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NH4 repair works by NHIDCL Contractors bring some hope for residents of North Andaman

**Rabindranath
Biswas**

Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, Oct 05: Following the nightmarish experience that the residents of Diglipur went through during the months of May and June, when the entire stretch between Kalara Junction to Bamboo Tikrey was turned into a muddy field, completely unbecoming for the vehicular movements, caus-



ing tremendous traffic jams; now it appears that the vehicle owners are going to breathe a sigh of relief, though for the nonce. As per report, the contractor for the said (See page 6)

Both castaway fishermen of Little Andaman safe, says officials

**John Wilbert
& Vikramaditya**

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Oct 06: On 3rd October two fishermen of Little Andaman, who were operating a fishing boat

'Geeta' near Brother & Sister Islands close to Little Andaman, found themselves in distress situation when their boat engine developed technical snags and the fishing boat started drifting.

According to offi-

cials, both fishermen, Mr. Abhijit Mondal, 29 years, a resident of VK Pur, Little Andaman and Mr. Biswajit, 29 years, a resident of Rabindra Nagar Little Andaman, reportedly (See page 2)

Bike of Up-Pradhan of GP Pahargaon allegedly set ablaze

**Rabindranath
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Diglipur/Pahargaon, Oct 06: In a freakish incident, a motor-

cycle was found blazing on the night of 3rd Oct. at around 01.30AM near a house in Ward No. 07, Tugapur under (See page 2)

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One More Bust on Illicit Ganja by PS Diglipur

Port Blair, Oct 06: Working towards its commitment to make the A&N Islands drug-free, N&MA District Police is conducting regular raids. Swiftly acting on credible information on 04/10/2022, a team headed by Inspr. Stalin N.S, SHO PS Diglipur, HC/1983 Thangarajan, HC/465 IRBn Santosh Nair, PC/2116 Abubacker Siddiqui, PC/2826 Devsai Toppo, PC/2565 Samaresh Mistry & Mr. Michael Raj Xalxo (Ex-Home Guard) conducted a raid near a parking lot of CHC Diglipur and recovered 2.342 Kgs of illicit ganja from the possession of a person namely Ajit Kumar Tete (30y) resident of Sitanagar, Diglipur. Accordingly illicit ganja was seized and the accused was arrested on the spot after observing all legal formalities and a case has



been registered under relevant sections of NDPS Act at PS Diglipur.

The entire trap was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Manasvi Vshistha, DANIPS, SDPO, Diglipur, and overall direction and supervision of Smti. Geetanjali Khandelwal, IPS, Superintendent of Police, N&M Andaman District.

The district police fol-

low a policy of zero tolerance towards any organized crime. The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest police station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

Vijayan vows to go all out against drug mafia, launches anti-drug campaign

Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday vowed to go all out against the drug mafia as he launched a month-long "no to drug" campaign to raise awareness about an increase in drug abuse in the state.

"We cannot waste even a second. We have to win this fight against drugs. If we fail death will win. We will win. It is possible and we

will make it happen," said Vijayan, who is on a tour to Europe, said while addressing a function virtually. He said the drive will be multipronged and all agencies dealing with the problem will work jointly.

Vijayan called for developing a culture to treat drug couriers and distributors as anti-national elements. He appealed to religious bodies, resident associations, etc to

make the campaign a success.

Special programmes will be held in schools and colleges as part of the month-long campaign and pledges against drugs will be taken. An "anti-drug" lamp will be lit in all public places and homes on October 24. NGOs, media houses, and film actors have pledged sup-

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Bike of...

Gram Panchayat Pahalgao.

The reason behind the fire incident hasn't been known yet while the local Police are investigating the matter; however, no one was reportedly injured in the accident. The fire was doused by nearby people but the motorcycle was reduced to ashes leaving merely a skeleton of it.

When contacted, Mr. Shibananda Bairagi, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Pahalgao, Mayabunder told Andaman Sheekha that the motorbike gutted belonged to Mr. Animesh Das, Up-Pradhan, G.P. Pahalgao. He further disclosed that Mr. Das' motorbike was kept parked near his (Das') house.

Mr. Das reportedly heard a loud sound and found that his motorbike was set on fire in the wee hours. Mr. Bairagi further said that someone had a pre-plan of

this incident as they recovered a petrol gallon and a match box from the site of the fire accident. He then informed the police about the incident.

As per details the police arrived on the scene at around 05.00 am and picked up one suspect in connection to this incident. The Pradhan along with Mr. Das then went to the Police Station and registered a case in this regard. Meanwhile, the 03 persons on whom the Up-Pradhan and his friend had suspected of the malfeasance were allegedly found telling around in the village that it was they who only had set ablaze the bike and they trifled with and mocked the police.

But to their utter dismay, the suspects were soon released from the Police Station, which raised several questions.

They further said that a murder case was reported

in the region recently and had the police been on high alert and or strict enough, the crime could have been foiled.

Pouring petrol and setting a bike on fire near a residential house in scarcely populated village in Andaman is nothing short of a terrorist act, Mr. Bairagi alleged. He emphasized that proper investigation is done in this case; the cell phones of the culprits are confiscated so as to gather digital information from these phones and the digital information should come to the knowledge of the Honourable Court and the general public and accordingly they are treated in order to set examples for others and then only these wrongdoers can be curbed. And if the local police are unable to do this, they should take the assistance of the Crime Branch, Port Blair in the matter, he further said.

First National Dolphin Day Celebrated at Diglipur



Rabindranath Biswas

Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, Oct 06: As per report, the first National Dolphin Day was celebrated on 05th October, 2022 by Diglipur Forest Division with active participation of local elected representatives, general public, students, government officials and local media. The Forest Division displayed a Tableau on Dolphin along with a 10 km bike rally from Aerial to Navin Nagar

via Subhashgram.

Mr. Dipankar Mistry, Pramukh, Diglipur Panchayat samiti graced the occasion as the Chief Guest who flagged off the rally earlier in the day. The rally consisted of 60 bikers carrying the message of Wildlife conservation. A formal function was held at Forest Club, Navin Nagar wherein other PRI members of Subhashgram GP and Diglipur GP also remained present.

Addressing the gathering (See page 6)

Both castaway...

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tried to anchor the dinghy near Brother & Sister Islands but the fishing boat kept on drifting. They reportedly tried to send distress calls to other vessels nearby but that remained unheard.

Finally, next day a

fishing trawler, namely 'flowbill' came for the rescue of the stranded fishermen, who were later brought back to Port Blair today. Both the fishermen are safety, officials confirmed

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A&N Islands celebrates 1st National Dolphin Day



Port Blair, Oct 06: The first National Dolphin Day was celebrated across Andaman (See page 4)

President, AICF inaugurates new Chess Centre cum office of ANCA



Port Blair, Oct 06: It was a historic day for Andaman & Nicobar Chess as for the first time any President of All India Chess Federation (AICF) visited Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Gracing the occasion

as the Chief Guest, Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, President, All India Chess Federation (AICF) inaugurated the new Chess Centre cum office of Andaman Nicobar Chess Association

at Dairy Farm, Port Blair on the auspicious occasion of Dusshera on 5th October 2022 amidst good number of players, Parents, chess lovers and office bearers of ANCA.

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Central Secretariat Member of CPI (M) arrives Port Blair

Port Blair, Oct 06: Mr. Vijoo Krishnan, Central Secretariat Member of CPI (M) and All India Joint Secretary of All India Kisan Sabha arrived Port Blair yesterday (5th October, 2022) from Delhi for a week-long visit to Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He was accorded a warm reception by party leaders and workers led by Mr. D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee at Port Blair Airport. During his stay here, he will inaugurate the Andaman & Nicobar State Conference of the All India Kisan Sabha to be held



at Diglipur on 8th October, 2022. Besides, he will visit villages at Diglipur and

South Andaman areas to know the problems and issues of farmers of these islands.

Submission of Online Application for admission in B Ed Begins

Port Blair, Oct 06: Submission of online application forms for admission to Two Years B.Ed. Degree Programme for the academic session 2022-23 in Tagore Government College

of Education, Port Blair has commenced from 14th September 2022. Now, due to non-receipt of results by JNRM as informed by its Principal, the last date for

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Condolence Message

Port Blair, Oct 06: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party along with all office bearers and party workers has expressed his deepest condolences on the sad and

untimely demise of Mr. Sanjeeb Majumdar, PET posted at GSSS Vijay Nagar, Campbell Bay Son of Mr. Gadadhar Majumdar Ex-Zilla Parishad member R/o

Chouldahari, Port Blair.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi and all leaders pray to the almighty to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

A&N Islands....

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& Nicobar Islands yesterday. As part of the celebration, various awareness activities were conducted by the Department of Environment & Forests for conservation of Dolphins and other marine wildlife species on this day. The Government of India has decided to celebrate 5th October as National Dolphin Day to generate mass awareness towards this important wildlife, which is an indicator species of the health of the aquatic or marine ecosystem. To mark the occasion, a formal function was held at Secretariat yesterday in which the Chief Secretary, A&N Islands, Mr. Keshav Chandra, IAS graced the occasion as the chief guest.

During the programme, a Special Postal Cover on Narcondam Hornbill, which also carries a Special Cancellation Stamp on Dolphin was released by the Chief Secretary. Mr. Anil Kumar, IPS, Post Master General (West Bengal Circle) was present as the guest of honour. Dr. R.S.C. Jayaraj, IFS, PCCF, Ms. Nandini Paliwal, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (E&F) and Mr. Pankaj Kumar, IAS, Secretary



(E&F) also graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary remarked that all the stakeholders have their role to play in conserving the forests and natural resources, including wildlife and therefore, every citizen should come forward and contribute in safeguarding these invaluable natural resources. Earlier, the Chief Conservator of Forests, Dr. S. Senthil Kumar, IFS briefed about 'Project Dolphin' and benefits of dolphin to society, particularly in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Deep Shika, IFS, DCF (Wildlife). The programme was also attended by Mr. Sanjay Waradkar, IFS, CF (Wildlife) and Mr. Birendra

Choudhary, IFS, DCF (WP) and other officials of A&N Forest Department and India Post.

Later in the day, Dolphin Tableau and bike/cycle rallies were organized at various places such as Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangat, Port Blair & Nicobar. A special fishermen sensitization programme was also conducted at 10 different locations from Diglipur to Car Nicobar during which, the fishermen were sensitized about the role of Marine Dolphins in our life. During this interaction programme, 'Dolphin Mitras', a volunteer group of citizens to spread awareness on Marine Dolphins was also launched and many volunteers enrolled in the programme.

Young Chess players, A Chirag Kumar and Chittiboina Mageswari brought laurels to the islands



Port Blair, Oct 06: Proud moments for the Islanders as Master A Chirag Kumar a class VII student of NCS Port Blair & Ms. Chittiboina Mageswari, a class VII student of GMSSS Port Blair have brought laurels to the A & N Islands by securing third position in the Unrated category & Under 12 Girls category respectively in the International FIDE Below 1600 Rated Chess Tournament held at Bhimavaram, West

Godavari, Andhra Pradesh from 04.10.2022 to 06.04.2022.

Altogether 291 players from different states of India participated in the tournament which held for three days in classical mode over nine rounds. Meanwhile Mr. B Konda Rao of A & N Islands officiated in this event as National Arbiters (NA) and secured his first norm for FIDE Arbiter Title.

President, AICF...

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In his address, the chief guest Dr. Sanjay Kapoor, reiterated on the importance of promoting chess as a culture and encourage children to play chess & other sports which would help in their physical and mental development thus contributing towards building a vibrant India. The inauguration of this

office cum chess centre will cater to the needs of budding chess players of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as they would get ample opportunities to practice chess, get trained from experts and get information about various national and international chess tournaments/ activities.

Submission of...

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Gambia urgently recalls India-made cough syrups blamed for 66 child deaths



Gambia has launched an urgent door-to-door campaign to remove cough and cold syrups blamed for the deaths of more than 60 children from kidney injury in the tiny West African country.

Speaking to The Associated Press, the Director of Health Dr. Mustapha Bittaye confirmed the wave of child deaths from acute kidney injury, sending shockwaves

across the country of 2.4 million people and around the world.

The World Health Organisation has issued an alarm in response to the deaths.

"WHO has issued a medical product alert for four contaminated medicines identified in The Gambia that have been potentially linked to acute kidney injuries and 66 deaths among children," WHO Di-

rector-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement issued on Wednesday.

"The loss of young lives is beyond heartbreaking for their families," he said.

The four medicines are cough and cold syrups produced in India, said the WHO statement.

While the contaminated products have so far only been detected in Gambia, they may have been distributed to other countries, said the statement. WHO is pursuing investigations with the company and regulatory authorities in India, it said.

"WHO recommends all countries detect and remove these products from circulation to prevent further harm to patients," it

said.

Teaming up with the Gambia Red Cross Society, the Ministry of Health has dispatched hundreds of young people to collect the suspect syrups through a house-to-house campaign. Gambia's Medical Research Council has also issued an alarm.

"Over the last week, we admitted a child with this condition (acute kidney injury) ... and she has unfortunately died. We were able to confirm that she had taken one of the drugs that is suspected to be causing this, prior to her arrival at our clinic. It had been bought at a pharmacy within The Gambia," the council said in a statement.

"The drug has been identified as containing a

significant amount of a toxin which damages kidneys irreversibly."

In India, the federal regulator and the state regulator of northern Haryana state are conducting an inquiry into the contaminated medicines. Of the 23 samples tested, four had so far been found to be contaminated and India is waiting for the analysis to be shared with it, said an Indian health official who spoke on condition of anonymity since they were not authorised to speak to the media. Phone calls to the headquarters of the drug-maker, Maiden Pharmaceutical Limited, went unanswered. Neither India's health ministry nor the federal regulator responded to queries from the AP.

Russia rejects 700,000 fled country after Putin's military call-up

The Kremlin on Thursday denied reports that 700,000 Russians have fled the country since Moscow announced a mobilisation drive to call up hundreds of thousands to fight in Ukraine.

In a briefing with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said he did not have exact figures for how many people had left the country since President Vladimir Putin's announcement of a "partial mobilisation" on Sept. 21.

"I don't think those

numbers should be taken seriously," Peskov said when asked about some reports in Russian media that up to 700,000 Russians could have left the country.

"I don't have exact figures, but of course they are far from what's being claimed there."

Tens of thousands of Russians, mostly military-age men, have fled the country in a bid to avoid being called up to serve in Ukraine. Kazakhstan, Georgia and Mongolia - which all share

land borders with Russia - reported a surge in the number of border crossings following Putin's announcement.

But getting exact figures on how many have left for good is tricky.

Putin's mobilisation drive has proved one of Moscow's most unpopular moves since the conflict - which Russia calls a "special military operation" - began in February, triggering protests in cities and regions across the country.

On spying accused couple's 'confessions', France calls Iran 'dictatorial regime'

France's Foreign Ministry accused Iran of the practices of the "worst dictatorial regimes" after two of its citizens appeared in video confessing to being members of the French intelligence services, something the ministry denied categorically.

"The staging of their alleged confessions is outrageous, appalling, unacceptable and contrary to international law. This mas-

querade reveals the contempt for human dignity that characterizes the Iranian authorities," the ministry's spokeswoman Anne-Claire Legendre said in a statement, demanding their immediate release.

"These alleged confessions, extracted under duress, have no basis, nor did the reasons given for their arbitrary arrest," she said describing them as "state hostages".

Nord Stream pipeline leaks caused by detonation, Swedish probe says

The Swedish Security Service stated that detonations caused the damage to the undersea Nord Stream pipeline system just outside its territorial waters.

Seizures made from the crime scene are being analyzed to show "whether someone can be served with suspicion and later prosecuted," the Security Service said in a statement. The completed investigation has "strengthened the suspicions of serious sabotage," it said.

The two leaks in

the pipelines traversing the Baltic Sea to Germany from Russia were disclosed in the Swedish exclusive economic zone last week, and a further two leaks in Denmark's zone, prompting investigations and increased security for the region's key energy infrastructure.

The ruptures have sparked fears that Russia may stage surreptitious attacks on vital energy pathways to spike prices in the already-stressed European Union as winter sets in. Several governments, in-

cluding the German, have previously called the actions "deliberate" and "sabotage," with Finland noting last week that only a state actor could be capable of acts on such a scale.

The Kremlin has denied it was responsible for the Nord Stream blasts.

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Ukraine's Zelensky says Vladimir Putin wouldn't survive nuclear attack

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Thursday it was "hard to say" whether the risk of nuclear war had increased with his military's territorial gains, but he remains confident his Russian counterpart would not survive such as escalation in hostilities.

Zelensky was addressing the Lowy Institute international think tank in Sydney via video link after Ukraine's military retook ground illegally annexed by Russia last week.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned that he won't hesitate to use nuclear weapons to ward off Ukraine's attempt to reclaim control of Moscow-occupied areas.

Asked if the risk of Russia using nuclear weapons had risen, Zelensky said through an interpreter: "It's hard to say."

He questioned whether Putin had enough control over the Russian campaign to direct a tactical nuclear strike. The Russians

found it "hard to control everything that is happening in their country, just as they're not controlling everything they have on the battlefield," Zelensky said.

Zelensky said Putin understood that the "world will never forgive" a Russian nuclear strike.

"He understands that after the use of nuclear weapons he would be unable any more to preserve, so to speak, his life, and I'm confident of that," Zelensky said.

Vijayan vows...

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port to the campaign.

On average, at least 77 drug-related cases are getting registered daily in the state and account for 10.25% of all cases. Drug-related cases were below 10,000 over the last two years. But they crossed

22,000 in the first nine months of this year.

Former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly, who was in Thiruvananthapuram for an India-South Africa T-20 match, released the poster of the campaign.

NH4 repair....

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stretch M/s Kaba Infratech now seems to be back on track attending to the dilapidated patches and clearing the road slush and keeping the road motorable during this ongoing rainy season. It has also been observed that the contractor has started taking the bitumen road patch works between Diglipur to Aerial Bay.

This comes after Col. Praveen Hooda, SM (Retd.) has assumed the charge of Executive Director (P), NHIDCL, who is very much concerned about the traffic worthy condition of the entire stretch keeping in view the safety of the road commuters, an official source from NHIDCL said. The contractor has been given a final deadline for attending all of the rundown



stretches after increasing their machinery and manpower on a war footing basis. The Executive Director (P)'s frequent visits to the area, as had been in Diglipur for a solid 5-6 days soon after joining NHIDCL Andaman in the first week of September, have definitely

increased a substantial amount of pressure on the contractor, the source further added. As it is expected that the NH-04 is given a complete shape in every way, the current initiatives of NHIDCL leaves the residents of Diglipur with some optimism, the source said.

First National...

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ering, the Chief Guest Mr. Dipankar Mistry called upon the fellow citizens to extend their active hand in wildlife conservation and to render every possible support to the Forest Dept. in protection of the natural resources. During the program various cultural events were performed by the school students and an informative documentary show on Dolphin was screened on a projector. Speaking on the occasion, the DFO (IFS) Diglipur Mr. Kuldeep Sharma emphasized upon the importance of Dolphin in the marine ecosystem and role of various stakeholders in its conservation. Mr. Ajit V John, ACF welcomed all the dignitaries and guests to the for-



mal program whereas Mr. JM Lobo, RFO Diglipur proposed the formal vote of thanks to all the guests.

Later in the day, a fishermen sensitization program was also conducted at Durgapur jetty wherein the fishermen were sensitized about the role of Marine Dol-

phins in our life. During this interaction program, various Dolphin Mitras were also selected and they were registered by the Forest Department for providing any critical information about the marine dolphins and their conservation aspect from time to time, the report said.

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