the US has temporarily made available 64,716 additional H-2B visas meant for unskilled foreign workers for the fiscal year 2023 to ensure that American businesses can plan for their peak season labour needs, news agency PTI reported. The H-2B visas allow employers to temporarily hire foreign workers in the US for a limited period of time. "The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Labour (DOL) are issuing a temporary final rule that makes available 64,716 additional H-2B temporary nonagricultural worker visas for fiscal year (FY) 2023," the USCIS said in a press release on Monday, PTI reported.

These supplemental H-2B visas are for US employers seeking to petition for additional workers at certain

periods of the fiscal year before September 15, 2023, it added. "The Department is making supplemental H-2B visas available earlier than ever, ensuring that American businesses can plan for their peak season labour needs...these visas will also provide a safe and lawful pathway to the US for non-citizens prepared to take jobs that are not filled by American workers," Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro N. Mayorkas said, as per PTI. For the first half of fiscal year 2023, there are 18,216 immediately available visas limited to returning workers regardless of country of nationality. For the early second half of fiscal year, there are 16,500 visas available and for the late second half of fiscal year 2023, 10,000 visas will be issued, the statement said.

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The Director, Directorate of Employment & Training, A & N Administration, Port Blair, on behalf of President of India invited e-tenders in single bid system for repairing of departmental vehicle (Swaraj Mazda and Tata Mobile). The interested bidders may submit the bids through e-procurement portal <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>. Details of the bid.

01.	Tender inviting Authority	Labour Commissioner & Director of Employment & Training, Supply Lane, Port Blair.
02.	Name of Items	Repairing of departmental vehicle (Swaraj Mazda and Tata Mobile)
03.	Tender document available place, date and time	Available on <a href="https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in">https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in</a> from 15.12.2022 to 12.01.2023 till 02.00 p.m.
04.	Estimated cost	Rs6,10,000/- (Rupee Six Lakh Ten Thousand Only)
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06.	Places, Date and time of opening Financial bid	Labour Commissioner & Director of Employment & Training, Supply Lane, Port Blair on 12.01.2023 at 03.30 p.m

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## AIIMS Delhi server attack originated from China, 5 servers successfully retrieved

The attack on the computer server of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi was carried out by Chinese hackers, a senior government source said on Wednesday adding that data in the five servers have been successfully retrieved now.

"AIIMS Delhi server attack was by the Chinese, FIR details that the attack had originated from China. Of 100 servers (40 physical and 60 virtual), five physical servers were successfully infiltrated by the hackers. The damage would have been far worse but is now contained. Data in the five servers have been successfully retrieved now," said the source from the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

AIIMS Delhi first reported a failure in its servers on November 23. Two of the analysts deployed to look after the servers' securities



have also been suspended for the alleged breach of cyber security. AIIMS authorities in a statement issued stated that the e-Hospital data has been restored. "The eHospital data has been restored on the servers. The network is being sanitized before the services can be restored. The process is taking some time due to the volume of data and the large number of servers/computers for the hospital services. Measures are being taken for cyber security," they had said. Also Read | Tharoor raises AIIMS cyber attack in Lok

Sabha, demands urgent measures "All hospital services, including outpatient, inpatient, laboratories, etc continue to run on manual mode," the statement had said. Earlier this month, a special cell of Delhi Police launched an investigation into the attack on the computer system at AIIMS Delhi. According to official sources, a team of the Central Forensic Lab (CFSL) has been pressed into service to check the infected server of the AIIMS Delhi to identify the source of the malware attack.

## 497 cases registered by NIA including Coimbatore blast: Govt in Rajya Sabha

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has registered 497 cases till December 2, 2022, including the Coimbatore blast case, minister of state for home affairs Nityanand Rai told the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday. On October 23, a car explosion took place in Coimbatore. Police officials investigating the case seized 75 kg of explosives and documents from one Jameesha Mubeen, who was also killed in the incident. NIA had then carried out searches at 43 locations in Tamil Nadu and arrested three persons in connection with the blast. Responding to a question posed by Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (MDMK) MP Vaiyapuri Gopalsamy and Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP M. Shanmugam regarding the increase in cases taken up by the NIA, Rai said, the investigating agency's capacity has increased over the years.

He added, "The reason for the increase in cases over the years is due to enhanced capacity of NIA with the establishment of new branch offices, expansion of its mandate in 2019 by the inclusion of certain offences related to human trafficking,



manufacture or sale of prohibited arms, cyber-terrorism and the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 in the schedule of National Investigation Agency Act, 2008." The MPs brought up allegations that the NIA was biased towards and targeted certain communities, to which Rai responded, "Cases having gravity including national/international implications are entrusted to NIA without any bias or prejudice." Allegations of bias and prejudice have been raised against the NIA before as well such as in the Bhima Koregaon case. On this, the counter-terrorism task force in August 2021 clarified to the Bombay high court (HC) that no prejudice was caused to any accused in the Bhima Koregaon case.

Representing the NIA, additional solicitor gen-

eral Anil Singh informed the court that no prejudice was caused to the rights of the accused. Rai also underlined that the NIA is required to investigate and prosecute offences of grave nature affecting the sovereignty, security, and integrity of India, security of the state, friendly relations with foreign states, matters relating to international treaties, etc. Laying emphasis on the 'fairness and transparency' of cases handled by NIA, Rai added, "Fairness and transparency in investigations by the NIA are evident from the fact that from the year 2019 to 2022, up to December 2, 2022, judgment has been pronounced in 67 cases, out of which, conviction has been obtained in 65 cases, and two cases have ended in acquittal."

## One persons arrested with 10 bottles of IMFL

Ganesh  
Sheekha News Service

Baratang, Dec 14: The police unit of PS Baratang this evening arrested one person and recov-

ered 10 bottles of IMFL from his possession for which he could not produce any bill. The accused person was intercepted during regular patrolling at Khadibasti Area of Baratang Island.

## DRM staff...

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ferred injuries because of electrocution while carrying out electrical works on a pole tower near a private resort at Chidiyatapu this morning. As per report, the person was identified as Santhosh, a DRM Staff of Electricity Department, posted at Bird Line Electricity Office.

The incident took place this morning when he went on duty in Chidiyatapu area for Line works of electric poles. While working on the pole he got electric shocks because of which fell to the ground and sustained injuries.

He was immediately rushed to the PHC Garacharma by nearby people. After the primary examination and check-up, the Doctor at PHC Garacharma referred him to GB Pant Hospital for further treatment where he is undergoing the required treatment.

Meanwhile, the people of this region alleged that the entire Electricity Department in the

area is plagued by the shortage of linemen; Bird Line Electricity Office covers a very large area while, ironically, it has only two linemen- one is at morning duty and the other one is night duty. And the Dept. has to face the problem in the event of any emergency work. Left with no choice, the Dept. is compelled to send the DRMs to attend the emergency work meant to be carried out by a line-man.

Besides, the non-availability of any safety gear for the employees at the Electricity Office at Bird Line was the main reason behind this accident, the residents further alleged.

This is not the first time, when such an incident has been reported from these Islands and hence people are raising serious questions over the working style of the Electricity Department to put lives of people at risk, who are engaged in Daily wages and who have no medical or life covers from the side of the government.

## Member of...

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Andaman and Nicobar Police. As per rule, the qualifying service for promotion to the next rank is five years for both the ranks but as on date it is taking more than 30 years for a Constable to get promoted to the rank of Head Constable.

He said that the morale of any force depends upon the motivation and motivation of its manpower and timely promotion, are the two of the key factors for any uniformed force.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that in its communication dated 27/06/2017 addressed to the Director General of Police of all States/UT, the Director-General BPR&D, Ministry of Home Affairs has endorsed the move of Delhi police to grant Special Grade Designation to its Constables and Head Constables, which has resulted in motivation of

staff without any financial implications.

He added that as per a circular dated 04/11/2016 issued by Delhi police, a constable who has completed 15 years of service as on the first January of calendar year and has been granted first financial up gradation (MACP) shall be designated as head Constable (Special Grade) similarly Constable or Head Constable who has completed 25 years of service in the cadre as on first January of the calendar year and he has been granted first and second financial up gradation (MACP) shall be designated Assistant Sub-Inspector (Special Grade).

On similar grounds the Member of Parliament suggested granting Special Grade Designation to Constables and Head Constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police.



## Andaman Nicobar...

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created by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation in 1993. During the ceremony, a white coat is placed on each student's shoulders and Oath is recited, signifying their entrance into the medical profession. The Chief Secretary initiated the White Coat Ceremony by placing the White Coat on the shoulders of MsTecha, the first girl from the Great Andamanese tribe to pursue MBBS course. All other dignitaries also participated in giving White Coats to the students. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary described the White Coat ceremony as a momentous occasion and also an amazing tradition which has been started by ANIIMS for the students. As years go by, this initiative will assume greater heights and more glory, the Chief Secretary said adding that not only our country but entire humanity will feel proud of the doctors produced by ANIIMS.

The Chief Secretary stated that in the field of medicine, doctor is not only a profession, but is regarded as shadow of God and one must strive to imbibe good qualities. Referring to the students of 2022 batch, the Chief Secretary mentioned that on completion of the degree, they will become bold and confident, ready to serve the people. He said, the faculty members will not only teach the nuances of medicine but also teach the students how to become good human beings by imparting the qualities of empathy, pragmatism, honesty and charity. The

Chief Secretary remarked that the aim is not to have an Institute which simply confers degrees, but which produces good doctors as well as good human beings. The priceless moment in a doctor's life is when he is revered and appreciated by people for saving precious lives.

The Chief Secretary also inaugurated the 'Healthy Campus campaign' and 'Mentorship Programme Module' on the occasion. This campaign aims to provide a healthy learning and living environment to help students in their academic and co-curricular activities, thereby contributing towards complete personality development.

Speaking as the guest of honor, Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) described the occasion as auspicious which signifies student's entry into the medical profession. For the first time, this White Coat ceremony has been organized for the students of ANIIMS which, he said, is a watershed movement in the professional lives and service of every doctor. The White Coat Ceremony is not simply a rite of passage for medical students, but it's a symbolic and constant reminder of the professional duties towards parents, patients, communities, he said. "This ceremony also reminds the doctor to keep the patients interest above their own interest", the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Health) said. He further

stated that Medicine is not merely a profession, but it's a service to fellow citizens, community and entire humanity. By donning this coat, he said, doctors also take on the sacred responsibilities associated with this noble profession.

In his address, the Secretary (Health), Shri Arjun Sharma said, today marks the official beginning of the 2022 batch of ANIIMS. This will be 5 year long course, which will have both intensive and extensive medical learning, practical, field visits and wholesome experience for the students. He further stated that ANIIMS as an Institute have seen 7 batches and this one is the 8<sup>th</sup> one. Two batches have already passed out from ANIIMS. The Secretary said, we have the best faculty in this region and urged the students to learn and imbibe as much as they can during their 5 year long course.

In her welcome address, the Director, ANIIMS, Dr Pragya Sharma said, it's a pleasure to see the students commencing their journey not only in the college but also in their professional career. She also congratulated each student for accomplishing an exciting milestone in their life. Parents of the new batch students and faculty members were also present for the ceremony. The program concluded with physician's pledge and vote of thanks delivered by Dean (Academics) Dr. Ashok K Dubey.

## Conjunctivitis spreading...

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discharge from eyes similar to tears. The spread of the infection to another eye is very common. Spread among people of all age groups as the infected person can come in contact with others.

People are at high risk for severe adenovirus infection who are with weakened immune systems (including medications for heart or lung diseases). Certain types of viruses have been linked to more severe illness. Rarely, otherwise healthy people with adenovirus infection will become so ill that they need to be hospitalized.

If a person is suffering from this condition, and in case of severe infec-

tion people should compulsorily consult an ophthalmologist and to avoid self-medication and avoid touching others to stop the spread and also cover their eyes at all times. This will allow them to avoid touching their eyes on a frequent basis and should wash their hands frequently with soap to avoid risks of contracting the infection and stop spread infection," the Doctor added.

Amid this, Mrs. Sampa Banerjee, a Member of UT Commission requested the Education Department for taking the required precautions in the school in the matter. Parents have been advised to take precautions to prevent

the spread of conjunctivitis disease among children. The School Authority should seriously handle the situation in case any student comes up with eye problem or showing signs/symptoms of the conjunctivitis, they should call his/her parents and send back to their home and may grant leave till the student is fully cured. It is mostly common among children as they are unaware about maintaining hygiene while suffering from this condition.

The Directorate of Health Services should conduct awareness camps in schools across the islands, Mrs. Banerjee further suggested.

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## Abandoned Vehicles... (From page 1)

of the Port Blair City.

According to the Traffic Branch, the abandoned vehicles obstruct traffic flow and create security issues on public roads, while the citizens of Port Blair are of the view that it is essential to take strong and timely action through the special drives in de-cluttering the city roads.

Some areas dotted with abandoned cars include Delanipur to Light House, Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad to Pioneer Chicken Center, Junglighat Main Road area and suburbs of the city, according to Traffic Branch.

Though the Police have earlier made several announcements exhorting people to remove abandoned vehicles from roads and footpaths, the violators are hardly found to be showing any honour to the announcement of the Police in this respect, and they continue to defy the extant rule and desert their vehicles at the place meant for the public. The Traffic Police even removed many abandoned vehicles from these areas.

Vehicles parked at a spot for several days and whose owners cannot be traced are categorized as abandoned. The MV Act states that these vehicles

can be towed away. The Act further states that if an abandoned, wrecked, burnt or partially dismantled vehicle is creating a traffic hazard, its immediate removal from public place by a towing service may be authorised by a Police Officer having jurisdiction.

The current situation is like garaging of the roads and these vehicles must be towed away and heavy penalties must be recovered from the violators as they are obstructing free flow of traffic causing inconvenience to the citizens, the civic of the city said.

The abandoned vehicles have become a menace, as they are left on the road side, they create traffic congestion, occupy valuable parking spaces in crowded residential areas in an unauthorized way and pose threat of other hazards, another Police Official said.

Meanwhile, the Traffic Police have urged the public to come forward and tender cooperation to the Police in any such case if they come across thereby contacting nearby Police Station or passing the information to the Traffic Police at the contact number and whatsapp number: 9531802228 of the Andaman and Nicobar Police.

