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Overflowing sewage giving health scare to Japan Road residents



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Port Blair, Feb 27/-/ While the city fathers are making tall claims about making Port Blair a Smart City, residents of a thickly populated area in the city are bearing the brunt of insanitary condition. Vallabha not only contracted Chikunguniya in

the past but malaria as well in the recent. If one wonders about the odds, the answer is that Vallabha is a resident of Japan Road in Dairyfarm. A faulty sewer system, overflowing sewage on main road, at times entering houses have been posing serious health hazards to the residents of Japan Road for the past few years. But the

authorities have till date failed to initiate corrective measures. According to residents, the problem has existed for the past few years, but has worsened in the recent months. "Sewage from several houses here is discharged into the drainage network and indiscriminate disposal of garbage like plastic bottles, coconut shells etc leads to choking the drainage system at frequent intervals. The sanitary workers don't bother to ensure regular cleanliness of the sewer and sewage water overflows at regular intervals and more frequently in monsoons," said a resident of Japan Road.

"Overflowing sewage and contamination of drinking water have been posing a serious health hazard to the residents here. It is very common to see sewage stagnating on the road which is because of some faults in the construction of the sewer network and frequent blockage in the pipeline. The place has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Many residents, especially those staying near the drainage frequently complain of ailments. Moreover, the stench emanating from the sewage water has made life miserable for us. At times, the overflowing dirty water from the sewer enters into the houses in the vicinity. Despite repeated pleas, the authorities have taken no action to address our concerns," said some others



Collage shows students of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Rangat, getting blessed by their parents during Matru Puja held on Monday. The Principal of Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Rangat, Smt Geeta and Educational Coordinator of VKV Lamba Line were present for the puja, which was organized for Class X students of the institution who will appear for the Board examinations this year. (Pix: V Senthil Kumar)

EVENTS TODAY

Puja: Birthday Tithi Puja of Shri Ramakrishna in the prayer hall of Ramakrishna Mission.

Camp: Port Blair Municipal Council to organize a camp on Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (HFA) in the community hall of Prothapur from 10 am to 1 pm and from 4 pm to 6 pm. Till March 1.

Last Date: To register for Rangat Premier League Season-5, T-20 Cricket League cum Knockout Tournament to be organized by the APWD Recreation Club.

NSS Camp: NSS Wing of JNM organizing NSS Special Camp 2017 at Birsra Nagar, Attam Pahad. Till March 3.

IT raids premises at Gurudwara Lane over suspicious cash deposits

PORT BLAIR, FEB 27/-/ The Income Tax Department raided a premise at 18, Hindu Sahitya Kala Parishad, Gurudwara Lane on Monday. According to reports, the raid comes in the wake of large cash deposits made during demonetization phase and the Income Tax Department led by Smt Aashwita Lal, Deputy Commissioner of Income Tax here, Mr Ujjwal Kumar, TPO and Mr Sunil Kumar, Inspector are probing instances of cash deposits to identify cases involving risk of tax evasion. Based on information of cash deposits collection and analyzed by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), a number of persons in these islands have been identified whose cash transactions are not in line with those available with the IT department.

The IT Department detected cash deposits to the tune of Rs 3.5 crores during the demonetization period and the accused could not substantiate the huge cash deposits. The IT raid at the premise is still underway, according to latest reports. According to information, several notices have been sent to various parties in these islands seeking explanation of sources of the cash deposits made by them. More such raids are expected to follow in cases where there is no compliance with the notices sent by the IT department. (EOIC)

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