

चाथम पुल से लेकर चाथम जट्टी तक बने फुटपाथ और रेलिंग मे घट सकता है अनहोनी घटना



पोर्ट ब्लेयर । चाथम द्वीप एतिहासिक महत्व वाला द्वीप है जहां पर 10 मार्च 1858 को 200 क्रांतिकारियों के पहले जत्थे को उतारा गया था और इसी दिन से यहां पर अंग्रेजी हकूमत की शुरुआत हुई थी ।

एक जमाने में चाथम आरा मिल एशिया का सबसे बड़ा लकड़ी चिरने का कारखाना था जिसे देखने के लिए हर दिन सेकड़ों की संख्या में पर्यटक आते हैं ।

पोर्ट ब्लेयर को चाथम से जोड़ने वाली पुल का निर्माण सबसे पहले अंग्रेजों के जमाने में किया गया था जो कि पूरी तरह से लकड़ी का था मगर जपानी शासन के दौरान द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध में इस पुल को काफी नुकसान पहुंचा था ।

1979 में अंडमान हार्बर वर्क (ALHW) के द्वारा चाथम पुल का निर्माण

किया गया इस पुल के दोनों बगल पर बने फुटपाथ तथा सीमेंट की रेलिंग तथा चाथम आरा मील से लेकर चाथम जट्टी तक बनी लोहे की रेलिंग की हालत बहुत ज्यादा खराब है जिस वजह से कभी भी कोई भयंकर अनहोनी घटना घट सकती है ।

प्राप्त जानकारी के अनुसार चाथम पुल के दोनों बगलों पर बने फुटपाथों पर सीमेंट का सैलाब टूट चुका है गड्ढे बने हुए हैं और रेलिंग भी जगह-जगह पर टूट चुका है तथा यहां पर हर रोज भारी संख्या में स्थानीय लोग मछली पकड़ने को आते हैं जिसमें महिलाएं तथा बच्चे भी शामिल होते हैं ।

चाथम आरा मिल से लेकर चाथम जट्टी तक बनी लोहे की रेलिंग का भी बहुत बुरा हाल है तथा खारे पानी की वजह से जंग लग जाने से यह रेलिंग कभी भी टूट कर गिर सकता है और यहां पर प्रायः यह देखा जाता है की पर्यटक रेलिंग मसे सट कर खड़ा होकर सेल्फी लेते हैं जोकि जोखिम भरा कदम है और कभी भी दबाव की वजह से रेलिंग टूट कर गिर सकता है और कोई अनहोनी घटना घटित हो सकता है ।

इससे पहले की यहां पर कोई अनहोनी घटना घटित हो अंडमान हार्बर वर्क (ALHW) इस बात की संज्ञान लेते हुए चाथम पुल की दोनों बगलों पर बने फुटपाथ तथा चाथम जट्टी तक बने रेलिंग के कार्या की पुर्न निर्माण का कार्य शीघ्र शुरु करना चाहिए जिससे की कोई भी अनहोनी घटना को टाला जा सके ।

DEDICATION OF 'SANKALP SMARAK' TO THE NATION - 29 DEC 2021



Port Blair, December 29 : In the saga of India's freedom struggle, 30 December 1943 holds a special place etched in time. It was on this day that a national flag was hoisted for the first time on Indian soil, at Port Blair. It is also significant that Netaji escaped British surveillance from Kolkata back on Indian soil after nearly three years, at Port Blair Aerodrome on 29 Dec 1943 at 11:30 am and unfurled a National

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PRESS NOTE

This is for the information of the passengers/general public that the Directorate in consultation with the District Administration has scheduled the sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 01.01.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail back to Port Blair on 02.01.2022 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued from 30.12.2021 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Stars Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay.

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चालीस साल पुरानी सड़क का पुर्न निर्माण का कार्य हुआ पूरा



पोर्ट ब्लेयर । ग्राम पंचायत मन्नार घाट स्थित राईट म्यों के पास पपीता पहाड़ एक बहुत ही पुरानी बस्ती है जहां पर चलीस साल पहले सड़क का निर्माण हुआ था उसके बाद कई नेता आये और गये मगर किसी की नजर भी इस खस्ता हाल सड़क की ओर नहीं गया था जबकि ग्राम पंचायत मन्नार घाट में जितने भी नेता सत्ता में बैठे इस क्षेत्र में रहने वाले लोगो ने सबका ध्यान इस ओर आर्कशित किये थे ।

ग्राम पंचायत मन्नार घाट के पूर्व प्रधान श्री आ.बशीर ने सत्ता संभालने के बाद इस क्षेत्र का दौरा किया और दक्षिण अंडमान जिला के तत्कालीन उपायुक्त श्री उदित प्रकाश राय (भा प्र से) का दौरा इस क्षेत्र में कराया था तथा लोगो की मांग को देखते हुए 10.

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23 जनवरी को मनाया जायेगा नेता जी की जयंती अंडमान-निकोबार में



पोर्ट ब्लेयर । शहीद स्वराज द्वीप समूह नमन यात्रा के अध्यक्ष श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार ने यहां के Aparupa Hotel के सम्मेलन कक्ष आयोजित एक संवादाता सम्मेलन में संवादाताओं को संबोधित करते हुए कहा की शहीद स्वराज द्वीप समूह नमन यात्रा की शुरुआत सन 2013 से शुरु हुई थी ।

उन्होंने कहा की 1947 में पहले भारत का विभाजन हुआ और उसके बाद भारत को स्वतंत्र घोषित किया गया । उन्होंने कहा की हम बंगला देश की आजादी को विजय दिवस के रूप में मनाते हैं ।

श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार ने कांग्रेस पर प्रहार करते हुए कहा की कांग्रेस के नेताओं ने भगत सिंह, उधम सिंह, सुभाष चन्द्र बोस, पटेल, आंबेडकर जैसे कई महान नेताओं की बलिदानी को भूल गया ।

उन्होंने कहा की जब स्व श्री भैरो सिंह शेखावत भारत के उप राष्ट्रपति थे तब से यहां पर 30 दिसंबर 1943 को नेता जी के द्वारा आजादी का पहला झंडा फहराये के

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Shopkeepers forced to urinate in the open

Diglipur, December 29 : There was a public toilet block adjacent to R K Gram Panchayat Shopping Complex in Diglipur. As it was in dilapidated state, it was dismantled to make way for a modern toilet block in line with the mission of government of India as part of 'Swachh Bharat Mission'. To utter dismay of shopkeepers a dustbin came up in its place. Due to lack of maintenance, the dustbin got destroyed and currently this place gives a deserted look. Currently the shopkeepers and the customers are forced to attend to nature's call in the open. Now the Shopkeepers had submitted a joint representation to Special Officer of Ramakrishnagram Gram Panchayat, elaborating the problems faced by them in the absence of a Public toilet in the vicinity. They have demanded immediate action to construct a modern Toilet block in the existing place for the convenience of Shopkeepers and Customers of R K Gram Panchayat Shopping Complex.



संपदकीय

वह यादगार दिन जब नेता जी ने फहराया था आजादी का पहला तिरंगा

पोर्ट ब्लेयर । अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह को 23 मार्च 1943 में जापान ने अंग्रेजों से छीन कर अपने अधीन कर लिया था और फिर से एक बार कालापानी के काला इतिहास में क्रूरता का एक नया अध्याय लिखा गया । पुराने जमाने के लोग आज भी जापानी राज को याद करते हुए कांप जाते हैं ।

जापानी राज के दौरान यहां के पुराने वाशिनो के पूर्वजों को बहुत यातनाएं झेलनी पड़ी थी । बड़े बुर्जगों के अनुसार जापानी राज में ना ही बोलने की आजादी थी ना ही खाने की आजादी थी ना ही घूमने की आजादी थी । अगर कोई व्यक्ति अपनी मन मर्जी से कुछ भी कर लेता था तो उन्हें उसी समय मौत के घाट उतार दिया जाता था ।

जापानी राज में ऐसी बहुत सारी घटना हैं जिसे याद कर रुह कांप जाता है । पोर्ट ब्लेयर और हैवलॉक (स्वराज्य द्वीप) के बीच समुंद्र में मोटर बोट से लोगों को पानी में डाल कर उनके ऊपर मोटर बोट चला दिया जाता था जिसे राउंड अप कहा जाता था । अगर रात में किसी घर में रोशनी दिख जाता था तो तुरंत ही अंग्रेजों का जासूस बोल कर उन्हें मार दिया जाता था । उस जमाने में लोग घास फूस खाकर अपना जीवन व्यतीत करते थे तथा कई कई दिनों तक उन्हें खाना नसीब नहीं होता था ।

जापानी प्रधानमंत्री हिदेकी तोजो ने एक समझौते के अर्न्तगत 7 नवंबर 1943 को अंडमान-निकोबार की कमान आजाद हिंद फौज की अंतरिम सरकार को सौंप दी थी और 30 दिसंबर 1943 को नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने ऐतिहासिक अंडमान क्लब के सामने जिमखाना मैदान में आजादी का पहला तिरंगा फहराते हुए अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह को आजाद घोषित करते हुए अंडमान का नाम शहीद द्वीप तथा निकोबार का नाम स्वराज्य रखा था ।

नेता जी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस ने यहां सेल्यूलर जेल का दौरा करने के साथ साथ दक्षिण अंडमान के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों का भ्रमण भी किया था

पुराने लोगों का कहना था की जापानी लोगों ने सुभाष चन्द्र बोस को सच्चाई से कोसो दूर रखा था तथा सेल्यूलर जेल में कुछ चुनिंदा कैदियों से ही मिलने दिया गया था । बिम्लीटान में रहने वाले कुछ बूजूर लोग अपनी पुरानी याद को ताजा करते हुए बताते हैं कि नेता जी ने टेरला बाद , बिम्लीटान , सी पी घाट का दौरा घोड़ा में सवारी कर के किया था और नेता जी की दौरे के दौरान किसी को भी घर से बाहर निकलने की अनुमति नहीं थी बस कुछ लोगों को बंदुकी की नोक पर नेता जी से मिलने दिया गया था और उन्हें वही बात बोलने दिया गया था जो बात जापानी लोग बोलने को कहे थे ।

नेता जी ने ओवर लाईन सड़क के द्वारा पोर्ट ब्लेयर से बम्बू फ्लाट तक की यात्रा की थी और यहां पर रहने वाले पुराने लोगों का कहना था कि नेता जी ने स्टीवर्ट गंज में अपने हाथों से बच्चों को मिठाई बांटी थी तथा बम्बू फ्लाट स्थित श्री राधा कृष्ण मंदिर में पूजा अर्चना की थी ।

30 जनवरी 1944 के दिन को अंडमान-निकोबार के इतिहास को कभी भुलाया नहीं जा सकता जब हंफ्री गंज में घने जंगलो में चार कोना गड्डे बनाकर चारों तरफ 44 लोगों को खड़ा कर गोलियों से भून दिया गया था ।

आज भी जापानी मर्चा जापानियों के जुलूम को ताजा कर देता है ।

Shipping Services hopeful to get MV Swaraj Dweep back in Andaman by January 2022 end

Port Blair, Dec 29: During the time of need when the flight fares was soaring sky high, the shipping services was unable to schedule a ship for Mainland India, perhaps because there is no Ship, available in Andaman for Mainland sailing. In the month of December 2021, Islanders witnessed flight fares as high as Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 55,000, which is clearly unaffordable for most of the Islanders.

After the decommissioning of MV Harshavardhan, MV Akbar, MV Nicobar and MV Nancowry there are one vessel, MV Swaraj Dweep, available for mainland sector, which was sent for repair in December 2020 but it did not return back to Andamans even after one long year. Sadly MV Campbell Bay vessel, which is also capable of sailing in Mainland Sector, is also not available at present.

When Contacted a senior officer of Directorate of Shipping Services, who does not want his name to be quoted told Andaman



Sheekha that the ship MV Swaraj Dweep was sent to Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam for annual maintenance in December 2020 but due to COVID-19 the work was delayed. "Now we have information that by the end of January 2022 the ship will be ready and will reach Andamans," he added. Earlier it was a common practice to provide ships for pilgrims for Sabarimala and Om Shakti Pilgrimages but this year even after requests raised, no ship could be scheduled yet for the pilgrims.

Islanders, who can't afford flight tickets for mainland are hugely disappointed for non availability of mainland vessels. Recently there was news in National media that Government has decided to hand over MV ATAL and MV ASHOKA ships, which were built for Andaman, to Indian Navy as government feels Andaman has no need for such vessels. One wonders, how government can decide that there is no need of bigger ships for Andaman, when there is no mainland ship available in Andaman for mainland sailing, since last several months.

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flag the next day. Netaji's visit to the islands as the Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind and Supreme Commander of Indian National Army marked a symbolic fulfilment of his promise that the Indian National Army would stand on Indian soil by the end of 1943. This historic visit also marked a declaration of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as the "first liberated territory of India".

The location of Netaji's historic arrival on 29 Dec 1943 (accompanied by Sarvashri Anand Mohan Sahay (Secretary with Ministerial Rank), Captain Rawat - ADC and Col DS Raju (personal physician of Netaji), lies within the premises of what is now Andaman and Nicobar

Command's Air Station INS Utkrosh, in close proximity to the present day runway. Upon his arrival as the Supreme Commander of the Indian National Army by a Japanese Air Force Aircraft, Netaji was accorded a ceremonial guard of honour by soldiers of Indian National Army at the Air Field.

In order to preserve this important event in history, a Sankalp Smarak was dedicated to the nation by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command, exactly 78 years after Netaji's arrival on 29 Dec 2021 at 11:30 am. The Smarak is a tribute not only to the resolve of the soldiers of the Indian National Army and their innumerable

sacrifices, but also reminds us of the values enshrined by Netaji himself, "Nishtha, Kartavya aur Balidan" or "Commitment, Duty and Sacrifice" that continue to underscore the ethos of the Indian Armed Forces and the resolve of the Indian Soldier.

During the dedicated ceremony held on the occasion, Soldiers of the only Quad Services Command of India led by the Commander-in-Chief himself along with other senior officers, soldiers and families paid homage, honouring the sacrifices of the soldiers of the Indian National Army. The event was conducted in a simple and solemn ceremony befitting the occasion.

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अवसर पर कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया जाने लगा जबकि कांग्रेस सरकार ने इसकी अनदेखी किया था ।

यहां पर उपस्थित एक संवादाता ने श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार से प्रश्न किया की आज लोगों के बीच भ्रम की स्थिति है की आखिरकार नेता जी ने आजादी का पहला तिरंगा कहां पर फहराया था फ्लेग पाइंट के पास या फिर अंडमान क्लब के सामने ।

इस प्रश्न का गोलमाल उत्तर देते हुए श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार ने कहा की यह बात मान्य नहीं रखता है की झंडा कहां पर फहराया गया था उन्हें खुद नहीं मालूम की नेता जी ने कहां पर झंडा फहराया था ।

एक संवादाता ने प्रश्न किया की क्या आगे भी नाम बदलने का सिलसिला जारी रहेगा तो जवाब में श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार ने कहा की यहां पर ज्यादातर स्थानों का नाम अंग्रेजों के नाम पर है जो क्रूरता और अत्याचार की निशानी है इस लिए नाम बदलने का सिलसिला जारी रह सकता है ।

श्री इन्द्रेक्ष कुमार ने कहा की इस बार 23 जनवरी को नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस की जयंती अंडमान-निकोबार द्वीप समूह में बहुत ही बड़े स्तर में मनाई जाएगी जिसके लिए प्रशासन अभी से तैयारी शुरू कर दिया है ।

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11.17 को चलीस साल पुरानी इस सड़क का पुर्न निर्माण के लिए तत्कालीन उपायुक्त श्री उदित प्रकाश राय के कर कमलों से शिलान्यास कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया था ।

पपीता पहाड़ ऊंची पहाड़ी में स्थित होने के कारण इस कार्य को पूरा करने के लिए ठेकेदारों को कई कठनाईयों का सामना करना पड़ा था उसके बावजूद पूर्व प्रधान श्री ओ.बशीर ने हौसला बढ़ाते हुए इस कार्य को अंजाम तक पहुंचाने के लिए राह में आने वाले सभी बधाओं को दूर करते हुए निदेशक पंचायती राज संस्था एवं शहरी निकाय श्री विनय कुमार जिंदाल (DANICS) के सहयोग से इस क्षेत्र में रहने वाले लोगों को नये साल का तोहफा देते हुए 22.12.21 को इस कार्य को पूरा कर दिखाया ।

पीपुल्स ब्यूह के संवादाता को पूर्व प्रधान श्री ओ. बशीर ने एक भेंट वर्ता के दौरान बताया की यहीं पर एक पच्चीस साल पुरानी फुटपात जोकि जगह जगह से टूट फूट गया था इस फुटपात को रुरल रोड के साथ यहां पर सी सी फुटपात, नाली, पुल तथा दीवार बनाने का फैसला लिया तथा तीन जगहों को एक साथ मिलाया । इन सभी कार्यों को पूरा करने के लिए लगभग 55 लाख रुपये का खर्च आया और यह सभी रुपया ग्राम पंचायत मन्नार घाट के द्वारा लगाया गया है ।

Multi Agency (CTCP) Country Terrorist Contingency Plan Mock Exercise at PORT BLAIR Airport

Port Blair, Dec 29: Keeping in view of the present security scenario and emerging threats to CIVIL AVIATION Security across the country, CISF Unit VSI AIRPORT PORT BLAIR conducted a multi agency mock exercise on the scenario of Armed Attack from external point of the Airport perimeter with unlawful seizure and sabotage of vital

insatallation as part of counter terrorist contingency plan 2021. The exercise was led by Sh. Rajinder Singh, Dy. Commandant /CASO, with active Participation of teams from INDIAN ARMY, INDIAN NAVY, (A & N) Police, AAI, Airlines, Coast Guard, (A&N) Fire and Medical Services etc.

The whole idea behind the exercise was to assess and fine tune the level of coordination between multiple agencies involved in anti-terror operations and ensure high level of operational preparedness to effectively deal with any contingencies posed by anti-national elements in real scenario.

Member of Parliament demands atleast one pollution testing center at Baratang, Kadamtala and Billiground areas

Port Blair, Dec 29: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of A & N Administration direct the concerned departments to open atleast one pollution testing center at Baratang, Kadamtala and Billiground areas, so that people of these regions can get pollution test done for their vehicle, without any trouble. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today wrote that the Andaman and Nicobar Administration has started "Catch the Polluter" drive and has announced a heavy penalty on

vehicle owners, who don't have a PUC certificate. Like always, law-abiding people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have taken this direction positively and are trying their best to get PUC certificates from different pollution testing centers. He pointed out that from Baratang to the Mayabunder region there is only one pollution testing center at Rangat. The Member of Parliament said that Middle Andaman is a vast region and taking a two-wheeler, three-wheeler or four-wheeler from places like Baratang to Rangat, just to get a PUC certificate is a difficult task, which

in many cases is not possible to complete in one day. He mentioned that the condition of ATR is also not favourable for two-wheelers and three-wheelers for such a long distance journey. He added that People of the Middle Andaman region are now worried that in case they fail to get a PUC certificate on time, they will have to pay a hefty fine, which most of the Islanders can't afford. Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma pointed out that the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are willing to get pollution tests done for their vehicle and get a PUC certificate but people of Middle Andaman have the genuine problem of reaching a pollution testing center.

Kabaddi tournament at Prothrapur: ANTCC leaders motivate youth to partake in sports activities

Port Blair, Dec 29: A Kabaddi tournament for Men was organized on Sunday at Prothrapur, Ward no. 19 by Phoenix Youth Club, JRB and Seven Bulls Kabaddi team. The event was held to promote sports among youth as also to commemorate the 17th anniversary of devastating tsunami. The tournament was coordinated by Congress leader, Mr. V. Vetri Velu. The valedictory function was presided over by ANTCC President, Mr. Rangalal Halder, ANTCC Campaign Committee

Chairman, Mr TSG Bhasker, Block President, Mr V. Shakti Velu and PYC State General Secretary, Mr Ansab Ahmed. Addressing the players, Mr Halder said that sports is an integral part of youth's life without which the mental and physical growth of a person is impossible. He urged upon the youth to actively participate in sports activities and inculcate the spirit of sportsmanship. Mr Bhasker said sports not only makes youths physically and mentally fit but also helps in keeping them away from drug

menace that has become a great threat to the Islands today. He expressed confidence that more teams would participate in the future tournaments and Kabaddi will get its due recognition in the Islands. The final match was greatly enjoyed by Kabaddi enthusiasts, youngsters and sports persons. The organizers of event thanked all the participating teams and officials for making the tournament a grand success. Mementos, cash prizes and medals were presented to the winner and runner-up teams.

Andaman teams wins 17 medals on first day of 22nd National SQAY Championship

Port Blair, Dec 29: Inaugural day of the 22nd National SQAY Championship at Goa, Kicked off in a grand manner for team Andaman & Nicobar, winning three consecutive Gold medals in the opening three matches of the

Championship. By the end of the day team Andaman had already bagged 17 medals in their tally, including 8 Gold, 5 Silver and 4 Bronze medals. Mr. MD Selvam, Coach and the managing committee of Island SQAY

Martial Arts Association have praised the tireless efforts of their students. Mr. Abdul Rasheed of Ration Rasheed foundation has also congratulated the team.

More PUC Centres, extension of time for emission testing of vehicles, demands Jolly

Port Blair, Dec 29: Mr Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Member of Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India & Former State President BJP A & N has requested the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration to arrange more PUC test Centre each at PBMC Wards, also arranging PUC Centres in Ferrargunj Tehsil and more relaxation in time. In his letter he wrote that after launching "Catch the Polluter" drive and penalizing violator leads a huge rush for conducting PUC test in Port Blair city, there is only limited authorized PUC centre is presently carrying the testing, which are inadequate and insufficient to carry out the PUC testing, as a result the motorists are forced to stand in long queues

of 4-5 hours to get their PUC certification. Moreover, there is no facility for conducting PUC tests in Ferrargunj Tehsil and people are forced to go to Port Blair and stand in long queues for the same. He mentioned that considering the present overcrowd in queues, the Administration has extended the time limit upto 11th January 2022. Despite the above extension of time, the motorists are still in long queues to avoid any unwanted traffic challan. To streamline the existing procedure, Mr Jolly suggested more PUC testing center may be authorized to conduct the PUC testing in each PBMC Wards, PUC Centres under Ferrargunj Tehsil, PUC testing of all the vehicles may be bifurcated in 02

phases, all Commercial vehicles (Yellow Board) b) Personal/Private vehicle (White Board), all commercial vehicles may be undergo PUC test in the first phase, Personal/Private vehicles (White Board) may undergo PUC test in the second phase and relaxation for all commercial vehicles may be extended upto 31st Jan 2022 and Personal/Private vehicles (White Board) may be extended upto 31st March 2022. The arrangement will help to streamline the existing network and cope up the need to cater the huge number of vehicles in the city and give relief to the general public and also avoid violation of any COVID-19 protocol including social distancing norm, said Mr Jolly.

ANTCC celebrates 137th foundation day of INC with gusto

Port Blair, Dec 29: Along with the rest of the country the Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee (ANTCC) celebrated the 137th foundation day of Indian National Congress (INC) on Tuesday at Gandhi Bhavan here. The function was organized under the guidance of ANTCC President, Mr Rangalal Halder and ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman, Mr TSG Bhasker. The gathering was addressed by ANTCC Vice-President Smt. Shanta Laxman Singh and Seva Dal Chief, Mr Noor Islam. Smt. Shanta Laxman Singh unfurled the party flag in the presence of large number of party workers. The Congressmen paid heartfelt

tributes to the party leaders who sacrificed their lives for the nation. Addressing the party workers and leaders, Smt. Shanta Laxman Singh threw light on the history of Congress party and its achievements towards nation building in the post-independence period. She said that Modi Government has failed to fulfill the electoral promises made during the election campaign of 2014. She further cautioned the people and partymen about the challenges before the party by the communal and divisive forces in the country. Mr Noor Islam said Congress ideology based on secularism and 'unity in diversity' is the only way to keep the country and these

Islands strong and united. He highlighted the sufferings being faced by common man, small traders, fishermen and tourism sector in these Islands because of GST and price hike of essential commodities. He urged the partymen to work hard to strengthen the Congress party. The function concluded with the singing of National Anthem. Sweets were also distributed to the gathering. The function was attended by senior functionaries of PCC, DCC, City Congress, Block Congress and frontal organization's like Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, Seva Dal, NSUI & INTUC.

DC South Andaman visits at various locations in South Andaman to review and monitor the developmental activities

Port Blair, Dec 29: Mr. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner (SA) alongwith Mr. Hari Kallikkat, IAS ADM (SA) made field visit at various locations in South Andaman to review and monitor the developmental activities under progress accompanied by Tehsildar, Ferrargunj, officials of line departments and Ex- PRI members. During the visit the team visited the Secondary School at Namunagar and the DC(SA) interacted with the students and

teachers. During the interaction the DC(SA) motivated the students to achieve excellence in all fields of life. At Dundas Point Jetty, the land for parking areas was inspected. The culverts enroute to the jetty was also inspected and instructions were given to the officials of concerned departments for the upkeep and maintenance of the same. At Tushnabad Junction, the team reviewed the progress of ongoing RURBAN projects and directions were issued to the

concerned officials to speed up the works for its early completion. The officials of APWD were instructed for early completion of vehicle parking area at the junction. It was reiterated by the DC(SA) that all concerned officials should cooperate, coordinate and monitor the progress of works and activities for the benefit of the local populace on priority basis and hindrances if any being faced by them should be reported to him for early rectification.

Online link for change of Exam Centre for IGNOU TEE

Port Blair, Dec 29: The online link for change of Examination Centre for December-2021 Term-End-Exam of Indira Gandhi National

Open University (IGNOU) is now open till 02nd January 2022. Learners appearing in December-2021 TEE, who are willing to

change their examination centre, can visit IGNOU website: www.ignou.ac.in and select their exam centre.

Notice Inviting e- Tender
F.No.CTBP/G/III-16/Part-VI/687

Dated 24th December, 2021

The Deputy Director, Biological Park, Chidiyatapu on behalf of the President of India invites item rate e-tender from approved and Registered/Enlisted Contractors of APWD for the under mentioned work on terms and conditions stipulated here in under:-

Sl. No.	Description of Work	Estimate Cost	Period of Completion
1.	Construction of 12 Nos. Shed with Chequered terrazzo tiles in front of Animal Enclosures inside Biological Park, Chidiyatapu.	Rs. 3,59,527/-	30 days

Schedule

Last date and time of submission of Bid : 04.01.2022 1100 hrs.

Last date and time of opening of Bid : 04.01.2022 1130 hrs.

The Tender form/BOQ and terms & conditions can be obtained from the website <https://eprocurement.andaman.gov.in>.

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Deputy Director

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Biological Park, Chidiyatapu

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online e-tenders are invited for "Loading, Unloading, Transportation and Stacking of Agriculture Inputs (Seaways)" for a period of one year from the date of acceptance of the rates on as and when required basis. Interested tenderers are requested to quote their rates as per the details given in the e-tender document.

Tender should be filled online up to 10:00 AM on or before 15th January, 2022. The tender will be opened on the same day at 10.30 AM in presence of tenderers or their representative, if any.

Tender documents containing details and terms and conditions along with Price Bid Schedule, Technical Bid Schedule are available in the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> (TenderID- 2021_AGPRO_4755_1).

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Directorate of Agriculture, Port Blair

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State BJP Unit holds Kisan Sammelan at Burmanallah



Port Blair, Dec 29: Mr Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP and Former State President BJP-ANI attended the Farmer's interaction programme in presence of Mr Vipul Tyagi, Kisan Morcha Prabhari for Andaman and Nicobar Islands and National Co-treasurer of BJP-Kisan Morcha at Burmanallah Community Hall in South Andaman District on Monday. Addressing the gathering, Mr Vishal Jolly

underlined the steps were taken by the Modi Government to strengthen the farmers through innovative and solid measures. The scheme like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Soil Health Card including PM Krishi Samman Nidhi was provided huge impact on the overall lives of the farmers, he said. The Kisan Sammelan programme was also attended by Smt. Sheela Singh, Mr B. Eshwar

Rao, Mr K Ram Das, Mr N K Uday Kumar, Mr Anil Tiwari, Smt. Sampa Bannerjee, Mr Amit Malhotra, Smt. Geeta Kandaswamy, Smt. Archana and Mr Gaurav Gogia.

The programme was organised by Mr Shibananda Bairagi, State President, BJKM and Mr Vardharajan, District President, BJKM, Rakeshwar Lall, Media incharge BJKM.

Rangalal Halder Demands sailing of boats from Port Blair to Little Andaman atleast twice a week

Port Blair, Dec 29: The Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee President Mr. Rangalal Halder has demanded the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman Mr. Suneel Anchipaka to allow sailing of boats from Port

Blair to Little Andaman atleast twice in a week. In a letter to the DC, Mr. Halder highlighted the plight of Little Andaman residents and mentioned that the boats are been sailed only once in every 15 days as of now.

He added that, the lack of transportation facility has caused hindrance to the lives of many residents of Little Andaman as they have to come at Port Blair and return back frequently for many reasons such as education, work and healthcare treatment.

Following demands of MP and ex-ZP SA member, DoA requests NAFED to establish Copra procurement unit at Campbell Bay and implement MSP

Port Blair, Dec 29: Following request made by the Member of Parliament, A & N Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma and also by the ex- South Andaman Zilla Parishad member of Great Nicobar, Mr. Gagandeep Singh Grewal, the Agriculture Department seems to have initiated steps for establishment of stable Copra procurement unit at Campbell Bay and

implementation of Minimum Support Price on Copra. As per information received, today Department of Agriculture has informed Mr. Gagandeep Singh Grewal that a letter has been sent to the Managing Director, NAFED from the Secretary (Agriculture) on 30/11/2021 regarding the procurement of Copra as per the MSP announced for 2021 by NAFED

by engaging state agencies at the earliest. On 27, November 2021, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma had requested the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the Department of Agriculture to procure Coconut/Copra at Minimum Support Price from the farmers of Campbell Bay.

Suffering for Islanders continues as only three out of 17 speed vessels are operation for Islanders

Port Blair, Dec 29: Ships and ferry boats are the life line of Andaman and Nicobar Islands but for reasons unknown the Shipping Service is struggling heavily to keep ships and ferry vessels fit for sailing, which is ultimately making life of Islanders miserable.

According to reports, presently out of 17 speed boats only three speed boats are fit for sailing. While MV Kamorta is deployed in Nancowry group of Islands, MV Rangat and MV Strait Island are deployed in Swaraj Dweep and Shaheed Dweep sectors. This means as many as 14 other speed vessels are not fit for sailing, which is now putting heavy pressure on Shipping Services. Due to lack of speed vessels the Directorate of Shipping Services is forced to ply MV Coral Queen in Swaraj Dweep sector, which otherwise was best option for Port Blair- Diglipur, Mayabunder and Port Blair - Hut Bay sectors.

As the condition of ATR is pathetic, people of North Andaman are repeatedly demanding atleast two ships for Mayabunder and Diglipur in a

week but due to lack of vessels this demand cannot be fulfilled. Even in Hut Bay sector there is a demand for more ships but again due to shortage of vessels, people are suffering.

One fails understand why the Shipping Corporation of India, SCI, which is the Technical Manning and Officer Manning agency for these vessels, has failed to keep other 80 percent of speed vessels (14 out of 17) fit for sailing.

When contacted, as expected, one senior officer of DSS has put the blame on SCI for this problem. The senior officer, who does not want his name to be quoted, said that out of 14 boats, the DSS is expecting that MV Choudhary will be available for sailing in this week and MV Bambooka will be available by next week.

"Regarding rest vessels, only SCI can tell why the vessels are not operational. We are continuously requesting SCI to make other vessels available for service," he said.

Sadly from SCI there is no one in Andaman to talk to media, on

several occasions in past Andaman Sheekha Correspondent had tried to contact SCI at Port Blair but got no reply.

People of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, who largely depend on shipping services for their movement from one Island to other, do not understand technical issues, and do not care who is the Technical Manning and Officer Manning agency. General public expect sufficient number of vessels available for sailing so that they can lead a normal life.

There is an urgent need to review and take stock of the shipping fleet, especially on optimization of the present fleet, improvement of operational efficiencies, improvement of ship availability, improvement of services & passenger comfort and reduction in cost of shipping services.

General Public have high hopes on the present Lt. Governor and Chief Secretary, who are known for taking tough action on officers, who are failing in their duties and causing suffering for public. Hope some relief will come soon for public.

RGCTC to organize training prog. on EPF from Jan 5

Port Blair, Dec 29: The Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre (RGCTC), an accredited training institution for professional excellence, of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union is continued its efforts to enhance the human resources of its state holders since its inception in 2012 and; the stake holders fully recognized the training programme with fullest satisfaction. Based on the demand of few agencies/ establishment

including few private establishments, the RGCTC propose to organize a 02 days duration training on (EPF). This is a full package training covering EPF accounting opening, monthly subscription deposit, advance withdrawal, scheme benefit, etc. Apart from theory classes, live practical classes to be arranged so that the participants would be well equipped to work with EPF and all their doubts/confusions could be cleared. The programme

is proposed to be organized on 05th & 06th January 2022 at RGCTC at Teylerabad from 10 am to 04:00pm. The establishments/ agencies desirous to nominate their employees in the programme may send the nominations before 31st Dec, 2021. For programme fee, nomination form and other details, contact the programme coordinator RGCTC, Teylerabad, Port Blair, South Andaman.

Vaccination drive continuing smoothly in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec. 29: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 5,90,285 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. A total of

722 people were vaccinated in South Andaman District today. 614 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 80 beneficiaries were in the age group

of 18-44 years. Similarly, 108 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 10 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

ANTCC Prez, Campaign Committee Chairman witness finals of Sher Ali Khan Memorial Football C'ship at Wimberlygunj

Port Blair, Dec 29: The seven day-long "Sher Ali Khan Memorial Football Championship Season 4" held under the banner of Yuva Sangh, Wimberlygunj concluded on Monday. Altogether, 24 teams participated in the tournament. In the finals, FIFA Sporting Club, Stewardgunj defeated Shifa Strikers, Bambooflat to clinch the title. The final match was witnessed by more than 2,000 people including sports dignitaries of these islands. The ANTCC President, Mr. Rangalal Halder was invited as the chief guest of the closing

ceremony while ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman, Mr. TSG Bhasker was the guest of honour. The DCC President Mr. V.K Abdul Aziz along with Congress leaders Mr. Sebastian Tikrey and Joga Rao were the special invitees.

The tournament was organized with an aim to provide a platform to youth of the Islands to showcase their football skills and to boost their fitness level, so that they can compete with ease at higher levels of game. Another aim was to promote sports culture in the area and to keep away youth

from drug addiction.

In his address, Mr. Halder encouraged players and stated that the game boasts the physical fitness and team spirit. He also assured that all the necessary equipments and facilities required for sports will be provided by the Congress party.

The Congress leaders lauded the Yuva Sangh, Wimberlygunj for organizing the football tournament and developing the ground on its own expenses. The winning team of the final match was given a cash prize of Rs. 15,000 along with a huge trophy.

MP demands bus services exclusively for the students at various routes in Diglipur Tehsil

Port Blair, Dec. 29: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Secretary of Transport Department to provide bus services at various routes in Diglipur Tehsil, North Andaman, exclusively for the students as per school times for their outward and inward journey to ensure their safety. Highlighting problems of students,

the Member of Parliament wrote a letter to the Secretary of Transport Department mentioning that due to non-availability of transportation facilities in the remote rural villages, the students are facing hardship for attending schools and they are compelled to hire private vehicles at a higher rate, which is putting a heavy financial burden on their family due to their poor economic conditions.

The Member of Parliament requested bus service from BD Gram to Govt. Model School, Sitangar via Rabindrapally and Krishnapur and vice versa; Bus service from Milangram to Govt. Secondary School, Laxmipur and GSSS Diglipur and vice versa; Bus service from Nabhagram to Kalighat and vice versa and Bus service from Paschimsagar to Kishorinagar and vice versa.

Islanders demand more Pollution Check Centers and more relaxation in time

Port Blair, Dec 29: In a welcome move, the Administration has granted 15 days relaxation to all vehicle owners to get their vehicles checked for PUC Certificates. Sadly, this has not brought much relief for the vehicle owners as even today one can see hundreds of people standing in long queue in front of a few Pollution Testing Centers, braving heat and also rain.

Adding to the pain, one Pollution testing center was reportedly closed due to some technical issues, causing further panic among public.

It seems that there is a mad rush for PUC Certificate in the city and people are ready to stand even

for 4 to 5 hours for the PUC certificate. "If this PUC certificate can save us from Rs. 10,000 challan then why shouldn't we rush?" questioned a bike owner, who got a PUC certificate today after waiting for two hours in long queue.

Thousands of others, who are working in government offices and private jobs and can't take a leave from office are deeply worried as no one will like to miss the last date and pay heavy traffic challan.

Practically it seems that it is impossible to complete the pollution test for all vehicles in just 14 days and hence Islanders are requesting the Administration to

open more pollution testing centers and also to extend the last date for pollution test.

"People in long queues are deeply frustrated, angry and upset. Something should be done to minimize the sufferings of the public before this mad rush for pollution test causes a stampede," said another Islander.

Some Islanders suggest that vehicles with certain "Series" should be called for pollution test on specific days to control the mad rush. If vehicles of "specific" series are allowed to come for pollution tests on specific dates, people will get huge relief.