

# Overcrowded ferries give jitters to commuters at Middle Strait

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**BARATANG, SEPT 26/-** While construction of a bridge connecting Middle Strait to Baratang is likely to kick off soon, inadequate vehicle ferry services of the Shipping Department in this sector continues to trouble thousands of commuters. Hundreds of tourists, locals depend on the vehicle ferries connecting Middle Strait to Nilambur on a daily basis. But for insufficient boats and trips, commuters



overcrowded ferries. Insufficient vehicle ferry service in the Middle Strait.

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is left with no other option to commuters in congested ferries daily. The administration should push

now assumed alarming proportions. Hundreds of tourists descend at Middle Strait and travel by boats to Baratang to visit tourist spots here. While the Shipping Department has introduced a dedicated boat service between Port Blair and Baratang, it has found few takers as many still prefer to travel by road. The vehicle ferries deployed in the sector reportedly lacks safety gears and ferrying such large number of passengers and vehicles could lead to another tragedy, if not checked in time. The Shipping Department should do more to promote the sea route for tourists, while the law enforcing agencies should ensure crowd regulation on the vehicle ferries," suggested a resident of Baratang.

**"Vessel ferries with overloaded passengers pose serious risk to their lives. Scenes of overloaded ferries which transport passengers, along with buses and goods vehicles bring back the horrific memories of the January 26 boat tragedy"**

particular tourists are forced to endure with heavy crowds on the boats. To add to the woes is patry vigil by the law enforcing agencies to prevent any untoward incident on the

Bambooflat sector has become a scourge for thousands of commuters. Overcrowding of ferry vessels have now become a rising risk to thousands of precious lives. Scenes of

horrific memories of the January 26 boat tragedy. But we are forced to avail the service to visit Limestone Cave and other tourist locations in Baratang, which has gained immense popularity over the year. With limited vessels deployed in the sector, one

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## ANC to celebrate Parakram Parv from Sept 28

**PORT BLAIR, SEPT 26/-** /To honour the sacrifice and valour of the Armed Forces, the Andaman and Nicobar Command will celebrate Parakram Parv from Sept 28. The mega celebration will be organized as part of the second anniversary of surgical strike on 29 September 2018 all across India and the tri-services Command will also organize various events to mark occasion and join the nationwide celebrations. The major attractions during the celebrations will include an exhibition at Netaji Subhash Stadium, Ship visit at Naval Wharf and display of aircraft at INS Utkrosh in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the Army, Navy and Air Force components of the Command in a show of jointmanship, will carry out demonstrations and put up display of their weapons and equipment. Videos of operations carried out by the three forces will be played at the Parakram Parv exhibition, which will be inaugurated at Netaji Stadium by Maj Gen



Beji Mathews, Chief of Staff, Andaman Nicobar Command at 9 AM on 28 September 2018.

and from 2 pm to 5 pm on 28 September and 29 September 2018. Entry to the Naval Wharf would be from the Haddo gate and to INS Utkrosh from the old guard room gate near Carbyn Chowk.

During the exhibition various attractions that will be conducted throughout the day include slithering of Marine Commandos (MARCOS) from a Helicopter, attack on a ground target by Army Special Unit, Band display etc.

Additionally, Indian Naval museum 'Samudrika' will be open to public free of cost from 27 Sep to 30 Sep 18. All schools are also requested to organize visits to the various venues for Parakram Parv educate the students on the valour of our Armed Forces.

For the public to share their emotions a white wall for writing and selfie corners would also be set up at the exhibition. All are invited to visit the Netaji Stadium, Naval Wharf and INS Utkrosh from 9am to 12 noon

All the veterans of the islands have been invited to participate in the celebration. (PIB, Port Blair)



Picture shows garbage being disposed of by sanitary workers of Gram Panchayat, Rangut in Middle Andaman. Timely collection and disposal of trash by the Panchayat has earned appreciation for the Pradhan of the area. (Pic: SUBRATA)



Picture shows ANMs, ASHA, Anganwadi workers and ICDS functionaries participating in a rally to generate awareness on nutrition during observance of Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month) at Campbell Bay on Tuesday. The rally was faged off by the Pradhan of Govindnagar Panchayat, Smt Rosaliya Kullu. The Department of Social Welfare, A & N Administration is celebrating Rashtriya Poshan Maah throughout these islands this month dedicated to nutrition on the theme "Ensuring focused intervention on addressing under-nutrition during the first 1000 days of the child: Better Child Health". (Pic: BALRAM SINGH)

## All India Writers' Festival from Sept 28

**PORT BLAIR, SEPT 26/-** / Sahitya Akademi in collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture and Department of Tourism will organise the All India Writers' Festival at Andaman Club here on Sept 28 and 29, 2018. The inaugural function will be addressed by Mr Raghuveer Chaudhari, eminent Gujarati writer and Fellow of Sahitya Akademi, while Mr Madhav Kaushik, Vice President of Sahitya Akademi will deliver the presidential address. The Secretary, Art and Culture, Smt Neha Bansal and Mr Amit Anand, Director, Information, Publicity and Tourism, will be the guests of honour on the occasion. The two-day festival will be held in four sessions. On Sept 28, the first session on 'My Inspiration in Writing' will be held from 11.45 am to 1 pm and a Poets' Meet will be held in the second session from 2 pm to 4 pm. On Sept 29, the first session on Short Story Reading will be held from 10 am to 11.30 am, while the second on 'Asmita: Reading by Women Writers' will be held from 11.45 am to 1.30 pm.

## Workshop on 'Raspberry Pi' at DBRAIT

**PORT BLAIR, SEPT 26/-** / The Department of Electronics and Communication Engineering of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT), in association with the Tech Cryptors Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai, will organize a workshop on "Raspberry Pi" from Sept 29 to Oct 1 in the conference hall of DBRAIT. The workshop will have sessions on Python Programming Language, Setting up of Raspberry pi board, developing applications based on Raspberry pi and hands-on sessions including inter-phasing Raspberry pi with different electronic components. The workshop will help the participants to upgrade their knowledge in various Automation related projects, which is extensively used in Industries, and will make them Industry ready for better employability opportunities. Interested participants may contact Mr. H Shree Kumar, Workshop Coordinator, DBRAIT ON - 919434294836 or mail to hshreekumar@hotmail.com.

## EOI IMPACT: Quality, durability of C/Bay roads assured

BALRAM SINGH

**CAMPBELL BAY, SEPT 26** /- Acting promptly on the news report published in this daily recently, the top brass of the Andaman Public Works Department took stock of the road expansion work being carried out at Campbell Bay in the Great Nicobar region. As per sources, the local officials of the agency posted here have been issued strict instructions to ensure quality and durability in the road work. Currently, many stretches where the expansion work has been carried out has been decked up giving motorists and pedestrian the much-needed respite in the region. EOI recently reported about how use of



substandard materials, bad aggregates for the road expansion work. Besides use of low quality construction materials, supervision of the work execution was far from ensured. No Site Engineer or Junior Engineer had been deployed for supervising the work being executed at different areas here.



The Andaman and Nicobar Police team led by Mr. Mahesh Kumar Yadav, SHO Diglipur was felicitated by Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Lt Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands on Wednesday with LG's On the Spot Commendation Certificate for apprehending 10 foreign nationals last month who illegally entered these islands.

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