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Things to Know

1. With the help of Photosynthesis plants make their own food.

Ans. True

2. Chemical formulae of Hydrochloric acid is HCl.

Ans. True

3. There are 11 players in a cricket team.

Ans. True

4. In 1916 Olympic Games were cancelled because of World War I?

Ans. True

5. In Football, the term Hat-Trick is used.

Ans. False (The term Hat-Trick is used in cricket).

6. There are nine players in one team of Kho Kho.

Ans. True

7. Commonwealth Games are held every four years.

Ans. True

8. A rainbow has five colours.

Ans. False (Rainbow has 7 colours, VIB-GYOR)

9. The main function of the xylem is to transport water from roots to stems and leaves.

Ans. True

10. World Turtle Day is observed on May 23 annually.

Ans. True

11. In which book does the fictional town of 'Malgudi' first find a mention?

Ans. Swami and Friends

12. During which century did the famous poet Kabir live?

Ans. 15th century AD

13. Which Indian authors have won the Man Booker Prize?

Ans. V S Naipaul, Salman Rushdie, Arundhati Roy, Kiran Desai and Aravind Adiga

14. Who won the inaugural JCB Prize for Literature in 2018?

Ans. Benyamin for Jasmine Days (Translated from Malayalam by Shahnaz Habib)

15. Who wrote 'The Jungle Book'?

Ans. Rudyard Kipling

16. What is the pen name of Munshi Premchand?

Ans. Nawab Rai

17. What does ice become when you heat it?

Water

18. What adjective is opposite to Plural?

Singular

19. What is the antonym of predecessor?

Successor

20. On a computer, what is Times New Roman an example of?

Font

21. What is three quarters expressed as a percentage?

75%

22. Which field of study uses the periodic table?

Chemistry

THEFT CASE CRACKED BY PS MAYABUNDER



A complaint of theft was received from Station Officer, Police Radio Station, Mayabunder regarding theft of 01 No. Battery & 01 No. Inverter from the Repeater Station situated at Bathews Point, Rest Camp. A case of theft was registered at PS Mayabunder vide FIR No. 19/2023 dtd. 15/04/2023 U/s 457/380 IPC. A special team to work out the case was constituted headed by In-spr.PK Abdul Arif, SHO

PS Mayabunder. During investigation one suspect namely Amit Kumar Tikader S/o Shri Gopal Tikader (27) yrs R/o Profulla Nagar, Billiground was thoroughly interrogated and he confessed his involvement in the crime alongwith one other. The team recovered all the stolen properties from the accused.

By the hard effort of the Police team of PS Mayabunder and under the close supervision of se-

nior officers, succeeded to crack down the theft case and recovered the case properties within short time after registration of FIR.

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

Member of Parliament requests Chief Secretary to operate daily ferry vessels from Pongi Balu Jetty to Hut Bay

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to use Pongi Balu Jetty at Manjeeri as an alternative route for operating Inter Island vessels between South Andaman and Little Andaman and to operate daily ferry vessels from Pongi Balu Jetty to Hut Bay. During a recent meeting with the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that operating ferry services between Pongi Balu Jetty and Hut Bay will be highly beneficial for the

Islands and Islanders in many ways. Firstly, the journey between Pongi Balu Jetty and Hut Bay will take approximately 4 hours by ferry whereas from Port Blair to Hut Bay consumes 7 hours and hence this will save fuel, operational expenses and revenue of Administration. Secondly, it will save time and efforts of passengers to reach Port Blair from Hut Bay and vice versa. Thirdly, as the journey time will reduce to only four hours, passengers can return back to Port Blair on the same day and hence the Island can become an excellent tourist destination. Little An-

daman already has many tourist spots like amazing waterfall, untouched beaches, palm plantations etc. As we all know Tourism will transform the economy of Little Andaman. Fourthly, this will promote tourism in Manjeri, Guptapara belt and generate many employment opportunities for people of the region. Fifthly, a daily ferry between Pongi Balu Jetty and Hut Bay will also help farmers of Little Andaman to send vegetables to Port Blair, which will certainly reduce the cost of vegetables at Port Blair.

Department of Fisheries to organize painting competition at Fisheries Museum -cum-Aquarium on April 22

Port Blair April 18 : The Department of Fisheries will be organizing a painting competition on World Earth Day on April 22 at Fisheries Museum -cum- Aquarium located at Aberdeen, near Water Sports Complex. The students studying in Class I to VIII are eligible to participate in the com-

petition. The painting competition will be held in 2 categories - junior category (class I - V) and senior category (class VI - VIII).

The theme for the junior category is 'Fish around me' and for the senior category is 'Life Underwater'. The participating students have

been advised to bring painting materials etc. except chart paper along with them and also to register their names on the spot from 7.30 am to 8 am. For further details, one may contact the Directorate of Fisheries over phone No. 03192-232770.

Drawing & painting competition held at Fire Service Headquarter

Port Blair, April 18 : As part of Fire Service Week observance from 14th April to 20th April, 2023, Community Outreach Programmes were organized by A&N Fire Service to enhance public awareness on fire hazard and fire safety measures. A Drawing and Painting Competition on the theme 'Awareness in Fire Safety for growth of national infrastructure (AGNI)' was organized at Fire Service (HQ) along with other Fire Stations spread across A & N Is-

lands today.

The competition was divided into two categories, from class I to class V & from class VI to class IX. Altogether, 40 students from 10 different Schools participated in the event. The winners are:

Category I (Class I to V)
1. S Sanhedrin, Nirmala Sr. Sec School - Class - I
2. EdilBaxla, Nirmala Sr. Sec. School - Class - V
3. Cedric Sheelan, St Mary's School Class - III
Category II (Class VI to IX)

1. G Yamuna, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Girls - Class - IX

2. ShreyaSasmal - St Mary's School - Class - VIII
3. Suhana Ali- Carmel Sr. Sec. School - Class - IX

Winners of the competition were felicitated by the chief guest, Smti Monika Bhardwaj, IPS, Dy. Inspector General of Police (L&O), in the presence of Smti Varsha Sharma, IPS, SSP (Fire), Shri Sandeep, Dy.SP Fire and other Fire Officials.

BURGLARY CASE WORKED OUT BY PS ABERDEEN WITHIN 24 HOURS

Once again the dedicated team of Police Station Aberdeen cracked down a burglary case by arresting two burglars and recovered Rs. 1,38,500/- stolen cash within 24 hours.

A burglary case was reported at Police Station Aberdeen in the evening of 14-04-2023. The complainant informed that on 14-04-2023 at around 1 PM, they went to Diwan Singh Gurudwara on the eve of Vaishakhi. When they returned back, they found that household articles were scattered and

cash around Rs. 2 Lakhs had been stolen from the almirah.

Upon his complaint, an FIR was registered and investigation was entrusted to SI Jeetender Lal. Soon after the registration of FIR, a team consisting of SI Jeetender Lal, HC Sunil Singh Yadav, PCs S.N Rao, Asish Singh and Shiv Kumar was constituted under the supervision of Insp. Girish Kumar, SHO PS Aberdeen for the search of accused and stolen cash. Within no time, the team swung

into action and visited the spot. On inspection of the spot and by analyzing CCTV footages, the burglar was identified as a resident of Dolly Gunj. Accordingly, the accused person was nabbed from Goal Ghar area in the morning of 15th April, 2023. The accused confessed that he had stolen the money with another person of Haddo. An amount of Rs. 1,38,500/- has been recovered from their possession. Further investigation is going on. The entire investigation took place under the

guidance of Sh. Sunny Gupta, IPS, Sub Divisional Police Officer, South Andaman and overall supervision of Sh. Kalaivanan R., IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District. The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-233077 & 03192-232400. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

Mock Drill on Earthquake conducted by Directorate of Disaster Management at Cinema Hall

Port Blair, April 18 : A Mock Drill on earthquake was conducted in the Cinema Hall (Anand Paradise Multiplex), Port Blair today by the Directorate of Disaster Management in coordination with District Administration, South Andaman, A&N Police, A&N Police Fire Services, Directorate of Health Services and NDRF by creating real time earthquake disaster simulation scenario and tested the disaster preparedness of the Cinema Hall and response of all Emergency Support Functionaries (ESFs) on safe evacuation, search & rescue and first aid alongwith medical support to manage the earthquake scenario in the Cinema Hall.

The Mock Drill was successfully conducted under the overall supervision of Dr. Nitin Shakyra, Director (DM), A&N Administration. The mock drill was started after receipt of information at State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC) from Cinema Theatre regarding incident occurred and staff trapped in the theatres due to Earthquake. The SEOC disseminated the earthquake incident information of Cinema Hall to DEOC (S/A), A&N Police, A&N Police Fire Services, Control Room of G.B. Pant Hospital and NDRF.

The teams constituted in Cinema Hall have been activated to manage the earthquake situation,

emergency evacuation of audience and staff. Search & rescue teams of Fire & NDRF searched all the theatres of Cinema Hall and found 05 staff members trapped in the theatres which were safely rescued and handed over to medical response team of DHS for further treatment and hospitalization. Audience and other staff have been moved to identify assembly/safe area. Further, the NDRF team searched the entire Cinema Hall and rescued two more staff members trapped in the building and shifted them to G.B. Pant Hospital with the help of Health department and Ambulance. The Police team cordoned off the entire area and maintained

law & order and traffic movement.

This was followed by debriefing session wherein the observers of the Mock Drill had explained the findings and gaps of the Mock Drill. The Director (DM) appreciated the efforts of the team of Cinema Hall and other Stakeholders for their active and effective participation in the Mock Drill. He also urged the Management of Cinema Hall to regularly check all safety equipment, update their SOP, emergency contact details and provide DM trainings to staff of Cinema Hall for their capacity building to cope up any crisis in future.

DYFI Demands Unemployment Allowance For Unemployed Youth of A&N Islands

Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI) meeting held at Port Blair recently has demanded Unemployment Allowance to unemployed youth of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In a resolution adopted in the meeting the DYFI noted with grave concern that unemployment is rising in the islands and there is no tangible efforts on the part of the central government to set up any industry or establishment to provide job to the youth of these islands. Unemployed youth are facing hardship even to meet their personal expenses in the absence of any income. These youth are forced to depend upon the income of their parents for their livelihood and other expenses.

The meeting noted that in State like Kerala, Unemployment Allowance is given to unemployed youth upto certain age or till they get any job. This is a great relief to the unemployed youths as they can minimize their dependence on parents and others for their personal expenses.

The meeting of Democratic Youth Federation of India held at Port Blair resolved to urge upon the central government and Andaman & Nicobar Administration to grant Unemployment Allowance to all the unemployed local youth who have registered their names with the local Employment Exchange as has been done in States like Kerala. The meeting also demanded that the Unemployment Allowance be granted at the rate of rupees one thousand to each unemployed youth per month in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Through another resolution DYFI meeting held at Port Blair noted with grave concern and anguish that about 13,000 posts of various categories are lying vacant in various departments under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration. These posts are kept vacant at a time when nearly one lakh unemployed youths of these islands are waiting for a job. The meeting noted that during the last several years, various organizations have been demand-

ing to fill up these posts, but no action seems to have been taken to fill up these posts except the posts of LGC, etc. through the Recruitment Cell of the Administration. In the absence of any private sector job, young people in the islands look upon government departments for a job.

The meeting of DYFI called upon the central government and Andaman & Nicobar Administration to take immediate concrete steps to fill up all the vacant posts under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration in order to minimize the rising unemployment in this backward union territory. The DYFI meeting held at Port Blair recently noted with grave concern that a good number of jobs in the government departments in Andaman & Nicobar Islands are being taken away by the candidates from mainland who are in a better position as compared to the local youths here. Due to online process of recruitment and other factors, the can-

didates from mainland in large number apply for each post under the A & N Administration and a number of them are being selected automatically. The Supreme Court had struck down the decision of the Govt. of India to earmark 100% jobs to local youths through an Executive order, and held that legislation in Parliament can only make any provision for complete jobs to the candidates of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The DYFI meeting noted with concern that despite passage of three decades of such a verdict of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, no steps has been taken by the successive central governments in this regard and urged the central government and A & N Administration to take immediate action to ensure that the entire government jobs in Andaman & Nicobar Islands are earmarked for the local youths and thus prevent candidates from mainland grabbing whatever job opportunity available in the islands.



संपादकीय

Topper Dadi: मिलिए 108 साल की टॉपर दादी से, केरल साक्षरता परीक्षा पास कर बनी मिसाल

केरल सरकार एक कार्यक्रम चला रही है, जिसकी टैग लाइन है शिक्षा सदा और सबके लिए। इस टैगलाइन पर आधारित कार्यक्रम के तहत इच्छुक बुजुर्गों को शिक्षित किया जाता है।



Kerala Topper Dadi: प्रतिभा उम्र की सीमा से परे होती है। १०८ साल की एक बुजुर्ग महिला ने इस बात को सच कर दिखाया है। हाल ही में केरल राज्य के साक्षरता कार्यक्रम का आयोजन हुआ, जिसमें तमिलनाडु की एक महिला प्रथम स्थान पर रही। इस महिला की उम्र १०८ वर्ष है। बुजुर्ग महिला ने टॉप करके यह साबित कर दिया कि उम्र उसकी काबिलियत और प्रतिभा के बीच नहीं आ सकती है। बुजुर्ग महिला की कहानी जितनी दिलचस्प है, उतनी ही प्रेरणादायक है। आइए जानते हैं तमिलनाडु की १०८ साल की टॉपर दादी के केरल सरकारी परीक्षा में टॉप करने की प्रेरणादायक कहानी।

केरल साक्षरता परीक्षा की टॉपर १०८ साल की जिस महिला ने केरल राज्य के साक्षरता कार्यक्रम में प्रथम स्थान प्राप्त किया, उनका नाम कमला कन्नी है। कमला कन्नी का जन्म १९१५ में तमिलनाडु के थेनी जिले के कुंभुम् में हुआ था। कमला जब छोटी थी, तभी उनका परिवार केरल आकर बस गया। बचपन में कमला ने इलायची के खेत में काम किया। कमला अधिक पढ़ी लिखी नहीं हैं, उन्होंने दूसरी कक्षा तक पढ़ाई की और परिवार को आर्थिक मदद पहुंचाने के लिए एक इलायची के बागान में काम करना शुरू कर दिया।

केरल सरकार एक कार्यक्रम चला रही है, जिसकी टैग लाइन है शिक्षा सदा और सबके लिए। इस टैगलाइन पर आधारित कार्यक्रम के तहत इच्छुक बुजुर्गों को शिक्षित किया जाता है। कमला कन्नी ने केरल के साक्षरता कार्यक्रम में दाखिला लिया और पढ़ाई शुरू की। उन्होंने तमिल और मलयालम भाषा में लिखना शुरू किया। केरल की साक्षरता कार्यक्रम द्वारा आयोजित परीक्षा में शामिल हुई और १०० में ९७ अंक हासिल कर के टॉप किया।

उनकी सीखने की ललक ने न केवल इस उम्र में कमला कन्नी को शिक्षा की ओर अग्रसर किया, बल्कि बहुत से लोगों को प्रेरणा दी।

PRESS NOTE

It is brought to notice of electricity consumers and general public that urgent preventive maintenance in Switchgear of power transformer of 33 / 11 KV Phoenix Bay Sub-Station will be carried out on 21.04.2023 (Friday), from 0700 Hrs. to 1000 Hrs. In this connection, power supply in the following area may be got interrupted on as and when required basis from 0700 Hrs. to 1000 Hrs. on 21.04.2023 as per schedule given below:-

Date	Area affected	Timing	
		From	To
21.04.2023 (Friday)	Rajasthan Mandir, ALWH Colony, Hawaghar Jn., Dudh Line, Nayagaon, Bargat Line, GPRA Colony & Carbyn's Junction, part of Junglighat, Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm complete, Dairy Farm Junction, CPWD Complex, Lamba Line, Ranchi Tekery, School Line complete and part of Minnie Bay	0800 Hrs.	1000 Hrs.

The time mentioned in the schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly.

The inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

Executive Engineer(PG)

MP raises the issue of regularisation of service of Contract Employees of Directorate of Shipping Services

Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament called upon Chief Secretary, A& N Administration on recently and submitted the proposal for regularisation of service of the contractual employees of Directorate of Shipping Services engaged in Afloat Section and the Industrial establishment of Marine Dockyard. Shri Sharma informed the Chief Secretary that shipping being the life line for the Islanders and in order to cope up the need of operation and maintenance of its fleet of ferry boats, the Directorate of Shipping Services since the year 2014 has been recruiting qualified persons on contract basis despite the fact that their requirement being permanent in nature. Shri Sharma said that , as of now there are as many as 145 afloat employees comprising of deck rating (lascar), engine room rating (greaser) , cook

and utility hands and 37 workshop employees comprising of welders, coppersmith, tinsmith, platers, machine turners, shipwrights ,platers, carpenters, fitters, electric fitters recruited on contract basis against sanctioned vacant posts. “The contractual employees ever-since their employment have been discharging the duties assigned to them to the satisfaction of their superiors and nothing adverse had been conveyed against them regarding performance of the duties and for this very reason the contract appointments which was initially for a period of six months for the afloat employees and three months for the workshop employees are continuously been extended ranging from past 9 years to 5 years.” he said. The Member of Parliament emphasized that the Directorate of Shipping Services while re-

cruiting these contractual employees have followed all procedures which are essentially required to be fulfilled while making public/ government appointments on a regular basis. Such as publishing the ‘Vacancy Notice’ in Newspapers, inviting application from interested eligible candidates in terms educational and professional qualification, age etc. as prescribed in the Recruitment Rules for the relevant posts, conducting trade test by duly constituted selection board, preparation of merit list of the selected candidates and panel after verification of original documents pertaining to qualifications, proof of age etc. and lastly issue of appointment order indicating the vacant posts against which they are appointed. “Serving the department for such long period has given rise to legitimate expectation of getting

permanently absorbed in the post in which they are working on contract basis” said the Member of Parliament and requested the Chief Secretary, A& N Administration for regular appointment of the contractual employees of Directorate of Shipping Services, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, who have been selected through regular selection process against sanctioned posts and also for similarly circumstanced contract employees working in other departments of Andaman and Nicobar Administration by formulating an scheme for Regularisation of Services of temporary employees consisting of Casual workers on daily wage basis (both on minimum wages and enhanced 1/30th of wages of regular employee plus Dearness Allowance), ad-hoc and contract employees.

AATO organises Heritage Walk on World Heritage Day

Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO) organized a Heritage Walk on World Heritage Day, celebrated on April 18th every year. The event was a huge success, with hundreds of college students and tour operators taking part in the guided tour to learn about the rich cultural heritage of Port Blair city.

The walk was flagged off from Cellular Jail by Shri. Kalaivanan R, IPS, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District in the presence of Dr.Rasheeda Iqbal, Assistant Director, Department of Art & Culture and incharge of Cellular Jail.

The Heritage Walk was aimed at promoting the conservation and appreciation of local heritage sites, as well as encouraging responsible tourism. Led by Shri.M.Vinod, President, AATO the participants explored the historic landmarks and monuments that showcase the unique identity and history of Port Blair city. The walk covered significant sites such as the Cellular Jail, Aberdeen Memorial, Param Veer Chakra memorial and flag point among others.

During the walk, Shri. Saikat Biswas, Joint Secretary of AATO shared interesting facts and stories about each of the sites, providing participants with an enriching and educational experience. The Heritage Walk was an excellent opportunity for students and tour operators alike to discover and appreciate the cultural significance of Port Blair.

AATO is committed to promoting sustainable tourism and preserving cultural heritage sites in Andamans. The organization’s focus is on providing authentic, educational experiences that benefit both the visitors and the local communities. By organizing the Heritage Walk on World Heritage Day, AATO hopes to raise awareness about the importance of preserving and promoting cultural heritage. The success of the Heritage Walk on World Heritage Day in Port Blair is an excellent example of the positive impact that responsible tourism can have on local communities. AATO plans to continue organizing similar events in the future, promoting the conservation and appreciation of cultural heritage sites in these islands.



Hotel Lemon Tree in association with Andaman Association of Tour Operators organises Blood donation camp on World Hemophilia day.



A blood donation camp was organised at Hotel Lemon Tree, Port Blair jointly by Andaman Association of Tour Operators and hotel Lemon Tree on the occasion of World Hemophilia day. A total of 41 donors voluntarily donated blood

during the camp and 10 more donors registered for future donation. As per Shri.M.Vinod, President, AATO has been actively informed in various social service initiatives apart from its contributions towards the tourism sector.

The blood donation camp was aimed at helping the blood bank of G.B.Pant hospital with blood of various groups for the needy patients of our islands and also to motivate more volunteers to donate blood. Shri.Vinod also expressed

gratitude to Andaman and Nicobar AIDS control Society, Hotel Lemon Tree, Directorate of Health Services and all the donors for the support extended to make the camp successful.

CPI (M) Holds Mass Demonstration Against Water Curtailment



CPI (M) Port Blair City Area Committee has organized a Mass Demonstration today (17.04.2023) evening in front of the office of the Port Blair Municipal Council at Aberdeen Bazar to protest against the indiscriminate curtailment in the water supply to the residents of Port Blair town and rural South Andaman areas.

Addressing the gathering, D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee came down heavily on the BJP government at the Centre and its Administration for the cur-

tailment of water supply and frequent power cut and said that at present water is supplied once in four days and it may change to once in a week as done during 2020. He said that the BJP government has utterly failed to provide water to a small population of two lakhs in the Port Blair town and South Andaman rural areas despite spending hundreds of crores of rupees for increasing the height of the existing Dhanikhari Dam and for the Rutland Water Project. He expressed concern over the fact that despite the inauguration of

the Rutland water project and announcement of supply of sufficient water to the residents in any season, the required water is not being brought from Rutland. He demanded an investigation by a specialized agency in respect of the implementation of the Rutland Water Project in view of the reported corruption in the implementation of the project. D. Laxman Rao, State Secretariat Member while addressing the gathering said that the BJP has come to power in the PBMC by making false promises to the

voters. He said that Port Blair is reeling under severe water crisis and held BJP and Congress responsible for it. SP Kalairajan, State Committee Member also spoke on the occasion. B. Chandrachoodan, State Secretariat Member was also present. The Mass Demonstration was led by P. Sathyapal, State Committee Member and BC Bhattacharjee, R. Surendran Pillai, Haneefa T and Shyamal Koley, Area Committee Members. A large number of party workers of Port Blair town attended the mass demonstration.

Legal Awareness Camp held at Manpur village

Port Blair, April 16 : The District Legal Services Authority, A&N Islands organized a Legal Awareness Camp at Manpur, village Panchayat Hall, South Andaman today on the topic ‘Domestic Violence Act, 498A IPC, Family Disputes and Offense under different Acts against women’ and POCSO Act with the active participation of the

local PRI members and villagers. Approximately, 50 people attended the camp. The Legal Awareness Camp was graced by Shri. Anupam Mukherjee, Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA, A&N Islands alongwith Shri. Debarghya Biswas, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, South Andaman-cum-Secretary,

DLSA, A&N Islands, Shri. Sumit Kumar Karmakar, Ld. Public Prosecutor and Ms. A S. Zinu, Ld. Public Prosecutor. The Ld. District & Sessions Judge-cum-Chairman, DLSA graced the aforesaid camp as chief guest. In his address, he shared his knowledge on D.V. Act, Free Legal Aid and benefits under section 12 of the Legal

Services Authorities Act, 1987. Shri. Debarghya Biswas, Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, South Andaman, Shri. Sumit Kumar Karmakar, Ld. Public Prosecutor and Ms. A S. Zinu, Ld. Public Prosecutor also spoke on the occasion. The programme ended with an interactive session.

Member of Parliament demands to construct a massive parking area with toilet blocks by dismantling all the unused quarters between Junglighat School Ground and old Junglighat Jetty gate

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon’ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to construct a massive parking area with toilet blocks by dismantling all the unused quarters between Junglighat School Ground and old Junglighat jetty gate, where there are a large number of wooden government quarters which

are now either discarded or are in a dilapidated condition. During his recent meeting with the Hon’ble Lt. Governor the Member of Parliament said that the city of Port Blair is becoming increasingly congested. As Junglighat area is one of the busiest market areas in Port Blair city, the Member of Parliament proposed to construct a massive parking area in the above mentioned lo-

cation as this will greatly assist in decongesting the city’s roads. He informed the Hon’ble Lt. Governor that many ferries of nearby Islands are now being operated from Junglighat Jetty, and in the future, almost all the ferries will be operated from Junglighat Jetty. “Hence, a massive parking area is required in the Junglighat region,” he pointed out. He said that the proposed parking area will

not only help ease the congestion in the city but also provide much-needed relief for passengers who are travelling to the inter-islands. The Member of Parliament added that every Sunday there is a Sunday Market in the area and construction of a massive parking area in the region will help in regulating traffic and crowd better.

Member of Parliament requests for augmentation of fresh water supply at Bambooflat and adjoining area

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon’ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to construct Dam/Weir on Nimbu Bagicha, North Bay nallah to solve the water crisis issue of

the region. In a letter addressed to the Hon’ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that at Nimbu Bagicha, North Bay there is a nallah having a perennial flow and the water from the nallah flows into the sea throughout the year without any effective use.

He added that by constructing a dam/weir at suitable location, the water flowing in nallah can be tapped and subsequently used for augmenting the supply of the fresh water at Bambooflat and its adjoining localities. The Member of Par-

liament requested the Hon’ble Lt. Governor to conduct a feasibility study in this regard and construct a dam/weir at the suitable location to tap and use the flowing fresh water to overcome the scarcity of fresh water at Bambooflat and its adjoining areas.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (2nd Call

The Executive Engineer, E&M Division, APWD, Prothrapur, Port Blair invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item Rate tender from those who having Experience in Andaman PWD and Non APWD Contractors, irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they must have experience of having successfully completed similar nature of works in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands with Govt. Organizations and do not have any adverse remarks, for the work mentioned below:-

DB-e-Tender/E&M/DIV/PP/PB/2023-24/815 , Dated 17th April, 2023

NIT No. 05/EE/E&M/23-24 Name of Work: “Providing Illumination of the Heritage Structures of Viper Island. SW: Supplying, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 01 No. 1000 LPH RO Plant including Internal Electrical Connection of Motors and Switch Gears and IEI Works of RO Plant Building at Viper Island (Mechanical Part Only.” Estimate Cost: Rs 9,01,092/- EMD : Rs 18,022/- Period of Completion: 30 (Thirty) Days. TENDER ID: 2023_APWD_10077_1)

The e-tender from and other details can be downloaded from the website. The Last Date and Time of bid submission will be 02.05.2023 upto 09:30 hours. Other details / information can be seen on website. “https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in. 9931

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YOGA SESSION HELD ON 17/4/2023 AT FIRE SERVICE HEAD QUARTER DURING FIRE SERVICE WEEK



Fit India Movement was launched by the Hon’ble Prime Minister with an aim to take the nation on a path of fitness and wellness, encouraging people to include physical activities in their day to day lives. As part of the movement, A&N Fire Service organized Yoga session at Fire Ser-

vice HQ on 17/4/2023 for personnel of all units of Police department and general public to make the fit India movement a great success in addition to spread fire safety awareness measures. The participants were briefed about the importance of Yoga in their lifestyle. The Yoga

resource persons Shri. Mangal Bhagat and Shri. Shamsher Singh from Ayush Hospital demonstrated various asanas and spoke on its importance for healthy lifestyle and urged the participants to practice yoga regularly for a healthy life. At last, all present were briefed about the

reason for observing Fire Service Week and explained about the importance of learning fire safety awareness measures. Altogether, 60 personnel including General Public attended the Yoga session.

Students of ANIMS sensitized on Disaster Management

Port Blair, April 16 : The Department of Disaster Management under the guidance of Dr. Nitin Shakyia, Director (Disaster Management), A&N Administration, regularly conducts various disaster preparedness programmes in different Departments and institutions of this UT. In continuation to this, a sensitization programme was organized for the Students of 2nd Year (MBBS) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) on Disaster Management & Preparedness recently at the Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration

Shri Janik Ram, Assistant Director (Admn.), DDM interacted with the students and briefed about the various types of disasters and vulnerability profile of this UT. Dr. Swapan Kumar Biswas, Sr. Consultant, DDM elaborated on various preparedness mechanisms of community as well as institutions to respond by themselves during emergencies or crisis and functions of



Disaster Management and State Emergency Operation Centre of this UT and he also explained the different aspects of disaster management.

Waiting for ship tickets in long queue is foregone- Directorate of Shipping Services introduces online reservation of ship tickets Chief Secretary launches the Directorate's website with e-ticketing facility

Port Blair, April 17 : The Directorate of Shipping Services under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Administration has introduced online reservation of ship tickets for the convenience of the passengers. The Chief Secretary, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS in the presence of Secretary (Shipping), Shri Kishore Kshirsagar Lakshman, IAS and Director of Shipping Services, Capt. Atul Kumar Singh in a brief function at his office held today, launched the Directorate's website with e-ticketing facility and lauded the Department for this citizen centric initiative.

The online reservation system will offer convenient and hassle free online booking options to the passengers and payments can be made through various options available on the website.

The move comes in line with the Government's efforts to digitize various services and make them accessible to the people. The introduction of online reservation system is aimed for benefitting passengers travelling to and from the Islands, who previously had to wait in long queues at the booking counters to get their tickets. Passengers can now book their tickets from the comfort of their home or office without having to visit the booking counters.

The online reservation services can be availed by a onetime registration at the portal <https://dss.andaman.gov.in>.



The system is user-friendly and easy to navigate, ensuring a seamless booking experience for the passengers. The website along with tickets also provides information, including schedule of ships, available routes, fares etc.

The online reservation system will also help in reducing waiting time at booking counters, thereby improving overall efficiency of shipping services. It will also enable the Directorate of Ship-

ping Services to gather valuable data that can be used to improve the services further.

The entire project has been undertaken by CRIS (Center for Railway Information Systems) in association with other stake holders such as NISCI, Bhubaneswar for cloud infrastructure, STQC (Chennai) for Security Audit and BSNL for internet connectivity. The Directorate of Shipping Services is committed to provide safe, reliable, and efficient

shipping services. Introduction of online reservation system is a major step towards achieving this objective, ensuring that travelers can look forward to a more comfortable and hassle free journey.

Initially, the online facility will be available from 9 AM to 4 PM similar to the existing STARS Ticketing Counter timings and subsequently, the services will be made available 24x7.

Port Blair, April 17 : Impressive march past by participating contingents, colourful cultural programme and unveiling of championship trophy marked the grand inauguration of the XXII State School Games & 7th State level competition for CWSN at the historic Netaji Stadium here today. Being organised by the Directorate of Education, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Education/ Sports), A&N Administration, Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS hoisted the Meet Flag and declared open the school Games as the chief guest.

In his address on the occasion, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary expressed happiness that he got an opportunity to inaugurate this much awaited event. Acknowledging that about 900 students from different Educational Zones have come to participate in the event, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary described this event as a big sports event as it provides a platform for the students to showcase their talent with full energy. He also urged the participants to participate in the events with true sportsmanship spirit and take maximum benefit from this sports event.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary further stated that sports are essential for students' overall growth and development. Playing various sports helps them teach life skills such as teamwork, leadership, accountability, patience, and self-confidence and prepares them to face

various challenges in life, he added. He further said sports are encouraged in all level in our Country. The Fit India and Khelo India programme has been devised to enable the students and citizens to take part in sports activities, he said.

Mentioning that sports events are very popular in A&N Islands, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary mentioned that there is no dearth of



talent in sports in Isles. This, he said, is evident as our Island sports persons have brought laurels in the National and International level competitions. The Administration is making best efforts to provide all kinds of facilities for the sportspersons of these Islands to excel in the field of sports. He also urged the Physical Education teachers to identify sports talents and

motivate them towards sports activities. He also praised the impressive cultural programme presented by the students of GSSS Bathubasti and SSS Nirmala.

The Commissioner-cum-Secretary also released the Championship Trophy and technical bulletin on the occasion. He also gave away the medals to the winners of the inaugural events i.e. 100 Mtrs Sprint

for Boys and 200 Mtrs Sprint for Girls.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, the Secretary (Education/ Sports), Shri Yash Chaudhary, IAS, informed that XXII State School Games is being held after a gap of 3 years. Approximately 990 participants, 250 Officials and escorting teachers from Diglipur to Campbell Bay

One person arrested with Ganja

To annihilate the menace of illicit ganja at Diglipur, Police personnel of PS Diglipur under the leadership of SDPO Diglipur proved their mettle once again by going tough against the drug peddlers. Team kept a sharp vigil over anti social activities under PS Diglipur jurisdiction during the ongoing Mela season. On 11/04/23 upon receipt of credible information of possession of Illicit

Ganja, a raiding team was constituted who recovered Ganja weighing 248 grams from accused Suresh Kumar S/o M. Anand (26) Yrs R/o Garacharma, Port Blair. The team received information that one person namely Suresh Kumar who is presently staying at M.V Lodge Diglipur is carrying illicit ganja and is looking to sell it to potential customers. The raiding team under the

leadership of SHO Diglipur observing all codal formalities as mandated under NDPS Act nabbed the accused Suresh Kumar and upon thorough search, recovered transparent polythene bag containing 10 Nos. packets weighing 248 gms of illicit ganja along with chillam and rolling paper. The whole operation was carried under the overall supervision of Ms. Niharika Bhatt,

IPS, Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District.

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

"SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT POLICE NABS ONE ACCUSED PERSON WITH 505 GRAMS OF GANJA"

Continuing its endeavor towards drug free society, the South Andaman District Police has arrested one drug peddler with recovery of 505 grams of illicit ganja. On 11/04/2023, ASI Jagdish Prasad, I/c OP Ferrargunj developed credible information from reliable source that one person, a resident of Brichgunj area was likely to visit Junglighat

Post Office to receive ganja which was brought by him through speed post from mainland. Based on the tip, a raiding team consisting of Insp. Girish Kumar, SHO PS Aberdeen, ASI Jagdish Prasad, I/c OP Ferrargunj, PCs Shahid, Khokan Dutta and PC (D) Sam Peter was constituted and raid was conducted. The raiding team apprehended

the accused person red handed with 505 grams of illicit ganja. The accused person was arrested under the provisions of Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 and a case has been registered at PS Aberdeen under NDPS Act against the said accused. The entire raid was supervised by Sh. Sunny Gupta, SDPO South Andaman

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to illegal activities and other crime to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-233077 & 03192-232400 to make a healthy and drug free society. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

For the second year term of tenure (2022-2027) newly elected Zilla Parishad Adhyaksh, North & Middle Andaman, Shri Subrata Basu, Up-Adhyaksha, Smt Jayanti Jyoti alongwith Members of Zilla Parishad, N&M Andaman, Smt Aparna Roy and Shri Keshab Khabiraj called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Hon'ble Lt. Governor extended congratulations and best wishes for a successful tenure and discussed developmental projects to be implemented for North & Middle Andaman.