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Unannounced power cuts leave the general public sultry; shortage of technical staff is alleged to be the reason

Power cuts have assumed unexpected proportions this year: General public

Port Blair, April.24: General public of South Andaman District has been undergoing a harrowing experience for about a fortnight now thanks to the unannounced power cuts regardless of day or night. The frequency of power cuts have reached such a peak that, general public are left to suffer since there are no specific schedule or timing for power cuts. Many allege that, they have not come across such a worst situation in the past as the

current situation is something different and uncalled for. According to them, earlier, the electricity department used to notify the general public of any power cuts through news paper in advance, now the department has scant regard about notifying the public of such power cuts.

Irrked over the unannounced and frequent power cuts and also infuriated by lack of response over telephone from the Officials, a group of general public had, last

week, stormed into the Electricity Site Office of Shadipur had an altercation with the staff present there. It was alleged by them that, the staffs at the Section Office were rude and were not cordial in responding to the general public present. Similar incidents of lack of response from staff were reported from other Section offices of electricity department.

Public claim that, frequent power cuts and fluctuations of power has

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Staff crunch in PBMC leads to overburdening of officials with additional charges

Vacancies at various levels of PBMC are not filled for several years: Sources

Port Blair, April.24: The Port Blair Municipal Council, the lone urban civic body of these Islands is entrusted with the onerous duty of maintaining the urban areas of Port Blair comprising of 24 wards. Services ranging from sanitation and conservancy, distribution of drinking water, street lights, shelter & lodging facilities, developing civic amenities such as parks and gardens,

developing community assets such as footpaths, drains, retaining walls, roads besides developing community halls and public grounds etc. The services of Port Blair Municipal Council has been laudable, especially during the last pandemic induced lock down when the sanitary mazdoors were all out on streets and roads to undertake their onerous duty of sanitation. Besides,

there are Engineering staffs are various levels of hierarchy who undertake their respective duties such as estimation, billing, supervising the works, preparation of plans, budgeting etc besides building plan approval related works.

The PBMC has been, for quite a long time, facing severe shortage of manpower at various levels

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Member of Parliament demands to increase the frequency of 'Line Boat' from twice a week to thrice a week

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to increase the frequency of the 'Line Boat', which is being operated between Port Blair and Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep and Long Island.



In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament mentioned that recently the 'Line-Boat Service', between Port Blair and Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep and Long Island, was resumed after a gap of nearly two years, which has brought huge relief for the Islanders.

The Member of Parliament added that now he has been informed by a large number of Islanders of Shaheed Dweep and Swaraj Dweep that only limited numbers of tickets are being issued to residents of different Islands for this ferry, which are not sufficient and hence not everyone can avail the

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BCC Diglipur organized protest against fuel price rise



Following the nationwide protest call against fuel price rise in country, members of the Block Congress Committee, Diglipur held a 'Mehngai Mukht Bharat Abhiyan' in Diglipur on yesterday. At the protest site, party leaders and workers gathered with empty cylinders and raised

slogans against the increasing petrol, diesel, LPG and essential commodities prices.

ANTCC President Shri. Rangalal Halder, ANTCC Campaign Committee Chairman Shri. TSG Bhasker, DCC President South Andaman

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

The **Executive Engineer, Panchayati Raj Institution, South Andaman Division-I** on behalf of **Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Sippighat** invites online item rate tender (in CPWD form-8) from bonafide and experienced contractors of appropriate class of APWD, MES, ALHW & P&T for the below mentioned work.

1. NIT NO. EE/PRI/SAD-I/GEN/21-22/1147 **Name of Work:** - Repair and Maintenance of CC Footpath from Rajendran house to Late Bhomic house at Teylerabad-03 under Gram Panchayat Sippighat. **Estimated Cost :-** Rs.12, 53,672/- **Earnest Money Deposit :-** Rs. 25,073/- **Time of Completion:-** Twelve (12) Months, **Tender Fee:-** Rs.500/- & last date & time of submission of bid :- 04/05/2022 (1500 hrs)

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

Tender ID:- 2022_RDPRI_5696_1
R.No.IP: 8590/22

Executive Engineer,
Panchayati Raj Institution,
South Andaman Division-I
Junglighat, Port Blair
South Andaman

Why IOC tankers have halted at Jirkatang? What is the issue for them?



Today 22/04/22 at Jirkatang Checkpost, the IOCL and LPG Trucks did not proceed to North & Middle Andaman for not giving the Token on priority basis in Ferrerungj for the 7:30am convoy time. This is a pure negligence from the IOCL management where the drivers are stubborn for not to move the vehicles which delays the

supplying of LPG and OIL and harrasing the general public.

In ports, convoys and even in ferry services these people has been given preferences and for once instance they have made issues like this. This is not acceptable and cannot be enterianed for the welfare of the general public residing in North and Middle Andaman.



- ❖ ரத்த சோகை பிரச்சனை தீங்கும்.
- ❖ ரத்த அழுத்தம் அதிகரிப்பதைத் தடுக்கலாம்.
- ❖ புற்றுநோய் வரும் அபாயம் குறையும்.
- ❖ எடையைக் குறைக்க திணைப்போர் இதனை ஸ்நாக்ஸாக உட்கொள்வது நல்லது.
- ❖ இதய நோய் வரும் வாய்ப்பு குறையும்.
- ❖ எலும்புகளை வலிமை பெற செய்யும்.

Member of Parliament requests all Islanders to plant a sapling in every house to mark World Earth Day

On the occasion of World Earth Day on 22nd April 2022, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested all Islanders to plant a sapling in every house to mark World Earth Day.

In a request made to the Islanders while addressing the gathering during a Tree Plantation Programme organized to mark the World Earth Day at Doordarshan Port Blair campus, the Member of Parliament said that human beings are leading a mechanical life in this fast paced world and we feel contented and enjoy ourselves with our personal and professional well-being.

He added that the universe has showered its blessings on it through Pancha Bhootai.e. Air, Water, Fire, Earth and Sky. We are enjoying its benefits but we need to think of saving the same. He mentioned

that it is our responsibility to take care of Mother Earth and safely hand over it to our next generation as our ancestors had done for us. During the last 100 years, the nature of earth has changed tremendously with a lot of inventions.

The Member of Parliament further added that our lifestyle has become sophisticated with new inventions and technology but it has impacted global warming too. Amidst these inventions and its effects, we can retain a green and healthy environment by planting saplings, avoiding plastics, purifying water etc. He added that we have to put all our efforts to overcome global warming which has a vital impact vitally on nature and we should increase the greenery on earth by planting saplings and render our support in growing them as trees which reassures Green Earth.

Inspection of PMGSY and PMAY works by the Secretary (RD)

Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary (RD) along with Director (RD), Senior Officers of Engineer Wing of PRI, Pradhan Mithakari, Pradhan Namunaghar & other PRI members conducted field inspection to check the status of ongoing works related to construction of rural road from "SH-12 to Dundus Point Jetty road (158 Mtrs) via Mithakhari Jetty, sluice gate and animal husbandry colony" under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Kojana-II (PMGSY-II).

The Secretary (RD) while reviewing the progress of the works directed the contractor to complete the work before the upcoming monsoon season. The Engineering Wing was also directed to supervise the works and submit the progress on weekly basis to him. Thereafter,

the team visited the ongoing work being taken up under RURBAN scheme viz. "C/o Boating complex cum guest house at Mithakhari-I near seashore under Gram Panchayat Mithakhari."

The Secretary (RD) directed the Director (RD) to inspect the PMAY-G house site at Kodyaghat under Gram Panchayat Beodnabad along with State and Block level staff, where construction of houses is going on in full swing and the beneficiaries have assured to complete the work by 15th May, 2022. The MGNREGA team of the Prothrapur Block was directed to take up the work for development and beatification of the site with plantation of fruit bearing trees & flower plants as well as construction drains & pond near the site.

உலகத்தின் குறைகளை எல்லாம் கண்டுபிடிக்கும் சிலருக்கு... தன் குறைகள் மட்டும் தெரியாமல் போவதற்கு பெயர்தான் சுயநலம்...!

Awareness Programme on POCSO conducted at Child Care Institutions

The District Child Protection Unit under District Administration, South Andaman in collaboration with Police Department conducted an awareness programme on "POCSO Act" at Pranab Kanya Sangh (Child Care Institution) on 19th April 2022. The main aim of the programme was to sensitize children on POCSO related issues as child sexual abuse is a concern which is being reported day by day and children being most vulnerable section of the society are susceptible to physical, psychological and emotional abuse.

Resource person from the Police Department explained the key



features of POSCO Act like Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Pornography and related sections and Punishment of the Act through Power Point Presentation. Stages of judicial process work in a child-friendly mechanism, which includes reporting, recording and investigation of evidence was also highlighted to the children. The Children were encouraged to stand up for their own safety and security in order to prevent



crime against children. Similar programme were also conducted at Bethany Children Home on 18th April 2022. Altogether 70 children were benefitted through the programme.

The District Administration, South Andaman is dedicated towards the welfare of the children and looks forward for more such positive awareness in future to educate children towards their Protection and betterment.

Achievements of Allu Arjun Army Andaman

Our Allu Arjun Army Andaman organized various good social activities in Andaman on the occasion of Birthday Celebration of Tollywood Stylish Star Allu Arjun.

On 23/01/2022, our Team provided meals at Vanvasi Kalyan Ashramam, Shadipur. On 30/01/2022 to 10/02/2022 ration articles distributed to needy families at Junglighat and fruits distributed to patients in Ayush Hospital, Junglighat. On 14th February 2022, Our team paid homage to martyred Soldiers in Pulwama attack. Floral tributes were offered and a two minutes silence was observed for the decorated martyrs of Indian Armed Forces. Also, the gathering of 130 residents of Dairy Farm and Junglighat prayed to the Almighty to grant them eternal peace.

On 02nd April 2022, A blood donation camp was organized at Dairy Farm in collaboration with Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) & YBSSCT and a total 31



donors donated blood voluntarily. On 04/04/2022, A cleanliness drive conducted in collaboration with PBMC and Yuva Bharat Samaj Seva Charitable Trust, A&N Islands at Marina Park. Volunteers picked on every little wrapper and bit of plastic from Marina Park beach with almost 13 huge full of wastage collected & the same day plantation drive was conducted from

Tiruapathi Temple to Junglighat. On 08/04/2022, our Team celebrated birthday of Shri. Allu Arjun at Junglighat in the presence of Social workers and Councilors of ward No. 09 & 14. Our Allu Arjun Army Andaman Team is Conducting social activities with utmost devotion and sincerity as well as making all efforts for the welfare of humanity and for the society.

First Sub-Committee of Parliamentary Committee on Official Language holds review meeting with officials of A&N Administration



The First Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language headed by its Chairman, Shri Ramchander Jangra held review meetings with the officials of Andaman and Nicobar Administration regarding the implementation of the Official Language Policy in the conference hall of the Hotel Sinclair's Bay View here today. The other Members of the Committee present in the meeting were Shri Shyam Singh Yadav, Shri Dharmendra Kashyap and Shri Iranna Kadadi. The Principal Secretary,

Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Dr. V. Candavelou and other Senior Officers attended the review meeting. The Committee Members also witnessed the documentation of the works done for the implementation of the Official Language Policy.

Earlier, the Committee Members headed by its Chairman also held review meetings with Officers of Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair, Directorate of Census Affairs, Port Blair and Dy. Commandant CISF, VSI Airport Port Blair at the same venue.



சூரியப் புகை

நாட்டு மருந்து கடைகளில் கிடைக்கும் இலுப்பை எண்ணெயை வாங்கி ஒரு சிறிய பாத்திரத்தில் ஊற்றி சூடு செய்யவேண்டும். கட்டியாக இருக்கும் இலுப்பை எண்ணெயை சூடு செய்ததும் அது கரைய ஆரம்பிக்கும். எண்ணெய் நன்கு கரைந்ததும் அதை ஆறவைக்க வேண்டும். பிறகு இலுப்பு பகுதியில் எங்கு வலி உள்ளதோ அந்த இடத்தில் இந்த எண்ணெயை தடவி விட்டு கடு தண்ணீர் ஒத்ததம் கொடுக்க வேண்டும். இதை செய்தால் இலுப்பு வலிக்கான உடனடி நிவாரணம் கிடைக்கும்.

Interactive meet with stake holders held; briefed about intent of EOLs to be floated by Tourism Department

Towards enabling further growth of Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Port Blair, April 23: The Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain has recently directed the Tourism Department to issue Expression of Interests (EOIs) for events and activities related to development and promotion of Tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In line with this, Tourism stakeholders were briefed about the EOIs during a meeting held by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka and Special Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikatt today with the representatives of ACCI, Hotel Association,

Shipping Association and other stakeholders.

During the interaction, the representatives of Associations provided valuable suggestions for boosting tourism in Isles. In the meeting, it was also decided that all ships and big hotels shall promote music, especially live music for the entertainment of the tourists as well as promotion of tourism. The EOIs intend to attract new ideas into the Tourism Industry, investment etc. besides finding out market interests for new activities and events as well as locations to conduct them in the Islands.

Tourism is already a major source of employ

ment for the Islanders and this EOI is expected to attract private investment in tourism sector and create new job opportunities for the Islanders. The EOI for Tourism related events & activities will be a game changer in the development of tourism facilities as it would open up new venues for tourism like sky dining, submersible scooters, bungee jumping etc. and new events to enhance tourism engagement and night life in the Islands. The transparent bidding process would allow new activities at fair prices, propelling Andamans among the most prominent Island destinations across the globe.

UT of A&N Islands to commemorate National Panchayati Raj Day on 24th April, 2022

24th of April is celebrated all over the country as National Panchayati Raj Day (NPRD). It was on this day that the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 came into force across the country has vested constitutional status to Panchayati Raj Institutions. This date thus marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of political power to the grassroot level.

National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated every year to thrust on the essence of Local self governance. Panchayati Raj is an integral part of the Indian Legislature, and is considered to be the third tier government in the rural areas. The National Programme commemorating the historic day is organized by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India in Panchayati Raj Gram Panchayat of Samba district of Jammu and

Kashmir. The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi shall be grace as the Chief Guest and shall also attend the Special Gram Sabha in the Gram Panchayat. The Prime Minister shall also be addressing the nation through webcast and interact with Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions across the country. The event shall be showcased in the 2.65 lakhs Gram Panchayats across the country. As part of the Incentivization of Panchayats Scheme, the Hon'ble PM shall also be felicitating the National awardee Gram Panchayats and shall facilitate online transfer of award money to all the awardee Gram Panchayats across the country. In the UT, Special Gram Sabhas are scheduled in all 70 Gram Panchayats in which structured activities focusing on the theme -

Localization of Sustainable Development Goals will be conducted. The Gram Sabhas shall pass resolution and adopt minimum three themes out of the 09 thematic areas under LSDGs and work towards saturation of the identified goals ensuring an whole of government and an whole of society approach. The 09 themes are Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihood; healthy village; self sufficient village; socially secured village; village with good governance and engendered development in village. The 17 SDGs are aligned with the three dimension of Sustainable Development- Environment, Social, and Economical.

This year 05 National awards have been conferred to the different panchayats of Andaman & Nicobar Islands i.e

1. Gram Panchayat Paschimgar, North & Middle Andaman

under Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Category;

2. Subashgram Gram Panchayat North & Middle Andaman under Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gram Sabha Puraskhar;

3. Manarghat Gram Panchayat, South Andaman under Best Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award;

4. Subhasgram Gram Panchayat, North & Middle Andaman

and 5. Ferrargunj Gram Panchayat, South Andaman

under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sashaktikaran Pursakar (DDUPSP) under General and Thematic Revenue Generation category respectively

The awardee Gram Panchayats shall also be felicitated during the historic day celebrations.

Induction training and interaction session with the newly elected Representatives of Gram Panchayats

The Directorate of RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration organized an induction-cum-interaction program for the newly elected representatives of the Gram Panchayats, in which the Gram Pradhan and Panchayat Secretaries of almost all the Gram Panchayat of A&N Islands participated in the program.

The program was inaugurated by Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary (RD) and in his opening remarks congratulated the newly elected Pradhans and requested all of them to work effectively for the rural population residing in the Gram Panchayat as it is the key focal point wherein all the grass root developmental activities are done. He requested them to have a localized vision for the development of Gram Panchayat. **He also requested Pradhans and the Panchayat Secretaries to work in coordination for effective implementation of flagship schemes and utilization of public funds within the legal framework of law in a transparent and accountable manner.** He further emphasized to work towards achieving financial self-sustainability of the Panchayats, which is vision of the A&N Administration.

The Secretary (RD) also informed that the Chief Secretary of A&N Admn. has given direction to start competition among the Gram Panchayats on basis of cleanliness in the Gram Panchayat, source

segregation, waste collection, plantation of vegetable & fruit bearing trees, rain water harvesting activities and rural tourism promotion in the Gram Panchayats. As such he urged the Gram Panchayats to work in the said lines to prove their respective Gram Panchayat as the best. The Pradhans and Panchayat Secretaries were made aware about the administrative & financial rules and responsibilities for effective working of the Gram Panchayat. Smt. Kakali Ghosh, Panchayat Secretary explained about the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GDPD) to be prepared for implementation of various schemes of RD as well as Line Department for the development of the Gram Panchayat & its residents. The Pradhans were requested to make proper selection of works and to take up them as per the priority of public.

Thereafter, Shri Edmond Fernandez, Panchayat Secretary explained about the technicalities and responsibilities of the Gram Panchayat in issuance of Building Permission for construction of buildings in the Gram Panchayats. Subsequently, Smt. Gurjeet Kaur, Extension Officer acquainted the participants about the role & responsibilities of the Gram Panchayat in the implementation of various Rural Development schemes of GOI such as DAY-NRLM, PMAY-G, SBM-G, MGNREGA, RURBAN, SAGY, PMGSY, RGSA.

புத்துணர்ச்சியோடு தொடங்கிய அந்தமான் தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்றம்...

மிக நீண்ட கால தொடர் ஊரடங்குத் தடைகளுக்கும் பிறகு அந்தமான் தமிழர்சங்கத்தில் மீண்டும் துவங்கிய தமிழ் இலக்கிய மன்றக் கூட்டம் /யிற்சிப் பட்டறை புத்துணர்ச்சியோடும், புதுப் பொலிவேரோடும் நடைபெற்றது.

பல வருடங்களுக்குப் பிறகு கடந்த வாரம் இலக்கியமன்றத்தின் நிர்வாகம் மாற்றப்பட்டு புதிய நிர்வாகிகள் பொறுப்பேற்றனர்.

புதிய நிர்வாகக் குழுவின் தலைவராக தமிழ் இலக்கியமன்ற மூத்த உறுப்பினர் திரு.ந.ஜெயராமன் அவர்கள், துணைத்தலைவராக பேராசிரியர் திரு. பாலகிருட்டிணன் அவர்கள், செயலாளராக ஆசிரியப் பெருமகனார் திரு. கோபால் அவர்கள், பொருளாளராக

உதவிப்பேராசிரியர் முனைவர். திருப்பதி அவர்கள், ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளராக பத்திரிக்கையாளர் திரு. தமிழ்ச்செல்வன் அவர்கள் தேர்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டனர்.

23.04.2022 சனிக்கிழமையன்று மாலை ஆறுமணிக்கு தொடங்கிய இலக்கியமன்றம் திருக்குறள் உரையுடன் தொடங்கியது. இந்த வாரத் தலைப்பு "அந்தமானில் தமிழ் இலக்கியம்" இந்த வாரத் தலைவராக பேராசிரியர் திரு. பாலகிருட்டிணன் அவர்கள் பதவி வகித்தார். வாரம் ஒரு தலைப்பும், வாரம்தோறும் ஒரு தலைவருமே இந்தப் பயிற்சிப்பட்டறை/இலக்கியமன்ற நிகழ்வின் அடிப்படை பெருமையாகும். இந்த வாரப்பட்டறையில் திரு.ந. ஜெயராமன், திரு.கோபால்,

திரு.செனபகராஜா, திரு.செந்தில், திரு.திருப்பதி, திருமதி வனிதா, திருமதி. விமலா, திரு.தரணி ராஜன் மற்றும் திரு. தமிழ்ச்செல்வன் ஆகியோர் குறிப்பிடத்தலைப்பில் உரையாற்றினர். பல்வேறு சிறப்புத் தீர்மானங்கள் இந்த வார இலக்கியமன்றத்தில் நிறைவேற்றப்பட்டன. அடுத்தவாரம் முதல் பிரதி சனிக்கிழமையன்று மாலை ஆறுமணிக்கே இலக்கியமன்ற பயிற்சிப்பட்டறை தொடங்கி எட்டுமணிக்கு முடியும் என்றும் அடுத்த வாரத் தலைப்பு தமிழர்களின் பாரம்பரிய விளையாட்டு எனவும் அடுத்த வாரத்தின் தலைவராக பேராசிரியர். திரு. தரணி ராஜன் அவர்கள் இருப்பார் எனவும் முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டு இந்த வார இலக்கியமன்ற நிகழ்வு இனிதே நிறைவுற்றது.

தியாகம்...

ஒரு மகன் ஒருமுறை தன் தாயிடம் கேட்டான் "எங்களை வளர்ப்பதற்காக அதிகமா கஷ்டப்பட்டு தியாகம் செய்தது நீங்களா?... அல்லது அப்பாவா?"... அதற்கு அந்த தாய் இந்த கேள்வியை நீ என்னிடம் கேட்டிருக்கக்கூடாது.

ஒரு குழந்தையை வளர்ப்பதில் தாய்க்கும் தந்தைக்கும் எவ்வித கஷ்டமும் இல்லை. இருந்தாலும் சொல்கிறேன். உங்க அப்பா என்னைத் திருமணம் செய்து கொண்டபோது சொந்த விருப்பங்களுக்கும், நலன்களுக்கும் அதிக முக்கியத்துவம் கொடுக்காதவர். நீ பிறந்த பின்னர்தான் தன் விருப்பு வெறுப்புகளை மாற்றி உங்களுக்காக உங்கள் நலனுக்காக உணவு, உடை,

மருந்து மற்றும் உங்கள் கல்விக்கு என பல தேவைகளுக்காக சம்பாதித்தார். நீங்களும்,நானும் இந்த குடும்பமும் உன் தந்தையின் வியர்வையில் உருவானவர்கள்.

மகன் இதே கேள்வியை தன் தந்தையிடம் கேட்டான்... அவரின் பதில் வேறு மாதிரி யிருந்தது. உன் தாயார் எவ்வளவு தியாகம் செய்தார் என எனக்குத் தெரியவில்லை. உன்னை வளர்ப்பதற்காக எவ்வளவு கஷ்டப்பட்டாள் என்று கூட எனக்குத் தெரிய வில்லை. அவளுடைய பொறுமையும், விடா முயற்சியும்தான் இந்த குடும்பத்தை இன்று இந்த நிலைமைக்கு கொண்டு வந்தது. எனது வருமானத்திற்கேற்ற செலவு செய்தாள், தனக்கு தேவை

யான எதையும் இதுவரை என்னிடம் கேட்டதில்லை. உங்களுக்காகத்தான் என்னிடம் சண்டையிட்டிருக்கிறான். அவளது தியாகத்தைவிட பெரியதாக நான் ஒன்றும் செய்யவில்லை என்றார்.

மகன் தன் சகோதரர்களிடம் சொன்னான்...

நம்மை விட அதிர்ஷ்டசாலிகள் இந்த உலகில் யாரும் இருக்க முடியாது. தந்தையின் தியாகத்தை புரிந்து கொள்ளும் தாயும், தாயின் தியாகத்தை புரிந்து கொள்ளும் தந்தையும் இருக்கும் ஒவ்வொரு குடும்பமும் சொர்க்கம்தான். பெற்றோர்கள் ஒரு கிரீடத்தில் இருக்கும் இரண்டு வைரக்கற்கள். அவர்களை நம்முடனேயே வைத்து அவர்களது ஆயுட்காலம் முழுவதும் காப்போம்!

பயனுள்ள கருத்து...

எனது குழந்தைப் பருவத்தில் இருந்தே என்னோடு பயணித்து வந்த விடைதெரியாத கேள்வி ஒன்றிற்கு இன்று விடை கிடைத்தது. தாவர காய்கள் விற்கும் கடைக்கு பெயர் காய்கறி கடை, அசைவ வகையான ஆட்டு இறைச்சி கடைக்கும் கறிக்கடை. இந்த கறி என்ற சொல் எப்படி முற்றிலும் எதிர் எதிர் துருவங்களில் இருக்கும் தாவர மற்றும் இறைச்சி கடைகளுக்கு பொதுப் பெயரானது என்பதே...

அறியப்படாத தமிழகம் என்ற நூலில் என் கேள்விக்கான பதிலை கொடுத்துள்ளார் நமது ஆய்வறிஞர் தொ.பரமசிவன். கி.பி.15-ம் நூற்றாண்டில்தான் தமிழகத்திற்கு சிலி நாட்டில் இருந்து மிளகாய் வந்து சேர்ந்தது. அதுவரை தமிழர் சமையலில் உறைப்புச் சுவைக்காக கறுப்பு மிளகினை மட்டுமே பயன்படுத்தி வந்தனர். கறுப்பு என்ற கரிய நிறத்தைக் குறிக்கும் சொல்லின் வேர்ச்சொல் கல் இந்த கல் என்ற சொல்லில் இருந்து பிறந்த சொற்களே கறி மற்றும்

கறி. கறுப்பு நிறத்தில் உள்ள யானைக்கு கறி என்றும், கறுப்பு நிறத்தில் உள்ள களிமத்திற்கு கறி-அடுப்புக்கறி-Charcoal என்றும் கறுப்பு நிறத்தில் கிடைத்த தாவர பொருளான மிளகினை (pepper) கருங்கறி என்றனர்.

நமது தமிழ் நாட்டில் மிளகாய் பயன்பாட்டிற்கு வருவதற்கு முன் தாவர காய்களை சமைக்கும் போதும் உறைப்புச் சுவைக்காக கருங்கறி என்ற மிளகினை பயன்படுத்தினர். அசைவ உணவுகளை பயன்படுத்தும்

போது உறைப்புச் சுவைக்காக கருங்கறி என்ற மிளகினையே பயன்படுத்தினர்.

இறைச்சி உணவிற்கு அதிகமாக கருங்கறியை பயன்படுத்துவதால் இது போன்ற பல அரிய இறைச்சியே கறி எனப் பெயர் பெற்றது. காய்கறி கடை என்பதில் அறியப் படாத தமிழகம்.

வரம் வாங்கி வந்தால் மட்டும்

கிடைக்கக் கூடியவை...

1. நிறைய சகோதரர்கள், சகோதரிகளுடன் பிறப்பது மற்றும் கடைசி வரை உடன் பிறந்தவர்களுடன் நல்உறவு...!
2. பெற்றோர்களின் வறுமையைப் பார்க்காத இளமை...!
3. எந்த வயதிலும் எந்த கல்வி கலையையும் கற்று வாழ்ப்பு...!
4. பள்ளி, கல்லூரி நட்புகள் கடைசி காலம் வரை கூடவே பயணிப்பது மற்றும் பிரியமான நண்பர்கள் வாய்ப்பது...!
5. நம் மனசுக்கு விடித்தவருடன் திருமண வாழ்க்கை...!
6. நாம் ஆசைப்பட்டதை வாங்கி சாப்பிடும் சுதந்திரம்...!
7. அடிப்படைத் தேவைகளுக்கான சொத்து சுகத்தோடு இருப்பது...!
8. எதற்கும் ஏங்காத பிள்ளைவரம்...!
9. தீய பழக்கவழக்கங்களுக்கு அடிமையாகாதிருத்தல் மற்றும் தர்மநியாயங்களுக்கு கட்டுப்பட்டு வாழும் உயர் பண்புகள்...!

எல்லாவற்றிற்கும் மேலாக...

10. கடைசி காலத்தில் படுக்கையில் படுக்காமல் சாகும்வரை தன் வேலைகளை தானே செய்து கொள்ளும் வரமும்...!

வரம் வாங்கியபிறந்தால் மட்டுமே கிடைக்கக்கூடியவை கடவுளிடம் நான் வேண்டுவதும் இவையே நம்பிக்கையுடன் நீங்களும் வேண்டிடுங்கள்...

உணவை சதைவாய்க் குறைக்கும் உலர் திராட்சை!



உலர் திராட்சையை, தொடர்ந்து சாப்பிட்டுவந்தால், நெஞ்சில், சளி இருப்பவர்களுக்கு, நல்ல நிவாரணம் கிடைக்கும். உடலில் உள்ள தேவையற்ற கொழுப்பையும் அகற்றும். ரத்த சோகையை குணப்படுத்தும்.

மாதுளை ஜூனில் அதிகளவிலான ஆன்டி-ஆக்ஸிடன்ட்டுகள் நிறைந்துள்ளதால், இது பல மோசமான மற்றும் அபாயகரமான நோய்களையும் தடுக்கும்.

புற்றுநோய் எதிர்ப்பு பண்புகள் ஆரோக்கியமான இதயம், சர்க்கரை நோயை எதிர்க்கும் ரத்த சோகையை சரி செய்யும் நோயெதிர்ப்பு மண்டலம் வலுப்பெறும்



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led to malfunction of electronic appliances such as television & refrigerator in many households. As the students are barely into reopening of their schools, complain of severe suffering due to lack of power supply as they are unable to site inside homes amidst scorching sun outside.

Enquiry with the electricity department claims that, due to lack of technical staff in the department, the department is unable to attend repair works and troubles hooting in time. There are large exodus of staff on superannuation and also due to death and these vacancies remain unfilled ever since the proposal to

privatise the department came to the fore, it is alleged. Due to this, there has been drastic fall in the number of technical staffs attending the repair works on daily basis.

Now, the rotational load shedding of 45 minutes as announced by the electricity department is a big shocker for general public and consumers. While the untimely power cuts leave the citizens fumed, the rotational load shedding has left them sultry, it is claimed.

Such precarious situation arises when the Government of India is vying to take the country on a progressive path through schemes like Digital India. Since the electronic

gadgets constitutes the core of Digital India, uninterrupted power supply assumes equal importance in reaching the true potential of the said scheme. When it comes to the population of South Andaman, it is hardly 3 lakh and the electricity department is finding it difficult to fulfil the power demand of this meagre population. Unless the Administration takes fruitful steps such as filling the vacancies in electricity department & augmenting the power infrastructure, uninterrupted power supply for general public would be a distant dream. Lets hope that the administrators accord top priority for power supply in the coming days.

Staff...

thanks to non-filling of vacant posts. Starting from sanitary mazdoors to Superintending Engineer at the top of the engineering hierarchy, the PBMC is deprived of adequate vacancies which silently hamper the efficiency of this vast civic body. While the staff crunch at the grassroot level leads to sanitary officers running from pillar to post to cope up with the work pressures related to maintaining sanitation, staff crunch of officials has led to additional charges being saddled upon each. Starting with Draughtsman under an Executive Engineer of PBMC, there is a shortage of Head Draughtsman or Draughtsman Gr-II in various Divisions. Due to lack of promotion to existing Draughtsman Gr-III, they are saddled upon the duty of looking after the Head Draughtsman as well. Since the post of Head Draughtsman is not available for long time, the duties of a Draughtsman Gr-III seems to have been subsumed with that of Draughtsman Gr-II with no palpable difference of duty,

sources allege.

Apart from routine duties related to tenders and bills, Draughtsman are given additional duty of "Building Inspectors" which constrains them to go on field duty by leaving their routine desk works behind. This also leads to huge backlog of desk works resulting in delay of processing tenders, bills and other tender related works, a Draughtsman on condition of anonymity says. According to him, the post of Building Inspector seems more like a ex-officio posts of Draughtsman rather than being a separate post with difference nature of duty, he further says.

When it comes to Assistant Engineers and Executive Engineers, every officer is saddled with more than one additional duty in addition to their own duties. At the peak of it, an Executive Engineer who is already looking after more than one Division is saddled with the post of Superintending Engineer, PBMC apart from his additional charge of SWM Management. Saddling the officers with additional

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charges only leads to inefficiency & mismanagement as every officer is already entrusted with multiple charges, an Ex-Councillor alleges.

In the sanitation front, there are huge vacancies of posts like Sanitary Inspector, Senior Sanitary Inspector besides the Sanitary Mazdoors. All these vacancies had reportedly cropped up due to retirement or death of existing staff, it is claimed. Drivers serving in the Municipal Council claim that, there are severe shortage of Drivers in the Municipal Council which leads to one or two drivers being saddles with excessive duties, it is alleged.

Earlier, a couple of posts of Executive Engineers besides the Superintending Engineer posts were being held by a competent officer from the Andaman Public Works Department on deputation. Now, it seems that, Assistant Engineers of PBMC are given charge of Executive Engineers in addition to their own charges as Assistant Engineer.

Such a precarious situation is likely to have its

bearing on the execution of developmental works as the Municipal Council is looking after a vast urban area, especially after the last delimitation of wards which scaled up the number of wards to 24. Regardless of an increase in the jurisdiction, there has not been any substantial increase in workforce, but only it has waned over time due to retirement or death of staffs, an employee of PBMC alleges. Now, after a long gap, the PBMC has got a new Council and the

efficiency and delivery of the Council would depend on the workforce alone.

While the steps initiated by the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration for filling up the vacant posts in all departments is a welcome and laudable one, it will be in the public interest if the PBMC is also accorded priority in filling up the vacant posts. Now, the onus is on the Administration to revamp the waning workforce in the Port Blair Municipal Council.

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Shri. V.K Abdul Aziz, DCC President North & Middle Andaman Shri. Madhai Murshid, Seva Dal Chief Organizer Shri. T. Wajith DCC General Secretary Shri. Abhibhusan Ghosh

BCC President Shri. Suneel Paramanick and Congress Leaders led the agitation. Following, a meeting was organized with the Block Congress Committee members.

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sailing. Hence a lot of people have to wait for one or two weeks to get tickets for this ferry. Considering the immense importance of the ferry and heavy demand of tickets, the Member of Parliament

requested the Chief Secretary to increase the frequency of the ferry to thrice a week from present twice a week schedule, so that more people can avail the sailing of 'Line-boat' every week.

MP demands Rubber Synthetic Court Mat over the Badminton court of Vivekananda Stadium's Multipurpose Hall at Diglipur

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to direct the concerned departments to install Rubber Synthetic Court Mat over the Badminton court of Vivekananda Stadium's Multipurpose Hall at Diglipur.

In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that during his recent visit to Diglipur, North and Middle Andaman, a lot of youths have approached me with a demand to install

Rubber Synthetic Court Mat over Vivekananda Stadium's Multipurpose Hall at Diglipur.

He added that a large number of sports enthusiasts gather at Diglipur's Multipurpose Hall of Vivekananda Stadium, every morning and evening for playing Badminton and many District as well as State level players of North Andaman also practice at the same court. The Member of Parliament mentioned that in absence of a Rubber Synthetic Court Mat over the Badminton court, the badminton players of the area are often getting serious knee injuries.

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