

Candidates demand for vessels for return journey

Port Blair, November 16 : Administration had taken concrete steps to ensure that candidates appearing in combined examination for Group-C posts are able to reach Port Blair well before 20/11/22 for appearing in the examination. Shipping

schedule have been meticulously planned and executed without much glitch. If DSS can provide sailing immediately after the examination to different remote locations, it would be of great help to the candidates. Speaking to this weekly, few students have

demand vessels to their destination on the same evening itself so that they would not have to spend for hotel expenses for one more day. There is also demand for priority in issue of tickets to those appearing in this examination.

Dog menace continues unabated

Port Blair, November 16 : Street Dog menace is increasing day by day in Port Blair city. PBMC claims to be sterilizing dogs on routine basis. If it is so, how is the population of dogs multiplying every six months? The road from Delanipur junction to Rohins eye Hospital is occupied by canines round the clock. Area adjoining Rohins eye hospital is the hot spot. Here the dog chases away even vehicles, during early morning and late night hours. Many minor accidents happens routinely in this area. But it goes unreported as PBMC has no separate Control Room round the clock to report about stray cattles

and dogs occupying the road. There is urgent need to relocate these wild dogs from city area to animal shelters run by NGO's. Kerala government had approached Supreme Court to seek permission to kill dangerous stray dogs. This can be thought of if the situation deteriorates. As sterilization Street Dog menace is increasing day by day in Port Blair city. PBMC claims to be sterilizing dogs on routine basis. The road from Delanipur junction to Rohins eye Hospital is occupied by canines round the clock. Area adjoining Rohins eye hospital is the hot spot. Here the dog chases away even vehicles,

during early morning and late night hours. Many minor accidents happens routinely in this area. There is urgent need to relocate these wild dogs from city area to animal shelters run by NGO's. Kerala government had approached Supreme Court to seek permission to kill dangerous stray dogs. This can be thought of, if the situation deteriorates. As routine sterilization procedure of PBMC seems to have failed miserably, an alternative action plan had to be devised to eradicate this menace before someone pays heavily with his life for negligence of PBMC.



Rangat Bus terminal

बस अड्डे की खराब हालत से आम लोगों को परेशानी हो रही है चारों तरफ बड़े बड़े गड्ढे होने से लोगो को दुर्घटना होने का खतरा बना रहता है

TAAN and BRW Entertainments for organizing the programme on the occasion of 'Children's Day'

Port Blair, Nov. 15 : The CRC- A&N Islands in collaboration with Tourism Association of Andaman & Nicobar (TAAN) and BRW Entertainments organised a gala evening for the Divyangjans of CRC- A&N Islands on the occasion of 'Children's Day' yesterday in the auditorium of CRC- A&N Islands, Brookshabad. Shri Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Secretary (IT/Agri/E&F) was the chief guest on this occasion. Shri H. Manoj, General Manager of NABARD was the guest of honour.

Divyang children from every nook and corner of South Andaman attended the programme. Parents, attenders and care takers of Divyangjans enjoyed the songs, dance and fancy-dress competitions presented by the children. Students from Psychology Department of ANCOL also



attended the programme. In his address, the chief guest boosted the confidence of the children with special need and their parents for participating in such programme. He also lauded the efforts of the staff of CRC- A&N Islands and TAAN and BRW Entertainments for organizing the programme in a grand way.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri H. Manoj, General Manager of NABARD, highlighted the importance of organizing such a wonderful event for the entertainment of the Divyangjans. Smti Sumithamol S. Resident Nodal Officer of CRC- A&N Islands appreciated the gathering for attending the programme.



Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency alongwith Shri Keshav Chandra, Chief Secretary and other senior officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration reviewed the setting up of proposed World Class Interactive Live Tribal Museum at Andaman & Nicobar Islands today at Raj Niwas.

Two week workshop on Bird Watching & Basic Ornithology by ZSI gets underway

Port Blair, Nov. 15 : A two week workshop on Bird Watching & Basic Ornithology organized by the Zoological Survey of India, A&N Islands Regional Centre under the Accelerate Vigyan, Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Govt. of India got underway at the conference hall of the ZSI here today. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS as the chief guest inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A&N Islands, and Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director, ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Port Blair.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary thanked the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India for taking the initiative in providing skill training under Accelerate Vigyan. He elucidated the most basic of bird watching definition, aside from simply watching or listening to birds, most birders go a few steps by documenting their observations, identifying the birds, and sharing their findings with fellow bird enthusiasts. The Chief Secretary also mentioned that birding meaning is inextricably rooted in an appreciation and sense of wonder at the avian species in bird watchers and this is what everyone from novice bird watcher to expert birder has in common. He also highlighted how he expanded his species list



with every trip and experience birding in different habitats. He also shared his passion for photography and remarked that landscape photography is his passions which has taught him to wake up before sunrise, and later he has shifted to Bird Photography also. He beautifully described how bird watching can shape an individual's personality by developing the perseverance and patience of the watcher. He concluded by giving remarks upon the serenity and pristine beauty of these islands which attracts many bird watchers and flourishes an unimaginable biodiversity and wished ZSI for taking up this kind of activities..

The Chief Secretary further stated that A&N Islands are the abode of certain birds viz. Narcondum Hornbill, Megapode etc. which are absolutely endemic found only in Isles and nowhere in the World. It's a great opportunity for the participants to learn the nuances of Bird Watching during this workshop, the CS said urging them to take

maximum advantage out of it. The Chief Secretary also visited the Regional Museum of ZSI and took keen interest in the zoological collection on A&N Islands.

In his address, the guest of honor, Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, said that the trainees must know the ecological as well as the economic aspects of bird watching. He highlighted about the collaboration between the Forests Department and ZSI in which they have carried out surveys from Landfall to Indira Point. The PCCF is also emphasised about the bird tourism and the value of education in this industry. He also mentioned to the students about the various new job opportunities waiting in the tourism industry and others etc. He highlighted the incredible significance of knowing the worth of bird watchers in various fields like conservation, management and agriculture etc. of which those will be achieved only by the imparting proper training of the local community.

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संपदकीय

मदद करने से ब्लड प्रेशर कम होता है: सेहत में सुधार के साथ खुशियां भी ज्यादा मिलती हैं

दूसरों की मदद करने से आपका भी भला होता है। भलाई का असर सेहत और खुशी पर पड़ता है। हाल ही में प्रकाशित एक रिसर्च में सामने आया कि बदले की चाहत किए बगैर परोपकारी काम करने से दिमाग शरीर में हैप्पी हॉर्मोन्स रिलीज करता है। इससे व्यक्ति को खुशी का एहसास होता है। दूसरों पर खर्च करते हैं तो बीपी कम होता है

छोटी सी मदद भी बड़ी खुशी देगी



स्टडी के दौरान हाई ब्लड प्रेशर वाले लोगों के दो समूह बनाए गए। एक समूह को लगभग 3 हजार रुपए खुद पर खर्च करने के लिए कहा गया। वहीं, दूसरे समूह को दूसरों की भलाई के लिए खर्च करने के लिए कहा गया। 6 हफ्ते बाद सामने आया कि दूसरों पर खर्च करने वाले लोगों का ब्लड प्रेशर कम हो गया था और

सेहत भी बेहतर थी।

इंग्लैंड में एक दूसरे शोध में 3 समूह बनाए गए। एक को हर रोज किसी की मदद करने को कहा गया। दूसरे को रोज एक नया काम और तीसरे को कुछ नहीं करने के लिए कहा गया। जिन लोगों ने दूसरों की मदद की और नए काम किए, उनकी खुशी बढ़ोतरी हुई। जिन लोगों ने अनाथ बच्चों की मदद के लिए दान दिया। उन्हें बिजली

का झटके भी कम महसूस हुए।

छोटी मदद करने से मिलती है बड़ी खुशी छोटी मदद करने पर भी बड़ी खुशियां मिलती हैं। डिलीवर करने आए व्यक्ति को पानी के लिए पूछना। कठिन समय से गुजर रहे दोस्त या परिवार के मन की बात सुनना और मदद करना। रात होने पर दोस्त को घर छोड़ने से भी खुशी मिलती है।

Secretary CPI (M) Visits Mayabunder Area



Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee, who is currently on a tour to Middle & North Andaman, visited the Dr Rajendra Prasad District Hospital, Mayabunder today (14.11.2022) and met the Medical Superintendent and discussed with him various issues pertaining to health care system in Mayabunder area. Shri Ayyappan expressed concern over the shortage of medical officers and nurses in the hospital.

Posts of Specialists are lying vacant in the hospital and no effort has been made by the Health Department to post Specialist doctors.

He had also visited Govt. Sr Secondary School, Mayabunder and came to know that there is shortage of a large number of teachers in the school. Most of the schools in the Mayabunder area do not have Principal or Vice Principal.

On getting complaints from the fishermen that ice for the fishermen are not available in

the Ice Plant of the Fisheries Department at Mayabunder, he visited the Ice plant and office of the Fisheries Department and found that the department has failed to meet the requirements of the fishermen of Mayabunder area. Fishermen also complained to the CPI (M) Secretary that they are not getting any benefit from the Fisheries Department.

Shri K. Muralidharan Pillai, President, CITU Mayabunder Zonal Committee also accompanied him during the above visits.

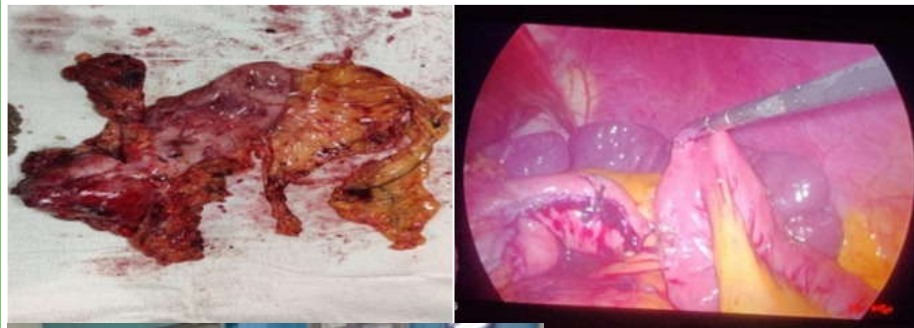
ANACS coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Andaman College, ANCOL

Port Blair, Nov. 16 : Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by Red Ribbon Club (RRC) of Andaman College, ANCOL, Port Blair in coordination with G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair today at ANCOL. A total of 40 units of blood were donated by voluntary donors. The Blood Donation was facilitated by Dr. N. R. Kodhandram, Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Medical Officer



i/c, Blood Bank, G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors on various aspect importance of blood donation.

CT Scan of abdomen and chest and found to have cancerous growth arising from the stomach



Port Blair, Nov.14 : A 38 year old male patient from Diglipur, North Andaman was brought to the Department of Surgery with complaints of pain in abdomen and difficulty in digestion and weight loss from past 3-4 months. He was examined and investigated with blood investigation and CT Scan of abdomen and chest and found to have cancerous growth arising from the stomach. He was further evaluated with Upper GI endoscopy and Biopsy was taken from the growth which was confirmed as Adenocarcinoma arising from the pylorus of the stomach. He was planned for a major laparoscopic subtotal

resection of the stomach with reconstruction.

A team of Specialist Doctors headed by Dr. Saji Vargheese, HoD Department of Surgery, Dr. Anil, HoD Anaesthesia, ANIMS / GB Pant Hospital on 25/08/2022 performed a total laparoscopic subtotal D2 resection of the stomach containing the cancerous growth followed by reconstruction of the GI Tract namely Gastrojejunostomy. The surgery was performed through 5 key holes (ports) lasting for 4½ hours. Post operatively, patient was shifted to Surgical ICU and recovered well and started oral intake on the 4th day after surgery. The patient was

discharged on 10th day post operation. Following discharge, the patient was called after 3 weeks and was started on Adjuvant Chemotherapy and completed 2 cycles and the patient is doing extremely well and is on normal diet.

Such advanced supra major laparoscopic surgeries for Gastro- Intestinal Cancers are performed on regular basis at GB Pant Hospital/ ANIMS, which were initially referred to mainland super Speciality Hospital and thus providing such advanced surgeries for cancer patients in the Islands itself without going to mainland.

Two week...

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Speaking on the occasion, Dr. P. Vijayachari, Director, ICMR- RMRC, Port Blair mentioned the significance of Bird identification in basic and applied sciences and how these two embedded into medical sciences. He emphasized the status of inter-sectorial co-ordination between Animal Science, Veterinary Science, Health Science and local Community and also cited the interconnection between Zoonotic disease and biodiversity.

Welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-Charge, ZSI, Port Blair enlightened the gathering on the history of Zoological Survey of India through these hundred years and how it has shaped the survey methodologies. He also briefed about the Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre, Zoological Survey of India and its jurisdiction and mentioned some collaborative research works carried out with Department of Environment and Forests and other research organizations. About 31 participants have registered for this two week workshop, he added.

EPFO Regional Office, Port Blair is organizing 'Pension Adalat'

Port Blair, Nov. 14 : Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office, Port Blair is organizing 'Pension Adalat' on 16th November, 022 from 11 am to 1 pm at the Office of the Employees' Provident Fund

Organisation, Regional Office, Port Blair. This Pension Adalat intends to redress grievances related to EPS pensioners like commencement of new pension, Non-receipt of monthly Pension, Digital Life Certificates etc. All the

members/pensioners under Employees' Pension Scheme- 1995 have been requested to make use of this Grievance Redressal mechanism.

Hall Tickets are issued twice to the Combined Recruitment Written Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts

Port Blair, Nov. 14 : In continuation to the Vacancy Notice No. 1-3/2022-R&E Cell dated 01.08.2022, it is noticed that the some candidates have filled applications twice using nooks & tricks and the Hall Tickets are issued twice to the Combined Recruitment Written

Examination for filling various Group 'C' posts under the A & N Administration scheduled to be held on 20.11.2022 (Sunday). All such candidates holding two hall tickets are advised to surrender either one of the Hall Ticket to the Recruitment Cell, Secretariat physically or by electronic mode from the

candidates personal e-mail id to the e-mail id personnelwing@gmail.com immediately failing to do so and the candidates found appeared with the Hall Tickets in different Shifts, the candidature of all such candidates would be summarily cancelled and their application will be treated rejected.

Jolly Buoy Island and the Redskin Island of Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Wandoor will be closed from the 16/11/2022 to 15/05/2023

Port Blair, Nov. 14 : Stakeholders of tourism sector have been informed that Jolly Buoy Island will be opened for tourism activity from 16/11/2022 to 15/05/2023

and the Redskin Island of Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park, Wandoor will be closed from the 16/11/2022 to 15/05/2023 for tourism activity.

The entry permission permits will be available at IP&T Counter for the visitors on first come, first served basis, subject to availability of boats.

Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls

Special campaign to be held on Nov. 26 & 27 & Dec. 3 & 4
Port Blair, Nov. 14 : The general public and Political Parties have been informed that the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has announced the schedule for Special Summary Revision of Photo Electoral Rolls w.r.t. 01.01.2023 as the qualifying date. The schedule of programme is as under: -

Sl. No.	Stages of Revision	Period allowed for State
1.	Publication of Integrated draft electoral roll	Published on 09.11.2022 (Wednesday)
2.	Period for filing Claims & Objections	09.11.2022 (Wednesday) to 08.12.2022 (Thursday)
3.	Special campaign dates	26 & 27 November, 2022 & 03 & 04 December, 2022
4.	Disposal of claims and objections	By 26.12.2022 (Monday)
5.	Final publication of electoral roll	05.01.2023 (Thursday)

If, with reference to the above said qualifying date, there be any claim for the inclusion of a name in the roll or any objection to the inclusion of name or any objection to particulars in any entry, it should be lodged on or before the 08.12.2022 (Thursday) in Form 6, 6A, 7 & 8 as may be appropriate.

Every such claims & objections should either be presented with concerned Designated Officers/Booth Level Officers at all designated polling stations or send by post to the Electoral Registration Officer, A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency or concerned Assistant Electoral Registration Officer or through "Voter helpline App", online website : <https://voterportal.eci.gov.in> or <https://www.nvsp.in> and <https://www.ceoandaman.nic.in/election/> or call Toll Free No.1950 so as to reach not later than the aforesaid date.

Final merit list of all eligible candidates for admission to two years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2022-23 in TGCE

Port Blair, Nov. 14 : The category-wise and subject-wise final merit list of all eligible candidates who had applied for admission to two years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2022-23 in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair will be published online on 16th November, 2022 and will be available at <http://collegedmission.andaman.gov.in> under 'Announcements' for information of all concerned.

Counseling for admission to the course will be held on 18th November, 2022 from 9.30 am at Tagore Auditorium in the TGCE premises.

Inter-Island candidates who are unable to attend the above scheduled counseling in person due to the ensuing Common Recruitment Examination scheduled on Nov.20, 2022 have been requested to either represent their candidature through an authorized person or send their details showing Application No., Name, Subject,

Category etc. through WhatsApp or text message @ 9531831281, 9531808308, 9933277071 before 5 pm on Nov.17, 2022. All such messages will be acknowledged.

Those who fail to attend the counseling in person or fail to send their willingness through message will not be considered for admission to the course and the next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission. Regular classes for these courses will begin from 21st November, 2022.

Final year results of some courses offered by JNRM

Port Blair, Nov. 16 : Due to non-receipt of final year results of some courses offered by JNRM as reported by its Principal, the final merit list of only Zoology, Mathematics, Geography, Economics, History, Home Science and Physics for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the session 2022-23 in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair have been published in the online portal on 16th November 2022 and is available at <http://collegedmission.andaman.gov.in> under 'Announcements' for information of all concerned. The counselling for admission to only these subjects will be held on 18th November, 2022 from 9.30

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The candidates of the remaining subjects can submit their pending mark sheets in person up to 22/11/2022 by 3 pm. The final merit list of all the remaining subjects and categories like EWS, PwD etc. will be published on 23/11/2022 at 3 pm. Counseling for all the remaining subjects and categories like EWS, PwD etc. will be held on 24th November, 2022 from 9.30 am at Tagore Auditorium.

Aadhaar mandatory to avail the benefits of all the welfare schemes

Port Blair, Nov. 16 : The Central Government has made Aadhaar mandatory to avail the benefits of all the welfare schemes implemented by the Government of India. For enrolment of all the

eligible 0-5 years, the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs along with the other stakeholders are conducting a special drive at Anganwadi Centres in South Andaman

District for enrolling left out children in the age group of 0-5. The date, time & venue of the Aadhaar Camps are detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date & Time	Name of the Anganwadi
1.	17/11/2022 to 18/11/2022 & 21/11/2022 to 24/11/2022 9 am to 5 pm	Anganwadi Dairy Farm (1-20)
2.	17/11/2022 to 18/11/2022 & 21/11/2022 to 24/11/2022 9 am to 5 pm	Anganwadi Dairy Farm (1-4) & Lamba Line (1-4)

General public have been urged to avail this facility and get their children enrolled at the respective Anganwadi.

DC, has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- towards immediate relief/financial assistance to the bereaved family of the victims



Port Blair, Nov. 14 : An unfortunate incident was reported on 28.10.2022 from Hope town (Chunnabatta) wherein it was reported that on 02.10.2022 one CH Appa Rao, S/o Late CH Punnavaslu & 2 others went for fishing near to the sea area of Hope Town (Chunnabatta) under Ferrargunj Tehsil. During the course of fishing, CH Appa Rao fell into the sea and later his body was recovered.

Considering the incident to be an unfortunate one, Shri Suneel

Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate / Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has sanctioned an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- towards immediate relief/financial assistance to the bereaved family of the victims. The amount was sanctioned under Andaman & Nicobar Islands scheme for providing financial assistance to victims of accidents. (who are not covered under the prevailing NDRF/SDRF norms).

Following the direction, Shri Dilkush Meena, IAS, Assistant Commissioner (Relief & Disaster Management) completed the documentation & disbursed/ issued the relief money to the beneficiary.

The succor being provided as a helping hand to the bereaved family of deceased who lost their family member/ means of livelihood, will enable them to restart the essential activities, so as to reduce their level of suffering.

Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Dulari Scheme

Port Blair, Nov. 16 : Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of Dulari Scheme has been successfully completed on online mode in coordination with NIC and DAB. With this, beneficiaries can now avail the

services directly by visiting the website <https://eservices.andaman.gov.in/>. Henceforth, no offline/manual applications shall be entertained for registration under the Scheme.

For any query/assistance, one may can contact the nearest Health Institution or the 'Dulari Cell' functioning at OPD Complex Room No. 57, G.B Pant Hospital, phone number 03192-234570.

Member of Parliament pays rich tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary



The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today paid rich tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda on his birth anniversary.

The Member of Parliament attended two functions this morning at Ranchi Association,

Mohanpura and Attam Pahar to pay his tributes.

He garlanded the statue of Freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda during the function and interacted with the members of Chota Nagpuri Community. Addressing the public he said that freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa

Munda is a symbol of bravery and sacrifice and the young generation must follow his path of bravery and honour.

"His contribution to protecting the interests of tribal society will always be remembered," the Member of Parliament added.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The **Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I** on behalf of **Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Calicut** invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/RR/2022-23/79 **Name of Work:** - Construction of Village Road from the existing village road to Church length 150 mtrs at Calicut Ward No. 03 under Gram Panchayat Calicut. **Estimated Cost Rs:** - 38, 25,206/- **Earnest Money Deposit:** - 76,504/- **Time of Completion:** - Twelve (12) Months, Tender Fee: - ₹.500/- & last date & time of submission of bid: - 28/11/2022 (1500 hrs)

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

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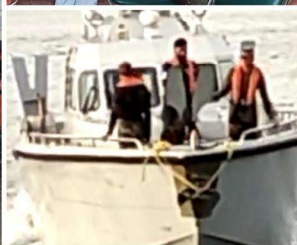
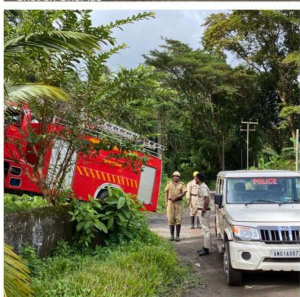
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South Andaman Division-I
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South Andaman

COASTAL DEFENCE EXERCISE 'SEA VIGIL-22'



The third edition of pan India Coastal Defence Exercise "SEA VIGIL-22" was conducted by Headquarters, Andaman and Nicobar Command in coordination with A&N Administration on 15-16 Nov 22. The aim of exercise was to validate the efficacy of the Coastal Defence Organization against threats arising from the sea in the Andaman and Nicobar region. It involved whole-hearted participation of 17 different stakeholders including Andaman and Nicobar Command, Civil Administration, A&N Police, Police Marine Force (PMF), DSS, Special Bureau, Intelligence Bureau, PMB, CISF and Forest Departments. Additionally, NCC cadets were also provided exposure to the nuances of coastal defence. The exercise was controlled from the Joint Operations Centre (Coastal Security) at Headquarters, Andaman & Nicobar Command.

Conducted in two phases, the exercise demonstrated coordinated and synergised actions by all stakeholders, achieving seamless exchange of information and timely sharing of actionable intelligence. All stakeholders undertook extensive deployment of their personnel and assets to guard against any threat from the seas. A multi-agency audit was also undertaken to identify aspects which would further strengthen our coastal defence apparatus.



MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that 16th November is being observed as the "National Press Day" in A&N Islands along with rest of the country. This was the day on which Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog for the media. The theme for this year's celebration is 'The Media's Role in Nation Building'.

A free, fair and responsible press plays a vital role in any democratic country. The introduction of advanced technology in mass communication has made media more powerful. As fourth pillar of democracy, Media has an exalted responsibility and instrumental role to play in facilitating the development of our nation while achieving the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India. In contemporary times, values like journalistic ethics and highest professional standards while disseminating unbiased news have assumed more importance than ever before.

To commemorate the National Press Day on 16th November, 2022 in the AmritKaal of India's Independence, I extend my warm greetings to all members of media fraternity and call upon them to contribute wholeheartedly towards Nation Building.

Jai Hind!

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lt. Governor, A & N Islands

& Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

On the occasion of Children's Day, the District Child Protection Unit South Andaman organized a picnic for all the children of Child Care Institutions at the Corbyn's Cove Beach



Port Blair, Nov. 14 : On the occasion of Children's Day, the District Child Protection Unit South Andaman organized a picnic for all the children of Child Care Institutions at the Corbyn's Cove Beach, the very famous tourism destination at Port Blair.

The children enjoyed the picturesque view of the beach, played games like badminton, passing the ball and performed

dances. An Inter CCI fun Kabaddi Match was organised at the beach side wherein all the CCI participated with great enthusiasm followed by lunch for all. The one-day outing culminated with the open dance floor by the children.

Taking the children out of the Institutions and giving them an exposure into a new environment with other children help them to appreciate natural surroundings,

enhance personal and social communication skills, improve general behaviour and mental health.

District Administration always ensures to organize or provide every possible opportunity for children of CCIs in order to make the children feel that they are important and are being cared, for their overall well development.

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Port Blair, Nov. 14 : 'World Pneumonia Day' and SAANS campaign was observed all over the Islands on Nov.12, 2022 with the aim to accelerate action against Childhood Pneumonia by generating awareness on protection, prevention and treatment aspects, to enhance early identification and care seeking behaviour (management) among parents and caregivers and also to promote Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) and awareness generation on indoor and outdoor pollution.

The main function was held at Community Hall, Beodnabad. Shri R. Parmashivam, Pradhan, Beodnabad was the chief guest on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, he emphasized on importance of prevention and management of Pneumonia at the earliest. He also appreciated the

work of ANM, ASHAs and Anganwadi workers.

On this occasion, an orientation on SAANS Campaign for health providers and caregivers at Community Level was given by Dr. S. Sunil Kumar, Chief Medical Officer (NFSG). He said that Childhood Pneumonia continues to be one of the main causes of child deaths in the country, contributing to 14% of Under-5 Mortality Rate (U5MR). In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, early identification and management of Pneumonia in children has assumed much greater significance for reducing child mortality and morbidity.

Dr. Suja Antony, Deputy Director (Family Welfare) said that SAANS Campaign will ensure health system strengthening and community awareness

towards childhood pneumonia. The SAANS campaign will carry the tagline 'Pneumonia nahi, toh bachpan sahi' which clearly establishes the positive impact of a Pneumonia Free Childhood.

Shri R. Elavarasan, PRI Member, Smti. Pachamma, Panchayat Samiti Member and Smti. Pratima Rai, Mukhiya Sevika, ICDS Urban Project, Medical Officers, Health Educators, PHN, CHOs, ANMs, Male Health Workers, ASHAs, AWWs were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, Dr. Shweta, Medical Officer (Homeo), Programme in-charge SAANS welcomed the gathering and Dr. Snehdha Biswas, Medical Officer, PHC Garacharama proposed the vote of thanks.