

Chief Secy inaugurates tug 'MT Andaman'

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ Mr. Anindo Majumdar, Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Administration and Chairman, Port Management Board today inaugurated a newly acquired tug MT Andaman at a simple function held at Phoenix Bay Jetty Stage-3. Mr. Sanjeev Khirwar, Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Shipping), A & N Administration, Dr. R D Tripathi, Chief Port Administrator, PMB, Comdt R K Vishwakarma, Harbour Master, PMB, Lt Cdr Mohan Kumar B, Asst Harbour Master, PMB, Mr. Vikram Dhigle, Vess President, SCI, Mr. Mesh Ram,



Regional Vess President, SCI, Mr. Veeriah, Deputy Director, DSS and Mr. TN Krishnamoorthy, DCE, ALHW, officers and employees of PMB were present on the occasion.

This tug has been built at M/S TEBMA Shipyard Ltd. This is a highly manoeuvrable tug fitted with Steerable Rudder Propulsion (SRP) for efficiently performing harbouring and towing operations. The tug is capable of delivering 35 tons of Bollard Pull and achieves a speed of 12 knots. The vessel is classed with Indian Registrar of Shipping (IRS) and is installed with FIFI as told by Lt. Cdr. Mohan Kumar B, Assistant Harbour Master, Port Management Board. He further briefed that the vessel is sea-going and shall be able to cater the tug needs of vessels plying in the A & N Islands.

A&N-Chennai chartered flight

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ A delegation of Akhila Bharatha Ayyappa Seva Sangam has met Mr. Vishal Jolly, state president, BJP for extending the facility of chartered flight to Chennai on December 28, January 4 and 8, 2017 for the Sabarimala pilgrimage. Mr. Jolly has requested the Lt. Governor for providing chartered flight and accommodating the requirements of tickets for the devotees of Ayyappa Swamy. The state president assured the delegation for a positive result at an early date.

Ferry timings

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ A delegation led by Mr. Vishal Jolly, state president, BJP, A&N Islands along with Mr. Venkat, district president, Yuva Morcha, South Andaman District and Mr. Kandaiah, ex-pradhan, Namunaagar Gram Panchayat met the Secretary (Shipping) regarding deployment of vehicle ferry between Chatham and Dundas Point as 10.00 am to 10.30 am and as 03.00 pm to 03.30 pm daily. Secretary (Shipping) has given assurance that the matter would be sorted out in consultation with the shipping department.

Minor girl among seven rescued from prostitution

BUNDI, NOV 30/-/ Six women and a minor girl were rescued from prostitution by the anti-human trafficking unit of Rajasthan police from a locality near here, officials said today. The women and the minor, all belonging to the Kanjar nomadic community, were produced before a court last night which directed that they be sent to a women's shelter home.

The six women were also sent for a medical examination to determine their age as some of them appeared to be underage, said Kaniz Fatima, Circle In-charge (CI), Anti Human Trafficking Cell, Bundi. The sudden raid was carried out yesterday by police in Ramnagar Kanjar colony about 10 km from the city, after receiving inputs about minor girls in the area, she said. According to the CI, the women said they were forced into prostitution due to heavy debts of their parents.

A case under sections of the Anti Human Trafficking Act was lodged in Sadar police station against Suresh Kanjar, the father of rescued minor girl in this connection, the CI said. "If some other rescued women are confirmed underage in the medical tests, further cases would be lodged accordingly."

Efforts would be made to bring the rescued women under some state government run welfare schemes," the official said. (PTI)

400 arrested for drinking in public

NEW DELHI, NOV 30/-/ As many as 400 persons have so far been arrested by the excise department of Delhi government in the ongoing drive against public drinking in the national capital. Although 29 persons were arrested for consuming liquor in public places on Monday, 13 were caught yesterday for violating the drinking down rules. While launching the drive against open drinking on November 7, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia had said the intention of the government was not to put people in jails but to reform them and curb so this menace which is taking toll on the families and safety of women can be ensured.

Call to improve state highway

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ On 29.11.2016, a delegation of BJP led by Shri Ajoy Bairagi, state general secretary, BJP, A&N Islands and HMA nominated member along with Mr. N. Selva Kumar, district general secretary & Barnadi Mondal, panchayat samiti member, Kadamtala met the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in his chamber regarding improvement of state highway from Kalighat to Ramnagar including road side drain-cum-retaining wall and other issues related to North & Middle Andaman District. It has been

brought to his notice that although tenders were called for, no execution of the said work commenced till date.

Meanwhile the said portion of state highway has been converted to National Highway. Formalisation and finalisation of tender on this aspect etc. may take its own time.

The Chief Secretary has been requested for early commencement of the work out to the UT fund as decided earlier so as to facilitate ease movement of vehicles and address the difficulties of the public.



People cross a railway track in front of an onrushing train on a foggy winter morning in Allahabad—REUTERS

Minutes of inter-ministerial meeting can't override Act: HC

NEW DELHI, NOV 30/-/ The minutes of an inter-ministerial meeting under an Act cannot be taken away by a mere inter-ministerial decision, the Delhi High Court has observed while quashing the minutes of a March 2010 meeting of the erstwhile UPA government regarding citizenship to children born to Tibetan refugees in India. It said the minutes of inter-ministerial meeting of March 30, 2010 and the August 2011 communication issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to the Election Commission of India (ECI) on the issue were "contrary to the Citizenship Act."

The MHA, in a letter to the ECI, had conveyed the minutes of the inter-ministerial meeting which said, "the children born to Tibetan refugees in India will not be treated as Indian citizen automatically based on their birth in India before July 1, 1987 under section 3(1)(a) of Citizenship Act, 1955". The minutes had also said that all such persons will have to submit

an application individually under the provisions of the Act to the MHA, after which the nationality status of all such children would be determined by the ministry as per the prescribed procedure.

In his order, Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva said, "Section 3 of the Act very categorically lays down the conditions under which a person acquires citizenship by birth. By a mere correspondence or an inter-ministerial meeting, the statutory provisions cannot be defeated." "No decision taken in an inter-ministerial meeting can override a statutory provision. The petitioner has been given rights under the Act, those rights cannot be taken away by a mere inter-ministerial decision," the court said.

"The communication dated August 26, 2011 and the minutes of meeting dated March 30, 2010, being contrary to the Act, are quashed," it said. The verdict came on a petition by

Tenzin Tselha, a girl child born to Tibetan parents in May 1987, who claimed Indian citizenship and that she cannot be denied an Indian passport. The court allowed her plea and held that she is an Indian citizen and is entitled to all the benefits and privileges as available to the Indian citizens. "The respondents (Centre) cannot require the petitioner to make any application under section 9 of the Act. Petitioner cannot be denied Indian passport by the respondents on that ground," the court said, asking the Centre to issue an Indian passport to her in accordance with the rules. During the hearing, the Centre's counsel had relied on the MHA's August 26, 2011 letter issued to the ECI in which minutes of inter-ministerial meeting were conveyed. The counsel said that as per the minutes, all children born to Tibetan refugees here would not be treated as Indian citizens "automatically" based on their birth before July 1, 1987 and they have to submit applications individually under section 9(2) of the Citizenship Act. (PTI)

Stern action against sellers of banned tobacco products

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ The District Administration has taken strong action against the illegal sale of banned tobacco products. A surprise inspection was carried out in Port Blair area by the revenue team and found that numbers of gummies/shops were clandestinely selling the banned tobacco products.

Approximate 18 nos. of gummies at Gandhi Statue, Prem Nagar Junction, in front of state library and near Head Post Office were evicted. These gummies had encroached on government land and were suspected to be selling the banned tobacco products. This drive will continue over the coming week.

In addition to these, the Food Safety Officer has seized and detained 218 tins of tobacco from M/s Poonam Enterprises, Gurudwara Line, Aberdeen under sub section (1) of section 41 of Food Safety and Standards act 2006 and the shop has been directed to be closed.

All those involved in illegal sale of banned tobacco products are warned to refrain from indulging in such illegal activities, else strongest action as per relevant acts will be taken against them. Public is advised to remain vigilant and pass credible information to District Control Room at 1070.

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AFFIDAVIT
I, Sateender Gour, S/o Jaya Prakash, Rio Shore Point under Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under that: 1. That my son's actual and correct name is Prince Kumar Gour as per the Birth Certificate and Ration Card. 2. That my son's name has been wrongly recorded as Prince Kumar instead of Prince Kumar Gour in the school records. That I swear that this affidavit is for correction of my son name in the school records. That the statement made above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Deponent

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Employers told to pay salary through banks

PORT BLAIR, NOV 30/-/ The Government of India in a historical move to fight corruption, black money, money laundering, financing of terrorists as well as counterfeit notes, Vite Gazette Notification dated 08.11.2016 has cancelled the legal tender character of the old high denomination bank notes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 issued by RBI. Subsequently, the Government of India has also taken several measures to fully protect the interests of honest and hard-working citizens of India and mitigate the hardships faced by the citizens. However it has been observed that some contractors are paying in advance wages to the workers in dominations of Rs. 500 and 1000 of cancelled currency. In this regard the contractors and employers of shops & commercial establishments, factories, hotels, restaurants and other businesses are advised to open bank accounts of their employees/workers immediately and remit salary into their bank accounts, the employers are also advised to refrain from paying salary/wages to workers in cancelled currency of old Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denomination. The workers are advised to report any such incidence immediately to nearest Police Station or Labour Department phone no. 231338. The Labour department in association with State Bank of India will hold special bank account opening camp for workers across the islands. A special camp at Bhatubasti will be held on December 2 from 6 pm to 8 pm, the workers and employers of the Bhatubasti market are requested to avail this facility.

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e-tender is invited from the registered/Firms/cooperative societies for supply of Liveries Items of this Institute. The interested bidders may submit the bids through e-procurement portal www.eproc.andaman.gov.in. The tenderers, who have not registered may visit the website for obtaining registration details. EMD in the form of Call Deposit/Term Deposit/FDR for an amount of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) drawn from any nationalized bank in favour of Purchase Secretary and shall have to be submitted to the Purchase Secretary, Dr. B. R. Ambekar Institute of Technology, latest by 26/12/2016 up to 1400 with subscribed tender's letter No., date and due date and dropped into tender box placed in the institute. The scanned copy of the EMD need to be uploaded in the online portal. The tender document can be downloaded from the website www.eproc.andaman.gov.in and can be uploaded in the website up to 26/12/2016, 1400 hrs and will be opened on same day at 14.30 hrs.
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No. 15-22(2)/DB/MD/2016-17/1994
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MINOR IRRIGATION DIVISION
A.P.W.D., HUT BAY
Hut Bay, dated the 25th November, 2016

PRECIS NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, APWD, Hut Bay on behalf of the President of India, invites Separate sealed item rate tender [in form C.P.W.D-8] from approved and eligible experienced Contractors of appropriate class of APWD up to 3.00 PM on 29/12/2016 for under mentioned work.

Sl. No.	MIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost up to Tender	Earnest Money Deposit	Time of Completion
1.	29/MID/DB/2016-17	Construction of 08 Nos. Type-III Otrs (D/S) for GPA under MID, Hut Bay.	1,41,18,720/-	2,82,374/-	12 (Twelve) Months
2.	30/MID/DB/2016-17	Construction of retaining wall along LATR at Netaji Nagar (11 km), SW-Construction of retaining wall along LATR at Netaji Nagar (11 km) both side including side drain at Ch. 11474mtr to 11614mtr.	61,13,880/-	1,22,278/-	03 (Three) Months

The tender Forms and other details can be obtained from the Office at the Executive Engineer on payment of Rs. 2000/-. The last date of application to purchase tender Form will be 29/12/2016 up to 4.00 PM. Other detail/information can be seen on website: www.andn.in.
(For & on behalf of the President of India)
Executive Engineer MID, A.P.W.D., Hut Bay
R. No. IP/1731/16

Demonetisation: Guj HC seeks replies of Centre, RBI

AHMEDABAD, NOV 30/-/ The Gujarat High Court has sought response from the Centre and RBI on a PIL challenging the legality of demonetisation and exclusion of district cooperative banks from the list of members from exchanging or withdrawing currency notes. A division bench of Chief Justice R Subhash Reddy and Justice V M Pancholi sought the response from the government and RBI moved by farmers' body Gujarat Khedut Hitrakshak Samiti, and kept the matter for hearing on December 5,

together with another PIL on the same issue by Bhavnagar District Cooperative Bank that was heard yesterday by the high court. The petitioner raised the question on legality of Centre's decision to demonetise Rs 500 and Rs 1000 currency notes, saying it cannot be carried out merely on the basis of a gazette but an Act is required to be passed through Parliament. Citing the example of demonetisation carried out in 1978, the petitioner said the then Morarji Desai government had

issued an ordinance and passed an Act in Parliament to make currency notes of Rs 1000, Rs 5000 and Rs 10,000 illegal. "According to section 26 (2) of the RBI Act, only a certain series of currency notes of particular denominations can be demonetised, and not entire currency notes," the petitioner said, adding that the government's order is illegal and unconstitutional. The petition also challenged the limitation imposed on bank account holders from limitation on withdrawals, saying

that the Centre has no right to pass such an order. If further said that DCCBs are on par with nationalised or private banks as all these banks registered with the RBI are guided by the same Act. "All the banks have been registered under the same section of the RBI Act and hence, RBI cannot discriminate among them. Rights taken away from the DCCBs to allow their account holders from withdrawing or exchanging currency notes are illegal," the petitioner said. (PTI)