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No LPG refills supply to Karmatang-9 residents



KARTIK

MAYABUNDER, OCT 3/-/ It's been over four months now, no LPG truck has visited Karmatang-9 in Mayabunder region for distribution of LPG refills. This has now become a daily task for the LPG consumers to look for the LPG truck to get the refills.

Every time a truck passes this road, people come out of their homes hoping to be an LPG refills truck. Despite difficulties faced by the consumers in

getting LPG refills in rural helmets, the designated LPG distributor in the rural helmets of North & Middle Andaman has not been able to meet the expectations of the consumers by way of timely distribution of LPG refills. Getting a cooking gas refill is still a daunting task in many rural helmets of the Islands. Every time a LPG truck visits any place in these areas, people line-up in long queues to get the LPG refills.

The situation is so grim that in many places reports

of residents halting the LPG trucks and forcing the drivers and officials to first distribute the LPG refills at their places.

In one such glaring example, women residents of Basantipur stopped a LPG truck and asked the driver and CCS officials to distribute LPG refills first at their villages.

Most of the residents of North & Middle Andaman have echoed the hardship faced by them due to inadequate supply of LPG cylinders.

Swadeshnagar villagers rue non-conduct of special Gram Sabha



KARTIK

MAYABUNDER, OCT 3/-/ Villagers of Swadeshnagar Panchayat in the North & Middle Andaman have rued non-conduct of Special Gram Sabha meeting on 2nd October 2022. As per sources, it was agreed that on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a Gram Sabha was scheduled to be held at Swadeshnagar GP. However, this time no such meeting was held to the dismay of the villagers. Residents who wanted to raise issues like tardy supply of LPG refills, bad roads connectivity, non-engagement of workers in MGNREGA in GP Swadesh Nagar due to lack of Gram RozgarSevak (GRS) in the Panchayat have expressed their displeasure for non-holding of the meeting. The PRI members of the area have also expressed their disappointment for non-conduct of the Gram Sabha meeting.

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Bambooflat Open Chess Tournament-2022 concludes

PORT BLAIR, OCT 3/-/ 1st Bambooflat Open Chess Tournament-2022 was organised by Bambooflat Chess Academy under the aegis of Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti at ZPVKV Auditorium, Shorepoint Bambooflat.

The tournament was inaugurated by renowned International Master V Saravanan, from Chennai by making the ceremonial move on the top board against R KashthuriBhai to kickstart the event. Miss Mariam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member was the chief guest for the closing ceremony while Mr. Basheer Pradhan, Kannapuram Panchayat was the guest of honour. They gave away the prizes to the winners of the tournament.

Around 130 players participated in the event which was held in rapid mode over seven rounds in which R KashthuriBhai was the winner; D Shrestha Vijay stood second, P S Satish was third, PANand Rao stood fourth while Rohan Singh an under 08 boy who performed brilliantly and secured fifth position in the open category. The winners were awarded with trophies, cash prizes and certificates.

Apart from open category three best players each in boys and girls from Under 09, Under 13, Under 17 and best youngest, women and veteran players were also awarded with cash prize, trophies and certificates.

Durga MahaAshtami celebrated with pomp and religious fervour

ROOPA LALL

PORT BLAIR, OCT 3/-/ After low key celebrations for about two years due to Covid-19 pandemic, Durga Puja-the biggest festival of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is at its best. The festivity reached its peak on MahaAshtami with hundreds of devotees' visiting various puja pandals offering pushpanjali and seeking blessings of the goddess. In the Junglighat Durga puja pandal, hundreds of devotees gathered and offered puspanjali followed by distribution of bhog. In the Islands, hundreds of beautifully decorated durga puja pandals have come up with devotees visiting these



pandals to get a glimpse of idols of goddess Durga. According to Hindu faith Goddess Durga killed Mahishasura, which is why it is believed that this festival celebrates the victory of good forces by destroying evil forces. The five days of Durga Puja celebrations are known as Mahasashti, Mahasaptami, Mahashtami, Mahanavami, and Vijayadashami. Durga Puja is celebrated with a lot of pomp and grandeur every year in the islands. People could be seen enjoying every moment of the festivities. No other festival is as hugely celebrated as Durga Puja. The festival concludes with the immersion of idols.

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