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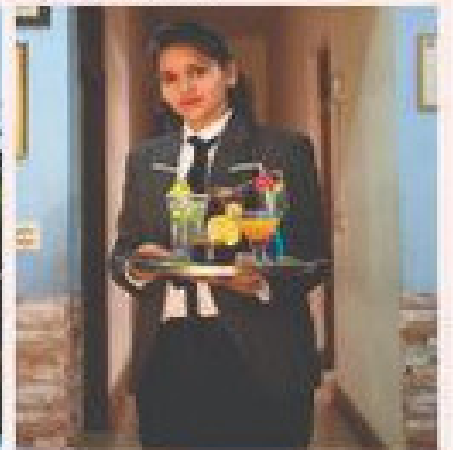
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# STS Endangering Lives of Students at Campbell Bay; Action Required to Prevent Untoward Incident



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[Tarun Karthick](#)

Campbell Bay, 16  
November 2021

Nearly 75 school students are pushed into a single STS Bus every day at Campbell Bay and are transported like goods to their destination at Rajiv Nagar, a few kilometres away from Low Point, where these students queue up for the painful ride.

The old bus of the State Transport Service is overloaded every day during its trip to Rajiv Nagar for the school students to reach their homes. Instead of providing additional busses

to accommodate a large number of students, the State Transport Service officials prefer to load all students into a single bus.

This practice by the officials of the State Transport Service is very dangerous as they are endangering the lives of these students. The bus used by the State Transport Department during this overloaded trip is also old and if by chance anything goes wrong the result will be disastrous.

Rajiv Nagar is located at a higher elevation and the bus has to navigate through steep 40 degree+

inclination to reach the destination and the risk of accidents in such places on overloaded vehicles are very high.

While the Administration is focusing on modernising the transportation facilities at Port Blair and suburbs, it should also focus on improving rural transportation.

The residents of Rajiv Nagar have also been demanding additional busses during the morning and afternoon for the convenience of the school students, but according to them, STS prefers to endanger the lives of their

children over providing an additional bus trip.

Nicobar Times spoke to some staff members of State Transport Department informally and they informed that the problem is a shortage of buses with the local unit of STS Campbell Bay and informed that they are waiting for the two new busses to arrive which is stuck at Port Blair because of some transportation issue.

The reality is that a little more effort by the staff of the STS Department can easily make the

journey of the students less dangerous and comfortable. Even if the local unit of the STS has a shortage of buses, only one bus can be used for two or more trips to transport the school students to Rajiv Nagar.

Rajiv Nagar is a short distance from Low Point and one bus can easily undertake two trips in a short span of less than 30 minutes.

Mr. Venkat Rao, Ex-Up Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Campbell Bay informed Nicobar Times that



he has personally on several occasions requested the authorities of STS to deploy additional buses on Rajiv Nagar route during morning and afternoon hours for school students, but the officials are adamant on transporting students using a single bus trip.

The senior authorities of the State Transport Service must take note of the issue and find solutions to avoid any unfortunate incident.

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# Students Protest for Better Infrastructure and Posting of Teachers at GSSSS R.K Pur, Little Andaman



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[Rohit Kumar](#)

Port Blair, 16 Nov 2021

Hundreds of students from Govt. Senior Secondary School, R.K Pur Little Andaman today gathered and protested in front of the school premises for better infrastructure and posting of required teachers.

The students of the school are said to be suffering for a long time because of the lack of proper infrastructure.

The toilets in the schools are said to be in very bad condition and need immediate repairs.

Both the students and teachers are suffering because of the bad condition of the toilets.

The old school building is in a dilapidated state and needs to be replaced by a new building. There is a shortage of furniture in the school because of which 4-5 students have to share a bench.

The R.O Water purifier is non-functional for a long time and students are facing problems even to get clean and hygienic drinking water.



The school ground and the stadium is in very bad condition and is not being maintained properly. Several other problems were also mentioned by the students as the reason for their protest.

There is a lack of some teaching staff and the students also demanded immediate posting of the unavailable teaching staff.

Sources informed that the Directorate of Education took note of the protest by the students of GSSS R.K Pur and assured to take steps to improve the school infrastructure and to post adequate teachers.

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# Fishermen Stage Protest Outside Directorate of Fisheries to Press for their Demands



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Port Blair, 16 Nov 2021

Fishermen under the banner of Sri Shivmankini Matha Matsya Parishramika Sangam staged a dharna outside the premises of Directorate of Fisheries, Port Blair to press for their unsettled demands.

The three major demands placed by the protesting fishermen included (1) Construction of Jetty for fishermen community at Dugnabad area. (2) Release of Subsidy amount for purchase of life-saving

equipment (GPS, Fish Finders and DAT). (3) Issuing permit to the fishermen of South Andaman to carry out fishing in North and Middle Andaman District by passing through Baratang Creek.

The Director of Fisheries furnished point wise action taken report by the department on the demands of the protesting fishermen.

On the issue of the construction of jetty for fishermen community at Dugnabad area the Director in his reply



informed that the CICEF, Bengaluru in consultation with ALHW has proposed for jetty with breakwater but was not found feasible. He added that as an alternative under the Sagarmala Programme of Ministry of Shipping, a study by IIT, Chennai is under progress for the construction of a concrete floating jetty at Dugnabad and that the department is in constant touch with ALHW.

The Director also informed that the sloping ramp constructed at Choulanga Wharf have been taken over from ALHW and it is under process for handing

over the facility for use by the fishermen community. He added that the department has also sent a letter to the Tehsildar for eviction of temporary shelter erected on the way for smooth movement of the vehicle.

On the issue of release of subsidy amount for purchase of Life Saving Equipment, the Director in his reply informed that the Department has taken up the matter with Police Station, Aberdeen on receipt of the report from RCS Department. He further mentioned that the matter is under

investigation by the Police Department.

On the issue of Issuing permit to the fishermen of South Andaman to carry out fishing in North and Middle Andaman District by passing through Baratang Creek, the Director informed that the matter has been pursued with the Tribal Department, DC, N & M Andaman and also with the Police on various occasions. He further informed that letter has been sent to DC, N & M Andaman

and the department will again take up the matter with the appropriate authority at a higher level. He added that suitable action is awaited from DC, N & M Andaman.

The fishermen after getting the written action taken report from the Director of Fisheries called off their dharna.



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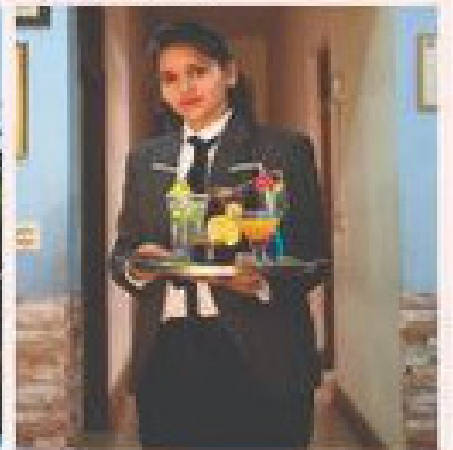
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