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## Massive Fire Accident at Campbell Bay; Two Fire Service Jawans one Police Officer injured



**Senthil Kumar & John Wilbert**  
Sheekha News Service

Campbell Bay, Sept 27: A fire incident took place in RPRS shelter colony of Campbell Bay in morning hours. The situation became serious af-

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## Massive Protest in front of Site Office Birdline Against indiscriminate Power Cuts

**John Wilbert & Rabindranath**  
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Sept 26: Hundreds of residents of ward number 22 and 23 and Calicut, (See page 5)



## Conviction in NDPS Case by Hon'ble Additional Sessions Court, Mayabunder

Mayabunder, Sept 26: It has been informed that First time in the history of North & Middle Andaman District, the

prosecution has succeeded to secure conviction of a culprit for illegal possession of large quantity contravened items of

cannabis. On 25/10/2019 at 12:00 noon, SI Somen Kumar (See page 6)

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## GREETINGS

I extend warm greetings to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, particularly to those entrepreneurs who are in the Tourism Industry, on the occasion of World Tourism Day.

Tourism is the backbone of Andaman and Nicobar Islands' economy and one of the largest sectors to provide employment to our Island youths and hence we need to focus more towards Tourism.

There is a need to listen to all stakeholders of the Tourism Industry and form a Tourism Master plan keeping the next 20 years in mind.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands have tremendous potential for high value tourists and to shine globally in the Tourism Sector.

I am confident that very soon Andaman and Nicobar Islands will become one of the most preferred Tourist Destinations in the entire world.

I take this opportunity to greet the Islanders as well as tourists and express the hope that Tourism will achieve greater heights in the coming years and our Islands will emerge as one of the most sought-after eco-friendly tourist destinations in the world.

**Kuldeep Rai Sharma**  
Member of Parliament  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands

## Ration Rasheed expresses Gratitude to volunteers of Ration Rasheed Foundation

**Venkat &  
Rabindranath Biswas**  
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Sept 26: Ration Rasheed Foundation which has earned fame in A & N Islands for its philanthropic nature and also for extending their helping hand especially to the destitute and forlorn has recently spoken to Andaman Sheekha and said that they have handled many medical cases over the

years but never posted them on social media. However this time they need to express gratitude to some of their kind hearted volunteers who selflessly came forward to the cause of humanity.

Narrating the pathetic story of a wretched woman named Late. Mrs. Jaimati Majhi resident of Mayabunder (Karmatang) Mr. MP Abdul Rasheed said that Mrs. Jaimati Majhi had been diagnosed with

cancer in the pancreas.

A surgeon from G.B.Pant hospital approached the foundation for transferring the woman to Chennai for further treatment. Since the lady was from a very humble background and was leading a hardscrabble life did not have a Ration Card, and hence it was not possible for her to avail the benefits of Ayushman Bharat scheme.

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## AATO wishes Happy World Tourism Day to all the Visiting tourists and tourism stakeholders

Port Blair, Sept 26: Mr. M.Vinod, President, AATO along with all its members wishes a Happy World Tourism Day to all the Visiting tourists and tourism stakeholders of the Islands

World Tourism Day has been celebrated since 1980 on the 27th of September every year. This is an initiative of the United Nations spearheaded by its specialized agency, the UNWTO (United Nations World Tourism Organization). Every year there is a different theme on which the event is celebrated. The theme for 2022 is, "Rethinking Tourism". World Tourism Day returns to focus on the future. As the sector's recovery gets underway and building on unprecedented political and public recognition for the sector, UNWTO will highlight the opportunity to rethink how we do tourism.

This means putting people and planet first and bringing everyone from governments and businesses to local communities together around a shared vision for a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient sector.

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## Three days Chess Workshop by ANCA

Port Blair, Sept. 26: Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) will be organising a three days Chess Workshop at TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay Port Blair on 1st 3rd & 4th October 2022. Renowned International Master & a Chess Coach from Chennai V Saravanan will be the trainer & conduct the workshop. Limited seats are available which will be filled on first come – first served basis. Interested players may register their names on or before 29th September 2022, 6.00 pm. For Registration and further details please contact G Sudha, Office Assistant, ANCA @ 9933217055 or email @ anchessassociation@gmail.com.



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## MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that along with the rest of the world, the A&N Islands is also celebrating 'World Tourism Day-2022' befittingly on 27th September, 2022. It was on this very day in 1980 that the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) came into being.

The theme for this year's celebration, 'Rethinking Tourism' gives us the opportunity to reconsider how we can develop tourism as a more sustainable, inclusive and resilient manner.

Owing to its composite culture, the A&N Islands are aptly described as 'Mini India' and tell interesting tales woven its social fabric to the visitors. The pristine & unspoiled beaches, plethora of options for tourists in underwater, game fishing and water sports activities make our Islands one of the most sought after tourist destinations in the world. As we celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', commemorating 75 years of India's Independence, several tourism-related activities have been initiated by the Govt. of India, which are being fervently carried out in the Islands too.

The Tourism Department of the Administration, in tandem, with other Departments is also making efforts in reaching out to more tourists globally and extending best facilities to them in these Islands. In the coming days, more mega tourism projects will come up in A&N Islands under the aegis of Islands Development Agency (IDA) with the cooperation of NITI Aayog. This will give further fillip to Island's tourism sector, providing employment opportunities to the local populace and taking us closer to fulfillment of the goal of making India 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

With the coming up of mega infrastructure projects in tourism sector, I am confident that the A&N tourism is poised for a big leap and will emerge as an ideal all-season destination for safe and sustainable tourism in the country.

On the occasion of the World Tourism Day, I once again congratulate all tourism stakeholders and islanders.  
Jai Hind!

Sd/-

(Admiral D K Joshi)

PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)

Lt. Governor, A&N Islands

& Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

## Meeting of Biodiversity Management Committee Held

Port Blair, Sept 26: A meeting of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) was held at the conference hall of PBMC headquarters under the Chairpersonship of Mrs. Kavitha Udhaya Kumar, Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council/BMC.



At the outset the member Secretary BMC Mr. Bhanu Pratap Yadav, Retd. DFO, welcomed the Chairperson & all the participants / special invitees and gave a brief of the activities of BMC and preparation of People's Bio diversity Register (PBR). The Committee members & special Invitees in the BMC com-

mittee from concerned department discussed various issue particularly the issues regarding updating of People's Bio Diversity Register (PBR) and identification of new plants / herbs to be added in the PBR.

The committee further deliberated on identification of new wetlands

/ naturally vegetated land for better conservation and protection of existing endemic flora and fauna. Identification of eco-friendly tourism spots within the jurisdiction of Municipal Limits was also brought to the notice of Chairperson. The meeting was concluded with the vote of thanks by the chair.



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## TSG foundation distributes nutrition kits to needy TB patients of Swaraj Dweep

Port Blair, Sept 26: TSG foundation keeping up its commitments to the Nikshay Mitra Scheme distributed nutrition kits to the needy TB patients of Swaraj Dweep islands.

This is a monthly distribution Scheme and will continue for one year.

Mr. Ameer Bux Coordinator TSG Foundation and Mr. Abdul Sharif Member TSG



Foundation were present in this occasion.

## Single Window Clearance for Durga Puja Pandal And Procession

Port Blair, Sept 26: The District Administration of South Andaman District has set up a single window system for Durga Puja Pandal, Procession and mike permissions clearance from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and started functioning at District Control Room, Port Blair. All the interested puja organizers are requested to submit the duly filled forms at District Control Room, Port Blair and can collect the approval from the District Control



Room. A team of Revenue, Police, Electricity and Fire Brigade has been constituted for the said purpose and will be available in the District

Control Room. In case of any queries, the general public are requested to contact the following numbers -03192-238881 and 03192-240127.

## Voluntary Blood Donation Camp At Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital And Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhavan, Junglighat Branch, Port Blair

Port Blair, Sept 26: On the occasion of "MEGA BLOOD DONATION DRIVE, 2022" of Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi which commenced from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 till 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at A & N Islands.

Accordingly Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) coordinated the Voluntary Blood Donation camp which was organized by the Pharmacy Section, G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital on the occasion of "WORLD PHARMACIST DAY". A total of 17 units of blood were donated by voluntarily donors and another voluntary blood donation camp was organised by Sant Nirankari Mandal



Branch, Port Blair at Sant Nirankari Mandal Branch, Junglighat, Port Blair, on 25/09/2022. A total of 87 units of blood were donated by voluntarily donors. The Blood Donation was facilitated by the Dr. N. R. Kodhandram, Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Chief Medical Officer (NFSG). The donors were examined for their eligibility to donate blood and briefed the donors on various aspect and importance of blood donation.

The Chief Pharmacist of Pharmacy Section, G. B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair

and Shri Satya Narayan, Sanyojek, cum sector-in-charge, Sant Nirankari Mandal (Reg.) Branch, Port Blair to organized the camp and made arrangement for conducting the camp successfully.

The technical team from Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair and A & N AIDS Control Society ensured that the donated blood units are screened for the blood transmissible diseases. They also examined the donors for eligibility. Donors certificate were also distributed to the voluntary donors.

## PS Bambooflat Team Cracks Burglary Case and Nabs Three Burglars & Two Receivers of Stolen Property

Port Blair, Sept 26: Working professionally and efficiently, PS Bambooflat team cracks Burglary case which had taken place in a central government establishment and recovered part of the stolen properties. Three burglars and two receivers of stolen properties were arrested.

On 13/07/2022, a written complaint letter was received regarding theft of electrical & sanitary items from a Central Government Establishment. Upon this, a case vide crime No. 57/22 dated 13/07/2022 U/s 380 IPC was registered against unknown persons in PS Bambooflat. After registration of the case, multiple teams consisting of SI Calvin, SI S. Tejeshwar Rao, HCs Ashok Roy, R.K. Rathore, Sharfudeen, PCs 1418 S. Shiva Kumar, Rajdhari Yadav were constituted under the close supervision of Insp. Mohd. Sameer, SHO PS Bambooflat. Close surveillance was kept over scrap dealers and other petty offenders. Also, the teams worked relentlessly and apprehended three persons namely M. Vignesh S/o Mr. A. L. Madurai Veeran, (23) Yrs, R/o Shore Point,

Akash Kerketta, S/o Mr. Antherias Kerketta, (23) Yrs, R/o Dhanikhadi and P. Jagpath Rao, S/o Mr. Sri Ramlu, (23) Yrs, R/o Tsunami Pahad, Bambooflat, who had committed the offence. They had sold the stolen properties to S. Chander Rao, S/o Mr. Prakash Rao, (35) Yrs, R/o Narsaiah Pahad, Bambooflat and P. Laxman Rao, S/o Mr. Barikannu, (38) Yrs, R/o Narsaiah Pahad, Bambooflat. Later, 03 Nos. ceiling fans were recovered from the procession of S. Chander Rao and P. Laxman Rao. Thereafter, all the accused persons were arrested under appropriate sections of law and they were produced before the Hon'ble Court. The entire operation has been carried out under the close supervision of Mr. Saurabh Chandra, SDPO (Bambooflat).

The general public is requested to share information pertaining to any crime or other illegal activities to Police at 112, 03192-232100, 03192-233077 & 03192-258411. The identity of the informant will be kept secret.

## Community Interaction Program for the fishing community of Smith Island



### Rabindranath Biswas

Sheekha News Service

Diglipur, Sept. 26: A Community Interaction Program for the fishing community of Smith Island was conducted by Coast Guard District Headquarters - 9 (DHQ-9), Aerial Bay Diglipur yesterday. During the session, the fishermen were educated on the safety aspects while operating at sea, importance of adherence to weather warnings, use of Coast Guard toll free helpline no. 1554 for seeking assistance for search and rescue at sea. A Medical Camp was also organized in conjunction with the said event wherein doctors from Community Health Centre, Diglipur along with the doctors of CG (DHQ-9) provided free consultation, diagnosis and treatment to the patients to bring health awareness to the community that has less access to health care services. An oral cancer screening was also undertaken in the camp. Patients requiring further treatment were referred to CHC, Diglipur, a source from CHC, Diglipur said.



# Mass Demonstration at BilligroundBazar by CPI(M)

Port Blair, Sept. 26: As part of the All India Campaign by the CPI (M) on "the Increasing Assaults of the BJP central government on people's livelihood", the Middle Andaman Area Committee of the CPI (M) has carried out a Mass Demonstration at BilligroundBazar on 24th September, 2022. The demands raised in the mass demonstration were (1) withdraw GST on food articles (2) restore subsidy on gas cylinders (3) Abolish Central government cess/surcharge on petroleum products (4) Fill up all the vacant posts in various government departments, etc. The Area Committee had also carried out extensive posterage on these issues in Middle Andaman area.

The programme was led by ShriNikunjoBiswas,



State Secretariat Member and Shri SR Mridha, Secretary, CPI (M) Middle Andaman Area Committee. Party members and sympathizers of Billiground area participated in the programme. The South Andaman Rural Area Committee of the Party had also conducted corner meetings

at various parts of South Andaman areas on 24th September, 2022 as part of the All India Campaign. Shri D. LaxmanRao, State Secretariat Member, Shri S. Chidambaram, Area Committee Member and Shri NKP Nair, Port Blair Area Committee Member spoke at these corner meetings.

## Y .Satya Kumar National Secretary and In-charge,A&N BJP Arrives on a two days visit

Port Blair, Sept 24: Mr. Y .Satya Kumar, National Secretary and Incharge of A&N BJP arrived today on a two days visit to theseIslands.

On Arrival at Port Blair Airport awarm welcome was accorded to Mr. Satya Kumar by Mr.AjoyBairagi,State President and Senior leaders of the party.Immediately after his arrival the National Secretary along with State BJP leaders left for Hutbay where he will



be attending various programmes arranged in connection with the ongoing Seva Pakhwada .

## Massive Fire...

ter the blast of a LPG Cylinder.

Immediately the fire brigade team rushed to the location following information.

The fire was so intense that local police and fire department had to put a lot of efforts to control the fire and crowd. As per the public, the team of firefighters, consisted of 6 firemen,Police Personnel, IRBn Jawan, DSP Ardhdeep Singh Panwar, Sub. Inspector Gaurav Banerjee Police Inspector and ASI DN Mishra in charge Fire Station Campbell Bay and Team.

When the Assistant Commissioner Campbell Bay Dr Nitin Shakya reached the spot, suddenly a second blast occurred and fire spread more, injuring some of the rescuers. Immediately all the

residents were moved away from the fire location so as to prevent further casualties as more cylinders were inside, it is reported.

Taking note of the spread of fire to adjacent houses, the Assistant Commissioner immediately arranged fire tanker from INS BAAZ and an extra rescue force from Army.

Officers from Indian coast guards were also spotted actively managing the spread of fire.At around 01:50 PM the fire was brought under total control.

Three persons were injured two of whom are from fire department, Mr. Muniaswamyand Mr. Danial William and are under medical care at PHC Campbell Bay, One officer from police, Mr. Sandeep Singh was also injured with head injury and

after immediate medical aid was airlifted by Indian Air Force Dornier aircraft to Port Blair. In this fire incident two houses were completely gutted.The family members of the burnt house were temporarily shifted the to panchayat guest house and will be shifted to another shelter home soon. Panchayat Pradhan and other local residents have arranged for food and other facilities for the affected families. Assistant Commissioner has ordered for immediate compensation to the victims loss as per rules . Effective and timely management of such incidents helped in controlling the spread of fire. This was first of its own kind of management whereby all the different services worked hand in hands to manage the fire incidence and to save lives.

## Massive Protest...

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Beodnabad, Bimlitan, Tylerabad and However, the SE intervened and tried to convince and soothe the agitated villagers and he also assured them that he would resolve their problems within a month.

As per report, the residents of these regions gathered at the site Office and shouted slogans against the Electricity Department and then they blocked the road at 10:30AM for nearly 30 minutes.

Later the Electricity Department's Superintendent Engineer and other Officers of the areas reached the spot but the indignant residents continued the pro-

test.

According to the report, only after written assurances from the Superintendent Engineer to solve all these problems, the protestors retreated.

The written assurances which the agitators wanted comprised- that a dept. vehicle is deployed at the site office for round the clock service from 27 Sept., a joint survey with PRI ought to be carried out in a day or two day to identify the damaged poles

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## One Auto Driver & a Bus Driver Arrested by N&M Andaman Police with 1.4 Kgs Ganja

Port Blair, Sept 26: In our pursuit to drugs free Andaman, a team of PS Diglipur headed by Inspr. Stalin N.S, SHO PS Diglipur, SI Deepti Minj, HC(IRBn)/465 Santosh Nair, PC/2826 Devsai Toppo, PC/715 Santosh Lal, PC/2116 Abubacker Siddique, PC/2432 Sushil Sarkar, PC/2565 Samaresh Mistry, PC/971 Samir Halder, PC(D)/3049 Mritunjoy Das & Shri. Michael Raj Xalxo, Ex-Home Guard have proved their mettle once again.

On 25.09.2022, a credible information was received that one auto driver is carrying illicit ganja in R.K gram area and is going for delivery to someone. Acting swiftly the team came into action and intercepted the auto driver Dipankar Mistry S/o Shri. Dinesh Mistry R/o R.K

Gram near Kalpong river bridge.

Seeing the Police party the auto driver threw a packet into Kalpong river and tried to escape from the spot. Police suspecting an illegal item thrown into the river, some of the team members jumped into the river and recovered the packet after swimming for around two kilometres in Kalpong river and remaining team members chased & apprehended the auto driver.

The recovered packet having illicit ganja was weighing around 1.2 kgs. On interrogation he revealed name of a receiver person named Biswajit Sarkar S/o Shri. Bimal Sarkar, STS Bus driver R/o R.K Gram, Diglipur.

Thereafter, team went in search of the said re-

ceiver. Team searched the house of Biswajit Sarkar and recovered some packing material, weighing scale and further approximately 201 gm of ganja.

In total 1.4 Kgs of ganja was recovered. Accordingly 02 FIRs were registered at PS Diglipur under NDPS Act and both the accused persons were arrested.

The district police follow a policy of zero tolerance towards any organized crime. The general public is requested to pass and share any credible information pertaining to any crime or illegal activities to their nearest police station or over phone No.100, 112 & 03192-273344. The identity of the informers will be kept secret and will also be suitably rewarded.

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## Ration Rasheed...

Under such a lamentable situation, the volunteers of the Foundation swung into action and arranged for her Air Tickets along with her sister. She was admitted in Rajiv Gandhi Govt. General hospital in Chennai with the assistance from the same surgeon of GB Pant Hospital. In Spite of all efforts, Mrs. Majhi could not be saved and she left for heavenly abode on 18 Sep 22.

In such an awful situation, the foundation's volunteers Mr. Zahid Hameed from Port Blair (Lillypur), an employee of Indian Coast

Guard and Mr. Arun Srinivasan from Chennai, the Director of HTC Global Services who had been on their mettle throughout, reached the hospital and helped with all the documentation and procedures to release the body from the hospital. They both performed the last rites of the deceased and also arranged for the accommodation and travel for the sister of the deceased, Mr. Rasheed further added.

Such noble gestures from the foundation's volunteers based in mainland speak a lot about the bond that the

islanders share, the emotive Mr. Rasheed said. The entire team of the foundation conveys its heartfelt thanks to their volunteers Mr. Zahid Hameed, Mr. Arun Srinivasan & Mr. Shaikat Biswas for arranging return tickets. They also appreciated the humanitarian efforts of Mr. ZainuDeen, Mr. Vinod Bhai (kakoli traders), Mr. Dinesh Singh (kings hotel), Mr. DebalDebdas, Mr. Abdul Shahid for their contribution in the treatment, travel of Late. Mrs. Jaimati Majhi, May her eternal soul rest in peace, they prayed.

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## Conviction in...

Halder, the in-charge of SHO, Police Station, Mayabunder got a information from reliable sources that one Ship namely M.V Swaraj Dweep came at Mayabunder jetty on 18/10/2019 with illicit ganja (cannabis) and one shopkeeper of Diglipur Bazar namely Ashok Biswas has brought the same illicit ganja from Kolkata.

On the basis of secret information, the police raiding team led by SI Somen Kumar Halder has recovered the 15.5 kilograms in two plastic sack with Marka TOTAN from the possession of one culprit namely Ashok Biswas and the same was seized by SI Somen Kumar Halder in the presence of independent witnesses and also in the presence of SDPO, Diglipur being a Gazette Officer. The accused was arrested on 25/10/2019 after following all procedures as per law and thereafter produced the accused before the Hon'ble Court. On the basis of report of SI Somen Kumar Halder as

informant, a FIR No. 104 of 2019, dated 25/10/2019 was lodged in Police Station, Mayabunder and investigation was entrusted to SI Anbeshwaran in accordance with law. To reach the goal, the prosecution has examined as many as nine witnesses. The Learned Additional Public Prosecutor namely Shri. UttamKirtania argued that prosecution witnesses proved the notice, search and seizure of contravened ganja and no contrary is found to demolish the prosecution case.

The Hon'ble Court has hold that the search and seizure of the cannabis was done properly in presence of the independent seizure witnesses and there was no ambiguity regarding seizure of contravened articles on the spot. Accordingly, Shri. JimutBahan Biswas, Hon'ble Additional Sessions Judge, North & Middle Andaman District, Mayabunder has convicted the accused namely

Shri. Ashok Biswas on 23/09/2022 for the offence committing under section 20 of NDPS Act and sent him to the judicial custody for reflection of mind for hearing of quantum of sentence. On 26/09/2022 after hearing the convict as well as prosecution and defence side, the Hon'ble Judge has sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for seven years and also to pay fine of Rs.50,000/- (rupees fifty thousand), in default of payment which he will have to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months more. The Hon'ble Judge has praised for painstaking effort conducted by the then SHO- Incharge of PS Mayabunder, SI Somen Kumar Halder being raiding officer and also industrious investigation by the SI Anbeshwaran, the Investigating Officer. The entire prosecution case was conducted by Shri. UttamKirtania, Learned Additional Public Prosecutor.

## Massive Protest...

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and replace them within 10 to 15 days, a Complaint Cell is made functional at Burmanalla Panchayat Bhavan in a couple of months to attend the complaints in the area, Loose cables posing threat to human lives should be tightened in all the areas, LT line is extended to Dhobi Ghat to facilitate electricity, the work of replacement 16 numbers of poles should be completed in a time bound manner, LT line extension to Rose valley road should be completed in a month, a New LT line at Dream Colony will have to be taken up on priority, Low voltage problem at Japan Nallah, Mahaveer Nagar, Vivekananda colony, and Kamraj Nagar will have to be attended and resolved, replacement of poles at Hatti Nallah road and Mahaveer Nagar should be done without further delay, replace-

ment of JE and AE should be done after getting approval from the competent authority.

Amid this, Smt. D Radhika, Councillor of Ward 23 talked to Andaman Sheekha and said that it has been long time since the villagers have been facing the problems of erratic power supply, delay in attending a complaint due to the shortage of staff at site office, the problem of low voltage problem owing to the increase in electricity connection without upgrading/enhancing the power of the transformers, and as result, the electronic and electrical appliances are getting damaged in many houses in the area.

However, the Superintendent Engineer Karuna Joydhar gave a written assurance at the end and then only the protesters dispersed at around 11:00 AM, the report further said.

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