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## Open invitation for major mishap



Port Blair, December 28 : The Andaman Trunk Road (NH-4) is in so bad shape that it is beyond comprehension how the administration is keeping it open for the public. It should have been closed long back ago, if the administration cared about the welfare of the people. Practically the road had disappeared and only huge potholes have appeared in its place.

There are reports of frequent breakdown of vehicles on NH-4. Tourist vehicle owners complain that they are incurring huge loss by running on this road. But they are forced to run their vehicles as the administration had not made full use of the alternate sea route to Mayabunder and Diglipur.

The boats provided to commute to Diglipur are the worst ones with limited Cabins. If quality

vessels with sufficient cabins are provided to Diglipur, it will ease congestion on NH-04. This will also help in increasing the economic activities between islands. It will help in bringing in fresh vegetables to Port Blair, which in turn will reduce the rate of vegetables in Port Blair city. Villagers say that there needs to be a serious rethink on keeping NH-04 open in such a bad condition.

## State Guest snubbed by District Administration - Protocol violated on multiple occasions



Port Blair, December 28 : MoS for Fisheries, Animal husbandry, Dairying and Information and broadcasting of Government of India was given a lukewarm response by Andaman Nicobar Administration.

Minister of State was not even provided with a State Car. Instead a private taxi cab with a private driver was booked for his official tour in Diglipur and Mayabunder. Interestingly the Deputy Commissioner and other government officials travelled in their official vehicle along with the Minister of Government of India. DC (N&M) could have easily spared his luxurious office vehicle to the Minister. But, it seems that he damn cared about the Minister. When the Minister travelled from Diglipur to Mayabunder by road through reserve forest inhabited by wild Elephants, there was only Police escort. Ambulance did not accompany the Minister during the entire journey from Diglipur to Mayabunder through NH-04 full of huge potholes. In this

stretch, the road had slid down in many places and in some other places the hills are dangerously poised. Road near Kalara Junction had disappeared making driving dangerous in this stretch.

The importance given to the visit of Minister of State for Fisheries could be gauged by the fact that administration did not feel it necessary to depute Secretary (Fisheries) to answer to the queries of the Minister and those of the fishermen. Instead, Assistant Director level officers were sent to accompany the Minister. This was a snub to the visiting dignitary who was here to propagate the schemes of Government of India and ensure that the benefit reaches the poorest of the poor.

Amazingly whenever LG, CS or DGP visited these remote Islands, they were provided with State vehicle. Here a taxi cab with Indian flag was given to a Minister of Government of India. This shows the scant respect the Administration has for a Minister

of Modi Government who is on mission mode for development of these Islands.

The worst part was when the Minister arrived at Pokkadera community hall, there was no enough chairs on the dais to accommodate all the dignitaries including National Executive Member of BJP and State BJP President. As an insult to injury DC (N&M) was missing from the community hall for most part of the programme when Minister was on the dais.

Speaking to this weekly, one of the PRI members expressed her displeasure about lack of cooperation from the District administration towards arranging the events for the Minister of GoI. As per information, State BJP is not going to take up this humiliation lying down. Instead, they are planning to bring it to the notice of Prime Minister, so that such incidents are not repeated in the future.

## Postpone ITF to avert the imminent danger



Port Blair, December 28 : Island Tourism Festival is scheduled to start from January 14th, 2023. As per information there are 12 venues and more than 40 performances during the festival. Many troupes from mainland India will be participating in this mega event. They will arrive here shortly. Considering the fact that

corona virus is once again creating havoc in the nearby countries, there needs to be a rethink on conducting such a mega event during this period. Administration needs to be in the forefront to fight this deadly virus.

Considering the fact that ITF is going to be held after a gap of few years, there is every

chance of people coming in huge numbers to all the venues to view this gala event. This may become a hub for spreading corona, if precautions are not taken in advance.

Speaking to Corona warriors, it is felt that postponing the event by few months will be a clever option than repenting later.

## Pre-Jamboree Residential Camp by Bharat Scouts and Guides Unit of the Department of Education at GSS Junglighat



A five days Pre-Jamboree Residential Camp was organized by Bharat Scouts and Guides Unit of the Department of Education, A&N Administration at GSS Junglighat from Dec.22 to 26, 2022 in which 64 Scouts and Guides students and 12 Teachers participated. They will also attend National Level Jamboree to be held at Pali, Jodhpur, Rajasthan from Jan. 4 to 10, 2023.

The grand campfire and closing

ceremony of the Residential Camp was held yesterday. Shri Aditya Kumar Jha, Director (Education) graced the occasion as the chief guest. Senior Officers of the Department of Education also attended the campfire.

The Director (Education) blessed the students for their participation at National Level Jamboree and appreciated the efforts taken by the Scout Masters and Guide Captains in training the students during the

Pre-Jamboree Camp. He has directed the escort teachers to ensure that all the COVID-19 Protocol is observed during their journey and stay in the Camp. Shri K. Subramani, Secretary (Scouts) presented a brief report about the preparation of National Jamboree.

The Scouts and Guides presented various cultural programmes and innovative Scouts / Guides activities to the gathering on this occasion.

## जनता को किये वादे को सफलता पूर्वक निभा रहा है प्रधान बशीर



कन्या पुरम । ग्राम पंचायत कन्या पूरम के प्रधान श्री पी. अब्दुल बशीर ने चुनावो के दौरान आम जनता को किये वादे को सफलता पूर्वक निभाते कई नये और पुराने कार्यों को कर दिया और कई कार्य अपने अंतिम चरण मे है ।

उन्होने प्रधान का कार्य भार संभालने के बाद नई सी सी रोड , सी सी ड्रेन , ब्लेक टॉप रोड , समुदायिक हॉल , बस स्टैंड , स्कूल तथा आगन बाड़ी केन्द्रो मे साफ सफाई के साथ बागवानी , मनेरेगा के तहत कार्य , महिलाओं , पुरुषो , नवजवानो , नवयुवतियो , बुजूर्गो के लिए कई विषयो पर संगोष्ठी आयोजित तथा युवाओ से मिलकर खेल पर चर्चा जैसे विषयो को सफलता पूर्वक आयोजित किया है ।



## संपादकीय

दुनिया में कोरोना का खतरा: अमेरिका ने कहा—चीन जानकारी छिपा रहा, वहां से आने वाले सभी मुसाफिरों की निगरानी होगी

कोरोना के मद्देनजर अमेरिका ने चीन से आने वाले यात्रियों पर पाबंदियां बढ़ा दी हैं। न्यूज एजेंसी AFP के मुताबिक, अमेरिकी प्रशासन ने कहा है कि जिनिपिंग सरकार ने कोरोना नियमों में जिस तरह ढील दी है, उसके बाद संक्रमण बेकाबू हो गया है। बीजिंग से हमें सही जानकारी भी नहीं मिल रही है, जिसके चलते वहां से आने वाले सभी यात्रियों की निगरानी की जाएगी।

अमेरिका ने इस फैसले के पीछे महामारी को लेकर WHO की चेतावनी का हवाला भी दिया है। अमेरिकी अधिकारियों ने न्यूज एजेंसी को बताया कि भारत, जापान और मलेशिया पहले ही चीन से आने वाले यात्रियों पर कई प्रतिबंध लगा चुके हैं। इधर, रॉयटर्स ने मंगलवार को खबर दी थी कि चीन ने 8 जनवरी, 2023 से दूसरे देशों से आने वाले लोगों को क्वैरेंटाइन होने की जरूरत खत्म कर दी है।

हर दिन कोरोना का डेटा जारी नहीं करेगा चीन

चीन के सेंटर फॉर डिजीज कंट्रोल एंड मैनेजमेंट ने मंगलवार को कहा कि वो महीने में सिर्फ एक बार ही कोविड डेटा जारी करेंगे। सेंटर के मुताबिक, कोविड अब बी कैटेगरी की बीमारी में शुमार है, लिहाजा हर दिन का डेटा देना जरूरी नहीं है। इस बीच, न्यूयॉर्क टाइम्स की एक रिपोर्ट में बताया गया है चीन के ज्यादातर अस्पतालों में मेडिकल स्टाफ की कमी हो गई है। कुछ अस्पताल तो ऐसे हैं जहां एक वॉर्ड में पहले 15 लोगों का स्टाफ था और अब वहां महज 2 या 3 मेडिकल स्टाफ ही सर्विस दे रहे हैं।

चीन बोला— कोरोना ज्यादा खतरनाक नहीं

न्यूज एजेंसी रॉयटर्स ने चीन की हेल्थ मिनिस्ट्री के हवाले से एक रिपोर्ट जारी की है। इसमें कहा गया है कि कोविड को बी कैटेगरी में इसलिए रखा गया है, क्योंकि यह ज्यादा खतरनाक नहीं और इसीलिए हर दिन इसका डेटा जारी करना भी जरूरी नहीं है। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक— कोविड सांस से संबंधित सामान्य बीमारी से ज्यादा कुछ नहीं है।

अस्पतालों में हालात खराब

चीन एक तरफ जहां हालात सामान्य बताने की कोशिश कर रहा है तो दूसरी तरफ न्यूयॉर्क टाइम्स की रिपोर्ट कुछ और सच्चाई बयां करती है। इस रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक— चीन के कई अस्पतालों में हालात बद से बदतर होते जा रहे हैं। तिनजियान की मेडिकल यूनिवर्सिटी और जनरल हॉस्पिटल के कुछ वीडियोज सामने आए हैं।

वीडियोज में देखा जा सकता है कि कोविड क्राइसिस कम होने के बजाए बेकाबू होता जा रहा है। इसका सबसे बड़ा खामियाजा मेडिकल स्टाफ को भुगतना पड़ रहा है। ये आए दिन संक्रमित हो रहे हैं। कुछ अस्पतालों का कहना है कि उनका ज्यादातर स्टाफ पॉजिटिव है और उन्हें बहुत कम लोगों के साथ काम करना पड़ रहा है।

एक डॉक्टर जूडी प्यू ने कहा— आमतौर पर हमारे साथ 10 से 16 नर्स का स्टाफ रहता है। अब हमारा 90: स्टाफ संक्रमित है। लिहाजा, हम सिर्फ दो नर्स के सहारे दिन-रात काम कर रहे हैं।

दुनिया में 66 करोड़ 24 लाख से ज्यादा मामले

worldometer के मुताबिक, दुनिया में अब तक 66 करोड़ 24 लाख 16 हजार 471 मामले सामने आ चुके हैं। 11 जनवरी 2020 को चीन के वुहान में 61 साल के बुजुर्ग की मौत हुई थी। ये दुनिया में कोविड से हुई पहली मौत थी। इसके बाद सिलसिला बढ़ने लगा। अब तक 66 लाख 87 हजार 746 मौतें हो चुकी हैं।

चीन में हालात बिगड़े, क्लास में भी छात्रों को लगाई जा रही ड्रिपय श्मशानों में 20 दिन वेटिंग

चीन में कोरोना से हालात बिगड़ते जा रहे हैं। स्वास्थ्य अधिकारियों ने कहा कि कोरोना का पीक इसी हफ्ते आएगा। लंदन की ग्लोबल हेल्थ इंटेलिजेंस कंपनी एयरफिनिटी ने कहा कि चीन में रोजाना 10 लाख केस आ रहे हैं और 5 हजार मौतें हो रही हैं। हालांकि सरकारी आंकड़ों में गुरुवार को सिर्फ 4 हजार केस ही बताए गए।

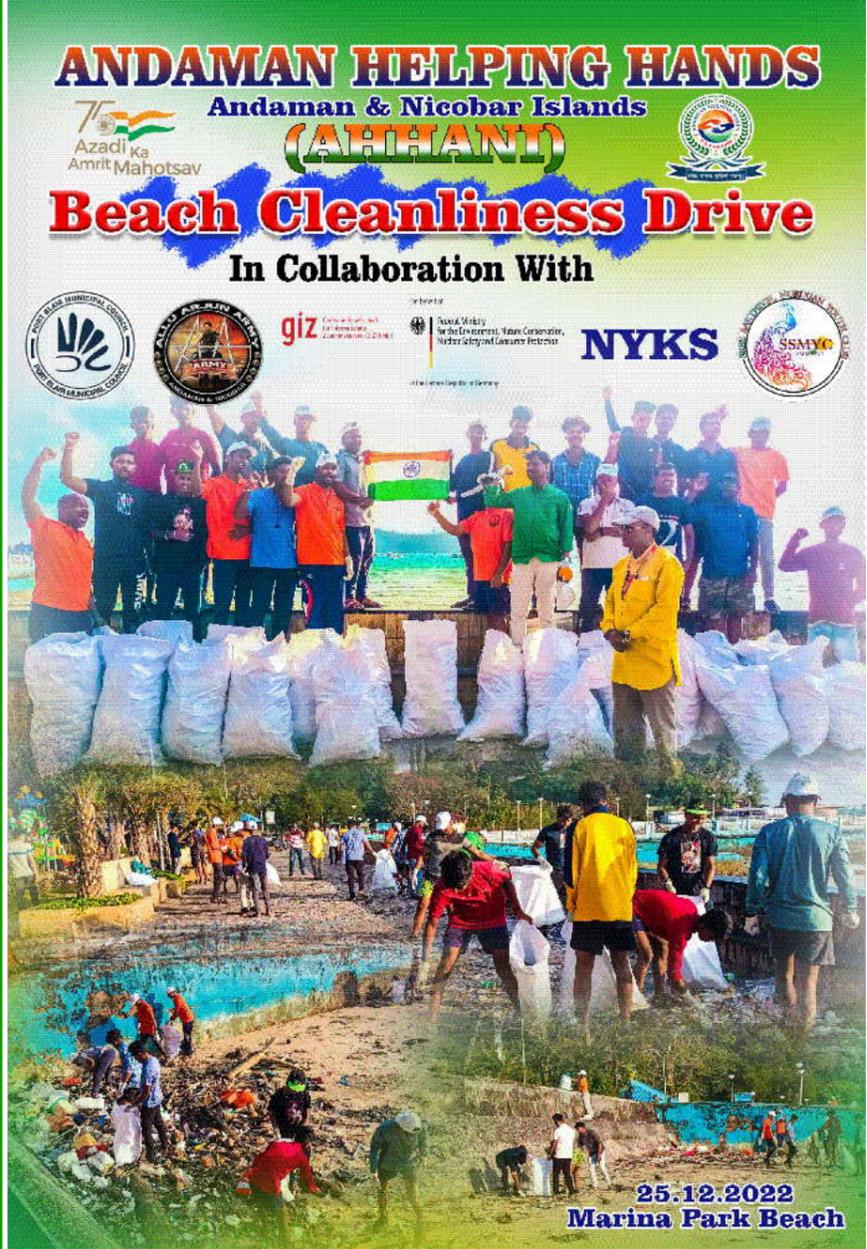
चीन में 24 घंटे में 3.7 करोड़ मरीज मिले, सड़कों पर रस्सी बांधकर ड्रिप लगाई जा रही

चीन में कोरोना से हालात बेकाबू हो गए हैं। ब्लूमबर्ग ने चीन की नेशनल हेल्थ कमीशन के हवाले से बताया है कि मंगलवार को यहां एक दिन में 3 करोड़ 70 लाख केसेस सामने आए थे। हालांकि, सरकारी आंकड़ों में इस दिन सिर्फ 3 हजार केस ही बताए गए। रिपोर्ट के मुताबिक, इस महीने के शुरुआती 20 दिनों में 24 करोड़ 80 लाख लोग संक्रमित हो चुके हैं। इसके पहले जनवरी में एक दिन में 40 लाख कोरोना मरीज मिले थे।

चीन में BF-7 वैरिएंट की हरकत देख सहमी दुनिया रूवैक्सीन से बनी एंटीबॉडी को भी चकमा दे रहा

चीन में एक बार फिर अस्पताल भरने लगे हैं। दवाएं खत्म हो रही हैं। सामूहिक अंतिम संस्कार किए जा रहे हैं। वजह है आग की तरह फैल रहा कोरोना वायरस। इतनी तेजी से फैल रहे संक्रमण के लिए जिम्मेदार है ओमिक्रॉन का वैरिएंट BF-7A WHO के अधिकारियों का कहना है कि ये अब तक का सबसे तेज फैलने वाला वैरिएंट है। ब्रिटेन में महामारी की 5वीं लहर, चीन की तरह डेली केस रिपोर्ट जारी नहीं करेगा ब्रिटेन में कोरोना महामारी की 5वीं लहर ने दस्तक दे दी है। ब्रिटेन की नेशनल हेल्थ अथॉरिटी ने जनवरी 2023 से कोरोना केसेस की डेली रिपोर्ट्स देने से इनकार कर दिया है। हेल्थ अथॉरिटी का कहना है कि कोरोना आम हो गया है। लोग हर दिन इसके साथ जी रहे हैं। अब इसे आम वायरल और सीजनल फ्लू की तरह ही ट्रीट किया जाएगा। इसकी मॉनिटरिंग होती रहेगी लेकिन डेटा जारी नहीं होगा।

## SWACHHTA ABHIYAN CONDUCTED BY THE AHHANI



On 25th December 2022, The Andaman Helping Hands, A&N Islands (AHHANI) has conducted the Swachhta Abhiyan in collaboration with Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC), GIZ Port Blair (India), Sree Sakthivel Murugan Youth Club (SSMYC), Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Allu Arjun Army Andaman (AAAA) at Marina Park Beach, Port Blair.

During this drive, 31 Volunteers were participated with a futuristic thought and total 23

bags of garbage were collected

from Marina Park Beach which consisted all type of mixed garbage like plastics materials, Alcoholic bottles, Juice bottles, Water bottles, Gutka wrappers etc.

Ocean sustainability is only the path of global prosperity. Cleanliness is the responsibility of every citizen of this country for healthy living and their green future generation.

Volunteers was raised slogans with great enthusiasm and

patriotism like Clean Andaman - Green Andaman and Bharat Mata ki Jai at end of the event.

Special thanks to all volunteer and especially to Dr. Muruganandam, 'Scientist D', RMRCPB, ICMR and Shri. Aviral Saxena, Technical Advisor, GIZ, Port Blair for their participation and support.

Andaman Helping Hands extends heartfelt gratitude towards PBMC for providing vehicle facility for removal and disposal of the accumulated garbage.

### illegal earth cutting and transportation was reported in Subhasgram village of Diglipur Tehsil where an estimated quantum of 2125 cbm of earth material has been extracted

Diglipur, Dec. 23 : An incident of illegal earth cutting and transportation was reported in Subhasgram village of Diglipur Tehsil where an estimated quantum of 2125 cbm of earth material has been extracted from hilly land bearing survey no 49/P and was then transported to and dumped over land Sy. No 292/1/3/2 by R Rajashekharan.

District Administration took a swift action initiating a revenue case against the reported violation under Andaman and Nicobar Islands Minor Minerals Rules, 2012 and penalty as deemed fit according to law will be levied against the violator.



District Administration of North and Middle Andaman has adopted a zero tolerance policy against violation of such kind. A robust mechanism has been

created to check illegal earth cutting operations across district. All such incidents in the future will also be dealt with firm hand.

### DSS has decided to impose restriction on the movement/ transportation of commercial vehicles

Port Blair, Dec. 23 : In view of the manifold increase in the vehicular traffic in the route between Chatham and Bambooflat, the Directorate of Shipping Services has decided to impose restriction on the movement/ transportation of commercial vehicles, through the

vehicle ferry vessels operating in the above route, during the peak hours i.e. between 7.30 am to 9.45 am and from 5 pm to 6.45 pm on all working days except Holidays.

Similarly, movement/ transportation of non commercial four wheeler vehicles, has also

been restricted to 2 four Wheeler vehicles per trip, during the above peak hours in the above route.

In order to clear the rush especially during peak hours, the vessels once full to its capacity, instead of waiting for her scheduled departure time, shall sail immediately.

**SEVASUCHNAYEIN  
INTERISLANDSECTOR:**

• Nalanda will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 29.12.2022 (Thu) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
• MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 06.01.2023 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 07.01.2023 (Sat) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Little Andaman. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 04.01.2023 (Wed) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

**LITTLE ANDAMAN:**

• Nalanda will sail for Little Andaman on 29.12.2022 (Thu) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.  
• MV Bharat Seema will sail for Little Andaman on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.  
• MV Nalanda will sail for Little Andaman on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings i.e. (for 1st & 4th Jan., 2023) will be issued to the general public from 30.12.2022 (Fri) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

**DIGLIPUR & MAYABUNDER:**

• MV Dering will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1230 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 29.12.2022 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
• MV Bharat Seema will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 1900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 1230 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 31.12.2022 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
• MV Dering will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 1900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.01.2023 (Thu) at 1230 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 02.01.2023 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
• MV Dering will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 07.01.2023 (Sat) at 1900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 08.01.2023 (Sun) at 1230 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 05.01.2023 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

**FORESHORE SECTOR:**

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels will be issued to the general public at STARS Ticketing Counters two days prior to her scheduled departure date.

29.12.2022 (THU)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 29.12.2022 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 29.12.2022 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 29.12.2022 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
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• MV Strait Island will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 29.12.2022 (Thu) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 30.12.2022 (Fri) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

30.12.2022 (FRI)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

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• MV Kamorta will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 30.12.2022 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS**

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1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/22-23/91 Name of Work: Repair and Maintenance of existing CC Footpath from Main Road to Nabeesa's house at Hope Town Ward No. 03 under Gram Panchayat Hope Town. Estimated Cost Rs: - 6,71,283/- Earnest Money Deposit: - 13,426/- Time of Completion: - Five (05) Months, Tender Fee: - `500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 10/01/2023 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website

<https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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Executive Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj Institution,  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Port Blair  
South Andaman

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1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/22-23/102 Name of Work: - Construction of Retaining wall for the Protection of MES Road at Chouldari-04 under Chouldari Gram Panchayat. Estimated Cost Rs: - 9, 93,598/- Earnest Money Deposit: - 19,872/- Time of Completion: - Three (03) Months, Tender Fee: - `500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 03/01/2023 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website

<https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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Executive Engineer,  
Panchayati Raj Institution,  
South Andaman Division-I  
Junglighat, Port Blair  
South Andaman

• MV Kamorta will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 30.12.2022 (Fri) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

**RANGAT**

MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island on 30.12.2022 (Fri) at 0615 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

31.12.2022 (SAT)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Strait Island will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Strait Island will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Kamorta will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

**RANGAT**

MV Baratang will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island & Long Island on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

01.01.2023 (SUN)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Strait Island will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Baratang will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

02.01.2023 (MON)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Kamorta will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
• MV Baratang will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Kamorta will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

**RANGAT**

MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island on 02.01.2023 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

03.01.2023 (TUE)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
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• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 03.01.2023 (Tue) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

04.01.2023 (WED)

**SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP**

• MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.  
• MV Kamorta will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.  
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**RANGAT**

MV Baratang will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island & Long Island on 04.01.2023 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 05.01.2023 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

**Department of CS & CA, A & N Administration has conducted various programmes to create awareness on Consumer Protection**

Port Blair, Dec.23 : The National Consumer Day will be observed tomorrow (Dec.24) in these Islands along with rest of the country. As part of the weeklong celebration, the Department of CS & CA, A & N Administration has conducted various programmes to create awareness on Consumer Protection Act, 2019 amongst the consumers of these Islands.

This year, the Government of India has adopted a theme 'Effective disposal of cases in Consumer Commission'. The Government will hold dedicated Lok Adalats to take up these pending cases and coordinate with the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) for the disposal of pending consumer cases and efforts will be made to resolve them quickly. The process of registering complaints electronically through E-Daakhil portal (www.edaakhil.nic.in) was successfully launched in the UT of A & N Islands on 28th October, 2020 and till date around 46 cases have been filed through this portal. Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, consumers can file complaints against any defect in goods purchased or deficiencies in any services availed including any unfair/restrictive trade practices adopted, through specialized quasi-judicial agencies. The Consumer Commission render to simple, inexpensive and speedy adjudication of consumer complaints. The Administration has provided the option of end-to-end service delivery to the people of these Islands enabling to file their grievances through online platform i.e. e-file their complaints and grievances for prompt redressal without physical appearance at their doorsteps. Meanwhile, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, A & N Administration will be organizing a seminar tomorrow (Dec.24) at 11 am in the ALHW Multipurpose Hall, Port Blair to enlighten the consumers of their legitimate rights as a consumer. All have been requested to participate to enhance knowledge about the rights of consumers.

## 18th anniversary of Tsunami observed in Isles Lt. Governor, others pay glowing tributes to departed souls at Tsunami Memorial



Port Blair, Dec. 26 : Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands & Vice-Chairman Islands Development Agency, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) today led the Islanders in paying homage to those who lost their lives in the devastating Tsunami of 2004.

At a solemn function organized by A&N Administration on the occasion of 18th Anniversary of Tsunami at

### "JAGRITI" AN INITIATIVE OF N&M ANDAMAN DISTRICT POLICE ON "POCSO ACT, DRUG ABUSE WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON CARRIER GUIDANCE" AT DIGLIPUR

"Jagriti" an awareness programme on the POCSO Act, Drug Abuse with Special focus on Carrier Guidance to school students of class IX to XII was organized on 23/12/2022 by North and Middle Andaman District Police in association with Sub-Divisional Legal Service Committee, N&M Andaman at school auditorium of VKZPV Diglipur. Hon'ble Additional District & Sessions Judge, Mayabunder Shri Jimut Bahan Biswas was the Chief Guest and Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, Superintendent of Police, N&MA District was the guest of honour. A gathering of 450 people constituting school students of VKZPV Diglipur, Govt. Senior Secondary School, Kishori Nagar, Diglipur & Subash Gram, Pradhans & PRI members, Anganwadi workers & Helpers, Police officials, representative of Medical field, Media persons and general public attended the awareness programme. Shri Lakshya Pandey, DANIPS, SDPO, Diglipur, Shri. R.P Pandey, Deputy Education Officer, Diglipur and Shri Mahadev Gain, UP-Adhyakash, N&MA and Zila Parishad Member of Subash Gram and R.K Gram constituency joined to make the programme successful. Hon'ble

the Tsunami Memorial at Water Sports Complex, the Lt. Governor placed wreath and offered floral tributes at the Memorial. This was followed by offering of floral tributes by the First Lady of these Islands, Smt. Chitra Joshi, the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Adhyaksha, ZPSA, Smt. Pramila Kumari, DGP, Shri Neeraj Thakur, Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. U

Kavitha, Councillors of PBMC, Senior Officers of A&N Administration, prominent citizens, school students and general public.

An all Religions Prayer Meeting (Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha) and a two-minute silence were observed to remember those who lost their lives in the devastating Tsunami.



Additional District & Sessions Judge Shri Jimut Bhan Biswas emphasized on POCSO Act especially the safeguards of victim. Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, Superintendent of Police (D), Mayabunder distributed presents & certificates to the students who performed Nukkad Natak & to the teachers to encourage them to come forward for a societal course. 04 local fishermen who helped police in various activities were also felicitated by SP.

"Nukkad Natak" on the theme of Drug Abuse & POCSO Act. Ms. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, Superintendent of Police (D), Mayabunder distributed presents & certificates to the students who performed Nukkad Natak & to the teachers to encourage them to come forward for a societal course. 04 local fishermen who helped police in various activities were also felicitated by SP.

At the concluding session Shri. Manimohan Hira, Principal of VKZPV Diglipur & PRI members expressed their gratitude to District Police for organizing such programme for the motivation and guidance to students. The program concluded with national anthem.



Hon'ble Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, GoI, Dr. L. Murugan who is currently on visit to Isles, held meeting with the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS and other senior officers of the Administration in the conference hall of Secretariat on 25.12.2022.

### BEACH CLEAN UP AT CORBYN'S COVE BEACH



Ocean trash is a serious pollution problem that affects the health of people, Marine life, and local economies. A problem as big as plastic in the ocean requires a big response! So, By continuing our mission for a plastic-free and sustainable environment, Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable Trust organized a cleanliness drive on 25/12/2022 in collaboration with Naval NCC Cadets of JNRM College and Port Blair Municipal Council [PBMC] at Corbyn Cove Beach.

Together we collected 223 Kg of Waste from the Seashore and segregated and collected it into 10 bags and handover over to PBMC for appropriate disposal of collected waste. The cleanliness drive was graced and participated by Mr. P. Umamaheshwar Rao, JE, PBMC, and Mr. Aviral Saxena, Technical Expert, Giz. Further Mr. Aviral Saxena distributed cotton bags among the participant to minimize the use of plastic bags and one-time-use shopping bags.

And it's a good initiative by him to encourage people to use cotton bags during their shopping hours.

We the members felt content that we could make a small impactful contribution towards nature and its inhabitants. We aim to take this initiative further and create awareness among our families and societies so that we all can contribute to keeping our beaches and water bodies clean and not polluting them by throwing plastic and debris into them.

## Opportunity for job seekers to set up livelihood ventures

The A&N Islands Khadi & Village Industries Board jointly with the Industries Department & Employment Exchange and Rural Development, A&N Administration will be organizing a 'Rozgar evam Sawrojgar Mela' in association with like-minded agencies implementing Govt. sponsored schemes for providing career guidance. The programme will be held on Dec. 28, 2022 in the Multipurpose Hall of Subash Gram, Diglipur, North Andaman from 10 am to 4 pm.

The main objective of the

Rozgar mela is to provide a platform between the self-employment implementing Departments, private employers, and job seekers to set up their livelihood venture duly availing benefits of Govt. sponsored schemes or placement in private sector.

During the programme, information kiosks separately for each participating Department and Banks will be setup to disseminate information to the interested beneficiaries on the formalities / procedure for

application submission and benefits of the various schemes being implemented by the respective Departments. As a part of the programme, the Employment Exchange will organizing a placement drive for the job seekers in the private sector firms on the spot.

Unemployed youth have been requested to attend the programme and make optimum utilization of the services being provided by the Govt. Departments.