

# ANDAMAN SHEEKHA

True Mirror of Andaman and Nicobar Islands

VOL: 15 | ISSUE NO: 13 | REG NO: ANDENG/2011/38184 | 17.01.2023 | TUESDAY | RS.2.00 | DAILY | PORT BLAIR | WWW.ANDAMANSHEEKHA.COM

## LG holds meeting with Tribal Captains & Representatives, Public & HoDs at Kamorta; Directs early examination & resolution of local issues



Kamorta, Jan.16: Admiral D YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), lands and Vice-Chairman, Is-K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, the Lt Governor, A&N Is- (See page 6)

## Fire reported from Transformer of South Point

John Wilbert  
Sheekha News Service

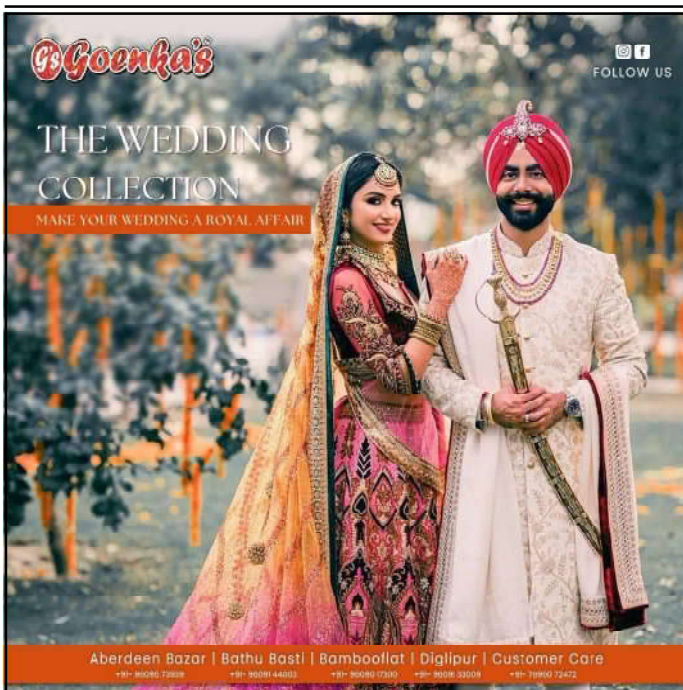
Port Blair, Jan 16: A minor fire was reported from a Transformer of South Point region this evening. As per information received on 16 (See page 6)



## Pradhan and Ward Members of Kanyapuram Panchayat Join Congress Party

Port Blair, Jan 16: Expressing faith in the leadership of the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Shri. P Abdul Basheer, the Pradhan of Kanyapuram Panchayat along with his supporters today joined Congress Party after leaving Andaman and Nicobar Democratic Congress Party.

Gram Panchayat Member Ms. Reshma and Ms. C P Maimuna and Social Workers Shri. P K Abdul Gafoor and Shri. Shabaz, also joined Congress party today along with Shri. P Abdul Basheer today, who were welcomed in the Congress Party by the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma. Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma expressed hope that the newly joined members will continue to work for the betterment and welfare of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



**YESHUVA TRAINING ACADEMY Pvt. Ltd**  
NEAR MURAK MALL, JUNGLEHAT, PORT BLAIR. 744 103  
Ph. No. 9476092535; 9933274252; 9476060793  
Admission Starts For Following Skill Courses Offered by NDA Govt. of India & All India Paramedical Council

S.No	COURSE NAME	DURATION	QUALIFI
1.	AIRPORT MANAGEMENT	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
2.	AIR & SEA CARGO MANAGEMENT	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
3.	AIRHOSTESS TRAINING	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
4.	CABIN CREW MANAGEMENT	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
5.	PRE - PRIMARY EDUCATION	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
6.	PRIMARY EDUCATION	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
7.	X - RAY TECHNOLOGY	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
8.	SANITARY INSPECTOR	1YEAR	10 <sup>TH</sup> / 12 <sup>TH</sup>
9.	MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN	2YEARS	12 <sup>TH</sup>
10.	OPERATION THEATER ASSISTANT	2YEARS	12 <sup>TH</sup>
11.	AIRFARE & TICKETING	6MONTHS	10 <sup>TH</sup>
12.	AIRPORT GROUND STAFF TRAINING	6MONTHS	10 <sup>TH</sup>

➤ ADMISSION GOING ON JANUARY - 2023 BATCH.  
➤ ADMISSION FORM SUBMISSION LAST DATE 16.01.2023  
➤ FOR INTER ISLAND STUDENTS ONLINE CLASSES ALSO AVAILABLE

## Sourav Mehendi Artist ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR MEHANDI FUNCTION?



BOOK NOW



9531844731  
9679519497

**Apollo Hospitals** TOUCHING LIVES  
**Apollo Clinic** Expertise. Closer to you.  
**24/7 SERVICE**

### LOWER BACK PAIN

Sprains And Strains  
Degenerative Disc Disease  
Herniated Disc  
Sciatica  
Spondylolisthesis  
Spinal Stenosis

**APOLLO CLINIC**  
#192, GARACHARMA MAIN ROAD, PORT BLAIR, SOUTH ANDAMAN-744105,  
L/INE: 03192 252 052 / 522, MOB: 9531807777



## CITU Organises Victory Processions All Over the Islands

Port Blair, Jan 16: At the call given by the CITU Andaman & Nicobar State Committee, hundreds of workers participated in the Victory Processions all over the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands today (16.01.2023) to celebrate the Court case won by the Andaman SarvajanikNirmanVibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMS), affiliated to CITU, in the Calcutta High Court on the 1/30<sup>th</sup> of pay plus DA case to all the Daily Rated Mazdoors.

At Port Blair, the Victory Procession began from Tiranga Park, Aberdeen Bazar which after making a round of the Port Blair town converged into a public meeting at Tiranga Park. Hundreds of Workers from various trade unions functioning at Port Blair participated in the victory procession. Addressing the public meeting, B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU State Committee said that the Division Bench of the High Court at



Calcutta (Port Blair Circuit Bench) in their judgment on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022 had directed that all the daily rated mazdoors working under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration should be extended the financial benefits under the 1/30<sup>th</sup> of pay plus Scheme of the A&N Administration formulated in September, 2017 without linking it with sanctioned post/vacant posts, etc.

He said that the Court also ordered that the workers be given the benefit from September, 2017 within two months from the date of judgment. He traced the valiant struggles conducted by the CITU during the last 30 years because of which the 2017 scheme was formulated by the Administration. R. Surendran Pillai, President (See page 6)

## Armed Forces Veterans Day Celebrated at the Cellular Jail

Port Blair, Jan 16: Together with the rest of the Country, Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated in these Islands too, in a betting manner. Jan. 14 every year is commemorated as Armed Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition to the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Indian Chief of Indian Army who retired from service on Jan. 14, 1953.

To mark the day, a felicitation function was organized by the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration at the historic National Memorial Cellular Jail in which about 40 Armed Forces Veterans were felicitated in recognition of their selfless devotion and exemplary service to the Nation.

The Secretary (Art & Culture/Tourism), Mr. Hari Kallikkat, IAS, as the chief guest felicitated the veterans by presenting those shawls and mementos. Addressing the gathering, the Secretary (Art &



Culture/Tourism) greeted the veterans and their family members on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day. Appreciating the selfless devotion and exemplary service rendered by the veterans for the Country, the Secretary said, the citizens will ever remain indebted to the immense contribution of the veterans towards the Nation. The conduct of the felicitation function in the National Memorial Cellular Jail premises has made the event a memorable one, the Secretary said.

Mr. Vinayak Chamadia, IAS (Probationer) also felicitated the veterans by presenting those shawls and mementos. In his address, Col.

K V Cherian, VSM & Bar President, Ex Servicemen League said that 14<sup>th</sup> of January is commemorated as Armed Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition for the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, the Assistant Director, Art & Culture, Dr. Rashida Iqbal said, this Day is observed to pay tribute to the exemplary service rendered by the veterans to the Country. She also thanked all the veterans for accepting the invitation and gracing the felicitation function.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Jan 16: CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Committee Organizing Committee deeply mourned the demise of Mr. Bipad Benjan Biswas, former Member of Pradesh

Council at his home at Sitanagar, Diglipur today (14.01.2023) morning.

He was 84 years old. He was a Member of the erstwhile Pradesh Council

representing CPI (M) from 1990 to 1994. CPI (M) paid rich homage to his memory and conveys its deepest condolences to the family members.

## Skill Development Program for Divyang Children of Old Age Home Ferrargunj by Pankh NGO



Port Blair, Jan 16: Pankh Andaman NGO has started a skill development Program in collaboration with Social Welfare Department for the Divyang Children of old age home Ferrargunj. Based on this program on 16th January 2023 the NGO organized various skill development workshops in the presence of Mr. A.K Biswas (Probation officer) Department of social welfare, Swami Shudhanad (Chinmaya Mission) and Founder president Pankh Komal Anand along with member Anita Majumdar.

The workshop included programs like planting pots, Crochet stitching, making jewellery with beads, embroidery. The NGO also donated



materials for the workshop and also donated blankets for the old age inmates. The workshop ended followed by lunch. The NGO also stated that they will be organizing continuous workshops like these with different skills in the coming future based on their skill development program.

STL\_DEC22\_18268\_Port Blair\_Kolkata\_Store Launch\_PressAd 12.1x20cm (ABP, TT, Sanmarg)\_English\_East

A TATA PRODUCT

**TANISHQ**

**Grand Launch**  
at Port Blair, Andaman

19<sup>th</sup> January 2023

You are cordially invited to the launch of our new showroom at Port Blair, Andaman.

Come and discover an exquisite range of gold & diamond jewellery, solitaires and coloured stones, as we write an all new chapter for Tanishq.

**FREE GOLD COIN\***  
WITH EVERY JEWELLERY PURCHASE  
FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> TO 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2023

Showroom: No.2, Middle Point, Opposite Bengali Club, Next to Hotel Shompen, Port Blair, South Andaman, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Tel: 95318 29000



## Lt. Governor visits Kamorta Island



Port Blair, Jan. 16: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency arrived at Kamorta today. On arrival, the Lt Governor was received by senior officials of A&N Administration, A&N Police & Tribal representatives.

The Lt Governor took passage in ICGS Rajtarang and visited LOP Tillang Chaung.

The Lt Governor inspected the facilities and interacted with personnel of A&N Police and Forest Department. He appreciated their hard work and commitment towards duty.

## Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency holds Meeting With Public, PRIs & HoDs at Little Andaman



Port Blair, Jan 16: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency held meeting

with Public, PRIs & HoDs at APWD Guest House Little Andaman on 14 Jan 2023. He Directed early examination & resolution of issues raised by PRIs. Lt

Governor, ANI along with Senior Officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration also inspected Mini Stadium at R.K.Pur, Tourism and other infrastructure facilities.

**ICE CREAM DREAMS**  
9679537808/9434261194

2nd Jan To 22th Jan **COMBO OFFER**

**230**

**COMBO OFFERS** **230**

**70 Only = 360**

**OFFER PRICE 280**

ADDRESS: DELANIPUR OPP. BUS STOP, 1ST FLOOR  
SHOP NO 3, PORT BLAIR-744102

**Happy Pongal BRAND HUB MENS WEAR**

**ONLY THIS PONGAL**

**PONGAL SALE**

2nd jan to 19th jan

**FESTIVAL OFFER 2023**

**SAVE UP TO 25% OFF**

**AVAIL THE EXCLUSIVE OFFERS NOW**

**BRAND HUB**

ADDRESS: DELANIPUR OPP. BUS STOP, 1ST FLOOR SHOP NO 2,  
PORT BLAIR-744102. PH-9474217046

## A&N BJP Leaders Accorded Warm Welcome at Delhi Airport

Port Blair, Jan 16: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands and Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP, were accorded warm welcome at Delhi Airport.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi and Mr. Vishal Jolly reached Delhi to attend the National Executive Meeting at Delhi on 16th and 17th January.

The meeting will be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National



president J P Nadda, Union Ministers including Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Ministers of BJP ruled States and other senior

party leaders.

Prime Minister Modi will address the concluding session of the meeting on Tuesday.

## WITH YOU Distributes Clothing to Needy People



Port Blair, Jan 16: On January 15, 2023, WITH YOU (NGO) distributed clothing to the

needy residents of Miletalak village. The clothes were generously donated by mem-

bers of the community and were warmly received by

(See page 6)

Happy Pongal, Makar Sankranti & Lohri

CELL: 9434281189  
9933241615

**OM SAKTHI PLAZA**

**Discount**

**YOUR FAVORITE  
COSMETICS FANCY SHOP**

**RENTAL GOLD COVERING SET AVAILABLE**



**BABULINE, ABERDEEN BAZAAR, PORT BLAIR, ANDAMAN 744101**

**A BIGGEST COSMETICS SHOWROOM AT BABULINE**



## Andaman & Nicobar Police Celebrates its 71<sup>st</sup> Raising Day



Port Blair, Jan 16: On the occasion of 71<sup>st</sup> Raising Day, Andaman & Nicobar Police organized a Ceremonial Parade on 16th January, 2023, at Police Line Parade Ground. Sh. Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant (IRBn) of A & N Police who was the ceremonial parade commander, presented the salute to the Mr. Neeraj Thakur IPS, Director General of Police, A&N Islands.

The Director General in his address conveyed his greetings to the members of A&N Police & their families. He lauded the services rendered by A&N Police towards the wellbeing of the society and highlighted the major achievements of A&N Police force

in the past one year.

In the past one year, 28 police officers were honored with various medals and prizes. Departmental promotions to 101 deserving police personnel including Fire, PMF, and Communication & IRBn from the rank of Constable to Inspector were awarded and 905 personnel were granted MACP. Many other welfare measures like re-instatement from suspension of police personnel, speedy finalization of departmental proceedings and timely settlement of medical claims were also taken up in the administrative measures. Police Sub-Inspector Regina Kiro has brought laurels to the Andaman and Nicobar Police Force by winning 01 gold medal in Kayaking and 02

bronze medals in Canoeing in the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games held in Gujarat.

On the enforcement front, during the year nearly 17,000 Traffic Challans were issued. Apart from this, more than 2000 persons were booked under drunken driving. In 2022, Fires Services Unit attended 223 calls & saved property worth more than Rs.85 crore. Further, a strict vigil over the illegal activities like bootlegging, drug peddling, poaching activities etc., has been kept around the clock for maintaining law & order in these islands. Further, during the year many training programmes were conducted related to First Aid, Fire Fighting and Disaster Preparedness for students, teachers and the general public.

## ICAR-KVK, Port Blair organizes Awareness Programme on Natural farming at Collinpur

Port Blair, Jan 16: A Natural Farming awareness programme was held at Collinpur organized by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair on 13.01.2023. Mrs. Sujata Singh, Pradhan, Collinpur graced the occasion as chief guest. She advised the farming community to produce quality farm products without using chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Thus, naturally produced farm products are very good for the health of people as well as soil and environment. Mr. Babul Baroi, Up-Pradhan, Mrs. Anulakha Biswas, Panchayat samiti, PRI members of collinpur panchayat and Mr. Balaram Singh, District Farmer Advisory committee chairman also presented on this occasion and motivated the farming community. Dr. Y Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head discussed natural farming practices and encouraged farmers to adopt these practices on a cluster basis and maintain soil health for production and consumption of quality pro-



duce in isles. He appealed to farmers to use local seeds and planting materials and integration of crops, trees and livestock, intercropping and crop rotations. Dr N. Bommayasamy, SMS (Agro./Agrl. Extn.) explained that natural farming practices encouraged on farm production of Ghanajeevamrit, Beejamrit, Jeevamrit, agniasthra, brahmastra, neemasthra etc, which drastically reduced the cost of production by replacing the chemical fertilizers and pesticides and adoption of intercropping with leguminous vegetables. He stressed to adopt mulching with crop residues which reduces soil temperature and also improves soil moisture and in turn helps in soil microbial di-

versity, water absorption and nutrient availability to crops.

Dr. B.K. Nanda, SMS (Agrl. Engg.) enlighten the employment opportunities in natural farming and water management practices. Dr. Pooja Kapoor, SMS (Home Science), spoke about the role of farm women in the adoption of natural farming practices and the expansion of self-employment opportunities through secondary agriculture practices. As part of the events, demonstrations on ghanajeevamrit, jeevamrit were prepared by the participants and distributed Ghanajeevamrit, Jeevamrit and plant extracts like neemasthra. A total of 61 participants participated and benefited in this programme.

## Rangoli Competition at Sri RamMandir Complex, Shore Point



Port Blair, Jan 16: In commemoration of the diverse harvest festival being celebrated all across the country, Society for Promotion of Serve Humanity among Youths (SPARSHA) in association with Sai Youth Club Shore Point conducted an open to all Rangoli Competition. All together 12 contestants from different age groups participated in the competition held on 14th Jan 2023 at Sri RamMandir Complex, Shore Point. Mr. M K Sundaram Ex-Zilla Parishad Member, Mr. K Balakrishna Pradhan GP Shoal Bay and Mr. Deb Kumar Bhadra President SPARSHA judged the rangoli put up by the contestants.

Miss C Kavitha was declared First, Miss D Pramila stood Second and Miss P Poojitha was adjudged third in the competition. Vale-

dictory function was conducted coinciding Makara Sankranti Celebration at Ranchi Basti Playground on 15 Jan, 2023. Prize and Certificate were given to the winners and Consolation prize was given to other contestants for their participation in the competition.

The valedictory function was graced by a large number of villagers including Pradhan and Up-Pradhan GP Shore Point, President, Vice President, other officer bearers and members of SPARSHA, Sai Youth Club, Sahodara Yuvajana Sangam Bambooflat. Mr. K Suresh representing Pyramid Meditation was also present among other guests and dignitaries. Mr. K Neela Kantam conducted the program as its compere.

## National Startup Day celebrated by IGNOU, Port Blair



Port Blair, Jan 16: As part of Institutions Innovation Council (IIC), Ministry of Education (MOE), Government of India and National Centre for Innovations in Distance Education (NCIDE) campaign, the IGNOU, Regional Centre, Port Blair has observed the National Startup Day-2023 today, to foster a culture of entrepreneurship among youth. Dr. N. Rajvel, Head of the Department, PG Department of Commerce, Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM), was the chief guest for the function. In his speech, Dr. Rajvel, elaborated the significance of the day and urged the gathering to take up startup for future endeavors. Further, he also

stated that the Startup Day aims to engage startup ecosystem stakeholders across to encourage the spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation in India. Moreover the Startups are often the first to bring innovative ideas to market and play an important role in driving economic growth and creating jobs. Earlier Dr. RVR Murthy, Regional Director welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests were presents the learners and staff of IGNOU, Regional Centre, Port Blair participated in the programme.

A communication from the Regional Director IGNOU Regional Centre Port Blair said.



## 'Ground shook violently, like a quake': Man recounts horror of Nepal plane crash

A witness who recorded video of the Yeti Airlines plane's descent, moments before it crashed near Pokhara International Airport in Nepal, said he saw the aircraft flying low before it suddenly veered to its left. Diwas Bohora, a local who witnessed the crash from his balcony, said he was shocked to see the plane nose-dive suddenly and thought he will be also dead once it crashes, reported Associated Press.

"I saw that and I was shocked... I thought that today everything will be finished here after it crashes, I will also be dead," said Bohora. "After it crashed, red flames erupted and the ground shook violently, like an earthquake." "I was scared. Seeing that scene, I was scared."

Witness accounts have been pouring in since the tragic air crash, the worst in Nepal in three decades.



One witness said he watched the plane spin violently after it began descending to the land and crashed into the gorge.

Bishnu Tiwari, a local who rushed to the crash site to help search for bodies, reported hearing cries for help from within the fiery wreck.

"The flames were so hot that we couldn't go near the wreckage. I heard a man crying for help, but because of the flames and smoke we couldn't help him," AP quoted Tiwari as saying. After the search operation was called

off on Sunday evening, officials said they had retrieved the remains of 68 people onboard the 72-seater passengers aircraft. However, the death toll was revised down to 66 after a recount early Monday morning, said Tek Bahadur K.C., a senior administrative officer in Kaski district. On Monday morning, rescuers found the black boxes - a cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder - data from which could prove significant in determining the cause of the accident.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Jan 16: CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organizing Committee deeply mourned the sudden demise of Mr. L. Sugunarajan, retired Office Superintendent of Forest Department,

Andaman & Nicobar Administration and resident of Bambooflat at CHC Bambooflat today (14.01.2023) morning. He was 67 years old.

He was a leader of the Non-Gazetted Govt.

Officers' Association, Andaman & Nicobar Islands while in service. CPI (M) paid rich homage to his memory and conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.

### NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (Re-call)

No. e-tender-DB/CD/DP/2023/ 174

Diglipur, dated: 13-01-2023

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APWD, Diglipur invites on behalf of President of India, online Item rate bid from contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD Works Manual and with other GOI organizations in these islands and do not have any adverse remarks for following work:-

1. NIT No. 83/EE/CD/APWD/DP/2022-23 Name of work:- Improvement approach road to Police Quarters, village road for Ward No.6 Madhupur (Monoranjan Howlader Road) & Rural Road from Kalyani Howlader house to Binod Howlader house under SD-II, CD, APWD, Diglipur. Estimated cost: ` 94,88,304/- Earnest Money: ` 1,89,766/- time of completion: 06 months. (Tender ID: 2023 APWD 8925 1).

The e-tender form and other details can be downloaded from the website. The last date of bid submission will be 01-02-2023 upto 15:00 hours. Other details/information can be seen on website [eprocure.and.gov.in](http://eprocure.and.gov.in).

Advertisement ID: 9578  
2023/MediaRelease/59

EE, CD, APWD,  
Diglipur.

## Chemical plant explosion in north China: 2 killed, 12 missing



A massive explosion at a chemical plant in northeastern China has killed at least two people and left 12 missing.

Another 34 people were injured in the explosion Sunday on the outskirts of the city of Panjin in Liaoning province east of the capital Beijing. News releases from the local government showed photos of flames and thick black smoke rising from the complex of chemical processing machinery, pipes and storage containers.

Fire crews have brought the blaze under control and the local environmental department was monitoring the impact on air quality in the area, the government of Panshan County in the city's suburbs said in

a news release.

The cause of the accident remained under investigation, authorities said. People posting on social media said they felt the shock of the explosion, but the damage did not appear to extend beyond the plant.

China, with the world's second-largest economy, suffers deadly industrial accidents on a regular basis.

The central government has pledged stronger safety measures ever since an explosion in 2015 at a chemical warehouse in the northern port city of Tianjin killed 173 people, most of them firefighters and police officers. In that case, a number of local officials were accused of taking bribes to ignore safety violations.

## Israel president says he's trying to avert constitutional crisis

Israeli President Isaac Herzog said he's focused on averting a "historic constitutional crisis" after being criticized for not joining efforts to stop the government's controversial legal and judicial reform proposals. "I am now focused on two critical roles that I believe I bear as president at this hour: averting a historic constitutional crisis and stopping the continued rift within our nation," Herzog said Sunday in a statement. "Over the past week, I have been working full time, by every means, making nonstop efforts with the relevant parties, with the aim of creating wide-reaching, attentive, and respectful discussion and dialog, which I hope will yield results," he said.

Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in



Tel Aviv on Saturday night to protest a plan by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new government that would limit the High Court of Justice's power to strike down legislation. It would also give parliament a majority on the committee that appoints judges. Opposition parties and jurists argue that the plan would remove checks on government power and endanger civil rights.

A smaller gathering of protesters outside Herzog's residence late Saturday expressed anger at the president for not taking action against the initiative, according to local media.





## AKS Hold Gate Protest – Demanding Long Pending Bonus for DRMS

Port Blair, Jan 16: The APWD Karmachari Sangh (AKS) Affiliated with Andaman Nicobar Rajya Karmachari Mahasangh (ANRKM), Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) had organized a Mass Protest on 16/01/2023 (03.00 pm) at the entrance Gate of Office of Chief Engineer, APWD, Port Blair demanding release of long pending Bonus to all the eligible DRMs in compliances of OM released by Ministry of Finance. DRMs from various sections of the



APWD had joined the protest and supported the genuine demands. If the department didn't grant the Bonus to all eligible DRMs working under the establishments

of APWD within the next 10 days then the APWD Karmachari Sangh (AKS) will hold next level of PRO-TEST, In the interest of working class.

## Earthquake of magnitude 6.0 hits off Indonesia's Sumatra

A 6.0-magnitude earthquake hit off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra island early Monday, the US Geological Survey reported. The epicentre of the quake was 48 kilometres (30 miles) south-southeast of the city of Singkil in Aceh province, at a depth of 48 kilometres, USGS said. It occurred around 6:30 am local time (2330 GMT) and there were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage, nor was there a tsunami alert. Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics

Agency (BMKG) gave the quake a higher magnitude of 6.2, while the European-Mediterranean Seismological Centre had a witness testimony saying the quake was "felt in Medan" -- about 120 kilometres north-northeast of the epicentre.

Indonesia experiences frequent seismic and volcanic activity due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", where tectonic plates collide.

On November 21, a 5.6-magnitude quake hit the populous West Java province on the

main island of Java, killing 602 people. Most of the victims were killed as buildings collapsed or landslides were triggered. One of Sumatra island's deadliest quakes occurred on December 26, 2004, setting off an Indian Ocean tsunami that killed more than 230,000 people including victims as far away as Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. That powerful 9.1-magnitude quake triggered 30-metre (100-foot) waves that hit the shore of Banda Aceh on Sumatra.

## CITU Organises...

CITU State Committee, who presided over the meeting, called upon the workers to remain united to conduct more struggles in case the Government did not implement the court order. Addressing the public meeting D. Ayyappan, Vice President, CITU State Committee explained in brief the failure of the BJP-led government at the Centre to solve the power, water and communication problems of these islands. SP Kalairajan, Shipra Bala and MV Yugander, Secretaries of CITU State Committee also addressed the meeting. M. Boominathan, BC Bhattacharjee, NKP Nair, Vice Presidents and P.

Sathyapal and Anand Rajan, Secretaries of CITU State Committee were also present at the public meeting.

At Diglipur, Victory Procession was taken out in the Diglipur bazaar which culminated into a public meeting. The programme was led by Ramjeeban Sarkar, Vice President, AIKS, S. Arummugam of NGOs Association, Sunil Bepari, Vice President and Barun Biswas Secretary of CITU Diglipur Zonal Committee. A large number of workers participated in the Victory Procession. At Rangat, Victory Procession was taken out in the Rangat Bazar which culminated in a

(From page 2)

meeting in front of the office of the Assistant Commissioner which was addressed by Projit Kumar Sarkar, President and C. Karuppaiah, Secretary of CITU Rangat Zonal Committee. A large number of workers from APWD and Electricity Department participated in the programme.

At Hut Bay, a large number of APWD workers assembled in front of the Executive Engineer's office and staged mass demonstration which was led by P. Rajesh. At Katchal, the APWD workers staged mass demonstration in front of the APWD office which was led by Rajesh Khanna.

## LG holds meeting...

lands Development Agency today held meeting with Tribal Captains & Representatives, Public & HoDs at APWD Guest House at Kamorta. During the meeting, the Lt Governor directed the officials of various Depart-

ments to ensure early examination & resolution of the issues raised.

On completion of his four day visit to Little Andaman and Kamorta, the Lt Governor returned back to Port Blair today.

(From page 1)

He was given an affectionate send off by senior officials of Andaman & Nicobar Administration, Andaman & Nicobar Police and Tribal Captains & representatives at Kamorta.

**BOARD OF OPEN SCHOOLING & SKILL EDUCATION**  
RECOGNIZE BY NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OPEN SCHOOLING (NIOS) &  
ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITY, DELHI  
APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, GOVT. OF INDIA

**ADMISSION OPEN FOR SESSION 2022 – 23**  
**OPEN SCHOOLING: CLASS 10<sup>th</sup> & CLASS 12<sup>th</sup> (ARTS, SCIENCE & COMMERCE)**

**SUBJECTS AVAILABLE**  
ENGLISH, HINDI, SCIENCE, SOCIAL, ACCOUNTANCY, ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES, PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, MATHEMATICS, BIOLOGY, HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, GEOGRAPHY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, DATA ENTRY OPERATOR, HOME SCIENCE etc.....

Certificate Valid in All the Sectors (Pvt. Job, Government Job, Passport, Further Education, College Admission etc.....)

**Exam at Port Blair**

Contact Near Maricar Hospital, Junglighat, Port Blair  
9679550038, 9474240877.

## PLOT FOR SALE

Plot for sale at Tushnabad at Rs 4 lakh  
Only 15 plots left

Single Patta will be provided

Plot for sale @ Ograbraj 200 sqm Rs 10 lakh

Only 10 plots available

Contact: Rahul Singh: 9474214859

## AC REPAIR

AC servicing and repairs at home

Second hand AC selling

Contact : 9679530999.

**MIGHTY MAN ON CALL**  
**DRIVERS**  
**ALL TYPE OF VEHICLES**  
**24 7 HOURS AVAILABLE**  
**SERVICE**  
**Automatic cars and Manual cars**  
**Proprietor: prabhu**  
**9679500299**  
**9933271457**

## LOST

I NIRANJAN BISWAS, S/o Shri SASI KUMAR BISWAS, R/o WARD NO. 04, KALIGHAT, DIGLIPUR NORTH ANDAMAN-744202 lost my ISLANDER IDENTITY CARD bearing Sl. No. 10105700378102 somewhere in KALIGHAT area on 24-11-2022. Finder may please contact: 9476025095.

## Fire reported...

(From page 1)

January 2023, at around 05:50 PM people noticed smoke coming out of the Electricity Transformer, in front of Masjid, South Point. Later fire was also seen inside the Transformer. The fire was

later doused by fire brigade personnel, who reached the spot, after information. Due to the fire a large area of Shadipur and adjoining areas witnessed prolonged power cuts.

## WITH YOU...

(From page 3)

the villagers.

Children, women, and men came out with enthusiasm to choose their desired clothing.

President and members of WITH YOU expressed their deepest

gratitude to the society for coming forward to support this noble cause. The organization is committed to continue its efforts to assist those in need and making a positive impact in the community.