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Chief Secretary directs Labour Department to start verification & registration of migrant labourers at Veer Savarkar International Airport & Harbours
Last warning to all principal employers to pay cess, this is not an option
Chief Secretary notes that Village Register System has fallen into disuse; for safety & security of the Islands, islanders must verify all tenants & workers

Port Blair, April 27 : Under the guidance of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain, for the safety and security of the Islands, the Labour Department has started registering all the Migrant Workers arriving in the Islands. A Help Desk by the Department in this context has been set up at Veer Savarkar International Airport and Harbours in order to verify the workers arriving in the Islands. With the commencement of the process, more than 150 workers have been verified and registered in three days time. The entire process is being carried out by the Labour Department in collaboration with the DC Office and Police Department.

The A&N Islands are witnessing huge developmental projects and sufficient local labour force is not available in the Islands. Under such situation, the labour force has to come from rest of India for taking up the developmental works. With an aim to secure the Islands while getting labourers, it is important to register & verify each workers and tenants. The Islanders are requested to be cautious while engaging any unverified tenant or workers in their Residences or Establishment. This is very important for the future of the Islands, which is going to be the centre of growth in South East Asia.

In this regard, the first exercise of verification and registration has been started on April 23, 2022. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration noted that the Village Register System of 1999 has fallen into complete disuse. The aim is not to restrict outsider, but the aim is to regulate, reorganise, re-orient them and at the same time labourers shall be getting various benefits under Labour Acts. Benefits of Registration & Skill Development will be honed



through continuous training and will be extended welfare schemes of the Department. A lot of effort in this regard has been done by Shri Hari Kallikkat, Secretary (Labour) and Shri R.L. Rishi, Labour Commissioner with the help of Police Personnel and the Airport Authority of India. The ITF Ground will be presently used for this purpose until a new building has been set up for this purpose. On an average 50-100 migrant Labourers are arriving in the Islands every day.

The Principal Employers/ Contractors whether in civil or defence must act responsibly and shall keep a vigil on every workers. It is seen that since 2004, people before elections come through contractors and post completion of work, these workers are dumped and the

workers stay back in the lookout for other jobs. These workers have Aadhaar and other ID proofs from various parts of Bengal and this being a serious issue, all Islanders shall co-operate, co-ordinate in verifying every workers and every tenant which is compulsory and not a choice.

Meanwhile, a meeting has been convened by the Labour Department with all Principal Employers/Construction agencies wherein it was directed that all Principal Employers including those in Central Sphere as well as Defence Establishments must remit Cess deducted on time to Labour Department, A&N Administration, failing which, Penalty Provision as laid down under Section 12 of Building &

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Towards enabling further growth of Tourism in A&N Islands

Interactive meet with stakeholders held; briefed about intent of EOIs to be floated by Tourism Department

Port Blair, April 23 : The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain has recently directed the Tourism Department to issue Expression of Interests (EOIs) for events and activities related to development and promotion of Tourism in A&N Islands. In line with this, Tourism stakeholders were briefed about the EOIs during a meeting held by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka and Special Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat today with the representatives of ACCI, Hotel Association, Shipping Association and other stakeholders.

During the interaction, the representatives of Associations provided valuable suggestions for boosting tourism in Isles. In the meeting, it was also decided that all ships and big hotels shall promote music, especially live music for the entertainment of the tourists as well as promotion of tourism. The EOIs intend to attract new ideas into the Tourism Industry, investment etc. besides finding out market interests for new activities and events as well as locations to conduct them in the Islands.

Tourism is already a major source of employment for the Islanders and this Eoi is expected

to attract private investment in tourism sector and create new job opportunities for the Islanders. The Eoi for Tourism related events & activities will be a game changer in the development of tourism facilities as it would open up new venues for tourism like sky dinning, submersible scooters, bungee jumping etc. and new events to enhance tourism engagement and night life in the Islands. The transparent bidding process would allow new activities at fair prices, propelling Andamans among the most prominent Island destinations across the globe.

National apprenticeship mela conducted at government ITI, Dollygunj more than 300 apprenticeship jobs provided on spot

Port Blair, April 27 : The Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI), A&N Administration, Dollygunj in association with the Director General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), GoI has organized a day long National Apprenticeship Mela on 26.04.2022 wherein Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Secretary (Labour, Employment & Training) was Chief Guest, while Shri B.V.S Seshacharya, Director, Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RSDE), MSDE, GoI, Chennai was Guest of Honor. More than 47 establishments of Govt/Pvt sector as well as 1500 aspirational candidates were present. A total of around 300 apprenticeship opportunities made available during the mela. Once participated establishments are onboarded on apprenticeship India portal more apprenticeship opportunities to be made available for interested aspirants of these Islands. The entire events of the program hosted at ITI, Dollygunj was live streamed to the ITI, Arong, Car Nicobar and VTI, Bakuntala, Rangat.

The Chief Guest Shri Hari Kallikkat IAS Secretary (Labour, Employment and Training) while addressing the gathering mentioned that the sole objective of this National Apprenticeship Mela is to support engaging apprentices and assist employers in tapping the right talent and develop it further with training and providing practical skillsets. He expounded that the National Policy of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship recognizes apprenticeship as a means to provide gainful employment to a

Member of Parliament demands to resume daily ships to Hutbay from Port Blair and to schedule connecting ship to Car Nicobar via Hutbay, once in 10 days

Port Blair, April 27 : The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to resume daily ships for Hut Bay and to schedule a connecting ship to Car Nicobar via Hut Bay once in every 10 days.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that during COVID-19 pandemic the Andaman and Nicobar Administration had restricted the movement of ships to Little Andaman and other Islands to contain the spread of COVID-19 virus.

He added that before COVID-19 pandemic, everyday ships for Little Andaman Island were scheduled but later due



skilled work force with adequate compensation. He spell-out that this program shall cater to fill the gap in supply and demand for a skilled workforce and meet the aspirations of the unemployed youth through gaining on-the-job training and securing better opportunities for employment. He appealed the participants to derive every possible benefit out of this programme.

The Guest of Honor Shri B.V.S Seshacharya, Director, Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (RSDE), MSDE, GoI, highlighted the role of Regional Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship over the implementation National Apprenticeship Training Scheme

and also briefed about the various trades available to undergone apprenticeship training and its eligibility criteria.

On this occasion, the Principal ITI/ Deputy Apprenticeship Advisor made Power Point Presentation and dwelt at length over implementation of National Apprenticeship Scheme as well as various skill development programs being implemented by the Govt. ITIs in these Islands. At the end of the National Apprenticeship Mela 2022, altogether 1500 aspirational unemployed youth were registered on GoI's Portal as prospective candidates to undergone apprenticeship training for their gainful employment.

to COVID-19 the frequency was reduced drastically. Now when the COVID-19 cases are negligible in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and almost restrictions have been withdrawn, the Member of Parliament requested the Chief Secretary to resume daily connectivity of passenger ships/boats as it was scheduled before COVID-19 pandemic, so that people can easily travel between Port Blair and Little Andaman for treatment, education, business and needs.

He also requested to schedule one ship to Car Nicobar via Hut Bay atleast once in 10 days as due to the non-availability of ships for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay, a lot of people from Nicobari Community are unable to visit

Car Nicobar to meet their family members and relatives during family functions/ rituals as well as festivals. He pointed out that ships to Car Nicobar via Hut Bay, once in 10 days, are required to supply fresh vegetables, fish and meat from Little Andaman to Car Nicobar Island, where a large number of tribal population and government servants and their families reside.

He added that such connecting ships will also open up business opportunities for poor farmers and other small business owners of Little Andaman, who have already suffered heavy financial loss during this pandemic time and also this will reduce prices of vegetables, fish and meat at Car Nicobar Island.



संपदकीय

बढ़ते तापमान और आग की घटना पर पीएम मोदी की सख्त चेतावनी, राज्यों से अलर्ट रहने को कहा

PM Modi on Fire eruption in India: देश के कई राज्यों से आग लगने की घटना पर चिंता व्यक्त करते प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने सख्त नाराजगी जताई है। उन्होंने राज्यों से कहा कि इस मौसम में विशेष सतर्कता बरतने की जरूरत है। उन्होंने कहा कि अस्पतालों में विशेष तौर आग से संबंधित सुरक्षा मानकों ऑडिट कराएं। नई दिल्ली। देश में भीषण गर्मी पड़ रही है। तापमान हर दिन नए-नए रिकॉर्ड बना रहा है। बढ़ते तापमान की वजह से देश के कई हिस्सों में आग लगने की घटना सामने आ रही है। जंगलों में भी आग लग रही है। इन सब घटनाओं पर प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी (चंड छंतमदकतं डवकप) ने सख्त नाराजगी जताई है। उन्होंने राज्यों से यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कहा है कि बढ़ते तापमान के कारण किसी भी राज्य में आग लगने की घटना सामने न आए। एचटी की खबर के मुताबिक प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कोविड-19 पर राज्यों के मुख्यमंत्रियों की बुलाई गई समीक्षा बैठक में यह बात कही है।

अस्पतालों में आग सुरक्षा मानकों का ऑडिट कराएं सरकार प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने राज्यों को अगाह किया है कि राज्य सरकार आग लगने की घटना को प्राथमिकता के आधार पर ले और खासकर अस्पतालों में आग से संबंधित सुरक्षा मानकों का अबिलंब ऑडिट करें। दरअसल, तमिलनाडु में एक अस्पताल में आग लग गई थी जिससे प्रधानमंत्री काफी चिंतित दिख रहे थे। इतना ही नहीं देश के कई हिस्सों में आग लगने की घटना पिछले कुछ दिनों में सामने आई है। दिल्ली के लैंडफिल में कई बार आग लगने की घटना सामने आई है। इसके अलावा कचरे के ढेर, जंगल और स्कूल में भी आग लगी है। पिछले सप्ताह हरियाणा के मानेसर में एक झुग्गी में आग लग गई थी जिसमें भारी जान माल के नुकसान की खबर है। इस घटना में एक व्यक्ति की मौत भी हो गई थी। मौसम विज्ञान विभाग ने दिल्ली सहित उत्तर पूर्व मध्य और पूर्वी भारत में हीटवेव की आशंका व्यक्त की है। इसमें बच्चों और बुजुर्गों के स्वास्थ्य को लेकर भी चेतावनी दी गई है।

जंगलों में आग लगने की 500 घटनाएं

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कहा, तापमान बहुत तेजी से बढ़ रहा है। यह समय से पहले से ही बढ़ने लगा है। इस समय में देश के कई हिस्सों में, जंगलों में, महत्वपूर्ण बिल्डिंगों में यहां तक कि अस्पतालों में भी आग लगने के मामले सामने आए हैं। इस पर विशेष ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है। आज ही चेन्नई में एक बड़े अस्पताल में आग लग गई है जिसमें 33 मरीजों को अन्य अस्पतालों में शिफ्ट करना पड़ा है। उत्तर प्रदेश की एक केमिकल फैक्टरी में भी आग लग गई थी। 1 अप्रैल तक हिमाचल प्रदेश के जंगलों में करीब 500 आग लगने की घटना सामने आई है। इसमें 3575 हेक्टेयर जमीन पर लगी जंगल के नष्ट होने का अनुमान है। इसमें 92 लाख रुपये की क्षति का अनुमान है।

Member of Parliament demands proper arrangements to bring all teachers to Port Blair after summer vacation by providing special ships and buses

Port Blair, April 27 : The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to make necessary arrangements to bring all teachers to Port Blair/place of residence after Summer Vacation by providing special ships for Little Andaman and Southern Group of Islands and by providing special buses for North and Middle Andaman region.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the Summer Vacation is going to start from 2nd May 2022 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. During the

COVID-19 pandemic the teachers' community worked really hard in various parts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and in some cases during summer vacations 2020 and 2021 a large number of teachers could not leave their respective station and worked with concerned District Administration in COVID-19 duty.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that a large number of teachers were placed in door to door survey, surveillance duty, control room duty etc during summer vacation.

He added that now when COVID-19 cases are under control, after two long years, this

year, these hard working teachers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands are hoping to avail the Summer Vacation and visit Mainland India with family for tour, treatment, admission of their kids and other purposes.

He pointed out that a large number of teachers are serving people in various remote Islands of this Union Territory and hence he requested the Chief Secretary to make necessary arrangements to bring all teachers to Port Blair after 2nd May 2022 by providing special ships for Little Andaman and Southern Group of Islands and by providing special buses for North and Middle Andaman region.

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Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996 shall be invoked which provides for imprisonment which may extend upto 06 months or fine of Rs. 1000/- or with both.

The Principal Employer is also responsible for obtaining necessary Registration and Licenses under Inter State Migrant Workers Act, 1979 wherever applicable. The Section 6 of Inter State Migrant Workers Act, 1979 stipulates that "No Principal employer of

establishment to which this Act applies shall employ Inter-State Migrant Workmen in the establishment unless a certificate of registration in respect of such establishment issued under this Act is in force".

In case of non-compliance, the penalty provision under Sec-25 of Inter State Migrant Workers Act, 1979 which provides for imprisonment of 01 (one) year or fine of Rs. 1000/- or with both shall be invoked against Principal Employer.

It was directed that all Principal Employers/Contractors should obtain necessary registration and licenses under respective labour laws in order to ensure welfare and safety of migrant worker and also register their workers with Labour Deptt., A&N Administration. All Principal Employers have been asked to submit details of all ongoing works including details of workers engaged for the purpose before the Labour Commissioner, A&N Islands.

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AATO participates in Apprenticeship Mela



Andaman Association of Tour Operators participated in the Apprenticeship Mela conducted by Department of Labour, Employment and training at ITI Dollygunj today.

The event was a part of national Apprenticeship Mela under the tag line Kaushal Bharat, Sashakt Bharat conducted nationwide by Ministry of Skill development and entrepreneurship.

Speaking on the occasion, Chief Guest Shri.Hari Kallikat, IAS,

Secretary Labour, Employment and training motivated the trainees with his personal experience and urged the stakeholders to engage local apprentice trainees. Regional Director, of Director General of Training Shri.B.V.S.Sesha Chari & Deputy Director Smt.D.Subhashree briefed the students and the employers about the skill development initiatives of Govt. of India.Apprenticeship training is one of the most

sustainable model of skill acquisition & earning while learning for the youth.

Shri.M.Vinod, President of AATO interacted with the participants and stakeholders and also requested Principal ITI, Dollygunj Shri.Venkatesh to start more courses related to tourism and marine operations.

Shri.Venkatesh assured to induct new tourism and marine related courses from the next academic year.

ROAD SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAMME CONDUCTED AT ANCOL



In order to spread Road Safety awareness among the college students, a road safety awareness programme was conducted on 21.04.2022 at ANCOL by A&N Traffic Police. The College Principal, faculties and about 300 students participated in the programme. While addressing the students, Shri. Abhishek Gupta, DANIPS, Dy. SP (Traffic) expressed serious concern over the rising cases of Drunken Driving in the city. He also emphasized the ill effects of

Drunken Driving and its financial and psychological effects on the entire family in the event of a major accident and appealed to obey traffic rules. Later, SI M. Saravanan of Traffic Branch threw light on the need and importance of various road safety measures such as wearing helmet, fastening seat belts, avoiding Overspeeding, usage of mobile phone while driving, avoiding careless overtaking, giving way to emergency vehicles etc.

Further, they were encouraged to report traffic violations by sending clear photograph/short videos of violation containing clear registration no. of vehicle with date, time and place of offence on the official Whatsapp No. 9531892228 or share through the twitter handle @ANTrafficPolice or on the 24x7 Traffic Control Room Number 03192-243812 for prompt action against the violators.

Water Sports Operators, Boat Association and Tour Operators briefed about EOI to be floated by Tourism Department

Port Blair, April 27 : The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain has recently directed the Tourism Department to issue Expression of Interests (EOIs) for events and activities related to development and promotion of Tourism in A&N Islands. In line with this initiative, the Directorate of Tourism held a meeting with representatives of Water Sports Operators, Boat

Association and Tour Operators to brief them about the EOI to be floated by the Department was held under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat. The Director, IP&T, Shri Alok Kumar also attended the meeting.

During the interaction, the representatives of Associations provided valuable suggestions for boosting tourism in Isles. The

EOIs intend to attract new ideas into the Tourism Industry, investment etc. besides finding out market interests for new activities and events as well as locations to conduct them in the Islands. The initiative to float EOI for Tourism related events & activities will play a catalytic role in the development of tourism facilities as it would open up new avenues in tourism sector.

Member of Parliament demands to establish a Fisheries College of International Standard in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to establish a Fisheries College of International Standard in Andaman and Nicobar Islands so that more and more youths of Andaman and Nicobar Islands get benefitted from fisheries.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that Andaman and Nicobar Islands are situated right at the middle of Bay of Bengal, which is a gold mine for fisheries but unfortunately we are unable to tap the immense potential of fisheries till date, mostly because of lack of trained manpower and

technical expertise.

He said that there is an urgent need to establish a Fisheries College of International Standard in Andaman and Nicobar Islands so that Island youths as well as researchers from India and neighboring countries can get a professional degree from Andaman and also get themselves trained in the field of Fisheries and earn from Local as well as International Market.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that as per a rough estimate there is about 1.47 Lakh MT tonnes of fishes available in Andaman and Nicobar Sea but we are able to fish only 32,000 MT of fishes annually and once a Fisheries College is established the trained man power will be able to understand how to carry out

deep sea fishing professionally from Andaman and Nicobar Sea, where to market Andaman Fishes and how to export Fishes to other countries.

He added that Fish export is a multi-million dollar business in International level and Andaman and Nicobar Islands being situated close to South East Countries, there is a huge potential for Fisheries related business in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and these Islands will surely earn huge revenue from this.

He mentioned that once the International connectivity between Port Blair and South East Countries is established the Fisheries can become a major export business for Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

No.TN-1/DB/CD-II/PP/2022-23/655 DATED: 25/04/2022

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No.II, APWD, Prothrapur invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from the approved and eligible experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD and Non APWD Contractors having experience in executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations working in these Islands of appropriate class of enlistment in the respective departments.

NIT No.18/EE/CD-II/2021-22

Name of Work:- Development of Parking space for Shopping Complex at Chakkargaon under AE, SD-IV, CD-II APWD Prothrapur. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.17,86,725.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs.35,735.00, **Period of Completion:** 03 (Three) Months. **Tender ID:** 2022_APWD_5757_1.

NIT No.19/EE/CD-II/2021-22

Name of Work:- Repair and Maintenance of Type-IV-2/7 for Ceiling, Sanitary fitting, Staging for Tank, Water Supply & Painting etc. at Chakkargaon under, Sub Division No. IV, APWD, Prothrapur. **Estimated Cost:** Rs.19,50,917.00 **Earnest Money:** Rs.39,018.00, **Period of Completion:** 01 (One) Month. **Tender ID:** 2022_APWD_5758_1.

Bid Document Publishing Date : 26/04/2022 (1600 hrs)
Bid Document Download/Start Date: 26/04/2022 (1600 hrs)
Bid Submission Start Date : 26/04/2022 (1600 hrs)
Bid Submission Closing Date : 12/05/2022 (1000 hrs)
Bid Opening Date : 12/05/2022 (1030 hrs)

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

Executive Engineer,
Construction Division No.II
APWD, Prothrapur

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Tender ID: 2020_APWD_384_1

e-TENDER CUM AUCTION NOTICE

e-Tender cum auction notice of A & N Fire Service vehicles and pumps bearing Regn. No. AN01 A 0087 (Water Tender, Tata 1612), AN01 A 0082 (Trailer Pump, Minimax), and Portable Pump, VJ-23(Vijay Sabre) vide e-tender Notice No.4-131/2006-CFO/34 dated 19/4/2022 are invited from the general public. The opening of e-tender cum auction will be held at Fire Service (HQ), Port Blair on 24/05/2022 at 1000hrs. Details of e-tender cum auction notice with terms & conditions can be downloaded from e-procurement website i.e. www.eprocure.andaman.gov.in. The last date of receipt of e-tenders cum auction is on 24/05/2022 at 0900hrs.

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Dy. Superintendent of Police (Fire Service)
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE VISITS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COMMAND



PORT BLAIR 26 APR 22 : The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence (SCOD) comprising of 13 Members of Parliament and three IAS Officers led by Shri Jai Oram, MP (LS), Hon'ble Chairman of the Standing Committee arrived on 23 Apr 2022 on a two day visit to Andaman & Nicobar Command.

Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander - in - Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command (CINCAN) briefed the committee members on the role, significance and challenges to India's only joint services command, which has matured over 20 years since its creation on 08 Oct 2001. CINCAN during his briefing highlighted the Geo-strategic potential of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and

the role they can play towards enhancing India's influence and support to military operations in their area. It was highlighted that towards realising the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR), Andaman and Nicobar Command has played a significant role in giving teeth to the Governments stated Act East Policy by building "Bridges of Friendship" with our maritime neighbours.

Post the briefing by CINCAN, the committee was taken to the state of the art Joint Operations Centre (JOC) which is the nerve centre for integrated planning for surveillance, conduct of operations, logistic support and peace & war time activities. At JOC the latest technology in

communication and data fusion is leveraged to present a cohesive and integrated operational picture to the Commanders of Andaman and Nicobar Command thereby, assisting them in dynamic decision making.

Later in the evening the members of SCOD visited Brichgunj Military Station and interacted with Senior Officers of HQANC and the Component Commanders. They were apprised about the role of various components of Andaman & Nicobar Command and challenges being faced by them. The SCOD team will be further familiarised on 24 Apr 22 with operational capabilities of Andaman and Nicobar Command. They will also be visiting multiple defence facilities.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE VISITS DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COMMAND



PORT BLAIR 27 APR 22 : During the second day of their two day visit to the Andaman & Nicobar Command, on 24 Apr 2022, the Standing Committee on Defence (SCOD) visited various defence facilities.

In the morning, the SCOD visited Birchgunj Military Station and witnessed a Jungle Survival Demonstration. The

Hon'ble members were introduced to various survival and adaptability techniques important for Jungle warfare. Highlights of the demonstration included techniques of preparing traps and shelters, the art of identification of edible plants and fruits, collection and storage of potable water, handling of poisonous snakes and other reptiles in the jungle and

various improvised cooking techniques. The demonstration was greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Later in the afternoon, the SCOD visited Floating Dock Navy-2 (FDN-2), which is a unique and strategic docking asset of Andaman and Nicobar Command. The committee was apprised about the capabilities of

FDN-2, which has emerged as a work horse in the field of ship repairs. A lunch was also hosted by the Commander - in - Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command in the honour of the SCOD members.

During evening, the Committee visited the historic NSCB Dweep under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command. The Dweep was the

erstwhile capital of British penal settlement and is steeped in colonial history. The Island has also stood as a silent sentinel over the years and continues to guard the seaward approaches to Port Blair harbour.

PRESS NOTE

It is brought to the notice of the general consumers and government departments that power supply will remain suspended at the following area on **28.04.2022 (Wednesday) from 0630 Hrs. to 1100 Hrs.** in connection removing of Aerial Bunched high tension power cable at Naushad Colony, Bhatu Basti.

Date	Area affected	Timing	
		From	To
28.04.2022 (Wednesday)	Agency House, Garacharama complete, 5 MW Solar Power Plant area, Bhatu Basti complete, Laxmi Motor Area, Pathergudda, Satellite colony, New Pahargaon, Sippighat, Teylarabad, Bimblitan, Manjeri, Guptapara, Manglutan, Wandoor, Chouldari Tushnabad, Port Mount, Tirur, Templemyo, Ograbranj, part of Sippighat, Chouldari Lal Pahar, Tsunami Shelter, Mithakhari, Namunaghar, Dunduspoint & Hathi Tappu	0630 Hrs.	1100 Hrs.

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

The inconvenience caused is regretted.

Executive Engineer(HQ)