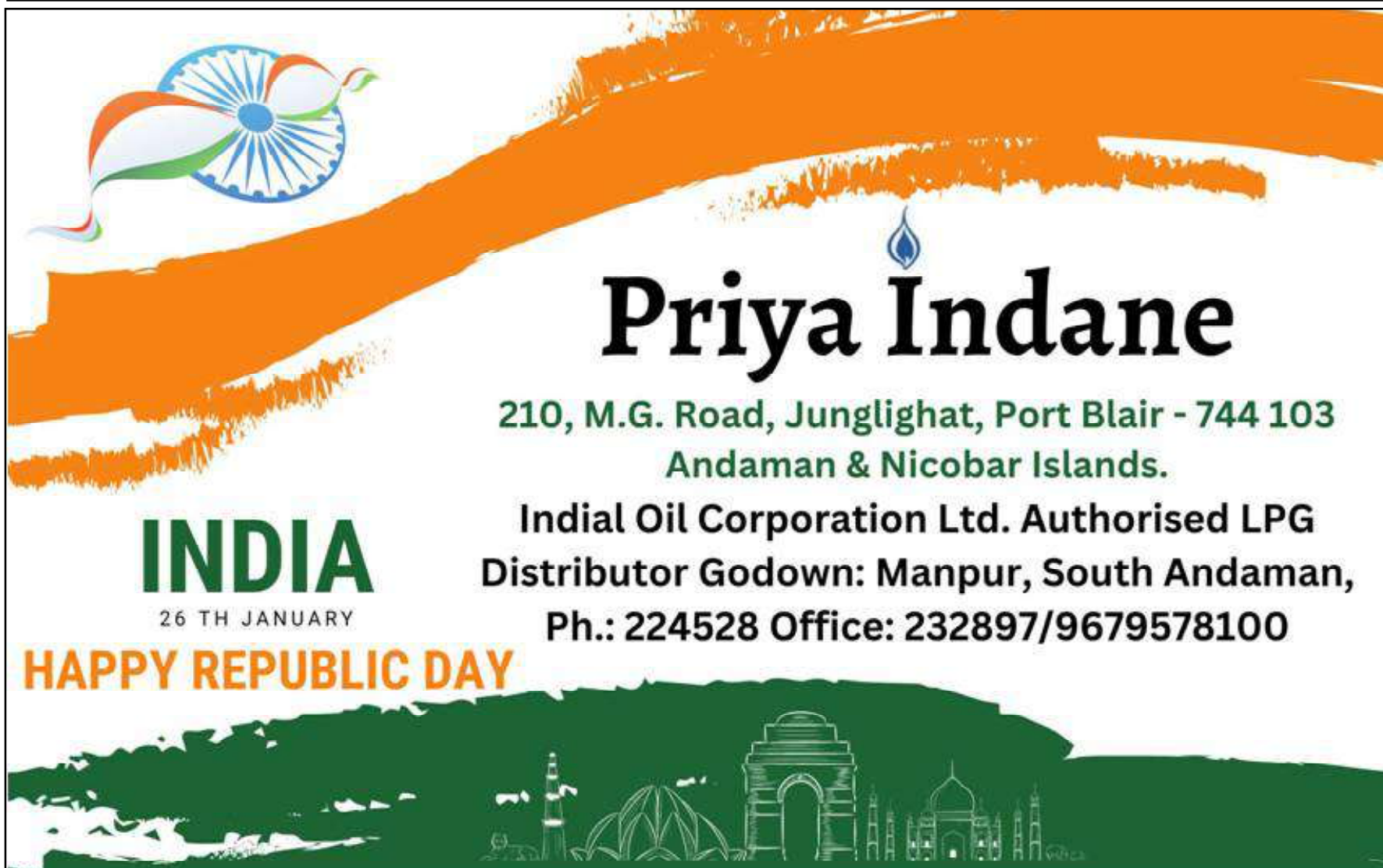


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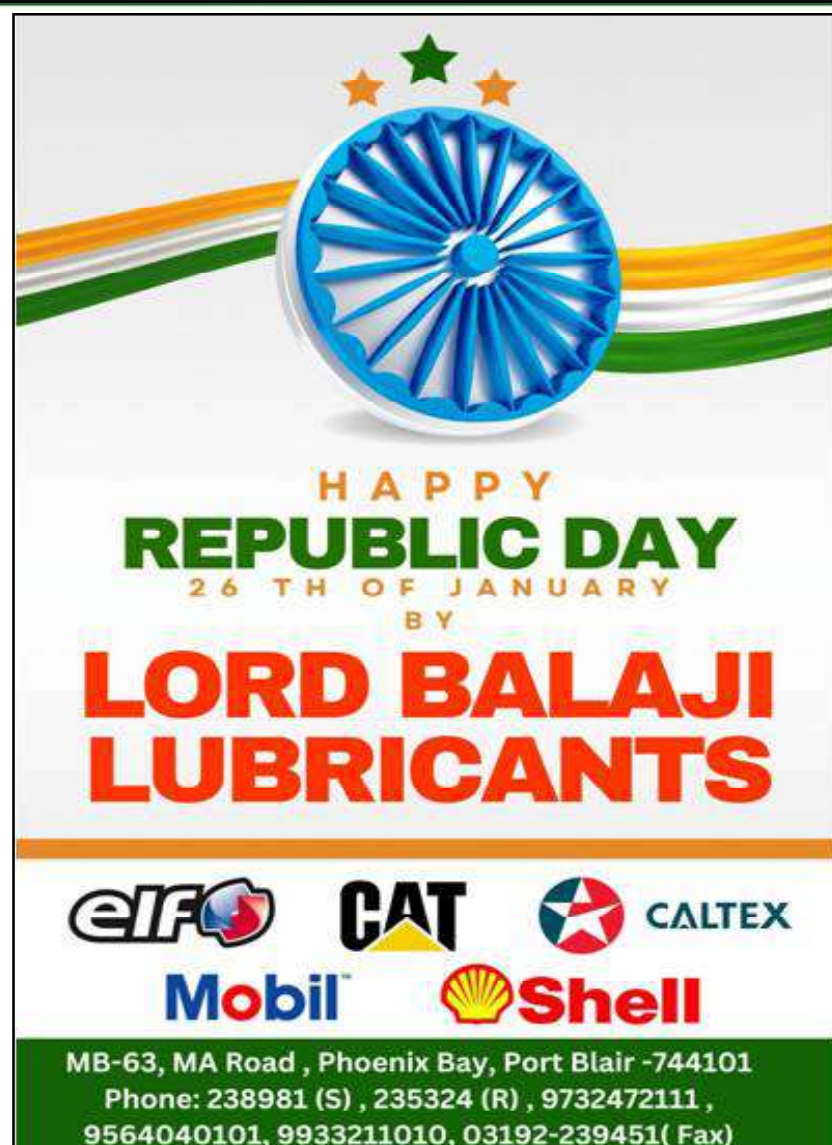
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Sheekha News Service

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## Three cops get prestigious Police Medal for Meritorious Service



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## Two Officers of Police Training School get prestigious Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training

Port Blair, Jan 25: It is a matter of great honour and pride for A&N Police that two (02) officers of Police Training School, Prothrapur have been conferred prestigious 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training' for their contribution in the field of Police Training for the year 2021-22.

The Union Home Ministers Medal for Excellence in Police Training have been awarded to Police Trainers of States/UTs/CAPFs/CPOs for the year 2021-22. Inspector Abita Bachan and ASI Ram LallKhariya of Police Training School, Prothrapur of A & N Police have been awarded Union Home Ministers Medal for Excellence in Police Training for the year 2021-22 in Indoor and Outdoor Categories for their contribution in Police Training.

Sh. Neeraj Thakur, IPS, DGP, A&N Islands complimented the awardees for the distinctions conferred on them and bringing honour to A&N Police. He wished them success for their future career.



## NSUI Demands Central University for A & N Islands

Port Blair, Jan 25: The National Students Union of India (NSUI) State President Mr. M.A Sajidon Wednesday wrote a letter to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands for pressing his demand of establishing a Central University in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and opposing the setting up of Deemed University which was announced by the Prime

Minister during his visit in December 2018.

In the letter, Mr. Sajid said "there are seven-degree colleges functioning in Andaman & Nicobar region which are currently affiliated to the Pondicherry Central University. There is no logic in the move of A&N Administration to set up Deemed University when the existing colleges in Islands have power to offer

more valuable degrees through Central University in a low fee structure.

"If a Deemed University is established in the Islands, the colleges functioning in A&N Islands affiliated to Pondicherry Central University will be forced to take affiliation with the said Deemed University which will devalue the existing education (See page 5)

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## 74th Republic Day Parade 2023 will be telecast LIVE

Port Blair, Jan 25: 74th Republic Day Parade 2023 from Kartavya Path will be telecast LIVE from 9.00 am to 12.15 p.m or till the end on 26.01.2023 on DD National.

74th Republic Day celebrations coverage at Marina Park road will be telecast on Doordarshan Kendra Port Blair from 1700 hrs to 1830 hrs on 26.01.2023.



## Inhabitants of Wandoor in South Andaman face threat from saltwater crocodiles; Wandoor Pradhan informed HM

Port Blair, Jan 25: During the recent visit of Union Home Minister of India, Mr. Amit Shah the Pradhan of Wandoor Panchayat, Mr. Adhir Das reportedly got opportunity to meet him and handover a letter concerning the Crocodile menace in Wandoor area.

Mr. Das told Andaman Sheekha that residents of Wandoor in South Andaman are facing an alarming threat from salt water crocodiles that have been spotted in sweet water ponds, causing damage to domestic animals and putting the safety of the inhabitants at risk.

He added that de-

spite the matter being reported to the wildlife division, the problem persists, with many residents avoiding the use of their ponds for daily needs. The impact of this has been felt in the tourism and fishing sectors, which are major sources of livelihood for the 90% of the population of the area that relies on them.

In a letter addressed to the Home Minister, the Pradhan of Wandoor Gram Panchayat has highlighted the difficulties faced by the inhabitants and requested urgent action to be taken to protect them. According to the letter, saltwater cro-

diles are abundant in the area and are considered a Schedule 1 animal, but the government's efforts to protect and nurture them are having a detrimental effect on the lives and livelihoods of the people. The Pradhan has requested that the crocodiles be removed from Category 1 and that the government take immediate action to address the issue and save the people of the island from this threat. With the safety of the inhabitants and the survival of the fishing and tourism sectors at stake, it is imperative that action is taken to address this issue as soon as possible.

## Delegation of Tribal Council of Car Nicobar Meets Union Home and Cooperation Minister to highlight crucial issues of Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Jan 25: Mr. Lionald Nicomed, Chairman, Tribal Council Car Nicobar, Mr. John Levi, Deputy Vice Chairman, Tribal Council Car Nicobar, Mr. Mohd. Amin Moosa, and Mr. L. Davidson, Executive Member, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar on 23/01/2023 met Mr. Amit Shah, the Union Home and Cooperation Minister.

The Tribal leaders highlighted several issues

of the Island. Some important issue are Sea and Air Connectivity, Job reservation for ST, Opening up of Central or Sainik School, Implementation of Price Support Scheme, Relaxation of DG Shipping order for Cargo vessel of over 25 years old and Waiving of old loan of all 15 Primary Society and the Apex Society. The Tribal leaders expressed heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Amit Shah for his ever-sympathetic ap-

proach and patient hearing to the issues raised by the Tribal leaders. Mr. Amit Shah positively assured to look into all issues to provide relief to the residents of Car Nicobar. Under his dynamic leadership, the tribal leaders see a ray of hope and future prosperity of the Island. The leader also invited Mr. Amit Shah to visit the Island, the Minister assured the Tribal Leader that soon he will visit the Island.

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## Candidates applying...

came to submit their applications for the 11 Mazdoor posts in the forest department faced significant difficulties due to the long waiting times in queues. The job notification for the positions was published in a local newspaper on January 4th and 5th, 2023.

Since the beginning of January, many youth have been visiting the forest department's planning section in Haddo to submit their applications. However, due to the limited number of counters available, many have been forced to wait for hours in long queues. As January 31<sup>st</sup> is the last date of submitting application there is a huge rush of youths.



According to some of the youth who spoke to Andaman Sheekha Daily, the long wait times in the sun have caused them significant hardship. They have called on the department to increase the number of counters available for application submission and extend the application deadline by an additional two weeks.

When contacted a senior officer from the forest department acknowl-

edged the difficulties faced by the youth and the lack of space in their office.

He told Andaman Sheekha Daily that due to the large number of candidates, they currently have one counter for checking applications and another for submitting them. They further added that they will bring the matter of extending the application deadline to the attention of their senior officers.

## Auction Notice

Port Blair, Jan 25: It is to inform the general public that the vehicles seized in connection with the various road accidents/ other cases registered at Police Station Rangat are kept lying for disposal in the premises of Police Station for a long time. The details of unclaimed seized vehicles are available at the notice board of PS Rangat.

The Police department is going to dispose of the unclaimed seized vehicles by way of public auction at the pre-

mises of Police Station Rangat. The participants/interested persons can inspect the unclaimed seized vehicle at PS Rangat and register their names with SHOPS Rangat by paying Rs.5000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) as security deposit.

The last date for submission of EMD is on 08/02/2023 at 1500 hrs. And the Public Auction is scheduled to be held on 10/02/2023 (Friday) at 1130 hrs at Police Station Rangat.

## Many vehicles...

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hicles stranded at the Baratang Jetty for several hours. This is yet another instance of frequent breakdowns of vehicle ferry vessels in the Middle Strait causing huge delays for ATR commuters and causing a lot of inconvenience.

According to reports, there was a problem in the ramp area of the vehicle ferry MV North Bay. The technical team decided to withdraw the service of the vehicle ferry and started repair works.

The official of the boat reportedly informed the Directorate of Shipping Services, and MV Philobhabhi vehicle ferry was sent to Baratang from Port Blair. The MV Philobhabhi reached the Baratang Jetty around 2:00 PM and immediately started its services with MV Kadamtala.

Mr. R. Alagarsamy, former Up-Adhyaksh North and Middle Andaman said that

when the service of MV North Bay was withdrawn, the MV Kadamtala was the only vehicle ferry taking heavily loaded buses or cargo trucks onboard till the afternoon.

After 2:00 PM, the MV Kadamtala with MV Philobhabhi started its services, but due to the morning disturbance, a good number of heavy vehicles are still stranded at the Baratang Jetty. Ideally, two vehicle ferries are operated in the Middle Strait by the Shipping Services, as the Middle Strait is always busy. Two vehicle ferries, namely MV North Bay and MV Kadamtala, are usually giving services. However, due to the technical problem in the vehicle ferry ramp, the MV North Bay has been stopped for temporary repairs. As per details MV North Bay will be sailed to Port Blair for further permanent repair work at Port Blair.

## NSUI Demands...

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system in the Islands", he said.

He warned that "a Deemed University will make higher education costly as managements will have unregulated powers to hike fees and fix salaries of employees. Moreover, higher education would turn inaccessible for students from economically backward communities due to unregulated fee hikes".

Further, he suggested that "instead of a Deemed University, the Administration should establish a new Central University for Andaman & Nicobar Islands to ensure increase in accessibility and quality of higher education, and to facilitate and promote avenues of higher education for the people of the Union territory".

"Setting up of Central University is expected to reduce the imbalance in the re-

gion on the education sector and students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands will get quality higher education opportunities. It will also create tremendous potential for employment generation, industry-academia interface and advanced research in the region", he said.

He also requested that if establishing a Central University is not possible for now, the colleges in A&N Islands may be left to function with affiliation of Pondicherry Central University as the students of A&N Islands never demanded for a Deemed University nor they are willing to downgrade their degrees. Hence, he requested the Lt. Governor to personally intervene in this matter and take necessary action to set up a Central University instead of the proposed Deemed University.



## Youth will be biggest beneficiaries of developed India, says PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday the youth will be the biggest beneficiaries of a developed India and the biggest responsibility to build it also rests on their shoulders.

Addressing National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets and National Service Scheme (NSS) volunteers who will be part of the Republic Day parade, Modi said they represent the country's aspirations and dreams in the ongoing "amrit kaal".

He said there are a lot of opportunities for youngsters in the country as India is working for the future of the entire world in sectors ranging from space to environment. He said it was encouraging to see youngsters taking part in various programmes in increasing numbers.

The NCC and NSS link the young generations with national aims, he said,



adding that his government has been working to encourage and expand their activities. He noted that different challenges come up in border and coastal areas and special training is being given so that the youth can play the role of "first responders", if needed.

The prime minister said his government has been working on making border areas vibrant by boosting development and creating various facilities there. The idea is to empower the young popula-

tion and create better avenues for education and employment so that people return to these villages, he said. Modi asked them to work with "team spirit", saying success is always achieved with efforts of many people. Referring to India's presidency of G20, he asked youngsters to read about it and discuss among themselves in schools and colleges. He also asked them to take part in different ongoing programmes and cited the example of "Swachh Bharat".

## BJP MP Ravi Kishan's daughter part of NCC contingent at Republic Day parade



Ishita Shukla, the daughter of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Ravi Kishan, will be among the 148 women cadets from the National Cadet Corps (NCC) to participate in the march-past during the Republic Day parade this year.

The BJP leader, in a series of tweets, expressed how proud he was as a parent.

"My brave daughter Ishita Shukla has been working very hard for the past 3 years to serve our nation. She



is a cadet of 7 Girls Battalion of Delhi Directorate, training in this bitter cold and fighting the fog for the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya path," Kishan said.

Out of the 659 girls who participated in the NCC camp, 148 were selected to be part of the Republic Day marching contingent. The NCC girls' contingent will be led by Odisha's Sonali Sahu. The NCC will also, for the first time, host its annual parade at Delhi's Cariappa Parade Ground on January 28.

## After JNU, BBC documentary showdown in Delhi's Jamia; more students detained

High drama ensued at the Jamia Millia Islamia university in the national capital over the controversial BBC documentary on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Several students have been detained for allegedly creating ruckus outside the campus ahead of the screening. Earlier in the day, the students belonging to Left leaning Students Federation of India (SFI) said they would screen the documentary 'India: The Modi Question' at 6 pm today. The Jamia administration has said no screening of the film will be allowed without permission. "The University reiterates that no meeting of students or screening of any film will be allowed in the campus without permission. University is taking all measures to prevent people/orgs having vested interest to destroy peaceful academic atmosphere here", the university said in a circular. This comes a day after Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) witnessed ugly scenes with students alleging they were attacked with stones while watching the documentary on their mobile phones as the screening was not allowed by the university administration. Several university students marched to the Vasant Kunj police station to lodge a complaint against the alleged

stone pelters. JNUSU president Aishe Ghosh alleged that RSS-affiliated student body Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad workers attacked them with stones.

The Students Federation of India in Kolkata's Presidency University has sought permission from the university authorities to screen the documentary on January 27 at 4 pm. The documentary was screened by various political organisations in Kerala despite the BJP staging protests against it. The Modi government has imposed a massive crackdown on the documentary, which it dubs as a 'propaganda piece' and a 'malicious campaign'. More than 50 tweets have been taken down and several YouTube videos sharing the documentary have been taken down following the government's instructions.

The Centre's decision to ban the documentary has been condemned by opposition parties including the Congress and the TMC. Trinamool MP Mahua Moitra shared the link to the second episode of the two-part documentary which released in the UK at 9 pm yesterday. "Here is Episode 2 (with buffering delays). Will post another link when they get one this removed," she tweeted.

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I extend my warm wishes to everyone for a prosperous and peaceful year ahead.

**Jai Hind.**

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

## GREETINGS

On the occasion of Saraswati Puja, I extend my warm greetings to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. On this special day, I extend my special greetings to the student community, as we all know that Goddess Saraswati is the embodiment of knowledge, music, art, and speech.

As we all know, education is the backbone of any society and it is the students who are the future of our nation. The blessings of Goddess Saraswati will help the students to excel in their studies and achieve great heights in their chosen fields.

I also urge the students to take this opportunity to rededicate themselves to their studies and to strive for excellence in their academic pursuits. Let us all pledge to make the most of this auspicious occasion to gain knowledge and wisdom and to become responsible citizens of our great country.

Once again, I extend my warm greetings to all the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on the occasion of Saraswati Puja.

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

## Team of PSDiglipur Seized Ambergris

Port Blair, Jan 25: Keeping a sharp vigil over anti-social activities and to curb illegal activities under PS Diglipur jurisdiction, on 22/01/23 on receipt of a credible tip, that 02 per-

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Diglipur, SIM.V. Shiju Kumar, HC Thangarajan, PCs Devsai Toppo, Abubacker Siddique, T. Jabeer and CT(Drv.) Pawan Singh was constituted. The

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## Illumination of Ships on 26 And 29 Jan 2023

Port Blair, Jan 25: As part of the Republic Day celebrations in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, ships/vessels of Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard, and

DSS will be illuminated on 26 Jan 23 (Republic Day) and 29 Jan 23 (Beating Retreat) from 1800h to 2200h at anchorage off the Ma-

rine flag post seafront. At 1800h on both days, the ships would fire colorful flares and switch on the contour illumination lights.

## Power Interruption

Port Blair, Jan 25: Power supply will remain suspended at Lillypur, Haddo area on **27.01.2023 (Friday) from 0830 Hrs. to 1200 Hrs.** in

connection with construction of transformer pedestal at Lillypur, Haddo, Port Blair.

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## Andaman Avians Club Conducts Asian Waterbird Census 7th Time in a Row

Port Blair Jan 25: Andaman Avians Club conducted Asian Waterbird Census 7th time in a row since 2017. Andaman is an important bird area with a lot of diversity in the birds. Being in route of the Eurasian Australian flyway migratory route the island is privileged to host many migratory birds mostly belonging to the wetland ecosystem. The Asian Waterbird Census (AWBC) is an international event conducted across the globe by the Wetland International and by BNHS in India. This is one of the largest citizen science initiatives with the goal to support the conservation and management of wetlands and water birds worldwide.

The Andaman Avians Club for the first time attempted to census the complete stretch of A & N Islands in one go.

The census was conducted in locations at North Andaman, Middle Andaman, various wetlands in South Andaman, Terresa, Kamorta and Great Nicobar Islands by the club members and volunteers. A total of 50 people came together for this coordinated event. During the census some rare wetland sightings in Andaman were also recorded like the Ruddy Shelduck, Garganey, Black Winged Stilt, big flocks of Andaman Teal. Mr. Arun Singh, President, Andaman



Avians Club expresses its gratitude to all the team leaders, Mr. Shubash from Diglipur and Mr. Suresh from Havelock for their coordination and volunteers from Geography Dept of JNRM in the successful conduction of the census.

## MoU between SBI and A&N Police: Heralding a new era for Staff welfare

Port Blair, Jan 25: On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023, the Andaman and Nicobar Police have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India for a special Police Salary Package (PSP), to provide better banking services and additional facilities for the police personnel of Andaman and Nicobar Police. The Police Salary Package (PSP) is a package designed for the personnel of Andaman and Nicobar Police. Hitherto, the salary accounts of personnel in SBI were on individual basis and thus were bereft of the privileges that the other State Police Forces and CAPF enjoyed. By entering into the MOU with SBI, Andaman and Nicobar Police has secured several advantages and ben-

efits for its personnel and their families.

Under this scheme, some of the benefits offered include Personal Accidental Insurance cover (Rs 40 lakhs to Rs 1 crore), Permanent Total and Partial Disability Cover of Rs. 40 lakhs, SBI Rishtey Family Saving Account with benefits for upto 04 family members etc. The package also offers preferential rates of interest on various loans offered by SBI as well as waiver of annual charges, processing fees etc.

Further, in case of death of the A&N Police personnel, the family of the deceased will be provided with free add-on covers such as expenses on Air Ambulance, cost of child education, mar-



riage of girl child etc.

Several of these benefits will continue even after the superannuation of the employee.

All the benefits as per the MoU will be automatically extended to all A&N Police personnel, who are covered under PSP (Police Salary Package). This initiative has been undertaken as a part of welfare measures for the personnel and families of Andaman and Nicobar Police.

## Three cops...

**'Police Medal for Meritorious Service'** for their illustrious and unblemished service on the occasion of 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, 2023. The awards were announced by the Ministry of Home Affairs on the eve of the Republic Day, 2023.

Mr. Ajay Krishan Sharma is an IPS Officer of 2008 Batch. Presently, he is holding the post of Dy. Inspector General of Police (HQ). He has served in various capacities in Delhi Police, Intelligence Bureau and Himachal Police. As DIGP (HQ), his innovative ideas have brought reforms in official work. In recognition of his hard work and dedication towards duties, he has been

conferred the 'Police Medal for Meritorious Service'.

Mr. S. Sasi Kumar Joined A & N Police in the year of 1988 as a Police Constable. He has shown laudable performance in all fields and he has detected/solved various criminal cases in his service career. He has been awarded with several Commendation Certificates and cash rewards for his commendable devotion and dedication towards his duties. In appreciation of his good work and dedication rendered throughout his service career he has been awarded with the Police Medal for meritorious service.

Mr. Ajeet Kr. Pal joined A&N Police in 2000. He has

participated in various Successful Anti-Poaching operations and apprehended several Myanmarese. He also performed guard duty in various LOPs situated at remote Islands. In his 22 years of service, he has always shown extraordinary dedication, sincerity and integrity in every task entrusted to him. In recognition of his hard work and dedication towards duties, he has been conferred the 'Police Medal for Meritorious Service'. Mr. Neeraj Thakur, IPS, DGP, A & N Islands complimented all the awardees for the distinctions conferred on them and bringing honor to A & N Police. He wished them success for their future career.

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## Team of...

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raiding team, acting swiftly, reached R.K. Gram and intercepted 02 persons namely Rohit Hawlader S/o Mr. Swapan Hawlader (20) yrs. Pvt. Worker R/o Rajiv Nagar, Uttra, Kadamtala and Robin Paul S/o Mr. Ramesh Ch. Paul (39) yrs. Pvt. Worker, R/o R.K. Gram, Ward No.4 and during checking 02 nos. white color polythene bags containing Ambergris weighing 0.832 Kgs and 0.411 Kgs (Total: 1.243 Kgs) were recovered from their possession. Further, in continuation to the operation on 23/01/2023 one more person namely Badal Chandra Roy S/o Mr. Manmadha Roy (38) yrs.

Pvt. Worker R/o Talbagan was apprehended from Talbagan and a quantity of 57 grams ambergris was recovered from him. The whole operation was conducted under the command of Mr. Lakshya Pandey DANIPS, SDPO Diglipur and overall supervision of undersigned.

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.