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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency participated in virtual launch of Digital Banking Units by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi dedicating 75 DBUs located in 75 Districts across Nation, including SBI, Mohanpura at Port Blair in A&N Islands to commemorate the 75 Years of Independence.

## CS distributes prizes to winners of various competitions organized during Hindi Pakhwada-2022

Port Blair, Oct. 14

The prize distribution ceremony for various competitions organized as part of Hindi Pakhwada-2022 organized by the Official Language Department of A&N Administration was held at TGCE auditorium heretoday. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS was the chief guest on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary said that Hindi acts as the link language for people of different linguistic background residing in A&N Islands. This shows that Hindi is a strong and predominant language, which has been widely acknowledged by



the people of the Islands, the Chief Secretary remarked. He mentioned that Hindi was accepted as the Official Language by the Constituent Assembly of India on September 14, 1949. In the recent years, the Central

Govt. is focusing on the development and propagation of Hindi and we must strive to work towards its propagation at all level.

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## ISLAND BOY CREATES HISTORY

Port Blair, Oct 15:

R Vineeth, creates history by becoming the first mountaineer from isles. Born on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept 1997 to Shri. Ramachandran and Smti. R Pandiyan Kumari, in Port Blair. R Vineeth attempted to scale Mt. DeoTibba located in Kullu District, Himachal Pradesh at a height of 6001 mtrs above sea level on 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 2022. Mt. DeoTibba is considered  
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## Digital Banking Service available at SBI, Mohanpura



Port Blair, Oct. 16

Hon'ble Prime Minister dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in 75 Districts to the nation through video

conferencing. In Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the inauguration function was held at Digital Banking Unit, State Bank of  
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## 'One Nation One Ration Card' facilitating migrants with foodgrains at affordable rate

Port Blair, Oct. 16

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  
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## EDITORIAL

## India 107 in hunger index, govt in denial

*The government's response to the latest Global Hunger Index (GHI) rankings, which put India in 107th place out of 121 countries, is not very unpredictable. It has summarily rejected the rankings that show India faring much worse than some of our neighbouring countries. Afghanistan is the only Asian country that has fared worse than us.*

*The government's usual response to any global survey, or study—for example, Press Freedom Index or Democracy index—in which India does poorly, is to reject the same by calling the methodology erroneous or the study inaccurate. But the slightest praise by a global agency, like the recent admirations for India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, and the government goes to town boasting about it. The government needs some consistency on this front.*

*As for the latest Global Hunger Index rankings, the government has pointed out several faults and shortcomings in the methodology. But the rankings have been there for long, and India has been doing badly since the start. It has remained one of the lowest-ranked countries for some time now. Rankings in recent years might have also been impacted by the distress caused by the pandemic in the lower strata of the population. It is no secret that the Indian poor have been the worst affected by the pandemic, and the government measures during that period were inadequate.*

*Recently, a World Bank report said that of the 71 million people pushed into poverty by the pandemic, 56 million were from India. Many agencies have pointed out in past India's relatively poor handling of the pandemic, especially with regard to providing relief to the poor. Some estimates suggest India is home to the largest number (83 million) of people living below the poverty line. While there could be differences of opinion on the number of people below the poverty line in India, it is no secret that many people in India are forced to live in wretched conditions.*

*While the government—in the past and present—has been trying to address the issue through several schemes like food security programmes, direct cash transfers, etc., it has a long road to traverse before it can deny the existence of the problem with a straight face. Till then, it could do with some constructive criticism.*

## ISLAND BOY..... from page-1

to be a technical peak with moderate level difficulty. It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest peak of PirPangal range. R Vineeth, along with other team members from various parts of India and abroad climbed 5670 mtrs and were unable to proceed further due to heavy snowstorm and rain. Henceforth, the summit was left incomplete by 331 mtrs.

The boy who completed his schooling in commerce stream in 2015 and was pursuing graduation from ANCOL, left college in 2017 to serve the nation. He had his

interest in mountains since his early childhood and started his expeditions in 2019. In his early days he explored a lot of mountains in Himalayan ranges in alpine style.

For his recent attempt to summit Mt. DeoTibba, he commented, "I'll not consider this as my failure, because no one can fight against the nature. Nature is beyond all the power. This is not going to demotivate me, infact this is just the beginning." His dreams are not limited to this and he has bigger plans in the future in his mountaineering journey.

## DC (SA) inaugurates newly constructed e-Patwarkhana at Shaheed Dweep; inspects facilities at Bharatpur Beach & Sitapur Sunrise Point

Port Blair, Oct. 15

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, along with Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SA), Shri Radhey Shyam Meena, Director (RD & PRIs) and Tehsildar, Port Blair visited Shaheed Dweep. The Pramukh, Port Blair Panchayat Samiti, Pradhan and Zilla Parishad Member, Neil Kendra were also present.

During the visit, the DC (SA) inaugurated newly constructed e-Patwarkhana, situated at Neil Kendra village, Shaheed Dweep. The modern e-Patwarkhana consists of e-corner facilities to cater all online services through which the citizen can avail all online services directly. With this, the District Administration, South Andaman has achieved the target of cent percent online services throughout the district. The DC(SA) issued few senior citizen certificates to the beneficiaries generated on the spot through the e-corner.

The Deputy Commissioner also made field visits to Bharatpur beach and Sitapur sunrise point along with PRIs to check the various issues raised by the PRIs and directed the concerned line Department to resolve the issue at the earliest. The DC (SA) inspected the road towards the Sitapur sunrise point and it was informed by the EE, APWD that the estimate for the road has already been submitted. The PRI members requested DC(SA) to take up the matter with the Forest Department for construction of eco-friendly huts and also a Police Booth at Sitapur.

During the visit to Bharatpur beach, DC(SA) requested the stakeholders to keep the beach neat and clean. He further informed private boat operators to shift the boat anchorage location from the beach area and requested Fisheries Department to identify suitable location for anchorage of private boats and the same will be resolved. At the Jetty area, the PRI members requested for construction of open canopy sheds and a Police Assistant Booth for the passengers as the frequent arrival of boats creates congestion at the Jetty. In order to resolve the is-



sue, DC(SA) directed the Tourism Officer to put up a proposal for smooth schedule of the boats to reduce the congestion at the Jetty area. DC (SA) also inspected the internal road connecting Bharatpur beach to the Medical and subsequently to the Jetty. Since the road belongs to Zilla Parishad, DC(SA) requested the Zilla Parishad Member to put up the proposal for the road and directed the CEO (ZP) to expedite the work.

The DC (SA) also inspected the land proposed for allotment under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (G) and directed the revenue field functionaries to submit the proposal for allotment on priority.

Further, the team visited the Solid Liquid Waste Management Centre and inspected its operation, the DC directed the Sanitary Supervisor to coordinate with the agency and to send the packed wastes immediately and to further ensure regular collection of dry waste.

The South Andaman District Administration also organized Revenue Camp Court with the theme 'Prashasan Aapke Dwaar' at Neil Kendra. The camp was attended by Officers of various line Departments such as Rural Development, Tourism, Fisheries, Health, Education, APWD, Transport, Electricity and Police Deptt. The camp was also attended by a large number of villagers and their representatives. Various issues related to common public facilities, regularization of land, road construction, issues related to supply of LPG cylinder, water, demand for development works at different villages, matters related to education, set apart of land for 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.

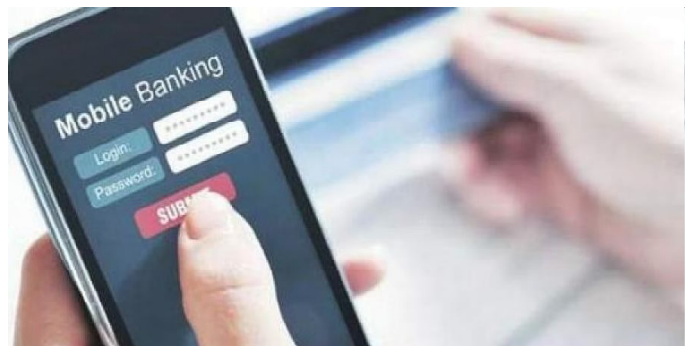
The DC (SA) gave a patient hearing to all their grievances, assured them of its early disposal. He gave on the spot directions to the Tehsildar and officers of other line Departments to take up the issues concerning them and to dispose them at the earliest. The applicants who had applied for various Tehsil services like OBC, Local, Resident certificate 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 emphasized on the cleanliness of the Island and appealed the PRIs and general public to carry out cleanliness drives on regular interval to enhance solid waste management and bringing about a behavioral change in people regarding healthy sanitation practices. The DC (SA) also directed the Revenue field staff and the officials of 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 District Administration for redressal of their grievances. Similar camps will also be organized in each Gram Panchayat in the coming weeks.



## PM Modi dedicates 75 Digital Banking Units to nation



PTI, SRINAGAR, Oct 16:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday dedicated to the nation 75 Digital Banking Units, including two of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, via video-conferencing.

Of the two Digital Banking Units (DBUs) of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, one is the SSI branch at Lal Chowk in Srinagar and the other is the Channi Rama branch in Jammu.

The function at Lal Chowk here was attended by Union Minister of State for Education Subhas Sarkar, who was in the Valley as part of the third phase of the central government's public outreach programme, officials said.

Member of Parliament from Srinagar and National Conference (NC) President Farooq Abdullah was also present on the occasion, they added.

As part of the Union Budget 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced the setting up of the 75 DBUs in as many districts of the country to commemorate

75 years of India's independence.

The DBUs are being set up to ensure that the benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country.

Eleven banks in the public sector, 12 in the private sector and one Small Finance Bank are participating in the endeavour.

DBUs will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening a savings account, account balance check, printing passbook, funds transfer, fixed deposit investments, loan applications, application for credit or debit cards, and bill and tax payments, among others.

Out of 12 public sector lenders, 11 opened nearly two-thirds of the total 75 DBUs, while 12 private sector lenders and one small finance bank together opened only one-third.

While public sector lenders opened 48 DBUs, the private sector managed to open 27 across various states, as per the data provided by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Only the Central Bank of India, which is still under the

Prompt Corrective Action framework of RBI could not participate in the endeavour.

The country's biggest lender State Bank of India opened a maximum of 12 DBUs followed by the third biggest Bank of Baroda with 8.

However, the second biggest state-owned lender Punjab National Bank opened only 4 DBUs.

In the private sector space, leading lenders HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank opened four each, followed by Axis Bank with 3 and Kotak Mahindra Bank with 2 in two districts.

Jana Small Finance Bank opened two DBUs—one each in Bihar and Jharkhand, as per the RBI Data.

DBUs are brick-and-mortar outlets which will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening a savings account, account balance check, printing passbook, funds transfer, fixed deposit investments, loan applications, application for credit or debit cards, and bill and tax payments among others.

DBUs will enable customers to have cost-effective, convenient access and enhanced digital experience of banking products and services all round the year.

They will spread Digital Financial Literacy and special emphasis will be given to customer education on cyber security awareness and safeguards.

## Opposition slams Sitharaman's remark that rupee has not weakened



PTI, NEW DELHI, Oct 16: Opposition parties on Sunday slammed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's remark that the rupee has not weakened but it is the dollar that has strengthened, saying she cannot hide the 'failure' of her government in handling the economy.

The ruling BJP defended the finance minister's statement, noting that the dollar has appreciated against most currencies.

It also said that if rupee depreciates against all currencies "like it happened during UPA in 2013", it is called "rupee getting weaker", which is not the case now.

Congress alleged that the people were paying the price for the government's "incompetence and wrong policies".

"For how long will RSS-BJP work to weaken India by misleading the public from reality?" Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said.

Referring to India being ranked 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022, Gandhi tweeted: "Now the Prime Minister and his ministers will say, 'Hunger is not increasing in India, but people are not feeling hungry in other countries'."

Congress spokesperson Supriya Shrinete said only the finance minister can explain the meaning of this 'new theory' and alleged that the government's efforts to strengthen the rupee in the last 11 months have not succeeded as foreign investors do not have faith in its policies.

The rupee is now at the cusp of crossing 83 against 1 USD and it seems Prime Minister Narendra Modi "will only stop after it crosses 100", she said.

Shrinete pointed out that 86 per cent of India's trade is in American dollars so when the rupee weakens it affects the India's economy, trade and import.

"But the finance

minister is not bothered, she has come up with a new theory...Weakening rupee increases prices. Rupee is not weakening and unemployment is not there, there is no price rise, all this is being said while the people grapple with these issues," Shrinete said.

Congress spokesperson Gourav Vallabh also hit out at the finance minister and asserted that the weakening of the rupee will further push up prices.

"Till when we will have to pay the price for your (the government's) wrong policies and incompetence," he said.

In a statement, NCP spokesperson Clyde Crasto said the 'absurd' statement by Sitharaman "will not hide the failure of her government in taking care of our country's economy".

"She must concentrate more on looking after her ministry and focus less on trying to win Lok Sabha constituencies for the Bharatiya Janata Party in 2024. She must not forget that she is the finance minister and her duty is to safeguard the economy of India first," he said.

Sitharaman had recently spent three days in Baramati as part of the BJP plan to expand base in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Baramati is the home turf of NCP chief Sharad Pawar and the Lok Sabha seat is currently represented by his daughter Supriya Sule.

Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha also took a swipe at the finance minister.

"My economics isn't weak, yours is stronger," he tweeted while sharing a video of Sitharaman.

BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra defended the minister's remarks. When rupee gets weaker against all currencies like it happened during UPA in 2013, it is called 'Rupee getting weaker', he tweeted.

## EAM S Jaishankar, Egypt Minister exchange views on Ukraine conflict and Indo-Pacific

AIRN, Oct 16: External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar yesterday met and interacted with the Indian community in Egypt. He thanked them for advancing national interests and shaping the image of India in the region. The Minister apprised them about advances in the traditionally strong ties and new opportunities in trade and investments, connectivity, education, health, and many other domains. He also spoke on the transformational changes underway in India where aspirations are becoming achievable rights.

Earlier, Dr Jaishankar met his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry in Cairo. The

two leaders discussed regional developments and exchanged views on the Ukraine conflict and the Indo-Pacific. Dr Jaishankar was on a two-day visit to the country at the invitation of Mr. Shoukry.

Addressing a joint news conference with his Egyptian counterpart, Dr Jaishankar said, India and Egypt have stepped up defence and security cooperation and will explore opportunities in renewable energy, trade, tourism, and connectivity. Dr Jaishankar said, bilateral trade had recorded the highest-ever figure of 7.2 billion US Dollars last year. He also extended India's support to Egypt for its COP27 presidency.



The External Affairs Minister said in a tweet, a warm and productive meeting with Mr Shoukry reflected deep-rooted ties between the two countries, as they mark 75 years of diplomatic relations this year. Earlier in the day, Dr Jaishankar paid homage to Mahatma Gandhi at the famous Al Horreya Park in the Egyptian capital. Mahatma Gandhi's bust was unveiled at the park in 2019 to mark his 150th birth anniversary.



## District Administration (N&M) conducts Revenue Camp Court under the banner 'Jan Bhagidari-Ek Prayas'

Mayabunder, Oct. 14

A Revenue Camp Court with the motto 'Jan Bhagidari-Ek Prayas' under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, N&M A was held yesterday at Panchayat Bhavan, Harinagar, N&M Andaman District to resolve the pending Revenue and other grievances of villagers of Harinagar, Swadesnagar & Basantipur Panchayats. The Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Tehsildar, Mayabunder, Pradhans, PRI members, officials of APWD & Revenue were present.

During the camp court, various cases pertaining to change of names in RoR, pendency of online applications viz. no dues, valuation & earth cutting permissions etc., pending cases of updation of land records, hearing and disposal of muta-



tion cases and sub-division of land were discussed and on the spot directions were issued to the Revenue Officers to resolve the grievances of the villagers.

The DC (N&MA) also held meeting with the Officers of APWD & PRI and cleared pending estimates of developmental works.

Further, field visits were carried out at Duke Nagar & Louki Nallah area and on the spot di-

rections were issued to APWD to prepare estimates for C/o Concrete bridge, setting up of water pump to resolve drinking water crisis at LoukiNallah and a copy has to be forwarded to DC (N&MA). Revenue Officers were directed to set apart land for C/o Rural Road & Health Sub Centre at Duke Nagar, which will be taken up during the upcoming meeting of the District Health Society.

## Blood donation & various competitions organized at JNRM



Port Blair, Oct. 15

The Department of HomeScience, JNRM in association with the Lions Club of Port Blair and Directorate of Health Services, A & N Administration organized a Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the 91<sup>st</sup> Birth Anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India today at JNRM New Block.

During the inauguration, the chief guest, Shri Kalaivanan. R, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District shared his experience and interaction he had with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam while he was a student. He explained the importance of students' life in campus and also encouraged them to utilize the available resources and to participate in various social activities like blood donation, tree plantation, drug abuse prevention and traffic management & regulation etc.

Dr.H.K.Sharma, Principal, JNRM, informed the gathering

that in collaboration with the Lions Club of Port Blair, every year JNRM organises various activities. Dr Kalam was a visionary and his ideas were always for the development of our country. MJF.Ln. G. Somasundaram, Past President, Lions Club of Port Blair presented the activities under the banner of Lions Club.

Dr. K.Venkatesan, HoD, Home Science and Coordinator of this programme spoke about Dr Kalam's innovation in Science & Technology and his contribution in Missile & Nano Technology.

On the occasion, poster competition was also conducted on 'Kalam's Vision and India's Development'. Ms. Shailey, Ms. Rameetha, Ms. Shubha Lakshmi of II<sup>nd</sup> B.Sc., Home Science secured the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes respectively in poster competition. Prizes and donor certificates for Blood Donation were distributed. Altogether 34 units of blood were donated.

## Admission to UG Courses in MGGC for academic year 2022-23

Port Blair, Oct. 14

The provisional selection list of candidates for admission 2022-23 in various courses in M.G. Govt. College, Mayabunder has been published online. The provisional selection list- course wise along with corresponding merit list of other subject is available at url: collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in.

Since many candidates have applied for multiple courses, such candidates have been directed to take admission only in one course. The selected candidates are allowed to remit the fee in the prescribed bank account from Oct.20 to 25, 2022 on working days at the College Counter. Non-payment of Admission fees from selected candidates shall not be considered as admitted. Once the tuition fee/admission fee is remitted, it will not be refundable.

The Counseling for Admission in various UG Courses at MG Govt. College, Mayabunder will be held as per the scheduled date given below:

Sl No	Date and Time	Course
1.	20/10/2022, 9:30 to 11:30 am	B.Com. (General)
2.	20/10/2022, 11:30 to 12: 30 pm	B.Com.(Co-operative Management)
3.	20/10/2022, 2:00 to 3:00 pm	B.Sc. (Geography)
4.	20/10/2022, 3:00 to 4:00 pm	B.A.( Economics)
5.	21/10/2022, 9:30 to 12:30pm	B.A. (Political Science)
6.	21/10/2022, 9:30 to 12 :30 pm	B.A. (History)

Candidates should attend the counseling on the date of admission counseling. If any candidate is unable to attend the counseling in person, his/her parents/guardian will be allowed to attend the counseling on behalf of candidate. If any seat is laying vacant after the Counseling process is over, the desirous candidates seeking admission will be admitted on first come, first serve basis from Oct. 22, 2022 onwards till Oct.31,2022.

Candidates should bring their original documents at the time of Counseling for Admission viz. Transfer Certificate, 10th Pass Mark Statement, 12th Pass Mark Statement and Category Certificate (OBC/ST/PH/EWS).

## Dte. of Agriculture providing transportation truck for farmers under subsidized cost

Port Blair, Oct. 16

The Directorate of Agriculture is implementing a Central Sector Scheme RKVY-RAFTAAR under which one project namely 'Creation of Marketing Infrastructure' is undertaken for post harvest marketing support to farmers. Under the project, back ended

subsidy is provided for purchase of Truck of 1.5-2.0 MT capacity for transportation of agricultural produce by the Farmers/ Farm Women/ST Farmers. Registered FPG/SHG/FPO /NGO/ CPC or CPS are also eligible to avail the benefit of the scheme. The subsidy under the scheme is 50% limited to Rs 2.50 lakhs

per truck.

To avail the benefit of the scheme, eligible Farmers/ Farm Women/ST Farmers, registered FPG/SHG/FPO /NGO/ CPC or CPS can contact the Zonal Officer of their area and apply in the prescribed format along with requisite documents.

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scale participation in the competitions organized during the observance of 'Hindi Pakhwada', the Chief Secretary stated that this shows the love and passion for the Hindi language and its propagation. He also congratulated the Official Language Department for successfully conducting the Hindi Pakhwadaby organizing different competitions involving students and employees.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary distributed prizes to the winners of the various competitions held during the 'Hindi Pakhwada'.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary (Home), ShriSanjay KumarJha, IAS stated that during the Freedom Struggle of India, Hindi was

used as link language and in A&N Islands also Hindi was used as the communicating language by the freedom fighters. Opining that the Islanders have accepted Hindi as a medium of communication, he said, Hindi is a scientific language which is written the way it is pronounced.

Earlier, the Secretary, Official Language, Shri Vishwendra welcomed the chief guest and others present on the occasion and also presented a report about the 'Hindi Pakhwada-2022' observed by the Department.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Assistant Secretary (OL), Shri RajendraIndwar.



# District Administration (SA) conducts encroachment eviction drives at Shaheed Dweep & Little Andaman Tehsil



Port Blair, Oct. 16

During the visit of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman to Shaheed Dweep, the people of the area reported about the encroachment of Govt. land. Based on the complaints, DC (SA) ensuring zero tolerance towards encroachment immediately issued strict direction to Revenue officials to remove the

encroachment and accordingly, the Revenue field functionaries carried out encroachment eviction drive at Shaheed Dweep under Port Blair Tehsil today. Fresh encroachment committed in the shape of temporary structure near natural bridge at Lakshmanpur village in Shaheed Dweep were removed and an area of 0.06 ha has been

restored into the Govt. Khata. Similarly, the District Administration of South Andaman ensuring zero tolerance towards encroachment on Govt. land has carried out encroachment eviction drive at Little Andaman Tehsil yesterday. Fresh encroachment committed in the shape of plantation and fencing were removed at Hutbay village and an area of 0.60 ha has been restored into the Govt. Khata. Meanwhile, the general public has been once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Govt. land. In case of any enquiries or information regarding such illegal activities and encroachment, they can communicate with the District Control Room at phone nos. 03192-240127/1077.

# Weeklong prog. chalked out by Directorate of Art & Culture to commemorate establishment of Provisional Govt. of Azad Hind (PGI)

Port Blair, Oct. 14

The Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration will be conducting befitting programmes to commemorate the anniversary of the establishment of Provisional Government of Azad Hind (PGI) in a weeklong programme from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022. The aim of conducting these programmes is to create awareness among the general public especially among the young generation

about the contribution of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Indian Freedom struggle. As part of the programme, drawing competition and patriotic songs will be organized in schools on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 by Directorate of Education and College level elocution competition will be organized on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. On 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2022, a felicitation programme will be conducted at Andaman Club

to felicitate surviving members of INA / IIL personnel. Historians have been invited to highlight the role of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Indian freedom struggle. During the week long function, Quiz competition will be organized at GMS Homfraygunj. Nukkad Natak will be also be presented at various locations by school children on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2022 on the theme 'Netaji's contribution in the freedom struggle'.

# PRESS RELEASE

Port Blair, Oct. 14

All concerned candidates who have applied for allotment of various Professional/Technical/Non-Technical courses reserved at mainland institutions for the academic session 2022-23 have been informed that the counseling for various courses and surrendered seats will be held on Oct. 18, 2022 at 10 am in the auditorium of Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair. The counseling will be held for the following courses:

1. General Nursing - 7 seats
2. Paramedical courses - 6 seats (DMLT - 2, DRT-1, DMC-1, DOA-1, D.Pharm -1)
3. B.E/B.Tech Lateral Entry - 10 seats (Mechanical -3, Civil - 2, ECE -2, Computer Science - 2 & EEE - 1)
4. B.F.Sc - 1 seat (surrendered seat of Category III A+B)
5. B.Ed (Bhopal) - 5 seats (surrendered seats of Category-III A+B, IV & V)

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 passport size photographs and 2 permanency certificates for sureties and other documents in support of their category for counselling on the date, time and venue as specified above. The surrender seats of B.Ed Bhopal and B.F.Sc will be allotted from the respective categories from where the seats have been surrendered. If the seats are unutilized from the respective categories, the same will be allotted from Category-V as per merit. No subsequent claim will be entertained or considered from any candidate, irrespective of his merit, who fails to appear in person or does not produce necessary certificates in original at the time of counseling/selection.

# PRESS RELEASE



The District Administration of South Andaman ensuring zero tolerance towards encroachment on Govt. land, carried out encroachment eviction drive today on 14/10/2022 at Phoenix Bay under Port Blair Tehsil. In Port Blair Tehsil the eviction drive carried and the fresh encroachment committed in the shape of plantation and fencing were removed at Phoenix Bay village and restored an area of 500 sq mtrs into the Govt. khata. The general public is once again cautioned to refrain from encroaching Govt. land. In case of any inquiries or information regarding such illegal activities and encroachment, the general public can communicate with the District Control Room at the following nos. 03192-240127/1077.

**‘One Nation One.....** from page 1 migrant labourers to meet both ends of their livelihoods. This UT Administration has taken relentless efforts, leaving no stone unturned 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.

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India, Port Blair. The programme was attended by Shri Prem Anup Sinha, Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Kolkata Circle, Shri Sujay Kumar Yadav, General Manager, State Bank of India, Shri Prabhas Bose, Deputy General Manager, State Bank of India, Smt Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. U Kavitha, Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council and Shri Suman Bakshi, Regional Manager, State Bank of India. The Chief General Manager informed the gathering that DBU will have facilities for Cash Withdrawal & Deposit, Account Opening, Fixed Deposit & Recurring Deposit, Digital Loans, Passbook Printing, Balance Enquiry and Fund Transfer. To promote Digital Banking under Digital India initiative, QR codes were distributed to 50 Autorickshaw in a function held at Mohanpura Auto stand and QR Codes were also distributed to 68 Jeep operators, 22 Autorickshaw and 50 Traders, in a function held at Tushnabad Junction.



# Sailing schedule of MV SwarajDweep to Chennai & Vizag announced

Port Blair, Oct. 14

Due to insufficient booking of passenger tickets, the sailing schedule of the vessel MV SwarajDweep to Chennai on Oct.11, 2022 was cancelled. However, now the sailing programme of the vessel has been revised. The revised sailing programme of MV SwarajDweep is as follows:

REVISED SCHEDULE OF MV SWARAJ DWEEEP							
ARRIVAL	DAY	PORT	DEPARTURE	DAY	VOY. NO	TIME (in Hrs)	REMARKS
--	--	PORT BLAIR	18.10.2022	TUE	1012	1600	
21.10.2022	FRI	CHENNAI	23.10.2022	SUN	1013	1600	
26.10.2022	WED	PORT BLAIR	28.10.2022	FRI	1014	1000	
31.10.2022	MON	VIZAG	01.11.2022	TUE	1015	1600	
04.11.2022	FRI	PORT BLAIR	--	--	--		

Passenger tickets for Chennai sector will be issued to the general public from Oct.15, 2022 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Further, the Chennai bound passengers those who have cancelled their tickets for earlier schedule i.e. for Oct.11, 2022 have been advised to purchase a fresh ticket to avail the above sailing.

# DSS to resume ferry schedule to Rangat via all ports from Oct. 17

Port Blair, Oct. 14

In view of increase in passenger traffic between Port Blair and Rangat via all ports and as the situation has been normalized from COVID pandemic and to facilitate the commuters the Directorate of Shipping Services has decided to resume the ferry schedule to Rangat via all ports. Now, the ferry service between Port Blair and Rangat will be available on every Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday i.e. 4 days in a week. The ferry services will be operated as per the following schedule with effect from 17.10.2022.

## 1. Port Blair to Rangat:

DAY	ROUTE	DEPARTURE TIME FROM PORT BLAIR
Monday	Rangat via ShaheedDweep, SwarajDweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island.	0700 Hrs
Wednesday	Rangat via ShaheedDweep, SwarajDweep, Strait Island & Long Island.	0700 Hrs
Friday	Rangat via SwarajDweep & Long Island.	0615 Hrs
Saturday	Rangat via ShaheedDweep, SwarajDweep, Strait Island & Long Island.	700

## 2. Rangat to Port Blair:

DAY	ROUTE	DEPARTURE TIME FROM RANGAT
Tuesday	Port Blair via Long Island, Kadamtala, Strait Island, SwarajDweep&ShaheedDweep.	0700 Hrs
Thursday	Port Blair via Long Island, Strait Island, SwarajDweep & ShaheedDweep.	0700 Hrs
Friday	Port Blair via Long Island & SwarajDweep.	1300 Hrs
Sunday	Port Blair via Long Island, Strait Island, SwarajDweep & ShaheedDweep.	0700 Hrs

# MP requests Minister of Agriculture to direct NAFED to to procure Copra from A & N Islands under Price Support Scheme

Port Blair, Oct 17: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare to direct National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) to procure Copra from Andaman and Nicobar Islands under Price Support Scheme.

In a letter addressed to the Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of farmers in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, including the majority of brothers and sisters of Nicobari Tribal Community and farmers of Great Nicobar (Campbell Bay) depend on Copra farming for their livelihood. He added that due to delay in procurement of these Copra under Price Support Scheme of Government of India, presently Copra farmers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially Copra producers of entire Nicobar District are being exploited by middlemen, who are procuring Copra from them at very cheap price.

As with time, Copra loses weight and it causes further loss to the Copra farmers, the Member of Parliament requested the Minister for an early action in this regard.

# India crush Sri Lanka by 8 wickets to win women's Asia Cup



SYLHET, Oct 17:

India maintained their dominance in the Women's Asia Cup with an eight-wicket demolition of a self-destructing Sri Lanka in the final here on Saturday for their seventh title in eight editions.

Sri Lanka, who were playing their first tournament final in 14 years, imploded after opting to bat on a slow and turning pitch.

They could only manage 65 for nine which India knocked off in 8.3 overs. Smriti Mandhana struck a sublime 51 not out off 25 balls.

It was a procession after Sri Lankan skipper Chamari Athapaththu got run out in the third over following a mix-up with Anushka Sanjeevani who too got run out six balls later.

Renuka, who has been in top form since the Commonwealth Games in August, sent back Hasini Perera on the very first ball she faced. The left-hander checked her shot only to be caught at cover, leaving Sri Lanka at nine for four.

The Sri Lankans were in dire need of a partnership but Kavisha Dilhari's fall made it 16 for five as she was bowled while trying to play an incoming delivery from Renuka across the line.

Rajeshwari Gayakwad got her first wicket after Nilakshi de Silva played onto her stumps while trying to cut a ball close to her body.

At 32 for eight, being bowled out for a sub-50 total was very much on the cards, but

Ranaweera saved them from that ignominy with an unbeaten 18 off 22 balls.

The Indians bowled with discipline but poor shot selection contributed more to Sri Lanka's steep slide. After a memorable win over Pakistan in the semifinals, it seemed the occasion got the better of Sri Lanka. India lost Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues cheaply in the run chase.

However, both the batters did well in the tournament, with Shafali getting back to form and Jemimah making a successful comeback from injury.

The elegant Mandhana played some exquisite strokes on way to completing the formality alongside skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (11 not out of 14).

Smriti's effort included three sixes and six boundaries. Fittingly, she sealed the win with a maximum off Oshadi Ranasinghe. The win is a shot in the arm for India's preparations for the T20 World Cup next year.

They were able to test players for different roles during the competition, though that also contributed to their only loss in the tournament, against Pakistan in the league stage.

The Indians took a lap of the Sylhet International Cricket Stadium and, in a fine gesture, got clicked with the entire ground staff after their triumph, which was witnessed by a sizeable turnout.

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