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## HC relief for tsunami victim of Campbell Bay

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PORT BLAIR, SEPT 25/-/ In a big relief to a tsunami victim of remote Great Nicobar island, the Calcutta High Court has directed the UT Administration to disburse compensation for submerged land in favour of one T.Vindhan within three months. Disposing of the writ petition earlier this month, Justice Rajiv Sharma directed the Principal Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation, to release the amount of compensation as per the order passed by the Lok Adalat and the recommendations made by the Deputy Commissioner within a period of three months if there is no other legal impediment. The petitioner, T.Vindhan, was tenure holder of the land bearing survey No.10, 207 and 208 situated at Vijay Nagar, Campbell Bay, which got submerged in the tsunami disaster

of 2004. The revenue authorities after examination of the relevant documents had opined that the claim of the petitioner was genuine and recommended payment of compensation as per the scheme of the Union Government. Subsequently, the matter was referred to the Lok



Adalat. After taking all relevant facts and documents into consideration, the Lok Adalat gave the view that the dispute has already been resolved and there has been a recommendation by the Tehsildar,

Campbell Bay to release the compensation amount, so another date may be fixed for payment of the compensation amount. In view of the fact that the compensation case is pending for consideration before Deputy Commissioner, Car Nicobar, the applicant was directed to meet the Deputy Commissioner, Car Nicobar for settlement of the claim. Thereafter on 27th March, 2017, the Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar passed an order communicating T.Vindhan that the monetary compensation of Rs 34,40,40/- will be paid to him once requisite funds are received from the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. But despite the orders of the Lok Adalat and Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar, the Principal Secretary, Relief and Rehabilitation did not release the compensation in favour of the petitioner, who prepared a writ before the High Court.

### EVENTS TODAY

- **Closed:** Swimming Pool at Netaji Stadium Complex to remain closed for members and non-members.
- **Sailing:** MV Bharat Seema scheduled to sail for Hut Bay at 8 am from Haddo wharf.
- **Exhibition:** Two-day Science, Arts and Craft exhibition at Kamaraj English Medium School, Brookshabad from 8 am.
- **Observance:** Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works observing Swachhta Abhiyan. Till October 2.
- **Application:** Directorate of Industries has invited applications from farmers, artisans, MSMEs and government agencies for participation in Andaman Bazar to be held from October 1 to 4.



Picture shows Mr Indra Pal Singh, newly elected Chairperson of Port Blair Municipal Council, calling on the Lt Governor, Prof Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Niwas on Monday.

## Lack of hot water facility puts patients in a fix at CHC Rangat

V SETHIL KUMAR



Picture shows massive potholes on the national highway road stretch near STS office, Rangat in Middle Andaman. Despite hardships being faced by commuters, repair and maintenance of the road network by concerned agencies in the government remains far from ensured. (Pic: SUBRATA)

RANGAT, SEPT 25/-/ Lack of basic amenities particularly hot water facility at Community Health Centre, Rangat, in Middle Andaman is taking a toll on patients in the region. Non-availability of hot water in the premises of the sprawling health centre is not only affecting the day-to-day operations at the centre, but also leaves patients and the relatives or caregivers who visit or stay by their side in a wretched state. According to reports, a separate hot water facility powered by solar energy was in operation at the CHC till a couple of months ago. But after the installation went defunct, the hospital management has taken no steps to get the installation repaired for the

benefit of patients. Presently patients and their relatives are forced to purchase hot water from retail shops located kilometres away from the Centre or approach nearby households for the purpose. "Even though the CHC Rangat has installed facility for hot water, the system has remained non-operational for the past more than two months causing grave inconvenience to patients. We've to purchase hot water from private shops paying our hard earned money. Some even reports, a separate hot water facility powered by solar energy was in operation at the hospital to obtain hot water for drinking. The authorities should wake up from slumber and do the needful to provide hot facility at the hospital," said some patients.

## MIOT saves poly-trauma patient against failing ventilator support

ROOPA LALL

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 25/-/ The multi-disciplinary team of MIOT's held a press meet at Megapode Nest on Monday to highlight how dedicated efforts by a team of doctors and their team starting from critical care, cardio thoracic, trauma, neuro surgery, nephrology, pulmonology, radiology, blood bank and microbiology, nurses and the physiotherapist saved a poly-trauma patient airlifted from Port Blair against failing ventilator support. The patient fought through severe ARDS and multiple organ failure and was retrieved back to normalcy using the sophisticated ECMO procedure. Dr.Prithvi Mohandas, Managing Director, MIOT, Dr.Vijit, Director, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Dr. Binoy, Director-International Cardiology, Dr.Nisheet TP, Director-Critical Care, MIOT Hospitals, the patient, Mr.Vignesh and his mother Smt S.Theanmol were present at the press conference. Speaking to newsmen, the patient's mother

said that she and her family will remain indebted to MIOT hospital and its staff for saving the life of her son. Unlike other hospitals where money is required to be deposited first, MIOT started treatment of my son immediately after he was admitted. An amount of Rs 45 lakh was incurred on treatment and I was in dire need of Rs 20



lakh. The Member of Parliament and the Chief Secretary extended all possible support for the treatment. After sanction of Rs 5 lakh under the ANISH scheme, MIOT granted relaxation in treatment ex-

penditure to the tune of Rs 12 to 15 lakh and despite an outstanding amount of Rs 11 lakh, my son was discharged from MIOT, she recounted. Dr.Prithvi Mohandas-Managing Director said rendering best healthcare to patients is the primary intention of MIOT, not money. There are many multi-specialty hospital in mainland with advanced technology, but all don't possess the basic quality of compassion towards patients, he added. Dr.Nisheet informed that Mr. Vignesh aged 32 showed up at MIOT on February 17 in a severely injured state after suffering a road accident. Mr. Vignesh only son of the family, was brought up by his single mother. He was recently married and has a kid who is one and half years old. He owns a transportation company and lived a quiet and pleasant life. On February 13, around 10 in the night, Mr. Vignesh and his friend were returning home on his bike after a movie. There was a large drainage hole dug on the road and mud stacked all along the hole. (Contd. on page-4)

## Bambooflat Bandh against erratic power supply, poor roads

M SURESH KUMAR

PORT BLAIR, SEPT 25/-/ A dawn-to-dusk bandh was observed by traders in different parts of Ferrargunj tehsil on Monday to protest the failure of the local administration to provide uninterrupted power supply and ensure repair and maintenance of road network in rural pockets of the South Andaman region. Normal activities were affected in the region as shopkeepers kept their shutters closed to vent their ire against the administration.

The bandh call given by Shop Owners Association of Bambooflat I and II, Shopkeepers Association of Wimberlygunj and Shop Owners of Ferrargunj was reportedly supported by other organizations in the area. Speaking to EOI, Mr. Sahadevan, general secretary of Shop Owners Association of Bambooflat claimed that the bandh was successful and all commercial establishments in the area remained closed from 5 am to 5 pm barring Medical Shops and Bakeries, which were allowed to open at 12 noon in view of public requirements.



Mr K Hamza, president of Shop Owners Association of Bambooflat, said that the protest was held to invite the attention of the authorities towards countless problems being faced by traders and general public in South Andaman. "Unrelenting power-cut is taking a toll on businessmen here who faced huge losses in the past few months due to frequent and long hour blackouts. The deplorable road network in Bambooflat and adjoining areas has become a scourge for villagers here. However, the APWD has failed to embark on remedial measures in the interest of the general public. Among others, we demand interrupted power supply in rural areas of South Andaman, installation of separate transformer in Bambooflat Jetty area, repairs of damaged roads, construction of culvert and drainage at Jetty area, issue of instructions to concerned Panchayat to contain stray cattle menace in their respective areas, development of parking spaces," he said adding that such protests will continue if the demands are not met soon.

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**Our Aim : Child Labour Free India**



## National Conference on Child Labour

26<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 | Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, New Delhi  
at 10:00 Hours

★ **Launch of PENCIL Portal**

- Platform for enforcement for No Child Labour (<http://pencil.gov.in>)
- Connects Central Govt. to State Govt., District Administration, NCLP Societies & General Public for Child Labour Free India

★ **Release of Standard Operating Procedure**

- A step by step guide for prevention, rescue and rehabilitation of child and adolescent labour
- Lists duties and responsibilities of stakeholders
- Facilitates convergence

by  
**Rajnath Singh**  
Union Home Minister

**Santosh Kumar Gangwar**  
Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Labour and Employment  
will preside over the function.

**Guest of Honour:**  
**Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi**

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