

Ad-hoc bonus for central Govt. employees approved

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PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- The Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Govt. of India, has accorded clearance for grant of Non-Productivity Linked Bonus (Ad-hoc Bonus) for Central Government Employees for the accounting year 2017-18. In an order issued by the Director, Mr. Amar Nath Singh, consequent to the approval of the President of India, the Ministry approved the bonus for Central Government employees in Group 'C' and all non-gazetted employees in Group B, not covered by any Productivity Linked Bonus Scheme, equivalent to 30 days emoluments for the accounting year.

"The calculation ceiling for payment of ad-hoc Bonus under these orders shall be monthly emoluments of Rs 7000, as revised w.e.f. 01/04/2014 vide OM dated 29th August, 2016. The payment of the bonus under these orders will also be admissible to the eligible employees of Central Para Military Forces and Armed Forces. The orders will be deemed to be extended to the employees

of Union Territory Administrator labour who have worked in offices following a 6 days week for at least 240 days for each year for 3 years or more (206 days in each year for 3 years or more in the case of offices observing 5 day week) will be eligible for the Non-PLB (Ad-hoc Bonus) Payment. The amount of Non-PLB (ad-hoc bonus) payable will be (Rs. 1200x30/30.4 i.e. Rs.1184.21 (rounded off to Rs.1184/-). In cases where the actual emoluments fall below Rs.1200 a.m. the amount will be calculated on actual monthly emoluments. The expenditure on the account will be debitable to the respective Heads to which the pay and allowances of these employees are debited and expenditure is to be incurred on account of Non-PLB (Ad-hoc Bonus) within the sanctioned budget provision of concerned Ministries/Departments for the current year," as per the order.

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi also approved the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for the financial year 2017-18 for all eligi-

ble non-gazetted Railway employees (excluding RPF/RPSF personnel). The financial implication of payment of 78 days' PLB to railway employees has been estimated to be Rs.2044.31 crore. The wage calculation ceiling prescribed for payment of PLB to the eligible non-gazetted railway employees is Rs.7000 p.m. The maximum amount payable per eligible railway employee is Rs.17,951 for 78 days. About 11.91 lakh non-gazetted Railway employees are likely to benefit from the decision.

RAP modified

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- With a view to promote tourism and overall development of these islands, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, modifying its earlier Circulars has removed 29 inhabited Islands of this Union Territory under the Foreigners (Restricted Area) Order, 1963 notified through its Circular No. 506 dated 28.06.2018 from Restricted Area Permit Regime till 31.12.2022, subject to certain conditions specified therein. However, it has also clarified therein that "separate approvals of the competent authority continue to be required for visiting Reserve Forests, Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tribal Reserves as is the case at present." With a view to protecting the interests of aboriginal tribes and also in the light of Point No. VIII in the Circular No. 506 dated 28.6.2018, the following instructions are hereby notified for the information of general public:

The provision regarding issuance of Pass by the Deputy Commissioners under Section 7 of the A&N Islands (Protection of Aboriginal Tribes) Regulation, 1956 for entering a Reserved Area in A&N Islands will continue as is the case at present in case of India National Park.

(i) In case of foreigners visiting A&N Islands and wishing to access the tribal reserve, the Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman) shall refer the application to Principal Secretary (Tribal Welfare) for prior approval of the Administration.

In so far as the entry into National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is concerned, prior permissions of the Chief Wildlife Warden shall be required under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 for (a) investigation or study of wildlife and purpose ancillary or incidental thereto, (b) photography (c) sanctuary research (d) tourism and (e) transaction of lawful business with any person residing in the sanctuary, subject to the conditions and payment of fee as provided in the Rules made under the Act aforesaid. Further, for entry into the Reserved Forest, the permission of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Port Blair shall be required, says an official release.

Late night air services in Kol-PB sector resumes



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PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- Air India is set to resume chartered flights in the Port Blair-Kolkata sector from tomorrow. Chartered flight in this sector will operate once a week, every Thursday and fare for islanders has been fixed at Rs 3500 one way and for non-islanders, Rs 6000 will be charged for a one way trip. The air flight will depart Kolkata at 9 pm, arrive here at 11 pm and from Port Blair, the

flight will take off at 11.40 pm. The Department of Civil Aviation has already notified the availability of chartered flights in the months of October, November and December 2018. In view of heavy demand, Air India also increased the frequency of chartered flight in the Port Blair-Chennai sector recently. As per the schedule, the chartered flight between Chennai and Port Blair operates every Wednesday

and on alternate Saturdays i.e. 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday every month. The Department of Civil Aviation has also notified the availability of chartered flights in the Chennai-Port Blair for the months of October, November and December 2018. Passengers intending to travel by the chartered flights can book their tickets from any of the centers/offices as first come first serve basis viz. Common Service Centers (CSC) e-Dweep outlets, Ticket counter at Inter-Island Helicopter Terminal, Port Blair; Office of the Dy. Commissioner (Nicobar), Car Nicobar; Office of Dy. Commissioner (North & Middle Andaman), Mayabunder; Office of the Tehsildar, Little Andaman; Office of Dy. Resident Commissioner, A & N Bhawan, Sector-5, Salt Lake, Kolkata; Office of Asst. Director, Shipping Services, No 5 Rajaji Salai, Chennai or Air Ticketing Counter AN1IDCO Vikas Bhawan, Port Blair.

Weather warning

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- The Indian Meteorological Department, Kolkata has advised hoisting Distant Warning Signal for Port Blair port. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and contact the State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres in case of any emergency.

New police recruits administered oath

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- An oath taking ceremony of 71st batch of recruit constables of Andaman and Nicobar Police was held at Police Training School, Prothrapur recently. Mr Manoj C. Principal, PTS, chief guest of the function took the salute, Mr Michael Raj, Vice Principal PTS and other Police personnel were also present on this occasion. Altogether, six recruit Police Constables including four lady constables took the oath of rendering dedicated service to the people with utmost sincerity.

The Principal, PTS congratulated the newly inducted Police Constables for successful completion of their basic training and stated that the Police Constables are the cutting edge of any Police force and the overall image of the Police depends on their conduct, behaviour and professionalism. The chief guest emphasized the necessity of inculcating the highest degree of discipline, integrity and commitment among them.

The Principal, PTS, chief guest also presented commendation certificates and cash rewards to those recruits who excelled in different fields during the training. PC/1127 Surjit Das was adjudged as the best in Outdoor, UAC, Drill and All Round Best, PC/1016 V. Karthika as best in Indoor (First) and Computer and PC/1090 E. Vanisri as best in Indoor (Second) & Best Filer. The oath taking ceremony was held under the overall supervision of the Principal, PTS, Mr Manoj, C. IPS who also administered the oath of service to the trainees.

Selfie Check-in Kiosk at IGNOU RC



PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- As part of Student Support Services, the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre, Port Blair installed a new Kiosk at its Student Service Counter. The Selfie Check-in Kiosk is inaugurated by Dr. V. Girija Devi, IGNOU Regional Director (retired), Regional Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The Kiosk is provided with ad-

ditional keyboard (with musical instrument) and wired mouse facility also. By entering the IGNOU enrolment number, the student can check the status of study material packets readily available at Warehouse. Selfie Check-in Kiosk is first of its kind in IGNOU network of Regional Centres. Without waiting for the staff, the student can check the status quickly and easily.

Certificates available at Regional Centre can be located. The offline mode Kiosk is having loaded with five different database folders containing over 2500 students data. The Selfie Check-in Kiosk is first of its kind in IGNOU network of Regional Centres. Without waiting for the staff, the student can check the status quickly and easily.

Hello Doctor on AIR

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- The All India Radio here will broadcast LIVE phone-in programme titled "Hello Doctor" on Oct 13 from 7.20 am to 7.55 am. The topic of discussion will be "Effectiveness of Laparoscopic Surgery". Dr. Saji Varghese, MS, MCh, PFMAS, Laparoscopic Surgeon, G B Pant Hospital.) will be present in the Studio to answer to the queries of the listeners on the topic. Listeners can participate in the programme by calling on telephone number 292336 or 292558 and ask questions related to the topic. Listeners can also SMS their questions on number 9474234000 along with their name and place on or before 12th October 2018. This programme will be moderated by Ms. Jaisheela. This programme can be heard on MW 438.6 Mtr i.e. 4760 KHz.

PDS Kerosene price revised

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- Rts brought to the notice of all the SKO dealers, Kerosene oil beneficiaries and FPS owners of Andaman and Nicobar Islands that consequent upon enhancement of the Ex-Storage Point price of PDS kerosene oil by the Govt. of India, the A&N Administration has revised the wholesale price of PDS SKO @ Rs 30.66/- & retail price as Rs 32/- per litre for the entire Union Territory of A&N Islands. The revised rates shall come into force with immediate effect.



Picture shows members of the Zilla Parishad, North and Middle Andaman District, posing for a photograph after the oath taking ceremony of the newly elected Adhyaksh and Up-Adhyaksh on Wednesday. The Deputy Commissioner of North and Middle Andaman (i/c), Mr Udit Prakash Rai, administered the oath of office to Mr P Srinivas Rao, Zilla Parishad Member, Diglipur constituency and Mr Anil Bepari, Zilla Parishad Member, Uritlapur constituency elected for the post of Adhyaksh and Up-Adhyaksh respectively for the fourth year term. The Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, North and Middle Andaman, Mr Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Assistant Commissioner of Rangat, Mr Piyush Rohankar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Diglipur, other members of the Zilla Parishad and party workers were present on the occasion. (Pic: KURMA RAO)

Medical evacuation by ANC

PORT BLAIR, OCT 10/- The Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) carried out a medical evacuation, of a female patient suffering from obstructed labour, from Diglipur to Port Blair last night.

The female patient, required immediate medical assistance and needed to be transferred to GB Pant hospital, Port Blair. Promptly around midnight, an Indian Air Force Mi-17 helicopter was launched from INS Utkroh to Nanshipur (Diglipur) and the patient was brought to Port Blair by 0400 hours in the morning.

Subsequently, patient was shifted to of GB Pant Hospital and has reportedly delivered a male child. ANC received the request for airlift of the patient from Chief Medical Officer, Community Health Centre, Diglipur, close to midnight.

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BJP core committee to decide on action against Goa deputy speaker's outburst: State chief

PANAJI, OCT 10/- Goa BJP chief Vijay Tendulkar said today that the party's core committee would decide on action against deputy speaker Michael Lobo for his outburst against the state administration. Lobo, the ML A from Calangute Constituency in North Goa district, said on last Friday that the state administration had "totally collapsed" because of the absence of alling chief minister Manohar Parrikar and people were praying for his early recovery. Parrikar, 62, is admitted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi

since September 16 for a pancreatic ailment. Lobo had said that qualified youth are waiting for the government to provide them job opportunities and the issue of mining re- sumption is also hanging fire despite the fact that the Bharatiya Janata Party is in power both at the Centre and in Goa. The Goa BJP had earlier expressed unhappiness over the remarks. "The BJP's state-level core committee will sit and decide what action should be taken against Lobo for his outburst against the party," Tendulkar told news agency PTI today.