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I Kavitha Udhaya Kumar, Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council on behalf of all staffs and elected representatives of the Council express my warmest greetings to the Islanders for the New Year 2023. Each year is a gift that hold hope for new adventures. May our new year be filled with self-exploration discovery and growth. Happy New Year 2023 wishing all Islanders a new year filled with prosperity, joy and content.

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## IPA president meets Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, discusses issues related to Pharmacy Profession

Port Blair, Dec 31: The National President of Indian Pharmacist Association, IPA, Mr. Abhay Kumar met with the Minister of State, Health & Family Welfare, Government of India along with the delegation of members of IPA during the visit of the Minister in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

While discussing the matter related to the Pharmacy profession the delegation handed over the two letters with the points to be taken up by the ministry of Health & Family

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## DSS provides Additional Ferries to cater New Year Rush

Port Blair, Dec 31: This is for the information of the passenger/general public that keeping in view heavy rush of passenger traffic in the foreshore sector especially for Swaraj Dweep & Shaheed Dweep the Directorate of Shipping Services will be providing additional ferries on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022 & 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 in the above route and tickets for the same will be issued at STARS Ticketing Counters. The schedules are as under.

PORT BLAIR TO SHAHEED DWEET & (See page 4)



## SOURAV MEHANDI ARTIST



## GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of New Year, I convey my warmest greetings and good wishes to all my respected Islanders.

Let us resolve to make it a year in which the people of the Islands in all their rich diversity unite to work towards the collective goal of inclusive development and growth.

I sincerely hope that the new year would herald extraordinary progress, abundance of peace, amity and enhance all-round development in our Islands.

I pray that peace and harmony of our 'Mini World' remain undisturbed and this New Year brings tranquillity, prosperity, excellent health and happiness in the lives of all residents of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

On this happy occasion let us collectively resolve to dedicate ourselves towards building a peaceful, prosperous and harmonious society.

**Kuldeep Rai Sharma,**  
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## Traffic Diversion at Dairy Farm to ease out Traffic Congestion

Port Blair, Dec 31: The Traffic unit of A & N Police has noticed that commuters are facing hardship in moving from Dairy Farm Junction to Junglighat due to heavy traffic congestion especially by the HGVs & Buses. To ease out the traffic congestion, A & N traffic Police has decided to implement following diversion of vehicles on Pilot basis from 03/01/2023

(Tuesday).

All HGVs & Buses intending to proceed towards Junglighat from Dairy Farm shall take the route via Vijay Baugh, J/ Ghat. No HGVs & Buses will be allowed to proceed towards Junglighat via Hayat Singh Jn. No HGVs & Buses (except engaged in Airport Construction work) will be allowed to proceed via Hayat Singh Jn.

Also, no vehicles except two wheelers will be allowed to proceed towards Vijay Baugh, Dairy Farm via Junglighat Old CCS Jn.

A&N Traffic Police is striving to provide safer & smoother vehicular arrangements for the road users. Hence, all the general public are hereby advised to cooperate with the Traffic Police to successfully implement the above directions.

## DSS provides...

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BACK

MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 31.12.2022 (Sat) at 1300 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1500 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.

MV Strait Island will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 01.01.2023 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1500 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.

PORT BLAIR TO SWARAJ DWEAP & BACK

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Passengers can also get update/status from the Information Counter at Phoenix Bay by using the Number 03192 - 245555/232714 & TOLL FREE NUMBER 18003452714, a release issued by Deputy Director (SS), A & N Administration said here.

## IPA president...

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welfare. In its letter the Indian Pharmacist Association (IPA), requested to take up the following steps for the betterment of the Pharmacy Profession in India.

1. Constitution of Pharmacy Section under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
2. National Register of Pharmacist, which shall include the database of all registered Pharmacists.
3. Entry grade of Rs.4600/- (VI CPC) for the Pharmacist under government with promotional avenues up to the post of Deputy Director of Pharmacy in the entire Nation.
4. Immediately inclusion of Pharmacists for the Community Health Officer posts as mentioned / recommended under the National Health Policy 2017.
5. Securing jobs for the Registered Pharmacist in the Industrial and Academia.
6. Re-constitution of all State Pharmacy Councils where elections are not held for the last 5 years or more.

7. Uniform fee structure for registration and renewal of Pharmacy registration.
8. Discourages Online Pharmacy.
9. New openings / job opportunities for B.Pharm & Pharm D graduates in different competitive exams / recruitments.
10. Strengthening of Drugs Control Department with constitution and recruitment of sufficient graduate Pharmacist under Drug Control department in all the states of India.
11. State and UT Pharmacy Councils must be established in every state for the benefit of Pharmacists residing in their respective states. Moreover, ensuring the posting of Pharmacy Inspector by all the State Pharmacy Councils for enforcement of Pharmacy Act, Drugs & Cosmetic Act.
12. Online processing of the entire procedure viz. registration / renewal or job portal by the respective State Pharmacy Council as pioneered by you in the Gujarat State Pharmacy Council.
13. Orientation / CME program by the designated

agency for the Pharmacist in every state for the benefit of the Pharmacist and health eco system at large. Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for this.

14. Active involvement of Pharmacists under the National Digital Health Mission.
15. Stressing up for the recruitment of Pharmacists under various government and PSU / agencies where recruitment is pending for many years.
16. Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for all the AIIMS across India to provide Pharmacists. As of now, many AIIMS have come into different states across the nation after the Central government initiative to provide quality health facilities to the people.
17. Indian Pharmacist Association, (IPA) is ready to work as the Nodal agency for all the Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra, across India to provide Pharmacists. As of now,

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## WHO presses China for specific, real-time data on Covid



A team of World Health Organization (WHO) met Chinese officials on Friday and pressed them to be more forthcoming on specific and real-time data on the epide-

miological situation, the UN health agency said in a statement amid the burgeoning Covid-19 outbreak in the country. In the high-level meeting, the WHO asked the

officials for more genetic sequencing data and data on disease impact, including hospitalisations, intensive care unit (ICU) admissions and deaths.

The officials from China's National Health Commission and the National Disease Control and Prevention Administration were also asked to regularly share data on vaccination, especially in vulnerable people and those over 60 years old. The WHO also called on China to strengthen viral sequencing, clinical management and impact assessment, and expressed willingness to provide support on these areas, according to the statement. "WHO stressed the importance of monitoring

and the timely publication of data to help China and the global community to formulate accurate risk assessments and to inform effective responses," the statement read.

Earlier on Friday, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus acknowledged

the absence of "comprehensive information" while expressing concern over the evolving Covid situation in China.

"In the absence of comprehensive information from China, it is understandable that countries around the world are acting in ways that they believe may protect their populations," the

WHO chief told a press conference.

"We remain concerned about the evolving situation and we continue encouraging China to track the Covid-19 virus and vaccinate the highest risk people. We continue to offer our support for clinical care and protecting its health system," he added.

Meanwhile, several countries have rushed to impose mandatory negative RT-PCR tests on travellers from China as a precautionary measure. France and Britain on Friday joined a growing list of countries, including India, to introduce curbs on travellers from China amid a surge in coronavirus cases in the country.

## Death Mourned

Port Blair, Dec 31: Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, A & N Islands along with all Office bearers of BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands has condoled the demise of Shri Mahesh Kumar

Gogia, who left for his heavenly abode today on 31/12/2022 at Apollo Hospital, Chennai. His mortal remains will be brought to Port Blair tomorrow morning.

Late Mahesh Kumar Sharma was Father

of Mr. Gaurav Gogia, State General Secretary, BJYM, A & N Islands. The Leaders pray to the almighty god to grant eternal peace to the departed soul and courage to the bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.

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2. NIT No. 101/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2022\_APWD\_8698\_1).  
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S.W:- Improvement of Kutcha Rural Road from Babu Basthi road to Amba Tikrey at ward No. 03 Dundas Point under GP Namunaghar. (Package No. AN01FE02). (Bitumen, stone aggregate, river sand to be supplied by department free of cost from the JE Section office at Namunaghar). Estimate Cost:- ₹. 11,04,946/- EMD :- ₹ 22,099/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.
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S.W:- Improvement of Village Road Cattlegunj Ward No-I (0.54 Km) (Package No. AN01FE02) (Bitumen, stone aggregate, river sand to be supplied by department free of cost from the JE Section office).  
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S.W:- Improvement of Rural Road from ATR to Kader Tikrey at Ograbraj under Gram Panchayat Mithakhari (0.87 Km) (Package No. AN01FE01) (Bitumen, stone aggregate, river sand to be supplied by department free of cost from the JE Section office). Estimate Cost:- ₹. 10,80,490/- EMD :- ₹ 21,610/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.
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S.W:- Improvement of Rural Road from Tushnabad main Road to Ranchi Basti (1.16 Km) (Package No. AN01FE07). (Bitumen, stone aggregate, river sand to be supplied by department free of cost from the JE Section office.). Estimate Cost:- ₹. 10,76,685/- EMD :- ₹ 21,534/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.
7. NIT No. 106/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2022\_APWD\_8703\_1).  
Repair and Improvement of Road under PMGSY (Batch-I, 2018-19) under South Andaman (Package No. AN01FE01, AN01FE02, AN01FE06, AN01FE07, AN01FE08 & AN01FE09)  
S.W:- Improvement of Village Road from Abdul Rahman land to existing Mariamma Temple at Mathura. G/Tolly ward No.I (0.65 Km) (Package No. AN01FE06) (Bitumen, stone aggregate, river sand to be supplied by department free of cost from the JE Section office.) Estimate Cost:- ₹. 12,42,732/- EMD :- ₹ 24,855/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.

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## Google Doodle celebrates New Year's Eve: 'Time to reminisce about 2022'



The last Google Doodle of 2022 is here as Google Doodles celebrates New Year's Eve as it "looks forward to a fresh start in 2023" like the rest of us. Jumping on the bandwagon to gear up for New Year celebrations, Google wrote, "Today's Doodle celebrates New Year's Eve, a time to reminisce about 2022 and look forward to a fresh start in 2023. Whether you're setting off fireworks or setting goals for next year, here's to the great things to come in 2023! 3...2...1..." Google Doodles, the temporary alteration of the logo on Google's homepages, commemorate many "major" holidays, festivals, and the lives of famous artists, pioneers and scientists. Google also took the occasion to feature a segment "this day in history" to

highlight other doodles that have been used to commemorate New Year's Eve in the past decade. Google Doodles have been on display since 1998. Google explains about its first doodle that its "founders Larry and Sergey played with the corporate logo to indicate their attendance at the Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert. They placed a stick figure drawing behind the 2nd 'o' in the word, Google, and the revised logo was intended as a comical message to Google users that the founders were 'out of office'."

Over the years, the Google team claims to have created over 5,000 doodles for homepages around the world. Of these doodles, while some are region-specific, others are shared for the global audience.

## IPA president...

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many Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra have come into different states & districts, across the nation after the Central government initiative to provide quality medicine at an affordable rate, to the people.

In a separate letter to the Minister Dr. Bharati P Pawar ji, it was also requested to accord necessary approval as required by the A

& N administration to conduct the recruitment examination for the 28 posts of Pharmacists under DHS, A & N Islands, which was postponed in the month of December. IPA also assure you that IPA shall remain committed to play its part in the health sector for the betterment of common people of India and believe that Pharmacists and Pharmacy

profession will be uplifted under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji as per his commitment during our fruitful meeting with him at his office in New Delhi in 2018. The Minister acknowledge the vital role of Pharmacy in the Health Sector and has assured the delegation of all best possibility for the ministry can do for the betterment of Pharmacy.

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