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### Things to Know 1. Which animal is

known as the 'Ship of the Desert"? Ans. Camel 2. How many days are there in a week?

Ans. 7 days 3. How many hours are there in a day?

Ans. 24 hours 4. How many letters are there in the English alphabet?

Ans. 26 letters 5. Rainbow consist of how many colours? Ans. 7 colours

6. How many days are there in a year? Ans. 365 days (not a leap year)

7. How many minutes are there in an hour? Ans. 60 minutes 8. How many seconds

are there in a minute? Ans. 60 seconds 9. How many seconds

make one hour? Ans. 3600 seconds 10. Baby frog is known

*as.....* Ans. Tadpole 11. How many conso-

nants are there in the English alphabet? Ans. 21 Consonants 12. How many vow-

els are there in the English alphabet and name them?

Ans. 5 vowels namely a, e, i, o, and u.

13. Which animal is known as the king of the jungle? Ans. The Lion is

known as the king of the jungle. 14. Name the National

bird of India? Ans. The Peacock 15. Name the National

animal of India? Ans. Tiger 16. What is the Nation-

al Anthem of India? Ans. The National Anthem of India is Jana Gana Mana.

17. Name the national flower of India?

Ans. Lotus flower 18. Name the National fruit of India? Ans. Mango

19. What is the National song of India?

Ans. Vande Mataram 20. Who designed the National Flag of In-

Ans. The flag was designed by Pingali Ven-

kayya. 21. Name the National

game of India? Ans. India does not have an official Na-

tional Game. 22. Name the National

tree of India? Ans. Banyan tree

23. Name the National river of India? Ans. Ganga

24. Name the National Reptile of India?

Ans. King Cobra 25. What is the capital

of India? Ans. New Delhi 26. Name the biggest continent in the world?

Ans. Asia

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**All India Tent Decorators Welfare Association forms** 

an Association in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair

## Pest attack on coconut trees Assistant Commissioner, Rangat Ms. Sapna Priya on action mode

Rangat, MArch 22: The Assistant Commissioner, Rangat Ms. Sapna Priya has reached the effected farmers at their residence and took stock of the issues alongwith the Zilla Parishad member Shri. R. Madhavan who took the issue to the Assistant Commissioner. The Assistant Commissioner in turn took all possible steps like involved the Assistant Director (Agri) & his team to spread aware-



ness among all the Gram Panchayat for all precautionary measures and assured for all possible steps.

### The 3 day long tourism roadshow organized by Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with Ministry of Tourism concluded with a grand function at hotel Peerless Resort on 18 March.

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The roadshow was inaugurated by Shri.Keshav Chandra ,IAS , Chief Secretary, A&N Administration on 16 March at hotel TSG Emerald. A total of 30 reputed tour operators, Social media influencers, bloggers and photographers from all over the country participated in the roadshow. The participants visited various tourist spots in Port Blair and Swaraj Dweep. They also visited hotels and resorts in these islands during there three days stay.

During the concluding function ,Shri.K.Hamza, General Secretary of AATO welcomed the del-

Shri.M.Vinod, President AATO addressed the delegates and briefed them about the activities of AATO. Shri.Saikat Biswas, Joint

Secretary of the association presented a presentation on A&N Islands. **Shri Mohammed Jadwet** also addressed the dele-

All delegates were presented with mementos by AATO and souvenirs by



Shri Vinod said that this roadshow was first of its kind in the islands and Such events will promote Andamans in the global tourism map and show case the pristine beauty of the islands to the

Shri Vinod has expressed his gratitude towards Ministry of Tourism, Govt of India, India Tourism Kolkata, A&N Administration, and all tourism stakeholders who supported this event and

### The programme concluded with Vote of thanks by Shri Ramakrishna, Assistant Director, India Tour-

### **Member of Parliament expresses gratitude to Hon'ble Lt. Governor** for conducting open sea swimming competition and appreciates his sportsman spirit and commendable fitness level

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman And Nicobar Islands for conducting "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Open Sea Swimming competition 2023" and has also appreciated his sportsman spirit and commendable fitness level for participating in the competition and completing the race.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament extended his heartfelt thanks to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for his unwavering support and guidance towards the successful conduct of the mega event "Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Open Sea Swimming competition 2023" on 18th March 2023, which was a part of the ongoing celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and hosting of **G20** summit in India. He mentioned that he is

pleased to see that the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands had thoroughly reviewed all the aspects of the event and ensured that it was held as scheduled.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that the enthusiasm displayed by the 191 participants was a testament to the success of the competition, and he added that he believes it will go down in the history of these Islands as a memorable event.

"What impressed me the most was your participation in the open sea swimming competition. It is indeed an honour for all of us that you, as Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, for the first time in the history of these Islands, participated in the competition and completed the race up to the finishing point at Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports complex under the Senior Citizen category (60 to 70 yrs)," he added.

He mentioned that the participation of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has greatly boosted the morale of the participants and generated great enthusiasm among Islanders.

He added that this will serve as a huge inspiration for the youths of these Islands for several years to come. "Your participation has shown that you not only encourage sporting activities but also lead by example," he mentioned in his letter.

Port Blair, MArch 22: from Kashmir to Kanya-The All India Tent Dec- kumari and Andaman orators Welfare Associ- Islands. The association ation, headquartered in will assist them with land in the Andaman Islands New Delhi, has extended availability, GST settle- since 2015 with 48 memits association to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. A state conference meeting was held on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Hotel Peerless Resort at 07:30 PM, where Mr. Ravi Jindal, the National President of the association, visited the islands to brief the members about the association's work. During the meeting, Mr. Jindal appointed Mr. Hemant Kumar Dingra as the President of the Andaman Association and other office bearers under his leadership. Mr. Jindal expressed that the association has more than 4.5 crore tent dealers/

ment, and purchase of goods from other states where they can get quality products at better prices. He added that the association is closely associated with the central and state governments. Mr. Jindal also mentioned that the association will not support child marriages, and they have taken an oath with all associated organizations not to supply tents and other wedding materials for such events. Furthermore, the association will not use single-use plastic in any function. Mr. Hemant Kumar Dingra, the newly appointed President of the

Andaman Association, stated that the organization has been operational bers. If any member has any problems with the administration, the association will talk directly with the administration and try to solve the issue as soon as possible. Additionally, the association is always ready to serve and help needy people during any natural calamities.

With this new association formed in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the All India Tent Decorators Welfare Association will further extend its reach and provide assistance to the tent and samiana businessmen associated with it.

### Pradhan Nimbutala Shri, Sujit Mistry doing Nariyal chori

Rangat, MArch 22 Pradhan Nimbutala Shri. Sujit Mistry doing nariyal chori after immense frustration finally used his position & muscle power into the Raman Bagicha coconut plantation of a poor ranchi family of Shri. Jagadish Lohar, S/o. Budhram Lohar, R/o. Raman Bagicha Nimbutala. He is absolutely a poor man living with his wife, basically chota nagpuri adivasi community residing at raman bagicha since 1973. The Pradhan Nimbutala Shri. Sujit Mistry with the misuse of his position engaged on DRM staff Namely Shri. Mono-

traders associated with it

tosh Ballab to collect the coconut twice a day on daily basis and stocking at unused Panchayat shops and selling to the vendors on payment basis. It has come to know that he has earned more than 1.5 lakh out of that since he become Pradhan of G.P Nimbutala. The poor villager Shri. Jagadish Lohar is running pillar to post for justice. The Pradhan and his staff are even using abusive languages to Jagadish Lohar and to his wife if they collect the coconuts. The transactions are made on the DRMs of Panchayat staff and then taken by Pradhan

safely. The wife of Jagadish Lohar cries to our correspondent that these trees are taken care by us since it was a small tender plants. The villagers of Nimbutala says that "Agar Nariyal hi chori karna tha tho Pradhan kyun bana?" for which he replies with his favorite dialogue " MAI PODHAN HOON". Now the administration has to take immediate action in this regard to resolve it, Keeping in view of the poor villager who has no other source of income for their daily & butter except these coconuts.

### शंपादकीय

### स्कूली शिक्षा से पीएचडी तक मौजूद हैं कई स्कॉलरशिप्स जानिए, कहां और कैसे कर सकते हैं छात्रवृत्ति के

वुश हों भले खाड़े. हों घते, हों बड़े एक पत्र छांह भी, मांग मत! मांग मत! मांग मत! अग्निगपथ! अवि नपथ! अग्निपथ! तू न थकेगा कभी, तू न थमेगा कभी तू न मुड़ेगा कभी,



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कर शपथ! कर शपथ! कर शपथ! अग्निपथ! अग्निपथ! अग्निपथ! यह महान दृश्य है, चल रहा मनुष्य है अश्रु-स्वेद-रक्त से, लथ-पथ! लथ-पथ! लथ-पथ! अग्निपथ! अग्निपथ! अग्निपथ!

- हरिवंश राय बच्चन

करिअर के अग्निपथ को आसान बनाने के लिए करिअर फंडा में स्वागत! एक अच्छे करिअर के लिए भारत में सबसे जरूरी मानी जाती है अच्छी शिक्षा। शिक्षा को महत्व देने की लंबी परंपरा रही है। हर बच्चे और युवा तक शिक्षा की उपलब्ध ाता को बढ़ाने और उन्हें सदद देने के लिए सरकारों ने कई तरह की पहल की है। स्कूल, कॉलेज और यूनिवर्सिटी सिहत विभिन्न स्तरों पर छात्रों के लिए स्कॉलरशिप्स उपलब्ध हैं। इनके बारे में जानने से पहले जाने नेशनल स्कॉलरशिप पोर्टल के बारे

राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (नेशनल स्कॉलरशिप पोर्टल - एनएसपी)

[NSP] स्कॉलरशिप चाहुने वाले छात्रों को सभी समाधान एक ही स्थान पर उपलब्ध करवाता है। यह ऑनलाइन है, जहां छात्र केंद्र सरकार, राज्य सरकारों और विभिन्न सरकारी निकायों से उपलब्ध विभिन्न स्कॉलरशिप के लिए आवेदन कर सकते हैं। पोर्टल प्रत्येक छात्रवृत्ति योजना के लिए एलिजिबिलिटी, एप्लिकेशन प्रोसेस और टाइम के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करता है।

भारत में उपलब्ध स्कालरशिप योजनाओं को हम ३ भागों में बांट सकते हैं -

- १. केंद्र सरकार. AICTE और NCERT व्हारा दी जाने वाली स्कॉलरशिप्स
- २. राज्य सरकारों व्यारा दी जाने वाली स्कॉलरशिप्स
- ३. प्राइवेट स्कॉलरशिप योजनाएं
- १. केंद्र सरकार, AICTE और NCERT व्हारा दी जाने वाली स्कॉलरशिएस भारत की केंद्र सरकार करीब २० स्कॉलरशिप योजनाएं चलाती है। यह योजनाएं सरकार के विभिन्न मंत्रालयों और डिपार्टमेंट्स द्वारा चलाई जाती हैं। इनमें से कुछ -हैं अकर जिम्न प्रकार है-

नेशनल मीन्स कम मेरिट स्कॉलरशिप, मेरिट कम मीन्स स्कॉलरशिप फॉर प्रोफेशनल राज्यों में अलग-अलग हैं और विभिन्न श्रेणियों से संबंधित छात्रों को वित्तीय सहायता एंड टेक्निकल कोर्सेन सीएस, इनोवेशन इन साइंस परसूट फॉर इंस्पायर्ड रिसर्च (IN- प्रदान करती हैं। औसतन हर राज्य में तीन से चार ऐसी योजनाएं उपलब्ध हैं। SPIRE) फेलोशिप प्रोग्राम, स्वर्ण जयंती फेलोशिप योजना, एआईसीटीई प्रगति ३. निजी छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं स्कॉलरशिप फॉर गर्ल्स, एआईसीटीई-सक्षम स्कॉलरशिप योजना, प्राइम मिनिस्टर सरकारी छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं के अलावा, कई निजी संगठन भी छात्रों को छात्रवृत्ति स्पेशल स्कॉलरशिप स्कीम, नेशनल टैलेंट सर्च एग्जामिनेशन, विकलांग छात्रों के लिए योजनाएं प्रदान करते हैं। इन योजनाओं को निजी संगठनों द्वारा वित्त पोषित किया प्री और पोस्ट-मैट्रिक छात्रवृत्ति इत्यादि।

उन छात्रों के लिए उपलब्ध है जो समाजिक और आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग के छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं में शामिल हैं -हैं। छात्रवृत्ति एक निश्चित सीमा तक शिक्षा की लागत को कवर करती है। इस सीताराम जिंदल छात्रवृत्ति योजना - यह छात्रवृत्ति विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में स्नातक और छात्रवृत्ति का उद्देश्य आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग के मेधावी छात्रों को अपनी शिक्षा स्नातकोत्तर अध्ययन करने वाले छात्रों के लिए उपलब्ध है। छात्रवृत्ति में शिक्षाण श्रुल्क, जारी रखाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है।

छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम है। यह देश भर में प्रतिभाशाली छात्रों की पहचान करने और sitaramjindalfoundation.org/scholarships&for&students&in&ban-उनका पोषाण करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय शैक्षिक अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद (एनसी. galore.php ईअस्टी) व्यस्य आयोजित किया जाता है। परीक्षा में दो चरण होते हैं - चरण-१ संबंधि नरोत्तम शेखसरिया छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम - यह छात्रवृत्ति विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में स्नातकोत्तर ात राज्यध्केंद्र शासित प्रदेश द्वारा आयोजित किया जाता है और चरण-२ एनसीईअसटी अध्ययन करने वाले छात्रों के लिए उपलब्ध है। छात्रवृत्ति टचूशन फीस को कवर द्धारा आयोजित किया जाता है। चयनित छात्रों को सामाजिक विज्ञान, विज्ञान और करती है और रहने वाले खर्ची के लिए मासिक भत्ता प्रदान करती है। आप इस गणित में पीएचडी स्तर तक छात्रवृत्ति प्रदान की जाती है।

एआईसीटीई प्रगति स्कॉलरशिप - भारत सरकार द्वारा दी जाने वाली यह छात्रवृत्ति https://pg.nsfoundation.co.in/ छात्राओं के लिए है। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत लाभार्थी को सालाना आर्थिक और कई इसके अलावा, आगा खान फाउंडेशन इंटरनेशनल स्कॉलरशिप प्रोग्राम, द जेएन टाटा अन्य लाभ मिलते हैं। हर साल सितंबर से अक्टूबर तक आवेदन स्वीकार किए जाते एंडोमेंट - हायर एजुकेशन फॉर इंडियंस, फुलब्राइट-कलाम क्लाइमेट फेलोशिप, द हैं। स्कॉलरशिप की वेबसाइट से ऑनलाइन आवेदन किया जा सकता है। तकनीकी लेडी मेहरबाई डी टाटा एजुकेशन ट्रस्ट, बिट्स पिलानी, वीआईटी वेल्लोर, एसअएएम डिग्री या डिप्लोमा कार्यक्रम के पहले या दूसरे वर्ष के छात्र, १२वी कक्षा के आधार यूनिवर्सिटी, चंडीगढ़ यूनिवर्सिटी, लवली प्रोफेशनल यूनिवर्सिटी, महिद्रा इकोले सेंद्रल पर लेटरल एंट्री के जरिए उस कोर्स में दाखिला लेने वालों को इसका फायदा मिलेगा। (एमईसी), हैदराबाद, शारदा विश्वविद्यालय, ग्रेटर नोएडा आदि व्हारा दी जाने वाली एआईसीटीई सक्षाम स्कॉलरशिप - यह छात्रवृत्ति कार्यक्रम तकनीकी शिक्षा को प्रोत्सा. स्कॉलरशिप योजनाएं भी प्रमुख है। हित करता है, विशेष रूप से प्रतिभाशाली छात्रों के बीच। यह लाभ तकनीकी डिग्री कई कॉर्पेरेट समूह जैसे कोलगेट-पामोलिव (इंडिया) लिमिटेड, फेयर एंड लवली फा. या डिप्लोमा कार्यक्रम करने वाले अत्यधिक योग्य छात्रों के लिए उपलब्ध है। इस उंडेशन, बाबूलाल नागरमल सतनलिका फाउंडेशन, टाटा ट्रस्ट वोकेशनल स्कॉलरिशप, कार्यक्रम के तहत प्रत्येक लाभार्शी को आर्थिक मदद के अलावा अन्य लाभ मिलते एचडीएफर्सी समूह, एडोब इंडिया वीमेन-इन-टेक्नोलॉजी स्कॉलरशिप आदि भी उपलब्ध हैं। आवेदन सितंबर और अक्टूबर के बीच स्वीकार किए जाते हैं। राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति है। पोर्टल के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा किए जा सकते हैं।

प्रधानमंत्री रिसर्च फैलोशिप (च्डत्थ) - प्राइम मिनिस्टर रिसर्च फेलोशिप शोध प्रवृत्ति को भारत में छात्रों के लिए केंद्र सरकार, राज्य सरकार और निजी संगठनों की ओर बढ़ावा देने के लिए छात्रों को प्रदान की जाती है। पीएमआरएफ कार्यक्रम विज्ञान, से विभिन्न छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं उपलब्ध हैं, जो उनकी शैक्षिक आकांक्षाओं को पूरा प्रौद्योगिकी, इंजीनियरिंग, र्किष और चिकित्सा के क्षेत्र में पीएचडी स्तर के शोध के करने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान कर सकती हैं। छात्रों को अपनी योग्यता और लिए है।

२. राज्य सरकार छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं

### MP demands grant of 1/30th Pay + DA to all the 650 odd left out sanitary and work charged DRM working in Port Blair Municipal Council

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 grant 1/30th Pay + DA to all the 650 odd left out sanitary and work charged Daily Rated Mazdoors working in Port Blair Municipal Council.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that considering the long pending genuine demands of the Casual and Daily Rated Mazdoors of Port Blair Municipal Council, he has been raising their grievances at various platforms including in the Parliament from time to time for providing 1/30th Pay + DA to the left out DRMs and regularization etc. This matter was also placed before the Hon'ble Lt. Governor

vide letter No.MP/ANI/ Genl/2023/012 dated 06th February 2023 appraising the ground realities and problems being faced by them for several years as these employees being the backbone of the Port **Blair Municipal Council** for keeping our city clean and beautiful.

He pointed out that in a recent judgement dated 19th December 2022 in MA No.09/2020 passed by the Hon'ble Division

Bench of High Court of Calcutta, Circuit Bench at Port Blair has ordered that all DRMs under the Administration shall be paid and granted the benefit in terms of OM No.289 dated 22.09.2017 within a period of two months from date of judgement irrespective of their engagement/appointment against the sanctioned posts or not in view of DoPT OM No.49014/2/86-Estt dated 07.06.1988 and the said judgement is under active consideration by the **A&N Administration.** 

The Member of Parliament mentioned that since the OM No.289 dated 22.09.2017 of A&N Administration was formulated to provide en hanced wages to all the eligible DRMs serving under A&N Administra tion in various depart ments, organisation and autonomous bodies hence it is requested tha payment of 1/30th Pay DA to all the left out 650 odd sanitary and worl charged daily rated Maz doors working in the Por Blair Municipal Counci (PBMC) may be considered at the earliest in the light of the DoPT OM No.49014/2/86-Estt dated 07.06.1988 as stated in the judgement dated 19tl December 2022 in MA No.09/2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court o Kolkata, Circuit Bencl at Port Blair.

# discarded vessels from Phoenix Bay jetty 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 remove all abandoned/ discarded vessels from the Phoenix Bay jetty area. In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the abandoned vessels in the Phoenix Bay Jetty area have not only become a source of sea pollution but also an eyesore for the local residents and

He added that Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a popular tourism destination, and many tourists travel by the marine



Dweep, a lot of tourists visit the Phoenix Bay jetty area while a large number of Islanders also use the Jetty complex to visit various Islands. He pointed out that the presence of these old vessels has marred the natural beauty of the region, obstructing the scenic

views and causing a visu-

al discomfort to visitors.

to take action to remove these abandoned vessels from the area. He added that doing so

will bring multiple benefits for the administration and the area. Firstly, it will help in making the area more attractive for tourists, allowing them to enjoy the scenic beauty of the region without any obstruction. Secondly, he said that it

will reduce the pollution caused by these discard ed vessels, safeguarding the marine environmen and protecting the healtl and well-being of the lo cal community.

Lastly, the Member o Parliament mentioned that scrapping these ves sels will generate reve nue for the administra tion, which can be used for other developmenta works in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

लगभग सभी राज्य सरकारें छात्रवृत्ति योजनाएं चलाती है। ये योजनाएं अलग-अलग

जाता है और योग्यता, वित्तीय आवश्यकता और सामुदायिक सेवा जैसे विभिन्न नेशनल मीन्स कम मेरिट स्कॉलरशिप - यह छात्रवृत्ति कक्षा ९वी से १२वी तक के मानदंडों के आधार पर छात्रों को वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है। कुछ लोकप्रिय निजी

आवास शुल्क शामिल हैं, और रहने के खर्च के लिए मासिक भत्ता प्रदान करता है। राष्ट्रीय प्रतिभा खोज परीक्षा (एनटीएसई) - यह कक्षा १०वी के छात्रों के लिए एक आप इस लिंक पर जाकर अधिक जानकारी प्राप्त कर सकते हैं - https://www.

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आवश्यकताओं के आधार पर रेलेवेंट छात्रवृत्ति योजनाओं का पता लगाना चाहिए और आवेदन करना चाहिए।

# **Chief Secretary visits Little Andaman**

### Holds meeting with Public Representatives and Heads of Office

Port Blair, MArch 22 The Chief Secretary, Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS on the last day of his visit to Little Andaman, held meeting with the public representatives and Heads of Office at APWD Guest House, Hutbay today. During the meeting, the public representatives highlighted their grievances pertaining to Health, Education, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Revenue, Civil Aviation, Electricity, Shipping, Road, Water, Rural Development etc. The Chief Secretary gave a patient hearing to the grievances and allowed all the PRI members present in the hall to put forth their grievances one by one.

Discussing on the Education Sector, the Chief Secretary emphasized that 100% result or better infrastructure does not make much difference in building career of the students. While appreciating the teachers for their efforts in achieving 100% results in such difficult areas, the Chief Secretary requested the teacher to go further in building career of the students. He said, the end result is much more important. He urged that the parents and elected representatives to concentrate more on quality education and preparing students for competitive exams and better place-

**Deliberating on sectors** like Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Industries, etc, the Chief Secretary emphasized the need for participatory management of people, and Govt. functionaries. A&N farmers in villages/farms mands/issues. and provide extension services like training, capacity building, technology transfer, supply of inputs, motivation, IEC activity, etc to make them self reliant. The PRIs were advised to motivate unemployed youth, Cooperative Societies,



SHGs to take benefit of various Govt. Schemes and set up MSMEs in the available Industrial plots to make themselves employed rather than running after Govt. jobs which are limited. He also urged the PRIs to shoulder the responsibility in the developmental process in the larger interest of the Islanders. He further stated that there are many issues which can be sorted out at the PRI level itself without depending much on the Administration for its

resolved at the earliest. The Chief Secretary asadvised to reach out to redress their genuine de-

redressal. This, he said,

will enable general pub-

lic in getting their issues

The Chief Secretary further remarked that real development can be achieved only when every Department works in tandem. He urged the farmers to adopt new technologies in the sectors viz. Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, Agri- also had an interactive

culture, Horticulture and **Industries which will not** only enable them to double their income, but also help in attaining self-suf-

The Chief Secretary informed the gathering that 'Swachch Andaman Campaign' will be initiated all over A&N Islands twice every month on Sundays. He urged the people from all walks of life to join this Campaign and contribute towards keeping the Islands spic and span.

Later, in the forenoon, the Chief Secretary visited Dugong Creek and interacted with the Onge PVTGs and Govt. functionaries. The Onges ac- tre, Police Executives elected representatives sured the PRIs that the corded a warm welcome and Govt. Employees of Govt. functionaries were will go an extra mile to in their traditional way. their relentless services In a letter addressed to The Chief Secretary was thrilled with the way, the Onge children received him by singing the National Anthem. The Chief distributed Secretary Solar Lantern and Vegetable Seeds to the Onge

> to all the students. The Chief Secretary

families and Study Kits

their concerns and was happy to learn that the Onges are very much concerned about higher education of their children. The Chief Secretary also visited the Onge habitations and inspected the developmental works underway. He advised the Tribal Welfare Department, AAJVS, Health Department, Education Department, APWD, etc to work in a scientific manner to develop and preserve them

The Chief Secretary also appreciated the teacher & his team, AAJVS team, staff of Sub-Cenin such a difficult area.

with utmost economy.

The Deputy Commissioner (SA), Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS, Director (TW, CS & CA), Shri Harminder Singh, Director Education, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, SE,AP-WD, Shri Tej Bahadur were present.

### MP demands filling up of 224 vacancies of PSTs in Education Dept in terms of judgement dated 24th February 2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta (Division Bench), Circuit Bench at Port Blair

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 fill up of 224 vacancies of Primary School Teachers in the Directorate of Education in terms of judgement dated 24th February 2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta (Division Bench), Circuit Bench at Port Blair in WPCT No.26/2022

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the Directorate of Education, A&N Administration had issued Notification on 16th July 2018 for filling up 224 vacancies of Primary School Teachers in different mediums of instructions viz. Hindi - 89 posts, English - 90 posts, Bengali – 45 posts, showing the breakup of different categories like General, OBC and ST. Subsequently, a provisional select list was published by the Directorate of Education on 17th December 2018 and through

Press Release dated 18th

Daily Telegrams, the selected candidates were asked to attend for verification with their original certificates.

However, the said provisional select list was cancelled by the A&N Administration vide notification dated 11th January 2019, he added. The Member of Par-

liament informed the

Hon'ble Lt. Governor

that thereafter aggrieved parties fought litigations before the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal and lastly the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court of Calcutta, Circuit Bench at Port Blair in WPCT No.26/2022 disposed of the matter by quashing the notification dated 11.01.2019 pertaining to cancellation of provisional select list and restored the provisional select list published on 17.12.2018. He added that the Hon'ble High Court further observed that after publication of the provisional select list, the verification process was also completed and thus directed the A&N Administration to give appointment letter to each of the cipals, Principals and

is found to have come successful, after verification of his/her records and documents etc in accordance with the extent rules. Such appointment letters are to be issued within a period of thirty days from the date of judgment and posting be given within seven days of issuance of the appointment letter.

The Member of Parliament further added that the Primary School Education lays foundation for the students to perform well in further course of his/her studies be it at high school, college or at professional education.

"Lot many posts of Primary School Teachers have been lying vacant for the past several years leading to deprivation of quality education at **Primary School and the** worst sufferers are the students of the rural area of Andaman & Nicobar Islands where there are hardly any private schools to impart primary education. Time and again matters regarding filling up vacancies of Teachers, Vice Prin-December 2018 in the selected candidate, who Non-Teaching staff have

been raised by me at the appropriate level in Administration and in the Parliament. The instant matter itself has taken around five years due to pendency of the litigation in the court of law which aborted filling up the vacancies of 224 Primary School Teachers. Implementation of above judgment of Hon'ble High Court will enable the A&N Administration to fill-up the 224 vacancies of Primary School Teachers at various schools of A&N Islands expeditiously and by the next academic year 2023-2024, the Primary School Teachers will be available in most of the Govt. schools for teaching," he added.

In this regard the Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to honour the judgement dated 24th February 2023 in WPCT No.26/2022 which will meet the need of imparting quality education at primary school level besides facilitating 224 unemployed qualified youths in the teaching profession to get employ-

### MP suggests massive man-made lakes to solve water crisis problem, which can also solve issues related to restriction on earth cutting

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. **Kuldeep Rai Sharma has** suggested construction of one massive lake in one location or many small small lakes at several locations to solve the water crisis issue of Andaman and Nicobar islands, he said that this proposal can also solve the problem of non availability of earth for various developmental purposes, with-Administration to the Chief Secretary other Departments for out hampering ecology.

the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands the Member of Parliament mentioned that due to sudden halt in all development activities related to earth cutting and levelling, those who were relying on these activities for their livelihoods, are facing hardship. As a result, many individuals are struggling to repay

their bank loans. He added that the Administration has stopped all activities regarding extraction of earth and appointed a Committee to decide on the cases of

has caused a lot of confu- area for rainwater. This expensive process but sion and uncertainty for will provide a sufficient those involved in these

activities. He mentioned that in this regard the members of Andaman and Nicoabr ment mentioned that the Tipper and Earth Mov- creation of man-made ers Association have re- lakes has been successcently met him and highlighted their problem. country, such as 'Bada Most of these people who have taken heavy loans for purchase of Tipper, area of over 36 sq km and **Excavators** and other machineries are now pandemic also they fered heavy loss.

As a solution to this problem, the Member of He suggested that a large Parliament proposed allotment of a large piece one place or many small of land for earth ex- areas in several different traction purposes (after locations of A & N Isproper studies) as it is done in quarry material extraction.

This would allow for the

Earth Movers to extract earth from specific allotted locations by the Administration and supply it to those who require it. gion and also ensure that He pointed out that the those involved in earth extraction of earth will extraction activities can naturally result in the continue to earn their creation of a man-made livelihoods. This will earth extraction permis- lake, which can be used not only make earth exsion case by case. This as a massive catchment traction an easy and less

quantity of water to the people of South Anda-

man region. The Member of Parliaful in other parts of the Talaab' in Bhopal. This lake has a catchment is the main source of potable water for the Bholake in South Andaman can provide water to the

people of the region. area can be allotted in lands (where water crisis is more) can be allotted for this purpose after a proper survey conducted

by the Administration. "This will provide a reliable source of water for the people of the re-

also provide these Islands with massive lakes at zero cost," he added. He pointed out that on the Ecological point of view, if earth for all kinds of development works is provided by digging earth (after proper studies) it will save all the mountains (hilly-lands) of our Islands.

"We all know that mountains (hilly-lands) save us from Cyclones, adunable to pay EMIs to pal city. Similarly, the verse weather and even banks. During Covid-19 creation of a man-made from Tsunami waves and hence protection of al mountains (hilly-lands) is important for our Islands," he added.

He added that such lakes can be later transformed into a tourism, nature park and water sports destinations.

The Member of Parliament requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to allow the earth cutting and levelling activities under legal purview and consider the proposal for the creation of a manmade lake as a solution to the water shortage problem and extraction of earth in a legal manner, in our Islands.

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The Executive Engineer, E&M Division, APWD, Prothrapur, Port Blair invites on behalf of the President of India, online Item Rate tender from the eligible Contractors of the 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/2022-23/651, Dated 21st March, 2023

NIT No. 127/EE/E&M/22-23 Name of Work: "Repair and Renovation of Passenger Hall at Bambooflat Jetty under RCD, Wimberlygunj. SW: Providing IEI & EEI." Estimate Cost: R 7,41,667/- EMD: R 14,833/- Period of Completion: 45 (Forty Five) Days. **TENDER ID: 2023\_APWD\_9828\_1)** 

DB-e-Tender/E&M/DIV/PP/PB/2022-23/652, Dated 21st March, 2023

NIT No. 100/EE/E&M/22-23 Name of Work: "Setting up of Dialysis Unit at PHC, R.K. Pur, Little Andaman. SW: Providing IEI." Estimate Cost: R 6,22,361/- EMD: R 12,447/- Period of Completion: 45 (Forty Five) Days. (TENDER ID: 2023 APWD 9829 1)

The e-tender from and other details can be downloaded from the website. The Last Date and Time of bid submission will be 11.04.2023 upto 09:30 hours. Other details / information can be seen on website. "https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in. 9831

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**Executive Engineer** E&M Division, APWD, Prothrapur, Port Blair

A case of theft of cash from Hari Mandir, Kadamtala was reported at PS Kadamtala on 18/03/2023 and the case has been worked out promptly by the efforts of police team of PS Kadamtala leading to the arrest of accused person and recovery of stolen cash within a short span. On 18/03/2023 Shri. Sunil Mondal, President Hari Mandir Committee R/o Kadamtala reported

at PS Kadamtala that on the intervening night of 17-18th March, 2023 somebody entered into the temple premises by breaking the lock of main door and stolen cash by breaking the donation



box of the temple. Upon accused and recovered this an FIR was registered and a team was formed under the head of SHO Kadamtala. The team developed information from the local public and apprehended the

the stolen cash Rs.7308/within two hours. 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

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### **MESSAGE**

Weekly (English & Hindi)

I am pleased to learn that we will be observing the International Day of Forests on March 21, 2023, along with rest of the world. This day is meant to raise public awareness about the value of forests and their relationship with health, which is the United Nations' chosen theme "Forests and Health" for the year 2023.

Human life has been significantly reliant on forests since the dawn of civilization. They improve our well-being, clean the air, produce food, purify water and combat climate change by capturing carbon. Forests also provide us with a wide range of intangible advantages. They are the habitat of a vast array of species and are essential for the survival of numerous tribes. The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Forests have made a significant contribution in these areas.

Forests and health are closely related. Forests not only provide a variety of therapeutic plants and herbs but also serve as a reliable source of pure, wholesome water. We are grateful that mother earth has bestowed our Islands with lush woods, which are home to numerous endemic plants used by our indigenous tribes and traditional medical practices for the well-being of the islanders. It is our exalted duty to safeguard and maintain our forests for the sake of future generations.

On the occasion of the International Day of Forests, I appeal to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to complement the efforts of administration to safeguard and conserve our valuable forest resources so that our future generations can live healthy lives.

> (Admiral D K Joshi) PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) Lieutenant Governor, A&N Islands

Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency

### Member of Parliament demands grant of 1/30th Pay + DA to all the DRMs working in various departments of A&N Administration

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 grant 1/30th Pay + DA to all the DRMs working the Government of Inin various departments dia vide DoPT, OM of A&N Administration No.49014/1/2017-Estt (C

w.e.f. 01.09.2017 In a letter addressed to 2019 while reiterating the Hon'ble Lt. Gov- the promulgation made of Parliament men- OM No.49014/2/86-Estt tioned that earlier vide dated 07.06.1988 which a letter No.MP/ANI/ Genl/2021/329 11.11.2021. addressed to Secretary (APWD), Administration, a request was made to may be paid at the rate extend the enhanced wage of 1/30th Pay at minimum of relevant pay scale plus dearness No.09/2020 since been basic pay + DA to 2000 odd long serving DRMs of APWD who were left out for want of vacant sanctioned posts as prescribed at Sl.No. Dy. Secretary (APWD) after examining the OM (c) of OM No.289 dated vide letter No.14-5/2019- No.289 dated 22nd Sep-

He added that such request was made in view of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India judgement of providing "Equal Pay for Equal Work" brought out by ) PF dated 4th September the Member at Sl.No.(iv) of the DoPT states "Where the nature of work entrusted to the casual workers and regular employees is the same as casual workers of 1/30th of pay at the minimum of the relevant allowance for work of 8 hours a day".

He mentioned that in ber 2022, wherein the istration through the of High Court of Calcutta

cember 2021 forwarded the report obtained from the EO to Chief Engineer, APWD vide letter No.10-250/CE/PW/ES-III/2021/6146 dated 2nd December 2021, wherein it is said that "the grant of such facility to the left out DRMs shall be governed by the OM No.289 dated 22.09.2017 till the appeal in MA No.09/2020 filed by the department before the Hon'ble High **Court (Division Bench)** Kolkata, Circuit Bench at Port Blair, is finally disposed off for which hearing was fixed on 06.12.2021".

He added that now it is learnt that the appeal filed by the A&N Administration in MA disposed off vide judgement dated 19th Decem-

ministration has ordered that all DRMs under the Administration shall be paid and granted the benefit in terms of OM No.289 dated 22.09.2017 within a period of two months from i.e.19.12.2022 irrespective of their engagement/ appointment against the sanctioned posts or not in view of DoPT OM No.49014/2/86-Estt dated 07.06.1988

Hence the Member of

Parliament has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor to consider for extending the benefit of enhanced wage of 1/30th of pay plus Dearness Allowance per day to all DRMs serving under **A&N** Administration in various departments in the light of the judgement dated 19th December 2022 in MA No.09/2020 reply, the A&N Admin- Hon'ble Division Bench passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta (Division Bench) Circuit

### 22.09.2017 of A&N Ad- PWD/797 dated 17th De- tember, 2017 of A&N Ad-**CPI(M) Conducts Mass Procession At Port Blair Against Water and Power Cut and LPG**



Port Blair City Area central government and ber of CPI (M) blamed Committee of CPI (M) its Administration in the the BJP and its PBMC has conducted a massive islands for the curtailprocession at Port Blair ment of drinking water today (16.03.2023) eve- and frequent power cut ning to protest against at Port Blair and rural the curtailment of drinking water, frequent pow- He said that at present er cut and recent hike in drinking water is sup-LPG cylinders, etc. The procession began from Delanipur and culminat- a day power cut is resorted in front of PBMC Of- ed despite the ongoing fice after making a round CBSE Board Examinaof Aberdeen Bazar.

Addressing the gathering the central government in front of PBMC Head Office at Aberdeen Bzar, the prices of LPG cylin-D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M), A & N State **Organising** Committee criticized the BJP-led

South Andaman areas. plied once in three days while half of the time in tions. He also criticized for the frequent hike in

Addressing the gathering B. Chandrachoodan, State Secretariat Memfor the water scarcity in the Port Blair town and rural South Andaman areas and said that the BJP-led Port Blair Municipal Council has no moral right to remain in

power any more. Addressing the participants in the mass procession, D. Laxman Rao, State Secretariat Member said that the central government has been increasing the LPG prices at their will and wish disregarding the hardship of the poor people.

ber of CPI (M) leaders,

A large num-

workers and sympathizers participated in the massive procession which was led by CPI (M) State Secretariat Member Dr Gouranga Majhi, State Committee Member P. Sathyapal and Port Blair City Area Committee Members R. Surendran Pillai, M. Boominathan, BC Bhattacharjee, NKP Nair, etc. The party workers in the procession had carried an empty LPG cylinder, empty plastic buckets and tube lights as a mark of protest.

The Chief Secretary, Shri highest Light Houses in Keshav Chandra, IAS ar-India. Shri Pabitra Kr. Halder, Navigational Asrived on a three days visit to Little Andaman today. sistant of the Department On arrival at the Hutbay informed the Chief Secre-Helipad, the Chief Sectary that the Light House retary was received by is fully operated through Tehsildar Hutbay, Shri solar energy which covers 22 nautical miles and Gopal Chandra Mosid, ZP Member, Shri Vahelps in navigation of sudevan Nair, Pradhans vessels crossing the Little of Little Andaman, PRI Andaman. Thereafter, the

onset of monsoon.

& Light Ships. This Light **House which is 45 metres** long, has a width of 20 di-Headman, Village Tribameter and is one of the al Council, Harminder Bay, Shri Andrew Moses at Community Hall, Harminder Bay. During

the interaction with the Nicobarese Community, the Chief Secretary was informed that the Nicobarese were settled in Harminder Bay in the year

Members and officials of

different Departments.

Soon after arrival, Chief

Secretary visited Light

**House at Harminder Bay** 

being maintained by De-

partment of Light House

In his welcome address, the First Headman expressed his deep gratitude to the Chief Secretary for visiting Harminder Bay, an abode of the Nicobarese. He requested for construction of a Tribal Council Office in the village, construction of Mortuary Home/ death house in graveyard area, maintenance of septic tank of permanent shelter in the village among others.

Addressing the Nicobarese Community, the Chief Secretary congratulated the children for according him a warm welcome with their traditional Nicobari dance and melodious welcome song. Responding to their demands, the Chief Secretary stated that he has already took stock of the issues in Harminder Secretary visited Electhat the Administration all genuine demands He further advised the cials and Staff manning to create more basic es in Hutbay.

**South Andaman to have** a detailed assessment of demands projected by Tribal leaders and work out action plans to fulfill their demands. The Chief Secretary praised the Nicobarese community for keeping their culture and lifestyle intact.

**Deputy** Commissioner,

an installed power generating capacity of 3MW.

**Assistant Engineer, Elec**tricity Department, Shri R.N Roy informed that the installed capacity is capable to meet the peak demand of power. The Chief Secretary appreciated the effort of the officials and staff of the **Sub-Station for provid-**Thereafter, the Chief ing 24x7power supply.

**Sub-Station.** The

The Chief Secreeco-tourism site at Kalapathar beach. He adamenities at the beach site which can be run through PRIs by putting up pre-cooked food stalls and tender coconut stalls.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Ms Veditha Reddy, DFO, Shri PK Paul, DFO, Shri Dilip D'Souza, Director Education, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, SE, CC-1/ PBCC, APWD, Shri Tej Bay and informed them tricity Sub-Station at tary also visited White Bahadur, Tehsildar, Hut-Netaji Nagar which has Surf Waterfall and the bay Shri Gopal Chandra Chief Secretary during of the Tribal Council. He interacted with Offi- vised the Forest Deptt. his visit at different plac-





### Second day of Chief Secretary's visit to Little Andaman Visits PHCs at Hutbay & RK Pur and interacts with Health Officials and patients

teachers.

Hutbay, March 20: The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS on second day of his visit to Hutbay today, visited Primary Health Centre, Hutbay and interacted with health officials. The CMO, Dr. Shiny Varghese briefed the Chief Secretary about the facilities available in the PHC. CS praised the way the PHC is maintained. He also appreciated the efforts of the Doctors and paramedical staff for providing better health care to the patients at Hutbay. He also appreciated the well maintained Medicine Counter & Medicine store of the Hospital. He took stock of the out-patient turn out and the pattern of diseases. He further urged the doctors to take advantage of e-sanjeevani (Telemedicine Service) which is designed to provide all kinds of specialty services in remotest part of the country through video confer-

cleanliness maintained in the Hospital, the Chief Secretary applauded Ms. Carolin, Shri Raja and Shri James for their dedication towards main-

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary inspected Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School Hutbay during which, he interacted with the teachers and students. While interacting with the teachers, the Chief Secretary was very particular that 100 percent result don't make much difference rather there selection in professional courses and competitive exams make difference. He also appreciated the effort made by the teachers for their innovative App on Mid Day Meal.

taining clean and hygien-

ic environment.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited Livestock Farm of AH&VS at Netaji Nagar. He emphasised the need to reach out to farmers and motivate them for their self sustenance in livestock, piggery and poultry farming etc. The Chief Secretary also visited the proposed revival Red Oil Palm at Netaji Nagar. He also visited PHC RK Pur and GSSS RK Pur and interacted with the doctors, paramedical staff and

The Chief Secretary also had an interaction with the public representatives and farmers to understand their genuine issues and assured of resolving all such issues to make their life better at RK Pur.

Later, the Chief Secretary visited the Agriculture Farm at RK Pur. The Assistant Director, Agriculture, Ms Sridevi briefed the Chief Secretary about the activities of the farm and distribution of planting material to the farmers and others. While inspecting the planting materials, the Chief Secretary advised to prepare planting materials by adopting grafting method for better yield and quality. He also desired that plant-

ing materials should be distributed in large scale through this Farm. He lauded the farm's up-

The Chief Secretary also inspected the works under Amrit Sarovar Project and visited Vishnu Nallah Dam.

Later in the evening, the Chief Secretary visited Butler Bay Beach, a tourist interest spot.

Early in the morning, the Chief Secretary visited Hutbay Bus Terminus. He also visited the Fish Market and interacted with the fish vendors.

The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Ms Veditha Reddy, IAS, DFO, Shri P K Paul, DFO, Shri Dilip D'souza, Director Education, Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, SE, CC-1/PBCC, APWD, Shri Tej Bahadur, Tehsildar, Hutbay Shri Gopal Chandra Mosid accompanied the Chief Secretary during his visit to different places in Hut-

encing. Impressed by the