

एंबुलेंस ड्राइवर हुआ लापता

काली घाट । 8 फरवरी को दोपहर 12 बजे डीगली पूर स्थित प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र काली घाट से एक मरीज को लेकर एंबुलेंस सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र डीगली पूर पहुंचा । काफी देर हो जाने के बाद भी जब यह एंबुलेंस वापस प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र काली घाट नहीं पहुंचा तो इस अस्पताल के मेडिकल आफिसर ने एंबुलेंस के ड्राइवर को उनके मोबाईल में नंबर लगाया मगर इस ड्राइवर का मोबाईल स्वीच आफ बता रहा था ।

जब इस गंभीर मामले की छान-बीन किया गया तो पता चला की एंबुलेंस ड्राइवर नशे की हालत में एंबुलेंस को डीगली पूर सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र में छोड़ कर नौ दो ग्यारह हो गया है ।

स्थिति की गंभीरता को देखते हुए तुरंत ही ड्राइवर की खोज खबर लिया गया और जांच के बाद पता चला की ड्राइवर शराब के नशे में धुत है ।

प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र काली घाट के लोग तथा यहां तैनात डाक्टर इस बात को लेकर परेशान थे की आपातकालीन स्थिति में किसी मरीज को कैसे डीगली पूर सामुदायिक स्वास्थ्य केन्द्र भेजा जाएगा ।

एक एंबुलेंस ड्राइवर के द्वारा शराब के नशे में इतनी बड़ी लापरवाही करते हुए मरीजों के जान के साथ खिलवाड़ करना एक बेहद ही गंभीर मामला है इसलिए तत्काल प्रभाव से इस एंबुलेंस ड्राइवर को नौकरी से बरखास्त कर दिया जाना चाहिए ।

AATO express gratitude for restarting tourism activities in Andaman

Andaman Association of Tour Operators has expressed sincere gratitude to PM Shri.Narendra Modi Ji, Shri G.Kishen Reddy ji, Honble Union Minister for Tourism, Art and Culture, Govt. of India , Chief Secretary A&N Administration, BJP National Secretary Shri.Y Satya Kumar Ji, and all tourism stakeholders for their effort and support in resuming tourism in Andaman Islands.

AATO President Shri.M.Vinod in a sigh of relief said, Tourism is the

backbone of our islands and in the last 02 years the industry has suffered a huge setback due to COVID. Now that COVID situation is under control, it is the right time to resume tourism operations.

Earlier an AATO delegation had met Chief Secretary Shri.Jitendra Narain and requested for opening of tourist spots. Administration agreed on opening of tourists spots gradually. Now that all tourism activities have been permitted, Shri.M.Vinod has

expressed sincere gratitude to Chief Secretary Shri.Jitendra Narain for all his efforts. A joint delegation of tourism stakeholders had also met Shri.Y.Satya Kumar Ji, National Secretary and Prabhari of A&N Islands on Sunday.

Shri.M.Vinod reiterated that the safety of islanders and tourists is of utmost importance and advised all tourism stakeholders to strictly follow COVID appropriate behaviour as tourism resumes in these islands.

Election Commission should be made ready for the smooth conduct of the polling for the Panchayat & Municipal Elections



The Director, Panchayat & Municipal Elections Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS alongwith the ADM (SA), SDM(SA), AC(S), Returning Officers, Tehsildar Port Blair, Asst. Returning Officer and officials from the line departments made random visit to the polling stations in around Port Blair to review the 'Assured Minimum Facilities' (AMFs) in the polling stations in connection with the

ensuing Panchayat & Municipal Elections. During the visit the Director (P&ME) issued instructions to the concerned officials of the line departments to ensure that the AMFs such as Signage, Help Desk, Ramp, Toilets, Drinking Water, Separate Entry and Exit, Lighting, and Furniture as specified by the Election Commission should be made

ready for the smooth conduct of the polling for the Panchayat & Municipal Elections. He further directed the Returning Officers of the concerned Polling Stations to monitor and ensure with the line departments that the AMFs are ready by the polling day for the smooth conduct of polls for the ensuing Panchayat & Municipal Elections.

बार-बार बिजली कटौती से लोग परेशान

पोर्टब्लेयर । इन दिनों दक्षिण अंडमान के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में बार-बार बिजली कटौती से लोग परेशान हैं तथा कई लोगों की इलेक्ट्रॉनिक की सामान जैसे टीवी फ्रीज कंप्यूटर आदि चीजे खराब हो गई हैं ।

लोगों का कहना है की बार-बार बिजली कटौती की वजह से उन्हें बेवजह परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है तथा उनकी इलेक्ट्रॉनिक की चीजे खराब हो जाने की वजह से उन पर उन्हें मरम्मत कराने के लिए अतिरिक्त बोझ आ गया है वैसे भी लगातार लॉक डाउन की वजह से गरीबी में आटा गीला है ।

दक्षिण अंडमान के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले लोगों का कहना है की विद्युत विभाग में बार-बार शिकायत करने के बावजूद कोई सुनने वाला नहीं है और ऐसा प्रतीत हो रहा है की मानो विद्युत विभाग के कर्मचारी एवं आधिकारी कान में रुई डाल कर कुंभकरण की नींद सो रहे हैं ।

आम लोगों का कहना है की क्या विद्युत विभाग की लापरवाही की चलते बार-बार विद्युत कटौती के कारण उनके इलेक्ट्रॉनिक सामानों को जो नुकसान पहुंचा है उसकी भरपाई के लिए विद्युत विभाग मुआवजा देगा या फिर बिजली का बिल अदा करने में छूट प्रदान करेगा ।

Training imparted to Sector Officers & MCC teams Briefed about their role & responsibilities for smooth conduct of Elections

As part of the ensuing Panchayat & Municipal Elections -2022, the Office of the Director (Panchayat and Municipal Elections) today organised a training programme for the Sector Officers & Model Code of Conduct (MCC) teams at the DBRAIT auditorium.

Addressing the trainees on the occasion, the DPME, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS reiterated that the Sector Officers play a vital role in the management of elections and is responsible for multifarious aspects of election management from the day of their appointment till the completion of the poll process. He asked all the Sector Officers and the MCC teams to attend the briefing classes to acquaint themselves fully with the election procedures contained in the Election Rules so that the election is conducted in a free, fair and transparent manner.

He further stated that Sector officers as sector magistrates have to check the enforcement of MCC strictly which is already in place soon after the declaration of Elections. They should frequently visit and get familiar with the jurisdiction of sector and polling stations of their respective sectors. They should remain in close contact with supervisory police officers and report any situation of law and order to the District Magistrate. They should be present at the time of distribution and should be in constant touch

with the Returning Officers and keep extra polling materials with in vehicle on the day of poll.

They should report when all polling parties along with polling materials reach their polling stations under their jurisdiction. The responsibility of the Sector Officer is enormous on the day of Poll, they have to assist the Presiding Officers in the Polling Stations so that the voting starts in time and continues without any hiccups, intimate commencement of poll and submit two hourly report promptly including the close of poll.

They have to also escort and transport the polled boxes and polling materials to the collection centres. Further the Sector Officers should be present at the collection centre after end of poll to ensure all the Presiding/Polling Officers have deposited polled materials in the collection centre. On the day of counting, they should ensure that the polled materials are shifted to the counting centre under proper security well in time before commencement of counting and also keep a close watch on law and order situation after declaration of results.

The DPME also asked the Sector Officers of North & Middle Andaman to take the training seriously and acquaint themselves with the procedures so that they can train fellow election officials of their respective areas without any difficulty. The DPME also directed the MCC teams to be

strict on the violators of Model Code of Conduct.

Earlier, the Nodal Officer, Training & Vehicle, Dr. Aom Dhole welcomed the DPME and the trainees present.

Shri Som Naidu, DANICS (Retd) as the resource person briefed about the roles and responsibilities of Sector Officers pertaining to conduct of elections in the UTs.

The Sector Officers & MCC teams from South Andaman, North and Middle Andaman District attended the training at DBRAIT while the Sector Officers of Campbell Bay joined the training through Google Meet.

Meanwhile, a training programme for the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) teams comprising civil and police officers was also held in the conference room of the DBRAIT today. The Nodal Officer, MCC, Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS enlightened the MCC team about their roles & responsibilities during the election. The Nodal Officer, Media, Shri Alok Kumar enlightened the trainees about video surveillance to check the expense of campaigning and to prepare a better report about violations, if any.

The Director, Panchayat & Municipal Elections sought the cooperation and active involvement of all officials involved in the election process in conduct of a smooth, free and fair elections in the Islands.

CRACKDOWN ON BOOTLEGGERS & ILLICIT HANDIA

South Andaman District Police is committed to zero tolerance policy against bootlegging and illicit handia. To ensure that bootleggers and illicit liquor sellers do not take advantage during this election period, a close vigil has been kept over the bootleggers and of late numerous raids have been conducted in various parts of this District.

In the last two weeks, as many

as 20 cases have been registered in South Andaman District effecting seizure of liquor that includes 121 bottles of IMFL (64.84 liters), 229 Kg of Handia and 02 vehicles (Scooty). Leaving no stone unturned, jungle searches are also being conducted to keep a check on illicit trade.

The tireless and sincere efforts of South Andaman District Police team succeeded in putting a hold

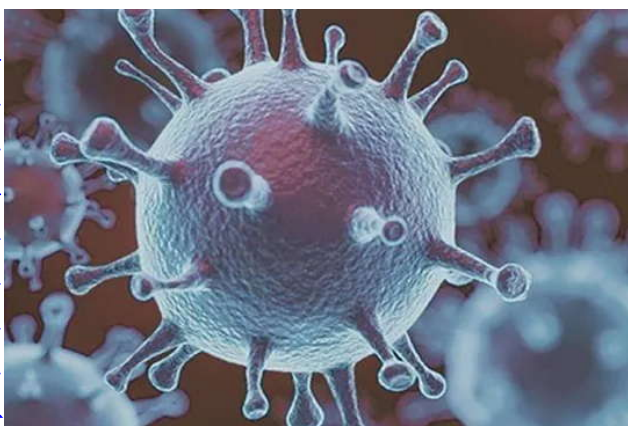
on illegal activities. This District is committed to take stern action against bootleggers & illicit liquor and has mounted strict surveillance for upcoming election. The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 100, 112 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.



संपदकीय

ओमिक्रॉन से कहीं ज्यादा तेजी से फैलने वाला हो सकता है कोरोना का अगला वेरिएंट: WHO

Coronavirus Omicron Variant: विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन की कोविड -19 तकनीकी प्रमुख मारिया वान केरखोव ने कहा, ओमिक्रॉन आखिरी वेरिएंट नहीं होगा. अगला वेरिएंट ऑफ कंसर्न ज्यादा फिट होगा, इससे हमारा मतलब है कि ये और अधिक



क तेजी से फैलने वाला होगा क्योंकि ये वर्तमान में फैल रहे वेरिएंट की जगह लेगा. बड़ा सवाल यह है कि भविष्य में आने वाले ये वेरिएंट ज्यादा गंभीर होंगे या नहीं.

नई दिल्ली. विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (World Health Organization) ने कहा है कि ओमिक्रॉन कोरोना वायरस (Coronavirus Omicron Variant) का आखिरी वेरिएंट ऑफ कंसर्न नहीं होगा. साथ ही संगठन ने यह भी कहा कि इस वायरस का अगला वेरिएंट और ज्यादा तेजी से फैलने वाला हो सकता है. संगठन ने कोविड प्रोटोकॉल का कड़ाई से पालन करने को लेकर चेतावनी भी दी है.

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टीकाकरण कराना जरूरी

डब्ल्यूएचओ ने ये भी कहा कि ऐसा भी हो सकता है कि आगे और ज्यादा इम्यून एस्केप देखने को मिले. यानी कि वायरस पर प्रतिरक्षा के किसी भी उपाय का असर न पड़े और नए वेरिएंट पर वैक्सीन का असर खत्म हो जाए. संगठन ने गंभीर बीमारी और मौतों से बचाने के लिए टीकाकरण पर जोर दिया. केरखोव ने कहा, "हम उस स्थिति में नहीं रहना चाहते हैं. इसलिए, हम यह सुनिश्चित करना चाहते हैं कि हम वायरस के प्रसार को कम करें." उन्होंने कहा, "हम उम्मीद करते हैं कि सही हस्तक्षेप के साथ, कोविड -19 का प्रसार कम होगा. लेकिन उनमें भी, ये उन लोगों को ज्यादा प्रभावित करेगा जो टीके से सुरक्षित नहीं हैं या जिनकी प्रतिरक्षा कम है." उन्होंने यह भी चेतावनी दी कि दुनिया संक्रमण बढ़ने के मौसमी पैटर्न देख सकती है, क्योंकि कोरोनावायरस श्वसन तंत्र को निशाना बनाता है.

Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, Feb. 8: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,05,553 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 22,893 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so

far stood at 7102.

A total of 2101 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands today. 1577 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 102 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 22 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 212.

385 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which, 3 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 3 beneficiaries was in the age group of 18-44 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 51.

139 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years.

SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT POLICE BUSTED GAMBLING DEN AND EFFECTS ARREST OF 05 PERSONS

The team of Police Station Humfrygunj has busted a gambling den and arrested 05 persons along with recovery of Rs. 35,230/- from the spot. Upon receipt of credible information regarding gambling at Sippighat, UP Tikrey, a Police team comprising SI Anik Das, SHOPS Humfrygunj along with HC/Bijoy Sarkar, HC/Abdul Basir, PC/Akbar Ali, PC/Sabraj Mohammed, PC/Aurangzeb Ahmed, PC/Rohan Lal and PC/Arjun Kumar raided in a gambling den on 04/02/2022 at Sippighat, UP Tikrey and arrested 05 persons involved in gambling of Rs. 35,230/- and a deck of

playing cards was also recovered from the possession of offenders identified as 1) N Ramakrishna S/o- Late Naveenethan Krishna (36) yrs, private driver R/o Garacharma near Kali Mandir 2) K Kalai Selvam S/o Late Karuppaiah (28) yrs, private driver, R/o Bhatubasti near check post 3) Wajeed Hussain S/o Anwar Hussain (30) yrs, private worker R/o Garacharma near TTI college 4) Chithiravelu Ganeshan S/o Late Ganeshan (35) yrs, Private painter R/o Brichgunj near Laxmi hotel 5) Rajesh S/o Shri Man Bahadur (28) yrs, private cook R/o Nayagaon near Aeris Bar.

The South Andaman District Police is committed to eradicate all anti-social activities from the society and the team of Police Station Humfrygunj has once again proved its commitment in this direction.

The entire operation was conducted under the supervision of SDPO Bambooflat Shri Saurabh Chandra, DANIPS. General public is hereby requested to pass credible information regarding any anti-social activities noticed in their locality. Identity of the informer will be kept secret.

COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Feb. 8: During the RT-PCR test conducted on 159 passengers who arrived here yesterday, 3 positive cases have been detected. Today, 7 flights with 876 passengers arrived, out of which, 738 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 134 passengers (10 foreign

travellers) and the reports are awaited. During RAT conducted on 44 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, test was conducted on 39 passengers, one positive cases have been detected. At Phoenix

Bay Jetty, 31 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. RTPCR test was conducted on one crew member of MV Bambooka, report of which is awaited. At Helipad, test was conducted on 8 passengers, no positive case has been detected.

ORDER NO.127

WHEREAS, several specific orders were issued by the District Administration, South Andaman from time to time to ensure compliance of the Containment Measures for COVID-19.

AND WHEREAS, the Union Home Secretary and Chairperson, National Executive Committee (NEC), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India vide No.40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th January 2022 has directed that the Order of Ministry of Home Affairs of even number dated 27th December 2021 to ensure compliance to the normative frame work for taking evidence based COVID-19 containment measures at district/local level as conveyed vide Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Govt. of India D.O.No.Z.28015/318/21-EMR dated 21st December 2021, will remain in force upto 28th February 2022.

AND WHEREAS, in view of the current COVID wave, led by the new variant, "OMICRON" there has been a steady increase in the number of COVID cases, though a majority of the active cases are recovering fast and a lows of cases are in hospitals in different parts of the country, MoHFW vide D.O.No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 27th January 2022, has issued an advisory to all the States and Union Territories (UTs).

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 24 (1) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, the Chairperson, Union Territory Disaster Management Executive Committee for the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has ordered to ensure compliance of Containment measures for COVID-19 as well as increased detection of the Variant of Concern (VoC), "OMICRON" in different parts of this Union Territory as per the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) dated 21st December 2021 for ensuring strict compliance prescribing a normative framework for taking evidence based containment measures at District/Local Level for the whole of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and shall remain in force till 28th February 2022.

AND WHEREAS, in order to ensure compliance to the containment measures of isolation and social distancing in the South Andaman District and with special emphasis on continued focus on the fivefold strategy, i.e., Test-Treat-Track-Vaccination and adherence to COVID appropriate behaviours, i.e., wearing of face masks and maintaining safe social distancing in all public areas/gatherings to control any surge of the cases of COVID-19-Variant of Concern (VoC), "OMICRON" and also to prevent any disturbance to the peace and tranquility and taking into consideration the request of the public representatives and general public, I, Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, District Magistrate, South Andaman District, in exercise of the powers vested in me U/s 144 of Cr.P.C., hereby orders the following in supersession to Order Nos. 05 dt. 03rd January 2022, No.30 dt. 10th January 2022 and 111 dt. 03rd February 2022:-

1. Night curfew enforced in the entire District of South Andaman is hereby withdrawn with immediate effect with no restrictions on movement of men and materials.
2. Social/Political/Sports/Entertainment/Academic/Cultural/Religious/Festivals related and other gathering and congregations shall be permitted with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. The parties concerned and management committee of the Hall/Hotel shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/-.
3. All religious places/places of worship shall be permitted for public worship with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc.. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. The Management Committee of the religious places shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/- payable by the Committee.
4. All Tourists spots in South Andaman District is permitted to open for tourism activities with immediate effect and strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc.. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. Any violations of the above by the operators of the tourism activities shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.20,000/-.
5. All Parks/Playgrounds/Stadiums/Gyms and yoga institutes shall be permitted with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Any person violating the above directions shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.1,000/-, whereas the organisation shall be fined to the tune of Rs.25,000/-.
6. Academic congregations shall be allowed with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. The Owner/Proprietor of the academic institutions/coaching centre shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance of the COVID appropriate behaviours and any violations in this regard shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/-.
7. Indoor/Outdoor Sports activities shall be allowed with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. The management of the indoor facility shall be responsible to ensure strict compliance and any violations of the directions shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/-.
8. Theatres shall be permitted to function with strict adherence of COVID appropriate behaviours like wearing of mask, social distancing, cough etiquettes etc. Provision of thermal scanning and use of hand wash and sanitizers will be mandatory. The owner of the theatre shall be liable for fine to the tune of Rs.25,000/- in case of any violations.

NOW THEREFORE, in view of the emergent circumstances, this order is being issued ex-parte and is addressed to the public in general. This order shall be promulgated in the South Andaman District by announcement through publicity vans and affixing of copies thereof at notice boards of the Office of the District Magistrate/Sub-Divisional Magistrates/Executive Magistrates as well as prominent public places and publication in the newspapers having circulation in the district. Further, the Superintendent of Police/Sub-Divisional Magistrate/Executive Magistrates and all authorities concerned shall ensure strict compliance of this order and shall adequately inform and sensitize the field functionaries to note that these restrictions fundamentally relate to movement of people, but not to that of essential services.

Any disobedience of the above orders shall invite penal action u/s 188 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the relevant provisions of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 against the violator(s) and fine shall also be imposed as per orders issued by this office from time to time.

This order shall come into immediate effect and shall remain in force till further orders. Given under my hand and seal of this Court on 08th February 2022.

Election Commission (UTs) extend facility of voting through postal ballot paper

Port Blair, Feb. 7 : The Election Commission (UTs) have extended the facility of voting through postal ballot paper to the categories of electors viz. Senior Citizens(above 80 years of age), Electors holding disability card who are not able to stand or walk without the help of an attendant, COVID-19 suspect or affected persons and Persons on Election Duty (Including Police personnel).

An absentee voter wishing to vote by postal ballot has to make application to the Returning Officer(RO) of the constituency/ward concerned, in Form-27, giving all requisite particulars. Such applications seeking postal ballot facility should reach the RO within 8 days following the date of notification of the Election. The Commission has laid down the following procedure/guidelines for facilitating voting through [postal ballot by the absentee voters belonging to PWD category (AVPD), absentee voters belonging to COVID-19 category (AVCO) and persons on election duty (including Police Personnel)(PED).

If at the time of election, any elector is hospitalised on account of COVID-19, in a hospital within the UT or is in Home/Institutional Quarantine on account of COVID-19 and hence not in a position to cast vote personally at the polling station as per medical advice and if such elector makes a request for issue of postal ballot, the RO concerned, on being satisfied about the genuineness of the application in terms of guidelines issued by the Commission in this regard, shall provide the postal

ballot to the elector. The RO shall make arrangement to deliver the postal ballot and to get the same collected back from the said elector before the date fixed for poll in the Constituency/ward. Applications for postal ballot paper from such electors (Form-27) should be accompanied by copy certificate/instructions from competent health authorities clearly showing that the applicant is hospitalised in the state or is in quarantine within the State (Home or Institutional) on account of COVID-19.

Separate teams of poll officers, comprising two officials shall visit the electors at the address mentioned in their application in Form-27 for facilitating their voting by postal ballot paper. The candidates shall be informed about the schedule of visit for the delivery and collection of postal ballots for this category. They may, if desired, depute their authorised representatives (including BLAs), with prior intimation to the Returning Officer, to watch the process. The visiting Polling Official shall ascertain the identity of the elector before issuing postal ballot paper.

Name of the elector and the document produced for identification shall also be entered in a register to be maintained for the purpose, and signature/thumb impression of the elector obtained therein. Further, a tick mark shall be placed against the name of the elector in the list of AVSC, AVPD, AVCO and PED to indicate that the person has voted. The counterfoil with the serial number and part number of elector duly filled up shall be

detached and kept in safe custody by the team.

While briefing the electors about the procedure of voting and formalities to be observed on their part, the Polling Official shall clearly explain the following points to them:-

" Making the declaration in Form-28A and getting it attested by the poll officer himself.

" Entering the serial number of postal ballot paper, both on Form 28 A and on the smaller envelope (Form 28B).

" Manner of marking vote, i.e. by placing either cross mark or tick mark against the name of the candidate of choice.

" Folding and placing the marked ballot in the smaller envelope and closing the envelope.

" Placing the declaration in Form-28A, duly filled, signed and attested along with closed envelope (Form-28B) containing the marked ballot paper inside the larger envelope (Form-28C), closing the larger envelope and handing over the same to the poll officer.

The Poll Officer is authorized to attest the declaration in Form-28A in the case of AVSC, AVPD, AVCO and PED. While attesting the declaration, the Poll Officer shall write his full name and also the designation 'Poll Officer'. In the case of a COVID affected person on treatment in Hospital, the Medical Officer attending to the person is also authorised to attest the declaration. After the vote is cast on postal ballot and the envelope in Form-28C is ready, the Poll Official will collect the same.

General Elections to Panchayat and Municipal Council

As part of the ensuing General Elections to Panchayat and Municipal Council, media briefing was held in the conference hall in the Office of Director (Panchayat and Municipal Election).

Addressing the media persons present on the occasion, the DPME, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS informed that the filing of nominations by the candidates is underway soon after the notification for Elections-2022 was issued. He said Political Parties and the contesting candidates should strictly adhere to the advisory issued by MHA, MOHFW, Govt. of India and UT Administration from time to time. Any lapse on this count will be viewed seriously, he said.

The DPME stated that number of persons to accompany candidate for submission of Nomination papers is restricted to two and the number of vehicles for the purposes of nomination is also restricted to two. For door-to-door Campaign, a group of 5 persons including the candidate, excluding security personnel, if any, is allowed to do door-to-door campaigning.

The DPME said no 'Road Shows' and Public Gatherings/ Rallies is allowed till further directions from the Commission. However, campaign convoy of maximum 3 vehicles (excluding security vehicles, if any) will be allowed subject to the condition that the convoys should keep moving and no public is allowed to gather around these convoys.

The DPME, A&N Islands warned that anybody violating instructions on COVID-19 measures will be liable to prosecuted as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable.

The DPME further stated that the Election Commission has laid down procedure/guidelines for facilitating voting through postal ballot by the absentee voters i.e. senior citizen category (AVSC), absentee voters belonging to PWD category (AVPD), absentee voters belonging to COVID 19 category (AVCO) and persons on Election Duty (including police personnel)(PED).

The DPME clarified that, if at the time of election, any elector is hospitalized on account of COVID-19, in a hospital within the UT or is in Home/Institutional Quarantine on account of COVID-19 and hence not in a position to cast vote personally at the polling station as per medical advice and, if such elector makes a request for issue of Postal Ballot, the RO concerned, on being satisfied about the genuineness of the application in terms of guidelines issued by the Commission in this regard, shall provide the postal ballot to the elector. The RO shall make arrangement to deliver the Postal Ballot and to get the same collected back from the said elector before the date fixed for

poll in the Constituency/Ward. The team of polling officials shall visit the electors at the address mentioned in their application in Form 27 for facilitating their voting by postal ballot paper. The electors will be intimated, in advance, about the date and approximate time of visit of poll officials.

If the elector is not present at the given address at the first visit, the team shall pay a second visit after leaving intimation about the time of second visit, If the elector is not present even at the second visit, no further visit or action is required in his/her case.

Separate team of poll officers to be constituted who shall visit the house of the electors for facilitating their votes by Postal Ballot Paper intimating the elector in advance about the visit. The team shall collect back the Postal Ballot Paper after casting of vote and shall hand over back to Returning Officers

The Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is already in force and Flying squad is moving around to check the MCC violations. The DPME, Islands said that Control Room with Ph. Nos 230178, 238881, 240127, toll free no.1077 is functioning round the clock, wherein violations of MCC, if any, can be reported immediately for taking necessary action against the violators. He also urged the media persons to report the violations of MCC, if they come across, in these phone numbers for taking strict action against the violators.

PRESS NOTE

It is brought to the notice of all concerned that the Election Commission (UTs) have issued the following guidelines to be adhered to during the process of filing Nominations and thereafter during the Election Process.

1. Political parties and the contesting candidates should strictly adhere to the advisory issued by MHA, MOHFW, Govt. of India and UT Administration from time to time.
2. Number of persons to accompany candidate for submission of Nominations papers is restricted to two (02)
3. Number of vehicles for the purposes of nomination is restricted to two (02)
4. Returning Officer shall staggered time in advance to prospective candidates.
5. The entry of the political party representatives who are residing in any containment zone, to any office is strictly prohibited till the containment zone is de-notified.
6. Door-to-Door Campaign- Subject to any other restriction(s) including extant COVID-19 guidelines, a group of 5 (five) persons including the candidate, excluding security personnel, if any, is allowed to do door-to-door campaigning.
7. Road Shows and Election Meetings - No Road Shows and public gatherings/rallies shall be allowed till further directions from the Commission. However, Campaign convoy of maximum 03 (three) vehicles (excluding security vehicles, if any) may be allowed subject to the condition that the convoys should keep moving and no public is allowed to gather around these convoys.
8. As far as possible virtual meetings may be arranged.
9. The political parties and candidates concerned should ensure that all COVID-19 related requirement like face masks, sanitizers, thermal scanning etc. are fulfilled during each of these activities.
10. Anybody showing COVID symptoms should be referred to the health authorities.
11. However, all the activities shall be governed by the instructions/guidelines/SoPS issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of India and the A&N Administration from time to time.
12. Non-compliance of Instructions- Anybody violating instructions on COVID-19 measures will be liable to proceeded against as per the provisions of Section 51 to 60 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, besides legal action under Section 188 of the IPC, and other legal provisions as applicable, as specified in Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 29th July, 2020 of Ministry of Home Affairs, District Election Officer should bring this to the notice of all concerned.

Officer In-charge (Elections)
For Director of Panchayat & Municipal Election

Vaccination- shield against the virus

Port Blair, Feb. 7 : The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 6,05,352 beneficiaries in the age group of 18 and above have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands. Similarly, 22,786 beneficiaries have been vaccinated in the age group of 15 to 18 years against the target beneficiaries of 23,000. The number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine so far stood at 6839.

A total of 1835 eligible beneficiaries were vaccinated in A&N Islands today. 1293 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which, 43 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 30 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 122.

396 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District, out of which,

5 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years, 1 beneficiary was in the age group of 18-44years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 50.

146 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District, out of which, 18 beneficiaries were in the age group of 15-18 years and the number of beneficiaries administered precautionary dose of vaccine stood at 13.

CONTROL ROOMS			
In view of smooth conduct of General Election to Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishad- 2022, Control Rooms have been setup in the District as well as in all Tehsils under N & M Andaman District. The Control Room will function round the clock (24x7).			
The details of Control Rooms are as under:-			
Sl. No.	District/Tehsil	Location of Control Room	Contact No(s).
1.	N & M Andaman	O/o Deputy Commissioner, N & M Andaman, Mayabunder	03192-273011 03192-262924
2.	Rangat	O/o the AERO/Tehsildar, Rangat	03192-275166
3.	Mayabunder	O/o the AERO/Tehsildar, Mayabunder	03192-273236
4.	Diglipur	O/o the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur	03192-272260
General public/political parties may contact above telephone numbers to ascertain any information/queries/grievances in connection with the General Election to Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities and Zilla Parishad- 2022.			

TENDER NOTICE	
No. MA/2(S)/17/24	Dt. 04/02/2022
The Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman on behalf of President of India invites sealed tenders from the Manufacturer/ Authorized Dealers/ Bonafide Govt. Suppliers and stockiest of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for the "Supply of Building Materials" for the use of Middle Andaman Division.	
The tender document with details of items and all stipulated terms & conditions of the quotation can be obtained from the website https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in vide tender ID No. 2022_DFOMA_5143_1 from 05/02/2022 to 28/02/2022 upto 11:00 AM and the same shall be opened on 28/02/2022 @ 11:30 AM in presence of the tenderers, if any in the Divisional Forest Office, Middle Andaman.	
The Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman reserves the right to accept or reject the tender without assigning any reasons thereof.	
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SPECIAL COMMUNITY INTERACTION PROGRAMME AND MULTI-SPECIALITY MEDICAL CAMP FOR FISHING COMMUNITY AT GANDHINAGAR, DIGLIPUR BY INDIAN COAST GUARD



Under the aegis of Andaman and Nicobar Command, Coast Guard District Headquarters at Diglipur conducted special 'Community Interaction Programme (CIP)' for fishing community of Gandhinagar on 30 Jan 2022. The CIP was conducted in co-ordination with Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, along with reps of department of Revenue, Forest, Fisheries, PMF and Gram

Panchayat (Gandhinagar). During the Community Interaction Program, the focus was to educate the fishermen about importance of carrying life saving gears while venturing into sea for fishing voyage. The fisherfolk were also apprised regarding usage of Distress Alert Transponder and other SOS procedures for seeking assistance of Coast Guard when required. Fishing community were informed regarding 24x7 SAR

Help Line 1554 which is a Toll Free Number for seeking SAR assistance at sea. Practical demonstrations were carried out on donning of Life Jackets, operation of DAT, Signal Flare and, portable Fire Fighting Extinguishers. Pamphlets containing information on aspects of safety of life and property at sea were distributed to fishing community. In addition to the Special Community Interaction

Programme a 'Multi-Specialty Medical Camp' was also organized in conjunction with team of specialist doctors and medical staff from Community Health Centre (Diglipur) and health workers ex Health Sub Centre (Gandhinagar). As part of 'Multi-Specialty Medical Camp' awareness lectures on 'Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis', 'Benefits of Yoga' and 'Health &

Immunity' were conducted. Brochures providing information on GoI policies regarding 'control and elimination of Tuberculosis' were also distributed. Fisher folks were also provided first hand training on CPR procedure, 'first aid' and 'fracture fixation' by medical team of Coast Guard. Screening for dental diseases and 'oral carcinoma' by Dental Surgeons ex CHC (Diglipur) was

undertaken. Specialist doctors undertook screening for non-communicable diseases along with general health checkup for fishermen and their families. The conduct of this special Community Interaction Programme and Multi-Specialty Medical Camp by Coast Guard was greatly welcomed by the fishing community and was a huge success.

MCC Team operative on field

In pursuance of Press note by Election Commissioner (UTs), dated 28/01/2022 to hold General Election to Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samities, Zilla Parishads and PBMC, the District Administration has constituted Enforcement team Police Station wise for maintaining Model Code of Conduct and defacement of Public Property vide Nodal Officer (PME) Order no. 76, dated 03rd Feb, 2022. Altogether 09 Flying Surveillance team, 09 Video Surveillance team and 09 Check Point teams have been constituted within the South Andaman district for maintaining Model Code of Conduct. All the Enforcement teams and the Videography teams are active on field.

The MCC Enforcement team during the field surveillance has removed many posters/banners/flags and hoardings etc. which were found placed/pasted at the public places particularly in the market area at various locations of Ferrargunj, Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Little Andaman in South Andaman District.

The DPME Control Room has received 2 calls of MCC violations related to public gathering and mass camping by political parties. Immediate action has been taken by the concerned enforcement teams and the problem has been resolved.

The Check point team constituted by the District Administration are working actively on field and keeping a strict vigil over the vehicles moving in the South Andaman District. The Check point teams today conducted proper random checks at various prominent locations of Municipal area viz. at Chatham foreshore Road, Haddo Junction, School Line Junction, Carbyn's Cove Junction and many other such important locations of Port Blair and in other parts of South Andaman also for ensuring that no illegal money/cash, liquor/alcohol or any contraband items be transferred.

The General Public and Political parties are requested to desist from doing any illegal activity which is in contravention and violation to the Model Code of Conduct.

The District Administration has established a dedicated Control room for Panchayat and Municipal Election 2022 to assist General Public which will work on 24 x 7 hrs with phone nos. 03192-230178/ 238881 & 240127 and toll free no.1077. In case of any violation found the General public are requested to inform the Control Room on the above phone nos.

