

## **Member of Parliament meets Lt. Governor, ANI; Takes up issues of filling up of all vacant posts, Flat Bay Water Project, Minnie Bay to Mitha Khadi Bridge and starting International flights**

Port Blair, Oct 13: Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today 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 and discussed some crucial issues of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. During the meeting the Member of Parliament demanded filling up all vacant posts in Andaman and Nicobar Administration immediately with only local candidates.

The Member of Parliament also demanded to start the Flat Bay water project, which has the potential to solve the problem of water crisis, often witnessed in

Islands. According to the Member of Parliament keeping the future in mind and considering the expected boom in tourist-footfall after completion of the Airport Terminal Building of Port Blair, it is necessary to plan availability of sufficient water for Islanders as well as visiting tourists. He said that the Rutland water project can fulfill the water requirements of Islanders while the Flat Bay water project has potential to meet the water requirement for our growing Tourism Industry.

The Member of Parliament demanded construction of Bridge between Minnie Bay and Mitha Khadi. He mentioned that if the bridge is constructed, it will not only bring an economic boom in the South Andaman region but

also bring more prosperity for Tourism Industry, besides making life easy for Islanders. He said that this bridge will minimize the distance between Port Blair and Jirkatang by nearly 12-15 KM and reduce the time to reach Jirkatang by half.

The Member of Parliament also placed the demand of starting International Flights from Port Blair, which will bring foreign tourists to Andaman and give a tremendous economic boost to the Tourism Industry of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He mentioned that International flight will also create thousands of new job opportunities for Island youths.

## **Last date for IGNOU Admission extended till 25th October – 2021**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The last date for Admission in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended upto 25th October, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on – <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in> and for Offline Admissions,

Forms can be collected from Regional Centre Office at Mohanpura during working hours ensuring social distancing norms. For more details, visit IGNOU Website – [www.ignou.ac.in](http://www.ignou.ac.in) or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate

Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in). A communication from the Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair said.

## **Launch of Phase II Campaign of New India @75, 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' of NACO by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, the Minister of State, MoHFW**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Second Phase of Campaign of New India @75 under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', was launched on 12th of October (Tuesday) by Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, the Minister of State, MoHFW. Other dignitaries present were Mr. Rajesh Bhushan, Secretary (H&FW) and Smti Arti Ahuja, Additional Secretary (Health). The event was organized by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) on a virtual mode. College and school students from Andaman & Nicobar Islands participated in this virtual event.

Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar, the Minister of State, MoHFW, interacted with a student of Navy Children School, Port Blair who participated in the competition conducted in the Ist Phase. She congratulated on the

commemoration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav to mark 75 year of Independence. Phase I was a mass moment of youth. Unique potential, energy and creativity of youth plays a big role in achieving solutions for the complex and mighty challenges and congratulated all the participants and the shake holders for a successful completion of the Ist Phase.

Mr. Alok Saxena, Addition Secretary and Director General, NACO earlier welcomed the gathering. He appreciated the youth in their engagement and contribution in the effort of dissemination of information on HIV /AIDS, Tuberculosis and Blood donation.

At the end vote of thanks was proposed by Smti. Nidhi Kesarwani, Director, NACO.

Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) under the direction of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) conducted competitions in schools and colleges of South Andaman District of A& N Islands as a celebration of New India @75, 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in the Ist Phase in coordination with Department of Education. The first phase has been completed successfully and more than 1500 students from 35 schools of South Andaman Zone actively participated in painting, collage, essay and reel making competitions.

At national level more than 1 lakh youths from 834 schools and 889 colleges from 247 district participated in the competitions and contributed in the mass movement of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

## **Re-scheduling of Pondicherry University Examination October 2021**

Port Blair, Oct 13: Pondicherry University Examination Wing UG/PG Section vide letter No. PU/CE/UG/2020-21 dated 7/10/2021 informed that Exams on the following dates are re-scheduled in connection with Durga Puja Festival.

OLD DATE NEW DATE

14-10-2021 26-10-2021

15-10-2021 27-10-2021

In view of VVIP visit to these Islands, it is to inform that the candidates appearing for arrear paper examinations scheduled only on dated 16-10-2021 (Saturday) will be conducted OFFLINE/ONLINE examinations for both sessions Forenoon/Afternoon at ANCOL College, Chakargaon. Candidates are advised to reach ANCOL one hour before the commencement of Examinations.

## **Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A&N Islands**

Port Blair, Oct. 13 The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,59,796 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2, 81, 603 (approx.). A total of 1,71,406 eligible people in the age group

of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 1831 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands.

707 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 89 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 902

beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 22 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 222 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years.

## **Advanced Diploma Training Course of 400 hours that covers Aviation – Airport — Ground handling – Air Cargo & Logistics with Security – Reservations**

Port Blair, Oct 13: High operational costs, hike in fuel and increasing maintenance costs, of all taxes on services provided by airlines, is the main reason for hiring, multi task (All rounder's) to work in airports or for airlines, these days. Similarly Hotels & Restaurants, even Hospitals are also preferring to recruit able multi task professionals.

Requests are received from placement agencies to consider appointment of our trained candidates for Airlines and Travel Tours, hotel industry with multi task skills and abilities, therefore, Trade Wings Institute of Management, Mumbai, a leader of HR in Training which received the Best Training Institute Awards in India from IATA for 3 consecutive years, in association with, The Islands Institute of Skills Development, Port Blair introduced an Advanced Diploma Training Course of 400 hours that covers Aviation – Airport — Ground handling – Air Cargo & Logistics with Security – Reservations (by air, cruise lines, railways, car and coach rentals, hotels and tour packages) which received a wide acceptance and appreciation from all over India, including Port Blair. This particular training also covered communication skills, business management techniques, sales and marketing skills required in Travel & Tourism and at the same time other important topics like health and hygiene – weather, disaster management, consumer protection – hotel law – labor act – entrepreneurship development are also discussed in detail during the training. For better delivery of topics during the training, all classes are on Power Points & Video presentations, the resource persons have 30 years of experience in the respective field of coaching. There are other training courses of 360 & 300 hours in Travel & Tourism basically meant for those already working in the industry without any training, these trainings meant to upgrade their skills to perform better in future when Port Blair is connected with International Sectors.

All the training contents are based on IATA/UFTAA Foundation Course, IATA/FIATA Air Cargo handling, Ground handling and logistics course, designed in such a manner, that when the training is successfully completed, a candidate trained by us will have a good choice to select any field in the industry, said a communication from IISD. The communication further added that whether it is wage employment or self employment, both demand employability skills, but according to our research and opinion, there is an ample scope for employment in the islands, particularly Travel-Tourism and hospitality (a job multiplier sector) but the problem is the poor availability of employable candidates. If any one is in need of more details, the readers may contact IISD – M 9933267919 9434281999 – 9434267945 or email to [skillsandaman@gmail.com](mailto:skillsandaman@gmail.com) the communication concluded.

## **Free Certificate Course on Waste Management (Solid waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic waste, E-Waste, Construction and demolition Waste)**

Port Blair, Oct 13: Free Certificate Course on Waste Management (Solid waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic waste, E-Waste, Construction and demolition Waste) under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) – MoEF&CC, Govt. Of India C.P.R. Environmental Education Centre (CPREEC) is going to organize two months Certificate Course on Waste Management (Solid waste, Biomedical Waste, Plastic waste, E-Waste, Construction and Demolition Waste) under the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP). Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India introduced the idea of the Green Skill Development Programme (GSDP) for skilling youths of India. A Certificate will be awarded to the participants on successful completion of the course. Applications are invited from Science and Engineering graduates of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Application should reach by email [gopalcprr@gmail.com](mailto:gopalcprr@gmail.com) or Whatsapp (9474224389) or contact Shri. A. Gopal, Project Officer, CPREEC, Port Blair over mobile (9474224389/9933282500) or [cpreec@envs.nic.in](mailto:cpreec@envs.nic.in) on before 30th October 2021. The selection will be based on interview and the course will commence on 09th November 2021. The course detail is given below:

1. Name of the course : Waste Management (Solid Waste, Biomedical Waste ,Plastic Waste ,E-Waste ,Construction and demolition Waste) under the green Skill Development Programme (GSDP)
  2. No. of seats: 30 nos.
  3. Qualification: Science and Engineering Graduates
  4. Duration : 2 Months
  5. Resource materials : Will be provided
- Application should contain Name, Date of Birth/Age ,Father's name, Educational qualification & Discipline, category, Contact address, Aadhaar Number & Mobile No.

## **Maha Ashtami and Maha Navami Greetings**

Port Blair, Oct 13: I extend my heartfelt greetings to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the auspicious occasion of Maha Ashtami and Maha Navami in Sharadiya Navratris.

We worship Maa Durga to celebrate women power as well as respect for women and hence on Durga Ashtami people should take a pledge to respect women.

Durga Ashtami, the eighth day of the Chaitra Navratri 2021 also marks the celebration of strength, victory of good over evil and positivity over negativity.

I appeal to all Islanders to strictly follow the COVID-19 protocols and social distancing norms during Durga Puja celebrations.

May Maa Durga bring happiness, good luck and prosperity in everyone's life.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma  
Member of Parliament



## EDITORIAL

**भारत में जल्द वैक्सीनेशन का आंकड़ा होगा 100 करोड़ पार, इस महीने 28 करोड़ डोज मिलेंगी**



भारत में इस महीने कोरोना वैक्सीन की कुल क्षमता बढ़कर 28 करोड़ तक पहुंच जाएगी। सरकारी सूत्रों ने इसकी जानकारी दी है। इनमें से 22 करोड़ वैक्सीन जहां कोविशील्ड होगी तो वहीं छह करोड़ कोवैक्सीन की डोज होगी।

सूत्रों ने यह भी बताया कि इस बीच जायकोव-डी वैक्सीन भी बाजार में आने के लिए तैयार है।

इससे पहले सूत्रों ने यह जानकारी दी थी कि जायडस कैडिला की नीडल फ्री कोरोना वायरस वैक्सीन ZyCoV-D अक्टूबर के शुरुआती हफ्ते में ही उपलब्ध हो जाएगी। भारतीय दवा नियामक ने जायडस कैडिला की कोविड वैक्सीन को इसी साल 20 अगस्त को आपात इस्तेमाल की मंजूरी दी थी।

बता दें कि ZyCov-D को दुनिया की पहली प्लाजमिड डीएनए कोरोना वैक्सीन है।

स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के मुताबिक, मंगलवार शाम तक देश में कोरोना टीके की 96 करोड़ खुराकें दी जा चुकी थीं। मौजूदा रफ्तार से टीकाकरण जारी रहा तो देश में अगले कुछ ही दिनों के अंदर यह आंकड़ा 100 करोड़ तक पहुंच जाएगा।

## Vishal Jolly visits flood affected areas of North Andaman

Port Blair, Oct 13: On a four days visit to North & Middle Andaman, BJP National Executive Committee Member & Former State President Mr. Vishal Jolly visited flood affected areas such as Subhash Gram, R. K. Gram, Nabagram, Sitanagar and Madhupur in Diglipur along with other party leaders of BJP on 09.10.2021.

Mr. Vishal Jolly along with party leaders checked several houses, thatched huts and fields and assessed the situation to give suggestions to the authority on relief and rehabilitation measures. After the field visit Mr. Vishal Jolly held a meeting with flood-affected people in Sitanagar and Nabagram village and patiently heard their problems for redressal

in an appropriate manner, so that no one shall be deprived due to this natural calamity. During the meeting, people are demanded to conduct proper surveys to ascertain the loss and provide necessary compensation to their survival. He assured that all possible help would be given by taking the matter with Administration.

### Cleanliness Drive at Kamorta by NYK

Port Blair, Oct 13: To celebrate Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, Dept. of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports is undertaking "Clean India" Programme from 1st October to 31st October, 2021. The programme is aimed at creating awareness, mobilization of people and ensuring their involvement in the Clean India initiative.

Today the Nehru Yuva Kendra, Kamorta in collaboration with St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Kamorta organized Clean India Programme in which 45 people from different area participated. On the occasion cleanliness drive was conducted from near the residence of Assistant Commissioner, Nancowrie to the church. During the programme

participants collected 40 kg single use plastic waste from the surrounding area and roadside. Fr. Ronald, Parish Priest was the chief guest and he administered swatchhta pledge to participants. And also he stressed on less use plastic materials. Shri Alphonse Toppo, Deputy Director (OSD), NYK, Kamorta proposed vote of thanks.

### Environment Education Campaign by DA & BMC

Port Blair, Oct 13: The District Administration, South Andaman and the Beach Management Committee organised Environment Education Campaign (I#AM#SAVING#MY#BEACH) for continuous awareness and education of people for maintaining pristine character of Radhanagar Beach, Swaraj Dweep and enjoy recreation in harmony with nature under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Shri Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman graced this occasion as the Chief

Guest. The event was attended by tourists, local public and students from Schools of Swarajdweep. As part of the event a Natural Trail with Quiz on Birds, beach under the theme—Awareness on coastal bio-diversity and interdependency was organised at Radhanagar Beach. The Deputy Commissioner/Chairman, BMC interacted with the participants and tourists and explained them about the coastal bio-diversity and Blue – Flag Certification of Radhanagar Beach. He expressed his satisfaction while announcing that

the Radhanagar Beach has retained "Blue Flag" for the tourist season 2021-2022, for the outstanding performance and maintenance standards in harmony with nature. Blue Flag Certification is one of the World's most recognised voluntarily eco-labels awarded by Foundation for Environmental Education to beaches, Marinas etc. He further emphasized on maintaining cleanliness and sought cooperation of general public, hoteliers and tourists for compliance of all the 33 criteria of Blue – Flag Certification.

## Member of Parliament sanctions Floodlights for RRO Ground of Little Andaman from MPLADS Fund

Port Blair, Oct 13: Following demands raised by residents and youths of Little Andaman Island, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 10,00,000 (Ten Lakhs) for installation of Floodlights in RRO ground of Little Andaman Island for carrying out sports events, cultural activities, event rehearsals, organizing festivals etc in evening hours by people of the region. The Member of Parliament was earlier informed by people of

Little Andaman that RRO ground is used throughout the year by people of the Islands, especially the youths for all kinds of sports activities, cultural events, festivals etc but during evening hours due to lack of any Floodlights no events could be conducted in the said ground.

Member of Parliament has assured the villagers of Little Andaman that Floodlights will be installed in the said ground from MPLADS fund so that Islanders, especially youths of Little Andaman could be engaged in

constructive and productive activities in the evening hours.

"Keeping youths engaged in sports and cultural events during evening hours is the best way to save youths from the threat of drug and alcohol addiction. I am confident that once the Floodlights are installed talented youths of Little Andaman will be able to excel in the field of sports and cultural activities," the Member of Parliament mentioned in a message to the people of Little Andaman.

## Humane Touch organizes an awareness program and released a documentary on the topic "Mind Matters" to mark World Mental Health day

Port Blair, Oct 13: Every year 10th of October is marked as World Mental Health day, with the aim of removing the stigma attached to Mental illnesses. To highlight the importance of Mental Health in the islands HumaneTouch organised an awareness program on 10th October 2021 at MIM Auditorium, Wimberly Gunj on the topic "Mind Matters".

The guest speaker Mrs Shaima Shameem, Founder BRIGHT BEGINNINGS said that the word 'Mental' is used as slang which we need to unlearn. She also said that the children are the most stressed these days which can hinder their overall development. The speaker said that the stress between a husband and wife effects the emotional and

physical equation between them resulting into clashes and weakening of the family units. Mrs. Shaima highlighting the ill effects of social media on children said that its adding on to their stress.

Dr. Mitesh Bihari as a guest expert said that there is ignorance and misconceptions about Mental Health prevailing in the islands due to lack awareness among the people. Mental health is a very important part of our health that is governed by acts and law. He also said that the public gets information through various media's which do not present the complete picture. There is a dearth of documentaries and films that can clear the misconceptions with regards to mental illness.

There has to be a continuous efforts in creating awareness in the islands. He also said that there is an increase in cases of anxiety, depression, PTSDs, suicides due Covid 19 pandemic and the lockdown. He said that awareness campaigns should be done regularly.

The talks were followed by the release of the documentary film 'Mind Matters' produced by HumaneTouch in association with NST Media Studios, a leading media solution house of the islands.

Earlier Mr. P. Mujeeb Rehman, President, Humane Touch welcomed the gathering. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. K. Noushad, Executive member, Humane Touch.

## 2nd and final counselling for UG courses in JNRM for the session 2021-2022.

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of Counselling	Day
1	BPES	25/10/2021	Monday
2	B.Sc. Geography	26/10/2021	Tuesday
3	B.A Economics	27/10/2021	Wednesday

Sl. No.	Subject	Date of Counselling	Day
4	B.Sc. Maths	28/10/2021	Thursday
5	B.A Political Science	29/10/2021	Friday
6	B.A Hindi	30/10/2021	Saturday

Port Blair, Oct 11: Candidates who have applied for admission to above said course in JNRM, Port Blair for the session 2021-22 are advised to be present by 08:30 hrs on their respective day of counselling in the department concerned. They should bring all the documents in original for verification and one set of Photostat copies. Those who fail to attend the counselling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission in the respective course and next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission. If no candidate is present from a specific category, the left out seats will be filled from the general merit list on merit basis (except EWS category) and the admission will be closed on the specific day. Candidates have to submit the fee receipt in the concerned department latest by the next working day, in absence of which their admission will be cancelled.

Parents are requested to stay away from campus to avoid the spread of covid-19. Note:- Candidates are advised to follow the SOP norms including wearing of mask, hand sanitizer & drinking water mandatory during the counselling besides maintaining social distance norms strictly followed.

## Member of Parliament demands to schedule weekly two sailing of ships/boats for Diglipur, Mayabunder and Rangat

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary to schedule weekly two sailing of ships/boats for Diglipur, Mayabunder and Rangat region so that people can safely and comfortably travel between North and Middle Andaman and Port Blair without fearing for their safety. In his letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of

Parliament today mentioned that after the recent intervention of the Chief Secretary, the work for upgradation of Andaman Trunk Road has gained speed but due to continuous rain and various other logistic and technical shortcomings the condition of Andaman Trunk Road from Baratang to Diglipur still remains worrisome.

The MP added that worst hit are the patients, old age people and children who have to travel

through the slushy Andaman Trunk Road, risking their lives. Not only this, all other ATR commuters fear for the safety of their lives and vehicles everytime they cross Andaman Trunk Road. Hence he requested to schedule weekly two sailing of ships/boats for Diglipur, Mayabunder and Rangat region for larger interest of public.

## **BJP Senior Leaders express strong concern over decision of not renewing contractual appointments**

Port Blair, Oct 13: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, Bharatiya Janata Party & Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands have expressed strong concerns over the recent decision of Andaman and Nicobar Administration regarding contractual employment in the A & N Administration.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi has written individual letters to the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman and Mr. Y Satya Kumar, National Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party informing

them about the issues related to the recent decision of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration to not renew contractual appointments and conduct fresh recruitment after the expiry of the contract period. Mr. Bairagi in his letter has mentioned about the recent news published in government run newspaper, which stated that "No renewal will be made for any contractual posts" in the context of creating employment for the youths.

In his letter he has informed the authorities that most of the contractual staffs have provided uninterrupted service even during the pandemic and many of them also suffered from COVID-19 infection and some have also lost their lives. He also informed that many health related facilities like PHCs, CHCs

and Sub Centres have a large number of contractual staff. He added that most of the staff are working for a long period of time and have good experience in their respective field.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi further wrote that this move by A & N Administration will leave 1000s of contractual employees unemployed. He added that many of the contractual employees have crossed their maximum age for Govt. Employment.

He further added that 9000 posts are vacant which can be filled without affecting the current system.

He requested the authorities to consider renewing the contracts of all contractual posts under A & N Administration in a time bound manner and to also fill up all vacant posts under Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

## **ANTCC organizes massive protest in all three Districts to press 27-Point Charter of Demands**

Port Blair, Oct 13: As a part of Union Territory wide stir, the Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee (ANTCC) along with other outfits on Wednesday staged massive demonstrations at all three districts on a 27-point charter of demands. The protest was organized under the leadership of ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder, guidance of the Member of Parliament Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma and motivation of ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman Mr. TSG. Bhasker. Addressing the protesters, Mr. Halder said that "if the farm bills were enforced, crores of farmers and farm labourers would lose their works. He said that the PM will be thrown out of power by a "storm" created by the voices of poor. He said that Indians have understood the current situation prevailing in the country and the

Congress and it's frontal organizations have a job to remind them that they need not to fear any force but challenge it". Meanwhile, Mr. Bhasker claimed that "the Constitution is under attack from all sides in the country. He also alleged the BJP led Central Govt. for destroying small and medium business in the country by demonetization and GST".

All Congress leaders in one voice condemned the detention of AICC General Secretary Smt. Priyanka Gandhi on her way to Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri. They said UP Govt. and BJP should be held responsible for the incident.

Blaming the Centre, the protestors said BJP leaders were unconcerned about the sufferings of the common man. Further, the protestors demanded 100% job reservation for Islander youths,

revival of Pradesh Council, stop privatization of PSU's, establishment of Central University, stop supply of materials through Government-e-marketplace and so on.

The protests were also attended by NSUI National Secretary Miss. Mamatha Nerlige along with many other Senior Congress leaders including Smt. Shanta Laxman Singh, Mr. Hamid Ali, Mr. Mohammed Ali, Mr. Sheik Faruk Alam, Mr. Masih Lugun, Mr. Noor Islam, Mr. Gyan Prakash, Smt. Pushpanjali Raju, Mr. V.K Abdul Aziz, Mr. Subir Chander, Mr. Sanjiv Mondal, Smt. Ratna Kannan, Smt. Mariyam Bibi, Mr. Mangal Singh, Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary, Smt. Zubaida Begum, Mr. Elayaraja Alsu, Mr. Zubair, Mr. Shaktivel, Mr. M.A Sajid Mr. Shahul Hameed and others leaders of the party.

## **14 year old Small Lapathy Boy drowns at Lapathy Beach**

Port Blair, Oct 13: A 14 year old boy of Small Lapathy village of Car Nicobar died of drowning in sea off Lapathy Beach of the Island. According to reports members of a family of Small Lapathy village went to Lapathy Beach for swimming on 03rd October 2021.

As per details while swimming three people drifted away due to strong current and high waves

after which villagers tried to rescue them. Sources said that villagers could manage to rescue only two people while a 14 year old boy could not be rescued who drowned in sea.

Immediately matter was reported to Police while the rescued people were shifted to BJR Hospital Car Nicobar.

Soon Police team of PS Car Nicobar and villagers started

search operation. Later, same day night some villagers spotted a dead body of the boy, floating in seashore area. The body was immediately recovered by police and was shifted to BJR hospital. Police team has registered a case under appropriate sections, further details are awaited.

## **Member of Parliament to provide Ambulance for Long Island residents from MPLADS Fund**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has given the necessary approval for the purchase of an Ambulance for Long Island from the MPLADS fund following several demands raised for the same by the people of the Island.

Residents of Long Island had

earlier told the Member of Parliament that in absence of an Ambulance, patients of Long Island face tremendous problems in shifting patients to hospital or to Long Island Jetty etc.

Recently the Director of Health Services had also informed the Member of Parliament about the problems of people of Long Island due to lack of an ambulance in

PHC Long Island, after which Member of Parliament has given approval for the purchase of Ambulance from MPLADS fund. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has expressed hope that an Ambulance will not only bring relief for the patients of Long Island but also help in improving the overall health infrastructure of Long Island.

## **MP of A&N Islands nominated as Member of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha in consultation with Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha has nominated Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of

Parliament from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, as a Member of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice. This

was informed by Mr. Vinay Shankar Singh, Director, DRSC on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice in a mail on 09.10.2021.

## **Participation in 41st Junior National Rowing Championships**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association will be participating in the 41st Junior National Rowing Championships scheduled to be held at Pune from 08th to 12th Dec 2021 organized and hosted by the Rowing Association of Maharashtra on behalf of the

Rowing Federation of India. In the Championship there will be events for Junior Men and Junior Women. Those Rowers who are interested to participate in this Championship at Pune may contact Mr. D.Rama Rao, International Rower, (Mob: 9434298433) of the Andaman

and Nicobar Rowing Association by 22nd Oct., 2021 before 4 PM. Selection trail for the above championship will be held on 23rd Oct., 2021 from 6.00 AM onwards at SAI Water Sports Centre, Sippighat.

## **CCS team arrests two with 02 KG of Ganja**

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Central Crime Station of Andaman Police has once again proved their efficiency and booked two accused under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 with a recovery of around 2.00 KG of Ganja.

A Police team of CCS received credible information regarding possession of huge quantity of Ganja by some accused, who were going for making a deal in Austinabad area.

Following a tip off police conducted raid on suspicious

people, both residents of Dairy Farm. The team recovered a near about of 2.0 KG of Ganja. Immediately police team Sized Ganja on the Spot and arrested the accused and case under relevant sections has been registered in CCS Police station. Further details are awaited.

## **A NUMBER OF PETTY CASES UNDER MOTOR VEHICLE ACT AND EXCISE ACT DISPOSED IN A SINGLE DAY AT CIRCUIT COURT OF HON'BLE JMFC AT KALARA, DIGLIPUR**

The Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mayabunder holds Circuit Court at Kalara in Diglipur on every Friday of the week since it started functioning in the year 2012. The Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur is presently presided over by Shri. Vikramjit Sen, Hon'ble Judicial Magistrate First Class, Mayabunder. On this Friday i.e. 08/10/2021, a huge number of petty cases under the Motor Vehicle Act, Police Act and minor sections of the IPC were disposed off. Those cases were recently transferred from the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mayabunder. It is also learnt that fine amount of Rs. 36,800/- was realized in total during the disposal of the petty cases in a single day. The Hon'ble Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class- cum- Civil Judge (Junior Division), Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur was established on 06.08.2012. The trial of criminal as well as civil cases are taken up on each working Friday by the Hon'ble Circuit Court. It was a long standing demand of the local people of Diglipur Sub-Division that petty cases and traffic violation cases should also be transferred to the Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara Junction for disposal since the litigants had to travel all the way from Diglipur and Kalighat region to the Hon'ble Court situated at Mayabunder for paying fines of even minor traffic violations and

other petty offences. The demand was also raised in front of the Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Andaman & Nicobar Islands by the local people of Diglipur during a Legal Awareness Camp held on 10/08/2021 at the Community Hall of Subhasgram Panchayat, Diglipur. The learned Advocates appearing before the Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur had also consistently raised their genuine demand before the Hon'ble High Court as well as Andaman & Nicobar Administration for transfer of petty cases to the Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur along with other cases for trial and disposal. Ultimately, during the last Monitoring Committee Meeting held at Mayabunder Court Complex on 11/08/2021 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, it was resolved that all petty cases and traffic challan cases will be transferred to the Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur for disposal in future. The District Monitoring Committee meeting was also attended by Hon'ble Additional District & Sessions Judge, Mayabunder, Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mayabunder, Deputy Commissioner, N & M Andaman District, Mayabunder, Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District, Mayabunder and other high officials of the Local District Administration.

Pursuant to the resolution of the District Monitoring Committee meeting, the petty cases and traffic violation cases are now being transferred on regular basis from the Court of Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mayabunder to the file of Hon'ble JMFC, Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur for disposal. According to the Smti. Bulbul Mistry, Ex- Pradhan of Sitanagar Gram Panchayat, the people of Diglipur Sub- Division are very grateful to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration and the Judiciary for fulfilling their long time demand regarding transfer of petty cases to the Hon'ble Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur. It is also learnt from reliable sources that a proposal is already pending for establishment of permanent court campus at R. K. Gram, Diglipur. In this regard, many high profile dignitaries had visited Diglipur and inspection of suitable plots had already taken place for identification of the plot of land where the new court campus of Hon'ble JMFC Court, Diglipur would be established in future.

The litigants of Diglipur area who attended the court proceedings on 08.10.2021 also expressed their satisfaction that their cases are now being taken up for hearing and speedy disposal at the Circuit Court at Kalara, Diglipur saving them lot of time and money that they have to expend for traveling to Mayabunder.

## **Ajoy Bairagi demands removal of Dangerous Trees from Chouldari Village**

Port Blair, Oct 13: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has written a letter to the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman with a list of ten persons who have requested for removal of

dangerous trees from the land possessed by them at Chouldari Village.

These residents of Chouldari village have requested the State President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands to take up their issue with

the appropriate authority.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi has mentioned in his letter that recently many cases of loss of property and life were reported due to tree falling on houses. Mr. Bairagi has requested the Deputy Commissioner to do the needful.

## Member of Parliament demands Construction of 100 bedded Bongo Bhawan at Port Blair for Bengali Population of A & N Islands

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has demanded for construction of a 100 bedded guest house 'Bongo Bhawan' in Port Blair, so that it provides affordable boarding and lodging option for people of far-flung Islands, especially for those who hail from a poor financial background.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that he has

been receiving heavy demands from people of North and Middle Andaman, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Little Andaman Islands, especially people from the Bangali community to construct an affordable boarding and lodging house, 'Bongo Bhawan' at Port Blair, where they can stay in minimum cost, during their visit to Port Blair for various urgent needs, most importantly for medical treatment.

The MP mentioned that at present people from remote Islands coming to Port Blair do not have an affordable option for boarding and lodging and that is why in case of longer stay they have to pay a heavy amount of money for the same.

He added that 'Bongo Bhawan' will also be a great support for the student community of these Islands, especially those, who need to stay in Port Blair before and after their visit to Mainland India for higher studies.

## Closure of Tourist Spots due to VVIP visit

Port Blair, Oct 10: Due to the scheduled VVIP visit in the A & N Islands, the National Memorial Cellular Jail, Port Blair including the Museum and Sound & Light

Show shall be closed for the tourists and general public from 10th to 17th October, 2021 and the NSCB Island including the Sound & Light Show shall be

closed for the tourists and general public from 10th to 18th October, 2021.

## Clean India Programme by NYK and VYC

Port Blair, Oct 13: Nehru Yuva Kendra Rangat in collaboration with Vivekananda Youth club Nimbutala organized Clean India Programme at Amkunj Beach on 10.10.2021, In which Ms Prabhawati Biswas, ex-Adhiyaksha, Zilla Prishad was the Chief Guest.

In the Beginning of the Programme Mr. Jag Jeevan Ram,

Deputy Director NYK Rangat welcomed the chief guest and participants, and briefed about the importance of Clean India and appeal to the youths to come forward to make India clean & Green.

After that Ms Prabhawati Biswas, ex-Adhiyaksha, Zilla Prishad said that Clean India campaign was started from 1st Oct, 2021 and

will conclude on 31st Oct, 2021.

Further she appealed to the youth club members to clean their youth club, Panchayat hall, PHC and other places. At the end of the Programme Secretary of Vivekananda Youth club proposed vote of thanks to the Chief Guest & Participants.

## Humane Touch organizes Civil Services Orientation workshop



Port Blair, Oct 13: An orientation and Guidance programme for UPSC aspirants was organised by Humane Touch on 9th October 2021 at MIM Auditorium, Wimberly Gunj.

Mr. P. Sabeel UPSC CSE rank holder presided as chief guest on this occasion. He explained the need for such orientation programmes among the students on regular intervals.

Speaking on the occasion he also explained about the pattern and

the different stages of examination. He also gave useful tips in helping aspirants to prepare for the UPSC examination. Further he also asked the aspirants to work hard and achieve the goals to bring positive changes in the Islands.

Altogether 70 Aspirants participated in the program. Students interacted with the guest during the question hour session. Earlier, Mr. P Mueeb Rehman, President, Humane Touch

welcomed the gathering and encouraged the aspirants to pursue civil services as their ambition. He also felicitated Mr. P Sabeel, S/o Mr. P Sammad & Smt. Sakeena UPSC CSE rank holder with a memento on the occasion.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Intezar Naheem, Executive Member, Humane Touch.

## NGGOA expresses serious apprehension on Administration's stand regarding non-continuation of contract period of employees

Port Blair, Oct 13: The extended Central Executive Committee meeting of Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands was organised on 9th October, 2021 at Crusade House premises which expressed serious apprehension on the recently published news in the local daily regarding the Administration's stand on the non-continuation of contract period of the employees serving in various departments of the Administration on contract basis.

The meeting noted that instead of terminating the services of these poor employees and workers, the Administration has to initiate steps to regularise the services of these

employees as they served for a long period and most of them are over aged.

The meeting also passed a resolution against the sky rocketing price rise of essential commodities in these islands which is hitting hard on the pocket of common man and the government employees.

The meeting expressed concern over the non-filling up of around 9000 vacant posts in various departments which are putting undue work pressure on the employees who are presently working under the A & N Administration.

The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association congratulated Mr. P. Sabeel,

UPSC CSE rank holder who had made these islands proud by securing 485th All India Rank and is expected to join Indian Revenue Service shortly. The meeting discussed various pending issues pertaining to various categories of employees and decided to step-up pressure on authorities for its early settlement.

The meeting was presided by Mr. R. Rajendran, President while Mr. T. S. Sreekumar, General Secretary of the Association presented the report on the period under report. Mr. R. Surendran Pillai, Asst. General Secretary proposed Vote of thanks.

## After very Successful and Fruitful tenure, Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan leaves N&M Andaman on new assignment

Port Blair, Oct 13: Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan, who managed to win hearts of thousands of residents of North and Middle Andaman as Deputy Commissioner, with her dedicated works and swift action during the time of pandemic, has been given a new assignment as Secretary of Personnel/ AR & Training, Education/Sports, ED-ANIIDCO 08, October 2021.

Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan took over the charge of DC, North and Middle Andaman during the difficult time, when entire nation had come under the grip of corona virus and nobody had clear idea about the entire issue.

Under her guidance and watch, the North and Middle Andaman district remained free from COVID-19 infection for most of the time and it was seen that the Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan visited every corner of North and Middle Andaman District during pandemic time to make sure that all SOPs are strictly followed and number of COVID-19 cases remain minimum.

Andaman Sheekha reported about dozens of instances when following public requests the Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan took spot decisions and relaxed norms, wherever possible, so that general public face minimum inconvenience. There were instances when she made surprise inspections on various places to check whether things are under control during the time of pandemic.

Because of public friendly approach during her short tenure there were no major protests in North and Middle Andaman against District Administration and this is why she will be remembered as one of the most popular DCs of North and Middle Andaman.

Meanwhile, after her transfer today she moved from North and Middle Andaman for Port Blair via road and while crossing Middle Andaman she was given an emotional farewell by local grassroot leaders of Harinagar

and members of Hindu Rastriya Shakti, NGO.

During an interaction at Panchayat Bhawan, Billiground, Dr. Dr. P. K. Mandal, General Secretary, HRS & BJKM, A&N Islands welcomed Dr. Bhati. He lauded her contributions for North and Middle Andaman region.

Dr. Mandal mentioned that because of the quality of swift action and quick decision making, Dr. Angel Bhati Chauhan solved many problems of Islanders on the spot during her tenure, brining huge relief for public.

Dr. Bhati in her speech expressed her gratitude towards the lovable people of North and Middle Andaman District, who always stood behind her and extended all possible cooperation to make her tenure a successful one. She said that she will take over new charge soon but during her new tenure she will be again serving the N & M District region also and this time she will be well aware about the ground realities.

## World Mental Health Day 2021

"Mental health care for all: let's make it a reality"

10th October 2021

# Mental illness can happen to anyone

## Reach Out!

If disease does not discriminate, why do we?

Persons living with mental illness can lead peaceful and productive lives, with treatment and with the love and support of family and friends.

Let's move forward to help recognize and accept and support people suffering with Mental illness and lend a hand to give them a life full of Happiness...

### When should you seek help from a Doctor?

- ✓ Difficulty in thinking clearly and doing daily activities,
- ✓ Repetitive and irrational thoughts
- ✓ Sudden changes in habit, moods and concentration,
- ✓ Seeing and hearing things that are not there,
- ✓ Repeated thoughts of suicide & suicidal behaviours,
- ✓ Persistent feelings of anger, fear, guilt or sadness or happiness
- ✓ Excessive use of unprescribed drugs, alcohol or tobacco,
- ✓ Change in overall personality of an individual,
- ✓ Change in social interactions and problems in occupational functioning.

Visit your nearest Health Center or Department of Psychiatry without delay

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