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Andaman and Nicobar Islands Achieves 80%+ Second Dose Vaccination; HCWs Undertake Door to Door Vaccination for Bedridden & Disabled Beneficiaries



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Campbell Bay, 22 Nov 2021

Andaman and Nicobar Islands achieved 80%+ second dose COVID-19 vaccination of its eligible beneficiaries (above the age of 18 years) recently. This is no ordinary feat and the Health Care Workers & entire Administration, NGOs and the general public should be lauded for the achievement.

According to the health bulletin of Andaman and Nicobar Islands dated 21st November 2021 released by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration 2,38,520 people in the Islands have received their

second dose of COVID-19 vaccination.

Altogether, 2,95,804 beneficiaries have received their first dose of COVID-19 Vaccination in Andaman and Nicobar Islands which is 103.43% of the target beneficiaries approximated by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

Altogether, 5,34,324 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the Islands till 21st of November 2021. Nicobar Times first hand witnessed HCWs from PHC Campbell Bay visiting the Kamal Basthi area to vaccinate the bedridden and disabled beneficiaries who are unable to visit the vaccination centre to get themselves vaccinated.

The HCWs who visited the houses of bedridden and disabled workers were very courteous and friendly with the families.

Sources have informed Nicobar Times that this kind of door to door visit to facilitate vaccination of the bedridden and disabled beneficiaries are going on at all areas of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Andaman and Nicobar Administration along with the Directorate of Health Services, NGOs and other organisations has so far organised a very systematic vaccination campaign throughout the Islands. It is not far away when the entire eligible population of Andaman and Nicobar Islands will be fully vaccinated.

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Day-long Chakka Jam by Farmers at Campbell Bay Called Off, Dharna to Continue Indefinitely; BJP & Congress Pledge Support







Tarun Karthick

Campbell Bay, November 2021

Great Nicobar Farmers Association had called for Campbell Bay Bandh on 22nd November and the farmers of Great Nicobar had blocked Zero Point Junction of Campbell Bay today to press for their demand of procurement of copra at Minimum Support Price.

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The Chakka Jam was scheduled only for 22nd November 2021 between 9 Am to 5 Pm and the farmers had decided beforehand not to continue with Chakka Jam any further. The farmers have informed Nicobar Times that they will continue with their dharna near the Fish Market at Main Bazaar, Campbell Bay.

The Chakka Jam by Great Nicobar Farmers Association was very peaceful and the farmers allowed the emergency vehicles as well as vehicles of defence services to pass through their blockade.

Great Nicobar Farmers Association have written 13 letters to various authorities requesting them to procure copra from the farmers of Great Nicobar at Minimum Support Price but their demand was ignored for years.

The farmers of Great Nicobar were very patient with their demand and only resorted to chakka jam and indefinite protests after the authorities failed to solve their issue for years altogether.

Protesting farmers while speaking with Nicobar Times informed that they will stage dharna day and night until and unless the administration arranges to purchase copra on MSP from them. The farmers have made it clear that nothing short of starting the procurement of Copra from them on MSP will satisfy them this time.

Leaders of both the Bharatiya Janata Party and Indian National Congress visited the protest site and pledged their full support to the protesting farmers.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, State Vice President, BJP; Mr. E.S Rajesh, District President, BJP, Nicobar District; Mr. K C Murugan, Mandal President, BJP, Campbell Bay and other leaders of BJP met the farmers and promised to take up their issue with the Administration.

Mr. Navaneethan, District President, INC, Nicobar District; Mr. Gagan Deep Singh Gerewal, Block President, INC, Campbell Bay; Mr. Rahul Singh, District President, Indian Youth Congress, Nicobar District; Mr. Sabestin, Active Worker, INC, Campbell Bay and other leaders of the Indian National Congress met the protesting farmers and pledged their support.

The General Secretary of Great Nicobar Farmers Association also spoke to the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District who reportedly informed the farmers that their issues will be sorted out soon. Mr. Rajan Singh, General Secretary, Great Nicobar Farmers Association also informed Nicobar Times that they are prepared for a long battle and will only call off the dharna when the Administration assures them of starting the procurement of copra immediately from the farmers of Great Nicobar.

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BJP Delegation Meets Chief Secretary to Discuss Issues of N & M Andaman District







Rohit Kumar

Port Blair, 22 Nov 2021

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands along with Mr. R S Sharma, Prabhari, Delanipur Mandal, BJP; Mr. Tushar Bepari, District General Secretary, BJP Mayabunder; Mr. Mohan Rao, District General Secretary, BJP Mayabunder; Mr. Marimuthu and Mr. Siju, Yuva Morcha Karyakarta, Mayabunder, met the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Administration and discussed several issues which were raised during the recently held dharna at Mayabunder.

The leaders took up the issues and demanded the following from the Chief Secretary:

1. Providing Specialist Doctors at Dr. R.P Hospital, Mayabunder. At present only two doctors are available at the hospital.

2. Providing Ultra-Sound Technician at R.P Hospital, Mayabunder.

3. Improving the supply of LPG in the entire North and Middle Andaman District. The delegation informed the CS that at present the supply of LPG to North and Middle Andaman District is not proper.

4. Improvement in telecommunication especially mobile network connectivity in North and Middle Andaman. They informed the CS at present the mobile network connectivity is very poor in the district.

5. The issue of pending honorarium of Anganwadi Workers. The delegation requested that the honorarium should be paid monthly. 6. The issue of nonpayment of Old Age and Widow Pension. The delegation informed the CS that the general public is facing a lot of problems because of non-payment of old age and widow pension on time.

7. The poor condition of National Highway and rural roads. The delegation informed the CS that the general public is facing a lot of problems because of the issue.

8. They also discussed the arbitrary decision taken by Panchayat Secretary and his behaviour towards the general public.

The delegation discussed the issues in detail with the Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary assured to look into the issues brought to his attention by the delegation, at the earliest.

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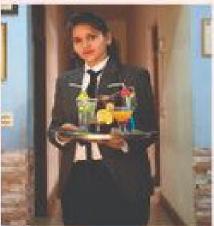
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Police Training School Organises Quiz Competition for School Students on Freedom Fighters and History of Indian Independence



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Rohit Kumar

Port Blair, 22 Nov 2021

To mark the celebrations of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", Police Training School, Prothrapur organised a Quiz Competition on the theme of Freedom Fighters and History of Indian Independence for school students of classes IX to XII on 22/11/2021.

Altogether, 24 students

from 12 different schools participated in the quiz competition. The competition comprised of four rounds namely (1) qualifying round, (2) rapidfire round, (3) visual round & (4) buzzer round. The quiz competition was informative for the participants as well as the audience. The students participated enthusiastically in the event and displayed the immense depth of their knowledge about the Freedom Fighters and the History of Indian Independence.

G. Manisha and E. Sarnya students of Class XII of Kamraj English Medium

School emerged as Winners, whereas Shraddha Chander of Class XI and Dhruva Kumar of Class IX of Carmel Sr. Sec. School were adjudged, runners-up. Sai Joshna Naidu of Class X and Sai Meghna Naidu of Class XII of Govt. Girls. Sr. Sec School won the 3rd prize. Consolation prizes with certificates were also awarded to all the participants. During the competition, all precautions related to COVID-19 were followed.

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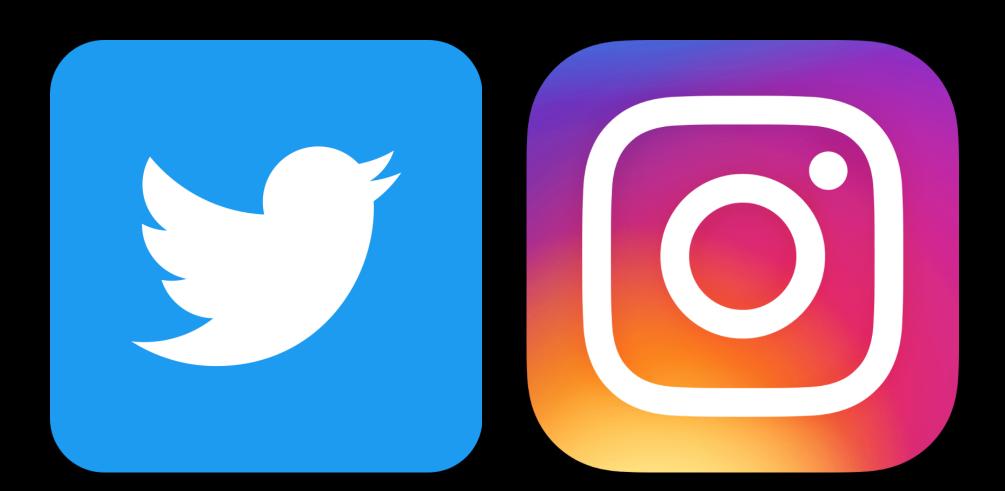
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