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## GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of 'Milad-un-Nabi', I extend my warm wishes and heartiest greetings to all the people of A&N Islands.

This festival of 'Eid-E-Milad' is celebrated as the birth anniversary of Prophet Hazrat Mohammad. His teachings inspire us to follow the values of peace, compassion, tolerance, love and service to the humanity. Let us all live with mutual peace and harmony by following the values of the holy Prophet Hazrat Mohammad.

I appeal to all the Islanders to celebrate this festival while adhering to COVID appropriate behavior.

On this occasion, I sincerely wish that this festival brings peace, harmony and compassion in the lives of all Islanders and our Islands continue to progress on the path of development.

(Admiral D K Joshi)

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

Lt. Governor, A&N Islands &

Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency



## ANC CELEBRATES 22<sup>nd</sup> RAISING DAY: CINCAN REVIEWS PARADE



Port Blair, Oct 09:

Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) celebrated its 22<sup>nd</sup> Raising Day on 08 Oct 22. The Command was established on 08 Oct 2001 as a 'Unified Command' under Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar (CINCAN), towards building synergy and cohesion between the Services whilst defending national interests in the far removed Andaman & Nicobar region.

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On the occasion, Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, the 16th Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) reviewed a Joint Services Parade at INS Utkrosh. Whilst addressing the parade, the CINCAN conveyed his heartiest felicitations to all the personal and families of Andaman and Nicobar

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## 68<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week celebration concludes "Wildlife Week is celebration of our rich wildlife diversity & nature's bounty": Chief Secretary



Port Blair, Oct. 8

The valedictory function of the 68th Wildlife Week celebrations-2022 by the Department of Environment & Forests, A&N Administration was held at the TGCE Auditorium here. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS was the chief guest on the occasion. The Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha, South Andaman, Smt. Pramila

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## District Administration organized 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar'



Port Blair, Oct.8

The South Andaman District Administration organized Revenue Camp Court with the theme 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' at Sippighat Gram Panchayat. Shri Suneel

Anchipaka, Secretary (RD) & DC (SA) chaired the event along with Shri Dilkhush Meena, SDM(SA), Shri Piyush Vijaykaran Singh, AC (S) and Shri Ramesh Kumar, Tehsildar

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## Rozar Mela organized by A & N Islands KVIB in collaboration with Indt. Deptt. & Empt. Exchange, A & N Admn.

Port Blair, Oct. 7

The A&N Islands Khadi & Village Industries Board in collaboration with Industries Department and Employment Exchange, A&N Administration will be organizing a 'Rozgar Mela' under Svarozgar Dwara Aatma Nirbharta associating with likeminded agencies implementing Govt. sponsored schemes for providing career guidance. The programme will be held on Oct.13, 2022 in the Community Hall of Gram

Panchayat, Tushnabad from 10 am to 3 pm. The programme is being arranged for the benefits of participants from 6 different Panchayats including Tushnabad, Collinpur, Mithakhari, Ferrargunj, Chouldari and Namunaghar.

The main objective of the programmes is to provide a platform for elucidating the unemployed / under-employed youths on career guidance and boost up self reliance, and setup their livelihood venture duly

availing benefits of Govt. sponsored schemes. The participants would be able to witness separate information kiosks for each department where they would be elaborated on the formalities and benefits of the various schemes being implemented by the departments.

The unemployed / under-employed youth have been requested to attend the programme and make optimum utilization of the services being provided by the Govt. Departments.





## EDITORIAL

## Power play behind panel to study SC quota for converts

*By setting up a panel headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan and giving it two years to examine the demand to extend Scheduled Caste status to all Dalit converts, the Centre appears to have sought a judicial pause on the highly controversial issue. The law under the lens is paragraph three of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, which keeps converts out of the ambit of reservation. It was amended twice to open windows for converted Sikhs and Buddhists to get in, but the door remained shut for all others, including Dalit Christians and Muslims.*

*Major mainstream parties have been wary of disturbing the reservation hive for various reasons. The ruling BJP is ideologically opposed to the proposal, fearing it would incentivise religious conversion. The Congress does not want to stick its neck out to avoid a possible blowback from Dalits on sharing their reservation pie. For, if the quota becomes religion-neutral, there are concerns that Dalit Christians could corner all the benefits like jobs and electoral seats in reserved constituencies since they are better educated and more organised.*

*Though textually, Christianity and Islam are egalitarian, deep caste discrimination within them is no secret, which is why Dalits among them want the SC quota. Failing to get political redress, Dalit Christians approached the judiciary. However, their case fell in the Supreme Court earlier for want of empirical evidence. Later, a couple of NGOs filed a new PIL, citing the findings of a clutch of reports to buttress their demand for SC quota to all converts. And a bench led by Justice Chandrachud issued a notice to the Centre, hence the new panel. The committee's terms of reference include examining the changes in customs, traditions, social status and discrimination of converts compared to their peer groups within the SC quota to get a better fix on the complex, multidimensional issue.*

*However, by the time the panel's report is submitted, the 2024 Lok Sabha polls would have been over. Coincidentally, liberal judge Chandrachud would have almost completed his tenure as CJI, assuming incumbent U U Lalit recommends him as successor, going by the convention of naming the next in seniority for the top post. That Justice Chandrachud did nudge the Centre to set up the panel is in itself an achievement. But it would be up to the next government and Chandrachud's successor to pick up the threads and amicably settle the knotty question.*

## General Body meeting of MWEU of Government Dockyard affiliated to INTUC held under Chairmanship of MP

Port Blair, Oct 06:

The General Body meeting of the Marine Works Employees 'Union (MWEU) of Government Dockyard affiliated to Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) was held at 9 AM on 07.10.2022 in the Labour Welfare Centre of Directorate of Shipping Services under the chairmanship of Member of Parliament Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, President INTUC (A&N Islands) and MWEU.

Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma while addressing the gathering expressed gratitude to the employees of Dockyard, afloat and other operational staff of DSS for the service rendered by them in keeping the shipping services live during the lockdown period of COVID-19 Pandemic period for transportation of essential commodities, ration items, medicines etc. to various distant inhabited Islands. Sharma assured the dockyard's employees to get their grievances resolved in the most pragmatic manner and shall ever endeavour for the welfare of the employees.

In the General Body



meeting the issue of strengthening and modernization of workshops, timely conduct of trade test for filling up of various promotional posts, providing 1/30th of the pay at the minimum of relevant post plus Dearness Allowance to the contractual employees, timely grant of MACP etc. were discussed and deliberated.

The audit report of the MWEU for the period 14.08.2019 to 05.10.2022 was also presented before the General Body for concurrence. The new Committee of the MWEU was constituted unanimously by the General Body with Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, MP as President, Shri MT Khalid, Shri Venkat Rao, Shri N Akbar Ali,

Shri K Ganeshan, Shri Aboobacker, Shri Shadevan, Smt. Ratna Kannan, Smt. Zubaida Begum as Vice President, Shri. M Yousuf & Shri Gyan Prakash Krishna as General Secretaries, Smt. Raswanti as Treasurer besides four Secretaries, four Organising Secretaries, four Joint Secretaries and 25 Executive Members.

The General Body meeting of the Marine Works Employees 'Union was also addressed by Shri. MT Khalid, Shri. M Yousuf, Shri Shadevan and Shri Gyan Prakash Krishna who presented the activities of the Union and highlighted various needs and aspirations of the workers of the Government Dockyard.

## 'One Nation One Ration Card' facilitating migrants with foodgrains at affordable rate

Port Blair, Oct. 9

The Government of India launched a landmark scheme 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC) to facilitate migrants meeting their requirement of foodgrains at a very affordable rate. This scheme was implemented by the Central Government in a war footing manner in the wake of pandemic COVID-19 to avoid struggle of the socio-economically weaker migrant labourers to meet both ends of their livelihoods. This UT Administration has taken relentless efforts, leaving no stone

untuned to implement this scheme within the established time frame by the Central Government and made functional with effect from February 2021.

For effective implementation of this scheme, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs has launched Toll Free Number 18003454445, 230337 (via Mobile) & number 14445, (via Landline) to address all the queries/ grievances and to provide information related to entitlement of foodgrains under NFSA during working hours from 8.45 am to 5 pm.

In addition to this, the Government of India has launched a mobile App namely 'Mera Ration' to facilitate the ONORC related services among beneficiaries of the NFSA, particularly migrant beneficiaries, Fair Price Shops and other stakeholders. The App can be downloaded through Play Store App for the registration of migrant beneficiaries, checking of foodgrains entitlement as well as previous six months transactions along with status of Aadhaar seeding, a press release from Directorate of CS&CA said.

## Zero tolerance policy towards encroachment on Government land

Port Blair, Oct. 8

Continuing its zero tolerance policy towards encroachment on Government land, the Revenue Department of South Andaman District carried out eviction drive committed over Government land at Port Blair Tehsil. On Oct. 6, 2022, an encroachment eviction drive was carried out and an area measuring 100 Sqmtrs. approximately in the shape of tin shed at roadside of Corbyn's Cove village has been removed and the land has been restored to Government Khata.

Similar drives were conducted in Ferrargunj Tehsil and Little Andaman Tehsil as well today. En-

croachments in the shape of temporary structure and fencing were removed from Caddlegunj area and an area of 0.05 hectare have been restored to Government Khata. At Little Andaman Tehsil, about 1 hect. of revenue land was restored to its actual position in Hutbay village.

Meanwhile, encroachment eviction drives will continue in the coming weeks in all Tehsils of South Andaman District. The general public have been once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Government land. In case of any inquiries, they may communicate with the District Control Room at phone numbers 03192-240127/1077.





## Increase in number of girl students in technical education will speed up country's progress: Prez



PTI, CHANDIGARH: President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday said the number of girl students should be increased in technical educational institutions to give more impetus to the progress of the country.

Murmu was addressing 52nd convocation and closing ceremony of centenary year celebrations of Punjab Engineering College (PEC) in Chandigarh. The president lauded the institute and said she was happy to note that it has provided many luminaries to the country.

Among its famous alumni,

she named former Chairman of ISRO and father of experimental fluid dynamics research in India, Prof Satish Dhawan, eminent educationist and founder Director of IIT-Delhi, Prof R N Dogra and an expert in missiles technology and strategic systems, Dr.

Satish Kumar Murmu said, Kalpana Chawla, an alumna of PEC's aeronautical engineering department, became the first woman astronaut of Indian origin and created an inspiring history of self-sacrifice for science.

Noting that Kalpana Chawla Chair of Geospatial

Technology is established in the institute, she said, "The number of girl students should be increased in technical educational institutions to give more impetus to the progress of the country."

She urged students to never forget their duties towards the motherland, whatever they choose to become in their life as they are the builders of India of tomorrow. The president said as students are entering in a world of unlimited opportunities and possibilities, she has no doubt that they are capable of converting opportunities into success and possibilities into certainties.

It is expected from them that they will use the knowledge acquired in the service of humanity too, Murmu said, urging them to keep Mahatma Gandhi's message of 'Sarvodaya' in their individual priorities.

It is the moral duty of every citizen, especially the youth, to put into practice the values of the 'Father of the Nation', she added.

## PM Modi to inaugurate first phase of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Extension project



AIRN, New Delhi, Oct 8: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first phase of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Extension project at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh on October 11. Mr. Modi will also address a public meeting in Ujjain. Mahakaleshwar Jyotirling in Ujjain is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas located in the country.

AIR correspondent reports that the Mahakal temple complex expansion project was planned in the year 2017. The 800 crore Rs works of this expansion project are being conducted in two phases. In the first phase, works worth Rs 351 crore have been completed. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate these works of

the first phase on October 11. The second Phase will be completed in 2023-24. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan requested people to witness this moment.

The corridor built in the Mahakal temple complex has been named Shri Mahakal Lok. In the first phase, Mahakal Plaza, Mahakal Corridor, and Mahakal Theme Park have been developed and constructed. A 200-meter-long walkway has been made for walking in the Mahakal corridor. It has a mural wall 25 feet high and 500 meters long. The 108 Shiva pillars with different postures of Shiva are also the center of attraction for the devotees.

## Union Home Minister Amit Shah chairs 2<sup>nd</sup> regional meeting on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' in Guwahati; Calls for drug-free India

AIRN, Oct 8: Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said, the Government's 'zero-tolerance' policy to curb the menace of drug trafficking was showing results and pitched for enhanced Centre-State coordination to crackdown further. Speaking at the second regional meeting on 'Drug Trafficking and National Security' in Guwahati, Shah emphasised the importance of tracking the funding behind networks that dealt in drugs.

Stating that the fight against drugs cannot be fought by the Centre alone, Shah said that States' coordination is required to fight against this drug trafficking. There is a link between drug traffickers and insurgency in our country and we must work to root out the drug cartel from our country, added the Union Home Minister.

The Home Minister said that for a healthy society we all should work in a coordinated

manner for a drug-free society and without coordination between all parties we cannot fight against it.

Shah urged all North Eastern States' Chief Ministers to work in a coordinated manner as this is the

main route for drug traffickers into our country.

The Union Home Minister informed that the government has identified 272 districts and more than 80,000 villages to fight this battle as these areas are under the impact of the drug trade. He said talks are on with the Supreme Court for setting up fast-track courts and exclusive courts and strict punishments for drug traffickers.

The Ministry of Home Affairs is working on a three-tier formula for strengthening the institutional structure, empow-



erment, and coordination of all narco agencies, comprehensive awareness campaigns, and de-addiction," Shah said.

Today, about 40,000 kg of drugs, which were confiscated by various units of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) in the North Eastern states, were destroyed virtually by the Union Home Minister.

G.K. Reddy, Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Chief Ministers, as well as Directors General of Police of all North Eastern States.

## Govt announces creation of Weapon System Branch and unveils new combat uniform for air force personnel

AIRN, Oct 8:

On Indian Air Force raising day today, the Government has approved the creation of a new Weapon Systems branch in the Indian Air



Force. The Chief of Air Staff said, the branch will enhance the war-fighting capability of the Force.

The IAF Chief of Air Staff also unveiled the new combat uniform for air force personnel on Saturday. The new combat uniform is believed to borrow features that were unveiled earlier this year by the Army. This

news uniform's versatility also means it can be worn in different terrains - from the mountainous terrain of Kashmir to the vast coast of the peninsula. From the jungles of the north-east to the deserts of Rajasthan. With this, all three arms of the Indian military have upgraded to disruptive digital patterns for camouflage uniforms.



## Cyber Jagrookta Diwas



Port Blair, Oct. 6

On the occasion of Cyber Jagrookta Diwas, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency released IEC (Information, Education and Communication) materials including short videos and pamphlets on cyber safety and cyber hygiene in the presence of Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Neeraj Thakur, IPS, DGP, Dr. RSC Jayaraj, IFS, PCCF, Smt. Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, Smt. Kavitha Udhaya Kumar, Chairperson, PBMC and other senior Officers of A&N Islands at Raj Niwas, Port Blair.

Lauding the efforts of A&N Police in spreading mass public awareness against cyber frauds, Hon'ble Lt Governor in his address appreciated the initiative of in-house designing of informative and educative IEC material including pamphlets,

slide shows and short videos to explain the various modus operandi of cyber fraud and precautionary measures in a 'simple and easy to understand' manner. The Lt Governor desired that considering the magnitude of cyber frauds, Police in collaboration with IT professionals should brainstorm and come out with technology based solutions to effectively curb the activities of cyber-fraudsters. The Lt Governor also emphasized on the need for effective detection, investigation and prosecution of cyber-crimes. He extended his best wishes to the citizens of the Islands and to Andaman & Nicobar Police in their joint endeavour through 'Cyber Jagrookta Diwas' to create a secure and safe cyber ecosystem.

Elaborating on the release of IEC material, Shri S. K. Jain, IPS, IGP/L&O emphasized that acting on the principles that 'Knowledge is power' and 'Awareness is a key to empowerment', Andaman & Nicobar Police has prepared short vid-

eos and pamphlets to reach out to people at large and to sensitize them about cyber scams and how to avoid becoming victims of cyber fraud. This IEC material would help in disseminating the message of cyber safety and cyber hygiene such as Do's and Don'ts, Safe internet banking, Online shopping fraud prevention, Social media safety precautions, Cyber Bullying etc. The IGP highlighted that right from story line, acting, shooting to editing of videos, everything in the videos has been done in-house by police staff of A&N Police. Similarly, all pamphlets have been designed and prepared by the police staff.

On this Cyber Jagrookta Diwas, which also marks the completion of one year of this initiative of MHA, to disseminate the message of cyber safety and cyber hygiene, the Andaman & Nicobar Police is holding special awareness sessions with Defence personnel, Coast Guard, Councilors and PRI members, Government employees, Market associations & shopkeepers, school teachers & college students, villagers & village captains in order to take the message of cyber safety to the grass roots level.

Armed with the knowledge of cyber safety and awareness of the scams being run by cyber-criminals, the citizens of the Islands will successfully avoid becoming victims of cyber crime.

## 68<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week



Port Blair, Oct. 8

As part of the ongoing 68<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week celebrations, the Department of Environment and Forests in association with the Tribal Welfare Department released 8 (3 males 5 females) of Andaman Wild pigs (*Sus scrofa andamensis*) into the Reserve Forest inside Jarawa Tribal Reserve Area. Andaman Wild pig is an endangered endemic species found in Andaman Islands. The initiative is a part of the conservation efforts of Forest Department by naturally breeding the endangered endemic swine found in the Andaman Islands and releasing them into their natural habitat. Further, the aim of this restocking programme is to enhance natural food resources for the Jarawa tribe and restoring

depleting food base in the reserve areas.

Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (TW) graced the occasion as the chief guest. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Shri R S C Jayaraj, IFS, Dr. S Senthil Kumar, IFS the Chief Conservator of Forest (Wild Life), Shri Ankit Yadav, IAS, Secretary (TW), along with other officers of Forest and Tribal Welfare Department were present during this programme.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary (TW) expressed his happiness on the initiative of the Forest Department for this conservation effort while simultaneously augmenting the food resources for the PVTGs.

## District Administration.....

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Port Blair, Block Development Officer, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Sippighat, Zila Parishad Member and Panchayat Samiti Member.

The camp was also attended by Officers of various line Departments such as Rural Development, APWD, Transport, Electricity and Police Deptt. The camp was attended by a large number of villagers and their representatives. Various major issues related to common public facilities, regularization of land and diversion of land for dwelling purposes, road construction, issues related to supply of LPG cylinder, water, damage caused to public utilities, demand for development works at different villages, matters related to education, demand for a new veterinary clinic and new Anganwadi Centers were raised.

The grievances of the general public were recorded during the Camp Court along with their contact details and

progress on the issues will be communicated in due course of time by all the concerned Departments.

The DC (SA) giving a patient hearing to all their grievances, assured them of its early disposal. He gave on the spot directions to the Tehsildar and officers of other line Departments to take up the issues concerning them and to dispose them at the earliest. The applicants who had applied for various Tehsil services like OBC etc. were handed over the same during the programme.

Besides this, specific instructions were also issued to the concerned revenue field functionaries in response to

various petitions filed by the residents of the village. The PRI members and the general public thanked the District Administration for organizing 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' camp at the grass root level and its effort to address the core issues. The DC (SA) also directed the Revenue field staff and the line Departments to follow up on all the matters that were placed before the camp. He assured the gathering that the District Administration is committed to the overall development of the Panchayat and urged the people to feel free to reach out to the DC Office for redressal of grievances. Similar camps will be also be organized in each Gram Panchayat on Saturdays

## PROVISIONAL MERIT LIST OF CANDIDATES WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO VARIOUS COURSES IN JNRM.

Port Blair, Oct. 7 The category-wise provisional merit list of candidates who have applied for admission to various courses in JNRM, Port Blair for the academic session 2022-23 have been dis-

played in the Common College Admission portal website (<https://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in/>).

The candidate may examine provisional merit list and submit their claims and objections, if any, to the

Admission and Exam Wing of JNRM through the offline/online mode by addressing it to the Principal, JNRM or by email [admissionjnrm5431@gmail.com](mailto:admissionjnrm5431@gmail.com) from Oct.11 to 12, 2022 latest by

5pm.

The letter should contain documentary proof in support of their claims and objections. No case shall be entertained beyond the scheduled time period.

## PRESS RELEASE

Shri Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI demanded to grant of Adhoc Bonus to all working class in a letter addressed to Chief Secretary A & N Administration.

In his letter he mentioned that the Central Government has issued an Office Memorandum vide OM No. 7/24/2007/E.III(A) dated 06th October 2022 for Grant of Non – Productivity Linked Bonus (ad hoc bonus) to Central Government Employees for the Financial Year 2021 – 22. The OM has given the opportunity to grant ad hoc bonus to the casual employees under clause 2 (iii) for grant of ad hoc Non-PLB. In terms of the said provision, the DRMs, Contract and Temporary employees who are directly serving the A & N Administration for more than 3 years continuously or more than 240 days in a calendar year, would be squarely covered. Copy of the aforementioned Office Memorandum is annexed herewith for your ready reference.

Accordingly, he requested to give necessary directions to the concerned authorities to release the ad hoc bonus to all temporary employees to enable them to celebrate Deepawali.



## Counseling Schedule for Admission in ANCOL

Port Blair, Oct. 7

Admission to various UG Courses in Andaman College (ANCOL) for the academic year 2022-2023 will be held as per the schedule given below. It is to inform all the candidates seeking admission in ANCOL to attend the counseling on time, date mentioned below without fail. If the candidates fail to attend the admission counseling according to merit called on the stipulated dated and time his/ her candidature will not be considered in the next Counseling. The Admission Counseling Schedule for the academic year 2022-2023 are as under:

Sl. No	Date of Admission Counselling	Courses	No. of candidates called for admission as per merit list	Merit list called for counselling	Categories	Time of counselling
1	14.10.2022	B.Com (General)	200	1 to 200	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	9.30 am to 1.30 pm
		B.Com (Corporate secretary ship)	200	1 to 200	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	
2	14.10.2022	BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration)	400	1 to 400	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	2.30 pm to 4.00 pm
		B.Sc (Psychology)	400	1 to 400		
3	15.10.2022	B.A (English)	500	1 to 500	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	9.30 am to 1.30 pm
		B.A (Economics)	500	1 to 500	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	
4	15.10.2022	B.A (Sociology)	500	1 to 500	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	2.30 pm to 4.00 pm
		B.P.A in Music (Hindustani vocal & Instrumental)	500	1 to 500	General, OBC, ST, Divyang and EWSSs	2.30 pm to 4.00 pm

Candidates have been advised to be present at ANCOL before 9 am on the admission counseling day. Candidate have also been requested to bring all original certificates viz. X Pass Certificate, XII Pass Certificate and Mark Statement, Transfer Certificate, Category Certificate (OBC/ST/Divyang/EWSSs), Copy of Aadhaar card, Copy of Local Certificate & Copy of Bank Pass Book (First Page)for verification and one recent passport size photo and one set photostat copies of their certificates and candidate should pay the requisite admission fee on the day of counseling without fail.

The candidates who are not attending the counseling according to the merit list on the specified date and time will not be considered for admission in the respective courses. It is advised to all candidates to download the final merit list from the Common College Admission Portal (<https://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in/>). If any candidate fails to pay the admission fee, their provisional admission summarilycancelled in the respective course.

## ANC CELEBRATES 22<sup>nd</sup> ..... from page-1



Command and acknowledged their contributions towards the Operational Preparedness of the Command. He highlighted the fact, thatsince its inception in 2001, the Command has grown manifold in operational efficiency, showing an indomitable spirit and commitment to protect the territorial integrityand security in its AOR. The command has also played a key role in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Operations (HADR) on numerous occasions.

ANC, the only Joint Services operational Command in India has been instrumentalin effectively and efficiently safeguarding the Andaman and Nicobar Islands including its



long coastline and the vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). He also acknowledged the efforts of the Defence Wives Welfare Association (DWWA),which has reached out to the community through various campaignsin a meaningful way,to improve the quality

of the life of its personnel and families. The CINCAN appreciated the cohesion at all levels with the Civil Administration and security agencies towards synergising efforts towards providing overall security for the growth of the Andaman and Nicobar Islanders in particular and the countryatlarge.

## 68<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Week..... from page 1

Kumari, the DGPA&N Islands, Shri Neeraj Thakur, IPS, the Commissioner-cum- Secretary, Ms.Nandini Paliwal, IAS, the Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. Kavitha Udhay Kumar and senior Officers of A&N Administration were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary stated that A&N Islands is known for its amazing wildlife diversity. The endemic species found here cannot be seen anywhere else in the World and it's an amazing opportunity for all of us to enjoy what nature has bestowed upon us, said the Chief Secretary. Mentioning that there are so many varieties of birds in A&N Islands, he urged the people to show interest in wildlife as well as in plant, tree, butterflyand crab species which are endemic to the Islands. WildlifeWeek is celebration of our rich wildlife diversity as well as the celebration of nature's bounty, the Chief Secretary remarked.

The Chief Secretary further stated that there is a need for preserving and conserving the fragile eco-system, which the A&N Islands are endowed with. Youngsters should be encouraged to enjoy the beauty of natureand disseminate information about the Isles rich bio-diversity through different mediums to the masses, he said. The Chief Secretary also urged the Forest Department to conduct bird watching for people so that they can appreciate the different species of birds in Isles.The Chief Secretary also congratulated the Forest Department for conducting various activities as part of Wildlife Week celebration in different parts of the Islands and also for their commitment towards conserving and preserving the fragile eco-system of A&N Islands striking a balance.

The Chief Secretary alongwith other senior Officers also distributed prizes to the winners of various competitions organized by the Forest Department during the Wildlife Week celebration.

In his address, the PCCF, ANI & PCCF(WL), Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS said that National Wildlife Week is celebrated from 2ndto 8thof October every year in India which aims at protecting and preserving India's flora and fauna. Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 with a long-term goal to safeguard the lives of the endangered and threatened species of animals, he added. The PCCF also informed about the sensitization efforts being carried out by the Department among citizens to avoid human- crocodile conflict.

Speaking on the occasion, the DGP, A&N Islands, Shri Neeraj Thakur,IPS, congratulated the Forest Department for celebrating Wildlife Week in a befitting manner. Police Department is also committed towards wildlife conservation and takes action against illegal hunting and poaching activities, he said.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS stated that Wildlife Week is a unique concept of India which appreciates nature & wildlife. He also gave details of the activities carried out during the week to educate people regarding the fragile eco-system and the need for its conservation and preservation.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ms. Deep Shikha, IFS.

## Sailing of MV SwarajDweep to Chennai cancelled

Port Blair, Oct. 8

Due to insufficient booking of passenger tickets, the vessel MV SwarajDweep which was scheduled to sail for Chennai on Oct.11, 2022 and her return voyage from Chennai to Port

Blair on Oct.18, 2022 has been cancelled. Passengers those who have purchased their tickets for the above sailings are hereby informed to cancel their tickets and get full refund from STARS Ticketing Counters.

## PRESS RELEASE

Port Blair, Oct. 7 All candidates who have been admitted in Diploma and Trade Diploma Courses at Dr. B. R. Ambedker Institute of Technology for the session 2022-23 have been informed that induction programme will be held from Oct.11 to 14, 2022. All the students have been advised to assemble in the Conference Hall of Auditorium Building at 8.30 am to attend the programme.



## It's time to show that Indian girls can play football: U-17 Women's football team coach Dennerby



PTI, BHUBANESHWAR: With barely 48 hours left before India face USA in the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, Head Coach Thomas Dennerby said it is time India show the world their ability to shine in women's football.

"It's not only about the result now. It's about the performance to show that Indian girls can play football. But of course, inside the group, we have our own goals, and we are ready to fight for them. Against the USA, Brazil or Morocco, we are determined to earn points and score goals.

"And we're going to show to the Indian fans that we have a good team. India, in a couple of years, can have a very successful team on the women's side. So hopefully we can motivate the girls to start playing football and believe that it's a nice sport for the girls," coach Thomas Dennerby was quoted as saying by [www.the-aiff.com](http://www.the-aiff.com).

"That's why we also want to dish out a good performance.

So, they can feel that India really can challenge the best teams in the world. Also, when it's shown on TV, it helps a lot. And it's good for the younger girls to have role models to look up to. And hopefully, some of these girls, in a couple of years from now, can

take the next step to the senior team and so on—you can keep on having them as role models for many years. Young girls should know they can have a successful career in football," he said.

On assessment of the preparations of the Indian team, the coach said, "I think we had good preparations. We started at the end of February this year which also includes our exposure tours, the first one in July to Italy and Norway. And finally, last week, we were in Spain. I hope we are ready now."

Dennerby said that all coaches are under pressure when it comes to World Cups or other big tournaments.

"Because everybody expects you to have a successful team and so on. And, of course, you want to do it yourself also. I think sometimes you put more pressure on yourself - but I have gone through this before. So, I don't get stressed. Whatever happens, you have to stay cool, you have to follow your plan.

Don't change anything, even if you lose the first game—stay by your plan, don't panic and start changing everything. These are things you learn from being in this business for many years. And, of course, I would be lying, if I start saying that there is no pressure," he said.

Asked about the strengths and weaknesses of the team, the 63-year-old Swedish football coach said, "We are going to this tournament with a really good fitness level now. All these things, training, running sessions and all that have helped a lot and we can see that we have a good fitness level. I think the girls have learned about positioning, where to go when we lose the ball and where to go when we win the ball back and how to open up the game and start playing and quickly come back when we lose the ball again. All these tactical details and positioning have become really good. So, I hope it's going to be difficult to score against us."

"I hope they are a little bit nervous. Being nervous is a part of concentration. It's a part of preparations for the game for the body to prepare. Usually, when you walk out from the players' tunnel and hear the crowd roar and look at them, and the national anthem is played - it creates an emotional atmosphere that matters. But when the referee blows the whistle, you have to forget about all that. It's only you and the ball and the teammates and opponents," he added.

## Awareness campaign on 'Ill Effects of Alcohol & Drug Abuse'

Port Blair, Oct. 6

The Department of Social Welfare has initiated a campaign to create awareness on 'Ill Effects of Alcohol & Drug Abuse' involving A&N Police, Health and Education Department. Accordingly, a tentative calendar of activities for students of class IX to XII of different schools has been finalized. The awareness campaign was initiated from Government Model Senior Secondary School, Port Blair. More than 100 students including

teachers and staff attended the programme.

The resource persons viz. Shri Thyagarajan and Shri Yousuf from Health Deptt., Shri Soman Kumar Halder, S.I. from Police Deptt., Shri A.K. Biswas, Nodal Officer (Prohibition) from Social Welfare Deptt., highlighted the issues and problems of drugs among the youth and apprised the students and teachers to join the campaign, towards making Andaman & Nicobar Islands 'Drug Free' and also stated that the issue of alcohol

& drug abuse is becoming a major health hazard and social evil in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. To overcome this issue, it is required to create awareness and educate students about the ill effects of alcohol & drug abuse on an individual, family, workplace and society at large.

Earlier, Smt. (Dr.) Pushpavalli from Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, in her welcome address, expressed her happiness for organizing such awareness programme, a press release from Nodal Officer (Prohibition) said.

## PRESS RELEASE



As a part of the ongoing 68th Wildlife Week Celebration to enhance the coral growth in degraded patches of Phongibalu area and to facilitate eco-tourism activities therein, an artificial reef module was installed by the Department of Environment & Forests. Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration installed the reef module as the chief guest of the function by tying fragmented corals. Ms Nandini Paliwal, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Environment & Forests), the guest of honour also tied coral fragments and the structure was installed in the designated place by the Scuba Diving Unit of the Forest Department.

The Chief Secretary also inspected the new interpretation facilities created at the Phongibalu Jetty which would facilitate appreciating diverse coral and allied marine life present in the area and appreciated the efforts of the Department. The programme was also graced by PCCF (ANI), senior officers of the Forest Department and PRI members.

## 'Basic Statistics Handbook 2020-21' released



Port Blair, Oct. 6

Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Statistics) released the publication of 'Basic Statistics Handbook 2020-21' of Andaman & Nicobar Islands in his chamber in the presence of Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Statistics) and Shri D.S. Clement Stephen, Director (Economics & Statistics) I/c along with the statistical team. The publication is very useful for Administrators, Planners, Stakeholders, Research Scholars, Policy Makers, Educationalists, Govt. Offices, other Organizations and public in general.

Basic Statistics handbook of A&N Islands contains all the relevant figures pertaining to different Section and Departments of A&N Islands. This handbook will aid in decision making and information collation in all Departments.

Basic Statistics Handbook is a guide to access the development indicators of the UT and can help in overall planning of the Islands. The Basic Statistics can also be accessed in the official website of A & N Administration in URL <http://andssw1.and.nic.in/ecostat/index.php>.