

## **Member of Parliament requests Chief Secretary to restart Musical and Dance Shows at Marina Park, Corbyn's Cove to promote Tourism and also to support local artists**

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In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, the Member of Parliament mentioned that previously the Administration used to organize regular Musical and Dance Shows at Marina Park for the entertainment of tourists and also to support Musical and Dance groups so that youths of

these Islands can be kept engaged in constructive activities.

He pointed out that later the shows were stopped because of COVID-19 restrictions and since the beginning Corona pandemic no such shows were organized. Now as the numbers of COVID-19 cases are totally under control in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, due to dedicated steps taken by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration and the Tourism is also picking up gradually, the Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to restart such Musical and Dance Shows at Marina Park, Corbyn's Cove and few other tourists spots to promote Tourism and also to support local artists.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma mentioned that if restarted, such Musical and Cultural Shows will become an added attraction for tourists, especially during evening hours this will be a good source of entertainment for visiting guests.

He mentioned that since the beginning of COVID-19 local artists have suffered huge financial losses and most of them do not have any programs of musical classes to conduct. Such shows will financially support cultural groups, local talented artists, sound and light small business owners, stage decorators and help in rotating money in the local market.

## **Member of Parliament demands withdrawal of seven-day quarantine rule in Campbell Bay and sending essential commodities to Great Nicobar**

Port Blair, Oct 20 : The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Island, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to withdraw this seven-day quarantine rule in Great Nicobar Island for the convenience of the public and also to schedule a passenger ship with cargo or a cargo ship for Great Nicobar Island as soon as possible so that all essential commodities reach the Islands within few days.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary of A & N Administration today the Member of Parliament mentioned that he has been informed by residents of Great Nicobar Island that

presently the District Administration of Nicobar District is sending all incoming passengers to seven-day long quarantine, while in all other places of this Union Territory, this seven-day quarantine system has already been withdrawn.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that at present almost 100 percent of Islanders have got the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and a large number of people have got two doses of COVID-19 vaccines. Considering this, the period of quarantine has been reduced or withdrawn in all other Islands but for reasons unknown in Great Nicobar people are being sent for seven days quarantine, which is

not only causing unnecessary problems to people but also reducing the overall performance of various government departments and offices.

The Member of Parliament also pointed out that the Great Nicobar that presently the Island is facing a shortage of potatoes, onions, tomatoes and eggs due to delay in the transfer of cargo from Port Blair to Campbell Bay.

Considering the above issues, the Member of Parliament today requested the Chief Secretary to withdraw this seven-day quarantine rule for the convenience of the public and also to schedule a passenger ship with cargo or a cargo ship for Great Nicobar Island.

## **AATO demands an increase in Light & Sound Shows for the growing number of tourists in the festive season**

Port Blair, Oct 20 : A large number of tourists are visiting our islands during the festive season. Almost all these tourists visit Cellular Jail to witness the Light and Sound Show. Presently only 02 shows are conducted daily, which have been running full for the past few days. Hence a large number of

tourists are deprived of watching the show due to the non-availability of tickets. Also, all the shows are in Hindi, hence non-Hindi-speaking tourists are finding it difficult to understand the show. In a letter to Secretary IP&T, President of AATO Shri.M.Vinod has requested to

increase one more show daily and an English show on alternate days so that all the tourists visiting Port Blair get a chance to witness the saga of Indian Freedom struggle through the Light & Sound Show of Cellular Jail.

## **Indian Coast Guard rescues 12 Fisherman stranded in the sea**



Port Blair, Oct 20: The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship Charlie 151 today rescued 12 fishermen after their boat suffered engine failure.

As per information received the Mount Mary fishing boat engine got damaged and soon a distress signal by the crew members was sent and within an hour the ICG

rescue team reached the spot and later the boat was brought back safely to Aerial Bay Jetty.

## **State President NSUI expresses Gratitude**

Port Blair, Oct 20 : A delegation of NSUI today met with the Principal of JNRM on the issue of denying entry to girl students in JNRM Girls' Hostel yesterday evening. According to details available the Principal JNRM assured NSUI that such incident will not take place in future under

any circumstances.

This is worth mentioning here that after intervention of Dr. Hemanth Kumar Sharma, Principal, JNRM the girl students got entry inside the Girls' Hostel. Expressing displeasure over the issue the NSUI demanded change of JNRM Girls' hostel warden.

Mr. M A Sajid, the State President, NSUI and his team expressed gratitude to Principal, JNRM for quick action and Mrs. Zubaida Begam President, Andaman Mahila Mandal for supporting the girl students.

## **2228 people vaccinated today in A&N Islands**

Port Blair, Oct. 20: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,70,203 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,72,001 eligible people in the age group

of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 2228 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands.

1153 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 94 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 975

beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 16 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 100 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 18-44.

## **SATB Delegation Meets Secretary Education**

Port Blair, Oct 20: A delegation of the South Andaman Teachers' Branch of the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association met the Secretary (Education), Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan, IAS today and discussed various issues pertaining to teachers working in Education Department.

The delegation led by Mr. P.Jay Murthy, Secretary of branch brought to the notice of the Secretary (Education), the issue

of non-posting of Principals and Vice Principals in schools and filling up of vacant posts of teachers in Education Department, which has badly affected the smooth functioning of schools in these islands.

The Delegation also highlighted various other issues which include (i) delay in Annual General Transfer 2021 (ii) delay in Promotion of Post Graduate Teachers (iii) Regularisation of

Ad-hoc services of teachers etc. As per the release issued by NGGOA, the Secretary (Education) after giving a patient hearing to the members of the delegation reportedly assured of early settlement of the issues raised by the Association. The delegation also included Mr. K.S.Sunish, Treasurer, Mr. Shyam Sunder, Organising Secretary and Mr. P.Srinivasa Rao, Organising Secretary.

## **Inter-Departmental Open Chess Tournament 2021 by ANTA**

Port Blair, Oct 20: An Inter-Departmental Open Chess Tournament 2021 will be organized by Andaman & Nicobar Teachers Association (ANTA) in collaboration with Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on Sunday the 31st October 2021 at Tagore college multipurpose hall, Middle Point, Port Blair.

The tournament will be an individual event which will be held over-the-board in Swiss league format. Interested players may register their names along with the Entry fee @ Rs. 250/- at the office of the Andaman Nicobar Chess

Association, Prem Nagar, near electricity site office between 4.00 pm to 6.00 pm. Last date for submission of entries is 29th October, 2021 6.00 pm. For registration and more details please contact @ 9933217055 or 9531909449

All the Central Govt. Employees working in A & N Islands including uniformed personnel in Defence Services / Para Military Organisations/ Police/ IRB etc. are eligible to participate in the event.

Employees of Autonomous bodies/Undertakings/Public Sector Banks/Corporations even

though administratively controlled by the Central Ministries/ Casual/ Daily wages workers/ Employees attached to offices on temporary duty are also eligible to participate.

The general instructions as per SOP/ Guidelines of COVID-19 issued by Central/A & N Administration are to be strictly followed by all players and supporting staff during the competition.

All the participants should report at the venue at 8.20 am on 31st October 2021.

## **Schedule of Ship/Ferry for Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep**

Port Blair, Oct 20; The Directorate of Shipping Services in consultation with District Administration has scheduled MV Coral Queen to Swaraj Dweep from 20th October to 27th October, 2021. The detailed schedule is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the vessel	Departure Date & Time	Departure from	Destination	Port Remarks
1.	MV Coral Queen	20.10.2021 to 27.10.2021	at 0700 Hrs Haddo Wharf Swaraj Dweep	Return voyage from Swaraj Dweep to Port Blair at 1500 Hrs.	





## EDITORIAL

## Moon पर होगा वाई.फाई नेटवर्क धरती पर नहीं होगी इंटरनेट की दिक्कत



वॉशिंगटन : अमेरिकी स्पेस एजेंसी नासा (NASA) चंद्रमा (Moon) पर वाई.फाई नेटवर्क स्थापित करने पर विचार कर रही है स्पेस एजेंसी की एक नई स्टडी में ये बात सामने आई है इससे अमेरिका के कुछ हिस्सों में इंटरनेट की दिक्कत को दूर करने में मदद मिलेगी साथ ही इससे भविष्य के Artemis मिशनों में भी सहयोग मिलेगा बेहतर कनेक्शन की जरूरत

वाई.फाई प्रोग्राम को लेकर ये स्टडी नासा (NASA) की कम्पास लैब ने की है बिजनेस इनसाइडर की रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक कम्पास लैब के स्टीव ओल्सन ने कहा कि आर्टेमिस बेसकैम्प से जुड़े क्रू रोवर्स विज्ञान और खनन उपकरणों को पृथ्वी से संपर्क में रहने के लिए एक बेहतर कनेक्शन की जरूरत होगी इसलिए ये स्टडी बहुत अहम है

नासा (NASA) के ग्लेन रिसर्च सेंटर में डायरेक्टर मैरी लोबो ने एक प्रेस रिलीज में कहा कि ये Artemis के तहत चंद्रमा पर अंतरिक्ष यात्रियों को भेजने में आने वाली चुनौतियों को दूर करने के साथ हमारे समाज में बढ़ती समस्याओं का समाधान ढूँढने का शानदार मौका है

आर्टेमिस प्रोग्राम का मिशन 1972 के बाद से पहली बार मानव को चंद्रमा पर भेजना है प्रोग्राम के तहत 2021 में चंद्रमा पर एक मानवरहित मिशन को लॉन्च करने की योजना है वहीं 2023 में इस प्रोग्राम के तहत चंद्रमा के करीब चालक दल को भेजने और 2024 में मानव को चंद्रमा पर उतारने की भी योजना भी तैयार की गई है डिजिटल डिवाइड को दूर करने की कोशिश

नासा ने प्रेस रिलीज में बताया है कि डिजिटल डिवाइड और बेहतर इंटरनेट सेवा तक पहुंच की कमी पूरे अमेरिका में फैली है ये एक सामाजिक आर्थिक विंता है जो कोविड.19 महामारी के बाद और बढ़ गई है

नेशनल डिजिटल इनक्लूजन एलायंस की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार क्लीवलैंड के लगभग 31 फीसदी घरों में ब्रॉडबैंड की सुविधा नहीं है नासा का मून मिशन

इससे पहले खबर आई थी कि स्पेस एजेंसी चांद को लेकर अपने अगले मून मिशन शुरूआत करने जा रही है इस मिशन का लक्ष्य चांद की सतह पर एक स्थायी क्रू स्टेशन का निर्माण करना है अमेरिकी अंतरिक्ष एजेंसी नासा (NASA) चंद्रमा के दक्षिणी ध्रुव पर ढवसि बंज के आकार का एक Robotic Rover लैंड करवाएगी इस रोवर का नाम VIPER (Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover) है नासा का रोवर चंद्रमा की सतह पर 100 दिनों तक जल स्रोतों की खोज करेगा

## Idea of Go-Go AC Electric Tourist Bus conceived by Chief Secretary to provide affordable service to tourists kicks off in record time



The four Go-Go AC Electric Tourist Buses which were flagged off by the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah has started providing service to the tourists. It is to mention that the idea of Go-Go AC Electric Tourist bus was conceived by the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain and its service has been made available to the tourists in a record time.

As the UT of A&N Islands has emerged as a favorite tourist destination because of its natural beauty, the inflow of tourists is increasing year after year. Port Blair city and its surroundings have many popular landmarks, heritage destinations and other renowned places for the attraction of the tourists. In place of the existing costly transport service with many limitations, an alternative option in the form of Go-Go Bus Service which has flexibility for the tourists is

provided. Bus transport is always considered a safe and reliable form of service and tourists coming from outside the Islands will find it more convenient.

In order to provide a secure, comfortable and affordable mode of transport to the tourists for visiting maximum renowned tourist spots in and around Port Blair, the Go-Go Bus service has started with 4 beautifully designed and attractive Air Conditioned Electric buses under Smart City Mission. The design and quality of AC Electric Buses makes it suitable for city tour operation as comfortable view of outside the saloon is facilitated by the transparent and large window glasses.

The service aims to cover 8 destinations on its circuit and the service will be available from 9 am to 5 pm with assured availability at an interval of every half-an-hour. The tourist destinations covered has been so designed that, the bus will

originate from Bus Terminus and pass through Aberdeen Bazar, Andaman Club (Heritage building), Marina Park, Flag Point and Corbyn's Cove providing the commuters scenic sea view.

The service can be availed by any person interested in travelling in this service by purchasing a single ticket @ Rs.150/- per commuter per day which would enable the commuter to travel on that particular day on any "Go-Go" Bus Service. The commuter can alight or board the bus at any point on the route and then again avail the service after completion of their visit to that particular spot on that day.

For informative documentaries on Andaman and other entertainments to the tourists, the buses has been fitted with TV and audio system. The introduction of "Go-Go" bus service by A&N Administration would be beneficial for the tourists.

## While in Great Nicobar residents travel in bus with broken seats in Middle Andaman Passengers are forced to use umbrella inside STS bus

Port Blair, Oct 20: A video is doing round in social media in which it is clearly visible that how passengers with great difficulties, are travelling in a bus of Great Nicobar, in which one seat is totally broken.

The video was shot by a citizen journalist, from a bus, bearing registration number AN-01; K-5340 which was travelling from Campbell Bay to Shastri Nagar today at 11.00 AM.

In the said video one could see that during the 35 odd KM

journey, how a passenger sitting on a completely broken seat.

Passengers of Great Nicobar complained that this is not the first such incident and breakdown of STS buses is a common issue in Great Nicobar.

Few days back an STS bus got flat tyre between Vijay Nagar to Laxmi Nagar area and it took 2 hours for the department to repair a puncture. Sadly, all passengers were stranded for these two hours.

Meanwhile, Mr. Manojit Halder,

President, BCC, Billiground shared a recent picture of Nibudera Express Bus (Regd No: AN 01K 6265) with Andaman Sheekha Daily showing how rainwater is entering inside the bus and some passengers are forced to use umbrella inside the bus.

Earlier in many occasions, Andaman Sheekha Daily had reported about pathetic condition of STS buses. This is perhaps high time for the transport department to conduct and fitness and safety audit of all STS buses.

## Jolly demands a joint survey to assess the extent of damage caused by flood in Diglipur

Port Blair, Oct 20: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Former State President BJP, A&N Islands & Member Home Ministry Advisory Committee has urged the administration to conduct a joint survey to assess the extent of damage caused by flood in Diglipur after in his 03 days tour to North and Middle Andaman from 09.10.2021 to 12.10.2021 visited the flood-affected areas of the Diglipur which includes Subhash Gram, R K Gram, Nabagram, Sitanagar, D B Gram and Madhupur and take stock of the situation.

In a letter to the Chief Secretary, Mr Jolly said in the aftermath of the severe flood which caused

significant loss to the property, damaging houses, ration articles, agriculture produces, livestock, electronic appliances, fishery farm and agricultural crops causing huge financial loss. Islanders are already reeling under the pandemic, at such a time, the flood has caused heavy damage to the properties due to which affected people are looking towards the administration for appropriate relief.

Further he mentioned that the ground assessment in the field during his visit and discussion with the affected people we have concluded that the impact of the flood was severe and the damage is still required to be ascertained

with the help of a joint assessment departmental team comprising of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Revenue. He welcomed the administration's steps for conduct survey which is going on in view of granting compensation/relief on the basis of the ground report which is undoubtedly a welcome step. Concluding in his letter he request to depute a separate joint survey team of the above concerned departments irrespective of the ongoing assessment survey to assess the damage caused by flood and sanction the appropriate relief/compensation for those affected by the flood as soon as possible.



## PM attends 28th National Human Rights Commission Foundation Day programme



Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended 28th National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) Foundation Day programme today through video conference. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister remarked that India's freedom movement and its history have been a great source of inspiration for human rights and the values of human rights for India. "As a nation, as a society we resisted injustice-atrocities, we fought for our rights for centuries. At a time when the whole world was engulfed in the violence of World War I, India suggested the path of 'rights and non-violence' to the whole world. Not only India but the whole world sees our Babu as a symbol of human rights and human values", said the Prime Minister remembering Mahatma Gandhi. Even when, on many occasions, the world was disillusioned and confused, India remained steadfast and sensitive towards human rights, he added.

The Prime Minister said that the concept of human rights is closely related to the dignity of the poor. He said when the poorest of the poor does not get an equal share of the Government schemes then the question of rights arises. The Prime Minister enumerated the Government's efforts to ensure the dignity of the poor. He said when a poor person gets toilets ensuring freedom from open defecation, he gets dignity, similarly, a poor man who was hesitant to enter a bank, gets a Jan Dhan account, which ensures dignity, he said. Similarly,

measures like Rupay Card, Ujjwala gas connections, and property rights of pucca houses for women are major steps in that direction.

Continuing with the listing of measures, in the past few years, the Prime Minister said that the country has also tried to remove the injustice happening at different levels in different sections. "For decades Muslim women had been demanding a law against triple talaq. We have given new rights to Muslim women by enacting a law against triple talaq" the Prime Minister said. Many sectors have been opened for women and it has been ensured that they can work with security round the clock. He said India has ensured 26 weeks of paid maternity leave for career women, a feat that even many developed nations could not achieve. Similarly, the Prime Minister listed the measures by the Government for trans-genders, children and nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.

Recalling the inspired performance of the para-athletes in the recent Paralympics, the Prime Minister said that in recent years laws have been enacted for the Divyang Jan. They have been connected to new facilities. Buildings are being made, divyang friendly and language for divyang is being standardized.

Shri Modi said that during the pandemic, poor, helpless and senior citizens were given direct financial support in their account. Migrant labourers were spared much hassle due to the

implementation of the One Nation-One Ration Card.

The Prime Minister cautioned against the selective interpretation of human rights and using human rights to diminish the image of the country. He said of late, some people have started interpreting human rights from their own angle as per their selfish interests. Tendency to see infringement in one situation and not in a similar situation has damaged human rights a great deal, he said. He also said that the biggest infringement of human rights takes place when they are seen from the prism of politics and political profit and loss. "This selective behaviour is equally damaging for democracy too", cautioned the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister said that it is important to understand that human rights is not associated with rights only but is a subject of our duties too. Saying "rights and duties are two tracks on which the journey of human development and human dignity takes place, he stressed that duties are equally important as rights and they should not be discussed separately as they complement each other.

The Prime Minister concluded by mentioning the human rights of future generations. He emphasized that with measures like International Solar Alliance, renewable energy goals and Hydrogen Mission, India is rapidly moving in the direction of sustainable life and eco-friendly growth.

## Teachers of Nirmala School stage protest against non-payment of Salary

Port Blair, Oct 20: Dozens of teachers of Nirmala School, who have not been paid monthly salary since April 2021, today organized a peaceful protest in front of Nirmala School.

According to details, altogether 47 staffs in the school, including 42 teachers and five ground staffs have not been paid salary since April 2021. The Protest which started at 2.30 PM ended at 5.00 PM. Teachers who are badly hit by such delay in release of salary alleged that the school is receiving Grant-in-aid since last several

decades but since last couple of years the school is facing this issue of delay in release of salary for teachers, for reasons unknown. Many of these teachers are facing extreme financial crisis and for others it has become impossible to run family and meet daily needs, Medical treatment of their family members, NPS/ GPF contribution and Payment of EMIs, House Rent, Fees for higher studies of their children. Earlier teachers of MES school, Azad Nagar also had alleged similar delay in release of salary.

On August 13, 2021, the Member of Parliament had taken up this issue and requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to release of funds for Muslim Educational Society School (MES) and Nirmala Schools as due to shortage of funds teachers of these schools have not been paid salary for several months. Muslim Educational Society School (MES) and Nirmala Schools are government aided schools and depends largely upon Administration's funding.

## Baratang Congress Delegation meets Director Transport, demands STS D1 Bus Departure in morning hours

Port Blair, Oct 20: A delegation of Congress unit of Baratang Island today called on the Director of Transport and demanded change in departure timing of STS D1 bus from Baratang. The delegation demanded change in time from 2.30 PM to morning 6.30 AM convoy from Baratang to Port Blair and return of D1 Express Bus to Baratang from Port Blair

at 2.30 PM convoy. The Delegation consisted of ex-Zilla Parishad member of Baratang Mr. R Alager Swami, ex-Pradhan Mr. Roy Goerge and ex-PRI Member Mr. Manoj Kumar Barla. The delegation also highlighted that in case of evening D1 bus timing from Baratang the villagers were facing a lot of trouble because since morning they used

to come to Baratang STS office from remote villages for tickets and since till late afternoon they had to wait for bus that too only if the tickets are confirmed. As per delegation, the Director of Transport has reportedly assured to change the timing of the D1 express bus from tomorrow onwards.

## ANTCC delegation meets DC South Andaman with Charter of Demands

Port Blair, Oct 20: On 18th October, 2021 a delegation under the leadership of Mr. Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee together with Mr. M Vasudevan, Ex-Zilla Parishad Member and Mr. K Kannan, General Secretary, Block Congress Committee, Little Andaman met with Mr. Suneel Anchipakka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District in his office. They raised charter of demands for Little Andaman on immediate issue of Smart Cards and Aadhaar Cards as well as deputing official team

to Little Andaman exclusively for registration purposes of land periodically there itself. The other genuine demands are replacement of damaged electric poles and urgent maintenance of all streetlights, frequent schedule of shipping services, increase of helicopter services, timely disbursement of old age pension, widow pension, handicapped allowance and destitute allowance, improvement of 4G internet connectivity, enhancement of quota of sea sand and its immediate allotment by District Administration, Replacement of defective X-Ray

Machine, Generator provided at PHC, Hut Bay and posting of an Eye Specialist, Doctor, Technician for Ultrasound Machine. After deliberation and going through the charter of demands, Mr. Suneel Anchipakka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District immediately directed concerned authorities to explore possibilities for providing all such facilities immediately as demanded for on top priority basis. The delegation expressed their warm gratitude to him for hearing and solving their long pending demands.

## Major Part of Aniket and Caddlegunj villages witness blackout of BSNL mobile towers due to power cuts

Port Blair, Oct 20: While India is getting ready for 5G, in some villages of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, receiving 2G data or even BSNL mobile signals have become a major challenge. Forget about far flung Islands, major parts of Aniket and Caddlegunj villages reportedly face total blackout of BSNL network, whenever there is a power cut in the area. Due to high efficiency of Electricity

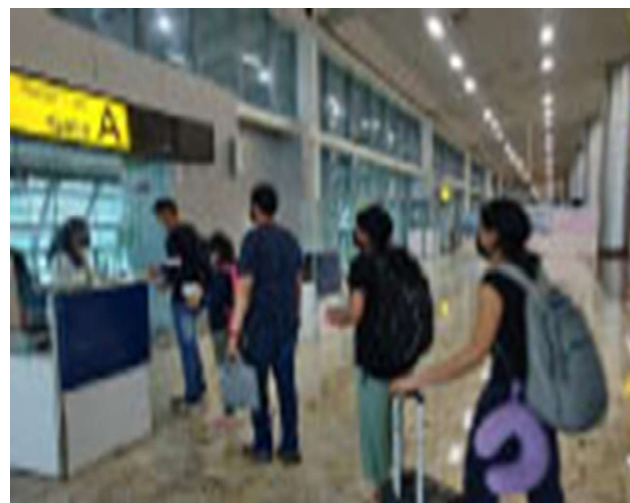
Department these two villages reportedly witness multiple power cuts everyday for several hours and during the power cuts the major parts of these two villages do not get BSNL mobile network. While villagers presume that the reason behind such mobile network blackout is non-functioning of generators attached to the mobile towers, multiple complaints made by them yielded

zero results. Adding to the pain some parts of these two villages also receives weak signal of Airtel and hence during power cuts, they remain totally disconnected from rest of the world. The glory of Digital India Campaign certainly has not reached upto these two villages, which are close to Port Blair city, and hence one can understand what will be the condition of network connectivity in remote Islands.

## Aviation Ministry removes capacity restrictions for domestic operations from Oct. 18

Civil Aviation Ministry has decided to restore the scheduled domestic air operations from the 18th of this month without any capacity restriction.

The decision was taken after the review of the current status of scheduled domestic operators and passengers' demand for air travel. The Ministry said, the airlines and airport operators shall however ensure that the guidelines to contain the spread of COVID-19 are strictly adhered to and COVID appropriate behavior is strictly enforced by them during the travel. (Source: india.gov.in)



No. DB-TN/PBSD/2020-21/2800

Dated 08 /10/2021

### Notice Inviting e- Tender

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

NIT No : 12/EE/PBSD/2021-22  
Name of work : Repair and Renovation of Boys Hostel at JNRM, Port Blair.  
Sub work : Repair and renovation of Post Graduation (PG) Block. (Re-call)  
Estimated Cost : ` 20,64,076/-  
Time of completion : 03 (Three) Months

Last date and time of submission of Bid : 01/11/2021 15:00 Hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Bid : 02/11/2021 10:00 Hrs.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>  
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**Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency along with Shri Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration virtually attended the launch of Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti, a National Master Plan for providing multi model infra connectivity to various economic zones by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. UT level function was also organized at Raj Niwas by Andaman and Nicobar Administration in the presence of Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands.**



**Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands called 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. Discussed operationalization of mega infra projects being steered through Islands Development Agency nearing completion in the Islands and commencement of follow on Schemes.**

## **Fire accident at School Line; Major Mishap Averted**

Port Blair, Oct 20: A major fire accident is averted today by Fire Fighters of Andaman and Nicobar Fire Service.

Today at about 0002 hours a message was received at Fire Control Room stating that fire broke out in double storied wooden building near Community Hall of School Line, Port Blair. Immediately, Water Tender and a Multi Utility vehicle with all essential accessories from Fire

Station Aberdeen were pressed into the scene of fire. On reaching the spot, it was noticed that a switch board in the rented room situated in a ground floor of double storied wooden building caught fire due to short circuit. Fire personnel immediately swung into action and extinguished the fire immediately within half an hour. Yet again the A&N Fire Service personnel proved their mantle by good workmanship in

saving property worth of Rs.30.00 Lakhs whereas the loss was estimated merely Rs.7000/- by averting a major fire mishap in the heavily populated area.

The entire fire fighting operation was carried out under the team led by Inspector Fire Service (HQ) S. Sadhukhan and Station Officer, Saibal Sinha under the supervision of Dy.SP (Fire) and overall supervision of SP (Fire), A & N Islands.

## **Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) scheme Upgrading skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional vocations**



The Ministry of Minority Affairs, GoI is implementing the Central Sector Scheme- Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn & Earn) for Skill Development of Minorities. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of the minority youth in various modern/traditional vocations depending upon their educational qualification, present economic trends and the market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self employment. The scheme is implemented through selected expert Project Implementing

Agencies (PIAs). It ensures placement of minimum 75% trainees, out of which, at least 50% placement is in organized sector.

The eligible trainees/beneficiaries should belong to minority community, should be between 14-35 years of age, should be at least Class V. In case seat for reserved categories as prescribed under this scheme remain vacant, these vacant seats may be treated as unreserved.

Monthly stipend for local Non-residential trainees would be Rs. 2,000/- per month and

Residential trainees would be Rs. 1,000/- per month. Post Placement Support (PPS) to all placed candidates would be given Rs. 2,000/- per month for two months.

Interested institutes/organization have been requested to visit the URL <http://seekhoaurkamao-moma.gov.in> or visit website of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India for Guidelines and more details/ various components of the scheme, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

## **Great Nicobar market running out of Onions, Potatoes, Tomatoes and eggs**

The market in Great Nicobar has almost run out of essential commodities like Onions, Potatoes, Tomatoes and eggs, giving nightmares to the residents of the Islands. People living in Great Nicobar are finding it difficult to even plan their daily meal.

According to villagers in the last sailing of MV Kalighat hardly any cargo reached Campbell Bay, which triggered this crisis.

Zilla Parishad member of Campbell Bay Mr. Gagandeep Singh said that this is unfortunate to note that the Great Nicobar Islands is facing such crisis and no fruitful steps have been taken

up yet to solve this issue. He pointed out that the main reason behind such crisis is that MV Kalighat, during its last sailing brought only passengers and no cargo.

He requested the Administration to send all essential commodities for Great Nicobar Islands as early as possible.