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An organization without casual employees

Sir,

As per direction given in the appeal order dated 28.10.2021, reply of your RTI application dated 22.07.2021 is as under:-

| Sl.No. | Information sought (from AIR, Port Blair) | Reply |
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| 1 | Provide details of Casual employees engaged by All India Radio Port Blair during the period 01.01.2019 to till date along with contact address and mobile number. | Casual employees have not been engaged in All India Radio, Port Blair. |
| 2 | Copy of documentary proof of payment made to each casual employee by All India Radio from 01.01.2019 to till date | |

Port Blair, November 17: In the existing scenario, it may be probably the only Media organization in India working with full-fledged regular employees. An RTI reply from All India Radio says, "there is no casual employee in AIR Port Blair". If the reply is to be believed this unit

has enough regular employees to cater to its need. Now the million dollar question is with so many regular employees working towards a common goal of information and entertainment, how come the Radio has lost its glory among the masses? Normal perception among the masses is

that local AIR gives News twice in a day and rest is obsolete. Entertainment part which existed 20 years ago is completely missing. With a battalion of more than 50 Announcers, Programme officers and Engineers there is lot to be done to retain its lost glory.

Ex-Pramukh met Chief Secretary

Mayabunder, November 17: Ex-Pramukh of Mayabunder Shri Abdul Siddique met Chief Secretary Shri. Jitendra Narain in his Chamber recently. During the meeting, Chief Secretary was

briefed about few major issues of Mayabunder and a representation on various issues were also placed before the Chief Secretary. The major issues included work of Neemtala road of Pokadera

village and weekly regular boat service to Mayabunder. Chief Secretary took prompt action concerning common villagers and solved all the problems, informed Ex - Pramukh of Mayabunder.



National Press Day was celebrated in a befitting manner by Andaman Nicobar Administration at Andaman Club on 16/11/2021. Members of Media Federation and other local Media persons participated in it in a big way. The programme was a grand success.

Students of GSSS Ramkrishna Pur, Little Andaman stage strike to press long pending demands

Port Blair, Nov 17: Students of the Government Senior Secondary School, Ramkrishnapur, Little Andaman today organized a strike in front of the school to press their long pending demands.

As per details the students gathered in front of the school in the beginning and later they organized a peaceful rally in protest.

Mr. Paritosh Halder ex-member of Andaman and Nicobar Pradesh Council told Andaman Sheekha over phone that the demands were raised in many levels in past but the demands were not fulfilled and hence this protest was organised.

Among the main demands the students demanded posting of Principal and Vice Principal in the school, new desk and benches,

maintenance of school ground, repair of toilet blocks and repair of old school building. There were several other minor demands raised by the students. It is learnt that member of School Management Committee (SMC) and villagers also supported the strike. Later the strike was called off when the students got some positive response from authorities concerned.

Member of Parliament inaugurates Islands' first e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj



Member of Parliament Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma inaugurates Vibha Multi-speciality E-clinic on 15/11/2021.

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma on 15 November 2021 inaugurated Islands' first e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj area of South Andaman. The e-Clinic, named "Vibha Multispeciality e-Clinic" is jointly setup by Tattvan e-Clinic and Indian Pharmacist Association (IPA).

Tattvan e-Clinics is India's fastest growing telemedicine clinics network in rural areas and Wimberlygunj, the e-Clinic is owned by Mrs. Vibha Chourasia, and the qualified Pharmacist is Siley and Staff Nurse Glory Roopawati.

The founder and CEO of Tattvan, Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra, was also present during the inauguration ceremony.

Addressing the gathering Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma lauded the efforts of Mr. Abhay Kumar of IPA and Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra

of Tattvan for setting up the rural e-Clinic which, according to the Member of Parliament will be immensely beneficial for rural mass.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma added that as along with general medicine Doctors, specialists and Super Specialist Doctors from renowned Hospitals in Mainland India will be available in the e-Clinic in telemedicine mode, people from the rural area will be able to consult with top Doctors of India from the e-Clinic center at Port Blair.

He also urged Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra to conduct a series of free medical camps in different rural areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for which he assured all possible help from his end.

Mr. Abhay Kumar, President, IPA in his address mentioned that the idea of starting an e-Clinic was first discussed with him by the Member of Parliament, Mr.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma two years back and on that line the IPA and Tattvan has opened this e-Clinic at Wimberlygunj. He expressed gratitude towards the Member of Parliament to grace the occasion and motivate the teams of IPA and Tattvan.

Mr. Ayush Atul Mishra, the founder and CEO of Tattvan during his addressed gave a detailed briefing about the service and availability of top Doctors, Specialists and Super Specialists in telemedicine mode all the time for patients in the e-Clinic and also gave details about the consultation fees, which will be between as low as Rs. 200 for normal cases to nearly Rs. 800 for super-specialist consultation. The Tattvan in association with IPA started this e-clinic concept on 25th September 2021 on the occasion of world Pharmacist day and launched its first E clinic in Chhattisgarh.

Fishermen Stage Protest in front of Fisheries Department

Port Blair, Nov 17: A large number of fishermen today gathered in front of the Directorate of Fisheries and staged protest against the Administration to press their long pending demands. The Protest started at 9:30 AM and ended at around 11:35 AM, in which around 100 people participated.

Fishermen community said that their three demands are to hand over Choolunga Jetty to fishermen of Duganabad and to provide a separate jetty for fishermen at Duganabad. The fishermen demanded immediate release of subsidy amount for purchase of life saving equipments (GPS, DAT etc.).

Their demand was to grant permission to the South Andaman Fishermen for carrying fishing activities in North & Middle Andaman and allowing them to pass through Baratang creek. Since corona pandemic the movement of fishermen of South Andaman has been

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One Arrested in Baratang Fire case; R Alager Swami Expresses Gratitude towards DGP and PS CCS Team

Port Blair, Nov 17: In the wee hours of 26 May 2021 a massive fire was reported from the Baratang region, which gutted a shop 'Pooja Enterprises' completely. The gutted shop was owned by former Zilla Parishad member of Baratang & Ex Up-Adhyaksh of N & M Andaman ZP, Mr. R Alager Swami. After the fire accident, the owner of the shop, political leaders across party lines and many other general public smelt something fishy. The public of the region

gathered several evidences against one particular person, a former employee of the shop, who was reportedly seen moving out of his house at late night hours on 25 May 2021, under suspicious circumstances. Mr. Alager Swami in the past had met the Director General of Police and sought an inquiry into the case which led to the fire and subsequently the case was handed over to PS Central Crime Station, Port Blair. It is learnt that after detailed

inquiry by the police team of CCS, the accused was arrested and he was sent to judicial custody. CCS team claims to have sufficient evidences against the accused in this case. Meanwhile, the many villagers of Baratang region and the owner of the shop Mr. R Alager Swami expressed gratitude towards the Director General of Police and the entire team of PS CCS, because of whom this blind case was cracked and the accused was arrested.



EDITORIAL

दिल्ली के बाद नोएडा में स्कूल बंद, इस वजह से लिया गया फैसला

दिल्ली के बाद अब नोएडा में भी स्कूल बंद करने का फैसला लिया गया है. अगले आदेश तक प्राइवेट, सरकारी और सभी शैक्षणिक संस्थान बंद रहेंगे.

नोएडा: दिल्ली के बाद अब नोएडा में भी स्कूल बंद करने का फैसला लिया गया है. अगले आदेश तक प्राइवेट, सरकारी और सभी शैक्षणिक संस्थान बंद रहेंगे. कड गौतमबुद्ध नगर सुहास एल.वाई ने इस बाबत आदेश जारी किया है. ये फैसला बढ़ते प्रदूषण को देखते हुए लिया गया है. हालांकि इस दौरान ऑनलाइन क्लासेज जारी रहेंगी.

दिल्ली-एनसीआर में पॉल्यूशन का कहर

वहीं दिल्ली-एनसीआर में पॉल्यूशन को कम करने के लिए सरकारी और प्राइवेट दोनों कार्यालयों में 50 प्रतिशत कर्मचारियों के लिए वर्क फ्रॉम होम, दिल्ली के 300 किलोमीटर के दायरे में 11 थर्मल पॉवर प्लांट्स में से छह को बंद करने के निर्देश दिए गए हैं. 21 नवंबर तक निर्माण गतिविधियों पर छूट के साथ प्रतिबंध और सभी स्कूलों, कॉलेजों और शैक्षणिक संस्थानों पर रोक जारी है फिलहाल केवल ऑनलाइन क्लासेज चलेंगी हैं. हालांकि, इन तमाम निर्देशों में लॉकडाउन शामिल नहीं है, जैसा कि सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने एक मामले की सुनवाई के दौरान सुझाव दिया था.

दिल्ली में हुई थी इमरजेंसी मीटिंग

पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय के तहत एक एजेंसी, दिल्ली और आसपास के क्षेत्रों के लिए एयर क्वालिटी मैनेजमेंट कमीशन ने मंगलवार को एक इमरजेंसी बैठक की थी. इस बैठक में सभी उद्योगों को बंद करने का निर्णय लिया गया. सभी एनसीआर राज्यों के लिए गैस फ्यूल, 21 नवंबर तक दिल्ली में आवश्यक सामान ले जाने वाले ट्रकों को छोड़कर ट्रकों की नो एंट्री, दिल्ली की सड़कों पर 15 साल से ज्यादा पुराने डीजल और पेट्रोल वाहन नहीं चलेंगे और पीयूसी सर्टिफिकेट के बारे में सख्त जांच के आदेश दिए गए हैं.

कोर्ट लगा चुका है फटकार

बैठक में दिन में तीन बार एंटी-स्मॉग गन, पानी की बौछार करना और धूल कम करने के लिए उपया करने को लेकर निर्देश दिए गए. बैठक में निर्णय लिया गया कि जीआरएपी के अनुसार सड़कों निर्माण और कचरे को ढेर करने वाले व्यक्तियों और संगठनों पर जुर्माना लगाया जाएगा. इससे पहले, सोमवार को याचिका पर सुनवाई करते हुए, सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने केंद्र और राज्यों, विशेषकर दिल्ली सरकार को वायु प्रदूषण रोकने के लिए उपया किए जाने में असफल रहने के लिए फटकार लगाई थी, जो पिछले सप्ताह खतरनाक स्तर पर पहुंच गया था और वर्तमान में गंभीर स्तर पर बना हुआ है.

क्या हैं पॉल्यूशन के कारण?

बता दें, हर साल दिवाली के समय और उत्तर पश्चिम भारत में खरीफ फसल कटाई के साथ, वायु प्रदूषण बढ़ जाता है. कई कारणों में से, क्षेत्र में किसानों द्वारा पराली जलाने और मौसम संबंधी कारक मौजूदा वायु प्रदूषण को बढ़ाते हैं. शीर्ष अदालत ने राज्यों से आपात उपायों के बारे में मिलने और निर्णय लेने को भी कहा है. सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने वायु प्रदूषण को रोकने के लिए लॉकडाउन का सुझाव दिया था. मंगलवार को हुई बैठक में उत्तर प्रदेश, पंजाब, हरियाणा, दिल्ली और राजस्थान के मुख्य सचिवों और प्रधान सचिवों को आमंत्रित बुलाया गया था.

With You NGO felicitates Kumari Shiva Yogetha on Children's Day

Port Blair, Nov 17: On the occasion of Children's day on 14.11.2021, WITH YOU (NGO) organised a program to felicitate the young achiever Kumari Shiva Yogetha D/o Shri Shiva Kumar and Smti Rathika R/o Shorepoint village at GSSS Bambooflat. She achieved World record of being the 'Fastest to recite backward counting from 100 to 1' on 19th August, 2021. She

recited 100 to 1 backward counting in 51 seconds. During the program, students and teachers spoke about the importance of celebrating the Children's day. Later the child was felicitated by WITHYOU by presenting a memento and a gift. Smti Sobha, Principal Govt Sr. Sec. School appreciated the efforts of the child in making a World record which is really a proud moment for our Islanders.

In her speech, Miss V. K. Mariyam Bibi, President, NGO encouraged other students also to get motivated by her success so that they can also achieved a great height in their life. She also appreciated and congratulated the parents of Kumari Yogetha for sealing the opportunity at the right time and understanding the talent of their child thus bringing Laurels to our Islands.

Fishermen Stage Protest ...

restricted in Baratang Creek region. It is learnt that during protest Dr. Utpal Kumar Sar, Director of Fisheries Department came out and spoke to the fishermen and assured that within one week the Cholunga jetty will be cleared for fishermen. Regarding construction of separate jetty at Dugnabad locality, he said that the department has taken up the plan to construct a Floating Jetty for

fishermen with the ALHW and for this purpose IIT expertise from Chennai is being hired. Further the Director informed that according to Government directions subsidy amount has to be given through the Fisheries Federation for which department has given the required amount but there was a foul play in the concerned Federation for which the Department has lodged a police complaint against the Federation. He said that as soon

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as this issue is resolved, the subsidy amount will be given to the beneficiaries. Regarding movement of South Andaman fishermen in Baratang Creek area, the Director said that this matter has been taken up with Tribal Welfare and Police Department and assured that the matter will be resolved soon. After these assurances the protest was called off.

State Level Conference of Rural Sanitary Workers held, honoured for selfless service to society

Port Blair, Nov 17: The South Andaman District Administration along with the Directorate of RD, PRIs and ULBs, Andaman and Nicobar Administration held a State Level Conference of Rural Sanitary Workers engaged by the Gram Panchayats for carrying out Solid Waste Management activities. The event was attended by more than 200 sanitary workers attached to Gram Panchayats of South Andaman district who were appreciated for their work by distribution of ration kits donated by Akshaya Patra Foundation.

With the continuous efforts of DC (South Andaman)/ Secretary (RD) Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS Akshaya Patra Foundation

came forward to distribute ration kits to the needy people of Andaman as a measure of support during the Covid times. Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Additional District Magistrate was the Chief Guest. SDM and AC(U/T) graced the event as Guest of honour.

In the inaugural address, the Additional District Magistrate appreciated the Sanitary Workers for their selfless service to the society. He categorically placed on record the exemplary work done by sanitary workers during the time of COVID pandemic in dealing with Waste generated from isolation centers, quarantine houses and covid care facilities. Honouring their service, the ADM

distributed free Dry Ration Kits to all Sanitary workers and expressed his humble gratitude to them.

Later, as a part of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen), various technical sessions on the effective practices for Solid Waste Management were conducted and the efforts being taken for achievement of the vision of Zero Waste Islands were outlined by the Nodal officer SBM(G). District Administration appreciates the sanitation workers for their continuous service during COVID pandemic and Akshaya Patra for the donating free ration kits.

Motivation Lecture for NCC Cadets by Commanding Officer INS Jarawa

Port Blair, Nov 17: As a part of Combined Annual Training Camp for Senior Division/Wing cadets of Army and Naval NCC, a motivation lecture was delivered by Captain Amulya R Mishra, Commanding Officer, INS Jarawa. He highlighted the

importance and roles of the Armed Forces and motivated the cadets to join them and pursue a way of life. By virtue of his years and experience in the Indian Navy, Captain Mishra presented a comprehensive view of the current and historical geo-

political scenarios. He reiterated to the cadets the strategic importance of these islands and urged them to work hard towards attainment of their goals. Thereafter Camp Commandant Col A Vivekananda presented a memento to the Chief Guest.

Special Conference of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers' Association Held

Port Blair, Nov 17: A Special Conference of the Non-Gazetted Government Officers' Association was held on 13th November, 2021 at Port Blair. The conference was organized following Covid protocol. A small number of delegates drawn from various Branches and Sub-committees of the Association working in South Andaman were physically attended the Conference. Whereas other delegates from South Andaman and outstations joined the meeting in VC mode. The Special Conference started by floral tributes at a specially erected martyr's column near the venue. In his inaugural address Mr. P Sathyapal, Assistant Secretary, A & N Administration recalled the struggles made by the leaders of the NGOs' Association like Com. P.K.S. Prasad for the facilities which are being enjoyed by the government employees now. He also urged the employees to fight against the growing trend of mass privatization and outsourcing of services.

The Delegate Session through a resolution presented by Mr. Anand Raj, paid homage to the memory of trade union leaders

and other government employees, who passed away during the period since last Conference. It also paid tributes to lakhs of people died, all over the world, due to the Covid pandemic. Mr. R Rajendran, in his presidential address exhorted employees working under A & N Administration for a united struggle to achieve various pending demands. Thereafter, Mr. T.S. Sreekumar, General Secretary presented the working report of the Association for the intervening period after the last conference while Mr. E A Johnson, Finance Secretary of the Association presented the Audited Accounts. General Secretary's report contained an overview of the International, National, Local situations and details of the programmes conducted by the Association during the intervening period. Delegates from various Branches and Sub-Committees actively participated in the discussion on the General Secretary's Report and Audited Accounts which were later on adopted unanimously. The draft resolutions on various issues and problems affecting the

government employees were presented in the meeting by Mr. S L Vinjit which was adopted after addition of various other resolutions presented by the delegates during the discussion. A presidium comprising Mr. R Surendran Pillai and Smt. Suma Nair conducted the proceedings of the Conference. Addressing the Conference, Mr. D Ayyappan, General Secretary, A & N Gazetted Officers' Association appreciated the members of the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association for the exemplary work done by them during the Pandemic period. He also urged Govt. employees to organize united movements to protect the hard earned benefits achieved through protracted struggles. Mr. P Jaymurthy, T S Premalatha, Indira Devi, Sashikumar, Usha Rajendran, etc addressed the Conference. The meeting honoured Mr. T S Sreekumar and Mr. R Surendran Pillai for their valuable contributions to the movement of Govt. employees and workers in the Islands. The Conference also elected new office bearers of the Association for the year 2021-22.

Shri Naveena Neerada Dasa from Akshaya Patra and Member of Parliament distribute Ration Kits at Ograbraj, Guptapara, Prothrapur, Ferrargunj and Wilberlygunj areas

Port Blair, Nov 17: Shri Naveena Neerada Dasa, Director, Strategic Communication, The Akshaya Patra Foundation and Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today distributed hundreds of ration kits to senior citizens, poor families, destitute people, widows and especially-abled Islanders at various areas of South Andaman. According to details, at 10.00 AM 300 ration kits were distributed at Ograbraj area, at 11 AM 200 kits were distributed at

Guptapara area, at 12.30 noon 400 kits were distributed at Prothrapur area, at 3.00 PM 190 kits were distributed at Ferrargunj area and at 5.00 PM 300 kits were distributed at Wilberlygunj area of South Andaman. All ration kits were provided by world renowned NGO, Akshaya Patra Foundation. Altogether 3000 ration kits have been provided by Akshaya Patra Foundation. Addressing the gathering at various locations Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma expressed gratitude

towards Akshaya Patra Foundation for providing these Ration Kits for the needy people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Akshaya Patra Foundation is an NGO in India headquartered in Bengaluru. Akshaya Patra is the world's largest (not-for-profit run) Mid-Day Meal Programme serving wholesome food every school day to over 1.8 million children from 19,039 schools across 12 states & 2 Union territories of India.

MIOT's Interventional Suite's Biplane Cathlab helps put a Wheelchair bound Andaman Lady back on her feet

Port Blair, Nov 17: MIOT Hospitals has always been at the forefront when it comes to bringing the latest technology to transform healthcare.

By introducing cutting-edge healthcare technologies, we have been able to give patients hope. It also gives us the belief to conquer new frontiers and treat complicated health conditions with confidence and success. When MIOT introduced Computer Navigated Joint Replacement Surgery for the 1st time in Asia Pacific, it started a revolution in healthcare technology. Soon, MIOT installed TrueBeam STx for the 1st time in Asia Pacific gave radiotherapy patients new hope and the confidence to defeat cancer. Also MIOT's Silent 3T MRI, a state-of-the-art machine was less claustrophobic and provided diagnostic accuracy like never before.

In August 2021, MIOT Hospitals set yet another benchmark in the Indian healthcare landscape.

For the 1st time in India, MIOT introduced the MIOT Interventional Suite, which brings a Biplane Cath Lab with Cone Beam CT and 3D Echo, supported by software intelligence on a single platform. The fully configured Biplane CathLab System takes cardiac, neurological and vascular pinhole procedures to another level by setting benchmarks in SPEED, ACCURACY AND SAFETY. Below is a case study of how two technologies at MIOT Hospitals, the Silent 3T MRI machine and MIOT Interventional Suite played a crucial role in saving an Andaman & Nicobar Islands' patient's life.

Life was like a dream for 28yr old Sushmitha. Being the youngest and only daughter of her family and a sister to 2 brothers; she was loved and cared the most by all. She was a very independent person and also followed her passion and became a teacher. But what started as back pain in June 2021 turned her life upside down. Initially, she thought it was profession related and never cared about it much. But as days passed, her pain worsened and she visited a local doctor, who prescribed her few medicines. But still her pain persisted to an extent that she was unable to sleep.

Soon, her symptoms progressed and she could not feel her hands and feet. She had lost all her sensation to her limbs, lost bladder control and needed support to walk, to go to the washroom, to eat, to hold paper, etc. Ms. Sushmitha said "I felt helpless, I was in pain and I thought that my life is over and I have to be dependent on someone all my life. But the worst ever pain was when I decided to quit my job."

She was then referred to a hospital at Port Blair who advised her for CT scan, which showed an erosive lesion in the cervical spine (neck bone) suggestive of cancer.

The family was shattered. The word cancer had made Ms. Sushmitha lose all her hope. It was only at that time, their family friend who was treated successfully at MIOT Hospitals, Chennai suggested them to take an opinion from the MIOT oncologist. Her father, with a glimmer of hope rushed with his daughter's reports to MIOT Hospitals Outreach clinic at Port Blair.

Immediately, the team at MIOT Hospitals Outreach Clinic arranged for a Video consultation with the Senior Medical Oncologist at MIOT, Chennai who reviewed the reports and asked them to come to MIOT, Chennai immediately.

Normal Spine Bone Ms. Sushmitha's Spine Bone Eroded Neck Bone Normal Spine Bone She travelled by flight from Andaman to Chennai Airport. At Airport, she was received by the MIOT team and transferred in an ambulance to the hospital. She required wheel-chair assistance for movement as she could barely walk. She met the Oncologist and spine team who advised for Silent 3T MRI.

High-clarity images produced by MIOT's Silent 3T MRI ruled out cancer, but revealed abnormally tangled blood vessels eroding the bone in the cervical spine (neck bone). An angiogram done using the MIOT Biplane Cath Lab with Cone Beam CT showed an abnormal connection between the artery (deliver Oxygen rich blood from heart to other organs of the body) and vein (carry deoxygenated blood from organs back to heart) – Para Spinal Dural Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF) which caused a pressure effect on

the spinal cord at the cervical level resulting in weakness of the trunk and limb muscles. As a result she couldn't walk without support, and couldn't control her bladder. To the family's relief it was not cancer, but the location of the Para Spinal Dural Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF) was complex. Even one wrong move during the procedure can leave her paralyzed for life. But, the doctors gave hope and decided to perform a pinhole procedure immediately.

The treatment plan was to inject thick glue like substance and seal off the abnormal connection. The procedure was planned in the new MIOT Interventional Suite's Biplane Cath Lab facility. This machine supported by software intelligence helped the interventional neurologist to exactly locate the abnormality. Cone Beam CT, a distinguishing feature of the machine which produces CT like output of brain vessels in mere 5.2 seconds, showed 3D images of all the feeder vessels and fistula tangled inside the bundle of blood vessels. This not only helps in eliminating the presence of any further abnormalities but also choosing the path for navigation. This avoids the doctor working in blind thus promising the highest level of accuracy.

The vessels around the spinal cord can be as small as 1mm in diameter. MIOT Interventional Suite's Biplane Cath Lab facility helps guide the neurologist by highlighting the pathway to the AVF and injecting the substance only into it without damaging any other surrounding vessels, thus assuring maximum safety. New Road Map obtained after every injection of the glue produces images only of the blood vessels into which the glue is injected, eliminating the surrounding structures thus highlighting if the glue is flowing in the right direction. The radiation dose was also reduced to more than 50%. In all, the procedure duration was brought down from 4 hours to less than 1 hour, thanks to the MIOT Interventional Suite.

Five days after the procedure, Ms. Sushamita Biswas started to walk once again and was even able to climb the stairs without any support. Today she has regained her confidence and independency and is eagerly waiting to continue her passion.

Police Training School, Prothrapur to Conduct Quiz Competition of School Students to Mark the Celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Port Blair, Nov 17: In order to mark the celebration of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", Police Training School, Prothrapur of Andaman & Nicobar Police is going to organize a Quiz Competition on Freedom Fighters/History of Indian Independence for School students of the class IX to XII at Police Training School,

Prothrapur on 22/11/2021 at 1000 hrs. Nominations of the participants from concerned schools (Team consisting of 02 students) are invited from the Schools of Port Blair area for participating in the Quiz Competition. The Winners and Runner-ups will be rewarded suitably along with certificates.

All Principal(s) and In-charges are hereby requested to send or submit the nominations (Team wise) from their respective schools to the Vice Principal, Police Training School, Prothrapur on or before 17/11/2021 or on whatsapp numbers 9434266100 & 9434261782.

Ruby Hospital Kolkata allegedly refuses to admit patient from Andaman, sent under Ayushman Bharat Scheme

Port Blair, Nov 17: Family members of a patient from Andaman and Nicobar Islands have leveled serious allegations against a private hospital in Kolkata for refusing to admit the critical patient in ICU, even after conducting all required tests. The private hospital, Ruby General Hospital Ltd. reportedly refused to admit her due to the non-availability of ICU bed at late night.

In a letter addressed to the Nodal Officer, Directorate of Health Services A & N islands Mr. KG Das, husband of the patient informed that his wife Mrs. Smriti Das suffered from a breathing problem and was admitted at GB Pant hospital on 27th October this year. Later on, she was referred to Ruby General Hospital Ltd. for her advanced treatment under Ayushman Bharat Scheme.

The patient was accompanied by her husband Mr. KG Das, her son and daughter reached the Ruby General Hospital Ltd. on 09th November early in the morning and after a long drive from the airport, they reached the said hospital by 11:00 AM.

"Instead of admitting her, a staff of the hospital advised me to report to Dr. Tapan Majhi, Cardiologist and he further

advised me for various tests and opinion of nephrologists in OPD. We requested the cardiologist to undertake a test after admitting her as she is a serious patient and needs oxygen support and she took two hours air journey and a long road journey from Airport. The Doctor told us we would decide whether to admit her or not after reviewing the test results. Thus a serious cardiac patient was forced to roam from one counter to another in a wheelchair", Mr. Das alleged. He further pointed out that at about 7 PM Nephrologists after examining her they advised him to report to an emergency room, where the patient was given medicine and a diabetic diet for the first time, and later at about 8 PM, they were informed by the Resident Medical Officer that his wife Mrs. Smriti Das cannot be admitted as there is no ICU bed vacant in the Hospital.

However, the RMO advised them to take the patient to a hospital elsewhere where in-patient ICU facilities are available. Then with great difficulties, they could contact FORTIES Hospital nearby to Ruby hospital and admitted her there at 11:18 PM on 9th November 2021. Meanwhile, the FORTIS Hospital

arranged the shifting of the patient at their hospital in ambulance, said Mr. Das in his letter.

Mr. Das in his letter urged the Nodal Officer, Directorate of Health Services A & N islands to investigate the matter in the interest of patients referred to Ruby General Hospital so that such inhuman treatment to the patient can be avoided in the future.

Mr. Das has sent a copy of his letter to the Chief Secretary, Secretary Health and Media units of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Taking up this issue, when Andaman Sheekha reporter contacted a senior officer of Health Department, the officer added that during telephonic inquiry the Ruby Hospital has intimated that as the related treatment for the health issue of Mrs. Das is not available in Ruby Hospital, she was not admitted. However, the senior officer said that the DHS has received nearly three such complaints against the same hospital and therefore this matter will be taken up very strongly with the Ministry of Health by the Health Department against Ruby Hospital.

DC South Andaman and Senior Officers conducts Surprise Visit at Haddo and Phoenix Bay Ports

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Deputy Commissioner, Shri Suneel Anchipaka along with Secretary (Shipping), ADM, SP (CID), Director (Tourism) and Director (Shipping) and other officials of Revenue and Shipping department had recently conducted a surprise visit to the Haddo Wharf and ticket counter at Phoenix Bay after receiving several complaints with regard to the problems being faced by the passengers.

The DC(SA) after hearing to the problems of the passengers made

several decisions on the spot to mitigate the problems of the passengers availing the ship facilities from Port Blair to different islands.

In this regard the District Administration in an attempt to reduce the time lag being faced by the passengers intending to board the vessel from Haddo Wharf to Southern group of Islands has now decided to send a detailed SMS to each passenger on their registered mobile regarding the status of their RTPCR test report and the

S.No. in the test list. This will reduce the time for verification of the passengers for issue of tickets at the Wharf. It has also been decided to increase the number of staffs at the Wharf for verification of the list for making the movement of passengers of the inter islands hassle free.

The DC(SA) reiterated that the District Administration is fully committed to improve the facilities for the passengers and welcomes suggestions from the general public for further improvement of the same.

Shiva Yogetha of Shore Point creates World Record; DC felicitates 4 yr old

Port Blair, Nov 17: Kumari. Shiva Yogetha, daughter of Mr Shiva Kumar and Smt Rathika, achieved the World Record for being the "Fastest To Recite Backward 100 To 1 Counting" on August 19, 2021.

Kumari. Shiva Yogetha is a resident of Shorepoint, Bambooflat from Andaman & Nicobar Island, India. She recited 100 to 1 backward counting in 51 seconds and broke

the previous record of reciting backward numbers in 1 minute 29 seconds and set a new world record for the International Book of Records.

Mr Suneel Anchipaka, Deputy Commissioner/District Magistrate, South Andaman felicitated the young talent who was born on 20th March 2017 and achieved the feat at the age of four years and six month old and is a student of KG-I of

Carmel Pre-Primary School, Port Blair. She has a very keen interest in reading and is very good at memorizing and will be a motivation for the children of these Islands for achieving heights in different fields.

The District Administration always encourages and motivates such young talents and extends all possible support for their overall development, a release said.

GeM Bidding Press Notice

Bid No.GeM/2021/B/1594185

The Executive Engineer, Workshop Division, APWD, Port Blair invites Online Gem Bidding vide Bid No.GeM/2021/B/1594185 in GeM Portal for "Annual repair and maintenance of Computers and its accessories of CE's Office Complex under APWD, Port Blair during 2021-22

The interested bidders can login www.gem.gov.in for bidding and further details

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Vegetable Prices: Member of Parliament requests CS to direct ANIIDCO to bring Vegetables from Mainland India

Port Blair, Nov 17: Considering the uncontrolled prices vegetables in Andaman Market, which has gone beyond the budget of common Islanders, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to direct ANIIDCO to procure vegetables from Mainland and transport the same to Andaman so that vegetables at affordable rates can

be made available in the Andaman market.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of Parliament today pointed out that the General Public of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have already suffered heavy losses during the lockdown period and many have exhausted all their savings during this pandemic period.

He said that adding to their pain now the vegetable prices in Andaman market have gone up

astronomically high, which is beyond the reach of the common man.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that he strongly believes that looking at the rate difference of vegetables in Port Blair as well as in Mainland Market, even after transport costs the ANIIDCO will be able to provide vegetables for the common man at an affordable rate, which will benefit each and every Islander.

Member of Parliament distributes rations kits to 200 needy people

Port Blair, Nov 14: The Member of Parliament Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma here on Sunday visited Amrita Hospital, Shadipur and distributed free ration kits to 200 needy peoples whose life has been affected since the lockdown was imposed. The kits for distribution

were provided by Mata Amritanandamayi often known as "Amma".

Mr. Sharma took part in the programme as a Chief Guest. The beneficiaries of this drive expressed their gratitude to Mata Amritanandamayi and Mr.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma for providing them with ration kits. Ex-Councillor of Shadipur Smt. Sheela Singh along with other political and spiritual leaders were also present on the occasion.

ANTCC pays tribute to Former Prime Minister of India Pandit. Jawaharlal Nehru

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee (ANTCC) organized a function on Sunday at Gandhi Bhawan to commemorate the 132nd birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister of India Pandit. Jawaharlal Nehru. At the outset, the ANTCC President Mr. Rangalal Halder and other senior leaders of Congress party paid rich floral tributes to the portrait of Pandit. Nehru.

recalled the contributions of Jawaharlal Nehru, who played a historic role in the attainment of India's freedom. "If India is a vibrant democracy and the largest developing economy today, it is only because of the initiatives of Nehru ji who introduced green revolution, launched various multifaceted development programmes, the PSUs and premier institutions of learning, it is for these reasons Nehru ji is

referred as architect of modern India", he said.

He appealed the party workers to take a pledge to tirelessly work and uphold Nehru's commitment for an inclusive democracy, empowerment of the people, and preserving the unity and integrity of India.

Senior party leaders, PCC office bearers, frontal organizations, DCC's, CCC, BCC's and party workers attended the function.

Excursion trip for the children of Child Care Institutions by DA

Port Blair, Nov 17: On the occasion of Children's Day, the District Child Protection Unit Under District Administration in collaboration with India Reserve Battalion organised an Excursion trip for the children of Child Care Institutions to the Campus of IRBn at Port Mount. On this occasion of Children's Day Mr. Hari Kallikatt, IAS, Additional District Magistrate, South Andaman greeted all the children and wished them a bright future.

During this trip, children were briefed about the duties and responsibilities as well as functions of India Reserve Battalion and the Role of Civil Police in the Society. The officials of the India Reserve Battalion presented a demo on the activities and also an exhibition of weapons for the children was also arranged. The children were also motivated to opt the profession as career. The program culminated with a cultural

program followed by lunch.

The ADM, South Andaman, along with Mr. Dilkush Meena, IAS, SDM South Andaman, Ms. Yashaswini B., Assistant Commissioner (UT) and Mr. J Senthil, Assistant Commandant were the distinguished guest present to grace the occasion. The District Administration always ensures to organize such special events for the children of CCI in order to bring a smile on their face.

IMO Level-I Training Conducted by Coast Guard Pollution Response Team ANI

Port Blair, Nov 17: The Coast Guard component of the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), conducted an International Maritime Organisation (IMO) Level-I course for the various stake holders, responsible for Pollution Response Operations, at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ANI). The course was conducted by Coast Guard Pollution Response Team from 08 Nov to 12 Nov 2021, at Port Blair. The Coast Guard (CG) as a Central Coordinating Agency for combating oil pollution in the Maritime Zones of India conducts the course in line with the guidelines of International

Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness Response and Co-operation (OPRC) Convention 1990, to which India is a signatory. Any oil spill in the seas around the ANI will have severe environmental impact on the marine ecosystem and adversely affect dependent economic / tourism activities. Accordingly, IMO level-I courses are structured and conducted by the Coast Guard, to provide effective training to all stakeholders for coordinated response operations against any marine oil spills at sea. The training course was attended by 25 participants, including officials from the Department of Environment & Forests, Port

Management Board (PMB), Andaman and Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (PCC), Marine Police Force (PMF) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) apart from personnel of CG. The course curriculum provided the participants an insight into the various facets of pollution response in terms of awareness, preparedness, response, legal regulations and practical exposure on handling of pollution response equipment. Certificates were presented on successful completion of IMO Level-I training to all the participants.

One day after berthing safely at RCC Jetty, MV Sindhu hits Breakwater Jetty of Campbell Bay, suffers minor damages



Port Blair, Nov 17: On its trial run to Nicobar District, MV Sindhu while berthing at Breakwater Jetty of Campbell this morning reportedly hit the Dolphin (an additional RCC structure) near Breakwater jetty and sustained minor damages.

As per sources, the incident took place this morning while shifting the ship from RCC Jetty to

Breakwater Jetty. No one in the ship was reachable for a comment and no officials in Campbell Bay were willing to share details in this regard but Andaman Sheekha Daily has learnt that the incident took place due to high wind, while going alongside the Breakwater Jetty early this morning.

The ship reportedly suffered some dents in the rear part and also

there was some leakage of water in the ballast tank of the ship. The minor damages have been reportedly repaired and the ship is now ready to sail tomorrow morning towards Port Blair via Kamorta and Hut Bay. Earlier yesterday the ship MV Sindhu reportedly berthed at RCC Jetty of Campbell Bay without any trouble.

Fire Catastrophe Averted by A&N Police Fire Service Saved Property Worth Crores

Port Blair, Nov 17: The brave fire fighters of A&N Police Fire Service averted a major fire mishap in the city by timely intervention and prompt action. On 13/11/2021, late in the evening a fire call message was received from Police Control Room stating that a fire broke out in an Air Cargo building, Port Blair. Promptly fire tenders from Fire Station Aberdeen were pressed into action. A huge blaze with dense smoke was emanating from the air cargo building when fire personnel reached the spot. Reinforcement was later called in

after assessing the ground situation.

Due to the outstanding team work of Andaman and Nicobar Fire personnel, prompt response, skill and professionalism the fast spreading fire at cargo complex was doused after a lengthy fire fighting operation that lasted for more than an hour. Around 03 Water Tenders, 01 Water Bouzer, 01 Water Mist Tender & 01 Multi Utility vehicle were utilized. Yet again the A&N Police Fire Service proved their mettle and good workmanship in saving property worth crores of rupees

and averted a major fire mishap that had emanated from a short circuit and had spread wildly.

The entire fire fighting operation was carried out by the staff of Fire Station Aberdeen and Marine under the team led by Inspector Fire Service (HQ), S. Sadhukhan under the overall supervision of Ms. Sandhya Swamy, IPS Superintendent of Police (Fire), A&N Islands.

General public is advised to be well aware of fire safety rules so as to prevent any major mishap as even a small spark can have a snowball effect.

Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Port Blair Centre welcomes the Announcement of Central Government to Celebrate 15th November as Janjati Gourav Diwas

Port Blair, Nov 14: The "Janjati Gourav Diwas" Tribal Pride day to be celebrated on November 15 on the eve of the birthday of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, the Hero of Tribal Identity. Andaman and Nicobar Islands Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram has welcomed the announcement of Central Government.

The Janjati Samaj has made an innumerable contributions in the freedom struggle of INDIA. Bhagwan Birsa Munda has been the leader of some revolutionaries who have struggled to protect water, land, forest and also to struggle to save culture has been considered as Hero of tribal Identity. That is why from his life time, the people of Jharkhand used call him "DHARTIABAA". The Janjati Samaj and Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram have been

celebrating the Birth Anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda as Janjati Gourav Diwas for many years to remember the glorious and the contribution of tribal society in the freedom struggle. Through this tribal society was searching for its Identity, self respect and it has got recognition from this decision of the Government of INDIA and the Andaman and Nicobar Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Janjati Samaj and entire country warmly welcomes the decision of Central Government.

Birsa Munda not only a symbol of tribal Identity as sacrificed his life for the Janjati Samaj but also for the freedom of the entire country. This decision of Government of India recognizes the contribution not only Birsa Munda but also freedom fighters

the Siddo Kanu, Tilka Manjhi, Punja Bhil, Talakkal Chandu, Theerth Singh, Budhu Bhagat, Veer Sambudhan Puglosa, and Gond Rani Durga Wathi. The Announcement during the nectar festival celebration of this year increases the importance of JANJATI GOURAV DIWAS. Therefore Remembering Bhagwan Birsa Munda and other sacrifices not only the Janjati Samaj but the entire country should celebrate 15th November with great Honour. This is our call not only for Janjati Samaj but for the entire country, a release issued by Mr. Chellaperumal, General Secretary, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Andaman And Nicobar Islands, Port Blair.

Former member of ANPC demands MO Potash fertilizer in Little Andaman at earliest

Port Blair, Nov 17: Mr. PK Halder, President of Andaman and Nicobar Democratic Congress and former member of Andaman and Nicobar Pradesh Council demanded "MO Potash" fertilizer at Little Andaman at the earliest.

In his letter addressed to Mr. Jitendra Narain, IAS, Chief Secretary, he informed that only

DAP fertilizer is being given to farmers in Little Andaman nowadays and highlighted that only DAP will not serve the purpose. MO Potash fertilizer is very much required to apply along with the DAP, he added.

"It is very unfortunate that bulk quantities of MO Potash fertilizer have been already procured by the Agriculture Department, and

is stored in Port Blair long back", Mr. Halder pointed out.

He mentioned that the Monsoon is supposed to end and hence, the fertilizers are in need to be applied soon. He urged the Chief Secretary to look into the matter and provide MO Potash fertilizer to farmers at the earliest.