

NO SALARY FOR THE STAFF OF NNM (POSHAN 2.0) FOR LAST 10 MONTHS

Port Blair, November 03 : NNM (Poshan Abhiyaan 2.0) is India's Flagship programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The scheme is implemented in all three districts of A & N Islands. 24 employees have been working to implement

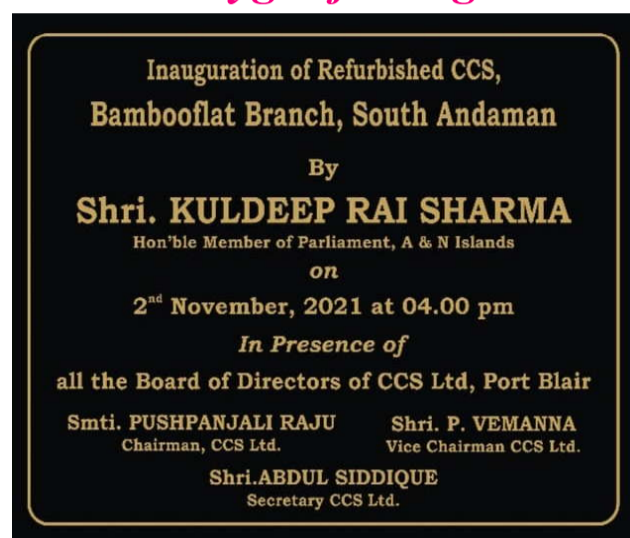
the scheme at State, District and Block levels. All 24 employees have not received their salaries for almost ten to twelve months. It is being reported that the staff are facing several issues because of non-payment of their salaries for a long time. The staff working in remote Islands are suffering the

most. The reason for non-payment is attributed to not receiving the required funds from MoW & CD, GOI. Administration needs to take up this issue on priority so that the implementation of this scheme is not effected adversely.

Two more refurbished CCS Stores at Bambooflat and Wimberlygunj inaugurated

Port Blair, November 03 : The Consumer Cooperative Stores Limited, Port Blair, continuing its commitment to revive and set standards in public service delivery has inaugurated its refurbished and revamped branches at Bambooflat and Wimberlygunj on 02nd November 2021. Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands inaugurated these branches. The newly introduced revamped CCS Stores are designed to provide efficient public service delivery and smart shopping experience to the residents of this area.

On this occasion, the CCS Management had launched unique and exciting three days offer for the customers from 2nd to 4th November. Those who purchase items worth Rs. 1500, the customers shall be given 10 pcs of eggs absolutely free. For purchase of items worth Rs. 2500, 16 eggs will be free and



for purchase for Rs. 3500 -22 eggs will be offered free. For purchase of items worth Rs. 5000, customers will be given 30 eggs free. Apart from this, the CCS Management has also launched one Mega Bumper Offer. During the offer period, customers making a shopping of Rs. 2500/- and above shall be issued a lucky coupon. A draw

will be held on 1st January 2022, 5.00Pm at the main branch of Aberdeen Bazar, and the first few lucky winners can win exciting prizes. 1st Prize - 02 Nos. Gold coin 8 grms, 2nd Prize - 02 Nos. 40" Led TV, 3rd Prize - 02 Nos Kelvinator Fridge 190 Ltrs. 20 Nos Consolation prizes of 5Ltr Pressure Cooker.

शुभकामनाएँ

‘दीपावली’ के पावन अवसर पर, अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीप समूह के समस्त द्वीपवासियों को मेरी हार्दिक बधाई और शुभकामनाएँ।

‘प्रकाशपर्व दीपावली’ हमें अपने जीवन में अवगुण रूपी अंधकार का दमन कर अच्छाई का प्रकाश फैलाने की प्रेरणा देता है।

इस शुभ अवसर पर हम द्वीपों में व्याप्त आपसी सौहार्द, शान्ति व समृद्धि को बनाए रखने के लिए एकजुट होकर स्वयं को समर्पित करने का प्रयास करें।

मैं द्वीपवासियों से यह अपील करता हूँ कि कोविड-19 के दिशा-निर्देशों एवम् कोविड उपयुक्त व्यवहार का कड़ाई से पालन करें और समय पर कोविड टीका लगवाकर स्वयं तथा परिजनों के स्वास्थ्य की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करें।

मेरी कामना है कि यह प्रकाशपर्व सभी द्वीपवासियों के जीवन में स्वास्थ्य, खुशहाली और समृद्धि लाए और हमारा यह द्वीप समूह प्रगति के पथ पर सदा अग्रसर होता रहे।

(एडमिरल डी. के. जोशी)

पीवीएसएम, एवीएसएम, वाईएसएम, एनएम, वीएसएम (अ.प्रा.)

उप राज्यपाल

अण्डमान तथा निकोबार द्वीपसमूह

एवं उपाध्यक्ष, द्वीप विकास एजेंसी

Battered road



Port Blair, November 03 : The road in R K Gram village in Diglipur is in very bad shape. Currently metals are lying on this road. If road repair work is not taken up on priority there is every chance of this village road becoming an accident prone zone. More so for two wheelers.

B & S Boxing Training Centre

Time table

- 6 am to 8 am Boxing Class
- 8 am to 10 am Boxing class
- 3 pm to 4 pm (Female batch Fat loss program)
- 4 pm to 6 pm (Boxing Class)
- 6 pm to 8 pm (Boxing Class)

B & S Boxing Training Centre, operation from 1st November 2021, located in opposite to IDBI Bank, Aberdeen Bazar, welcomes all youth of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for Boxing training and personal Physical fitness, where the centre has curriculum of boxing competition preparation for Children's and kids and fat loss program as well general fitness with boxing Workouts, we urge all parents to let us help their children unlock their hidden potential and talents. Kindly contact coach Bikram Pariyar (Professional Boxer ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR) for further information. 9531839671

ADVISORY ON CRACKERS BURSTING DURING DIWALI

01 TIMING FOR THE USE OF FIRE CRACKERS: 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

02 RESTRICTED ZONES FOR THE USE OF FIRE CRACKERS: Fireworks are not burst in silence zones area

03 BUY ONLY REDUCED EMISSION FIRECRACKERS: Improved crackers or Green crackers

04 BANNED FIRE CRACKERS: Series crackers or laris are banned

HON'BLE SUPREME COURT DIRECTION REGARDING CONTROL OF NOISE & AIR POLLUTION DURING DIWALI

FOR ANY VIOLATION OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT ORDER.. STRICT LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN..



EDITORIAL

भारत में बनी कोरोना वैक्सीन Covaxin को WHO ने दी मंजूरी : सूत्र

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (WHO)ने भारत में निर्मित कोरोना वैक्सीन Covaxin को आपातकालीन इस्तेमाल की मंजूरी दी है। स्वदेशी कंपनी भारत बायोटेक ने यह वैक्सीन विकसित की है।

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स्वदेशी कंपनी भारत बायोटेक ने यह वैक्सीन विकसित की है। सूत्रों ने बुधवार शाम को यह जानकारी दी। WHO की ओर से मिली इस मंजूरी के मायने यह है कि भारत में बनी इस कोरोना वैक्सीन को अब अन्य देशों में मान्यता मिल सकेगी और यह वैक्सीन लगवारे वाले भारतीयों को अब विदेशों में यात्रा के दौरान क्वारंटीन होने या प्रतिबंधों का सामना नहीं करना पड़ेगा। इमरजेंसी लिस्टिंग या EUL एक लंबी समीक्षा प्रक्रिया के बाद आती है। भारत बायोटेक ने पहले अप्रैल में मंजूरी के लिए आवेदन किया था और जुलाई में जरूरी डेट उपलब्ध कराए थे इसमें वैक्सीन की सुरक्षा, प्रभावशीलता से संबंधित जानकारीयां शामिल थीं।

यह समर्थ नेतृत्व की निशानी है,

यह मोदी जी के संकल्प की कहानी है,

यह देशवासियों के विश्वास की जुबानी है,

यह आत्मनिर्भर भारत की दिवाली है।

डब्ल्यूएचओ ईयूएल के उपयोग के लिए कोवैक्सीन के क्लिनिकल परीक्षण के आंकड़ों का मूल्यांकन कर रहा है। तकनीकी परामर्शदाता समूह ने 26 अक्टूबर को टीके को आपात उपयोग के लिए सूचीबद्ध करने के लिहाज से अंतिम 'जोखिम-लाभ मूल्यांकन' करने के लिए कंपनी से अतिरिक्त स्पष्टीकरण मांगे थे। एक सूत्र ने 'पीटीआई-भाषा' से कहा, "डब्ल्यूएचओ के तकनीकी परामर्शदाता समूह ने कोवैक्सीन के लिए आपात उपयोग के लिए सूचीबद्ध के दर्जे की सिफारिश की है।" डब्ल्यूएचओ का तकनीकी परामर्शदाता समूह एक स्वतंत्र सलाहकार समूह है जो डब्ल्यूएचओ को यह सिफारिश करता है कि क्या किसी कोविड-19 रोधी टीके को ईयूएल प्रक्रिया के तहत आपात उपयोग के लिए सूचीबद्ध किया जा सकता है या नहीं। कोवैक्सीन ने लक्षण वाले कोविड-19 रोग के खिलाफ 77.8 प्रतिशत प्रभाव दिखाया है और वायरस के नये डेल्टा स्वरूप के खिलाफ 65.2 प्रतिशत सुरक्षा दर्शाई है। कंपनी ने जून में कहा था कि उसने तीसरे चरण के परीक्षणों से कोवैक्सीन के प्रभाव का अंतिम विश्लेषण समाप्त किया है।

गौरतलब है कि हाल ही में, Covaxin को ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने भी यात्रा के लिए मान्यता प्रदान की है। ऑस्ट्रेलिया ने इसके साथ ही अपने अंतरराष्ट्रीय सीमा प्रतिबंधों में भी ढील का ऐलान किया है। ऑस्ट्रेलियाई सरकार की मीडिया रिलीज में कहा गया था, 'भारत बायोटेक इंडिया की ओर से निर्मित कोवैक्सीन और सिनोफॉर्म, चीन की निर्मित BBIBP-CorV को यात्रियों के टीकाकरण के लिए मान्यता होगी। कोवैक्सीन के लिए यह मान्यता 12 या इससे अधिक उम्र के यात्रियों के लिए और BBIBP-CorV के लिए 18 से 60 वर्ष के वैक्सीनेटेड यात्रियों के लिए होगी।

SOUTH ANDAMAN POLICE FELICITATES WINNERS OF ONLINE ESSAY COMPETITION IN CONNECTION WITH POLICE COMMEMORATION WEEK

South Andaman District Police observed 'Police Commemoration Week' in a befitting manner to remember the brave policemen who had sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. To spread awareness about it, the District Police organized various activities/events from 21st October to 31st October, 2021. As part of this, online essay

competitions were organized by various Police Stations for school students as well as wards of Police personnel on the topic "Role of Police in Nation building". A large numbers of students from different schools/areas participated in the event and penned down their thoughts and observations about the role of Police in order to build the nation and to protect the society.

On 02nd of November, 2021, all the winners of the online essay competition were facilitated by giving medals and certificates. During the interaction with the students, emphasis was given on the importance of Police Commemoration Day and encouraged them to join the Police force to give their valuable service to the nation as well as to the citizens.

THEFT CASE CRACKED BY PS OGRABRAJ STAFF

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vide crime No. 50/2021 dated 19/08/2021 U/s 380 IPC has been registered at PS Ograbraj. Sincere efforts by the team of PS Ograbraj led to rounding off of suspect. During sustained interrogation, suspect Naresh Lal S/o Late Jeevan Lal (34)yrs R/o Caddlegunj admitted his guilt and stated that he has stolen the above mentioned articles from the house of complainant. On 29/10/2021, the Police team recovered 01 No. gold chain weighing 29 grams from his possession. Subsequently, he was arrested on 29/10/2021. Further, during interrogation on his production, 01 pair of gold ear ring, ear chain and finger ring weighing 08 grams and 01 No. gold chain weighing

8.3 grams had been recovered & seized by the Police team. The arrest of the accused and recovery of stolen property in the case could have been made only due to sincere and concerted efforts made by the team comprising SI T. Dilla Rao, SHO PS Ograbraj, HCs/ J.S. Thapa, Anand Prakash Lakra, PCs/ Manoj Kr. Bakla & Pabitro Shikari under the overall supervision of Shri Saurabh Chandra, DANIPS, SDPO (Bambooflat).

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100 & 03192-233077. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

Fishermen community of Campbell Bay stages protest against fishing Trawler

Port Blair, Nov 03: The Fishermen community of Campbell Bay today staged a protest against operation of fishing trawlers in the Great Nicobar region and non availability of ice blocks for the fishermen community of the Island.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha Daily, protesting fishermen pointed out that a 25 Ton fishing trawler has been brought to Campbell Bay for the purpose of catching fish in large quantity. They mentioned that it is still not clear whether the registration of the said fishing trawler has been done by the vessel owner, however, the vessel has reached to Campbell Bay and has been given anchorage permission close to Marine Hard jetty of Campbell Bay from Port Management Board. "Altogether 50 individual fishermen from our community

have registered themselves under fisheries department are literally scared of losing their livelihood due to the arrival of fishing trawler at Campbell Bay, as per the reliable sources the fishing trawler is a 25 Ton capacity vessel, and in order to preserve the catch the trawler will require large quantity of Ice Blocks from cold storage which will not be sufficient for other fishermen of our community if the required number of ice blocks will be provided to fishing trawler, since the capacity of present cold storage of fisheries department is 200 ice blocks it is also reported from our community that the present number of ice blocks prepared at cold storage Campbell Bay is barely sufficient for existing smaller boat owner of our community. It's a matter of great concern for all of us if in the coming days the said fishing

trawler will venture into sea for fishing and in order to preserve the catch the trawler require more than 200 ice blocks at a time causing immense scarce of ice blocks for other fishermen who have already reporting of insufficient supply from cold storage," said one fisherman.

As per details, the protest began this morning and till now no officials from Administration have contacted them to listen to their grievances.

"If the administration wants to commercialize fishing, then please send us back to our mainland. If our problems are not solved we will organise major protest and will block all roads of Great Nicobar Island until we get justice," Mr. Purushottam added.

Rigorous Imprisonment for Three Years with fine by Hon'ble POCSO Court, Mayabunder

Mayabunder, November 03: The Hon'ble Special Court under POCSO Act, Mayabunder has found guilty and convicted one accused person namely K. Duryodhan, retired government employee of Electricity Department R/o Poka Dera under Police Station Mayabunder and sent him to judicial custody on 01/11/2021 for reflection of mind for hearing of quantum of punishment.

Accordingly, on 02/11/2021 Shri. Jimut Bahan Biswas, Hon'ble Additional Sessions Judge -cum- Special Judge under POCSO Act, North & Middle Andaman District, Mayabunder after hearing upon both sides passed an order and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment

for three years to the convict for the offence punishable under section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 and also to pay fine of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand), out of which 90 percent amount is to be paid to the victim girl as compensation u/s. 357 of Cr.P.C. in default of payment which convict will have to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months more.

A case under POCSO Act was registered in the Police Station, Mayabunder vide FIR No. 06 of 2020 on the basis of written statement lodged by the victim girl wherein the prosecution has sufficiently proved that the accused person has committed the offence under section 8 of POCSO Act, 2012 for

committing sexual assault upon an innocent minor girl aged about fifteen years.

For the rehabilitation of victim girl, an amount of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand only) has been awarded as compensation as per provision of 357A of Cr.P.C from Victim Compensation Fund. The entire case was investigated by SI Somen Kumar Halder for which the Hon'ble Court has appreciated for good performance. The prosecution case was conducted by Shri. Keshab Chandra Mondal, learned Special Public Prosecutor (POCSO Act), Mayabunder.

AATO conducts FAM tour of NSCB Island

915 people vaccinated today in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Nov 03: Andaman Association of Tour Operators in association with India Tourism, Port Blair organised a FAM tour to NSCB (Ross) Island from Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports complex on 02 Nov 21. The tour was attended by 50 students and faculty members of BBAA, Tourism of JNRM College. 15 members

of AATO alongwith officials of Ministry of Tourism also participated in the tour. The team was taken to NSCB Island by Royal Saffire, a luxury air-conditioned boat. Ms. Anuradha Rao, a renowned guide of NSCB Island briefed the students about the history of Ross Island. Mr. M. Vinod, President of

the association highlighted the importance of FAM tours to these historical places for the students of A&N Islands. He expressed his gratitude to JNRM College, A&N Command, Ministry of Tourism and tourist boat association for rendering all sorts of support for successful completion of the tour.

Port Blair, Nov. 3: The vaccination drive is continuing smoothly in A&N Islands. As per data available, a total of 4,96,196 beneficiaries have been vaccinated so far in A&N Islands, out of the target beneficiaries of 2,81,603 (approx.). A total of 1,73,507 eligible people in the age group

of 18 to 44 years have been vaccinated till date. A total of 915 people were vaccinated today in A&N Islands. 723 beneficiaries were vaccinated in South Andaman District, out of which 59 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 169

beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 7 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 23 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District out of which 2 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44.

Suspected Crocodile Attack at Narayan Tikry area of North Andaman

Bringing Huge Relief, APWD cleans overhead water tank of Car Nicobar's Perka Village and removes lime formation

Diglipur, Nov 03: A dead-body of a man was found yesterday morning at Narayan Tikry creek area. It is learnt that police suspects that the man was attacked by a Crocodile. As per information yesterday morning 08:30 AM local people of Narayan Tikry found the dead

body floating in the creek of Narayan Tikry. Later this matter was informed to Police Station Kalighat. Immediately Police Team of Police Station Kalighat reached the spot and sighted around two meter long Crocodile in nearby area. The left hand of the body was reportedly missing

and there were grievous injuries on the left side of the face. As per sources a dinghy has also been found from the area. Later the victim was identified as Mr. Soreng Francis, 45 years a resident of Narayan Tikry. Further details are awaited.

Port Blair, Nov 03: Bringing big relief for villagers of Car Nicobar, the Andaman PWD has recently cleaned the overhead water tank of Perka Village, Car Nicobar and removed lime formation. According to reports the overhead tank was not cleaned since last many years, which resulted in high level of TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) due to which there were reports of scale formation inside pipelines, which ultimately resulted in reduced diameter or blockage of pipes.

Therefore regular water supply was frequently interrupted and in many cases, water pressure was reduced. According to reports the water was also reportedly contaminated. To solve this serious issue District Administration of Car Nicobar installed an RO plant in the Perka pump house, from where local villagers used to collect water for drinking purposes. Taking a commendable step, Mr. S. Radha Krishnan, JE HQ-2 APWD, and EE of the APWD

Car Nicobar requested the District Administration for cleaning of the overhead water tank and pipeline for which District Administration gave permission. The Cleaning was done on 29 Oct 2021 morning by APWD staff and the work was completed on the same day. Local people of Headquarters and Perka Village and Tamaloo village appreciate the JE and EE for their efforts to clean the water pipe line.

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Port Blair, Nov 03: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to make arrangements for verification of double dose certificate of COVID-19 vaccine near DSS ticketing counter for the convenience of passengers of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep. In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today pointed out that many Islanders of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep have approached him on the issue of

reported inconvenience being caused by people of these two Islands while travelling from Port Blair for verification of double dose certificate of COVID-19 vaccine. He added that all passengers of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep are presently asked to verify their double dose certificate of COVID-19 vaccine, from the verification center set up at Netaji Stadium area, after purchase of tickets. The Member of Parliament mentioned that because of this system, one has to travel again from Phoenix Bay Jetty (ticketing Counter) to Netaji Stadium area

only for verification of double dose certificate of COVID-19 vaccine. He added that for travelling from Phoenix Bay Jetty (ticketing Counter) to Netaji Stadium area one has to pay nearly Rs. 100 as auto fare. Because of lockdowns and pandemic situations spending extra Rs. 100 as auto fare is hard for many Islanders. Most importantly, this time consuming system is causing a great deal of inconvenience for passengers, especially for ladies and aged people, the Member of Parliament mentioned.

3862 people vaccinated in A&N Islands

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beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44 years. Similarly, 105 beneficiaries were vaccinated in North & Middle Andaman District out of which 13 beneficiaries were in the age group of 18-44. 24 beneficiaries were vaccinated in Nicobar District.

Alcoholism Awareness Program by Humane Touch on the occasion of Azaadi ka Amrit Mohotsav

Port Blair, Nov 03: Humane Touch in association with Forest Range Office, Garacharma organised an Alcoholism Awareness Program for the staffs of Garacharma division at the conference hall of Biological Park, Chidyatapu on 30th October 2021 at 11:00am. Forest Ranger Smti. P. Sandhya Prasad highlighted the need of awareness on Alcoholism in the grassroots level. She also shared

her experience and elaborated the ill effects of alcohol in the department and social life. P Yousuf, Health Educator, GB Pant hospital was the keynote speaker in this program. He emphasized the effects of alcohol in medical terms. He had an active session with the crowd. He also gave tips on how to cope with the alcohol issue. A Abdul Aziz, Executive Member, Humane Touch briefed about the

activities done by Humane Touch in the field of Alcoholism. He also spoke about the problems faced by the families due to alcoholism. Later on a short film "The Truth" directed by Humane Touch was screened to the audience. Altogether 60 forest officials participated in the program. The program concluded with the vote of thanks by Ranger Smti. P Sandhya Prasad, Range Office, Garacharma.

Two Days Training Concluded at ICAR-KVK, Port Blair

Port Blair, Nov 03: As a part of celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, ICAR-CIARI, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Port Blair organized a two days training programme on "Pond Based Farming System" under the UTATMA, Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, funded project at its Campus at Sippighat from 29th to 30th October,

2021. During the training, lectures were delivered by the experts of Dr. L.B. Singh, Dr. Zachariah George, Dr. Pooja Kapoor, Mr. Tanmai Paul and Dr. Nitu Sindhu covering relevant topics. During, Valedictory function critical inputs viz. fish fingerlings (Rohu, Mirgal and Catla), fish feed and vermicomposting bags were provided to five selected beneficiaries viz. Smti

K. Chellamal Rangachang village, Mr. P. Panchamuthu, Calicut village, Mr. Ashim Biswas, Md. A. Samsuddin, Ograbrang and Mr. Madhu Mistry, Collinpur. The programme was conducted under the overall supervision and guidance of Dr. Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair. A total of 10 farmers benefitted from the training.

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e- TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division No-I, APWD, Port Blair invites on behalf of President of India, online Item Rate e-tenders (in form of CPWD-8) from the approved and eligible Contractors of APWD and non APWD contractors irrespective of their enlistment subject to the condition that they have experience of having successfully completed similar nature of work in terms of cost in any of the government department in A&N Islands and they should not have any adverse remarks for following work:

- NIT No. :- 24/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Re-flooring with tiles and repainting of class room of PTS P/Pur under CD-I,A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** :Rs. 5,98,600/-Time of completion:-02 [Two] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_4160_1]
- NIT No. :- 26/NIT/DB/CD-I/PB/21-22**, Name of work: Renovation of Open Distress camp to Accommodation Male, Female and Family at P/Pur under CD-I, A.P.W.D., Port Blair **Estimated Cost** : Rs. 24,52,541/- Time of completion:- 04 [Four] Months [Tender ID No. 2021_APWD_4162_1]

Tender should be filled on line upto 3.00 PM on or before 15.11.2021. The tender will be opened on the same day at 03.30 PM in presence of tenderers representative if any.

The tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>

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Community Interaction Programme and Medical Camp Including Dental Checkup Camp for Fishermen Community at DB Gram, Diglipur by Indian Coast Guard

Port Blair, Nov 03: On 29 Oct 2021, Indian Coast Guard Headquarters, District No. 9 under aegis of HQ ANC conducted a Community Interaction Programme at DB Gram, Diglipur in association with local administration, Gram Panchayat, Self Help Groups and Mahila Mandal for fishermen community. The community interaction program was focused towards educating local fishermen

about importance of carrying life saving gears while venturing at sea for fishing voyage. The fishermen were also appraised regarding usage of DAT (Distress Alert Transponder) and SOS procedures for seeking assistance during distress. Community Interaction Programme was followed by medical camp in conjunction with team from Community Health Center encompassing dental specialist

and Counsellor. In medical camp, general health checkup for fishermen and their families was conducted by Indian Coast Guard medical team of District Headquarters No. 9 and dental checkup by Dental specialist from Community Health Center, Diglipur. The camp also provided opportunity to the fishermen to interact with counsellor for their day-to-day stress management for healthy living.

One airport passenger found COVID-19 positive in RT-PCR test: Deputy Director IP&T

Port Blair, Nov 03: The Deputy Director of IP&T, Mr. Radhey Shyam Meena today said that altogether eleven flights with 1911 passengers arrived today at Port Blair Airport and 1670 passengers have undergone for RT-PCR test, the results of today's RT-PCR tests are awaited.

While addressing the COVID-19 media briefing today at IP&T Conference hall he pointed out that among passengers who arrived yesterday (Sunday), one

passenger was found COVID-19 positive.

The Deputy Director further informed that 284 persons (travelers) bound for North & Middle Andaman were tested at Ferrargunj in which no person was tested COVID-19 positive during Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). Whereas today only 07 RATs were conducted at Phoenix Bay jetty, 125 RATs were conducted at Mohanpura Bus stand and at Helipad a total of 10 persons were tested in which all were

found COVID-19 negative during RATs, he added.

"Today a total of 423 doses of vaccines were provided to eligible beneficiaries among which 401 persons were of the 18-44 year age group," he added. Later the Director, ANIMS, Dr. AK Mandal, informed that at GB Pant Hospital two new COVID-19 patients got admitted, whereas no asymptomatic patient is at Covid Care Center, he added.

Secretary Rural Development visits Mannarghat Gram Panchayat

Port Blair, Nov 03: The Secretary, Rural Development, Shri Suneel Anchipaka IAS, ADM/SDM South Andaman and the Asst. Commissioner (U/T) visited Mannarghat in order to inspect ongoing works in the Gram Panchayat. The officials from revenue and other line department accompanied the team during the visit.

The team visited the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium which was proposed under the MPLADS and it was informed that the work of which is incomplete due to lack of funds. Therefore, the DC (SA)

instructed the concerned to prepare an estimate of funds required for completion of the work in order to make requisite arrangements for its early completion in the larger interest of the young populace.

The team also inspected the ongoing works in the Wright Myo Guest house and further took a boat drive in the creek filled with mangroves to explore the tourism potential and access the improvements to be carried out in the existing facilities available there. The DC (SA) further directed the concerned

department to fill in mud in the Wright Myo Jetty areas so as to make it viable for use. Further the team visited the APWD guest house being constructed at Mannarghat and inspected the Middle School at Wright Myo. The DC (SA) has urged the general public to help the District Administration in the maintenance and upkeep of the amenities and facilities being already provided and also appealed them to feel free to contact his Office in case of any assistance required for the betterment of facilities in the area.

Member of Parliament demands urgent repair of road stretch from Ferrargunj to Wimberlygunj area

Port Blair, Nov 03: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to urgently repair the road stretch from Ferrargunj to Wimberlygunj area.

In his letter to the Chief Secretary he mentioned that residents of Bambooflat, Wimberlygunj, Hope Town, Stewartgunj, Shore Point, Panighat, Mannarghat, Wright Myo, Shoal Bay and nearby areas are going through tremendous mental and physical

agony because of pathetic condition of road from Ferrargunj to Wimberlygunj area.

He mentioned that although a large number of public opt for normal ferry and vehicle ferry vessels for daily commute in most cases but often many Islanders have to use the roads to reach Port Blair and other places for various reasons.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that the road stretch leading to Wimberlygunj from Ferrargunj is in very pathetic shape. According to the public the road has thousands of potholes

and in several places the road has developed waves like uneven surfaces.

He pointed out that this bad road is not only causing physical pain to the public but also causing damages to the vehicles, which people buy with their hard earned money.

The Member of Parliament said that such a bad road might cause a dangerous accident in the coming days and hence an immediate step to repair the road is necessary.

Member of Parliament demands two bigger vehicle ferry vessels on lease for Bambooflat and Chatham sector

Port Blair, Nov 03: Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to induct at least two bigger vehicle ferry vessels on lease for Bambooflat and Chatham sector.

The Member of Parliament has also requested the Chief Secretary to order immediate repair of all the vehicle ferry vessels which are out of service so that the existing shortage can be addressed and the general public gets some relief.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, the Member of

Parliament has pointed out that the people of the South Andaman region are facing tremendous hardship in travelling between Bambooflat and Port Blair, due to shortage of vehicle ferry vessels, regular breakdowns of existing vehicle ferry vessels, heavy rush and limited capacity of these vehicle ferry vessels.

Last date for IGNOU Admission extended till 12th November – 2021

Port Blair, Nov 03: The last date for Admission in Indira Gandhi National Open University's for July 2021, is extended upto 12th November, 2021 without any late fees. For Online admission, log on – <https://ignouadmission.samarth.edu.in>

and for Offline Admissions, Forms can be collected from Regional Centre Office at Mohanpura during working hours ensuring social distancing norms. For more details, visit IGNOU Website – www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional

Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email: rcportblair@ignou.ac.in. A communication from the Regional Director, IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair said.

IGNOU Assignment Submission Last Date Extended

Port Blair, Nov 03: The last date for submission of assignments is extended upto 30th November, 2021. The students may submit their assignments at their respective study centre. For more details, visit IGNOU Website –

www.ignou.ac.in or contact IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair, Kannada Sangha Building, Near Syndicate Bank, Mohanpura, Port Blair. Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111, Email:

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Deputy Commissioner (SA) joins the Diwali Celebrations at CCI; distributes Diwali Gifts to Differently Aabled children and Old Aged Citizens

Port Blair, Nov 03: In order to bring out the brightness of Diwali among Specially Aabled children, the District Administration in collaboration with Port Blair Guru ki Rasoi celebrated Diwali with the children of Divyang Home and also Old Aged Citizens of Abhyudaya, Ferrargunj.

The program began with lighting of diyas with the children. Television and Health Kits sponsored by the civil society

organisation were gifted to the children of Divyang Home.

The team led by Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS also visited Old Aged Home and gifted clothes (dhoti, pants & shirt which were customised as per requirements) to the senior citizens of the Old Aged Home. Sweets were distributed to all the children and senior citizens of the Abhudaya Complex, Ferrargunj.

On the occasion, District Administration extends greetings to all the children of Child Care Institutions and the Senior Citizen and wishes them happiness and good health. The District Administration also appreciates the humble gesture of the civil society organisation for their generosity and extension of all the possible support for the overall development of the children.

Good News for ATR Commuters; Black top surface laying work of NH4 begins in Baratang

Port Blair, Nov 03: After a long wait for several years, finally residents of Baratang have been witnessed black top surface laying works of Andaman Trunk Road, in their area since yesterday.

For nearly last two years people of Baratang and ATR commuters only witnessed earth dumping works on road surface, which used to become death trap after heavy rain.

As per sources finally since yesterday the black top surface

laying works was started by NH4 contractor.

Once the top layer on the entire stretch of ATR in Baratang Island from Nilambur to Gandhi Ghat Jetty is laid, it will bring huge relief for people of Baratang and ATR commuters.

CITU demands filling up of vacant posts under A&N Administration

Port Blair, Nov 03: CITU, Andaman and Nicobar State Committee has demanded immediate filling of all vacant posts in various departments under Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr. B. Chandrachoodan, General Secretary, CITU A & N State Committee said that almost all the departments under the Administration have failed to fill up the direct recruitment vacancies available with them during the last few years despite the directions issued by the Administration in the past. He told the Chief Secretary that the vacancy position of each department will speak voluminously about the callous attitude on the part of the authorities to fill up these posts when thousands of educated local

youths are waiting for a job in the islands.

Drawing the attention of the Chief Secretary, Chandrachoodan said that teachers are not recruited during the past 2-3 years while hundreds of posts of teachers of various categories are lying vacant and the schools especially in the outstations are facing a shortage of teachers. He further said that in APWD thousands of posts of mazdoor and other skilled posts are lying vacant and the maintenance works of buildings, government quarters, drinking water supply in rural areas, maintenance of roads, etc are being carried out through daily rated mazdoor throughout the islands. In almost all the departments, large numbers of posts are lying vacant and the authorities show the least concern of the sentiments of the unemployed youths, he said.

CITU informed the Chief Secretary that while the posts are kept unfilled, a tendency has developed in the Administration to outsource the regular nature of the job to private agencies/ firms/ individual contractors which is deplorable and unacceptable to the concept of a welfare state. In the absence of any private-sector job creation, unlike other parts of the country, youths of these islands solely depend on government jobs, and any delay in filling up whatever posts available will be an injustice to such unemployed youths of these islands.

The CITU General Secretary urged the Chief Secretary to issue necessary instructions to all the Heads of Departments under the Administration to fill up all the vacant posts in their departments/ organization which will be of immense relief to the unemployed educated youths of these islands.

Frequent power outages exasperate residents of PB

Port Blair, Oct 31: Unannounced and prolonged power cuts by Electricity Department at Port Blair have left the residents miffed. As per information received many areas of the city are facing frequent power cuts for the past two months. These outages are usually for 2-8 hours a day which

makes it difficult to carry out daily activities and causes unrest among the public.

"When the country is claiming to have electricity in the remotest of the village, it seems we Islanders are being taken for granted", said a resident of Port Blair.

During this pandemic period, people are mostly staying indoors but these several hours of long power cuts are making life miserable for the public. Hope the Electricity Department will wake up and provide an uninterrupted power supply to Islanders, which is a basic need.