

## Delay in distribution of nutritious ration items for the children plagues the Angawadi Centres

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Port Blair, Nov 15: Anganwadi Centres under ICDS in North and Middle Andaman are witnessing long delays in getting nutritious ration items for the children.

According to reports, no dry ration has been distrib-

uted at the Anganwadis in the North and Middle Andaman region since the last two months. Even the mild & egg are missing from the plates of the children at the Anganwadi Centres, the report said.

As per details, recently limited consignment of dry ration items such as rice, oil etc were distributed to Anganwadi Centres of

Middle Andaman, that too only for the month of August 2022 but the pending stocks of last two months were not given.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha, the parents of the children of Anganwadi Centres of Nilambur, Baratang alleged that many children come to Anganwadi Centers but unfortunately their chil-

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## Bairagi Bats for Implementation of the Revised Guidelines for Enhancement of Honorarium of Guest Faculties working in various colleges of A & N Islands

Port Blair, Nov 15: Highlighting a long pending issue of the enhancement of Honorarium of the Guest faculties working in various colleges of A & N Administration, Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President BJP, A&N Island wrote a letter to the Chief Secretary A & N Administration, Secretariat Port Blair today.

Referring to the University Grant Commission's (UGC) guidelines vide letter no. F-25/1/2018 (PS/MISC) dated 28th January 2019 with

detailed and clear cut instructions for enhancement of honorarium to Rs. 1500/- per lecture subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per month, Mr. Bairagi urged the Chief Secretary to enhance honorarium in compliance with Order.

The disgruntled BJP State President also mentioned in his letter that, despite several representations had been submitted by the college authorities and also by the Guest faculties work-

ing in different colleges, but till date nothing has been done in this regard and they are continuing with the age old honorarium fixed by the administration.

Mr. Bairagi felt that it is high time that the Administration should extend the benefit of the enhanced honorarium as directed by UGC which will not only boost the morale of the underpaid guest faculties, but also will undeniably help in improving the quality of education.

## Member of Parliament highlights problems faced by candidates appearing in Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts

Port Blair, Nov 15: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to allow all candidates in Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts, even if there are errors in the

name, printed on the admit card, by validating the person based on the photograph of the candidate printed on the Admit Card and the ID card.

In a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor the Member of Parliament mentioned that he has been approached by a large number of candidates who have

applied for the Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts under the A & N Administration scheduled to be held on 20.11.2022 (Sunday), that there is some spelling errors in their names, printed over the admit card for the written test. For these errors there is no fault from

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## MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that 16<sup>th</sup> November is being observed as the "National Press Day" in A&N Islands along with rest of the country. This was the day on which Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog for the media. The theme for this year's celebration is 'The Media's Role in Nation Building'.

A free, fair and responsible press plays a vital role in any democratic country. The introduction of advanced technology in mass communication has made media more powerful. As fourth pillar of democracy, Media has an exalted responsibility and instrumental role to play in facilitating the development of our nation while achieving the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India. In contemporary times, values like journalistic ethics and highest professional standards while disseminating unbiased news have assumed more importance than ever before.

To commemorate the National Press Day on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 in the AmritKaal of India's Independence, I extend my warm greetings to all members of media fraternity and call upon them to contribute wholeheartedly towards Nation Building.

**Jai Hind!**

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lt. Governor, A & N Islands

& Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## NATIONAL PRESS DAY GREETINGS

I extend my heartiest greetings to all journalists from the media fraternity of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on National Press Day. I am glad to see our media fraternity is working tirelessly towards the development of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

National Press Day is observed every year on November 16. It is symbolic of a free and responsible press in India. This was the day on which the Press Council of India started functioning.

I acknowledge the hardship and risks involved in conduct of the profession world over, especially in a remote state like Andaman and Nicobar Islands and appreciate the role played by the media in these Islands.

I express gratitude to the media fraternity for going about their duty professionally without fear or favour and I applaud media's remarkable role during Covid-19.

**Kuldeep Rai Sharma**  
Member of Parliament, ANI

## Advanced supra major laparoscopic surgeries for Gastro- Intestinal Cancers performed at Port Blair



Port Blair, Nov.14: A 38 year old male patient from Diglipur, North Andaman was brought to the Department of Surgery with complaints of pain in abdomen and difficulty in digestion and weight loss from past 3-4 months. He was examined and investigated with blood investigation and CT Scan of abdomen and chest and found to have cancerous growth arising from the stomach. He was further evaluated with Upper GI endoscopy and Biopsy was taken from the growth which was confirmed as Adenocarcinoma arising from the pylorus of the stomach. He was planned for a major laparoscopic subtotal resection of the stomach with reconstruction.

A team of Specialist Doctors headed by Dr. Saji Vargheese, HoD Department of Surgery, Dr. Anil, HoD Anaesthesia, ANIIMS /



GB Pant Hospital on 25/08/2022 performed a total laparoscopic subtotal D2 resection of the stomach containing the cancerous growth followed by reconstruction of the GI Tract namely Gastrojejunostomy. The surgery was performed through 5 key holes (ports) lasting for 4½ hours. Post operatively, patient was shifted to Surgical ICU and recovered well and started oral intake on the 4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery. The patient was discharged on 10<sup>th</sup> day post operation. Following discharge, the patient

was called after 3 weeks and was started on Adjuvant Chemotherapy and completed 2 cycles and the patient is doing extremely well and is on normal diet.

Such advanced supra major laparoscopic surgeries for Gastro- Intestinal Cancers are performed on regular basis at GB Pant Hospital/ ANIIMS, which were initially referred to mainland super Speciality Hospital and thus providing such advanced surgeries for cancer patients in the Islands itself without going to mainland.

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## Member of Parliament pays rich tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary



Port Blair, Nov 15: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today paid rich tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary.

The Member of Parliament attended two functions this morning at Ranchi Association, Mohanpura and Attampahar to pay his tributes. He garlanded the statue of Freedom fighter

Bhagwan Birsa Munda during the function and interacted with the members of Chota Nagpuri Community.

Addressing the public he said that freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda is a symbol of bravery and sacrifice and the young generation must follow his path of bravery and honour.

"His contribution to protecting the interests of tribal society will always be remembered," the Member of Parliament added.

## Pankh NGO Celebrates Children's Day with Divyang Children & Balika Niketan



Port Blair, Nov 15: On the occasion of children's day Pankh NGO in the presence of Swami Sudhanand "Chinnmaya Mission, founder president

Komal Anand and member Ms Sasi celebrated this special day by spending time with the Divyang children who can't

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## Chief Secretary Inaugurates Two Week Workshop on Bird Identification and Basic Ornithology



Port Blair, Nov 15: Two week workshop on Bird Identification and Basic Ornithology under the Accelerate Vigyan, Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India has inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration in Zoological Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair on



15.11.2022.

Mr. Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, Andaman and

Nicobar Administration was the Chief Guest, while Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, Principal Chief

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## Cooperatives Seminar Organized by A & N State Cooperative Union

Port Blair, Nov 15: On the occasion of 69th All India Cooperative Week 2022 started in the A & N Islands a Seminar on Cooperative Marketing Consumers, Processing and Value Addition was organized by A & N State Cooperative Union with the support of Cooperative department and the Cooperative Institutions of A & N Islands today (15/11/2022) Mr. Ashim Bhattacharya, at Community Hall Chouldhari South Andaman at 10.00 AM. Mrs. Tapashi Saha, Pradhan Chouldhari Gram Panchayat graced the occasion as Chief Guest and inaugurated the Seminar by lighting the traditional lamp. In her brief address, the chief guest highlighted the importance and need for

strengthening and promoting more cooperatives in rural areas. Cooperatives are the way of life which provides more employment for rural youth. She appealed to all to come forward and to become a part of a cooperative for self reliance. The Chief Guest also offered all possible assistance and support for the rural youth for strengthening the cooperatives in the area. Among others who spoke on the occasion include S/Mr. S. K. Choubey, AVS, AHVS; G. Mohan, AGM, NABARD; G. Srinivasan, GM, ANCOFED; and P. Aboobacker, Social Worker.

Dr. S. K. Choubey highlighted the benefit of



schemes A H & VS for the Department of Cooperatives. Asst. General Manager, NABARD put a light on schemes available for Marketing Cooperatives and SHG for marketing. Mr. Suresh Babu, Principal RGCTC spoke on today's topics on Cooperative Marketing, Consumers, Processing and Value Addition. Earlier Mr. Shyamnath, FM welcomed the Guest & participants and Mr. Naresh Ram, NCUI proposed vote of thanks.

## Agricultural Education Day (AED) of ICAR-CIARI Gets Underway

Port Blair, Nov 15: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of Republic of India, as Agriculture Education Day on 3rd December every year.

In this connection, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is conducting various activities like Debate, Painting, Quiz, Concept Paper writing competitions for school/College students, Scientist-Student interaction, Seminar, Open Day for Technology Exposition & Demon-



stration to farmers & students and Catch the pride of ICAR-CIARI through lens (photo contest for the staff) during the period 15th November – 5th December, 2022.

Speaking at the Inaugural program session of Debate competition con-

ducted on 15th Nov 2022, Director ICAR-CIARI Dr. E.B Chakurkar encouraged the students to participate wholeheartedly and also take the opportunity to meet the scientist and interact with them. He expressed his happiness on the insight provided by the stu-

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## Ajoy Bairagi Meets Secretary RD with Several Issues Related to the Development of Panchayats

Port Blair, Nov 14: Under the leadership of BJP State President Mr. Ajoy Bairagi a team consisted of Dr. P.K. Mandal, State Gen. Sec. Kissan Morcha ANI, Tushar Bepari, FCI Consultative member ANI, Venkateshwar Rao, Pradarshan Shivapuram and Sujit Mistry Pradhan Nimbutalacalled on Secretary RD, Mr. Sunil Anchipaka.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi and Dr. P.K. Mandal very categorically explained several issues related to the development of Panchayat of N & M. Andaman.

Mr. Sunil Anchipaka IAS, Secretary



RD heard the issues very patiently and he immediately came into action. He further said that all the grievances will be solved immediately.

He further added that he will visit N&M Andaman and personally meet with all PRI's in the first week of De-

cember.

Mr. Bairagi, Dr. P.K. Mandal, Sujit Mistry and Venkateshwar Rao highly appreciated the Secretary RD for his positive approach for hearing all issues pertaining to the development of Panchayats of NMA.

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## Pankh NGO...

come out of the house, the children were made to do therapeutic exercise and also were provided with CP lock chairs to make this day a special one for

them. Pankh NGO also made a visit to Balika Niketan where they replenished the stationery bank which was inaugurated by Pankh and is being replenished every

month. The NGO also celebrated the special day with a cake cutting ceremony and a session on "speak positive" and the importance of studies for their growth.

## Agricultural Education...

dents on the topic "Whether agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries are promising professional careers or not" which has given us the opportunity to have a smart career. A total of 09 schools comprising Ummat Public School, Austinabad, Kamaraj English Medium School, Brookshabad, Khalsa Pub-

lic School, Aberdeen bazar, Don Bosco School, Lal Pahad, Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Port Mout, St. Mary School, Bathu Basti, Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Aberdeen bazaar Saraswati Shishu Mandir School, New Pahargaon, Ravindra Bangla School, VIP Road totaling to 82 students along with 5 teachers participated. Dr.

Sirisha Adamala, Scientist with her team coordinated the debate competition for the students of category 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> standard at Garacharma Research Complex of C I A R I. Dr. R. Jayakumaravaradan, Scientist & Organizing Secretary summarized the deliberation of the debate which indicated that, Agriculture forms the pri-

mary sector and creates opportunity for secondary and tertiary sector, beside it contributes significantly high towards GDP and also adds to employment to the tune of more than 50%. Further in present scenario there is substantial involvement of corporate in agriculture sector. At the outset, Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed, Pr. Scientist

and Nodal officer AED, briefed on the idea behind the conduct of Debate under the aegis of Agriculture Education Day and also put forth the gratitude to the Principles of School and Colleges for deputing their students for the programme. Mr. D Karunakaran, Scientist & Organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

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## Chief Secretary...

Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director, ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Port Blair were the Guests of Honor. The programme was also attended by Officers from Department of Environment and Forests, Botanical Survey of India, Fishery Survey of India, Anthropological Survey of India, Andaman and Lakshadweep Harbour Works, Pondicherry University and GB Pant Hospital. The Inaugural Function was started with a prayer song and lighting of traditional lamps. About 31 participants have registered for this two week workshop.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary thanked the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for taking the initiative in providing

skill training under Accelerate Vigyan. In his address, he elucidated the most basic of bird watching definition, aside from simply watching or listening to birds, most birders go a few steps by documenting their observations, identifying the birds, and sharing their findings with fellow bird enthusiasts. The Chief Secretary also mentioned that birding meaning is inextricably rooted in an appreciation and sense of wonder at the avian species in bird watchers and this is what everyone from novice bird watcher to expert birder has in common. He also highlighted how he expanded his species list with every trip and experience birding in different habitats with Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, and Zoological Survey of India. Landscape photography is his passion that has taught him to wake up before sunrise, and later he has shifted to Bird

Photography also. He has beautifully described how bird watching can shape an individual's personality by developing the perseverance and patience of the watcher. He concluded by giving remarks upon the serenity and pristine beauty of these islands which attracts many bird watchers and flourishes an unimaginable biodiversity and wished ZSI for taking up this kind of activities.

The Guest of Honor Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andaman and Nicobar Islands felicitated the gathering. In his felicitation address, he accentuated that the trainees must know the ecological as well as the economic aspects of bird watching. He highlighted the collaboration between the Forests Department and ZSI in which they have carried out surveys from

Landfall to Indira Point. The PCCF also emphasized bird tourism and the value of education in this industry. He also mentioned to the students about the various new job opportunities waiting in the tourism industry and others etc. He portrayed the incredible significance of knowing the worth of bird watchers in various fields like conservation, management and agriculture etc. of which those will be achieved only by imparting proper training of the local community.

Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director, ICMR, welcomed the gathering with his beautiful felicitation address. In his speech he mentioned the significance of Bird identification in basic and applied sciences and how these two embed into medical sciences. He signified the urgency in the need of

more specialized experts in the field of ornithology in our country. Along with the experts he put forward the importance of youth of these islands in similar kinds of programmes. He emphasized the status of inter-sectoral coordination between Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Health Science and local Community. The speaker also cited the interconnection between Zoonotic disease and biodiversity. The speech included various mentions of leptospirosis and its status in these islands and how it has been eradicated with the help of various institutions. Lastly, he concluded by implying about the collaborative projects between various institutions within and outside these islands and their role in understanding the ecology and economy of island biodiversity.

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## Relief money paid to Hope Town Victim's Family



Port Blair, Nov. 14: An unfortunate incident was reported on 28.10.2022 from Hope town (Chunnabatta) wherein it was reported that on 02.10.2022 one CH Appa Rao, S/o Late CH Punnavaslu & 2 others went for fishing near to the sea area of Hope Town (Chunnabatta) under Ferrargunj Tehsil. During the course of fishing, CH Appa Rao fell into the sea and later his body was recovered. Considering the incident to be an unfortunate one, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1,50,000/- towards immediate relief/financial assistance to the bereaved family

of the victims. The amount was sanctioned under Andaman & Nicobar Islands scheme for providing financial assistance to victims of accidents. (who are not covered under the prevailing NDRF/SDRF norms).

Following the direction, Shri Dilkush Meena, IAS, Assistant Commissioner (Relief & Disaster Management) completed the documentation & disbursed/issued the relief money to the beneficiary.

The succor being provided as a helping hand to the bereaved family of deceased who lost their family member/means of livelihood, will enable them to restart the essential activities, so as to reduce their level of suffering.



## 69th All India Cooperative Week, 2022 Inaugurated

Port Blair, Nov 15: Along with the rest of the country the Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union with the support of Cooperative Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration, NABARD, Port Blair, NCUI Project and other cooperative institutions of Andaman & Nicobar Islands organized the inaugural function of weeklong Cooperative Week celebration in the premises of Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative Union, Teylerabad. The main theme of this year's celebration is India@75: Growth of Cooperative and Future Ahead.

The week-long function was inaugurated by Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Secretary (Coop)-cum-Registrar Cooperative Societies by hosting of Cooperative Flag in the presence of a huge number of cooperators in the premises of Union at Teylerabad. Mr. Rajesh Goyal, Chief Guest garlanded the portrait of Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, First Prime Minister who convulsed India into Cooperative. Before commencing the function he lit the traditional lamp too. While addressing the huge gathering Mr. Rajesh Goyal



the Chief Guest underlined the very important purpose of organizing the weeklong Celebration. He stressed the need of involvement of more members in cooperative affairs resulting in strengthening the movement. Further he said about 2,200 cooperatives already registered in Andaman out of which only 50% are functional. In order to involve the maximum number of members in Cooperative affairs he appealed to all cooperatives to convene their General Body meeting during the week-long program and conduct a membership drive campaign too.

A seminar on Ease-of-doing Business for Cooperatives, GeM and Export Promotion was organized by Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative Union. Further, he said there is lots of potential in the Tourism, handicraft and hos-

pitality sector for promoting more cooperatives for employment generation. He appealed to the cooperators to explore the opportunities available in the sector for generating employment. Cooperatives help to abolish monopoly holding in the market.

Mr. Kumar Harshavardhan, EDI put a light on the topic "Ease-of-doing Business for Cooperatives, GeM and Export Promotion". Mr. V Manoj, General Manager, NABARD also spoke on the occasion, highlighting various benefits available with NABARD for strengthening cooperation. Earlier Mr. Pushpalatha, Director, Andaman Nicobar State Cooperative Union welcomed the guests and participants. While the programme was concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Mr. Naresh Ram, CEI, NCUI.

## Public hearing for preparation of Draft Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plan for South Andaman

Port Blair, Nov. 15: The public hearing for preparation of Draft Island Coastal Regulation Zone (ICRZ) Plan for South Andaman is scheduled to be held on Nov.17, 2022 at 11 am in the auditorium of Tagore Govt. College, Port Blair.

In this regard, suggestions were invited from public and other stakeholders within a period of 30 days of the publication and also soft copies of the Maps were made available in the Office of the Chairman, ANCZMA (Chief Secre-

tary, A & N Administration), Member Secretary, A N C Z M A [APCCF(CRZ&FC)], Van Sadan, Haddo, Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman), Assistant Commissioner (South Andaman), Tehsildar (Port Blair/ Ferrargunj), Member Secretary (Pollution Control Committee), Director (Tribal Welfare), Divisional Forest Officer (South Andaman) and Range Officer (Garacharma/ Manglutan/ Tusnabad/ Jirkatang) Range Officer [(SSU)South Andaman].

## Gala evening for the Divyangjans of CRC- A&N Islands



Port Blair, Nov. 15: The CRC- A&N Islands in collaboration with Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar (TAAN) and BRW Entertainments organised a gala evening for the Divyangjans of CRC- A&N Islands on the occasion of 'Children's Day' yesterday in the auditorium of CRC- A&N Islands, Brookshabad. Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Secretary (IT/Agri/E&F) was the chief guest on this occasion. Shri H. Manoj, General Manager of NABARD was the guest of honour.

Divyang children from every nook and corner of South Andaman attended the programme. Parents, attenders and care takers of Divyangjans enjoyed the songs, dance and fancy-dress competitions presented

by the children. Students from Psychology Department of ANCOL also attended the programme.

In his address, the chief guest boosted the confidence of the children with special need and their parents for participating in such programme. He also lauded the efforts of the staff of CRC- A&N Islands and TAAN and BRW Entertainments for organizing the programme in a grand way.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri H. Manoj, General Manager of NABARD, highlighted the importance of organizing such a wonderful event for the entertainment of the Divyangjans.

Smti Sumithamol S. Resident Nodal Officer of CRC- A&N Islands appreciated the gathering for attending the programme.

## ICAR-CIARI Celebrates Agricultural Education Day through Series of Programmes

Port Blair, Nov 15: Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has designated 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, as Agricultural Education Day. In this connection, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is conducting a series of programmes for school and college students from 15<sup>th</sup> November to 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2022. To begin with, a debate competition was held on 15<sup>th</sup> November for

school students in which 82 students from 9 schools viz. Ummat Public School, Kamaraj English Medium School, Khalsa Public School, Don Bosco School, GSSS, Port Mout St. Mary's School, Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School, Saraswathi Shishu Mandir, and Rabindra Bangla Vidyalaya participated. Two teams from each school debated in favor and against the topic "Whether agriculture, animal husbandry and fisheries

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## Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi Celebrates Children's Day at Community Hall, Mithakari

Port Blair, Nov 15: Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi celebrated Children's Day with the students of Govt. Middle School Ograbraj, Muslimbasti, Mithakhari, Tushnabad and Namunaghar by handing of RO (Water Purifier) units to each school which was earlier requested by the schools to PBGKR.

Mr. Dubey DEO W/ Gunj, Mr. Hanifa Principal Tushnabad along with teachers and children's of the schools.

Pramukh of F/gunj Mrs. Padmavati along with



Pradhan of 4 areas namely Mr. Shaffique, Mr. Anand, Mr. Venkat and Mr. Basheer and respected PRI members gave their valuable time to witness a wonderful show presented by the children's. Very sensitive topics

- Importance of Trees and Impact of Social Media on today's upcoming generation were showcased via skits by the kids. Sweets were distributed among 250 children of all schools by Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi.

## Ajoy Bairagi calls on Chief Secretary ANI, highlights issues of N & M Andaman

Port Blair, Nov 15: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi led a team of delegation consisting of Dr. Devdas (Retd Director of Education Dept.), Dr. P.K. Mandal State Gen. Sec. BJKM, ANI, Tusar Bepari District Gen. Sect. and FCI Consultative member (GOI) ANI, Mr. Sujit Mistry, Pradhan Nimbutala, Mr. Venkateshwar Rao, Pradhan Shivapuram, Smti Sunita Jaldee, Zilla Parishad RK. Gram, Pradhans Kishorinagar, Pashchim Sagar, Pradhan Gandhinagar and met with Chief Secretary ANI today and placed all the grievances being faced by the PRIs of N & M Andaman and which are hampering the development of the panchayats of NMA.

As per report, the

members of the PRIs raised the issue of pathetic Rural roads of NMA. All the PRIs together aggrieved that the panchayats are facing unspeakable difficulties for non-cooperative attitude of Executive Engineer (PRI), they alleged.

BJKM, State General Secretary Dr. P.K. Mandal highlighted the grievances of Guest faculties working in different colleges of ANI. Dr. Mandal urged before the CS to look into the matter of enhancement of Honorarium as per Order issued by the UGC vide order No. F.25-1/2018(PS/MISC) dated 28.01.2019.

Mr. Suit Mistry highlighted the issue of Quarry

that since long most of the Quarries of NMA region remained suspended and due to its impact, common people are unable to construct their houses.

Women PRIs of Diglipur region said that the Works of MGNAREGA's estimate is still pending on the table of the concerned authorities in NMA and which is causing economic hamper to the people who largely depend on livelihood on MGNREGA.

The Chief Secretary reportedly gave a patient hearing to all the issues raised by Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, Dr. P.K. Mandal GS, BJKM, ANI and other PRI Members and assured to take the necessary steps in this direction.

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## ICAR-CIARI Celebrates...

are promising professional careers or not?"

At the Outset, Dr. S.K. Zamir Ahmed, Principal Scientist & Nodal officer of the programme, briefed the idea behind the conduct of debate under the aegis of Agriculture Education Day and expressed gratitude to the Principals of participant schools for deputing their students. Dr. Sirisha Adamala, Scientist along with Mr. Alex Praveen Barla and Mrs. Asma Bibi, Technical Assistants coordinated the event. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. E.B Chakurkar, Director ICAR-CIARI encouraged the students to participate wholeheartedly and utilize the opportunity to with the Scientists.

Dr. R. Jayakumar Varadan, Scientist & Organizing Secretary summarized the deliberation of the debate indicating that agriculture, as a

primary sector provides impetus to secondary and tertiary sectors, contributes significantly to GDP and employment, and observed that corporatization will increase the efficiency and eliminate the problems in agricultural value chain; and providing urban amenities in rural areas will attract youth to take up agriculture as a professional career. Mr. D. Karunakaran, Scientist & Organizing Secretary proposed vote of thanks.

In continuation, a debate competition will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> November for college students on the topic "Whether agricultural education in schools is necessary for the Islands under increasing urbanization scenario?" followed by painting and quiz competitions on 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, respectively. On 25<sup>th</sup> November, Dr. Lal Singh, Joint Director & Head, Botanical

Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre will deliver a Seminar Lecture on "floral diversity of Andaman & Nicobar Islands". On 28<sup>th</sup> November, the Garacharma Campus of CIARI is open for the school students to visit its R&D activities. In addition, students can submit a Concept Paper on "Innovative ideas for agricultural development in the Islands" by 30<sup>th</sup> November. The highlight of this fortnightly programme is the Scientist-Student Interaction, wherein a team of Scientists will visit the schools to create awareness among the students about the "Career opportunities in agriculture and allied sectors" and to inculcate scientific temperament. Organizing Secretaries Mr. D. Karunakaran, @ 9433286866 and Dr. R. Jayakumar Varadan @ 8903974102 can be contacted for further details.

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## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Nov 15: ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder, Chairman- Campaign Committee ANTCC Mr. G. Bhasker and The entire family of Congress Party deeply mourn the Sudden Demise of Gurupada Baroi, R/o Kadamtala on 15th November 2022 at 12AM Midnight. He was a very sin-

cere and diligent Congress Party Person and served the Congress Party for 25 years as a Unit President of Kadamtala. He lost his life at the age of 105 years.

The Congress Party Leaders felt and conveyed their heartiest Condolences and Prayers to give Strength to the bereaved family Members.

## NCP MLA Jitendra Awhad granted anticipatory bail in molestation case

Nationalist Congress Party MLA and ex Maharashtra minister Jitendra Awhad on Tuesday was granted anticipatory bail by a Thane court in connection with a molestation case registered against him by a woman. The court allowed bail on a bond of Rs. 15,000. Awhad was arrested after the woman alleged he had touched her inappropriately during an event in Mumbai. According to the complainant - a 40-year-old social worker - the incident took place on November 13. She said that when Awhad was moving through the crowd, he

touched her shoulders and asked, "Why are you standing in the middle?" The woman registered an FIR soon after meeting chief minister Eknath Shinde.

Earlier, Awhad alleged that the police had registered false cases against him and that he would fight against "police brutality".

"Police registered two false cases against me in 72 hours. I will fight against police brutality. I am deciding to resign from the post of MLA. We can't witness the murder of democracy," he had said.

## Member of...

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their end.

He added that all these candidates are now deeply worried that due to these spelling errors in the name, printed on the admit card, they might not be allowed for the written test, on the day of exam.

In this regard, he has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to intervene in this matter and arrange to allow all candidates for this written test even if there are errors in the name, printed

on the admit card, by validating the person based on the photograph of the candidate printed over the Admit Card and the ID card.

He pointed out that this exam is a lifetime opportunity for most of the candidates and hence personal intervention of Hon'ble Lt. Governor is necessary to save the future of the candidates, who are facing problems as there is a spelling error in their name printed over Admit Cards.

## Delay in...

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children are not served the food at the centres and as a result, few parents send food with their children while a number of children have ceased to come to Angawai Centres due to this reason. On the other hand, these nutritious ration items are meant for children and pregnant women but due to such delay, clearly children and pregnant women are not getting sufficient nutrition, which

they rightfully deserve to get, the parents claimed.

As per sources, the Social Welfare Department said that the supply was stopped due to some issues in the procurement process. Earlier Self Help Group used to supply the dry ration items but now the Dept. has to buy these items through the GEM process and because of this reason undesired delay is occurring, they maintained.