



On the occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day 2022, members of Rajya Sainik Board with Secretary Col. DS Godara (Retd) called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency for Flag Pinning Ceremony today at Raj Niwas. A Cheque of Rs. 15,000/- as A&N Administration's contribution was handed over.

## Member of Parliament demands to induct at least 20 more new buses in State Transport Service

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on last Monday and raised several issues. Among other issues, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to induct at least 20 more new buses in State Transport Service so that problems being faced by Islanders of far flung Islands can be minimized.

He informed the Hon'ble Lt. Governor that during his recent visit to North, Middle and South Andaman villages as well as Nicobar District he has personally witnessed that the buses of State Transport Service

are in deplorable state and many of the STS buses are irreparable. He pointed out that everyday thousands and thousands of people in various far flung Islands depend on these buses to reach their offices, schools, colleges, hospital, market etc and due to the present condition of the STS buses they are going through severe mental and physical pain. Many buses, with leakages on the roof, missing windows, broken seats are being pressed into service, which can lead to a fatal accident anytime, he added.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that in far flung Islands where everyone can't afford a car or hire an auto, the STS buses are the lifeline but

the STS buses are now becoming a threat to passengers life. School Children are suffering the worst because of this situation.

He added that while Islanders living in South Andaman have options of travelling in private buses, AC buses and Green (Electric) Buses, people of far flung Islands do not have that many choices. Considering the hardship being faced by people of all three Districts, he requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to induct at least 20 more new buses in State Transport Service so that problems being faced by Islanders of remote Islands can be minimized.

## Traffic Diversion

It is noticed that commuters are facing hardship in moving from Dairy Farm Junction to Airport Entry gate due to heavy traffic congestion especially by the vehicles entering/exiting Airport. To ease out the traffic congestion, A & N traffic Police has decided on Pilot basis the diversion of vehicles from Airport Entry/Exit gate from 09/12/2022 (Friday). Vehicles intending to approach VSI Airport from School Line shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' at

the Airport Entry gate instead they shall proceed towards Dairy Farm Junction & then after taking 'U' turn will proceed towards Airport entry gate.

Vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' from Airport Exit gate i.e towards Dairy Farm instead they shall take Left turn & proceed towards Anjali Driving School, Lamba Line and take 'U' turn to approach towards Dairy Farm Jn.

Mini Buses/Buses & heavy goods vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall take left turn & take 'U' turn from INS Utkrosh Gate, Lamba Line to proceed towards Dairy Farm.

A&N Traffic Police is strived to provide safer & smoother vehicular arrangements for the road users. Hence, all the general public are hereby advised to cooperate with the Traffic Police to successfully implement the above directions.

## MAUSAM App and Damini Lightning App

Port Blair, Dec. 7 : Andaman & Nicobar Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters. These Islands also falls in cyclogenesis zone and significant number of cyclones gets generated every year in the Andaman Sea. Heavy rainfalls due to monsoon leads to localized flooding also occurs frequently in low lying areas. To provide localised information about such Natural Phenomena various mobile applications have

been developed.

MAUSAM, a Mobile App of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) is providing seamless and user-friendly access to weather products available on <https://mausam.imd.gov.in/>. Users can access observed weather forecasts, radar images and be proactively warned of impending weather events.

Damini Lightning Apps has also been developed by IITM-Pune

and ESSO where monitoring of all lightning activity happening specifically in India and alert is generated, if lightning happens nearby through GPS notification under 20KM and 40KM.

All residents of A&N Islands have been requested to download the MAUSAM App and Damini Lightning App from the Google Play Store or IOS and install the same in mobiles to get timely information.

## Celebrate the Utsav of Examination

Port Blair, Dec. 7 : To celebrate the Utsav of Examination, the sixth edition of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2023', the unique interactive programme of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi with students, teachers and parents will be held at Talkatora Stadium in January 2023. This event is being organized successfully for the sixth consecutive year by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education.

Children studying in classes from IX to XII, teachers and parents can participate in the 'Pariksha Pe Charcha'

programme. An online creative writing competition is being conducted at <https://innovateindia.mygov.in/ppc-2023/> on various topics from Nov.25 and will continue upto Dec.30, 2022 for selection of 18 participants from A & N Islands. Suggested topics can be obtained from the Office of Zonal Officers, Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools across Islands. Selected participants will receive certificate signed by Director (NCERT) and a copy of the 'Exam Warrior' book, written by Hon'ble Prime Minister.

The competition is the mode through which students, parents

and teachers are invited to frame their questions to be addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Selected questions, shortlisted by NCERT, may feature in the programme. The participant who asked questions in the previous editions of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' are invited by media channels to appear in their programmes. In the same lines, this year's chosen few may get an opportunity to interact with media.

In this regard, all the students from classes IX to XII, teachers and parents of A & N Islands have been informed to go through the above link and participate accordingly.

## Few seats are lying vacant in various PG courses

Port Blair, Dec. 7 : Few seats are lying vacant in various PG courses in JNRM for the session 2022-23. Hence candidates, who have applied for taking admission may attend the counselling on 12th December, 2022 at 9 am in JNRM. The counselling for M.A Bengali shall also be held on 12th December at 9 am.

Candidates may attend the counseling at respective inter-disciplinary departments by 9 am. They should bring the documents viz. Student Grade Cards/

Consolidated Student Grade Cards in respect of Graduation (Original will be detained in JNRM); Migration Certificate (only for the candidates other than Pondicherry University) (Original will be detained in JNRM); School Leaving Certificate (Transfer Certificate) (Original will be detained in JNRM); X Pass certificate for verification of date of birth; Category Certificate (ST, OBC, PH, ward of Central Govt. Servants/Ex-Servicemen & EWS); Aadhaar/

Aadhaar Enrolment Slip; One passport size photograph in original for verification and one set of photostat copies (to be submitted during admission).

Those who fail to attend the counseling session on specified date and time will not be considered for admission to the respective course and the next eligible candidate from the merit list will be considered for admission.

## Diversion of vehicles from Airport Entry/Exit gate

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## Emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency

Port Blair, Dec. 7 : Distant Cautionary Signal No.I has been hoisted at Port Blair Port. For further enquiries/information, one

may contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at

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



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<div data-bbox="172 142 525 2804">  <p><b>संपदकीय</b></p> <p><b>एक पैर से ही दौड़ गई 21 किलोमीटर:ट्रेन से गिरी तो कटी टांग, नहीं टूटा हौसला; आज हूं देश की पहली महिला ब्लेड रनर</b></p> <p>पिता कपड़ों में प्रेस करने का काम करते थे, लेकिन सपना था बच्चों को पढ़ा-लिखाकर काबिल बनाने का। बड़ी बेटी ने खुद के बूते इंफोसिस जैसी कंपनी तक पहुंचकर उनके सपने को पूरा किया, तो परिवार में एक अरसे बाद खुशियां आईं। लेकिन, बर्थडे से एक दिन पहले चलती ट्रेन में लूटपाट की वारदात के दौरान वह ट्रेक पर गिर गई, जिससे उनका पैर कट गया। समाज उन्हें 'बेचारी लड़की' की नजर से देखे, यह उन्हें मंजूर नहीं था।</p> <p>उन्होंने एक बार फिर से खड़े होने, भागने और अपनी किस्मत को खुद से लिखने का फैसला कर लिया और वह बन गई इंडिया की पहली फीमेल ब्लेड रनर। आज वह मैराथन में दौड़ती हैं, स्विमिंग, साइकलिंग करती हैं और दूसरों की जिंदगी में उम्मीद की किरन बिखेरती हैं।</p> <p>देश के करोड़ों बच्चों की तरह ही मेरा बचपन भी बहुत सिंपल था। हम 3 भाई-बहन हैं। मैं सबसे बड़ी हूं। पढ़ने में हम सब अच्छे थे। मम्मी-पापा चाहते थे कि हम सब अच्छे से पढ़ें और आगे बढ़ें, अच्छी नौकरी करें। बचपन में प्रॉब्लम्स बहुत आईं, कई बार समझ ही नहीं आता कि क्या करें, लेकिन जब मम्मी-पापा से बात करते, उनसे बातें शेयर करते, तो कोई न कोई रास्ता खुल जाता।</p> <p>मम्मी-पापा तो इतने पढ़े-लिखे थे नहीं, इसलिए जिन अंकल के यहां वे काम करते थे, वे ही हमें भी गाइड करते थे। 12वीं के बाद कंप्यूटर्स की पढ़ाई के लिए पैसे नहीं थे, तब उन्होंने ही महर्षि दयानंद यूनिवर्सिटी, रोहतक से जुड़े फरीदाबाद के वाट कॉलेज में बात की और स्कॉलरशिप दिलवाई। फर्स्ट सेमेस्टर में ही मैंने यूनिवर्सिटी टॉप की, तो कॉलेज ने अगले 2 साल की पूरी फीस माफ कर दी।</p> <p>कैंपस सेलेक्शन के बाद इंफोसिस में मिली जॉब</p> <p>2008 में कैंपस सेलेक्शन के बाद ऑफर लेटर मिलना था, लेकिन तभी मंदी आ गई। लेटर का इंतजार करते-करते एक-एक महीना बीतने लगा। लगा कि जॉब नहीं मिलेगी। 6 महीने बाद इंफोसिस से लेटर आया, तो बहुत खुशी मिली। मैं फरीदाबाद से हैदराबाद चली गई।</p> <p>ट्रेन में बदमाशों ने लूटी बर्थडे की खुशियां</p> <p>25 दिसंबर को मेरा बर्थडे होता है। 2011 में 24 दिसंबर को फैमिली और फ्रेंड्स के साथ बर्थडे मनाने के लिए घर आ रही थी। फरीदाबाद पहुंचने से पहले ही मैं रेडी होकर ट्रेन के गेट के पास वाली साइड लोअर बर्थ पर बैठ गई। तभी 2 बदमाश आए और मेरा बैग छीनकर भागे। छीना-झपटी में मैं चलती ट्रेन से नीचे गिर गई और मेरा पैर कट गया।</p> <p>रेलवे पुलिस फरीदाबाद स्टेशन लाई और एक प्राइवेट हॉस्पिटल में भर्ती करा दिया। वह शनिवार का दिन था और शाम के 6 बज रहे थे। मैं सबको देख और सुन पा रही थी, लेकिन कुछ बोलने की हालत में नहीं थी। तभी एक सीनियर डॉक्टर आए और बोले कि ऑपरेशन करना पड़ेगा। जिसके लिए 1 लाख रुपए हॉस्पिटल में जमा करने थे। किसी तरह पेरेंट्स ने पैसे अरेंज किए। इस सबमें काफी टाइम लग गया। रात के 12 बजे मुझे ऑपरेशन थिएटर ले जाया गया।</p> <p>यह वही वक्त था, जब हर साल मेरे फ्रेंड्स बर्थडे विश करते थे। मेरी नजरें बार-बार घड़ी पर जा रही थीं, लग रहा था कि फ्रेंड्स मुझे कॉल कर रहे होंगे और मैं हॉस्पिटल में पड़ी हूं। तभी डॉक्टर एक पेपर लेकर आए और बोले कि मेरा पैर काटकर अलग कर दिया जाएगा। यह सुनते ही मैं एकदम ब्लैक हो गई। कुछ समझ ही नहीं आया। केक काटने के वक्त डॉक्टर मेरा पैर काटने की बात कर रहे थे। मेरे लिए यह बयां न की जा सकने वाली सिचुएशन थी। मैंने पेपर पर साइन कर दिए। उसके बाद मुझे कुछ नहीं मालूम कि मेरे साथ क्या हुआ।</p> <p>बर्थडे के दिन मिला दोबारा जन्म, स्ट्रगल का नया दौर</p> <p>अगले दिन सुबह मुझे होश आया तो इतनी हिम्मत भी नहीं हुई कि अपनी टांग देख सकूं। मैं यह मानने को ही तैयार नहीं थी कि मेरा एक पैर कट चुका है। रिकवरी में 6 महीने बीत गए। मन में हमेशा यही सवाल आते कि मैं बाहर कैसे जाऊंगी, जॉब कैसे करूंगी, फैमिली को कैसे सपोर्ट करूंगी।</p> <p>उस वक्त लोगों का नजरिया निगेटिविटी भरा था, बोलते कि बेचारी की अच्छी खासी जॉब थी, अब कैसे क्या करेगी। लेकिन, उनमें से कोई यह नहीं कहता कि किरन तुम फिर से खड़ी हो सकती हो, अपनी जिंदगी जी सकती हो। इंडिया में लोग सोचते हैं कि एक तो लड़की, उसपर से बेचारी के साथ ऐसा हादसा।</p> <p>पापा ने दिया सुधा चंद्रन का उदाहरण, उनका हाथ थाम फिर से चलना सीखा</p> <p>रिकवरी फेज में पापा हमेशा मेरे साथ रहते, सुधा चंद्रन का उदाहरण देकर उत्साह बढ़ाते थे। ब्रह्मकुमारीज से एक मैम आकर मेडिटेशन कराती थीं, जिससे मैं अपने थॉट्स को कंट्रोल कर सकी। रिकवरी के बाद आर्टिफिशियल लेग लगाने का प्रोसेस शुरू हुआ। प्रोस्थेटिक लेग लगाकर एक बार फिर पेरेंट्स का हाथ थामकर मैंने एक-एक कदम चलना सीखा।</p> <p>सर्जरी करने वाले डॉक्टर की बातों से लिया चैलेंज</p> <p>एक दिन मैं बाथरूम में गिर गई तो पता चला कि डॉक्टर स्टेपल पिन्स निकालना और एक बोन कट करना भूल गए थे। जिससे मुझे लगातार पेन होता था। जब सर्जरी करने वाले डॉक्टर के पास गई, उनसे पूछा कि सर आपने ऐसा क्यों किया? तो उन्होंने बड़े आराम से कहा कि तुम्हें कभी भागना तो है नहीं, एक बार फिर सर्जरी कर देते हैं। मैंने उनसे पूछा दोबारा? मुझे फिर से ऑपरेशन थिएटर में नहीं जाना था। उनकी बात सुनकर मैंने सोचा कि एक डॉक्टर ऐसे कैसे बोल सकता है। तभी मैंने तय कर लिया कि एक दिन मैं भागूंगी।</p> <p>प्रॉस्थेटिक डॉक्टर ने कहा, तुम्हें भागना होगा किरन</p> <p>चलना-फिरना बंद होने से वेट बढ़ने लगता है। आर्टिफिशियल पार्ट्स महंगे आते हैं। वेट बढ़ गया तो फिर नए पार्ट्स की जरूरत पड़ती है। इसलिए हमें एक्टिव लाइफ</p> </div>		<div data-bbox="1050 142 1344 2804"> <p>स्टाइल की जरूरत पड़ती है। हैदराबाद में एक रिहैबिलिटेशन सेंटर है— श्दक्षिण रिहैब। वहीं से मेरी जिंदगी बदल गई और जीने का एक मकसद मिल गया। जब वहां के प्रॉस्थेटिक डॉक्टर से मिली तो उन्होंने कहा कि किरन तुम्हें भागना होगा। मैंने जवाब दिया, हां सर, मैं भागूंगी। उन्होंने मेरे लिए प्रॉस्थेटिक लेग की जगह एक ब्लेड ऑर्डर किया, जो रनिंग में हेल्प करता है। फिर उससे बने आर्टिफिशियल लेग को पहन चलना शुरू किया, हाथ पकड़कर भागना शुरू किया। उस ट्रेनिंग के दौरान मैं सच में भागने लगी।</p> <p>मैं बन गई इंडिया की पहली फीमेल ब्लेड रनर</p> <p>उन्हीं दिनों हैदराबाद में एक मैराथन हो रही थी। हमारे ग्रुप ने 5 किमी दौड़ने का तय किया। हम कभी दौड़े, कभी चले, इस तरह 5 किमी रनिंग पूरी की। यह देखकर सब लोग आकर हमें प्रोत्साहित करने लगे कि श्यू पीपल आर ग्रेट, श्यू स्टैंड अबव दैन अस। उनकी बातें सुनकर लगा कि मुझे यहां रुकना नहीं चाहिए, और आगे बढ़ना है। फिर 5 किमी से 10 किमी चले, फिर सोचा कि 21 किमी भागना है।</p> <p>लोग बोलते, 'एक टांग नहीं है, सिंपल लाइफ जियो'।</p> <p>जब बहुत से लोग उत्साह बढ़ा रहे थे, तब भी कुछ लोग मिले, जो कहते कि अरे एक टांग नहीं है, दूसरी टांग पर क्यों इतना लोड डाल रहे हो, सिंपल लाइफ जियो। लेकिन, होता क्या है कि जब हम अपने लिए स्ट्रगल नहीं करेंगे, चैलेंज नहीं लेंगे तब आगे भी नहीं बढ़ सकेंगे।</p> <p>मैंने खुद के लिए चैलेंज लिया, इसलिए इतना आगे बढ़ पाई। इसीलिए दुनिया आज मुझे जानती है। आज मैं भाग सकती हूं, साइकलिंग कर सकती हूं, स्विमिंग कर सकती हूं। आज अपनी फैमिली, जॉब और खुद का ख्याल रख रही हूं। खाना बनाने से लेकर सारे काम कर लेती हूं। एकदम नॉर्मल लाइफ जी रही हूं।</p> <p>उप राष्ट्रपति ने दिया अवॉर्ड, अब दूसरों को सिखाती हूं फिर से जीना</p> <p>नीति आयोग और न्च इंडिया की तरफ से मुझे वुमन ट्रांसफॉर्मिंग इंडिया अवॉर्ड-2017 दिया गया। उप राष्ट्रपति वेंकैया नायडू के हाथों मुझे यह अवॉर्ड मिला। स्कूल, कॉलेज से लेकर तमाम संस्थाएं मोटिवेशनल स्पीच के लिए मुझे बुलाती हैं और सम्मानित करती हैं।</p> <p>अब मुझे जब किसी के एम्प्युटेशन के बारे में पता चलता है, जिनके हाथ या पैर कट गए हैं, तो उनसे मिलती हूं। मैं उस स्टेज से गुजर चुकी हूं, इसलिए उनकी मानसिक स्थिति समझ सकती हूं। उनकी काउंसलिंग करती हूं। उन्हें बताती हूं कि हमें खुद के लिए खड़ा होना पड़ेगा। हमारे पास टेक्नोलॉजी है, जिसकी मदद से अपने सपने पूरे कर सकते हैं।</p> <p>मदद मिलती तो पैरा ओलिंपिक्स में रोशन करती देश का नाम</p> <p>ब्लेड रनर होने के बावजूद मैं पैरा स्पोर्ट्स की तरफ आगे नहीं बढ़ सकी, क्योंकि मैराथन से कोई इनकम तो होती नहीं। पैरा ओलिंपिक्स जैसे इवेंट्स की तैयारी के लिए प्रॉपर न्यूट्रीशन चाहिए, अच्छी डाइट, प्रोफेशनल कोच और स्पॉन्सर चाहिए। पैराथन में तो मुझे अपना कार्बन लेग और शूज पहनने हैं और भागने लगना है। और फिर, अगर जॉब छोड़कर बैठ जाती तो अपनी फैमिली को कैसे सपोर्ट करती। इसलिए स्पोर्ट्स की तरफ नहीं बढ़ सकी।</p> <p>लेकिन, इससे मैं निराश नहीं हूं। कोशिश कर रही हूं कि अपने जैसे दूसरे लोगों की जिंदगी में उम्मीदों की किरन बिखेरती रहूं। एक्सिडेंट के बाद भगवान से किए सवालों का जवाब भी मुझे मिल चुका है। मैं आज एक उद्देश्य के लिए जिंदा हूं, दूसरों को राह दिखा रही हूं।</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p><b>Allotment of various Professional/ Technical/Non-Technical courses</b></p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>Port Blair, Dec. 6: The candidates who have applied for allotment of various Professional/Technical/ Non-Technical courses including Malayalee Origin seats reserved at mainland institutions for the academic session 2022-23 have been informed that the counseling for BDS-2 seats, BHMS-4 seats, BAMS-3 seats, BAMS (Malayalee Origin) -1 seat and B.Sc Agriculture (Malayalee Origin) -1 seat will be held on Dec.12 at 10 am in the auditorium</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>of Tagore Govt. College of Education.</p> <p>All the interested candidates whose names have appeared in the merit list of above courses have been directed to appear in person with all educational qualification certificates/ testimonials in original along with 5 (five) passport size photographs and 2 permanency certificates for sureties and other documents in support of their category for counseling on the date, time and</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>venue as specified above.</p> <p>If the seats are un-utilized from the respective categories, the same may be allotted from Category-V as per merit.</p> <p>No subsequent claim will be entertained or considered from any candidate, irrespective of his merit, fails to appear in person or does not produce necessary certificates in original at the time of counseling/selection.</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p><b>Organizing Andaman Food Processing Conclave on Dec.8, 2022 at Megapode Nest</b></p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>Port Blair, Dec. 6: The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Govt. of India in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce will be organizing Andaman Food Processing Conclave on Dec.8, 2022 at Megapode Nest. The Conclave will integrate sector players to explore opportunities for agri cluster development, contract farming, sourcing, processing, Value addition, distribution &amp; marketing in the food processing sector of A&amp;N Islands.</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>Agriculture and Food processing is one of the major sectors of the Indian Economy in view of its large potential for growth and likely socio-economic impact especially on employment and income creation. The Ministry of Food processing Industries, Govt. of India is taking the initiative to promote investment, Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises and awareness for up gradation for technology in the food processing</p> </div>		
		<div data-bbox="1050 2804 1344 2804"> <p>industries sector in Andaman through seminar where all important stakeholders will meet and discuss critical issues pertaining towards development of industry in food processing sector. All the aspiring entrepreneurs willing to venture into the food processing sector or existing enterprises and other stakeholders have been invited to participate in the Andaman Food Processing Conclave scheduled on Dec.8 at 10 am at Megapode Nest.</p> </div>		





**Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) today at Raj Niwas. Discussed expediting execution of mega infrastructure projects worth ? 75,000/- Crores in A&N Islands, including International Container Transshipment Terminal and new Green Field Airport, consequent to the final clearance accorded by Government of India. Identification of additional projects for the follow-up phases was also discussed.**

**APPLICATION INVITED FOR COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE BY THE HON'BLE LT. GOVERNOR**

F. No. 1-2(RD)/CC/2023/304

Port Blair, dated the 02/12/2022

Application are invited from bonafide citizens/organizations of A & N Islands for award of Lt. Governor's Commendation Certificate on the occasion of **Republic Day, 2023**, to persons who have distinguished in the field of Arts, Commerce, Education, Sports, Games & Culture and Social Welfare etc. or have rendered meritorious service of a high order.

Application in the prescribed proforma should reach the Confidential Cell, Secretariat, A & N Administration **latest by 03<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 up to 05.00 pm** along with their Vigilance Clearance Certificate. Sponsoring / Nominating of nominees should be done by the Chief Secretary/ PCCF / DGP/ Pr. Secretary/ Commr.-cum-Secretary/ Secretaries and Deputy Commissioners of respective Districts. Other HoDs can recommend through respective Administrative Secretaries only.

**Guidelines for eligibility of Commendation Certificate**

The illustrative list of fields which could be covered under this award are as follows:

- Art (such as Popular arts, Music, Painting, Architecture, Sculpture photography etc.)
- Social work.
- Public affairs (such as law and public life etc.)
- Science, Engineering, Technology and other learned professions
- Literature and Education including Journalism.
- Trade and Industry (such as Banking, Tourism and Handicrafts etc.)
- Civil Service.
- Sports, Athletics and Adventure Sports.
- Protection of Human Right.
- Protection of Environment.
- Any other area, considered fit by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor.

Those who have excelled in any one of the above mentioned fields and contributed significantly will be considered for award of Commendation Certificate.

If team is being nominated, role of each member of the team has to be clearly defined and only the one who have shown exemplary work in the team should be sponsored.

Both, officials and non-officials are eligible for the award.

Association, institution or organization which are exclusively concerned with a particular religion or cast or creed or ethic group and whose services are exclusively confined to the activities thereof and whose activities in anyway run counter to the noble objectives of national integration and understanding fellowship and sense of solidarity should not be considered.

**PROFORMA**

1. Full Name (Roman & Devnagri Script):
2. Father's/ Husband's name:
3. Date of Birth:
4. Profession / occupation / designation:
5. Residential address (along with e-mail ID, Aadhaar No., Telephone / Mobile number :
6. Field of activity & achievement:
7. Name of Nominating authority & Telephone/ Mobile number.
8. Vigilance Clearance Certificate & Pay level (for Govt. Servants):  
(without vigilance clearance certificate, nominations will not be accepted for consideration)

(Officer / official being nominated is not an Inquiry Officer/Presenting Officer for more than 03 Months and is not in violation of any order of the Disciplinary Authority in conducting inquiry as I.O/P.O).

9. Citation (in 150 words only) along with soft copy:

\* All fields are compulsory / mandatory

Applicant / Nominees can send their applications / nominations through email id:hlgccani@gmail.com (Incomplete application / Nominations will not be entertained / accepted).

It is also requested, to kindly adhere to the last date i.e. **03<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 up to 05. 00 pm** for sending nominations as the cases will be submitted before the Screening Committee immediately thereafter.

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*Signature of the Nominating Authority*  
Assistant Secretary (CC)

## CNS UNIT CITATION TO INAS 318 ON THE OCCASION OF NAVY DAY 22



PORT BLAIR 05 DEC 22 : The Indian Naval Air Squadron 318, christened as 'Hawks', was commissioned on 08 Mar 1984 as a frontline Maritime Air Squadron at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Beginning with the Islander aircraft having limited reconnaissance capability, the squadron graduated to a more potent 'Dornier' aircraft in Dec 1999. Over the years, the squadron has transformed into a formidable frontline MR Squadron equipped with state of the art surveillance radar and electronic suite.

The Squadron undertakes maritime operational

missions in the ANC (AOR) covering the strategic 'Six degree Channel' and the Malacca Straits, keeping a sharp vigil over the shipping traffic and surveillance over the EEZ shared with neighbouring nations of Myanmar, Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia.

The Squadron has been executing its role in a professional manner contributing immensely to maintenance of Maritime Security. The squadron has been pivotal in monitoring the activities of Multi National Forces (MNF) and Extra Regional Forces (ERF) in the region having successfully undertaken multitude of missions ranging from Maritime

Reconnaissance, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Surveillance, Information Warfare (IW)/ELINT Operations, Search and Shadow operations, SLOC (Sea Lines of Communication) monitoring, Fleet Support, Search and Rescue, Casualty Evacuation, Co-ordinated Patrols with foreign navies and Communication Duties.

For their exceptional service, professionalism and dedication towards duty, the squadron was awarded Unit Citation by the Chief of Naval Staff on the occasion of Navy Day 22.



## 'My Swaraj Dweep'. The Mobile App was formally launched by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N

Port Blair, Dec. 6 : The Andaman & Nicobar Islands famous for its beautiful coastlines, water sports activities, pristine beaches and hordes of natural beauty spots attracts large number of tourists both domestic and international to the Islands. To promote Andaman tourism in the global arena, efforts are being made by the A&N Administration to provide the best services at par with international standards. The era of technology driven world, has indeed made things easier for people. In line with this, the Tourism Department of A&N Administration has been striving towards digital promotion of its tourism destinations, keeping in mind the needs and wants of tourists visiting the Islands.

As part of its effort towards digital promotion of its Tourism destinations, the Department has come up with a tech driven idea to facilitate tourists with information at fingertip by devising a mobile app titled 'My Swaraj Dweep'. The Mobile App was formally launched by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) with the click of the remote button at a brief function held in the conference hall of Raj Niwas here this morning. The Lt. Governor congratulated the Tourism Department for devising the Mobile App for the benefit of the Tourists as well as the Islanders.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (IP&T), Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS,



Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS and Senior Officers of A&N Administration were present during the Mobile App launch function.

Giving a brief introduction about the App, the Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat said the Tourism Department's mobile application on Swaraj Dweep titled 'My Swaraj Dweep' has been devised with the guidance and constant support of the Chief Secretary and the Commissioner-cum-Secretary IP&T. This Mobile App will guide tourists on various aspects, such as how to reach Swaraj Dweep, tourist circuit, interesting tourism spots, where to stay, how to book, live locations, plethora of water sports activities to choose at Swaraj Dweep, which has become a most sought after Tourist destination all over the World, he said.

Apart from this, information such as Dos and Don'ts, important phone numbers etc. have also been included in this App. The QR code of the App will be made available to all tourism stakeholders to ensure maximum reach, especially amongst tourists. People can download the app by visiting the website <https://www.andamantourism.gov.in/MySwarajDweep.apk>. For wide publicity and easy access of the app by tourists, standees and banners will be placed at different locations. This app which has been exclusively launched for tourists will redress their grievances and offer several tourism-related facilities in the Islands. Further, steps will also be initiated to develop a mobile application for entire Andaman Tourism in the coming days.

## CURB ON ILLICIT LIQUOR MANUFACTURING IN N&M ANDAMAN



The district police of North & Middle Andaman have been conducting intensive jungle search and combing operations to crackdown on manufacturing of illicit Liquor. Adding to the spree of crackdown on illicit liquor manufacturing in the district, Police team headed by SI Sushanto Debnat, I/c OP Betapur and ASI Muchray Munda alongwith Police/IRBN officials conducted jungle search at Gobindapur and Prafullo Nagar area. During jungle search the team recovered bhatti articles in different locations and destroyed more than 800 ltrs. of Lahan and bhatti articles on the spot. The recovery have been done mainly



from forest areas of Gobindapur and Prafullo Nagar area in PS Billiground.

Local residents have highly appreciated the pro active efforts of police. In this fight against illicit liquor, bootleggers & drug abuse

public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime /illegal activities to police over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

### PRESS NOTE

It is brought to the notice of electricity consumers, general public and government departments that power supply will remain suspended at following area on 08.12.2022 (Thursday) from 0700 hrs. to 0900 hrs. to carry out urgent breakdown maintenance work of Busbars and Isolators at 33/11 KV Garacharma Sub-Station.

Date	Area affected	Timing	
		From	To
08.12.2022 (Thursday)	Bhatu Basti complete, Laxmi Motor Area, Pathergudda, Satellite Colony, New Pahargaon, Dollygunj, Pahargaon, ICMR Colony area, part of School Line, Lamba Line Water Treatment Plant area, part of Garacharama, Dollygunj, Attompahar, Old Pahargaon, ICMR Colony area, part of Minnie Bay, Garacharama complete, 5 MW Solar Power Plant area, CARL, Ayyanar Temple, Calicut, New Bilmlitan, part of Teylaraboad, Macca Pahad, AKT Miniplex, Bird Line, Mahaveer Nagar, Kamaraj Nagar, Beodnabad, Rangachang, Burmanallah, Chidiyatapu, Garacharama Sub Station, Japan Nallah, Austinabad, Prothrapur, Carbyn's Cove, Brichgunj, Brookshabad, part of Chakkargoan, Sippighat, Teylarabad, Bimblitan, Manjeri, Guptapara, Manglutan, Wandoor, Chouldari Tushnabad, Port Mount, Tirur, Templemyo, Ograbranj, part of Sippighat, Chouldari Lal Pahar, Tsunami Shelter, Mithakhari, Namunaghar, Dunduspoint & Hathi Tappu	0700 Hrs.	0900 Hrs.

The mentioned time is tentative which may change subject to completion of work.

*The inconvenience caused is regretted.*

(Karuna Jaydhar)  
Executive Engineer(HQ)

## Filling up of teachers' posts

CPI (M) has re-iterated its demand for filling up of all vacant posts of teachers and Heads of Schools under the Education Department. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee while referring to his earlier letter of 30th June, 2022, also addressed to the Lt. Governor, said that that despite elapse of more than 5 months, there seems to be no positive action on the part of the A & N Administration to fill up the vacancies of teachers and Heads of Schools under the Directorate of Education. The schools in these islands have reopened after summer vacation on 1st July, 2022, but sufficient teachers are yet to be posted to the schools. Shri Ayyappan stated that during his visit to North and

Middle Andamans for the last few months, people have informed him that there is shortage of teachers in almost all the schools. Studies of students have been adversely affected particularly in subjects like Maths, Science, etc.

Referring to his earlier letter dated 30th June, 2022, Shri Ayyappan informed the Lt. Governor that none of the senior secondary schools in the islands under the Education Department has regular Principal. The work is being managed by Vice Principal or senior most PGT available in the school. Similarly, most of the Secondary Schools, particularly in the outstations, do not have Headmaster/Vice Principal.

Shri Ayyappan again informed the Lt. Governor that nearly one thousand teaching and non-teaching posts are lying vacant in

the Education Department. No effective step has been taken to recruit teachers against the direct recruitment quota and also to promote the existing eligible teachers against the promotion posts. It is regrettable that at a time when thousands of qualified local youths are waiting to get a job in the Education Department as teachers for the last several years, the Administration has kept about one thousand posts vacant which is nothing but a challenge to the educated local youths, he said. Shri Ayyappan requested the Lt. Governor to take effective steps to fill up all the vacant teaching and non-teaching posts in the Education Department to improve the quality of education and also to provide job to educated youths and promotion to the eligible departmental teachers.

## Member of Parliament demands to reduce the duration of posting for all government servants of all departments to only one year for the entire Nicobar District

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands yesterday and raised several issues. Among other issues, the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to reduce the duration of posting for all government servants irrespective of any department to only one year for the entire Nicobar District.

He mentioned that during his visits to different far flung Islands, he has been approached by hundreds of government servants, who are suffering heavily due to lack of a clear, transparent and uniform transfer policy in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He added that one of the biggest problems faced by government servants of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is posting in remote islands of Nicobar District.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that hard working

government servants of these Islands are always willing to serve Islanders in every corner of these Islands but due to lack of proper transportation, medical, telecommunication facilities and government quarters often government servants feel helpless and fear such hard posting.

He said that many government servants have genuine health issues and many others find it difficult to manage the education of their children in case of long posting in Nicobar District.

He mentioned that in a nutshell uncertainty over years of posting in Nicobar District has become a major psychological barrier for many.

To deal with this problem, the Member of Parliament suggested that the duration of posting for all government servants irrespective of any department must be reduced to only one year for the entire Nicobar District.

He said that if transfer is made for one year in Nicobar District, no

government servant will ever fear to report to their place of work, they will happily proceed and join their duty in no time.

The Member of Parliament added that if the duration of posting is reduced to only one year all government servants will complete the tenure in remote Island without any fear and this will surely help Administration in smoothly and efficiently running the system.

He mentioned that this will not only increase the efficiency of the Administration but also immensely benefit people of Nicobar District as all government servants will report to duty in Nicobar District on time and serve people better.

He pointed out that the one year posting policy has already been adopted by Andaman and Nicobar Police for a long time, which has yielded encouraging results and has kept the police jawan high in spirit.