

Heavy Rain causes heavy loss to many farmers of Diglipur region; Farmers demand compensation

Rabindranath Biswas

Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, Dec. 06: There is no respite from the wrath of the sporadic and untimely rain these days in Diglipur and which has caused havoc to the Rabi crops and vegetable in the fields here.

As per report, the low lying areas were submerged with flood waters and



the crops were under water. The farmers sustained huge losses due to this undesired rain and resultant flood. The ruthless rain has caused dam-

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Member of Parliament demands to reduce the duration of posting for all government servants of all departments to only one year for the entire Nicobar District

Port Blair, Dec 06: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Lt.

Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands yesterday and raised several issues. Among other issues, the Member of Parliament re-

quested the Lt. Governor to reduce the duration of posting for all government servants irrespective of any de-

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Health Services appointed 15 Specialist Doctors to ensure better health care in Remote Islands



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Port Blair, Dec 06: In a bid to alleviate the sufferings of

the people of N & M Andaman and Nicobar districts due to the sheer dearth of Doctors and Medical Specialists, the Andaman & Nicobar Administration has taken multiple

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Congress organises Chakka Jam at North and Middle Andaman to press issues like NH4 and 100 percent job reservation



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Port Blair, Dec 06: The Pradesh Congress Committee

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CPI(M) demands filling Up of Vacancies of Teachers and Heads of Schools

Port Blair, Dec 06: CPI (M) has reiterated its demand for filling up of all vacant posts of teachers and Heads of Schools under the Education Department. In a letter sent to the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Mr. D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organizing

Committee while referring to his earlier letter of 30th June, 2022, also addressed to the Lt. Governor, said that that despite elapse of more than 5 months, there seems to be no positive action on the part of the A & N Administration to fill up the vacancies of teachers and

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Gynecologist Telemedicine by Delhi Doctors at Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Dec 06: At PHC Campbell bay specialist telemedicine OPD has started where senior doctors from Delhi are providing free assistance with the help of administration.

This time senior consultant gynecology and robotic surgery Dr Pakhee Aggarwal Provided services to 20 females from Campbell Bay, Govind Nagar and Laxmi Nagar patients. Most of the cases were examined by PHC doctor Irene and briefed to Dr. Pakhee who connected online. A review OPD of gynaecology will be organized after two weeks. One of the patients, Savita (name changed), said that such services are of great benefit to us, we are getting

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Sailing of MV Bharat Seema to Nancowry Postponed

Port Blair, Dec 06: Due to adverse weather conditions the scheduled sailing programme of the vessel MV Bharat Seema to Nancowry via all ports on

08.12.2022 from Port Blair has been postponed. Now, the vessel will sail for Nancowry via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, (See page 6)

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MV Swaraj Dweep to sail for Chennai on 08 December 6, 2022

Port Blair, Dec 06: In view of weather advisory issued by IMD about the formation of Low Pressure Area over Southeast Bay of Bengal and South Andaman Sea and its likely to intensify into a Cyclonic Storm and reach southwest Bay of Bengal near north Tamil Nadu coasts On 8th December, this Directorate keeping in view the safety of the passengers and the Vessel, the scheduled sailing programme of MV Swaraj

Dweep for Chennai on 06.12.2022 from Port Blair (under voyage No. 1022) has been postponed. The vessel will Now sail for Chennai on 08.12.2022 at 1000 Hrs instead of 06.12.2022 from Haddo Wharf.

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CNS Unit Citation to INAS 318 on the Occasion Of Navy Day 22



Port Blair, Dec 06: The Indian Naval Air Squadron 318, christened as 'Hawks', was commissioned on 08 Mar 1984 as a frontline Maritime Air Squadron at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Beginning with the Islander aircraft having limited reconnaissance capability, the

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Curb On Illicit Liquor Manufacturing In N&M Andaman



Port Blair, Dec 06: The district police of North & Middle Andaman have been conducting intensive jungle search and combing operations to crackdown on manufacturing of illicit Liquor. Adding to the spree

of crackdown on illicit liquor manufacturing in the district, Police team headed by SI Sushanto Debnat, I/c OP Betapur and ASI Muchray Munda along with Police/IRBn officials conducted

jungle search at Gobindapur and Prafullo Nagar area. During jungle search the team recovered bhatti articles in different locations and destroyed more than 800 liters of Lahan

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ICAR-CIARI-KVK Observed Awareness Programme on "World Soil Day 2022"



Port Blair, Dec 06: ICAR-KVK, N&M Andaman (CIARI) organized an awareness programme on "World Soil Day 2022" at Government Secondary School, Govindpur. The theme of world soil day 2022 "Soil: Where food begins" aims to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human well-being by addressing the growing challenges in soil management, increasing soil awareness and encouraging students

to improve soil health. The programme was inaugurated by Mr. Sanjay Biswas, Head, Govt. Secondary School, Govindpur in presence of School teachers, in his inaugural speech Mr. Sanjay Biswas, expressed the need of soil conservation measures for enhancing crop productivity in this region. Er. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agril. Engineering) briefed about the World soil day and its theme and urged the students to

adopt scientific methods of soil conservation methods for better crop productivity on a sustainable basis.

A total of 53 students and four teaching staff participated in the world soil day programme. The world soil day programme was organized by Er. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agril. Engg.), ICAR-KVK, Nimbudera under the supervision & guidance of Dr. Ramakrishna, Pr. Scientist & Head and Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, CIARI, Port Blair.

Recruitment of Vacant Posts in A&N Islands



Port Blair, Dec 06: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands De-

velopment Agency reviewed the series of steps taken by Andaman & Nicobar Administration for filling up of vacant posts in A&N Islands

today at Raj Niwas directed to ensure the focus on accomplishing the target of recruitment by September, 2023.

Consul General of the Republic of Poland on official visit to A&N Islands

Port Blair, Dec 06: Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Mumbai, Mr. Damian Jan Irzyk on official visit to A&N Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas discussed avenues of furthering interaction/cooperation and investment opportunities.



Traffic Congestion Prevention System from Airport Entry/Exit gate

Port Blair, Dec 06: It is noticed that commuters are facing hardship in moving from Dairy Farm Junction to Airport Entry gate due to heavy traffic congestion especially by the vehicles entering/exiting Airport. To ease out the traffic congestion, A & N traffic Police has decided on Pilot basis the diversion of vehicles from Airport Entry/Exit gate from 09/12/2022 (Friday).

Vehicles intending to approach VSI Airport from

School Line shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' at the Airport Entry gate instead they shall proceed towards Dairy Farm Junction & then after taking 'U' turn will proceed towards Airport entry gate.

Vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall not take 'RIGHT TURN' from Airport Exit gate i.e towards Dairy Farm instead they shall take Left turn & proceed towards Anjali Driving School, Lamba Line and take 'U' turn to approach Dairy Farm Jn.

Mini Buses/Buses & heavy goods vehicles taking exit from VSI Airport shall take left turn & take 'U' turn from INS Utkrosh Gate, Lamba Line to proceed towards Dairy Farm.

A&N Traffic Police is striving to provide safer & smoother vehicular arrangements for the road users. Hence, all the general public is hereby advised to cooperate with the Traffic Police to successfully implement the above directions.

Germany plans to change immigration system, citizenship laws. Here's how

Germany's government plans to make it easier for people to apply for citizenship amid opposition that it might encourage illegal immigration. The government said it wants to boost immigration and training to tackle a skills shortage weighing on Germany at a time of weakening growth.

"Anyone who lives and works here on a permanent basis should also be able to vote and be elected, they should be part of our country with all the rights and duties that go with it," German Chancellor Olaf Scholz

said.

"And this should be completely independent of origin, skin colour or religious affiliation," he added. Interior Minister Nancy Faeser outlined plans to cut the maximum number of years a person must wait before becoming a citizen from eight to five, and lift restrictions on dual nationality. German language requirements for citizenship would also be eased for members of the so-called "Gastarbeiter" generation.

The new citizenship plans boil down to three changes:

1. Immigrants legally living in

Germany will be allowed to apply for citizenship after five years, rather than the current eight

2. Children born in Germany of at least one parent who has been living legally in the country for five or more years will automatically get German citizenship.

3. Multiple citizenships will be allowed. The reforms would bring Germany in line with other European countries. In the EU, Sweden had the highest naturalization rate in 2020, with 8.6% of all foreigners living there naturalized. In Germany, the rate was 1.1%.

Agricultural Education Day Observed By KVK



Port Blair, Dec 06: ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Port Blair observed Agricultural Education Day at Don Bosco School, Lal Pahar, South Andaman on 03.12.2022. A total of 40 students attended the programme. Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist & Head, KVK made a detailed deliberation on the various aspects of agricultural education and the importance of observation of "Agricultural Education Day" on 3rd December every year. Principal Fr. Deva Anbu was the chief guest of the occasion and he stressed upon the students to pursue a career

in the field of agricultural sciences. The career progress of eminent Agricultural Scientists and their contribution in building nation was discussed by the resource persons from KVK, South Andaman. The concepts of nutritional security and natural farming was discussed by Dr. B. K. Nanda, S.M.S. (Agricultural Engineering), Mr. Thanmai Paul, Farm Manager and other teachers of the school. The programme was conducted under active guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

Curb On Illicit...

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and bhatti articles on the spot. The recovery has been done mainly from forest areas of Gobindopur and Prafullo Nagar area in PS Billiground.

Local residents have highly appreciated the proactive efforts of police. In this fight against illicit liquor, boot-

leggers & drug abuse the public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime /illegal activities to police over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

CNS Unit Citation...

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squadron graduated to a more potent 'Dornier' aircraft in Dec 1999. Over the years, the squadron has transformed into a formidable frontline MR Squadron equipped with state of the art surveillance radar and electronic suite.

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The Squadron has been executing its role in a professional manner contributing immensely to maintenance of Maritime Security. The squadron has been

pivotal in monitoring the activities of Multi National Forces (MNF) and Extra Regional Forces (ERF) in the region having successfully undertaken multitude of missions ranging from Maritime Reconnaissance, Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) Surveillance, Information Warfare (IW)/ELINT Operations, Search and Shadow operations, SLOC (Sea Lines of Communication) monitoring, Fleet Support, Search and Rescue, Casualty Evacuation, Co-ordinate Patrols with foreign navies and Communication Duties.

For their exceptional service, professionalism and dedication towards duty, the squadron was awarded Unit Citation by the Chief of Naval Staff on the occasion of Navy Day 22.



Vishal Jolly Highlights Condition of NH-4

Port Blair, Dec 06: Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP, Former State President BJP A & N and Member of Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Govt. of India has written a letter Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India Mr. Nitin Gadkari regarding the extremely pathetic condition of NH-4 in North & Middle Andaman District.

Mr. Vishal Jolly in his letter said that the unprecedented infrastructural development has taken place throughout our Country under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India. The National Highways & the Bridges that are being constructed is of international standards and the same are playing crucial role in building#NewIndia.

Likewise, the people of Islands were also happy & satisfied with the manner in which the construction of National Highway-4 began and completed in the South Andaman region. The Azad

Hind FaujSetu (Bridge) at Kadamtala is also a marvelous work that has been helping the people of North & Middle Andaman District immensely; he added.

Further he mentioned that the people residing at North & Middle Andaman are suffering enormously due to the extremely pathetic condition of the NH-4 in that region. The economic development and the transport system have collapsed due to the pitiable condition of NH-4. The construction of NH-4 was awarded to National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL) in the year 2016 and even after elapsing almost 6 years, the work is yet to be completed. It will not be incorrect to say that there is hardly any road like structure at all in many of the stretches between Kadamtala, Bakultala, Rangat up to Diglipur.

Mr. Jolly further also mentioned that the yardstick, method and quality of work adopted by NHIDCL in South Andaman District were completely

different from the works that are being done at North & Middle Andaman District. It has been informed that due to non-availability of the good quarry products, the previously constructed road materials were rolled over for the new construction and they say that the same was done after obtaining necessary approval.

He also wrote that the road that construction in that region is difficult considering the fact that around 09 months these islands witness rainy season; yet, the truth is that the concerned contractors have miserably failed in their management and performance of work.

Mr. Jolly requested the Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways to take a serious note of the facts as contemplated herein above and take all needful steps to make sure that the construction work of NH-4 gets completed at the earliest by strictly maintaining the standards of National Highways, in the interest of people of A & N Islands.

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Member of...

partment to only one year for the entire Nicobar District.

He mentioned that during his visits to different far flung Islands, he has been approached by hundreds of government servants, who are suffering heavily due to lack of a clear, transparent and uniform transfer policy in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

He added that one of the biggest problems faced by government servants of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is posting in remote islands of Nicobar District.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that hard working government servants of these Islands are always willing to serve Islanders in every corner of these Islands but due to lack of proper transportation, medical, telecommunication

facilities and government quarters often government servants feel helpless and fear such hard posting.

He said that many government servants have genuine health issues and many others find it difficult to manage the education of their children in case of long posting in Nicobar District.

He mentioned that in a nutshell uncertainty over years of posting in Nicobar District has become a major psychological barrier for many.

To deal with this problem, the Member of Parliament suggested that the duration of posting for all government servants irrespective of any department must be reduced to only one year for the entire Nicobar District. He said that if transfer is made for one year in Nicobar District, no government servant will ever fear to report to their place of

work, they will happily proceed and join their duty in no time.

The Member of Parliament added that if the duration of posting is reduced to only one year all government servants will complete the tenure in remote Island without any fear and this will surely help Administration in smoothly and efficiently running the system. He mentioned that this will not only increase the efficiency of the Administration but also immensely benefit people of Nicobar District as all government servants will report to duty in Nicobar District on time and serve people better.

He pointed out that the one year posting policy has already been adopted by Andaman and Nicobar Police for a long time, which has yielded encouraging results and has kept the police jawan high in spirit.

Another change at Twitter office? Some rooms are bedrooms now as Elon Musk...

Elon Musk has converted several rooms in the office into small sleeping quarters at the Twitter headquarters in San Francisco, according to a report by Forbes. The rooms have mattresses, curtains and giant conference-room telepresence monitors with a bright orange carpeting, a wooden bedside table, a queen bed, table lamp and two office armchairs, the report added. The reason for the change was not given to the employees but it was presumed that the beds are for remaining "hardcore" staffers who can stay and work overnight at the office, the report claimed.

"It's not a good look. It's yet another unspoken sign of disrespect. There is no discussion. Just like, beds showed up," the report said adding that there are around four to eight bedroom pods per floor.

Last month, Elon Musk gave hundreds of



Twitter employees an ultimatum that staffers sign up for "long hours at high intensity," or leave. Since then, Elon Musk has fired at least half of Twitter's employees, and several have left because of the hardcore work culture at the company, it was reported.

Meanwhile, Elon Musk claimed that the risk of something bad happening to him or even him being shot at is "quite significant".

"Frankly the risk of something bad happening to me, or even literally being shot, is quite significant. It's not that hard to kill somebody if you wanted to, so hopefully they don't, and fate smiles upon the situation with me and it does not happen... There's definitely some risk there," Elon Musk said.

Heavy Rain...

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age to the entire crops multiple times in the recent past.

Consequently, its effects have also fallen on the price of vegetables. "The price of vegetables was already exorbitant and now it will be beyond our (common man's) capacity", said the general public. "At present the market price of aubergine (brinjal), lady's fingers, bitter gourd is Rs. 140/- and undeniably this ill-timed rain will have its adverse effects on the farmers and the consumers as well," common men said.

While a peasant sharing his grievous situation said, "I took a piece of land on lease with Rs. 10,000/- and spent thousands of rupees in purchasing seeds, manure and pesticides, leave alone my hard work, everything gone, I am totally ruined", lamented the wretched farmer. Similarly, vegetable farmers who sowed seeds and seedlings have sustained severe loss; every time they sow the seeds, the seeds start sprouting and when they start growing the unpredicted rain damages the seedlings at their budding stage, be-

moaned another farmer who also fell victim to this unkind heavy shower.

On the other hand, the untimely and ruthless rain has wreaked havoc on fully ripe paddy in the fields of the paddy growers as well. The farmers haven't been able to garner or harvest the ripe paddy due to this ill-timed and unheralded rain. Trail of devastating damage to the ripe paddy can be seen as it is still lying in the field. The gusty rain had laid the ripe paddy on the bed of the field.

The corollaries have altogether triggered a huge crisis of vegetables in the market as the production is being severely affected at the farm/field by this rain. As a result, the price of vegetables has skyrocketed while people with no choice are forced to dig into their pockets.

Meanwhile, voice has already been raised from different political platforms with the plea to the administration to assess the extent of damage of paddy and other crops due to this untimely rain and extend possible financial ex gratia to the affected farmers, a source said.

MESSAGE

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This year also "The Armed Forces Flag Day Fund" is being observed throughout the country on 7th December 2022 and our Islands will also be observing the same. To mark this day, Flag Day stickers and token flags are distributed through Rajya Sainik Board, Port Blair in return for generous voluntary donations and support for "The Armed Forces Flag Day Fund".

On the solemn occasion of Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, I urge every citizens of our Islands to voluntarily contribute towards the noble cause and to express solidarity with our Armed Forces Personnel and their families.

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Health Services...

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steps to further increase the availability of doctors in the islands.

According to a recent update 15 Specialist Doctors have been reportedly appointed by the Directorate of Health Services. There were many vacant posts of Medical Specialists especially in North and Middle Andaman and Nicobar District Hospitals.

The hospitals in the two districts have been facing an acute shortage of specialist medics which in turn affected the medical service inexplicably.

The Government has taken steps to further increase the availability of doc-

tors in the entire state, particularly in the underserved regions like N & M Andaman and Nicobar districts. The present move is aimed at overcoming the shortage of doctors and specialists.

A Senior Officer of the Health Department said that 11 Specialist Doctors were appointed by the DHS for its hospitals between March 2022 to June this year. Subsequently, the DHS further approved the recruitment process for 19 more new Specialist Doctors in which 15 candidates (Specialist Doctors) filled the applications for the desired posts and who were later duly recruited by the

DHS. The 15 Specialist Doctors who have been recruited are Anaesthetist (03 Nos.), Medical Specialists (04 Nos), 01 No. of Specialist (Obst. and Gynae), 03 Nos. of Surgical Specialists, 01 post of Dermatologist Specialist, 02 posts of Pediatricians, and 01 post of Radiologist as notified and are expected to join the service soon.

"If everything goes smoothly then immediately the specialist doctors will be posted at Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangat, Bambooflat, Nicobar, Garacharma and Nancowrie", the Official further added.

CPI(M) demands...

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treatment from mainland doctors, earlier they had to go to mainland by spending thousands of rupees but now they can get their opinion free of cost at Campbell Bay.

Dr Nitin Shakya, Assistant Commissioner / SDM Campbell Bay told that

they are organizing telemedicine on a regular basis and next OPD are for skin and child diseases. Administration is also planning to rotate specialist doctors to far flung areas so that expert opinion is provided to such patients.

CPI(M) demands...

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Heads of Schools under the Directorate of Education. The schools in these islands have reopened after summer vacation on 1st July, 2022, but sufficient teachers are yet to be posted to the schools. Mr. Ayyappan stated that during his visit to North and Middle Andamans for the last few months, people have informed him that there is shortage of teachers in almost all the schools. Studies of students have been adversely affected particularly in subjects like Math's, Science, etc.

Referring to his earlier letter dated 30th June, 2022, Mr. Ayyappan informed the Lt. Governor that none of the senior secondary schools in the islands under the Education Department has a regular Principal.

The work is being managed by the Vice Principal or senior most PGT available in the school. Similarly, most of the Secondary Schools, particularly in the outstations, do not have

Headmaster/Vice Principal.

Mr. Ayyappan again informed the Lt. Governor that nearly one thousand teaching and non-teaching posts are lying vacant in the Education Department. No effective step has been taken to recruit teachers against the direct recruitment quota and also to promote the existing eligible teachers against the promotion posts. It is regrettable that at a time when thousands of qualified local youths are waiting to get a job in the Education Department as teachers for the last several years, the Administration has kept about one thousand posts vacant which is nothing but a challenge to the educated local youths, he said. Mr. Ayyappan requested the Lt. Governor to take effective steps to fill up all the vacant teaching and non-teaching posts in the Education Department to improve the quality of education and also to provide jobs to educated youths and promotion to the eligible departmental teachers.

Sailing of...

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Chowra, Teressa & Katchal on 09.12.2022 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 12.12.2022 (Mon) at 0500 Hrs from Nancowry

via same route. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

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today organised Chakka Jams at various places of Middle and North Andaman such as Baratang, Rangat, Mayabunder, Diglipur etc to press four major demands, which are early completion of NH4, 100 percent job reservation for Islanders, Opening of Quarries in North and Middle Andaman and allot-

ment of funds for PRIs.

PCC President, Mr. Rangalal Halder led the protest at Mayabunder while Mr. G Bhasker, Chairman Campaign committee led the protest at Diglipur.

During the Protest at Mayabunder, the Assistant Commissioner and other officials of District

Administration reached the spot and tried to convince the protester. Mr. Rangalal Halder, President PCC demanded to solve these issues as early as possible or else he said that the Congress party will organise even bigger protests across Andaman and Nicobar Islands.



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