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## Pahalgaon Panchayat gets motorable footpath, Pradhan promises more development

KURMA RAO

MAYABUNDER, MAY 29/- / It was late afternoon when old-aged father of Arun, a resident of a remote village in Pahalgaon, North Andaman developed chest pain. The hamlet was connected to the main road by a katha trail and Arun had to travel more than a kilometer carrying his father to hire an auto rickshaw. He was lucky enough to reach the nearest health centre on time. The situation has now changed



for hundreds of villagers of Pahalgaon and other nearby hamlets in the region. Under the headship of Pradhan, Pahalgaon Gram Panchayat, Sibananda Bairagi, the village recently got a 500 mtr motorable footpath following persistent demands over the past few years. The footpath from Tagapur Junction to Forest Ground has cut down the distance to connect to the arterial road by more than 700 mtrs and has come as a huge respite for the population in the area. (Contd. on page-3)

## LG urges scientists to ensure research benefits reach farmers

PORT BLAIR, MAY 29/- / The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited ICAR-CIARI Port Blair campus on Monday. During the visit, the Lt. Governor planted sapling at the ICAR-CIARI campus and then visited the ICAR-CIARI Museum, where he was briefed by the Director, CIARI, Dr. S. Dam Roy



about various research activities, achievements and innovations carried out by CIARI under different sectors. The Secretary, Agriculture, AH&VS, A&N Administration, Mr Ramesh Verma, Senior Scientists and technical officers were present on the occasion. (Contd. on page-2)

## Drinking water crisis at Amkunj tourist spot



SUBRATA

NIMBUTALA, MAY 29/- / Lack of drinking water facility at one of the most visited eco-friendly tourist destinations in Middle Andaman is earning flak for the Department of Environment and Forest. Though the agency boasts of developing the site immaculately with a host of eco-friendly facilities like huts, seating arrangements etc, it has failed to provide drinking water at the location forcing visitors to seek assistance from nearby households. "It's only after reaching the beach at Amkunj that we realize about the deficiency. After travelling for several hours from Port Blair, we plan to spend some leisure time at Amkunj before travelling further to Diglipur as per the tour itinerary. (Contd. on page-2)

## Diesel Outlet launched, stone laid for jetty extension at Junglighat

## Administration committed to ensure upliftment of fishing community: LG

PORT BLAIR, MAY 29/- /

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi laid the foundation stone for the work of extension of Junglighat Jetty by 75 meters and also inaugurated a diesel outlet at Fish Landing Centre at Junglighat on Monday in the presence of the Member of Parliament, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Mr Anindo Majumdar, Chairperson F&M, Mr B. Eswar Rao, Adhyaksh ZP South Andaman, Mr Jaydeep Kumar Dey, senior officers from administration and fishermen of the area. Addressing the gathering, the Lt. Governor said, it is a moment of great pleasure to lay the foundation for the extension of Fish Landing Jetty. He said that the diesel pump installed by the Indian Oil Corporation has fulfilled the long standing demand of the fishermen. With the inauguration of this diesel pump, the fishermen who were collecting diesel from private diesel pump about two to three kilometers away from Junglighat will now get the required quantity of diesel for their boats at the location. This, the Lt. Governor said will not only save time, but also save money which they spent on transporting the fuel. The Lt. Governor mentioned that



the landmark project was initiated by the Member of Parliament, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, for which, he whole heartedly complimented the MP for the initiative. The Lt. Governor stated that the Administration has taken numerous steps to ensure that the social and financial upliftment of the local fishermen community in the location. This, the Lt. Governor said will not only save time, but also save money which they spent on transporting the fuel. The Lt. Governor mentioned that

other step towards this direction. The Lt. Governor disclosed that a petrol outlet will be inaugurated on June 1st at Havlock and with the coming up of this outlet in the area, people of the area can save 18 rupees compared to the prevailing rate from June 1. The Lt. Governor said, the department is also developing facilities for preservation of fish and fishery products by establishing Cold Storages and Ice Plants at various places. The work for the Ice Plant at Panigat Jetty at Junglighat is an

stallation of plant and machinery for 10 ton capacity Ice Plant will commence soon. He stated that the Department of Fisheries is also implementing various central sector schemes like Blue Revolution which will further strengthen the fisheries sector in the Islands. (Contd. on page-2)

### EVENTS TODAY

- Firing practice:** Annual classification firing and firing practice by 70th batch trainees of police at Bird Line Police Firing Range from 4.30 am to 5 pm.
- Counseling:** Free counselling for B.Tech admissions in Holy Grace Academy of Engineering, Kerala at M A M complex (1st floor), near 'The Raymonds shop', 38, MA Road, Phoenix Bay from 9.30 am to 5 pm. Till May 31.
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