

PBMC's online payment facility from Sept 11

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- The Chairperson of Port Blair Municipal Council, Mr IP Singh will inaugurate online payment facility on Sept 11 for citizens of Port Blair for payment of property tax, water charges and conservancy charges.

Port Blair municipal council in collaboration with national informatics centre, Lucknow has replicated the eNagarsewa application in Port Blair city. Now, citizens can pay water charges, property tax, market rent online without coming to the PBMC counter. This project is the finest example of a successful story of e2C2 collaboration. The launch function will be held at Dr. B R Ambedkar Auditorium, Port Blair at 10.30 am. eNagarsewa application will be extended to every ward of Port Blair city through 19 common service centres by end of September. Citizens will be able to pay the PBMC taxes/charges in CSCs also by end of this month. For online payment please visit the state portal of Andaman and Nicobar Islands www.andaman.gov.in and look for the eNagarsewa services of PBMC tab.

Alternatively citizens can directly access the URL: e-nagarsewa.gov.in/india/home.

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All the sailings are subject to weather conditions

10.09.2018 (MONDAY) HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

RANGAT, MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR

- MV Choudhary will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Kadamtala and Long Island on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
- MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 10.09.2018 (Mon) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 07th, 8th, 9th & 10th Sept 2018 will be issued to the general public on 06.09.2018 (Thurs) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.

11.09.2018 (TUESDAY) HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

- MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 11.09.2018 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on same day. The above sailing of MV Dering is purely subject to fair weather conditions.

12.09.2018 (WEDNESDAY) HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Choudhary will sail for Havelock on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Choudhary will sail for Havelock on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

- MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 0900 Hrs from Hut Bay.

RANGAT & DIGLIPUR

- MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 12.09.2018 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

13.09.2018 (THURSDAY) HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Choudhary will sail for Havelock on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Choudhary will sail for Havelock on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

- MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 13.09.2018 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs. The above sailing of MV Dering is purely subject to fair weather conditions.

Blood donation camp by NGGOA

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, A & N Islands organised a blood donation-cum-awareness camp on Saturday at Maranitra Mandal Hall here. Mr Naresh Chandra Lall, Padmashree Awardee, Brand Ambassador of Swatch Bharat Abhiyaan and a member of National Film Censor Board inaugurated the blood donation camp.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Naresh Chandra Lall appreciated the efforts of the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association for organizing such a commendable humanitarian programme. He also recalled his long association with Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association when he worked as a clerk under A & N Administration. He also stressed the need for spreading awareness regarding voluntary blood donation as there are no other sources for blood at the time of need, in this islands other than government blood banks. Dr. Ganesh Samaddar,



Deputy Director, Blood Safety explained various aspects of blood donation and termed the superstitions prevailing in the society regard to blood and organ donation as a stigma. From among 40 registered voluntary donors around 20 units of blood units were collected from the donors who were found sound for blood donation. A team of staff from Health Department under the guidance of Shri C.P.Paul, Sr. Lab Technician and

Supervisor, Blood Bank conducted the camp. Earlier, Mr S.N.Mishra, Vice President of the Association welcomed the gathering. The General Secretary, Mr T.S.Sreekrumar recalled about the historical strike of 1968 and said the blood donation camp is a part of observance of 50th Anniversary of that strike. Mr P.Sathyapal, President of the Association felicitated the former member of the Association

and Padmashree Awardee Mr Naresh Chandra Lall by presenting a shawl and a memento in the function. Mr S.L.Vinith, Secretary South Andaman Teachers' Branch of the Association proposed vote of thanks. Mr D.Ayyappan, General Secretary, A&N Gazetted Officers' Association, Mr B. Chandrachodan, General Secretary, CITU, Mr S.P.Kalairajan, Circle Secretary, BSNLEU and many other dignitaries graced the occasion.

Annual Function of 'Muktadhara'

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- 'MUKTADHARA', an Academy of Dance, Drama & Music of these Islands organised its Annual Function in collaboration with the Kala Kendra, Socio under the aegis of Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration recently. Mr Udit Prakash Rai, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District was the chief guest of the function.

One and half hour's duration Annual



Function was clad with variety of cultural events namely, Rhythmic Yoga Dance, vocal presentation of Chhota Khayal, Ddra, Tarana, Ghazal etc. Ventriloquism (Talking Doll), Semi Classical, Dance Recital 'Makhan Chori' and 'Beti Bachao', Magic Show etc. Vocal presentation of Khayal by Kamari Brishty Roy was immensely applauded by the audience of the programme. Mr Udit Prakash Rai, Deputy Commissioner (SA) and Smt. Neha

Bansal, Secretary (Art & Culture) praised the endeavour of Mukta Dhara for presenting such a beautifully arranged cultural evening for Port Blairians. Earlier, Smt. Rashida Iqbal, Assistant Director (Art & Culture) welcomed the gathering. The entire programme was managed by Smt. Chapala Talukdar; coordinated by Shri Rizwan, an eminent young Anchor; and directed by Miss Priyanka Talukdar, a multitalented artist of this archipelago. In

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PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- The state president of BJP, A&N Islands, Mr Vishal Jolly and party workers have deeply mourned the sudden demise of Smt. Mariam Bibi, aged 86, R/o Anarkali, Port Blair, mother of Mr Ramjan Ali, Councillor Ward No. 3, PBMC. She passed away on Sunday at her residence.

Death mourned

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- The President, Pradesh Congress Committee, Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma and other leaders of the party have mourned the sad demise of Smt. Mariam Bibi, 86 years, resident of Anarkali Village, mother of Mr Ramjan Ali, Councillor, Port Blair Municipal Council Ward No. 3. She passed away on Sunday. In a release, the party leaders prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for enough strength for the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

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TN rejects Centre's report on groundwater contamination in Tuticorin

CHENNAI, SEPT 9/- The Tamil Nadu government has rejected the Centre's report on groundwater contamination in Tuticorin in the backdrop of the Sterlite controversy, saying it was 'absolutely vague' and seemed to support the Vedanta Ltd unit which was "totally unwarranted". The main opposition DMK also lashed out at the report, saying it "angered the people of the state."

Chief Secretary Girija Vaidyanathan wrote to the Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, RD and GR (Ground Water), saying Tamil Nadu was "perturbed" that the report had been commissioned without intimating the state government or the statutory authorities, including the TNPCB. Referring to the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board's (TNPCB) refusal to renew consent for the operation of Sterlite Copper Smelting plant in Tuticorin

in April, she said this was done after detailed investigation and analysis of all the relevant factors. "On the basis of scientific studies, the TNPCB has concluded that the level of pollution caused by the Sterlite Copper Smelting Plant has gravely affected the health and safety of residents in the locality, warranting closure of the industry," she said in the letter, dated September 7.

To safeguard the environment, a fundamental duty was imposed on the state by virtue of Article 48-A of the Constitution of India and the Tamil Nadu government had ordered permanent closure of the unit, she said. The circumstances under which the Ministry of Water Resources had asked the Central Ground Water Board to carry out a water quality assessment in that area was "lacking in bona-fides" as the TNPCB has not only conducted detailed studies

but the matter was also sub-judice, she said. The matter was pending before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) in Delhi, besides the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court, she added. Quoting from the report, she said it concludes that the investigation team could not enter into the premises of Sterlite Copper Industry to collect representative samples from inside and outside of the unit since district authorities had sealed it following a government order for its permanent closure. (PTI)

Zilla Niwas DRMs distressed over held-up monthly wages

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As an official of the Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, admitting the delay caused in disbursement of wages to the Zilla Niwas workers cited shortage of funds as the reason. "We are much appressed of the problems being faced by the Zilla Niwas DRMs and will release their pending wages soon," assured the official.

CITY BEATS

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Construction material dumped on road

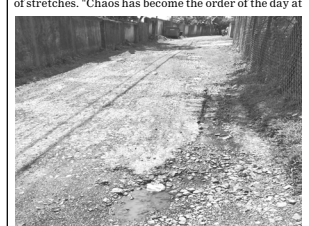
PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- Building materials for under-construction commercial and residential buildings can be witnessed scattered on roads at many places in the city posing serious threat to the lives of commuters. Construction materials such as sand, gravel, iron, GI pipes etc can be seen dumped on roads, shrinking the space on the already congested city roads.



But the administration has turned a blind eye towards the problem as a result of which people have no fear of law and keep such material on roads. This Correspondent last Friday found tonnes of pipes kept on the main road at Delanipur reducing space for road users. "Construction of buildings is going in different parts of the city and elsewhere and the builders keep construction materials on the road, leaving little space for commuters. Apart from dumping construction material, builders block the way of commuters whenever some consignment is unloaded at the construction site. The matter relates to the safety of commuters and the authorities concerned should take strict action against those violating the norms," said some residents of Delanipur.

Battered road network at Marine Colony

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 9/- With heavy rains lashing these islands since the onset of monsoon this year, massive craters, potholes and rainwater inundation has become scourge for residents of Marine Colony at Dollygunj. Almost the entire road network in the residential colony has become unmotorable and people are presently fretting and fuming over the poor quality of stretches. "Chaos has become the order of the day at



Marine Colony since the beginning of the monsoon season this year. The risk of two-wheeler riders being thrown off the vehicle after hitting the ruts has increased and many have suffered injuries in the past few days. Four wheelers riders also swerve the vehicles to avoid the potholes and end up dashing vehicles coming from the opposite direction. The authorities concerned should attend to the grievances of the residents of this colony and initiate measures to repair the road network," said some residents of the Colony.

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