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Local Born Association and AMSO decide not to support any Bandh; Assure all support to DBRAIT students

Vikramaditya & John Wilbert
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Sept 29: On the issue of Police action on DBRAIT students and their struggle, an open meeting of all associations and social organisations working in Andaman and Nicobar islands was held at Netaji Club this afternoon, which was attended by a large number of people from different walks of life.

During the meeting a delegation was formed



which called on the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration at the Secretariat. The delegation consisted of Mr. Rakesh

Pal Govind from LBA, Mr. Abdul Siddique from Andaman Moplah Service Organisation, Vishal Jolly (See page 6)

JAC, unit of all commercial vehicles to withdraw services tomorrow to protest against Police Action on DBRAIT Students

John Wilbert and Rabhindranath Biswas
Sheekha News Service

Port Blair, Sept 29: Taking a strong position in the ongoing

protest by the DBRAIT students, the Joint Action Committee, a unit of all commercial vehicles, Port Blair declared to pull their service out tomorrow for 24 hours, a communication from JAC

said. Till last input received even senior police have received similar inputs, which confirms that till now JAC has only openly announced to stage major protests tomorrow (See page 6)

Two Meter Long Crocodile Captured from Billyground Nallah

Trinath & Vikramaditya
Sheekha News Service

Billiground, Sept 29: A two meter long crocodile was captured from Billyground Nallah near Billiground School playground. Earlier a six meter long crocodile was also captured from same place.

It has been repeatedly reported by the villagers, living close to the nallah, that

they have seen several crocodiles in the nallah, which has also been confirmed by forest officials.

Following sightings of a large number of crocodiles several staffs of the Forest Department were given duty to maintain a vigil around the nallah.

Because of the sustained efforts of the Forest Team this second crocodile has been captured. Villagers



of the region expressed gratitude towards forest officials for rendering day and night visits in the area.

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South Andaman Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha and six other ZP members demand intervention of CS in DBRAIT issue

Port Blair, Sept 29: Showing much concern over the long pending issue of grant of affiliation to DBRAIT College by Pondicherry University and also to express their solidarity with the student Community in their genuine demands, the South Andaman Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha,

has written a letter to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Port Blair today. The letter has also been signed by six other Zilla Parishad members.

In her letter the Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha, Up-Adhyaksha mentioned that the crux of the matter is understood to have

been the seventeen (17) points preferred by the Pondicherry University long time back, fulfillment of which is still pending from the Authorities, they fathomed out. Consequently the University has declined the affiliation and as a result of

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Jansunvai- Prashaasan Aapke Dwar held at Gandhi Nagar, Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Sept 29: A "Jansunvai- Prashaasan Aapke Dwar" Camp was held at the Community Hall, Gandhi Nagar on 29.09.2022 regarding the grievances of residents of Laxmi Nagar Panchayat Constituency. All the Head of Offices such as Forest, Agriculture, APWD, Transport, ALHW, Veterinary, BDO, Police, Fire, Electricity and Education were present in the public meeting. Simultaneously, a Revenue Camp also conducted and Mutation, Senior Citizen Cer-



tificate, EWS Certificate etc. were issued.

The general public of the village raised many issues and the representative of concerned department redressed the grievances. Large number of residents attended the camp. The Jansunvai-

PrashaasanAapkeDwar has been initiated by Dr. N. N. Shakyia, Assistant Commissioner/SDM, Campbell Bay further informed that such camps will be organized in various villages to facilitated residents to settle their issues.

MPL 35th national open girls championship to be organised

Port Blair, Sept 29: The MPL 35th National Under-11 Open & Girls Chess Championships-2022 will be organised All India Chess Federation, Supported by Sports Authority of India, Ministry of & Sports & Youth Affairs, Govt. of India from 29th October 2022 to 06th November 2022 in Gurugram, Haryana. Each affiliated State Association is entitled to send two entries each from Boys & Girls for the Championship. The players who are born on or after 1.1.2011 are eligible to participate in the Championship. Interested chess players who wish to participate in the upcoming National Under-11 Chess Championship 2022 may submit their entries on or before 7th October 2022 through Whatsapp @ 9434293379 or email @ anchessassociation@gmail.com or visit www.anchessassociation.com. As per the entries, Andaman Nicobar chess association (ANCA) will conduct a Selection Trial on Sunday the 9th October 2022 to select players from Andaman & Nicobar Islands for the National under-11. For more details, please contact B Neelaiah, General Secretary Andaman Nicobar Chess Association @ 9434293379 or 9679593366.

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COVID-19 status in A&N Islands

Port Blair, Sept 29: Three COVID positive cases have been detected today in A&N Islands. Today, 12 flights with 2082 passengers arrived, out of which, 1841 passengers were vaccinated with both doses while RT-PCR test was conducted on 217 passengers and the reports are awaited.

During RAT con-

ducted on 49 passengers bound for North & Middle Andaman at Ferrargunj, no positive case has been detected. At Phoenix Bay Jetty, 50 passengers were tested with RAT, no positive case has been detected. RAT was conducted on 19 passengers at Mohanpura Bus Terminus and no positive case has been detected.

Lime Stone Cave at Baratang to remain closed on Oct 02

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Lime Stone Cave at Baratang shall remain closed

for the visitors for one day on Oct. 2 on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

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Actual Plots

Valedictory function of Hindi Fortnight by BSI



Port Blair, Sept 29: Botanical Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre organized Hindi fortnight-2022 from 14th to 29th September, 2022. Various competitions, essay, speech, dictation etc, for Hindi & non-Hindi persons are being conducted to mark the celebration. Inaugurating the Valedictory function Joint Director & Head of Regional Centre, Dr. Lal Ji Singh emphasized

upon the role of Hindi throughout country and facilitated the winners of various competitions. Dr Singh appreciated all winners and participants. Scientists/Officers and staff of BSI actively participated in the programme. The programme was moderated by Dr. Pankaj Arvind Dhole, Botanist & by Mr Prakash Horo, Junior Translation Officer delivered the vote of thanks.

Heritage film making workshop at Navy Children School



Port Blair, Sept 29: A heritage film making Workshop was organised by INTACH Andaman and Nicobar Chapter at Navy Children School. The workshop

taught the students skills like preparation and shooting, camera angles and basic structuring of a shoot. The children were shown

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CPI(M) Condemns Police Action on Agitating Students of DBRAIT

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Communist Party of India (Marxist), Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee has condemned the police action on the agitating students of DBRAIT yesterday (28.09.2022) night at Port Blair. It is condemnable that the police used force against

the peacefully agitating students, used water cannon and tear gas to disperse the students. A few students sustained serious injuries during the police action.

It is shameful on the part of the BJP-led central government and A & N Administration that instead

of talking to the students, the police was used to suppress the agitation.

CPI (M) calls upon the central government to desist from using police force against the peaceful agitation by students and intervene in the matter to resolve the demands of the students.

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp At Minniebay, Port Blair

Port Blair, Sept, 29: As a part of "MEGA BLOOD DONATION DRIVE, 2022" launched by Govt. of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi which commenced from 17th September 2022 till 1st October 2022 at A & N Islands.

Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) conducted a Vol-



untary Blood Donation by Office of GE Minniebay, camp which was organized

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Seminar cum Exhibition on "Tribal Heroes in India's Freedom Struggle" organised by JNRM in collaboration with (NCST) and Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram in JNRM

Port Blair, Sept 29: The Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM), in association with the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), Govt. of India and Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram organised a Seminar cum Exhibition on "Tribal Heroes in India's Freedom Struggle" on 28th September 2022. During the inauguration the Chief Guest Dr. E. B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair congratulated the organisers for making this programme which was the need of hour. He has



suggested for bringing out e-book as miniature of the exhibition and to circulate among the people for creating more awareness about the unsung Tribal Heroes of freedom struggle. The president of the Seminar

Dr. Hemant Kumar Sharma, Principal, JNRM has motivated the students to become more aware by knowing the tribal leaders and their sacrifice in the freedom struggle. The Special Guest Mr. Abhinav Prakash,

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National President NSUI and State President NSUI condemn Police Action on DBRAIT Students

Port Blair, Sept 29: Mr. Neeraj Kundan, National President, National Students Union of India & M A Sajid, State President, NSUI, Andaman and Nicobar Islands have strongly condemned the conduct of Andaman and Nicobar Administration & Andaman and Nicobar Police towards the innocent protesting students of DBRAIT.

In a release issued today by Mr. M A Sajid, State President, NSUI, Andaman and Nicobar Islands he mentioned that A & N Police used undue force with the consent of A & N Administration on students to crush their protest. Water Canon and Tear Gas were used on innocent students.

"It is to note that the students had blocked

the road near Dairy Farm Junction since morning on 28th September 2022 to press for their demand of proper affiliation, but no officer from A & N Administration visited the protesting students. Use of undue force was ordered without trying to speak to students and without trying to solve the issues of students," he added.

Voluntary Blood...

Opp. Coral Cove Hotel, Port Blair in coordination with G. B. Pant Hospital on 29/09/2022. A total of 34 units of blood was donated by voluntary 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. Mr. Bandi Sreenihar, IDSE, EE, Garrison Engineer, MES, Minniebay, Port Blair 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.

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Heritage film...

presentation on tangible and intangible heritage of the islands and motivated to make films on the cul-

ture, nature and other aspects of heritage in the islands. The resource person for the workshop was Ms.

Samhita Veda Acharya, Convenor of INTACH Andaman and Nicobar Chapter.

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Seminar cum...

APS to Chairperson, NCST, New Delhi has exhorted the students to become an ambassador for NCST. While addressing the gathering he has shared the NCST-GRAMS, a platform to raise the issues and problems faced by the Tribal Communities across India. The Guest of Honour Dr. Nilanjan Khatua, HoD, Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair through powerpoint presentation underscored the contribution made by the tribal communities. Ms. Sampatti X also, State Joint Secretary, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Port Blair thanked all the freedom fighters because of whom we are living in the free India today. She has also underscored the contributions made by tribal community people like Tantiya Mama, Bheema Nayak, Tilka Majhi and Kaali Bai, Ram Kumar

Singh, Prant Prachar, Prasar Pramukh, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram described in detail about the pain taken by the communities in bringing freedom. Dr. A. Justin, former Head, Anthropological Survey of India mentioned freedom is a state of mind. He threw light on the role of different scholars from tribal communities for making India free from British rule. Ms. Jochibed Vincent, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of English, ANCOL has described in detail about the sacrifices made by the tribal people and their role for making free India. Dr. Manju Nair, Associate Professor and Convener has coordinated and moderated the entire programme earlier Dr. Vivek Kumar Sahu, Assistant Professor and Convener welcomed the gathering and gave a brief note on the importance of this

programme by highlighting the various tribes in Andaman and India. Dr. K. Venkatesan, Assistant Professor and Convener proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Rashmi Janak and Ms. Shalini Resource Persons from Botany has served as Rapporteur. Altogether 250 participants participated in this programme.

The dignitaries felicitated Ms. Techa, Great Andamanese Tribal Student who has passed NEET Examination recently. Ms. Techa has also shared her experience. The dignitaries has also released Vanbandhu Special Edition Journal themed on Contribution of Tribal Community in achieving Independence. A mini cultural programme comprising the Tribal Dance of Nicobar Community and Ranchi Community presented by the students of JNRM.

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Hindi Fortnight Closing at DDK



Port Blair, Sep 14: The closing ceremony of Hindi fortnight was held today i.e., on 29-09-2022 at Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair wherein the Chief Guest Mr. T.N. Krishnamoorthi, Chief Engineer and Adminis-

trator, ALHW and Mrs. A. Chitra, Director (E) and Head of Office, DDK, Port Blair distributed Medals, Certificates and cash rewards to winners of various competitions held during the fortnight.

North Korea fires unidentified missile into East Sea: Seoul's military



North Korea fired two ballistic missiles off its east coast on Thursday, South Korea's military said, following the firing of two short-range ballistic missiles a day earlier and one on Sunday.

"South Korean military detected two short-range ballistic missiles fired from Sunchon, South Pyongan province, toward the east coast between 8:48 p.m. and 8:57 p.m. ... Amid strengthened surveillance and vigilance, our military maintains full preparedness while working closely with the U.S.," the Joint Chiefs of Staff said.

The launch came as U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris ended a

visit to South Korea, during which she was strongly critical of the reclusive nation.

The military did not give details of the travel range, height and speed of the missiles.

South Korea and its allies are concerned that the North is about to conduct a nuclear test – which would be the seventh since 2006 and its first since 2017. South Korean lawmakers briefed by the country's spy agency said on Wednesday the North has completed preparations for a nuclear test and a possible window for carrying it out could come between Oct. 16 and Nov. 7.



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World Heart Day 2022 Observed

Port Blair, Sept 29: Along with the rest of world, the World Heart Day 2022 was observed in A&N Islands today to raise awareness about the rising concerns of heart health and cardiovascular diseases. The theme for the observance was 'Use Heart For Every Heart'. Let's take this day as an opportunity for everyone to stop and consider how best to use heart for humanity, for nature and for themselves.

As part of the observance, various screening camps and awareness programmes were conducted in all health institutions across the Island. A special NCD screening camp was organised at Govt. Saw Mill, Chatham in association with Doctors and Staff of Com-



munity Medicine Dept., ANIIMS, RBSK and H&WC Haddo. Dr. Omkar Singh, Nodal Officer (NPCDCS) highlighted the causes, risk factors and healthy behaviour to prevent heart diseases. More than 130 staff were screened, diagnosed and further referred to G.B Pant Hospital and AYUSH Hospital.

Meanwhile, World Heart Day was celebrated at Cath Lab, GB Pant Hospital,

Port Blair in a befitting manner in the presence of Addt. Medical Superintendent, Dr. Arpita Saha as the chief guest. Dr. Srikant, Consultant Interventional Cardiologist highlighted the theme of the day 'Use Heart For Every Heart'. In addition, Dr. Arpita Saha spoke about the importance of the day. This was followed by a health screening camp of health care workers conducted by Dr. Srikant. S along with the Cardiac team.

Health Mela to mark POSHAN Maah-2022'

Port Blair, Sept 29: As part of 'POSHAN Maah-2022', various programmes were organized in Schools and Anganwadi Centres under the jurisdiction of HWC Chouldari. Under this programme, Health Mela was conducted at Community Hall Chouldari on Sept. 24 in which the Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Chouldari, Smti. Tapasi Saha was the chief guest on the occasion. Smti. Noor Jahan, Health Educator welcomed the gathering while Smti. Vasanta, Health Education Officer & Shri Abdul Salam, Health Educator, spoke on the importance of health & nutrition in today's life.

Apart from this, Ayurveda Camp was organized by Dr. Keerti, MO



(Ayurveda), Dr. Asif Ahmed, MO (Homoeo) and Dr. Roshan Ara Begum (Homoeo Pharmacist) and a Medical Camp was held during which health assessment, NCD screening, HIV screening, display of local fruits and vegetables, POSHAN recipes etc. were conducted besides Swatch Sagar and Surakshit

Sagar, cleanliness drive at Craikabad, Chouldari. The

The programme were successfully organized with the help of ANMs, MPHs, PHNs, HEs, Lab Technician, Interns of ANIIMS, Anganwadi Workers, ASHA Workers of concerned areas under the supervision of Dr. Supria Roy, Medical Officer in-charge, HWC Chouldari.

China says no let-up in aggressive 'wolf-warrior' diplomacy: 'Won't capitulate'

China signalled on Thursday no let-up in its combative approach to foreign policy in a third term for Xi Jinping as leader despite criticism from many Western diplomats that the so-called Wolf Warrior stance has been counterproductive.

As relations with the West have soured over issues from trade and human rights to COVID-19, Chinese diplomats have often been confrontational on the public stage, including on social media, a stridency that some critics see as intended for a domestic audience that nonetheless hurts its foreign ties. "We Chinese will not capitulate. We will not sit and do nothing while

our country's interests are being harmed," Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhouxun said in response to a Reuters question at a Thursday news conference to discuss Chinese diplomacy in the decade since Xi assumed power.

"Going forward, Chinese diplomats will continue to overcome all obstacles, and always be the devoted guardians of the interests of our country and our people," said Ma, who is considered to be among contenders to replace Wang Yi as foreign minister in an upcoming leadership reshuffle.

Xi is poised to break with precedent and secure a third leadership term at next month's once-in-five-

years congress of the ruling Communist Party.

Xi has urged Chinese diplomats to have more "fighting spirit", an instruction that has seen many Chinese officials take to social media platforms including Twitter, which is blocked in China, with an aggression that has come to be known as "Wolf Warrior" diplomacy, after a patriotic movie franchise. A global survey released this week by the Washington-based Pew Research Center found that public opinion towards China in the United States and other advanced economies had turned "precipitously more negative" under Xi.

Advisory for GNM, School of Nursing, GBPH course applicants

Port Blair, Sept 29: The date of counselling for the admission to the course of GNM, School of Nursing, GBPH, Port Blair for the Academic Session 2022-2023 as per the final merit list published in the website and notice board of School of Nursing is scheduled to be held on Oct. 12, 2022 at 9am in the Lecture Hall-I (Auditorium), GBPH, Port Blair. Preference will be given to Science Students (Vacant seats if any left after the preferred students

of Science Stream shall be filled with students of Arts/Com students). The candidates who appear in the counselling session should come along with the relevant Certificates / Documents (original & copies) for verification. It is also informed that the candidates who fail to attend the counselling session on time will not be considered for admission to the course and the next eligible candidate from the Merit list will be considered for admission.

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Hurricane Ian weakens to tropical storm; millions without electricity in Florida

Ian was downgraded to a tropical storm as it continued to move northeastward across central Florida, with a massive and deadly surge of water and catastrophic winds that are poised to make it one of the costliest storms in US history. The former Category 4 hurricane made landfall west of Fort Myers near Cayo Costa shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday local time. Nearly all of Florida, home to 21 million people, braced for widespread blackouts and floods. More than 2 million people have been ordered or urged to flee. The storm is expected to cause more than \$67 billion in damages and losses and global shipping is already diverting from its path. "This is going to be a



tragic event," Florida Governor Ron DeSantis said Wednesday as the storm neared shore. "It's something that is going to be there for days, weeks, months and unfortunately in some circumstances even years." A storm of this magnitude is a severe test for Florida's infrastructure due to its low-lying and

densely populated coastal areas that are prone to flooding. It comes as climate change has fueled extreme weather worldwide this year, including deadly flooding in Kentucky and Pakistan, a European heat wave that killed more than 2,000 people in Portugal and Spain, and relentless drought in the US west.

JAC, unit of...

row by withdrawing their services tomorrow.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha the representative of the union said that they have taken this decision in protest of the brutality and inhuman act done to the DBRAIT students by the A & N Police at the behest of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The Andaman and Nicobar Police had fired tear gas and opened powerful water cannons yesterday to disperse the protesting students and many of whom were injured and rushed to hospital.

"Affiliation and conducting of examination issues have become the subject of

growing concern for many, but the myopic and indifferent attitude of the Administration towards students' grievance and Administration's taking no action against the DBRAIT authorities in this regard has nonplussed the people across these islands," the Union said.

The Joint Action Committee said that, in the backdrop of this unfortunate issue they resorted to withdrawing their auto and commercial services tomorrow for 24 hours and setting a deadline of seven (7) days for the A & N Administration to fulfill the demands of the

DBRAIT students. The Union also demanded a Judicial Inquiry in the matter, the Union said.

"If the Administration fails to resolve the issue within this time period, the pulling out of the auto and commercial services will be continued by the Union from 6th of October 2022 for an indefinite period," they forewarned. Andaman Sheekha Correspondent adds that the Joint Action Committee consists of dozens of associations of auto, jeep, trucks and private buses and it is still not clear how many associations of commercial vehicles will actually support the call.

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which the students have been suffering untold miseries, they felt. The indifferent attitude of the Administration resulted in non-conducts of exams for the last three years thereby putting the students future in dark, they alleged in the letter.

The affected students have been protesting for their genuine rights for the last many months seeking a remedy, which is well within the ambit of the Authorities, but to no avail, as said by the ZP Heads.

Since their grievances were allegedly kept at bay for a long time, the stu-

dents resorted to a peaceful Road Roko at Dairy Farm junction to press for their demand of affiliation which is genuine in nature, they hinted at. However, in utter disregard to an amicable solution, the treatment meted out to them in dispersing from the scene with water cannon and use of Tear Gas resulting in injury to some of the students was severely condemned by both the Adhyakshas.

In view of the fact that the issue concerns future prospects of the student community of these islands, immediate fulfillment of the

points raised by the Pondicherry University to enable them to grant affiliation to the DBRAIT College is very much essential, the Adhyakshas observed.

The Zilla Parishad Adhyaksha, Up-Adhyaksha and other members made a request to the Chief Secretary in the letter to look into the matter and arrange to do the needful to this effect immediately. She also added that if issue is not resolved within fifteen days there would be a large-scale protest involving all the PRIs and members of the general public.

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Milad-un-Nabi' will be observed on Oct. 10

Port Blair, Sept 29: As no report of sighting of Moon has reported from anywhere in these Islands, hence the A&N

Hilal Committee in its meeting has decided that 'Milad-un-Nabi' will be observed in these Islands on Oct. 10.

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from BJP, Mr. Aziz-ul-Rahman, SVC, PBMC, Mr. Dhanashekhar from RJD, two students of DBRAIT and few others. During the meeting the Chief Secretary reportedly gave very possible assurances to the delegation in this entire issue after which the AMSO and LBA association decided not to support any Bandh tomorrow and to support the students of DBRAIT in every peaceful protest.

According to a member of the delegation, some of the crucial assurances of the Chief Secretary was to solve this entire issue shortly to safeguard the future of DBRAIT students. The Chief Secretary reportedly assured that things are moving in the right

direction and if time is given the matter will be resolved. The Chief Secretary reportedly mentioned a four member high level committee of IAS officers will be formed and students or any supporters of the students can come and meet the committee any time to clarify any doubt or confusion. The delegation was informed that the Administration is minutely dealing with this complex issue and is expecting a fruitful result. Regarding police action the Chief Secretary reportedly assured to conduct a Magisterial Inquiry in this regard. The Delegation members told Andaman Sheekha Daily that they were highly impressed with the positive attitude of the present Chief Secretary.

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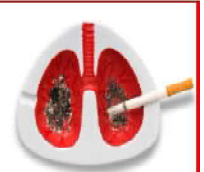
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