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Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency and senior officers of A&N Administration participated in the virtual Inauguration Session of Education Conclave launched by Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. The theme of this year's Shikshak Parv is "Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India".



Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Discussed introduction of additional flights from Mainland to Port Blair and other major initiatives to give boost to Tourism and hospitality sectors in the Islands.

State Level Meeting held with NGOs Ut. Admn. working towards achieving status of 'ZERO WASTE ISLANDS' and to become first 'ODF Plus Union Territory'

Port Blair, Sep 7:

A meeting of all NGO Heads, Social Workers and active volunteers was held under the chairmanship of Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary (RD/ Panchayat) in the conference hall of Office of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman in connection with the various activities to be carried out as part of "Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

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MP requests Lt. Governor to designate the new bridge over Humphrey Strait as 'Manoranjan Bhakta Bridge'

Port Blair, Sep 8:

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today called on the Lt. Governor of ANI and requested his personal intervention in designating the name of the new upcoming bridge over Humphrey Strait as 'Manoranjan Bhakta Bridge'. During the meeting the Mem-

ber of Parliament mentioned that the long pending demand of the people of North & Middle Andaman is being fulfilled by building a bridge over Humphrey Strait, connecting Uttara - Gandhighat locality encouraging all walks of life to see their dreams comes to reality.

He mentioned that the Humphrey Strait Bridge &

Middle strait Bridges are the lifeline of South Andaman and Middle & North Andaman Islands as it will provide a huge impetus and boost to the Tourism sector & fast connectivity resulting in the socio-economic development of the Islands.

The Member of Parliament pointed out that the true brain-

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Captain Meera

The first Lady Captain from Andaman Islands.

A local born student of DBRAIT creates history by berthing M.V.Sentinel in Carnicobar on her maiden voyage as Captain.



संपादकीय

शिक्षा पर कोविड की मार

कोविड-19 ने मानव समाज को कितना पीछे धकेला है, इसके सटीक आकलन में अभी वर्षों लगेंगे, क्योंकि महामारी पर निर्णायक नियंत्रण का कोई सिरा फिलहाल ठीक-ठीक दिख नहीं रहा और दुनिया का एक बड़ा व बेबस हिस्सा अब भी इसकी वैक्सीन के इंतजार में है। पर इसके जो तात्कालिक असर दिख रहे हैं, वही काफी दिल दुखाने और चिंतित करने वाले हैं। भारत के संदर्भ में मशहूर अर्थशास्त्री ज्यां ड्रेज, रीतिका खेड़ा और शोधार्थी विपुल पैकरा का एक ताजा सर्वेक्षण बताता है कि लंबे अरसे तक स्कूलों के बंद रहने की सबसे बड़ी कीमत ग्रामीण इलाकों के गरीब बच्चों ने चुकाई है। कक्षा एक से आठवीं तक के बच्चों के बीच किए गए इस सर्वे के मुताबिक, गांवों में रहने वाले 37 प्रतिशत बच्चों ने इस अवधि में बिल्कुल पढ़ाई नहीं की, जबकि सिर्फ आठ फीसदी बच्चे नियमित रूप से ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई कर सके। शहरी क्षेत्र के आंकड़े भी कोई बहुत राहत नहीं देते। यहां भी सिर्फ 24 प्रतिशत बच्चे नियमित रूप से ऑनलाइन शिक्षा ग्रहण कर सके।

ये आंकड़े चौंकाने वाले नहीं हैं, अलबत्ता तकलीफदेह जरूर हैं। करीब डेढ़ साल तक देश भर में स्कूल बंद रहे। इस दौरान ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई की वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई, मगर इसकी जटिलताओं व सीमाओं को देखते हुए और भी बहुत कुछ करने की जरूरत थी। सरकार और शिक्षा तंत्र, दोनों इस बात से बखूबी वाकिफ थे कि जो बच्चे दोपहर के भोजन के आकर्षण में स्कूल आते हैं या जिनके मां-बाप बमुश्किल उनकी फीस जोड़ पाते हैं, उनके पास स्मार्टफोन, इंटरनेट, बिजली जैसी सुविधाएं कहां होंगी! ऐसे में, उनके लिए इनोवेटिव रास्ते निकालने के वास्ते स्थानीय शिक्षा-तंत्र को प्रोत्साहित किया जाना चाहिए था। खासकर पूर्ण लॉकडाउन के फौरन बाद। लेकिन सवाल सरोकार का है, और दुर्योग से शिक्षा इसमें बहुत ऊपर कभी नहीं रही। इस मद में बजटीय आवंटन और स्कूलों-शिक्षकों की कमी ही बहुत कुछ कह देती है। इसमें कोई संदेह नहीं कि सरकार की पहली प्राथमिकता संक्रमण रोकने की थी, और यह होनी भी चाहिए थी। पर जिस तरह उसने लोगों को भूख से मरने नहीं दिया, चुनावों में शिक्षकों की सेवाएं लीं, वह इस स्थिति से भी बचने की राह तलाश सकती थी। बहरहाल, चुनौती बड़ी है, क्योंकि बच्चों की एक विशाल संख्या सीखने में काफी पिछड़ गई है। सर्वे के निष्कर्षों में कहा गया है, कक्षा पांच के काफी बच्चों को दूसरे दरजे का पाठ पढ़ने में कठिनाई महसूस होने लगी है। अब जब तमाम सावधानियों के साथ स्कूल खुल रहे हैं, तब हमारे पूरे शिक्षा तंत्र की काबिलियत इसी से आंकी जाएगी कि वह इन बच्चों के नुकसान को किस तरह से न्यूनतम कर पाता है। सरकारों को शिक्षकों से अब पढ़ाई-लिखाई से इतर कोई भी कार्य लेने से परहेज बरतना चाहिए। उन्हें यह दायित्व सौंपना चाहिए कि इस अवधि में जिन बच्चों ने स्कूल से अपना नाता तोड़ लिया है, उन्हें वापस जोड़ा जाए। आज देश में बेरोजगारी का जो आलम है, उसे देखते हुए अल्प-शिक्षित पीढ़ियां भविष्य में बड़ा बोझ साबित होंगी। प्रधानमंत्री ने कल ही 'शिक्षक पर्व' का उद्घाटन करते हुए कहा कि शिक्षा न सिर्फ समावेशी होनी चाहिए, बल्कि समान होनी चाहिए। पर ताजा सर्वे इस लक्ष्य के विपरीत हालात दिखा रहा है, जहां गरीब-अमीर, गांव-शहर की शिक्षा में काफी असमानताएं हैं।

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तालिबान में सरकार के गठन के बाद सामने आया भारत का बयान, कहा- धर्म के साथ संस्कृति विरोधी भी है आतंकवाद



नयी दिल्ली। अफगानिस्तान में तालिबान के नेतृत्व वाली सरकार का गठन हो चुका है। मुल्ला हसन अखुंद को तालिबान की सरकार का प्रमुख बनाया गया। जबकि मुल्ला बरादर और अब्दुल सलाम हनाफी को उप प्रधानमंत्री का पद मिला। इसी बीच अंतरराष्ट्रीय मंच पर भारत का पहला बयान सामने आया। हालांकि भारत ने तालिबान के नाम का जिक्र नहीं किया।

संस्कृति विरोधी भी है आतंकवाद

संयुक्त राष्ट्र में भारत के स्थायी मिशन में प्रथम सचिव विदिशा मैत्रा ने कोरोना वायरस महामारी के दौरान भी असहिष्णुता, हिंसा और

आतंकवाद में वृद्धि देखी गई। उन्होंने कहा आतंकवाद न सिर्फ धर्म का बल्कि संस्कृति का भी विरोधी है। मैत्रा ने कहा कि धर्म का इस्तेमाल आतंकवादी गतिविधियों को अंजाम देने वालों को सही ठहराने के लिए नहीं किया जा सकता है।

कोरोना महामारी का जिक्र करते हुए मित्रा ने कहा कि महामारी के दौरान भी हमने सूचना और महामारी यानी 'इन्फोडेमिक' चुनौती का भी सामना किया। आपको बता दें कि इन्फोडेमिक का तात्पर्य महामारी के दौरान अफवाहों को बढ़ावा देना, दुष्प्रचार करना और घटना से भरे हुए भाषणों

से है।

पाकिस्तान का भी किया जिक्र

संयुक्त राष्ट्र में पाकिस्तान ने जम्मू कश्मीर का मुद्दा उठाया। जिसके बाद मैत्रा ने कड़ी प्रतिक्रिया दी। उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया को उन आतंकवादियों को लेकर चिंतित होना चाहिए जो इन कृत्यों को न्यायोचित ठहराने के लिए धर्म का सहारा लेते हैं और जो इसके लिए उनका समर्थन करते हैं।

उन्होंने कहा कि भारत मानवता, लोकतंत्र और अहिंसा का संदेश फैलाता रहेगा। सभ्यताओं और सदस्य देशों के संयुक्त राष्ट्र गठबंधन समेत संयुक्त राष्ट्र को ऐसे मुद्दों पर चयन से बचना चाहिए जो शांति की संस्कृति को बाधित करते हों।

गौरतलब है कि अफगानिस्तान से अमेरिकी सैनिकों की वापसी के साथ ही तालिबान का यहां पर पूरी तरह से कब्जा हो गया और फिर तालिबान ने अंतरिम सरकार के गठन का ऐलान कर दिया। हालांकि इस सरकार में अफगानियों और महिलाओं को शामिल नहीं किया गया।

“आतंकवादियों की, आतंकवादियों द्वारा आतंकवादियों के लिए सरकार”

वाशिंगटन। अमेरिका में रिपब्लिकन पार्टी के शीर्ष सांसदों ने अफगानिस्तान में अंतरिम सरकार बनाने की तालिबान की घोषणा पर घोर आपत्ति जताई है। तालिबान ने अफगानिस्तान में अंतरिम सरकार बनाने की मंगलवार को घोषणा की। इस सरकार में शामिल एक सदस्य का नाम वैश्विक आतंकवादियों की सूची में शामिल है। रिपब्लिकन अध्ययन समिति ने कहा, “मूर्ख मत बनिए। तालिबान सरकार में कुछ भी अधिक उदारवादी नहीं है। यह आतंकवादियों की, आतंकवादियों के द्वारा और आतंकवादियों के लिए सरकार है।” यह समिति प्रतिनिधि सभा में विपक्षियों का सबसे बड़ा ‘कॉक्स’ है और जिम बैंक्स इसके प्रमुख हैं।

सांसद टिम बुचेट ने कहा, “तालिबान के नए मंत्रिमंडल में ग्वान्तेनामो बे जेल के कैदी, आतंकवादी और अलकायदा तथा हकानी नेटवर्क जैसे आतंकवादी संगठनों से ताल्लुक रखने वाले अन्य लोग शामिल हैं।” उन्होंने कहा कि तालिबान सरकार चलाने



के अपने तरीकों और कट्टरपंथी मान्यताओं को त्यागने का कोई इरादा नहीं रखते और बाइडन प्रशासन “अमेरिकी नागरिकों तथा उसके सहयोगियों को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए उन पर बेवकूफों की तरह भरोसा कर रहे हैं।” बुचेट ने कहा, “राष्ट्रपति बाइडन को कुछ हिम्मत दिखानी चाहिए और तालिबान को यह जता देना चाहिए वे अमेरिकियों को खतरे में नहीं डाल सकते और न ही किसी आतंकवादी घटना को अंजाम दे सकते हैं, अन्यथा उन्हें इसके लिए जिम्मेदार ठहराया जाएगा।”

रिपब्लिकन सांसद ने कहा, “यह आतंकवादियों की,

आतंकवादियों के द्वारा और आतंकवादियों के लिए सरकार है।” वहीं सांसद बेन सासे ने कहा, “राष्ट्रपति बाइडन पता नहीं किस मुगालते में हैं कि तालिबान दयालु हो गया है और सुधर गया है। यह सब बकवास है।” सासे खुफिया मामलों पर संसद की प्रवर समिति के सदस्य हैं। उन्होंने कहा, “हकानी तालिबान का नया गृह मंत्री है।” सांसद क्लैडिया टेनी ने कहा कि यह एक धर्मशासित सरकार है। वहीं सांसद सर्कोट फ्रैंकलिन ने ट्वीट किया, “नया तालिबान पुराने तालिबान के ही जैसा है साथ ही वर्तमान में वांछित अंतरराष्ट्रीय आतंकवादी भी है।

Online In-service Training Programme for Health & Wellness Ambassadors under ‘Ayushman Bharat Mission’ begins

Port Blair, Sept. 8

A four days online In- service Training Programme for Health & Wellness Ambassadors (GTTs & PGTs) under ‘Ayushman Bharat Mission’ of Upper Primary, Secondary and Sr. Secondary Schools of South Andaman and W i m b e r l y g u n j Educational Zone began yesterday in the Conference Hall of Shiksha Sadan here. This In-service training is being organized in collaboration with the Departments of Education and Health Services, A & N Administration under the guidance of NCERT- New Delhi as Nodal Agency. The ‘Population Education Cell’ under the O/o. the Deputy Director Education (Science), Shiksha Sadan is conducting this training.

Shri Lokesh Kumar, Nodal Officer (School Health Program) & also the Dy. Director Education (Science) welcomed

the participants and highlighted the importance of this training while Dr. Suja Anthony, Dy. Director (Family Health), Directorate of Health Services presented the details of these 4-days in-service training to the participants.

The school health promotion activities will be implemented in all the Government and Government aided schools. This will be achieved through the joint efforts and close coordination between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education. Two teachers, one male and one female, in every school designated as ‘Health and Wellness Ambassadors’ are being trained in this programme to transact health promotion and disease prevention information in the form of interesting activities for one hour every week, a press release received here said.

Category-wise final list of candidates for admission to Integrated Courses in TGCE displayed

Port Blair, Sept. 8

The category-wise final list of candidates who have applied for admission to Four Years Integrated Courses viz. B.A.B.Ed. (English), B.A.B.Ed. (Hindi), B.A.B.Ed. (History) B.Sc.B.Ed. (Computer Science) and B.Sc.B.Ed. (Maths) in Tagore Government College of Education has been displayed after attending claims and objections today in the portal [http:// collegeadmission . a n d a m a n . g o v . i n /](http://collegeadmission.andaman.gov.in/) under ‘Announcements’.

The counseling for admission to these courses shall be held on 17th September, 2021 at 9.30 am in the Tagore Auditorium for all the subjects. No separate intimation will be given for counseling. Candidates selected for admission to these courses during counseling session scheduled on 17th September shall be given admission on

the same day and classes shall begin immediately from the next day.

Those who fail to attend the counseling session, in time, will not be considered for admission to the course and next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission.

However, if any candidate from outer islands is unable to attend the counseling due to sudden breakdown of transportation, they have been asked to intimate their position over telephone in any of the given numbers (Mobile No. 9434282037, 9434280223) so that their claim for admission can be protected during counseling. Such information should reach these phone numbers by 9.30 am on 17th September. If no information is received, next eligible candidate will be considered for admission, a press release received from Principal, TGCE said.

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DLSA to organize National Lok Adalat on Sept. 11 at Port Blair & Mayabunder

Port Blair, Sept. 8

The District Legal Services Authority, Andaman & Nicobar Islands will be holding National Lok Adalat in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Centre - ‘PRAYAS’ and District & Sessions Court on Sept. 11 from 10 am to 2 pm by adopting all COVID SOP issued by the MHA from time to time. Bank loan recovery cases involving State Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, A & N Co-operative Bank Ltd. and the disputes relating to telephone and mobile bills pending before the

BSNL at the pre- litigation stage and criminal compoundable cases and MACT matters will be placed before the National Lok Adalat Benches for disposal upon consensual settlements between the parties.

The National Lok Adalat will also be held at Sub- divisional Court Complex at Mayabunder on Sept.11 by adopting all COVID SOP issued by the MHA from time to time, a press release received from Secretary, District Legal Services Authority said.

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MP takes up ATR express bus issue of Kadamtala and Nimbudera; CS issues immediate directions to concerned department

Port Blair, Sept 07:

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma called on the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Mr Jitendra Narain on Monday.

During the meeting, the Member of Parliament highlighted about the problems being faced by the people of the Kadamtala and Nimbudera

region due to lack of ATR express bus service from Port Blair.

The Member of Parliament mentioned that there are around two Panchayats under the Kadamtala region and four Panchayats under the Nimbudera region and people of these areas are suffering heavily in absence of ATR express bus service from Port Blair.

Taking immediate

action the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration directed the concerned department to operate STS express bus for Kadamtala and Nimbudera from tomorrow.

The Member of Parliament expressed gratitude towards the Chief Secretary for this swift action for the welfare of the public of the Kadamtala and Nimbudera regions.

Observance of World Ozone Day on Sept. 16

Deptt. of S&T invites entries for virtual poster making competition from school & college students

Port Blair, Sept. 7

World Ozone Day is observed every year on 16th September commemorating the date on which Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer was signed. The Day is observed with the objective of creating awareness regarding importance of Ozone Layer and India's commitment to the Montreal Protocol to phase out Ozone

Depleting Substances (ODS). As part of the celebration, the Department of Science & Technology, A & N Administration is organising a Poster Making competition for school (Senior Secondary level) and college students on the theme 'Ozone for Life' on virtual mode (Size: Half Chart Paper). Students may post the posters in WhatsApp number 9474213985 latest by 14th

September, 2021. Only one entry per student will be considered for the competition. The participants may write their name, class/course, school/college and contact numbers at the right side bottom of the poster. Winners will be awarded with certificate and prizes during the valedictory function to held on 16th September, 2021, a press release received from Director (S&T) said.

Vishal Jolly demands hostel facilities for the students hailing from inter-islands

Port Blair, Sep 8:

Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President & Core-Committee Member, BJP A & N Islands & Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GoI has demanded hostel facilities for the students hailing from inter-islands through a letter addressed to Chief Secretary, A & N Administration and Secretary, Department of Education, A & N Administration.

In his letter Mr. Jolly wrote that A & N Administration has

announced re-opening of all the Colleges such as JNRM, ANCOL, TGCE, DBRAIT at Port Blair from 06th September, 2021 onwards and large numbers of students hailing from inter-islands undergo studies at these institutions/colleges. Most of them doesn't have any place to reside while carrying out their respective studies in Port Blair.

He further added that the Hostel facilities have not been provided yet and without mak-

ing necessary arrangements for providing accommodation facilities for them, re-opening of the Colleges ought not have been declared. The people hailing from inter-islands have already suffered badly due to their travel restrictions imposed since past several months. Now this is adding fuel to their hardships.

Concluding in his letter he requested the Administration to provide Hostel facilities for all the inter-island students at the earliest.

MP Assures construction of Class Rooms and Toilet Blocks for JNV Chouldari from MPLAD fund

Port Blair, Sept 07:

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands visited Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Chouldari on Monday and took part in the community tree plantation programme.

During the programme the Member of Parliament interacted with the Principal, Teachers of JNV Chouldari and Parents of the school students.

The school management informed the Member of Parliament that the school

presently needs new classrooms for class XI and XII and toilet blocks on which the Member of Parliament assured to construct classrooms for Class XI and Class XII along with Toilet Blocks for the JNV Chouldari School from MPLAD fund.

No positive case found during test conducted on flight passengers: Director (IP&T)

Port Blair, Sept.8

The Director (IP&T), Shri Alok Kumar briefing media persons on COVID-19 in the conference hall of IP&T here this evening said that during the RT-PCR test conducted on 720 passengers who arrived here yesterday, no positive case has been detected. Today, 4 flights with 682 passengers arrived and the RT-PCR reports are awaited. He further disclosed that RAT was conducted on 267 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj and all were found negative. RAT was conducted at Phoenix Bay Jetty on 198 ship passengers travelling to Shah eed/Sw araj Dweep to & fro and all were found negative. During the RT-

PCR test conducted on passengers proceeding to Hut Bay, two have been found positive. At Mohanpura Bus Terminus, 185 passengers were tested and all the reports were negative.

The Director said, today till 3 pm, 188 beneficiaries were administered vaccines, out of which, 123 were in the age group of 18-44.

The Deputy Director, GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Amitabha De informed that one patient is undergoing treatment at GB Pant Hospital and no COVID patients are admitted in COVID Care Centres. The Deputy Director (IP), Shri RS Meena was also present during the press briefing.



A tragic incident had taken two precious lives and loss of property after a tree crashed over their residence in Guptapara village on 11.08.2021 and the said deceased family member had approached Shri Vishal Jolly one week back and raised about the issue and said that they have not received any kind of relief and compensation towards the loss of lives and property from administration. Accordingly, Shri Vishal Jolly rigorously took up the matter with District Administration and today Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman handed over the cheque of Ex-Gratia of Rs. 300000/- @ Rs. 150000/- each deceased member as immediate relief under NDRF Fund in presence of Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP- A & N Islands and Home Ministry Advisory Committee, GoI and Shri L Moorthy, Smt. Sheela Singh and Shri Ram Das.

The Deputy Commissioner requested the forest department to clear their premises by removing the cut down trees and DC, SA informed the delegation that the work will be done soon by forest department.

Further, Shri Vishal Jolly assured the family members that he will take up the matter for adequate relief and compensation from LG's relief fund to the deceased family members for their survival. He also assured that he will strongly raise voice regarding rehabilitation of the family along with securing a steady source of income in the form of a Govt. job so that the family can bounce back from this calamity.

Shri Vishal Jolly, Former State President, BJP – A & N Islands has expressed their gratitude towards Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman for their intervention on the matter and timely providing immediate relief to the deceased family members.

E-TENDER NOTICE

The Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A & N Administration, Port Blair, on behalf of the President of India, invites e-procurement in Two Bid system i.e. Technical Bid and Financial Bid from reputed experienced and financially sound companies/firm/agencies for conducting of Financial Audit of MGNREGA Accounts of State Office and all the three Districts (South Andaman, N & M Andaman and Nicobar Districts) for FY -2020-21.

The accepted Companies/ Firm/ Agencies shall be responsible to audit of the MGNREGA Scheme accounts from the Districts of South Andaman , N & M Andaman, and Nicobar District.

The details and scope of work, terms and conditions etc. as laid down in the tender document, may apply through e-procurement portal using <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in>.

1.Requirement of Tender:

S.No	Description of Services	Zone /Areas Details
1	CAs with C&AG empanelled	State office, Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, Port Blair. DC office South Andaman, S/ Andaman District DC office N & M Andaman, N & M Andaman District. DC office Nicobar, Nicobar District.

Note: The above requirement any increase or decrease subject to requirement of the department.

2. Schedule of Tender:

Sl.No.	Particulars	Date & Time
1	Estimated Cost	Rs. 3,71,000/- (approx..)
2	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 18550/-(5% of estimated cost)
3	Date and Time for online commencement of online submission of bid	03/09/2021 at 10:30 AM
4	Date and Time for closing of bid	18/09/2021 at 11:59 PM
5	Tender Document	Tender document can be viewed e-procurement portal http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in
6	Date & Time of online submission of Bid	In the chamber of Director (RD/Panchayat) (Tentative)
7	Opening of Technical Bid	20/09/2021 at 11:00 AM
8	Opening of Financial Bid	22/09/2021 at 11:00 AM
9	Deposit of Tender	The tender are to be submitted/upload only online at http://eprocure.andaman.gov.in
10	Bid Validity period/validity of bid offer for acceptance by the Department of RD, PRIs & ULBs.	90 days from the date of opening of Tender.
11	Place of opening of tender	In the Chamber of Assistant Director (Admin.), Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs.
12	Performance Security	5% of the value of contract which will be assessed after finalization of tender.
13	Duration of Contract	The contract shall remain valid for a period of 1 Year from the date of signing of agreement, which may be extended for further period of one year on mutual consent of both the parties.

The bidders are advised to upload the mandatory documents and submit the bids online in the website <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in> well before the closing time of the tender to avoid last moment rush. The Department will not be responsible for last minute failure in submission of the bids.

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Assistant Director (RD/Panchayat)

What Happened On This Day “09 September”

• 2015 Queen Elizabeth becomes longest reigning British monarch

She broke the record set by Queen Victoria, who ascended to the throne on June 20, 1837, and reigned for 63 years, 7 months and 2 days.

• 2007 Manuel Noriega’s sentence in the United States ends

Manuel Noriega, former military ruler of Panama, was released after 17 years of imprisonment in the US. He was imprisoned on charges of drug trafficking, money laundering, and racketeering.

• 2001 Unix Billennium is Celebrated

Unix time or Unix epoch, POSIX time or Unix timestamp, is a time system that measures the number of seconds since midnight UTC of January 1, 1970, not counting leap seconds. At 01:46:40 UTC on October 9, 2001, Unix time reached the billionth second timestamp.

• 1991 Tajikistan Declares its Independence from the Soviet Union

The Central Asian country had been conquered by Russia in the late 19th century. In 1929, the Tajik Soviet Socialist Republic was created as a constituent republic of the Soviet Union. Independence in 1991 came after the collapse of the USSR.

• 1948 Kim Il-sung Establishes North Korea

After the Second World War, the Korean peninsula had been divided across the 38th parallel. The northern part was occupied by the Soviets while the south was occupied by the Americans. The Cold War impeded unification and on October 9, 1948, Kim Il-sung declared the creation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea with the support of the USSR.

State Level Meeting held with.....

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It was informed during the meeting that as part of the Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Jal Shaki, Government of India has launched various campaigns such as 100 days campaign on Sthayithva Evam Sujalam Abhiyan, Swachhtha Hi Sewa, Sathyagraha se Swachhgrah Rath Yatra etc. with an aim to reenergize efforts at the local level and mobilize people for collective action on achieving sustainability of ODF outcomes. He informed that the UT Administration is working for achievement of Zero Waste Islands and to become the first ODF Plus Union Territory.

The Secretary (RD/Panchayat) addressing the gathering informed that Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) has been the largest behavioral change programme accredited by even International agencies. He added that with the Phase-II of the mission targeting on the other components of sanitation such as Solid and Liquid Waste Management, Faecal Sludge Management, the similar intensity of behavioural change exercise is to be conducted at the grass root level. The role of civil society organization is therefore paramount in making an effective dialogue with the general masses and to carry out the message of Swachhtha to grass root level.

During the meeting, the Civil Society Organizations voluntarily adopted various villages for their regular upkeep and maintenance in partnership with the concerned local bodies and support the Administration in its endeavors of Swachata in the South Andaman District.

Member of Parliament requests.....

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child of the construction of the bridges across Andaman & Nicobar Islands was actually incepted by Late Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, Ex-Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, the longest parliamentarian of the the Andaman and Nicobar Islands i.e. from 1977 to 1999 and again from 2004 to 2009, he served eight terms as Member of Parliament for this constituency. He had dreamt of connecting Mayabunder to Diglipur under North & Middle Andaman and other two bridges – one over Humphrey Strait and other over middle strait.

In his tenure, he could fulfill his vision by constructing the Austin Bridge which connects from Mayabunder to Diglipur. The two bridges couldn’t be completed due to various reasons.

Now, to pay homage to the maestro and to the great veteran leader of the North & Middle Andaman, Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma requested the Lt. Governor to designate the new bridge in the name of ‘Manoranjan Bhakta Bridge’ to mark a sense of tribute to the legendary leader of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

During the meeting the Member of Parliament also raised the issue of Cath Lab and demanded to start opera-

tion of Cath Lab as soon as possible, considering the threat to the life of heart patients of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma also requested intervention of the Lt. Governor in controlling airfare in Mainland – Port Blair sector. According to the Member of Parliament said that the airfare from Chennai to Port Blair, in the month of September, ranges from Rs.9,347 to Rs.22,271. Similarly airfare between Kolkata and Port Blair, in the month of September, ranges from Rs. 9,638 to Rs. 20,244, which is unaffordable for Islanders, especially people from low-income groups and Islanders, who need to travel to mainland for urgent needs such as specialized treatment and education.

Stretcher patients referred to mainland for further specialized treatment are the worst sufferers

as they have to pay about Rs. 80,000/- to Rs. 90,000/- or more for one way airfare.

Mr. Sharma said that before lockdowns, the airfare in this sector was between Rs. 3500 to Rs. 6000 range, which has now gone beyond the reach of common man, even if he/she has to travel for treatment in mainland.

The Member of Parliament added that the high airfare is not only pushing Islanders of this remote UT to further remoteness but also has become a major hurdle in promotion of Tourism, which already suffered heavy loss because of the pandemic and left thousands of people unemployed.

He mentioned that because of the astronomical high airfare people are not booking tour packages of Andaman and even booked packages are being either cancelled or postponed.



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B-Girl Jo, India's best, riffing off Bharatanatyam and Kalaripayattu

Johanna Rodrigues found her first dance-heroes in Tyler, Nora, Moose and Andie from the Step Up streets franchise. But for the Red Bull BC One Cypher B-Girl champion from last weekend, who craves originality, pursues and meditates after it, training in Bharatanatyam and Kalaripayattu gave her a distinct advantage.

Winning her second India title last Saturday, B-Girl Jo reckons she's more self-assured now. And as Breaking erupts its way into multi-disciplinary games like Asiad and Olympics, Jo is excited to carve her niche, while exploring her roots in the two Indian art-forms that started her dance journey.

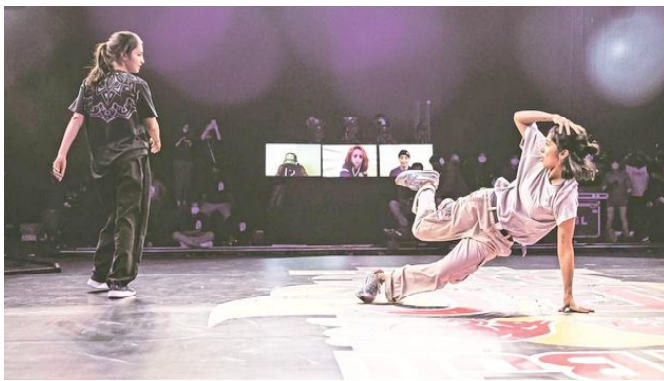
Before she joined up with the Black Ice Crew in Bengaluru and went off jamming to hip hop beats along the borders like HBR Layout, B-Girl Jo did a one-year stint with Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts, located at Wilson Garden in the business district, off MG Road. It was behind the glass facade of the four-storey dance studios, stacked one on top of another, that Jo dipped her toes into something totally unfamiliar.

"There isn't another dance form that uses the floor as much as Breaking. My one year in Bharatanatyam helped; it's similar in the sense of holding poses ('freezes' in B-Girling), precision and patterns. Kalari is ofcourse the martial art and all about responding, reacting, and holding breath. And when I seek originality, I draw from these two dance forms," Jo explains.

The 25-year-old, now established as India's best B-Girl, recalls quitting her degree, pursuing dance, initially as a dabbler. Her footwork and flows are her signatures, lighting up cyphers, but it's taken her a while to arrive at a style she says affirms her conviction.

Hip Hop started out as an import into streets of the world, and each city paints the acrobatics in their own colours. B-Girl Jo was aware of forming her own style even if it was American fictional characters, Nora and Andie who had piqued her interest.

"I come from a Catholic



upbringing background. You have to understand my dancing was nothing like my Hindu and Muslim contemporaries — India's best B-Boys. So I set about finding my footing, to understand everything about one part of India's dance culture that I didn't know about," she says, about seeking diverse influences — folk and formal — and doing the community classes at Attakkalari — which dabbles at Bollywood, Contemporary, Kalari and classical Indian dance forms.

Breaking though, has some universal moves. And equally universal bloopers too.

"Look, first couple of years were trial and error. There were times no doubt when I must've looked silly performing. In a couple of Battles, it was goofy even," she recalls.

While in Japan on her first international, she even blanked out. "That can happen, you just don't remember the moves, you freeze or slip out of a move," she says.

Joining Black Ice Crew would get her the sort of community composure that comes from being among fellow Breakers — all experimenting, all perfecting, all gunning for the bold. She had played basketball at school, but not much else of dance or sport. "My parents were confused initially about what I was doing. They warned me asking me what I'd do in a sport like this, when I got older," Jo says. She kept getting home prizes and is now headed to Poland, after the BC One triumph.

Off for a fortnight of silence in Vipassana, the champion B-Girl, also a yoga instructor says Breaking has come a long way for Indian women, even if they remain novices internationally. "Numbers have increased. Skill levels are high, and basically girls have realised it's best to focus on

improving strong points.

Breaking remains a powerful heavy dance form, and as it sidles into the Olympic mainstream, with North America and Europe at the forefront, the macho, strength-move vibe of hip hop remains all-pervasive on the sport.

"Everyone has their own style. But I think girls compensate for the technical skills with a lot of (movement) threads (relying on agility) and details," Jo reckons.

She's excited about the sport being at the Paris Games. "The underground scene for Breaking will always remain strong. But the Olympics open up avenues as a career opportunity and to travel internationally and meet different dancers," she says.

The grounding might come from the classical Indian dance forms, but a new style in B-Girling is underway, she says, when riffing off multiple influences. "Thing is I know what I'm doing, learning from everywhere." And winning to boot.

Akshay Kumar shares photo with mother Aruna Bhatia on his birthday: 'Would never have liked it this way...'



Actor Akshay Kumar wrote an emotional post for his late mother **Aruna Bhatia, who passed away yesterday** (September 8). On the occasion of his birthday, the actor shared a photo with her, where she can be seen giving him a kiss on the cheek.

Akshay wrote, "Would have never liked it this way but am sure mom is singing Happy Birthday to me from right up there! Thanks to each one of you for your condolences and wishes alike. Life goes on."

Aruna Bhatia was rather unwell and had been admitted in the ICU of Mumbai's Hiranandani hospital. Akshay, who was shooting for Cinderella in London, rushed back to be with his mother. He had taken to his social media handles to thank everybody for their prayers. **Akshay posted**, "Touched beyond words at your concern for my mom's health. This is a very tough time for me and my family. Every

single prayer of yours would greatly help."

However, the actor's mother passed away on September 8. Taking to the micro-blogging site, Akshay shared the news with his fans and friends.

He wrote, "She was my core. And today I feel an unbearable pain at the very core of my existence. My maa Smt Aruna Bhatia peacefully left this world today morning and got reunited with my dad in the other world. I respect your prayers as I and my family go through this period. Om Shanti."

The funeral was held yesterday, and was attended by celebrities, including Rohit Shetty and Riteish Deshmukh.

On the work front, Akshay has his hands full with Bachchan Pandey, Setu, Prithviraj, and Raksha Bandhan. His last release was Bell Bottom, which was screened in theatres and received positive response from critics.

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