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# 'Sailors are being Cold Murdered' Says Liju Thankachan; Union to Stage Dharna on 6th October



"Sailors are being Cold Murdered"
- Liju Thankachan, General Secretary, Seafarers
Confederation of India (SCI)

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Tarun Karthick

Mr. Liju Thankachan, General Secretary, Seafarers Confederation of India (SCI) speaking to Nicobar Times over the phone told: "Sailors are being Cold Murdered". Mr. Liju was speaking Nicobar Times regarding the Non-Payment of Salaries to the Merchant Navy Officers manning foreshore sector vessels owned by the Directorate of Shipping Services, A & N Administration since July 2021.

Mr. Liju has written a letter to the Chief Secretary, A & Administration, N Secretariat, Port Blair, The Secretary (Shipping), A & N Administration, Port Blair, The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District and to Mr. Bebanjan Nandi (R.D.G.M), Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. informing that the union will stage a dharna in front of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. office at Delanipur, Port Blair on 06/10/2021 if the payment of wages is not made within 07 days from the date of receipt of his letter.

Mr. Liju in his letter has mentioned that the officers serving onboard Mainland Sector Vessels (FG), Inter-Island Coastal Vessels are getting their wages regularly along with the messing money. He added that SCI Ltd. has adopted step-motherly treatment towards the officers serving onboard foreshore sector vessels.

Mr. Liju mentioned in his letter that the issue has been taken up with the Director of Shipping Services, A & N Administration, the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd., Delanipur, Port

Blair as well as Surveyor In-Charge MMD, Port Blair vide the Union's letter. He added that the issue has also been taken up with the Assistant Labour Commissioner, A & N Administration, Port Blair.

The letter further mentions that the Assistant Labour Commissioner has taken up the issue with the Regional Manager, Shipping Corporation of India, Port Blair on 25/08/2021, but nothing has been done yet with regards to the issue.

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# MP Requests CS for Immediate Repair of the Roads of A & N Islands



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Rohit Kumar

Port Blair, 29 September 2021

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma today requested the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration to take some immediate measures to repair the roads so that it brings some relief to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In a letter addressed to the Chief Secretary the Member of Parliament today mentioned that the condition of the roads in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is becoming worse since last one year.

He added that almost all roads of PBMC, Zilla Parishads, State Highways and National Highways are equally damaged and are full of potholes. He added that the bad condition of roads is causing many problems for the general public of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially the old age people, children and medical patients etc.

The MP mentioned that as Panchayats, Zilla Parishads and PBMC are being run without the elected representatives, the situation of the roads have deteriorated even further.

He added that roads are a basic necessity, which is required for the growth of any society but in Andaman and Nicobar Islands since last year, it has been observed that the condition of roads have deteriorated so much that people are now scared to use the roads.

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# ABVP Launches Help Desk #StudentsForSeva to Help with College Admissions



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Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, Andaman and Nicobar Islands chapter has established a help desk named #StudentsForSeva to create awareness about the admission process of various colleges among the students seeking college admissions this academic year.

ABVP informed that the help desk will be very beneficial for those students who have applied for admissions in various colleges and are desirous of attending the counselling.

ABVP has informed that the students who need any help or guidance for admission may contact their office bearers (1) Ramesh Paramanik: +91-7908992893 (2) R Rajshekhar +91-9476016200.

This help desk of ABVP will prove to be very beneficial especially for the students from remote Islands who do have proper not knowledge the of admission process of colleges various of and Nicobar Andaman Islands.

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# 1,51,462 Second Dose COVID-19 Vaccines Administered in A & N Islands



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According to the latest figures released by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration 1,51,462 doses of second dose COVID-19 vaccination has been administered to the eligible population in Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

In terms of percentage, 52.33% of people who received the first dose of COVID-19 Vaccination in the Islands have also received their second dose of the vaccine. Andaman and Nicobar Islands has vaccinated 2,89,442

residents with the first dose of COVID-19 vaccination until today i.e. 29th of September 2021.

In total 4,40,904 doses of COVID-19 Vaccines have been administered in the Islands till date.

The active COVID-19 case tally of the Islands has also fallen to 9. All 9 Active cases of COVID-19 have been detected at South Andaman District. North and Middle Andaman and Nicobar District are currently COVID-19 free.

Overall the Islands have recorded 7620 cases of COVID-19 from the start of the pandemic out of which 7482 have recovered and 129 people have lost their lives. The second wave of COVID-19 has taken 67 lives in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and 2626 confirmed cases of COVID-19 has been recorded in the second wave till date.

6376 isolation beds are available across all three districts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. South Andaman has the highest number of isolation beds at 5583, followed by Nicobar

which has 507 isolation beds. North and Middle Andaman has 286 isolation beds.

5,50,232 samples have been tested in the Islands for COVID-19 till date. The Cumulative Test Positivity Rate of Andaman and Nicobar Islands is 1.38%.

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