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Protest of Tourist Vehicle Owners of Shaheed Dweep; APWD sends 20 extra labourers to carryout road repair works in war-footing

John Wilbert & Rabindranath Biswas

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Port Blair, Oct 13: Today is the 3rd day since the Tourist Vehicle Owners of Shaheed Dweep of South Andaman pulled out their vehicle service for tourists amidst the pathetic condition of the road stretch

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Major Fire Accident near Helipad due to overheating of Bitumen

John Wilbert & Vikramaditya

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Port Blair, Oct 13: A major fire incident was reported this morning in APWDBitumen storage point, behind ITF Ground near Helipad.

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Member of Parliament requests Lt. Governor to organise orientation programme for all newly elected PRI members

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Lt. Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands to organise an Orientation programme for all newly elected PRI members on the topics of roles and responsibilities of elected representatives.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament added that the Panchayat and Municipal Elections were recently completed in Andaman and Nicobar Islands in which PRI members have been elected for all areas.

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Surprise inspection at Crusher Unit of Padmanabhapuram are under GP Sivapuram

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Port Blair, Oct 13: In a surprise inspection, under the direction of the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, a team of Revenue Officials of Rangat Subdivision made a surprise inspection at a Crusher Unit at Padmanabhapuram under Gram Panchayat Sivapuram in Middle Andaman.

As per report, the surprise inspection was conducted following an anonymous tip-off that a Crusher Unit has furnished false data pertaining to their stock of quarry materials. While the owner of Crusher Unit, in his defence stated that he has about 1800 cubic meters of quarry products at his Unit while on inspection, it was found that the stock was approximately 7000 cubic

meters of quarry materials including boulders, pebbles, aggregates and by-products.

After all formalities, the Assistant Commissioner Office will take action as per rules in this regard. The District Administration has informed that similar action will be taken against other units also if they are found errant in such activities, the report further said.

Member of....

every other election, in this election too it has been observed that a large number of young and hardworking PRI members have been elected to various seats and many among them have been elected for the first time. To provide them with

the right guidance about PRI regulation & PBMC By-laws, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to arrange an Orientation programme for all newly elected PRI members on the topics of roles and respon-

sibilities of elected representatives.

He added that such Orientation programme will remain a guiding force for all PRI members for the rest of their life and it will ultimately benefit the general public.

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Police Suspects Kidnapping of 17 years Boy from Diglipur

Port Blair, Oct 13: General public is hereby informed that on 08/10/2022, case vide FIR No. 45/22 dated 08/10/2022 U/S 363 IPC was registered at Police Station Diglipur on the suspected abduction/ kidnap-

ping of a minor boy namely Mr. Rajan Mondal 17 years 06 months R/o Gandhi Nagar, Diglipur. Search of the boy is in progress. Descriptive roll of the boy is furnished below:

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State President BJP Meets Secretary Education

Port Blair, Oct 13: various issues pertaining to Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State education department. Mr. Ajoy Bairagi met discussed issue of shortage of teachers in Government School, Kishori (See page 4)

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Lt. Governor reviews status of vacancies in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, Oct 13: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency reviewed status of vacancies in Andaman and Nicobar Islands along with Senior Officials of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Andaman and Nicobar Police and Department of Environment and Forests today at Raj Niwas and directed Time



Bound Action Plan to accomplish filling of vacant posts on Mission Mode.

Three days "Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)" under DAY-NULM in Collaboration PBMC in JNRM concludes

Port Blair, Oct 13: The Department of Home Science, JNRM, in association with the Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) organised a three days "Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP)" in JNRM for the beneficiaries under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM). The valedictory function for the EDP was held on 13th February 2022 in Lecture Gallery, JNRM and Mr. B. Senthil Kumar, IDAS, Joint Controller of Defence



Accounts, ANC, Ministry of Defence graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering Mr.

B. Senthil Kumar, IDAS, congratulated the efforts taken by the Department of Home Science.

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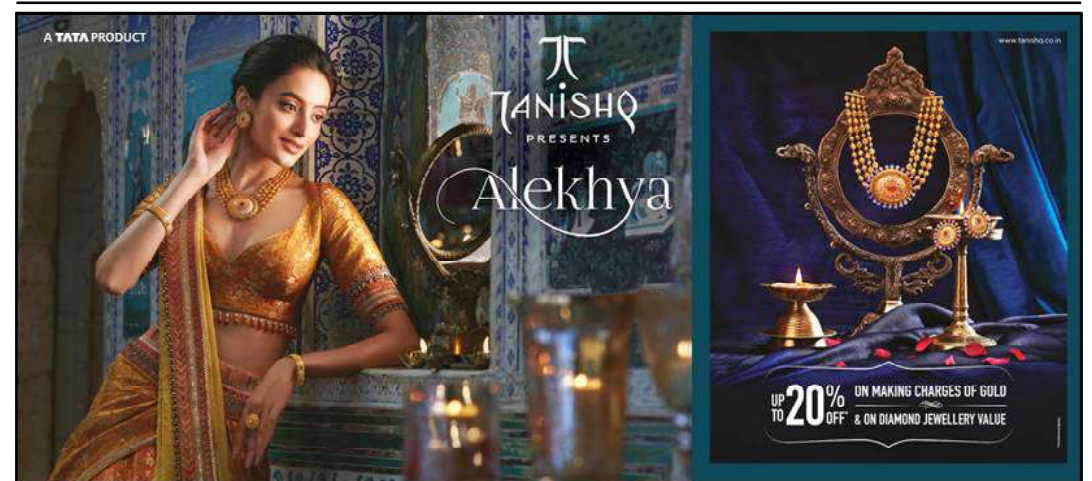
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The Executive Engineer, South Andaman Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate bid for below mentioned work from the approved and eligible Contractors of the Andaman PWD or all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the similar magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks for following work:-

1. **NIT No.11/EE/SAD/APWD/2022-23, Tender ID: 2022_APWD_7647_1, Name of work:** Providing and fixing Solar studs at Chatham Foreshore road from Chatham Police Station to Megapode junction under SAD, APWD, Port Blair. **Estimated Cost:** ₹17,20,925/-, **Earnest Money Deposit:** ₹34,419/-, **Time of completion:** 01 (One) Month. & **Last time and date of submission of bid:** 27/10/2022 (1500 hrs).

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

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Executive Engineer,
SAD, A.P.W.D., Port Blair.

e-TENDER NOTICE**NoDB-Tender/Elect/WSD/2022-23/3965dt.04/10/2022**

The Executive Engineer, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders from authorized dealer, manufacturer or experienced contractors in similar works for the following work.

1. **Name of Work:** Supplying, installation, testing and commissioning of addressable Automatic fire alarm system including fire extinguishers with all accessories at Police Motor Transport, Mohanpura, Port Blair under section-II of E&M Sub-Division, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair. **Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ₹7,20,521/- **EMD:-** ₹14,410/- **&Time of Completion:-** 45 Days Month **TENDER ID: 2022-APWD 7630 1**
2. **Name of Work:** Supplying, Installation, testing & Commissioning of Fire Alarm System and Fire Extinguisher at Secretariat Complex, Port Blair.. **Estimate Cost Put To Tender:-** ₹13,53,162/- **EMD:-** ₹27,063/- **&Time of Completion:-** 02 Months **TENDER ID: 2022 APWD 7633 1** & last time & date of Submission of bid: **25/10/2022 (10:00 hrs).**

The Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the web site eprocure.andaman.gov.in.

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State President.... (From page 3)



Nagar, Diglipur and other issues raised by the Pradhan of Gram Panchayat, Kishori Nagar. Secretary Education has reportedly assured Mr. Ajoy Bairagi to look into the issues raised by him at the earliest.







23rd WORLD SIGHT DAY on 13th Oct 2022

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Public Hearing for preparation of Draft Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plan for Rutland Island

Port Blair, Oct. 13: The public hearing for preparation of Draft Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plan for Rutland Island is scheduled to be held on Oct. 19, 2022 at 10am at the APWD Guest House, Rutland. Regarding this, suggestions were invited from public and other stakehold-

ers and also soft copies of the Maps were made available in the Office of the Chairman, ANCZMA (Chief Secretary, A&N Administration), Member Secretary, ANCZMA [PCCF(CRZ&FC)], Van Sadan, Haddo, Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman/Nicobar), Assistant Commis-

sioner (South Andaman/Kamorta), Tehsildar (Ferrargunj/Katchal/Kamorta), Member Secretary (Pollution Control Committee), Director (Tribal Welfare), Divisional Forest Officer (South Andaman/Nicobar Division) and Range Officer (Manglutan/Kamorta).

SpiceJet plane lands safely at Hyderabad airport after smoke detected in cabin

A Hyderabad-bound SpiceJet flight landed safely at its destination airport after smoke was detected in the cabin during the descent. The SpiceJet Q400 aircraft that took off from Goa on Thursday morning landed in Hyderabad with fire trucks around. The aircraft was towed to the remote gate and the passengers were safely disembarked.

"SpiceJet Q400 aircraft operating from Goa to Hyderabad landed safely at its destination on October 12 after smoke was observed in the cabin during descent. Passengers were safely disembarked," a SpiceJet spokesperson said.

SpiceJet is facing scrutiny over a string of safety incidents in recent months, which prompted the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to impose a cap of 50% on the budget airlines flights' summer schedule. The aviation regulator imposed the restriction on SpiceJet flights on July 27 for a period of eight weeks after the airline re-

ported frequent air safety incidents.

Last month, the aviation regulator extended the restriction by a month to October 29.

"The review has indicated that there is appreciable reduction in the number of safety incidents. However, as a matter of abundant caution the competent authority has decided that the restriction as imposed in the order dated 27.07.2022 shall continue to be in force till the end of the summer schedule i.e 29.10.2022, in accordance with the powers conferred under rule 19A of the Aircraft Rules, 1937," said the DGCA order dated September 21.

DGCA also clarified that any increase in the number of departures during this period will be subject to the airline satisfying the regulator that it has sufficient technical support and financial resources to safely and efficiently undertake such enhanced capacity.

"During this period, the airline shall be subject to enhanced surveillance by DGCA," the order added.

Around 39% MNREGA card holders didn't get single day of work in 2020-21: Report

Around 39 per cent of all job card-holding households interested in working under the MNREGA scheme did not get a single day of work in the Covid pandemic year 2020-21, according to a survey.

On average, only 36 per cent of the households that worked received their wages in 15 days, showed the survey of 2,000 households across eight blocks in four states conducted by Azim Premji University in partnership with the National Consortium of Civil Society Organisations on NREGA and Collaborative Research and Dissemination (CORD).

The survey was conducted in November-December 2021 in Phulparas (Madhubani) and Chhatapur blocks (Supaul) in Bihar, Bidar (Bidar) and Devadurga (Raichur) in Karnataka, Khalwa (Khandwa) and Ghatigaon (Gwalior) in Madhya Pradesh, and Wardha and Surgana (Nashik) in Maharashtra.

"Across all blocks, roughly 39 per cent of all the job card-holding households interested in working in MGNREGA

in the Covid year could not get a single day of work while they wanted 77 days of work on average." Among households that found some work, the unmet demand (difference between the number of days desired and the number of days of work received) across all blocks was 64 days," the report stated.

"The most frequently mentioned reason for not getting as much work as needed, across all blocks, was the lack of adequate work being sanctioned or opened. On average, 63 per cent of all job card-holding households cited this reason in the surveyed blocks," it added. Despite these shortcomings, the survey found, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act made a marked difference during the pandemic, protecting the most vulnerable households from significant loss of income.

Increased earnings from MGNREGA were able to compensate for somewhere between 20 to 80 per cent of the income loss depending on the block, it stated. "Our study shows how much the workers

value the need and utility of MGNREGA. More than eight out of 10 households recommended that MGNREGA should provide 100 days of employment per person per year. "We also found a massive extent of underfunding. A conservative estimate yields that the allocations in the surveyed blocks should have been three times the amount that was actually allocated in the year after lockdown to fulfil the true extent of work demand," said Rajendran Narayanan, co-author of the study and faculty member at Azim Premji University. Ashwini Kulkarni of the NREGA Consortium said one of the objectives of MGNREGA is to act as a social protection measure during times of distress. "Covid pandemic, lockdown created unprecedented distress and MGNREGA, as expected, rose to the need and provided work for many more villages and many more households than in the preceding years. MGNREGA's role in reducing vulnerability has been re-emphasised and continues to be of vital importance in post-pandemic times," he said.

Supreme Court to hear electoral bonds scheme case tomorrow

The Supreme Court will on Friday take up a clutch of petitions that have challenged the validity of the Centre's electoral bonds scheme as a source of political funding.

The case has been listed in the top court after more than 18 months.

A bench of justices BR Gavai and BV Nagarathna will hear the batch of five petitions, led by NGO Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR).

In March 2021, the apex court had dismissed two stay applications moved by ADR to stop the sale of the electoral bonds ahead of elections in West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Kerala and Puducherry.

It held that there was no justification to block their sale over concerns of anonymity in political party funding or apprehensions of their misuse and that the sale had continued "without any impediment" in 2018, 2019 and 2020 as well.

Earlier, in April 2019, the top court introduced an interim "safeguard" by directing all political parties to submit details of receipts of the electoral bonds to the Election Commission of India (ECI) in a sealed cover. This was done as an interim measure till the pending petitions challenging the validity of these electoral bonds were decided.

At that time, the ECI had supported the existing system of political party funding through electoral bonds although the constitutional body flagged lack of transparency which it said could be considered at a later stage.

The electoral bonds system was introduced by way of a money bill introducing amendments in the Finance Act and the Representation of Peoples Act.

The ADR claimed that such an anonymous route of funding amounted to legitimising bribery as

corporates could fund the party in power in a state or Centre as a matter of quid pro quo. These donations enjoy 100 per cent tax exemption and even foreign companies can donate through Indian subsidiaries, the petitioner added.

"The Electoral Bonds Scheme has opened the floodgates to unlimited corporate donations to political parties and anonymous financing by Indian as well as foreign companies which can have serious repercussions on the Indian democracy," the ADR claimed, adding that the Finance Act of 2017 exempts contributions by way of electoral bonds to be disclosed to the EC under Section 29C of the Representation of Peoples Act. Petitions by CPI(M) and advocate Ashwini Upadhyay have also raised issues pertaining to electoral bonds and have been tagged with the ADR's petition.

Three days...

ence for arranging such programme with series of eminent lectures under the topic of deliberation. Financial Independence is vital in decision making at household level which in turn will pave the way for holistic development. The Government of India is supporting the entrepreneurs through various schemes and subsidies for the upliftment of poor people, he added.

Dr. H.K.Sharma, Principal, JNRM, said that the vision and success of this programme is purely depend on the utilisation by the participants for the economic empowerment by involving various entrepreneurial activities. Further skill based up gradation training would be provided to the upcoming entrepreneurs, he added. Dr. K.Venkatesan, HOD, Home science and Coordinator of

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this programme spoke about the opportunities available under DAY-NULM for the budding entrepreneurs. He has also highlighted the village level adoption programme and various EDP training organised by the Department of Home Science earlier viz, Pickle, Jam, Jelly making, Food Processing, Ready to eat nutritious foods etc., Dr.Kandimuthu, Assistant Professor (Economics) spoke on the marketing strategies and commercialisation of local products under the banner of one product one village scheme. Earlier Mrs. Nidhi Shekhawat Assistant Professor of Home Science welcomed the gathering and Dr.Rekha Kumari, Resource Person, Department of Home Science proposed vote of thanks. Mrs. Poonam Singh, Resource Person, Department of Home Science moderated the programme.



Extension of LTC for Andaman; AATO Expresses Gratitude

Port Blair, Oct 13: With great pleasure, on behalf of the entire tourism industry of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. M Vinod, the president of Andaman Association of Tour Operator (AATO) has expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Government of India for extending the LTC for Andaman till 25th September 2024.

Mr. M. Vinod, President Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO) had earlier re-

quested Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Personal Affairs for extension of LTC facility for A&N Islands through personal meetings and letters.

Mr. Vinod said this move has come at a time when the tourism industry is facing its biggest challenge and this order shall help in resuscitating our industry back to life and multiply footfalls in the days to come.

Mr. Vinod also ex-

pressed his gratitude towards the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for proposing, pursuing and prioritizing the extension of LTC being mindful of the thousands of livelihoods that depend on it. Mr. Vinod added that the Andaman tourism industry looks forward to several more such tourism encouraging moves from the Government of India and the Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

Many long pending cases of Billiground region resolved in Revenue Court

Trinath

Sheekha News Service

Billiground, Oct 13: Mr. Satyendra Singh Durswat, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, NMA conducted a Revenue Court today at Billiground Panchayat Bhavan at 9.30AM onwards, which continued till 12 Noon till the completion of hearing all cases placed before him.

Mr. Satyendra Singh Durswat, DC, NMA Chaired the Revenue Court and he himself patiently heard all the long pending revenue cases and also resolved many criti-

cal old revenue cases, during the court session.

In this revenue court all the revenue cases of three Panchayats as Haringar, Swadeshnagar and Basantipur were heard.

During the court session more than 50 old cases were resolved and many other revenue disputes were resolved on the spot.

Besides these, on the request of the public and Panchayati Raj Institute members DC paid visits to several sites of three panchayats where the people are suffering a lot due

to revenue disputes and PRI members are facing difficulties undertaking new villager road construction, renovation works. Also, DC assured the public that every month this kind of revenue court shall be held in different Panchayats and all disputes and pending cases shall be resolved as early as possible for the larger interest of the Public.

The Public and PRI members of the area appreciated Mr. Satyendra Singh Durswat, DC, NMA for his kind approaches for resolving the long pending revenue cases.

Weather Warning

Port Blair, Oct. 13: Thunderstorm with lightning is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Oct. 14. Heavy rain (07-11 cm) & thunderstorm with lightning is likely

to occur at one or two places on Oct. 15, 16 & 17. For further enquiries/information, one may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No.1070 &

District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554.

Major Fire...

According to reports, a few workers of APWD were heating Bitumen for road construction works and while heating bitumen in Drum, suddenly they observed huge flames coming out from one drum. An APWD worker reportedly poured water to control the fire but the fire spread to other Bitumen drums, kept nearby. According to reports, immediately at around 08.30AM information was given to the Fire Control Room. Meanwhile, seeing huge smoke coming INS Utkrosh fire tender and defense personnel also reached the spot because the



place is a sensitive defense zone and is very close to Airport Runway and Helipad.

Further one fire tender and one water bowser from Fire Station Headquarter Aberdeen reached the

spot and within 35 minutes around 09.05 AM the fire was brought under control.

The cause of Fire is said to be overheating of Bitumen. Thankfully no one was injured in the accident.

Police Suspects...

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PHOTOGRAPH	DESCRIPTION	
	Age	17 yrs. & 06 months
	Height	167 cms
	Hair Colour	Black
	Eye's Colour	Normal Black
	Languages	Bangla & Hindi
	Complexion	Fair
	Face	Round
	Education	Studying in XI th Std.
	Wearing	Black colour full sleeve T-Shirt & Blue half pant and black shoe
	Body Built	Normal
	Missing place	Gandhi Nagar, Diglipur
	Missing Date	06/10/2022

General public is requested to pass on any information related to the above boy to the following phone num-

bers 03192-272223, 9434285670, 9474232107, 100 or to any nearest Police Station.

Protest of...

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between Neil Market to Natural Bridge of Laxmanpur Beach.

As per report, the dilapidated condition of this road has become the cause of severe inconveniences to road users. Meanwhile, in response to the report Andaman Sheekha published on 12th Oct, the APWD has embarked to undertake the repair works of the stretch of roads to alleviate the problems of the public.

When contacted, a senior official of the APWD, Shaheed Dweep told Andaman Sheekha Daily that the department is seized of the situation arose out of the pathetic condition of the

road; however, sounding positive, the official further added that, yesterday morning 20 labourers were dispatched to Shaheed Dweep for repair of road work who will uninterruptedly carry out the repair works and reportedly will complete the work in ten days if weather supports.

An estimate has also been prepared in respect of the work, he further affirmed. Owing to delay in approval of the estimate, the works couldn't be taken up, he said. However, once the estimate is approved by the Administration, the work will be carried out on war footing, said the official on condition of anonymity.

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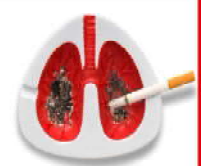
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