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Delegate Chairperson with due powers as per regulation to ensure smooth functioning of Municipal Council

Civil society demands amidst urban civic units' power being curtailed unjustly

Port Blair, Sept.25: The 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992 paved way for decentralisation of powers and authorities to Municipal Councils and Municipal Corporations. This historical amendment was aimed at creating an institutional framework to give an impetus to grass roots level democracy by way of self-governing local bodies in the urban areas of the country. It empowers the Urban Local Bodies with the powers to exercise eighteen core functions listed in the 12th Schedule of the Indian

Constitution. But, according to civil society activists, what transpired post the election to the Municipal Council in Port Blair is something weird and in violation of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment. Ever since the new Council took over the Port Blair civic body, no powers as enshrined either in the Constitution of India or the A&N Municipal and Panchayat Regulations has been allowed. Powers have been wilfully curtailed by the authorities on the pretext that the duty of Councillors is to oversee the cleaning of footpaths

and sanitation of wards. This is what the officer at the helm of affairs earlier used to say in every meeting whenever there were demands for due powers to the Chairperson of PBMC thereby keeping the provisions of 12th Schedule of Constitution in dark. Why there are apprehension among officers about giving due powers to the head of PBMC in line with the 73rd Amendment is a billion dollar question.

Social activists opine that, there are clear indications from the (Contd/-page.2...)

Re-verification of voters list is must to weed out bogus and double entries: Civil society

Glamour for re-verification grows as electoral list being replete with multiple entries

Port Blair, Sept.25: Election process lays the foundation of our Nation, the world's largest democracy, as the election process enables the larger participation of general public to choose whom should they are ruled by virtue of adult suffrage. The electoral process assumes such a greater significance in our constitution that the Part-XV of the constitution is exclusively dedicated for the Election Commission of India. Although the constitutional provisions enable larger participation

of general public, voter turnout in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been marginally low during the last elections. One of the reasons behind this meagre turnout is said to multiple entries of voters.

Last elections to PRIs and Municipal Council had recorded an average voter turnout of 50%. Statistics show that, about 30 to 40% of voters enumerated in the electoral roll are not living in the respective ward or area. This leaves most of the voters hesitant to come all the way from their

new place of residence to cast their vote where their name appears. Another cause of concern is the multiple entries of voters. Name of most of the voters appears in more than one ward leaving the vote of second name redundant. But, on record, the second name is listed as uncast vote adding to a drop in turnout rate. While this reason is one of the foremost cause for poorly recorded turnout of voters, there are other reasons which contributed to erroneous electoral roll. (Contd/-page.6...)

MP demands early assessment of damages and release of compensation for the families of Middle Andaman, who have suffered loss of property and crop due to heavy rain

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands to conduct assessment of damages & release of compensation for the families of Middle Andaman, who have suffered loss of property and crop due to heavy rain yesterday. In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands, the Member of Parliament mentioned that due to heavy rain yesterday huge damages have been caused to hundreds of families of Billyground, Pinakinagar, Shantipur and Tugapur 6,7 & 8 areas. In this regard the



MP requested Hon'ble Lt. Governor to send a high level team to all the affected villages to assess the damages of crop and household items. He also requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to release adequate compensation to all the affected families once the assessment is over. The Member of Parliament also thanked the Police Team.

MP demands to place sufficient number of Little Bins/ Garbage Bins in all tourists spots

The Member of Parliament of A&N Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Secretary of PBMC to place a sufficient number of Little Bins/ Garbage Bins along the entire marina park stretch right from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex to Flag Point, for the convenience of visitors. He also requested the Secretary PBMC to conduct a survey of Little Bins/ Garbage Bins in other prominent tourist places in Port Blair city and place sufficient numbers of such Little Bins/ Garbage Bins, so that our Tourists spots remain clean all the time. In a letter addressed to the Secretary of PBMC the MP mentioned that the entire marina park stretch

right from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex to Flag Point, was recently given a facelift, which has enhanced the beauty of this area. He added that the walkway from Marina Park to Flag point has become one of the most beautiful places in Port Blair for morning and evening walks. But he pointed out that the entire road stretch lacks a sufficient number of Little Bins/Garbage Bins. During evening hours many visitors buy food & eat while taking a walk but in the entire stretch they do not get any litter bins.

Hence he requested the Secretary PBMC to place a sufficient number of Little Bins/ Garbage Bins along the road stretch for the use of visitors.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

No.TN-1/DB/CD-II/PP/2022-23/1303 DATED: 21/09/2022
The Executive Engineer, CD-II, APWD, Prothrapur 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 the 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.20/EE/CD-II/2022-23

Name of Work:- Special repair of NG Type-V/04 at Chakkargaon allotted to Hon'ble Judge Family court, Port Blair. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.8,58,621.00
Earnest Money: Rs.17,172.00, **Period of Completion:** 03 (Three) Months.
Tender ID: 2022_APWD_7393_1.

NIT No.21/EE/CD-II/2022-23

Name of Work:- Alteration of servant quarter and garage alongwith raising of height of compound wall of Type-V NG/05 Qtrs., **Estimated Cost:** Rs.4,71,794.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs.9,436.00, **Period of Completion:** 03 (Six) Months. **Tender ID:** 2022_APWD_7396_1.

Bid Document Publishing Date : 22/09/2022 (1600 hrs)

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Bid Submission Closing Date : 03/10/2022 (1000 hrs)

Bid Opening Date : 03/10/2022 (1030 hrs)

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

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Tender ID: 2020_APWD_384_1

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actions of authorities that, they are trying to undermine the authority of the elected urban civic body members and the post of Chairperson of PBMC. Regardless of what the authorities try to do, the Constitution confers upon the Urban Civic body with the powers to discharge the eighteen core functions viz. 1) Urban planning including town planning, 2) Regulation of land-use and construction of buildings, 3) Planning for economic and social development, 4) Roads and bridges, 5) Water supply for domestic, industrial and commercial purposes, 6) Public health, sanitation conservation and solid waste management, 7) Fire services. 8) Urban forestry, protection of the environment and promotion of

ecological aspects, 9) Safeguarding the interests of weaker sections of society, including the handicapped and mentally retarded, 10), Slum improvement & upgradation, 11) Urban poverty alleviation 12) Provision of urban amenities and facilities such as parks, gardens, playgrounds, 13) Promotion of cultural, educational and aesthetic aspects, 14) Burials and burial grounds; crematoriums, cremation grounds; and electric crematoriums, 15) Cattle pounds; prevention of cruelty to animals, 16) Vital statistics include registration of births and deaths, 17) Public amenities including street lighting, parking lots, bus stops and public conveniences, 18) Regulation of slaughter houses and tanneries.

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However, the foremost requirement for an Urban Local Body to function independently is the self-sufficiency of finance. Ever since the roll out of GST, the PBMC has lost its one of the major sources of revenue from Octroi and has been in a precarious financial situation. Despite knowing this fact, not a single penny by way of Grant-in-Aid has been allocated to the Municipal Council till date is a worrying fact. In fact, this is one of the tactics followed by the authorities as part of their mission to undermine the elected bodies, a Councillor of Municipal Council says.

As a result of neglect, urban infrastructure such as water supply, sanitation, internal roads, footpaths, drainage system etc are in shambles.

The incumbent Council had to face the wrath of opposition members and had nearly missed a motion of No-confidence for its failure to discharge the core functions. Although the APWD's water supply wing is ready to supply as much water as possible to cater to the urban requirement, the PBMC does not have adequate capacity of storage tanks is also a matter of concern.

Water supply to households has affected badly over non replacement of old delivery mains which are unable to cater to the requirement of huge load of tapplings connected to it. Thus, solution lies at replacing the existing delivery mains with high diameter pipes in commensurate with the households, Councillors demand.

Although Councillors are worried over the inadequacy of infrastructure, they virtually have no right to question because of the wrong decision taken by the erstwhile Council in ceding its powers in toto to the Secretary. It seemed hitherto that, no democracy existed in the

Municipal Council and the Secretary of Municipal Council, by virtue of powers earlier ceded to him tried to rein supreme over the elected Council is an undeniable fact, Councillors allege.

Even when it comes to corruption and irregularities by officers in procurement & execution of works, Councillors are rules out with no powers to question. Council at large is not consulted on discharge of Core functions as every officer in the Council who are otherwise advisors to the Council, now reign supreme and issue open threat thereby sounding death-knell to the democracy in PBMC, it is further alleged.

The Chief Secretary who has stepped in recently and ended the stalemate in the Municipal Council may kindly take cognisance of this report too and ensure that the PBMC remains a democratic organisation run in consonance with the provisions of 74th Constitutional Amendment Act 1992 and the powers of Chairperson & Councillors are not encroached upon by vested interests.

MP demands naming three important roads on Martyr Captain Ashim

Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao

The MP of A&N Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A&N Islands to name three important roads on the brave martyr's of these Islands, Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament added that Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhattacharjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao are three sons of this soil, who served in uniform forces and laid down their life to protect our Mother land. The MP added that they

are not only a role model for all Islanders but will be a guiding light for our future generation.

He pointed out that till now busts of Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhatta charjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh and Martyr M. Dilli Rao are installed in three different locations of Port Blair city, where people pay their homage. To pay befitting tribute to these great souls and set an example for our future generation, the MP requested the Lt. Governor to name three important roads on the brave martyr's of these Islands, Martyr Captain Ashim Kumar Bhatta charjee, Martyr Ramesh Singh & Martyr M.Dilli Rao.

10 health complications seen after COVID infection: Here's what research studies have found

COVID's after effect is as debilitating for a human body as the infection itself. The infection, which begins as a respiratory problem leaves traces on major body organs like heart, kidney, lungs and even stomach & lingers weeks, months and years after the due course of infection gets over.

Several researchers have worked on the effect of COVID on important organs of the body and have found that the virus does have an impact that needs proper medical care to get rid of. It won't be wrong to say that almost every individual who has had COVID infection goes through a lengthy phase of fatigue.

The infection drains out an individual of its energy and some times even carrying out daily tasks seems a problem. After being overlooked for a long time, fatigue was finally considered as one of the most serious after effects of COVID.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) lists it one of the main health complications following a COVID infection. The impact of COVID on the neuro psychiatric health of the body is less discussed. However, neuropsychiatric symptoms like headache, attention disorder, anosmia, brain fog are seen in patients after recovering from the infection.

These complications remain with the individual for a longer duration and due to less awareness around these signs people often end up in confusion and frustration. Ever since the pandemic started, cases of heart diseases have gone up and it is shocking to note that



most of the deaths related to heart issues are occurring in young people. While it is difficult to ascertain whether the incidence of heart complications is independent of COVID or is dependent on it, the effect of the virus on heart health can not be ruled out.

Heart cells have angiotensin-converting enzyme receptors which facilitates the entry of the virus. This makes the heart a perfect breeding ground for the virus and impairs its functioning. As per a Nature report, "people who had recovered from COVID-19 showed stark increases in 20 cardiovascular problems over the year after infection."

A study says, the risk of heart failure increased by 72%, or around 12 more people in the COVID-19 group per 1,000 studied. Chest pain, shortness of breath and palpitations are commonly seen in people after a COVID infection. Lung complications like pneumonia is a big possibility and risk as well. Experts at John Hopkins say, COVID-19 can cause lung complications such as pneumonia and, in the most severe cases, acute respiratory distress syndrome, or ARDS. Sepsis, another possible complication of COVID-19, can also cause lasting harm to the lungs and other organs. On the newer variants of

the virus, which is a major reason of headache for the health experts, the John Hopkins experts say newer coronavirus variants may also cause more airway disease, such as bronchitis, that may be severe enough to warrant hospitalization.

In pneumonia the lungs fill with fluid and limit the ability of the lungs to take in oxygen. The common symptoms are shortness of breath, cough and fatigue.

The effect of COVID on stomach health needs more attention than before. Several symptoms of COVID are associated with the digestive system. Symptoms like sudden change in bowel movement, abdominal pain and loss of appetite have been associated with COVID, ever since the beginning of the pandemic.

Given the large number of cases where stomach related symptoms are seen in COVID patients, it can be rightly said that digestive issues are a hallmark sign of COVID. Though the rate of incidence is less, but studies have established a link between skin rashes & COVID. People with unexplained skin rashes can definitely consider it as a sign of COVID.

The common types of skin rash seen during COVID are eczema near neck and chest, oral rash, papular & vesicular rashes, pityriasis rosea,

purpuric or vasculitis rashes, urticarial rash, and viral exanthem. In 2020, after examining more than 400 patients with COVID in Wuhan Union Hospital, China researcher Dr Ling Qin (LQ) had claimed that ARDS develops in 42% of patients presenting with COVID 19 pneumonia, & 61–81% of those requiring intensive care.

ARDS is considered a big threat if the COVID pneumonia progresses. In this people are unable to breathe on their own and may need to rely on ventilator support. ARDS often leads to lung failure.

Dyspnea or shortness of breath is a very common sign of COVID. People often complain of puffing and gasping for breath even after doing small tasks. The impact of COVID on the heart and lungs can be an explanation to why an individual experiences breathing issues during and after the infection. Shortness of breath makes the person more tired and also disturbs the daily activity of the individual to a

large extent. COVID associated body pain is immensely painful. During and after the infection many people experience excruciating pain in the muscles and in the joint region.

In some people the pain is quite dull and some feel it as episodes of pangs. A lingering body pain is definitely a lot to tolerate at times and when it specifically affects daily life it becomes a reason to worry about. To sum it up, long COVID is what the entire globe is working on to decode. The long term effect of COVID is currently being researched upon and several theories have come forward. As per a systematic review and meta analysis done by Nature, more than 50 long term effects of COVID are seen. "People with post COVID-19 condition, also known as "long COVID", may have difficulty functioning in everyday life. Their condition may affect their ability to perform daily activities such as work or household chores," the WHO says.

Hospitals embrace expensive robotic surgeries



An increasing number of hospitals are carrying out robot assisted surgeries, although expensive, as they offer numerous advantages to both patients & surgeons. According to surgeons, these procedures will inevitably become more popular due to their benefits, while also becoming less expensive. After KIMS Hospital & Care Hospitals announced the launch of fully automated robotic systems in the past week, even the govt. hospital, MNJ

Cancer Hospital, will start offering robotic assisted surgeries in a few months after procuring the necessary equipment. Senior oncologist at MNJ Hospital Dr C. Sairam believes such procedures are preferable for certain surgeries, such as those carried out for prostate cancer. He said the equipment was expensive to procure, & each surgery requires the usage of equipment costing Rs 8 lakh because it is not possible to reuse it.

Best Juices for Weight Loss



If you are on a weight loss journey, you may have tried intermittent fasting, the keto diet, and those strenuous physical exercises. People are ready to go the extra mile just to shed a few pounds. You don't have to do that. While a strict diet and proper exercise routine can keep you fit, they can be very challenging for people with a busy schedule. Besides, who likes to skip their meals and avoid their favorite cheesy foods when you can lose weight in a better, safer, and much healthier way? We are talking about the many home made healthy juices for weight loss. Let's see how you should use fruit juice for weight loss and other juices to see changes in your weight.

Drinking juices alone won't help burn belly fat or reduce overall weight. Your body burns fat by using it for energy. So, the best way to lose weight is by practicing exercises for weight loss and following a healthy weight loss diet. Juices can be part of your weight loss diet, though. However, drinking juices regularly has proven to be a great way to eat fewer calories daily. It promotes the feeling of satiety. Fruit juices, especially, are loaded with many essential vitamins and minerals that keep you full for hours while providing your body with all the right nutrients for energy.

There are many homemade, fresh juices made of organic ingredients for weight loss. You can add spices, lemon, and other fruits to add flavors. Below we have listed the 12 best fruit juices for weight loss. Let's check out these juices & tips for preparation.

Fortunately, there are plenty of juices that you can try at home that can help you bring down significant weight. We have collected the top 12 such juices for your

knowledge. So, let's check them out:

Pomegranate is an excellent source of fiber for your body. It's also great for your skin, as it contains antioxidants and other skin nourishing properties that help retain the skin glow. Also, pomegranate contains polyphenols and linoleic acid that promote weight loss.

One full glass of pomegranate juice can boost your metabolism and suppress your appetite. This refreshing and low-calorie drink has many other health benefits. You can also use this drink as a replacement for those sugar-laden beverages. Even if it doesn't cut your belly fat, you can count on this drink to reduce your calorie intake significantly. It is much better and healthier than carbonated drinks.

Take two pomegranates and remove the crop (the top, hard layer of the fruit and cut it into four pieces). You need its red seeds to prepare the juice. Remove the white membrane and put these seeds into a blender. Blend for 20-30 seconds and strain the juice. You can add a few drops of lemon to add flavor, although that's totally optional. Pomegranate alone tastes delicious.

As the name suggests, this weight loss juice recipe is filled with all the green leafy vegetables. It contains six ingredients rich in vitamins, minerals, & antioxidants that do wonders for your digestive system and immunity. For this recipe, you can use spinach, celery, green apple, ginger, cucumber, & mint.

Put half cucumber, a green apple, half tbsp ginger, a few spinach

leaves, and a few fresh mint leaves in a juicer or blender. Blend until all ingredients are mixed. Extract the juice into a jar.

If you are looking for a healthy homemade drink that can reduce your hunger pangs and keep you away from unhealthy snacks, a glass of green juice is worth a shot.

Carrot is one of the most consumer-friendly vegetables. Add it to smoothies, salads, and whichever food you like, and it will bring the best of your dish. Carrots contain a high concentration of fiber and low calories. High fiber in carrots ensures faster digestion, better immunity, and improved metabolism. Just one glass of this vegetable juice in the evening is enough to keep you full until dinner. Carrots also contain potassium, manganese, & other essential vitamins that offer several health benefits while keeping your weight in check.

Put 1-2 carrots in a blender, add a couple of ginger & one apple, blend these ingredients well.

If you have digestive problems, cabbage juice is there for your rescue. Many people claim that drinking cabbage juice regularly boosts their metabolism and keeps their gut happy. Cabbage promotes weight loss by eliminating waste faster and keeping your digestive system clean. Like carrot & pomegranate, cabbage is rich in fiber and is thus great for burning fat. Featuring a high fiber count, cabbage juice keeps you full for hours & prevents binge-eating. Despite being rich in fiber, cabbage doesn't contain calories. In fact, the low-calorie count is

the reason why cabbage juice is considered your go-to drink for weight loss.

Chop half the cabbage and put it in the blender, add a half cup of water, blend at a low speed for 2 minutes and then increase the speed gradually, add lime and orange for flavor, strain the juice to remove pulp and put it in a refrigerator, you can also add cabbage to your salads and smoothies if you don't like juices. It offers the same benefits.

Full of potassium, watermelon is your best possible way to get rid of hunger pangs and promote the feeling of fullness. 100 grams of watermelon contain only 30 calories. 90% of the fruit is water, so it keeps you hydrated and full for a really long time. It can also melt belly fat, although watermelon alone won't work. To reap its benefits, you need to combine this juicy drink with physical exercise and a low-calorie diet. It is rich in arginine, an amino acid that helps in weight loss. If you want to burn your belly fat or calories quickly, try this recipe twice a day.

Cut watermelon into two pieces and remove its hard layer, grab a spoon and take big chunks of this juicy fruit, put them into a blender, use a strain if the watermelon is heavily seeded, add a few drops of lemon juice, garnish it with mint leaves & a slice of lemon, and serve it chilled.

Your favorite orange juice does much more than satisfy your hunger pangs. Replace all those fizzy cola drinks with fresh, homemade orange juice and enjoy its plethora of health benefits. Rich in vitamin C and many healthy nutrients, orange offers a host of health benefits. Vitamin C is good for weight loss, as it boosts your metabolism and helps burn calories and fat. The ideal time to drink orange juice is before your meals,

preferably on an empty stomach. You can also use it as your evening snack or a morning drink.

Take 2-3 oranges and peel them, put them in a blender and extract the juice, you don't have to add anything, as orange itself has a very delicious flavor, just strain the juice to get the pulp out.

Vibrant, juicy, and decently sweet fruit, pineapple is people's favorite for a good reason. Pineapple is rich in bromelain, an enzyme that helps burn belly fat. As hard as it is to peel a pineapple, the fruit tastes delicious. You can eat it alone, but pineapple juice tastes better and has more health benefits for you. The fruit also improves your digestive system, flushes out all the toxins from your digestive tract, thus helping in weight loss. Like orange juice, pineapple home made juice is delicious & doesn't need any additional ingredients for flavor.

Take one pineapple, peel it, and cut it into smaller pieces, put these pieces in a blender and blend them until you get a good consistency, if the consistency feels thicker, add a few tbsp of water, strain the juice, pour it into a glass, it's also a great drink for your guests. Add ice cubes and serve it with mint and pineapple toppings.

In addition to being an excellent fat cutter, lemon grass is very good for your skin and hair health. Featuring a high concentration of vitamin C & antioxidants, lemon grass and kiwi are rich in properties that help improve your digestion and boost metabolism, which in turn burns fat faster. Kiwi is one of the great foods for people looking for weight loss tips. Low calories, a reasonable amount of fiber, & a high concentration of water make Kiwi your best homemade juice for weight loss.

அந்தமான் தமிழர்சங்கம், செம்மூதாய் பதிப்பகம் மற்றும் அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றம் இணைந்து நடத்திய அந்தமான் கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி பணிநிறைவுப் பாராட்டுவிழா மற்றும் நான் படித்து மகிழ்ந்த புத்தகம்—இலக்கியச் சந்திப்பு விழா

24.09.2022, சனிக்

கிழமை மாலை 4.00 மணி யளவில் அந்தமான் தமிழர் சங்க வளாகத்தில் அமைந் துள்ள திருவள்ளுவர் அரங்கத்தில் அந்தமான் தமிழர்சங்கம், செம்மூதாய் பதிப்பகம் மற்றும் அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றம் இணைந்து நடத்திய அந்தமான் கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி பணிநிறைவுப் பாராட்டுவிழா மற்றும் நான் படித்து மகிழ்ந்த புத்தகம்—இலக்கியச்சந்திப்பு விழா மிகச்சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. இந்த விழாவிற்கு தமிழர்சங்க தலைவர் திரு. லி. மூர்த்தி அவர்கள் தலைமை பொறுப்பேற்ற சென்னை கிறித்தவக்கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை இணைப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் ஏ.பாலபிரபு சாந்தாஜ் அவர்கள் முன்னிலை வகிக்க சென்னை கிறித்தவக்கல்லூரி உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சு. சதாசிவம் அவர்கள் தொடக்க உரை வழங்கினார்.

நாமக்கல் அறிஞர் அண்ணா அரசுக்கலைக் கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப் பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் கா.புதி அவர்கள், தென்காசி—கடையநல்லூர் அரசுக்கலைக்கல்லூரி முனைவர் பா.வேலம்மாள் அவர்கள், ஆத்தூர் கொத்தம்பாடி ஸ்ரீ பாலபாரதி தொடக்கப்பள்ளி தாளாளர் முனைவர் இ.பன்னீர்செல்வம் அவர்கள், அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்ற செயலாளர் திரு. கோபால் அவர்கள், அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்ற ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளர் திரு. சு.ப. காளையாசன் அவர்கள், சென்னை கௌரி வாக்கம் S.I.V.E.T கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் ஆ.தினேஷ் குமார் அவர்கள் வாழ்த்துரை வழங்கினார்கள்.

அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்ற துணைத் தலைவர் முனைவர் பாலகிருஷ்ணன் அவர்கள் மற்றும் சென்னை கிறித்தவக்கல்லூரி தமிழ்த்துறை உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் நா.காணிக்கராஜ் ஆகியோர் கருத்துரை வழங்கினர். தஞ்சாவூர் மன்னர் சரபோஜி அரசுக்கல்லூரி உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர் சி.அமுதா அவர்கள் நிறைவுரை யாற்றினார். அந்தமான் & லட்சத்தீவுகள் தலைமைப் பொறியாளராக பணியாற்றி ஓய்வுபெற்ற இருக்கும் திரு. அந்தமான் கிருஷ்ணமூர்த்தி அவர்கள் ஏற்புரை வழங்கினார்கள். அந்தமான்



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தமிழர் சங்கத்தின் செயலாளர் திரு. கோட்டை காளிதாசன் அவர்கள் நன்றியுரை வழங்கினார்.

இந்த நிகழ்வில் முனைவர் ஆ.செந்தாமரைக் கண்ணி—புதுக்கோட்டை, திரு. மு. கார்த்திகேயன்—பென்னாகரம், திருமதி தேன்மொழி—பென்னாகரம், முனைவர் மு.முரளி—சென்னை, திரு. பா. மாணிக்கம்—பென்னாகரம், திரு.ப.செந்தில் குமார்—ஆத்தூர், திரு. தி.செல்வன்—பென்னாகரம், முனைவர் ஜி.பென்னிதாமஸ்—சென்னை, செல்வன் செ.விஜயசந்தர்—சென்னை ஆகியோரும் இவர்களுடன் அந்தமான் தமிழர் சங்கத்தின் அனைத்து செயற்குழு உறுப்பினர்களும் மற்றும் திரளான பொது மக்களும் கலந்துகொண்டு பணி ஓய்வு பெற இருக்கின்ற திரு. அந்தமான் கிருஷ்ண மூர்த்தி அவர்களின் தமிழ்ப் பற்றையும், துறைமுகப்பணித் துறைக்கு அவர் ஆற்றிய சேவைகளையும் பாராட்டி பேசினார். விழாவின் நிறைவாக நான் படித்து மகிழ்ந்த புத்தகம் என்ற தலைப்பில் செல்வி. அனிதா அவர்கள் மற்றும் திரு. கோபால் அவர்கள் பேசினர். அந்தமான் தமிழர் சங்கத்தின் துணைத்தலைவர் திரு. அ. தமிழ்செல்வன் அவர்கள் வரவேற்புரையாற்றி விழாவினை தொகுத்து வழங்கினார்.

Re-verification...

Off late, the Election Department had roped in Anganwadi Workers and assigned them to discharge the duty of Booth Level Officers to oversee the verification of electoral rolls, correction, addition, deletion including enrolment of new voters etc. However, the Anganwadi Workers could not live up to the expectations of general public with their own work load and meagre wages paid to them. Due to this, general public who applied for correction, addition, deletion, transposition and enrolment etc have not been responded to despite submitting their filled in application to the concerned Anganwadi workers, residents of various wards allege.

Inefficiency of Anganwadi workers in

carrying out certain tasks related to electoral rolls also plays a vital role. Anganwadi workers are basically falls under unorganised sector of employees paid for certain tasks that have nothing to do with electoral rolls. But, involving Anganwadi workers who were till now used to limited tasks also resulted in poor output of electoral rolls, social activists allege. The lower morale of Anganwadi workers over their meagre wages also resulted in their poor output in the new task entrusted them, it is further added.

As a result, name of voters have been reprinted multiple times within a same ward's list or appear in different wards. Even the names of those who have already

migrated to mainland also appear in the voter list for two successive elections.

Solution to the erroneous electoral roll lay in undertaking a fresh door to door enumeration and to carry out a fresh wave of addition, deletion, correction, transposition etc. Further, involving the Anganwadi workers will not benefit anymore as most of them lack the expertise and knack required to carry out certain tasks related to electoral rolls.

Social activists demand that, the Election Department orders a fresh wave of door to door verifications of voters through qualified field staffs and clerical staffs of Administration so that voters list are once again corrected to eliminate

bogus and double entry of names. In the meanwhile, the Election Commission of India is reportedly planning to deploy soft ware namely "ERO NET" developed by CDAC which will focus on identification of demographically similar entries in the voters' lists. It will ascertain voters' credentials by verifying the similarities in names, relations (father and husband, among others),

address, age & appearance of the same names in different constituencies will keep popping up on the screen. The software also checks the similarities in photographs and sends alerts if they are relatively similar. If this software is deployed in these Islands, it will go a long way in eliminating double and bogus entries which on the other hand will ensure accuracy of electoral rolls and turn out records.

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