



Picture shows members of the National Students Union of India (NSUI), A & N Islands, on Monday, handing over a cheque towards Kerala Flood Relief Fund from Andaman College.

CBI arrests two engineers on corruption charges

PORT BLAIR, AUG 21/- / The Central Bureau of Investigation has today arrested an assistant engineer and a junior engineer, both working in Andaman & Lakshadweep Har-

bour Work Ltd., Port Blair for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs. 22,000 each from the complainant. The case was registered on a complaint wherein it was alleged

that the accused had demanded a bribe from the complainant for allowing him to execute the road repairing work. CBI laid a trap and caught both the accused red-handed while de-

manding and accepting a bribe from the complainant.

Both the arrested persons will be produced tomorrow before the Special Court, Port Blair. (PIB, Port Blair)

MP calls upon islanders to help flood-hit people in Kerala

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PORT BLAIR, AUG 21/- / The Member of Parliament, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray called upon islanders to assist the flood-hit people of Kerala. Speaking to scribes, Mr Ray, mentioning some publications, said that the print media has the potential to mobilise resources and draw islands to help flood affected people in Kerala. He also lauded all the personnel of the Andaman and Nicobar Command led by Vice Admiral Bimal Verma for ensuring transport of relief materials to the affected areas.



The Andaman and Nicobar Administration in an official order has directed all heads of departments/offices and head of local bodies and public sector undertaking to deduct and collect one day's salary (basic + DA) from the month of August in the case of all gazetted officers working

under them. In case any gazetted officer is unwilling to contribute a day's salary, he may send an intimation in writing to this effect by 22nd August, to the respective DDO. In case of

non-gazetted employees working under them, the collection of one day's salary may be made only on voluntary basis. The respective DDOs shall be responsible for collection of

the one day's salary contribution of each of the employee under its control and direct remittance to the CM's Relief fund. The account and bank details are as under:

Innovative contest by ANC



PORT BLAIR, AUG 21/- / To encourage creative thinking and innovative spirit, the Andaman & Nicobar Command organised an Idea and Innovation Competition for all units of the Command at Military Station, Birchgunj on Monday. The competition, held in various categories, was

reviewed by Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, ADC, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command. He lauded the spirit and efforts of the participants and encouraged them to keep the innovative spirit alive and promote creative thinking amongst all ranks. The event saw active par-

ticipation by teams from all components of the Command. A large number of operational and logistics innovations were on display. It showcased such advanced technology like the Multifunction Display Simulator for Helicopters and Modular Solar Battery

charger for soldiers. Various innovations that invoked curiosity of the visitors included ideas like generation of dummy targets on Radar display for training and practice exercises. The innovations, built using in-house resources, also contribute significant savings to the exchequer.

Don't allow culling of crocodiles in the isles: Animal body



NEW DELHI : Allowing culling of saltwater crocodiles may set a "dangerous" precedent, an animal protection body said amid reports that the Andaman and Nicobar islands administration has sought temporary removal of the 'salties' from the list of endangered species, which could potentially lead to its culling. According to reports, due to growing number of crocodile attacks at the Andaman and Nicobar islands, the administration has petitioned the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) to temporarily de-notify saltwater crocodiles (salties) from endangered list of species schedule 1 of the Wildlife Protection Act.

The body also recommended that the problem animals be tracked, and relocated if necessary. "There is abundant literature on humane tackling of crocodile human conflict and WAP is happy to provide this information to any authority that may require it to resolve the human crocodile conflict in Andamans. The government needs to prioritise public safety as

well as the well being of saltwater crocodiles," it said. It further said alternatives to culling include a thorough study to conduct a risk assessment in the areas where crocodile human conflicts have occurred, identifying and relocation of rogue crocodiles into captive animal shelters or zoos and putting up warning signs at crocodile conflict zones while tourists should be asked to abide by the law

in crocodile inhabited waters. Other alternatives included, raising awareness among local communities so that they do not see crocodiles as a threat, and securing and monitoring tourist bathing areas on a regular basis. "In the meanwhile, we urge utmost caution so that no provision in the Wildlife Protection Act is misused to unnecessarily kill wild animals," added.(PTI)

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