

Saudi Arabia okays India's plan to ferry Haj pilgrims via sea route

NEW DELHI, JAN 8 /- Paving way for the Centre to make available a cheaper mode of transport for Haj pilgrims, Saudi Arabia has given its nod to India's plan to revive the option of ferrying devotees to Jeddah via sea route, 23 years after the practice was stopped.

Union minority affairs minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi confirmed the development in a statement after he and Saudi Arabia's Haj and Umrah minister Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benteen signed a bilateral annual agreement regarding the pilgrimage in Mecca on Sunday. Terming his meeting with Benteen "very fruitful", Naqvi said officials from both the countries will discuss the technicalities involved so that the pilgrimage via sea route can be commissioned in the coming years. "Saudi Arabia has given its nod to revive the option of sending pilgrims by sea route... Officials from both the countries will discuss all the necessary formalities and technicalities so that Haj pilgrimage through sea route can be started in the coming years," the statement quoted the Union minister as saying.



The most widely circulated newspaper in the isles, THE ECHO OF INDIA is announcing EOI ISLES ICON award 2018 for a person, organisation or group who have excelled in making Andaman and Nicobar Islands proud nationally or internationally in the field of culture, social, sports, journalism, business or in any field deemed right. To be selected by an esteemed jury, the award will be presented in a glittering ceremony at Port Blair in the month of March, 2018 to be attended by the crême de la crême of the islands.

Please fill this form with the name, address, phone number and email of the person, organisation or group you would like to nominate and see the first. EOI ISLES ICON 2018 (It also could be you). Attach photograph (you can download picture from the internet too) of the nominee along with the cut out of this form.

IMPORTANT- Please do not forget to cut this filled form from this newspaper (if you do not, then the nomination will be deemed rejected) and attach to a detailed list of the achievements, personal profile and photograph in a separate paper or document. No photocopy of newspaper cut out will be entertained.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION- 31ST JANUARY, 2018

NOTE- Please post or courier nomination with cut out of this form to EOI ISLES ICON award 2018, THE ECHO OF INDIA, First cross, M.G. Road, Junglighat (near Mitall Book Store), Port Blair- 744103.

FORM

NAME PHOTO

FIELD OF EXCELLENCE

ADDRESS

PHONE/CELL NO.

EMAIL

NB. No staff members or their families of THE ECHO OF INDIA group of publications can participate in the nomination process. No telephone calls or emails will be entertained.

'Publish your Painting' Contest for Kids

THE ECHO OF INDIA gladly announces re-launch of its weekly column for school students to promote fine arts among budding artists. Students from different government and private schools of these islands, pursuing education in the middle school level i.e Class I to VIII, can participate in the weekly painting contest by sending their artwork along with particulars like name, postal address, telephone number, by post to The Echo of India, 1st Cross, MG Road, Junglighat, Port Blair - 744103 or a scanned copy of the painting over email to id: echopress4@gmail.com. Heads of different schools across these islands are also requested to circulate the message among their wards and forward their paintings to the aforesaid address. The paintings so received will be published on Page 6 of The Echo of India every Friday w.e.f 1st December 2017 and the best painter will be suitably rewarded.

Note: The best artwork of the week will be published in THE ECHO OF INDIA with the budding artist's Name and Address.



INDIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, SHADIPUR
PORT BLAIR - 744106

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT BLAIR
AND ITS NEIGHBOURHOOD VALID TILL 1730 HRS OF 09/01/2018

ISSUE TIME: 1730 Hrs IST DATE: 08/01/2018

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places.

Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 09/01/2018

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date :	31.1	Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST):	0542
		Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST):	1711
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date :	24.0	Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm:	004.7
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST	078	Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:	000.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST	083	Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 18 upto 0830 hrs of date) in mm	85.5

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F. No. 2-39/Art & Culture/2017

Andaman & Nicobar Administration Directorate of Art and Culture

Tender Notice

Port Blair, dated, January 2018

Sealed quotations are invited from the reputed firms/electronic shops/contractors for the supply of stage light & sound system and serial lights for the use of the Department in various places of A & N Islands during the ensuing Island Tourism Festival and yearlong cultural programmes on as and when required basis as per the details given below. The accepted rate will be valid for one year from the date of issue of supply order. The rate should be quoted against sound system, stage lights & serial lights separately as detailed below:-

Tender for hiring of Stage Light & Sound System and Serial lights

Sl. no	Particulars with specifications & nos.	Quantity /Unit	Rate to be quoted against full set of stage sound system S. No. A.(1-10) per day
A.	P.A system with Battery Backup for seminar, work shops and other stage programmes(indoor & Outdoor)		
1.	Speakers -1000 watts	04 Nos	
2.	Amplifier & Mixer	01 No	
3.	Mic Professional	06 Nos	
4.	Cordless mic	02 Nos	
5.	C.D Player	02 Nos	
6.	Delay /Reverb	1 No. set	
7.	Laptop Audio Pin	01 No.	
8.	Podium Mic	02 Nos	
9.	Mic Stand	06 Nos	
10.	Collar Mic	01 No.	
B.	P.A system with Battery Backup for mega events, cultural programmes (indoor & Outdoor)		Rate to be quoted against full set of stage sound system S. No. B.(1-11) per day
1.	03 way Sound System -12000 Watts	1 Set	
2.	02 Side Feller 03 ways. 4000watts	1 Set	
3.	Mic Professional	10 Nos	
4.	Cordless Mic /Mixer 24/36 Professional	02 Nos	
5.	C.D Player Professional	02 Nos	
6.	Laptop Audio Pin	1 No	
7.	Delay/Reverb	1 Set	
8.	Mixer 24/32 Channel Professional	1 Set	
9.	Key board /Guitar Cable	06 Nos	
10.	Monitor	04 Nos	
11.	Podium Mic	02 Nos	
C.	Stage Lights and other requirements		Rate to be quoted separately for each of the item per day
1.	PAR 64 with Control	16 Nos	
2.	LED PAR with Controller	16 Nos	
3.	Follow light Hmi	01no	
4.	Generator Set 50 KVA	01 no	
5.	Generator set 2800 watts	01 No	
6.	L.C.D Projector 2800(luminous) with Screen	01 No	
7.sp	L.C.D Projector 5000 (luminous) with Screen	01 No	
8.	Collar Mic-UHF Professional	01 No	
9.	Serial Lights- Led- approximately 100 bulbs each set	Each set	

Terms and Conditions:-

- The sealed quotations should reach to this office latest by 30th January 2018 at 3.00 p.m and it will be opened at 4.00 P.M. on the same day in presence of Purchase Committee and representatives of tenderers, if any present.
- The Secretary (Art & Culture) reserves the right to accept or reject any tender without assigning any reason thereof.
- EMD of Rs. 17,000/- in the form of Call deposit receipt/ Fixed Deposit receipt/banker's cheque / in an acceptable form drawn in favour of Director (Art & Culture), should be enclosed with the tender. Tenders without EMD will summarily be rejected.
- Rate quoted should be inclusive of all taxes including boat fares/bus fare and labour charges, in case the items are provided outside Port Blair on as and when required basis.
- Selection will be made on the basis of quality of service, experience in the field and on competitive rates.
- The tenders should be addressed to the Director (Art & Culture), A&N Administration, Cellular Jail Complex, Port Blair. The word "Tender for hiring Stage Light & Sound System and Serial lights 2017-18 should be clearly written on the sealed cover.
- The successful bidder should submit five percent of value of contract as Performance Security in the form of Account Payee Demand Draft, Fixed Deposit receipt from a commercial bank, bank Guarantee from a commercial bank in an acceptable form which should be valid for a period of sixty days beyond the date of completion of rate contract.
- The successful firm should install all the Stage Lights and Sound System and Serial lights well in advance from the day of performance to facilitate inspection by the Officers of the Department/authorized persons. In case of any complaint, appropriate action will be taken against the firm. No payment will be released to the firm for installation of the equipments for one day in advance. The successful firm should supply the stage sound and light system throughout the A&N Islands. All arrangements for the deployment of men and materials are to be made by the firm.
- The tenderer should also enclose copy of PAN Card and GST Registration Certificate.
- The firm should have the Experience of at least two (2) years of supplying or undertaking/Stage Light & Sound to the Govt. Department/ Public Sector Undertakings /Autonomous Bodies etc. Copy of the documentary proof should be attached.
- The firm should also enclose IT return for the last two (2) years i.e. 2015-16 & 2016-17.
- In case of failure in stage light and sound management and lower quality of the equipments, the work order shall be cancelled.
- The approved rate shall be valid for one year from the date of issue of letter accepting the rate. Further extension is liable to performance of the firm and subject to approval of Competent Authority.
- The tenders are to be deposited in the "Tender Box" kept for this purpose at the office of the Directorate of Art & Culture, A&N Administration, Cellular Jail, Port Blair.

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Assistant Director (Art & Culture)