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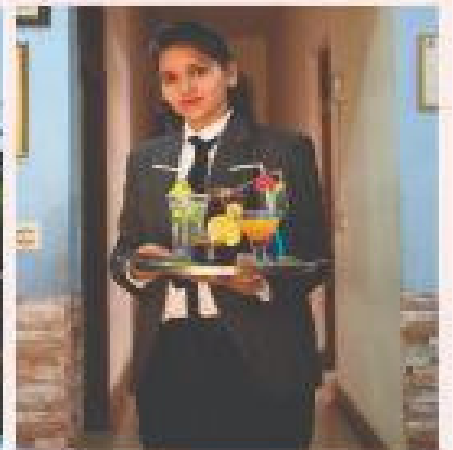
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No Salary for the Staff of NNM (Poshan Abhiyan) for almost 10 Months



**NO SALARY FOR
THE STAFF OF NNM
(POSHAN
ABHIYAN) FOR
ALMOST 10
MONTHS**

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Tarun Karthick

Campbell Bay, 06 October
2021

National Nutrition Mission (Poshan Abhiyan) is India's Flagship Programme to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers. The scheme is implemented in all three districts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. 24 employees have been working to implement the scheme at State, District and Block levels.

All 24 employees engaged for implementing the National Nutrition Mission (Poshan Abhiyan) have not

received their salaries for almost ten months. These staff responsible for implementing the NNM are posted in all parts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands including the remote Nicobar District.

Speaking to Nicobar Times, one employee working to implement NNM informed that they are suffering because of non-payment of salaries for a long time and have approached the authorities at the Directorate of Social Welfare multiple times, but nothing has been done so far for them.

Another employee informed Nicobar Times, that the staff of NNM working in remote areas such as Nicobar District are the worst sufferers because they are not locals of the area and are being forced to struggle every day to maintain themselves and their families far away from their homes without any salary.

The staff of NNM after approaching the Director of Social Welfare and the Programme Officer (ICDS) multiple times, also wrote to the Secretary (Social Welfare), Andaman and Nicobar Administration a few months ago, but their

salaries have still not been paid.

One employee working for the implementation of NNM also approached the Prime Minister's Office through CPGRAMS. He later received a reply regarding his grievance from the Director of Social Welfare. The Director informed that Poshan Abhiyan is implemented in Andaman and Nicobar Islands using the funds received from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI. He added that Andaman and Nicobar Islands being a UT without legislature is entitled to a 100% grant from the Central Govt. for

implementing the Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

The Director informed that the department has not received the balance fund from Ministry for the FY 2020-21 till date. He also informed that the fund for FY 2021-22 is also pending from the Ministry. He also mentioned that the department has written several reminder letters to the Ministry of Women and Child Development for the release of the pending funds.

The Director concluded by informing that the salary of the staff engaged under the

Centrally Sponsored Scheme Poshan Abhiyan, A & N Islands shall be released subject to the receipt of funds from the Ministry of Women and Child Development. This communication from the Director was sent on the 29th of July 2021.

The staff of NNM also informed Nicobar Times that their contract period ended on 30th September 2021 and usually they would continue working until fresh contract order was received, but this time they have decided to break their services because of non-payment of their salaries for almost past ten months.

The staff are currently facing a lot of issues because of non-payment of salaries. Andaman and Nicobar Administration should again take up the issue with the appropriate authorities at the Ministry of Women and Child Development and ensure that the salaries of these staff are paid immediately.

The political leaders of the Islands should also take up the issue of non-payment of the salaries to the staff of NNM (Poshan Abhiyan) with the Ministry and get the required funds released.

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Congress Stages Dharna all Across A & N Islands



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Port Blair, 6 October 2021

Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee today staged dharnas across many places in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The dharna was organised to oppose the Central Govt. Policies and a list of local issues were also included by the ANTCC.

The dharna saw participation from a large number of Congress workers and supporters. Some of the local issues in the list of demands released by the ANTCC includes revival of Pradesh Council,

job reservation for Islanders, improvement in Inter-Island shipping services, repair of roads, improving the power supply, Improvement in internet connectivity etc.

The Congress leaders also lashed out at the Administration and its policies. A press conference was hosted by the ANTCC yesterday wherein the scribes were told that Congress under the leadership of Mr. Rangalal Halidar, President, ANTCC and Mr. G Bhasker, Chairman, Campaign

Committee will fight against the administration for all the wrongdoings and get justice for the people.

The new leadership of the Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee is trying to revive the party in the Islands and the mass dharna seems to be the first step in the direction.

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BJYM Leaders from A & N Islands Attends National Executive Meeting at New Delhi



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Campbell Bay, 06 October
2021

Mr. N K Udhaya Kumar, State President, Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha, Andaman and Nicobar Islands along with Mr. Gourav Gogia, State General Secretary, BJYM, A & N Islands and Mrs. Bulbul Mistry, National Executive Member, BJYM attended the National Executive Meeting of Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha at NDMC Convention Centre, New Delhi.

The National Executive Meeting was held under the leadership of Mr.

Tejasvi Surya, National President, BJYM. The meeting was addressed by Mr. J.P Nadda, National President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Mr. B L Santosh, National General Secretary (Org.), Bharatiya Janata Party and Mr. Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary, Bharatiya Janata Party.

Mr. Tejasvi Surya in his address encouraged the leaders of the BJYM to motivate the youth to work for the development of the nation. The strategy and the plan for the growth of BJYM were also discussed in the meeting.

The meeting was fruitful as the leaders of BJYM gained a lot of knowledge from the stalwart leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

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