

No respite for villagers from stray cattle menace in LA

*Panchayat bodies unmoved

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HUT BAY, JAN 21/-/ Routine caveats by the civic body and constant pleas by the panchayat authorities notwithstanding, stray cattle menace continues to dog residents in the city as well rural pockets of these islands. As reported earlier, Little Andaman, in particular, has become a glaring example of official apathy where presence of stray cattle in large number on the arterial road stretches is posing a threat to vehicle users and pedestrians alike. Media reports notwithstanding, matters have gone bad to worse with at least two to three mishaps reported on a daily basis from the region. A steep rise in the number of stray cattle has been witnessed in Little Andaman recently as the concerned Gram Panchayats in the region are reportedly taking no steps to contain the menace. As a result, the stray animals have turned



killers on the roads in Little Andaman leading to a surge in the number of road mishaps. Our sources say that there has been no relief for residents in Little Andaman when it comes to stray cattle menace. A large number of stray animals were found squatting on the roads in most areas of Little Andaman. The number of stray cattle has increased sharply and despite repeated requests of villagers, the Panchayat authorities have failed to tackle the problem. Even crucial parts of Little Andaman like the bazaar

area, Coast Guard Station etc were infested with stray cattle menace. "Stray cattle are omnipresent - on the roads, vital road junctions, garbage pits, blocking the free flow of traffic or rummaging through the garbage in almost every part of Little Andaman. The stray cattle menace simply refuses to vanish to the chagrin of villagers here. These stray cattle pose a serious risk to the lives of the commuters. The risk increases manifold during the night hours as the drivers fail to spot the



The Director General of Police, Mr Dependra Pathak inaugurated the new Fire Station Building of Diglipur on Monday. Inspector General of Police, A & N Police, Superintendent of Police, North and Middle Andaman, Assistant Commissioner (Diglipur), Deputy Superintendent of Police (Fire), Pramukh of Diglipur, Inspector of Fire Services, North and Middle, Heads of various government departments, PRI members and villagers in large numbers were present on the occasion. The DGP, later, took a round of the Fire Station premises to take stock of equipments and other facilities available. Functioning since 1988, the Fire Station at Diglipur covers a massive jurisdiction from Lamia Bay to Katar junction in North Andaman. Besides Fire calls, the team deployed here also attends special service calls like animal rescue, tree crashing incidents and other natural disasters. The foundation stone for the new Fire Station building was laid in January 2017. (EOI Pix)

41 police personnel, Master Esow Alben felicitated



PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ As part of ongoing Police Week being observed from 16th to 23rd January, 2019 a sumptuous Bada Khana was organized on Jan 19 at A&N Police Fire Service (HQ) here for the staff of South Andaman District. The Superintendent of Police (Fire), Smt Amrutha Guguloh, welcomed the gathering and prizes were distributed by the DGP, A&N Islands, Mr Dependra

Pathak, to 41 Police personnel of various units of A&N Police for their achievement in various sports organized during Athletic meet, 2018. Master Esow Alben, World No.1 Junior Cyclist was also felicitated by the DGP, A&N Islands for being selected for Rashtriya Bal Shakti Puraskar. His parents, Mr Alben, ASI (A&N Fire Service) and Smt Lelly received the honour.

All senior police officers and Police personnel from various units like Fire Service, Police Radio, Police Marine Force, Traffic branch, CID, Police Head Quarters, Police Stations etc. participated in the programme. Similar Bada Khana are also organized at Car Nicobar & Campbell Bay for staff of Nicobar District and at Mayabunder for North & Middle Andaman District.

Gang of burglars busted, three notorious criminals held by Aberdeen cops

PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ In the last three days, the staff of Aberdeen Police Station has cracked two theft cases and arrested three notorious thieves namely Rajiv Biswas s/o Shri. Robin Biswas, Sandeep Guha s/o Late Shankar Guha and Monotosh Mondal s/o Shri. Tarak Mondal and recovered the stolen properties. Other suspects namely Sandeep Guha (31 yrs) R/o Juglighth and Monotosh Mondal (24 yrs) R/o Bhatu Basti were also apprehended at Junglighth due to their involvement in FIR No. 39/2019 During sustained interrogation, they revealed that they had sold some of the stolen articles to SK Saber Ali S/o Shri SK Ohab Ali (26 yrs) R/o Juglighth. These items were also recovered from SK Saber and he was also arrested as receiver of stolen property in the same case. Accused Sandeep Guha is notorious criminal and had been involved in 17 cases of theft and burglary. The accused Monotosh Mandal is also a notorious burglar and he is involved in 6 cases of theft and burglary. The special team has worked extremely hard in cracking such blind cases and has always put tremendous & skilled efforts to perform their duties. The entire operation took place under the overall supervision of SDPO (SA) Mr Nishant Gupta.

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Two-wheeler stolen from Atlanta Point

PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ Another case of two-wheeler theft has been reported from the city. As per sources, a red-colour TVS Scooty bearing registration no. AN01F9522 belonging to one Dinesh Kumar was found missing from Atlanta Point area last Saturday. The owner lodged a complaint with the Aberdeen Police in which he also stated that around Rs 10,000/- cash and vital documents were also kept in the two-wheeler. Meanwhile, the Police conducted extensive search in the city area upto Bhatu Basti, but couldn't locate the two-wheeler. Search operation is still on to trace the vehicle and the thieves.

Another bootlegger held

PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ Continuing its crackdown against illegal sale of liquor, the Aberdeen Police on Monday arrested another bootlegger from School Line area. During routine patrol, Head Constable V Henthoo and Constables D Shiv Kumar and Vinod Linyia notified one person serving liquor to people without valid permit at a public place near Municipal Office, School Line. Upon search, two 750 ml bottles of IMFL containing around 500 ml was seized from the possession of the accused identified as Ranjan Lohar, 29 years, private worker and resident of School Line. The accused has been booked under section 32 of Regulation III of 1876.

MP lays stone for six new projects under MPLAD scheme

PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ The Member of Parliament, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray laid the foundation stones for six new works under MPLAD scheme in Municipal Ward No 2, Ward No. 06, Ward No.09, Ward No.10, Ward No.11 & in Ward No. 14 recently. On Jan 15, the foundation stone for construction of Indoor Badminton Hall at an estimated cost of Rs 37, 31,469/- in Dairy farm was laid in the presence of Smt Anusia Devi, Chairperson PBMC, Mr B Eswar Rao Councillor, Ward no 14 and general public, while on 17th Jan, the MP laid the stone for construction of road from Mr Gurunath house to Sukara House at Kaju Basthi Road at Dairy Farm at an estimated cost of Rs 16,17,309/- in the presence of Smt Anusia Devi, Chairperson PBMC and Councillor, Ward No.09.



The MP also laid the foundation stone for construction of RCC retaining wall along side of road from Mr Karuppath house to Mr Sakthivelu House at Krishna Nagar, Shadipur at an estimated cost of Rs 8, 82, 174 /- in presence of Smti. Anusia Devi, Chairperson PBMC and Smt Vinita Malhotra Councillor of Ward no. 10. On 17th, he also laid the stone for construction of footpath and drain from Mr Balakrishnan house to Smt. Saraswathi house at Bhagat Singh Colony Haddo, at an estimated cost of Rs 11, 76,243/- in the presence of Smti. Anusia Devi, Chairperson PBMC and Mr Someshwar Rao Councillor of Ward no 2. Foundation



stone for construction of Gymnasium at Middle Point Bank Road Park at Middle Point under Ward No. 06 for an estimated cost of Rs 17, 39,108/- under MPLAD Scheme was also laid by the Member of Parliament in

the presence of Smt Anusia Devi, Chairperson PBMC, Smti. Protima Banerjee Councillor, Ward no 06 and general public. The Member of Parliament also laid the foundation stone for construction of retaining

wall near the house of Mr Hari Mohan and Mr Jagmohan at South Point under Ward No.10 at an estimated cost of Rs 16,98,964 /- in the presence of Smt. Sheela Singh Councillor of Ward No 10.

Flea Market from Jan 30

PORT BLAIR, JAN 21/-/ To promote local culture, cuisine, art & handicrafts as "Unique tourism Products" of these islands and to encourage the participation of the locals towards promotion of tourism, the Tourism Department organizes "Flea Market" at Marina Park, every year with the support of individuals, various cultural associations, Self Help Groups, NGOs etc during peak seasons. The department has decided to organize the flea market on 30th & 31st January, 2019 from 4 pm to 9 pm at Marina Park. The application in this regard may be obtained from the office of the Tourism Department (Operational Unit), Tel No. 03192-244081 during working hours from 22.01.2019 to till 24/01/2019 and submit the same by 25th January, 2019.



Picture shows a team from Fire Station, Marine holding a demonstration on fire fighting techniques, basic first aid and disaster preparedness for school students and staff at a school in city on Monday. Such sensitization camps were also conducted in other parts of South Andaman and in the Middle Andaman region. (EOI Pix)

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