



## Things to Know

1. Name a place where dead bodies are kept?  
Ans. Mortuary

2. When is National Endangered Species Day observed?  
Ans. Every year on the third Friday in May National Endangered Species Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of wild-life conservation and restoration efforts for all imperilled species.

3. What is the theme of World No Tobacco Day 2022?  
Ans. The theme of World No Tobacco Day 2022 is "Protect the environment".

4. When is World Turtle Day observed?  
Ans. May 23

5. Where is Gir National Forest located?  
Ans. Gujarat

6. Victoria Memorial is situated in which city of India?  
Ans. Kolkata

7. When is the Hindi Diwas celebrated in India?  
Ans. Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on September 14 to highlight the significance of the Hindi language.

8. What are Jellyfish?  
Ans. Jellyfish are tiny aquatic creatures without brains, blood, and heart.

9. Which means of transport is considered the fastest?  
Ans. Air Transport

10. Which planet is closest to the Sun?  
Ans. Mercury

1. The deepest part of the ocean is called.....  
Ans. Challenger Deep

2. 1024 Kilobytes is equal to.....  
Ans. 1 Megabyte (MB)

3. 30th January is celebrated as.....  
Ans. Martyr's Day

4. Highest dam of India is.....  
Ans. Tehri Dam

5. .... is the capital of Andhra Pradesh.  
Ans. Amaravati

6. Canberra is the capital of.....  
Ans. Australia

7. Baby of a horse is known as.....  
Ans. Foal

8. .... is the largest plateau in the world.  
Ans. Tibetan Plateau

9. Delhi is situated on the bank of ..... river.  
Ans. Yamuna

10. World Heritage Day celebrated on .....  
Ans. 18th April

## Candidates apprehend malpractice in recruitment to various departments under the administration

As per a recruitment notice published by AN Administration, many vacancies in A & N Police, ANIDCO, Directorate of Tourism, RCS, PMB, Chief PAO and Rural Development PRI & ULB's are to be filled up shortly. The last date for applying for all these posts is 30th May 2023. As per instruction, a fee of Rs.25 had to be paid to Principal of DBRAIT for appearing in this examination except by those who are exempted from paying examination fees. After completing the

payment, the candidate will have to upload the transaction slip in the portal in image format.

This has made it amply clear that all these posts are to be filled up through an examination in which the infamous DBRAIT staffs have a major role to play. In normal circumstances the concerned department is responsible for collection examination fee. Here the whole sole in charge is DBRAIT. Many questions have been raised in the recent past about the way exam-

inations are conducted by DBRAIT. There have been occasions when doubts were raised about name of DBRAIT Officials finding place in the merit list.

Candidates still apprehend about the inevitable, if examination is conducted by staff of DRAIT. In order to ward off any doubt about transparency in examination, administration needs to think out of the box to make the examination transparent and trustworthy.

## Member of Parliament highlights grievances of Tourist Cab Operators; SP,SA assures to resume Prepaid Taxi service soon from Airport

A delegation of Tourist Cab Drivers, who were operating their vehicles as Prepaid Taxis from Veer Savarkar International Airport today called on the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma with their grievances. They said that a few weeks back the operation of Prepaid Taxi from Veer Savarkar International Airport was stopped, which is not only causing loss to nearly 450 odd Tourist vehicle operators but also causing inconvenience to

Tourists. Prepaid Taxis operated from Port Blair airport were considered as affordable and reliable by tourists. They said that many of them have taken loans from banks to operate tourists' vehicles but now they are facing difficulties in earning bread for their family members as Prepaid Taxi service was their one of the sources of income.

In this regard, the Member of Parliament today called on the Superintendent of Police of South Andaman along with a delegation of tourist cab

drivers. During the meeting the Member of Parliament highlighted the problems being faced by the Cab Operators and Tourists for not operating Prepaid Taxis from the airport.

The Superintendent of Police of South Andaman assured that this problem will be sorted out and within 3 to 4 days the Prepaid Taxis will be operated from Port Blair airport, bringing relief for the visiting Tourists and also bringing income for the tourist cab operators.

## Briefed about steps being taken by A&N Administration for Greening of Islands

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency called on Hon'ble Union Minister of Power, Shri Raj Kumar Singh in New Delhi today. During the meeting, implementation of privatising Power sector in A&N Islands were discussed.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor also briefed about the steps being taken by Andaman & Nicobar Administration for Greening of Islands/setting up of 50 MW LNG Plant, Installa-



tion of Battery Energy Storage System and various measures for streamlining Power sector of the Islands.

## Assisting women in need through Helpline-181 Women affected by violence both in public & private space can call Toll Free No. 181 for assistance

The Govt. of India, Ministry of Women & Child Development has launched scheme for women affected by violence namely 'Women Helpline-181'. The scheme is being implemented through the Department of Social Welfare. The Women Helpline-181 is functioning at Quarter No. JG-6, Type V, Junglighat near AYUSH Hospital and it provides immediate and integrate assistance to Women in distress round the clock 24hours.

The Women Helpline-181 has been inte-

grated with the National Emergency Response Support System (ERSS 112) having a single emergency number 112 for all kinds of emergency and distress calls which aims to provide a safety and secure environment for women. With the integration of Women Helpline, now, all calls made from a landline or mobile phone connection at 181 are automatically diverted to 112 where details of the caller as well as his/ her grievance are recorded and forwarded to the Women Helpline of Social Welfare Depart-

ment. The calls received from 112 at the Women Helpline Number 181 are followed up with the concerned Department/ concerned Officers of the Social Welfare Department and also uploaded on the Dash Board of the Ministry of Women and child Development. The case is thereafter followed up on a regular basis till its satisfactory closure.

Any Women affected by violence both in public and private space can access the services 24 X 7 by dialling toll free number 181 and landline number 03192- 230504.

## Chief Secretary leads Islanders in paying rich tributes to Great Andamanese at Memorial of 'Battle of Aberdeen'

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS today led the Islanders in paying rich tributes to Great Andamanese who lost their lives in the Battle of Aberdeen fought on 17th May, 1859 between the British colonial rulers and the Great Andamanese.

A solemn function was organized by the Department of Art & Culture at the 'Memorial of Battle of Aberdeen' at Water Sports Complex wherein the Chief Secretary placed wreath at the Memorial to pay tribute to Great Andamanese. This was followed by paying of floral tributes by Senior Officers of A&N Administration, Great Andamanese Tribe and general public.



## Series of public meetings organized at villages of Car Nicobar Block to encourage formation of SHGs



The Nicobar District Administration, as an initiative under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), which is a Flagship poverty removal scheme of Government of India, endeavors to mobilize rural poor women to form institutions like SHGs & Federations. The purpose is to make a positive impact on their livelihood by improving the income levels and quality of life of the rural households in the District. The District Administration has been organizing Camps/Public Awareness, Door to Door Awareness Campaign & Survey by CRPs. Identification and formation of SHGs amongst the students/ ex-students of Industries Deptt. and other students trained in other sectors have come up in Car Nicobar and are doing very well by making Nicobari Yoga Mats, Virgin Coconut Oil, Pickles and other such products.

As part of this initiative, a series of public meetings were organized at Perka, Tamaloo and Kinyuka villages of Car Nicobar Block on May

8, 9 & 11, 2023 respectively. Women turned up in large numbers and participated in this event by enquiring about the benefits of the schemes which were elaborated by the Block Officials. They showed great interest in forming SHGs and assured that more publicity will be done by the villagers themselves to form more such SHG groups.

The District Administration envisages to promote the SHGs by providing regular training through various line Departments like Ag-

riculture, Industries, Fisheries, Veterinary & Banking Institution and improving the skill sets with the assistance of RSETI, ITI, Industries, KVK-ICAR. Further, regular training in book keeping of SHGs and regular inspections of all SHGs by CRPs has also been planned.

All the rural poor women have been requested to come forward to avail the benefit of the scheme. For more details, the Block Development Officers of Nancowry, Campbell Bay and Car Nicobar may be contacted.

## Tourism Deptt. to organize competitions on the theme 'Andaman Traditional Headgears'

With a view to promote and preserve the traditional culture of the Islands, the Directorate of Information, Publicity & Tourism (IP&T) will be organizing competitions on the theme 'Andaman Traditional Headgears' making. The first competition is regarding

design/poster making based on the theme and the entries for participating in the competition can be sent through email: andamantourism.design@gmail.com.

The second competition will be on 'Handmade traditional headgear'. The headgear made by

the participants has to be sent either in person or through post to the Office of the Directorate of IP&T, A&N Administration, Kamraj Road, Port Blair, 744101. The participants can send their entries to email id: andamantourism.handmade@gmail.com. The

competition is open for all and the last date for receiving entries for both the competition is May 22, 2023. For any queries, participants may contact Office of IP&T Helpdesk contact number- 03192-232694/232747.





## संपादकीय

### PLI Scheme 2-0: 17 हजार करोड़ से होगी आईटी सेव. का की कार्यापलट, सरकार ने बनाया जबरदस्त प्लान

यूनियन कैबिनेट ने कल सरकार की 17,000 करोड़ रुपये की पीएलआई स्कीम 2 (प्रोत्साहन, जपवद स्पदामक पदबमदजपअम) को अपनी मंजूरी दे दी है। सरकार का यह प्लान आईटी सेक्टर के लिए एक बड़ा प्लान माना जा रहा है। सरकार की पीएलआई स्कीम की मदद से आईटी हाइवेयर की लोकल मै. न्युफैक्चरिंग को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। उत्पादन और नि. वेश को मिलेगा बढ़ावा दरअसल, आईटी हाइवेयर सेक्टर के



लिए पीएलआई 2.0 स्कीम को 6 साल की मंजूरी मिली है। इस स्कीम पर मुहर लगाने के साथ ही आईटी हाइवेयर सेक्टर में लगभग 3.34 लाख करोड़ रुपये के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा मिलेगा। इसके साथ ही लगभग 2430 करोड़ रुपये के निवेश की संभावनाएं पैदा होंगी।

रोजगार के नए अवसर

सरकार की इस स्कीम के साथ ही देश में रोजगार के नए अवसर भी होंगे। आईटी हाइवेयर के लोकल ब्रांड्स को मजबूत करने के साथ इस स्कीम से सीधे तौर पर 17 हजार नए रोजगार के मौके होंगे। वहीं प्रत्यक्ष और अप्रत्यक्ष रूप से सरकार की यह स्कीम दो लाख से भी ज्यादा नौकरियों को लाने का काम करेगी।

केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने दी योजना की जानकारी

बीते बुधवार को ही प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की अध्यक्षता में यूनियन कैबिनेट की बैठक हुई थी। इस बैठक में कैबिनेट ने कई बड़े फैसलों पर अपनी मुहर लगाई है। केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव और केंद्रीय मंत्री मनसुख मंडाविया ने प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस कर इस बैठक की जानकारी दी थी। पीएलआई फॉर आईटी हाइवेयर को भी कै. बनेट बैठक में मंजूरी दे दी गई थी, इसकी जानकारी केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने दी थी।

मोबाइल फोन बनाने वाले देशों की सूची में भारत दूसरे स्थान पर इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स मैनुफैक्चरिंग और मोबाइल फोन निर्माण के क्षेत्र में भारत तेजी से काम कर रहा है। केंद्रीय मंत्री अश्विनी वैष्णव ने जानकारी दी थी कि प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी की नीति का ही प्रभाव रहा कि भारत साल 2023 में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स मैनुफैक्चरिंग के क्षेत्र में 104 बिलियन अमरीकी डालर (लगभग 9 लाख करोड़ रुपये) के बेंचमार्क को पार कर चुका है।

भारत की पहचान दूसरे सबसे बड़े मोबाइल फोन निर्माता के रूप में होती है।

## District Magistrate of South Andaman issues Order to mitigate water crisis in South Andaman

Due to delay in the onset of monsoon, the water level at Dhanikari Dam and other water sources situated at the South Andaman District has gone down considerably and is severely affecting the water supply in the area. Many complaints are being received from general public and public representatives regarding irregular and non-supply of water in residential areas leading to a threatening disaster situation. It is perceived that an emerging distressful situation will arise, if immediate response and action is not taken in view of the prevailing emergent water crisis.

After assessing the situation, for the purpose

of assisting, protecting or providing relief to the community & general public in response to any threatening disaster situation and for effective control and management of water crisis in the entire South Andaman District, necessary measures are required to be taken on emergent basis to mitigate the crisis and to control the worsening situation.

In order to augment the crisis and to avoid any disturbance to law and order in the South Andaman District, the District Magistrate, South Andaman, Ms Veditha Reddy, IAS, in exercise of the powers vested u/s 34 of Disaster Management Act, 2005, has

directed the Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) and Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMCC) to assess all water sources in the District including borewells, ponds, ring wells and other sources; assess the requirement of water for the use of public in limits of South Andaman District and to utilize all water sources including borewells, ring wells, ponds and others available in the District and provide supply of clean and safe water to all residents of the District in an equitable manner.

In view of the emergent circumstances, the order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. Fur-

ther, the Superintendent of Police, Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Executive Magistrates and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of the Order and shall adequately sensitize the field functionaries to note that these directions are issued fundamentally to mitigate the crisis situation and shall be withdrawn once normalcy prevails in the entire District.

Any disobedience of the above orders shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against the violator(s).

## Member of Parliament requests Chief Secretary not to Schedule Exams for Different Posts on the Same Day

Regarding the ongoing recruitment drive being conducted by the Andaman Nicobar Administration for the filling of posts under Group B and Group C, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to instruct the concerned department, not to schedule exams for different

posts on the same day. He mentioned that during the previous recruitment drive, a few exams for two different posts were held on the same day. Consequently, many candidates who aspired to apply for both positions were unable to do so due to this unfortunate scheduling conflict. He added that this led to confusion, disappointment, and a missed opportunity for candidates who desired to maximize

their chances of securing a government job. "Given the overwhelming response to the current recruitment drive, it is evident that a large number of local candidates have shown keen interest in these positions. It is therefore imperative that the Andaman Nicobar Administration takes steps to rectify the situation and ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all applicants," he added.

In light of the aforementioned circumstances, he requested the Chief Secretary to instruct the concerned department to refrain from scheduling exams for different posts on the same day. "By implementing this change, all candidates will be able to appear in exams for all the desired posts, significantly enhancing their chances of securing a government job," he added.

## Art & Culture and Kala Kendra to conduct activities under Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment

As part of 'Mission LiFE (Lifestyle For Environment)', the Department of Art & Culture in collaboration with the Kala Kendra- a Society under the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration will be organizing various activities to propagate a healthy and sustainable way of living based on the ancient Indian traditions and values of conservation

and moderation. 'Design a Poster' Making Competition and Slogan Writing Competition for school students of class VIth -Xth on the theme 'Save the Planet' will be conducted. The last date for submission of designed Poster and Slogan on the theme is 24th May, 2023. Interested children may submit their entries in both categories in cellularjailandaman@

gmail.com indicating the name of participant, Age, Class, School and Contact Mobile No.

All winners will be awarded with prizes and certificates. For any queries in this regard, Shri Sujit Kr Roy, Artist may be contacted over phone no 9933241678. The Department has also invited application from Cultural Organizations having expertise in pre-

sensation of street plays for awareness of general public on the theme 'Preventing the exploitation of nature' which needs to be presented in and around Port Blair from 19th May to 21st May, 2023. Interested Cultural Organizations may apply through email before 18th May, 2023 with a concept & script on the theme.

## Member of Parliament demands to undertake necessary repairs of the air-conditioning units in all Andaman guesthouse rooms and improve other amenities

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has lauded the remarkable contribution of the Andaman guesthouse in Chennai, Kolkata and New Delhi, which has played a crucial role in providing affordable and economical accommodation, specifically catering to patients from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

"The smooth operations of the Andaman guesthouse in both Chennai, Kolkata and New Delhi have been nothing short

of a blessing for our fellow Islanders," he said. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament added that he has recently received reports from concerned Islanders regarding certain issues plaguing the Andaman guesthouse in Chennai. e pointed out that as per the complaints some rooms are experiencing malfunctioning air-conditioning units, leading to discomfort for the guests. Additionally, there have been complaints about inadequate amenities in certain rooms. Moreover,

a significant mosquito infestation has also been observed in the vicinity of the Andaman guesthouse in Chennai. "Given the prevailing summer season and the intense heat experienced in Chennai, it is imperative that we take immediate action to address these concerns in order to ensure the well-being and convenience of the patients and visitors, who are relying on the facilities of the Andaman guesthouse," he added.

He requested the intervention of the Chief Sec-

retary in directing the relevant department to conduct a thorough inspection and undertake necessary repairs of the air-conditioning units in Andaman guesthouse rooms at Chennai and improve other amenities.

He added that this will ensure the provision of proper cooling facilities to alleviate the discomfort faced by the people of Andaman, particularly those patients who are currently residing in Chennai in this summer season.

## Member of Parliament takes up Anganwadi Workers' Salary Issue with Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration



The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma along with a delegation of Anganwadi Workers called on the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration today. During the meeting, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma emphatically highlighted the challenges faced by Anganwadi workers due to the meagre salary they

are getting. He said that these dedicated workers, tirelessly serving their communities day and night, find it increasingly difficult to provide for their families under the current circumstances. Recognizing the critical role played by Anganwadi workers in the welfare of society, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma emphasized the importance of supporting their efforts in collaboration with the

Andaman and Nicobar Administration. In the past also on several occasions, the Member of Parliament had consistently raised this matter both in the Parliament and with the concerned authorities viz on 10.02.2023, 13.02.2021, 10.02.2023, 04.12.2019 this issue was raised in Parliament, on 05.02.2021 matter taken up with the Minister of Women Child Develop-

ment, 21.09.2020 matter taken up with the Prime Minister of India, 17.10.2021 matter taken up with Union Minister of Home Affairs. During the meeting, the Chief Secretary attentively listened to the concerns expressed by the Member of Parliament and the delegation and assured to do needful in this regard.



**DEPONENT**



35th INDIA – THAILAND COORDINATED PATROL CONDUCTED IN ANDAMAN SEA



Discussed various aviation related projects and its early commencement

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency called on Hon'ble Union Minister of Civil Aviation, GoI, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia in New Delhi today. During the meeting, early operationalisation of two New Greenfield Airports, new Terminal Building at Veer Savarkar International Airport, A&N Islands, early commencement of Sea-plane services at Long Island, Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Port Blair and modernisation of Helicopter fleet with large capacity machines were discussed. Hon'ble Lt Governor also recommended for starting International flight services and introduction of small, fixed wing flights with implementation of UDAN scheme.



PORT BLAIR 13 MAY 23 : Indian Naval Ship Kesari, an LST (L) class of ship of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), participated in the 35th India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (INDO-THAI CORPAT) from 04 to 10 May 23. INDO-THAI CORPAT is aimed at strengthening mutual understanding between India and Thailand in countering maritime threats. This edition of CORPAT was conducted in two phases; the sea phase from 04 to 05 May 23 and the harbour phase from 07 to 10 May 23. The sea phase involved coordinated patrolling and surveillance by ships and Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) as well as VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) operations. INS Kesari operated with HTMS Saiburi of Thailand, in the sea phase. Special emphasis was placed on streamlining communication procedures and fine-tuning Standard Operating Procedures for various operations at sea. The sharing of data related to contacts picked up by Maritime Patrol Aircraft of both Navies was also practiced. 35th INDO-THAI CORPAT greatly improved the understanding and synergy, between the two navies thereby contributing towards enhancing maritime security in the region. 35th INDO-THAI CORPAT involved active participation of elements from Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Army (IA) Components of ANC thereby enhancing jointness. This exercise, provided exposure to other components of ANC (IAF and IA) in preventing and suppressing unlawful activities, including Illegal Unreported Unregulated (IUU) fishing, drug trafficking, piracy, and armed robbery. In addition to engaging in professional interactions, the participants of CORPAT renewed their bonds through a friendly football match and invigorating yoga sessions. These activities not only fostered a sense of camaraderie but also strengthened the enduring bonds between the two nations. Shri Nagesh Singh, Ambassador of India to Thailand, added a touch of warmth and camaraderie to the deck reception during the Harbour visited INS Kesari at Thailand. Participation by an LST (L) class of ship, INS Kesari in the 35th INDO-THAI CORPAT demonstrates India's commitment to promoting peace, security, and stability in the region. The coordinated efforts between the Royal Thailand Navy and Indian Navy will undoubtedly strengthen the friendship between the two nations and reinforce the vital role of maritime security in ensuring regional stability and prosperity.