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Public of North and Middle Andaman suffer heavily due to pathetic condition of STS buses

John Wilbert & Rabindranath Biswas

Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Dec 19: The STS Units of N & M Andaman are plagued with defunct buses and which has become a challenge for them to provide a smooth service to the commuters.

As per report, a number of buses of several STS Units of North and Middle Andaman are in horrible shape, which in turn is



compromising its service. "The STS buses are outdated, some of the buses are with roof leakages and water drips from the roof of the

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SSM Students Stage Protest against Principal of the School



John Wilbert & Vikramaditya

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Port Blair, Dec 19: Some students of Saraswathi Shishu

Mandir School Port Blair this morning staged a protest against the principal of the school. According to reports at around 07:30 AM some students of 10th, 11th and 12th

gathered outside the main gate of the school to stage a protest.

The students were reportedly protesting against

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Water ATMs installed under MPLADS fund at Burning Ghat and Dairy Farm inaugurated

Port Blair, Dec 19: The RO Plant (Water ATM) installed at Burning Ghat at Ward No.7 under

MPLADS fund of 16th Lok Sabha has been inaugurated by Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-Ward No.7 under

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Delegation of 2nd Joint Task Force Committee meeting calls on Lt. Governor



H.E. Jatmiko Heru Prasetyo, Director for South & Central Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia with delegates from Indonesia & Shri Vishvas Sapkal, Joint Secretary (South), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi along with Central Ministry Officers of India to attend 2nd Joint Task Force Committee meeting to be held at A&N Islands, met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands

Development Agency at Raj Niwas. Discussed actions taken subsequent to 1st Joint Task Force meeting and way forward.

Chalked out plans to enhance connectivity between A&N Islands and Aceh Province in various sec-

tors viz. Trade and investment, connectivity, direct flights, development of Port related infrastructure, sustainable harvesting of Marine resources & Fisheries, Tourism & Cultural Exchanges, Academic, Science and Technology.

Russia deploys Avangard missile into combat duty | Facts on 'invincible' weapon

The Russian defence ministry deployed its ferocious 'Avangard' hypersonic missile into combat duty at the Yasenskoye missile formation in the Orenburg region in southern Urals on Saturday. According to Russian news agency TASS, it is one of six "next generation" weapons announced by Russian President Vladimir Putin in March 2018. Russian hypersonic glide vehicle

The TASS report said the Avangard warhead can travel at a hypersonic speed of about 32,000 kmph while manoeuvring and overwhelming any missile defence.

According to a report by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), an American think tank, the Avangard hypersonic glide vehicle (HGV) was developed when the USSR



(Union of Soviet Socialist Republic) began its research on hypersonic warheads in the mid-1980s. But due to the disintegration of the USSR in 1991, the initial effort was abandoned and Russia's defence manufacturer NPO Mashinostroyeniya reportedly reinstated the project in the mid-1990s under the designation "Project 4202", the report further said. The CSIS report further claimed that this is a nuclear-capable missile with a range of over 6,000 km, a weight of about 2,000 kg, and

the ability to carry a nuclear or conventional payload. The nuclear warhead on the missile is "more than 2 megatons in TNT (trinitrotoluene) equivalent," the TASS report claimed.

Avangard's manoeuvrability, according to CSIS, could make its trajectory unpredictable, complicating intercept attempts after its boost phase. There have been approximately 14 flight tests of the Avangard between 1990 and 2018, CSIS report said.

Public of...

buses in rainy season while seats are in cruelly broken condition that are not all seating worthy, in fact, we have to undergo nightmarish experiences on board the STS buses", a passenger lamented.

Breakdown of STS buses is a common issue in Rangat area. Passengers travelling by these buses

have to face great difficulties in such events, they bemoaned.

When contacted, an official of the STS Department said that the buses are no doubt a little old but the condition of the ATR Road/NH4 is so bad that the STS buses are getting damaged soon after their repair.

As per norms, a bus

after its maiden launch should fairly run 04 Lakhs Kilometer in its maximal capacity, while most of the buses have overrun of its limit by 6 more lakhs km and this is one of the prime reasons of this situation, the official further revealed.

The STS Units carry out the minor repair works on their own, but when

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Death Mourned

Port Blair, Dec 19: CPI (M) A & N State Organizing Committee conclude the sudden and untimely death of Mr. Rajendra Babu (66 years), former Private Secretary in the Forest Corporation, Port Blair, his wife and retired PGT of Education

Department Mrs. Sandhya Babu (62 years) and their grandson (6 years) in a tragic car accident at their hometown Thrissur in Kerala today (19.12.2022) afternoon. CPI (M) conveys its deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.

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it comes to major repairing, they have to outsource/float tenders and which is not always possible and the reasons behind these constraints are better known by the concerned depts./authorities. Despite the given facts, the STS Units are doing their level best to provide better services to the commuters, the official of the

STS Department claimed. Meanwhile, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has recently requested the Lt. Governor to induct at least 20 more new buses in State Transport Service so that problems being faced by Islanders of far flung Islands can be minimized.

35th National under 13 Chess Championships



Port Blair, Dec 19: The 35th National Under-13 Chess Championship 2022 which began on 11th December 2022 at Vanarapet, Pondicherry concluded yesterday evening successfully.

Altogether 504 players across India took part in the prestigious event in which 5 young budding chess players (three boys and two girls) from Andaman & Nicobar Islands have participated and done reasonably well.

In Boy's sections, M. A. Dinakar of Kamaraj English Medium School &

Yuvan Singh of Carmel Sr. Sec. School Port Blair scored 5 points each with two wins & six draws and four wins & two draws respectively and V Yashwant of Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School Port Blair scored 4 points with two wins and four draws.

Similarly, in girl's section Kavya Raj of VKV Lambaline Port Blair scored 5 points with four wins and two draws and Tanisha Raj of VKV Lambaline Port Blair scored 4 points with three wins and two draws.

Musk's poll asking followers on stepping down as Twitter boss ends

Twitter's owner Elon Musk had tweeted a poll asking his followers if he should step down as the chief of the microblogging site he bought at a whopping \$44 billion. The poll results showed that a majority of users voted in favour of the move. A total of 17 million votes were cast on the poll created by Musk. Out of this, 57.5 per cent votes were for 'Yes' while 42.5 per cent were against him stepping down.

After taking control of the social media platform, Musk enforced several policies which have been controversial. His decision to suspend the accounts of several jour-



nalists who were covering Twitter led to strong reactions from the media, European Union and even the United Nations. Musk had suspended an account which was tracking the live activities of its private jet. A car Musk had said that he will abide by the results of the poll, but had not revealed the time frame. The 51-year-old billionaire had told a Delaware court that he would cut his time at Twitter and find a new

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Islanders shine IN Federation Cup 2022 Held at Agartala

Port Blair, Dec 19: Islanders shine in the United Muaythai Association of India, Federation cup 2022 held at Agartala from 15 to 17 December. Mr Deepak Krishna and Mr. Aman Kumar Sharma have secured silver medals in -71 kg and +91 kg respectively in Muaythai bouts. They both have represented Andaman & Nicobar Islands and both of them have been trained at the champion's zone Muaythai and MMA club under Coach Mr. N Jagadeka Varma.

They were supported and partly sponsored by Mr. Mandeep Grewal, president of Guru Ki Rasoi, Port Blair. Muaythai athletes and Coach conveyed that they are happy with support shown by Mr. Mandeep Grewal, president of Port Blair Guru ki Rasoi.



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Metre Rigging Case: Power consumers, middlemen & gang members under STF lens



LUCKNOW The Special Task Force (STF) investigating the metre rigging case in Uttar Pradesh has disclosed that 50% of the

578 "tampered" power metres seized by the agency were not working. These metres were allegedly tampered with by a gang involved in such operations. The STF has sent details of some of the consumers who were allegedly saving on power bills with faulty metres to Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL). In Lucknow alone, 32 such power consumers have been identified.

According to UPPCL officials, the errant consumers will be traced by Monday or Tuesday. Subsequently, the local engineer along with the police enforcement team will reach the

consumer's house for proper inquiry. If found guilty, legal action would be taken. The team will try to extract information about middlemen and the gang members who approached them in the first place.

The development comes in the wake of the STF arresting Ali Umar, a resident of Mohibullapur Madiaon; Arjun Prasad, a resident Priyadarshini Colony, Sitapur Road, Madiaon; Sonu Pal, a resident of LDA Colony, Kanpur Road; Satish Sharma, a resident of Saripura Kanakcity, Alamnagar; and Raman Gautam, a resident of Sandana Sitapur. During the raid, STF found remotes at

Sonu Pal's house. At the same time, meters were recovered from the houses of Ali Umar and Arjun Prasad. The seized equipment were sent to labs for tests. These Spectacular Maps Will Change Your Perspective Of The World

Meanwhile, AK Sharma, state energy minister, has sought a report from the chairman of the Power Corporation on rigging of meters and slowing them down.

The minister has also said that this whole racket is not possible without the connivance of departmental people. He has directed UPPCL officials to expose the employees involved in the alleged crime.

FIFA World Cup celebrations turn violent in parts of Kerala

Three people were stabbed in Kerala's Kannur after an altercation between two groups Sunday night, whereas, three cops were injured in Kochi, police said following the night-long celebrations that turned violent in many parts of the state on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday as the fans celebrated Argentina's glorious win against France in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. The celebration events turned into hooliganism in different parts of the state, police said adding, strict action will be taken against troublemakers.

Police said three people received stab wounds after an altercation between Argentina and Brazil fans in which one person was seriously injured and is admitted to the hospital. Six persons were arrested in connection with the incident, said

police. In another, three police personnel were injured in Kochi's Kaloor after they tried to control a victory procession on bikes by a group of Argentine fans who were allegedly drunk. 20 persons were arrested in connection with the incident and their vehicles were seized, police said.

In Thiruvananthapuram, a sub-inspector was injured when he tried to control victory celebrations in Pozhiyoor. Police has detained five people in connection with the incident.

In Kollam, an 18-year-old youth collapsed and died during a victory celebration. In many areas, people celebrated Argentina's win by distributing free food and sweets. In Thrissur, a hotel owner distributed 1,500 plates of free chicken biryani. "It is a small gift to living legend Messi. He lived up to the occasion," said hotel owner P Shaji. In what became a

sleepless night, the teeming soccer fans came out on the streets in large numbers and burst crackers, played trumpets and distributed sweets to celebrate Argentina's win. Streets turned blue as fans donned Argentine jerseys screaming "Vamos (let's go) Argentina, Vámos Messi." In many places, celebrations went on till the break of dawn. Seeing the enthusiasm and celebrations, Argentina football association lauded Kerala, India and neighbouring countries for their wholehearted support. "Thank you Bangladesh, Thank you Kerala, India, Pakistan. Your support was wonderful," it wrote on Twitter. Moreover, Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan also congratulated the winning team. "The game's beauty was seen in its most glorious expressions throughout the tournament. Congratulations to Argentina and Messi on winning the title," he wrote on Twitter.

Violence in Allahabad University; bike set on fire, car damaged by protesters

Violence broke out on the Allahabad University campus in Prayagraj over a fee hike on Monday, news agency ANI reported. The protesters also set a bike on fire and damaged a car.

Uttar Pradesh additional director general (ADG) Law and Order Prashant Kumar said the situation is now under con-

trol and the CP Prayagraj and other officials are present at the spot.

Some reports claimed that students fought a pitched battle with security guards and then the police. The violence reportedly erupted after the varsity guards stopped a students' leader from entering the campus. The students' leader alleged that he was on his way

to the bank inside the campus.

According to reports, several students and policemen were injured in the clash. There was no official statement from the university authorities till the time of filing this report.

Some students have been protesting for the past several months on the fee hike in the university.

Fog increases chances of road accidents, follow traffic rules to stay safe: CM

LUCKNOW With the winter chill setting in and fog reducing visibility during early morning and late night hours, chief minister Yogi Adityanath has urged people to follow traffic rules to prevent loss of lives in road accidents.

He said, "Fog increases the chances of road accidents. Therefore, everyone should follow traffic rules." The CM also directed officials to implement an action plan with inter-departmental co-ordination to prevent accidents and ensure road safety. Wide public awareness programs should be conducted and all standards of road safety should be followed, said CM Yogi.

Meanwhile, the CM also directed officials



to distribute blankets to the poor and destitute during the winter season and make arrangements for lighting bonfires at public places. He instructed the urban development department and the revenue department to make all night shelters functional.

The CM laid emphasis on ensuring all necessary facilities in the night shelters. He said, "Special attention should be given to cleanliness and safety. No one should sleep on the roadside."

Musk's poll...

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leader to run it. But in a reply to a Twitter user on a possible change in leadership, Musk said there is no successor. The tycoon's latest controversial decision stated that the users will not be able to link to rival social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Mastodon and others which Twitter described as prohibited. The decision back-

fired as several past defenders of Musk criticised the decision, leading to the billionaire promising that he will not make any more policy changes without online survey of the users. Twitter gave no explanation for why the blacklist included those seven websites but not others such as Parler, TikTok or LinkedIn.



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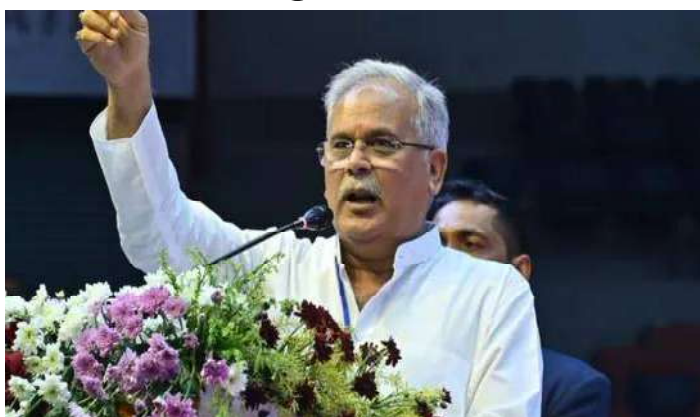
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Baghel's 'saffron' jibe at Bajrang Dal members amid 'Pathaan' song row

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Monday took a sharp swipe at members of the Bajrang Dal group amid a controversy brewing over a song from Shah Rukh Khan-Deepika Padukone starrer "Pathaan", which released last week. Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Narottam Mishra objected to the use of saffron and green colours in the song "Besharam", suggesting that it hurts religious sentiments. He even hinted that the movie could face a ban in the state.

Baghel on Monday spoke about the significance of saffron colour among ascetics as he said that the colour symbolises sacrifice. "There is a difference in embracing the colour and wearing clothes. Those who sacrifice worldly pleasures - such as Sadhus - embrace the saffron robes," the Congress



leader can be heard saying in a video tweeted by news agency ANI. "When they leave their house and societal pleasures, that's when they wear it. But when the Bajrangis goons wear the gamchas of this colour... what have they sacrificed for the society?" he further asked. "They are rather wearing it for vasooli (extortion). This is the difference." "If it's just about the colour... so... the BJP MPs who are actors and those who dance wearing the same colour... is

that ok? We can't limit colours to a community or religion," he further said. Controversy has been simmering over the "Besharam" song ahead of the movie's release due for January. It's expected to be the biggest early 2023 Bollywood release, and while Shah Rukh Khan fans are waiting to see him back on the screen after a long time, Mishra's comments have been followed by sporadic protests, calling for the ban on the movie.

Uttarakhand SIT files charge sheet in Pauri Garhwal receptionist murder case

A special investigation team (SIT) of Uttarakhand police on Monday submitted the charge sheet against three prime accused for allegedly murdering a receptionist at a resort in the Pauri Garhwal district, Rishikesh, officials said. The 500-page charge sheet containing statements of 100 witnesses and 30 pieces of documentary evidence, was filed in the court of Kotdwar judicial magistrate first class Bhawna Pandey on Monday, additional director general of police, law and order V Murugesan told HT.

The charge sheet was sent to the prosecuting officer on Saturday for analysis who subsequently filed it in the court on Monday, he said. A senior police officer privy to the investigation who didn't wish to be named said, "We have submitted the charge sheet in the investigation which includes forensic reports, post-mortem report, electronic evidence such as data of three mobile phones belonging to the accused, and WhatsApp chats." Accord-

ing to the police, the charge sheet includes statements of 100 witnesses, including that of former employees who worked at the resort.

"A supplementary charge sheet will be submitted after a further investigation under section 173(8) of the code of criminal procedure," Murugesan said, adding "...we have been trying to get the approval for the narco and polygraph tests of the accused."

The three prime accused, including resort owner Pulkit Arya, Saurabh Bhaskar and Ankit Gupta were charged under sections 302 (murder), 201 (causing disappearance of evidence), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 354A (sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and 5 (1) b of the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act that deals with prostitution, according to police.

The 19-year-old woman, identified as Ankita Bhandari, working as a receptionist at the Vanantra Resort in Pauri Garhwal district, Rishikesh, was allegedly murdered by the three

accused for refusing to provide "extra services" to the VIP guests, following which the police arrested three persons in connection. All three accused are in jail. The resort was owned by the key accused and son of former minister Pulkit Arya.

The receptionist's body was found on September 24, six days after she went missing from her home. The girl was reportedly murdered on September 18. Facing public outrage, Uttarakhand police formed an SIT under deputy inspector general P Renuka Devi to investigate the matter. According to the police, Pulkit Arya has a criminal past. The first case against him was registered in 2009 for trespassing, and the second in 2016 for fraud. His father Vinod Arya was recently booked by Haridwar police for allegedly attempting to sexually assault his staffer. In October, Pauri Garhwal police invoked the 'Gangster Act' against all three accused in the case.

LeT operative arrested in Kashmir's Baramulla; arms & ammunition found: Police



Security forces on Monday arrested a Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative in north Kashmir's Baramulla district along with arms and ammunition averting attacks on the forces and targeted killings, police officials said.

They said Baramulla police and Army's 32 RR arrested the operative of LeT outfit from Chakloo village of Baramulla, a resident of Nadihal village in Sopore. "Based on a specific input, an operation was carried out on Dec 18 by joint parties of police and 32 RR, leading to arrest of one terrorist associate," a police spokesman said.

The spokesperson

said on the person's disclosure, the security forces recovered one canister IED, one pistol along with a magazine and 18 pistol rounds from the village near Chakloo Ziyarat.

"In this regard, a case FIR under sections of unlawful activities (prevention) act (UAPA), explosive substances act and arms act has been registered in police station, Baramulla and investigation taken up," the spokesperson said.

"The timely arrest with arms, ammunitions and explosive material has averted major terrorist attacks like targeted killings in Baramulla and adjoining areas, targeted attack.

'Indian soldiers standing at height of 13,000 feet': Jaishankar in Lok Sabha

As the Opposition continues to corner the government in Parliament on the recent Chinese aggression along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang, external affairs minister S Jaishankar on Monday posed a few questions to counter them.

"If we were indifferent to China then who sent the Indian Army to the border? If we were indifferent to China then why are we pressuring China for de-escalation and disengagement today? Why are we saying publicly that our relations are not normal?" Jaishankar said in the Lok Sabha during the ongoing Winter Session of Parliament, reported news agency ANI.

He also reacted to Rahul Gandhi's comments on the December 9 LAC clash and said the word "pitai" (beating) should not have been used for "our jawans". Earlier in the day, opposition parties walked out of the Rajya Sabha over their demand to discuss the recent face-off with China after Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected requests to suspend

business to discuss the border row.

Here are the top quotes from S Jaishankar's reply in Lok Sabha: 1) "We should not criticise our jawans directly or indirectly. Our soldiers are standing at a height of 13,000 feet in Yangtse and guarding our border. They should be respected and appreciated." 2) "We have no problem with political criticism but we should not disrespect our jawans."

I have heard that my own understanding needs to be deepened. When I see who is giving the advice I can only bow and respect. The word 'pitai' should not be used for our jawans." 3) The EAM also addressed the arrest of Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy. "Since 2014, the number of Indian fishermen released from Sri Lanka is 2,835... PM Modi has given attention to the problems of Tamil fishermen."

4) "PM has spoken with Sri Lankan President and PM on repeated occasions. If fishermen apprehended in Sri Lanka are released today, it is not because someone is writing letters in Chennai but because someone in Delhi is taking up the matter."

In Lok Sabha, Jaishankar reacts to Rahul Gandhi's remark: 'The word pitai...'

External affairs minister S Jaishankar on Monday reacted to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's comment on the Indian and Chinese troops clash in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang recently, saying the word "pitai" (beating) should not be used for "our jawans". Jaishankar was speaking in Lok Sabha during the Winter Session of Parliament.

"We have no problem with political criticism but we should not disrespect our jawans. I have heard that my own understanding needs to be deepened. When I see who is giving the advice I can only bow and respect. The word 'pitai' should not be used for our jawans," news agency ANI quoted Jaishankar as saying. At a press conference in Jaipur last week during his "Bharat Jodo Yatra", Gandhi had claimed that China is preparing for "a war" and accused the Centre of trying to "ignore" the threat, saying it is "asleep" and not ready to

accept the situation.

He then went on to say that Indian jawans in Arunachal Pradesh are being "beaten up" by the Chinese Army troops. "If we were indifferent to China then who sent the Indian Army to the border. If we were indifferent to China then why are we pressuring China for de-escalation and disengagement today? Why are we saying publicly that our relations are not normal?" the minister added. Jaishankar's statement comes after joint opposition on Monday staged a walk-out from Rajya Sabha as their demand to hold a debate over the December 9 clashes along the Line of Actual Control or LAC between the Indian and Chinese forces at the Tawang sector in Arunachal Pradesh was disallowed. Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the

Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), Communist Party of India (Marxist), Communist Party of India (CPI), the Trinamool Congress, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Samajwadi Party (SP), Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Shiv Sena and the Kerala Congress were among other parties to stage the walkout when the Zero Hour was being conducted in the Upper House. The Opposition sought to raise the issue with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying nothing is bigger than the nation and sought a detailed debate on clashes along the LAC between the Indian and Chinese forces at the Tawang sector on December 9.

"They (China) are encroaching on our land. If we don't discuss this issue then what else should we discuss? We are ready for discussion on this issue in the House," said Kharge said.

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Member of Parliament in the presence of Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Smti. Ms Smitha R, IAS, Secretary of Port Blair Municipal Council today on 19th December 2022. During the inauguration function, Smti. Amar Devi, Councillor, Ward No.7 of Port Blair Municipal Council, Smti. Asha, Executive Engineer (Water), PBMC, other prominent residents of the area and a large number of the general public were also present. Similarly, the another RO plant (Water ATM) installed at Dairy Farm junction, near Lord Ganesh Temple, Ward No.9 under MPLADS fund of 16th Lok Sabha also been inaugurated by the Ex-Member of Parliament Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray in the presence of

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament of A&N Islands and Ms Smitha R, IAS, Secretary, Port Blair Municipal Council on 19th December 2022.

In the inauguration function at Dairy Farm, Mr. B. Padmanabhan, Councillor of Ward No. 15, Mr. Y Joga Rao, Councillor of Ward No.14, Mr. V Ravichandran, Councillor Ward No.9 of Port Blair Municipal Council, Smti. Asha, Executive Engineer (Water) PBMC, officials of PBMC besides other prominent residents of the area and a large number of the general public were present. Addressing the gathering the Member of Parliament Mr. Kuleep Rai Sharma said that there was a demand for making availability of safe drinking water for the commuters in

these locations. Now with the installation of these Water ATMs, these will be of great use to the people visiting these areas. However, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, MP requested the Secretary, PBMC and Executive Engineer (Water) PBMC present in the functions that the PBMC need to ensure proper upkeep and maintenance of these assets created out of public fund so that the basic objective for providing safe drinking water to the general public would be fulfilled in real manner. Both the works were carried out by the Port Blair Municipal Council being the executing agency of MPLADS work for which the long pending demand of the general public for having safe drinking water facilities at both the locations have been fulfilled.

SSM Students...

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'unwanted' intervention of principal in every small issue of the students, leading to building up stress among students.

During the protest some school teachers tried to convince students to end the protest but students refused to end the protest.

Later at around 10.30AM the ward councillor of the area Mr. VetriVelu and some parents took students inside the school and a meeting was arranged inside the school.

When Andaman Sheekha contacted Mr. VetriVelu, the ward councillor, said that the problem happened due to some misunderstanding between the students and principal. "Later with the help of parents we

convinced the students," he said.

Later Andaman Sheekha contacted Indira Devi, the principal of Saraswathi Shishu Mandir School, who refuted all allegations made by the students and said that the school is maintaining strict discipline for the betterment of students.

"Some students are coming to school with mobile phones, recently some of the students made Instagram videos inside school and which were posted in social media also, these are the things we opposed," she added.

She said that the school had a meeting with the parents today during which the parents convinced the students to follow the rules and regulations of the school.

