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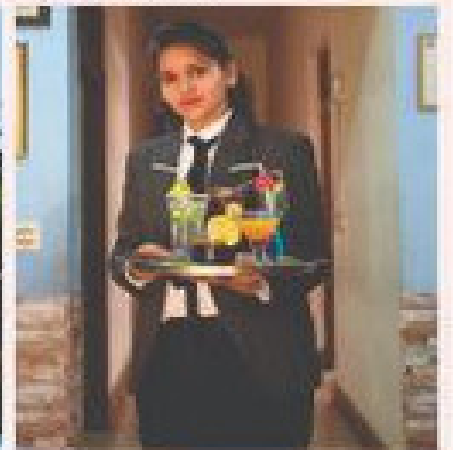
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# BJP Andaman and Nicobar Islands Releases its Manifesto for Upcoming Local Body Elections



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Campbell Bay, 23 February  
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Bharatiya Janata Party,  
Andaman and Nicobar  
Islands today released its  
manifesto for the upcoming  
local body elections. The  
manifesto was released in a  
Press Conference held at  
BJP Office in Port Blair. Mr.  
Dilip Saikia, Hon'ble MP,  
National General Secretary,  
BJP & Election Incharge,  
BJP, Andaman and Nicobar  
Islands, Mr. Ashish Sood,  
National Executive  
Member, BJP & Election Co-  
Incharge BJP, A & N Islands,  
Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State  
President, BJP, Andaman

and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, Former State President, BJP, A & N Islands and Chairman, Election Management Committee, A & N Islands and Mr. Jijith Rekh, Spokesperson, BJP, A & N Islands were present during the release of the manifesto titled 'Sankalp Patra 2022'.

Following are the points listed in the BJP Manifesto for the upcoming local body elections:

## World-Class Infrastructure For Port Blair:

- BJP is committed to develop Port Blair into a world-class smart city.
- All the roads and footpaths coming within the ambit of PBMC will get constructed within a specific period of time and all necessary repair and maintenance work will be done.
- Construction of 1000 meters of new drains in each ward every year will be done.



- Free WiFi will be given within the limits of Port Blair Municipal Council.
- Construction of new shops will be done for leasing it out to local residents of every PBMC ward and panchayat for setting up of business units. The existing single-stories shops would be replaced by double or triple storied buildings to provide more opportunities, without disturbing the tenancy of the existing tenants.
- Gandhi Park will be developed as a grand tourist destination and a laser show will be introduced.

- The present Ratnam Market would be developed as a Shopping Mall/Super Market.

## Making Port Blair a Water Excess City:

- Adequate measures will be taken to provide clean and safe drinking water to every household in Port Blair and to ensure water security 24 X 7 across the city.
- We will launch a comprehensive water pipeline up-gradation program with the objectives of Water supply for all wards.

# Education and Employment For Youth:

- Port Blair Municipal Council under the BJP will be committed to increasing the participation of Islanders in the civil service of the country, a government UPSC coaching centre will be started.
- New Training Centres will be established for conducting specialised training on repairing and maintenance of Tourist and Fishing boats and for solar panels and LED bulbs for young people of the Island.

- All the vacancies of PBMC and Panchayats will be filled up by recruiting local youth of the Islands.

## Promotion of Sports and Its Infrastructure in the Island:

- As a sign of our commitment to take comprehensive steps to develop the culture of sports in the city and as a measure to provide resources. Netaji Stadium will be converted into a world class stadium and in every ward sports-

related primary facilities and playgrounds will be provided.

- Inter ward/Panchayat sports will be organised and sports persons will be facilitated.
- Yuva Kendras for children and youth in every ward will be constructed to provide state-of-the-art sports facilities.

Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas:

- Financial assistance to build new pucca houses will be provided through Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna for the homeless and

urban poor. The budget of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna will be utilised totally to ensure 'Housing For All' in the city.

- A 'Corpus Fund' will be created for the welfare of local people involved in the tourism industry by invoking a reasonable cess on all the inbound tourists.
- BJP is committed to making daughters of the city 'Atma Nirbhar' and will provide financial aid of Rs. 30,000 to daughters of widows and free usage of community centres for wedding.



- Rs. 1000/Month will be given to Sanitation Workers of the Council a a nutritious food allowance.
- All Daily Wager Sanitary Mazdoors, Work Charge Mazdoors who are working continuously for more than 10 years or more in PBMC will be regularised by framing a 'one-time regularisation scheme', following the judgements pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in this regard.
- Around 249 posts of various categories such as 189 Work Charge

Mazdoors and 60 posts of Sanitary Mazdoors are vacant and therefore all steps would be taken to make sure that at least these Mazdoors are regularised as per seniority.

- An adequate number of oncologists will be appointed and a dedicated department for the treatment of cancer will be established by the PBMC.
- Free cremation services for the destitute and the poor in the city and panchayats will also be ensured.

# Reviewing of Property Tax:

- All the provisions of pertaining to property tax provisions will be reviewed and amended and will make all endeavours to remove property tax pertaining to residential buildings within the PBMC.

## Clean Port Blair, Green Port Blair

- As a sign of our commitment towards Swachh Port Blair and to ensure a clean city, new dustbins will be installed in every ward. Also, old dustbins will be reconstructed in public places.

# Easing Norms for Construction of Building:

- The process of approval of all building plans will be streamlined and 'One Month Time Limit' will be fixed for the approval of the plan if the process does not get complete within a month then it will be deemed that permission has been granted.
- The provisions related to Building Bye-Laws for increasing the vertical maximum height of buildings by laying the adequate foundation will be amended as per opined by the team of experts.

- The “Rational Amnesty Scheme” will be introduced for giving one-time relaxation to all the building violations, constructed within PBMC.

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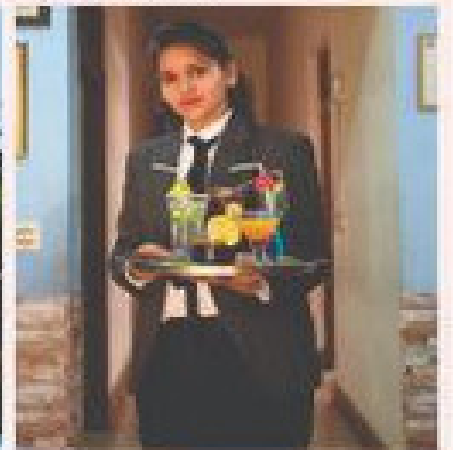
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# Distortion during Calls on the Lone BSNL Mobile Network is the New Normal for Campbell Bay Residents



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Tarun Karthick

Campbell Bay, 23 February  
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BSNL, the lone mobile network service provider in Great Nicobar has failed to solve the issue of distortion during calls for months now. The residents of Great Nicobar are so fed up with the BSNL Mobile Network that, they have even stopped complaining about the distorted calls now.

At times people are unable to understand anything that the person on the other end of the line is speaking. It becomes very frustrating for people when they have to speak to

someone urgently and even after 5-10 calls, they are unable to convey the message.

Many people are using normal voice calls as a way to notify the other person, that they want to speak to them. The other person then finds a WiFi network and calls them back on WhatsApp.

The quality of service is almost non-existent in Great Nicobar, the residents are managing anyhow and they feel helpless. Fortunately, the FTTH Broadband service of BSNL works just fine and people are able to keep in

touch with their family and friends online.

Nicobar Times called up the Sub-Divisional Officer (BSNL), Nicobar and we informed him of the problems being faced by the residents for months now. Surprisingly, the SDO did not know of the issue and informed us that he will get the network checked at different locations at Campbell Bay.

People are now so fed up with the bad quality of service that they have stopped expecting anything from BSNL. Many residents are eagerly waiting for Airtel to start its services in



Great Nicobar so that they can switch to a better network.

BSNL has been a lifeline for the remote Islanders for so long and the Islanders have a special place for BSNL. The company should focus on improving its quality of service to retain that special place. Residents will switch to other telecom service providers, at the first chance, if BSNL is unable to improve its mobile network.

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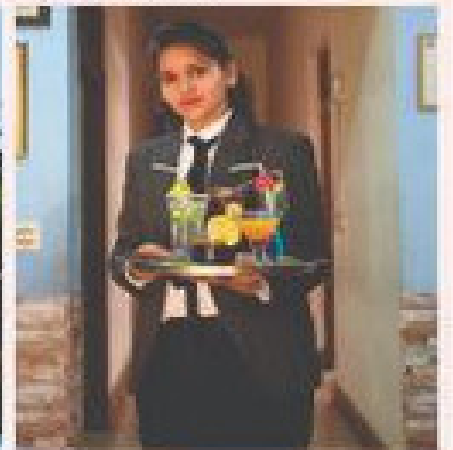
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# Ration Rasheed Provides Accommodation, Food to Some Stranded Little Andaman Bound Passengers



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[Rohit Kumar](#)

Port Blair, 23 February 2022

Mr. Abdul Rasheed also popularly known as Ration Rasheed has once again come to the rescue of people in need. The famous social worker who is known for his work during the pandemic has this time provided accommodation and food to almost 12 stranded passengers bound for Little Andaman.

MV Bharat Seema was due to sail for Little Andaman on 23rd February at 10:00 Am but the sailing was cancelled due to technical reason. Passengers who intended to travel to Little Andaman had

already reached the jetty. While majority of the passengers managed their accommodation after the postponement of the sailing, but there were a few passengers who were stranded at the jetty due to non-availability of any accommodation. These passengers also had very little money left with them.

On information from Nicobar Times about the passengers stranded at the jetty, Mr. Abdul Rasheed immediately rushed to the spot and arranged accommodation and food for about 12 stranded passengers.

Mr. Abdul Rasheed is also a candidate contesting independently for Ward Councillor of Ward No.1, but irrespective of the fact that those stranded passengers are not voters of his constituency, Mr. Rasheed helped them wholeheartedly.

During the COVID-19 pandemic Mr. Rasheed helped several hundreds of families by providing them with ration kits and other amenities.

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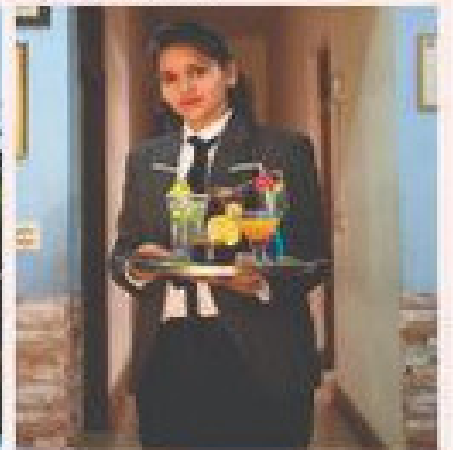
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Mr. K Annamalai, Ex-IPS  
Officer and State President,  
Bharatiya Janata Party,  
Tamil Nadu is likely to visit  
Andaman and Nicobar  
Islands on a two day visit  
starting 25th February  
2021.

Under the leadership of Mr.  
K Annamalai BJP has  
touched new heights in  
Tamil Nadu and his visit to  
campaign for the local body  
elections in Andaman and  
Nicobar Islands is sure to  
give BJP an edge.

Mr. Annamalai is known as the real life Singham and before he quit the police service in 2019, he was posted as the Deputy Police Commissioner, Bengaluru (South).

Mr. Annamalai has a huge fan following throughout India.

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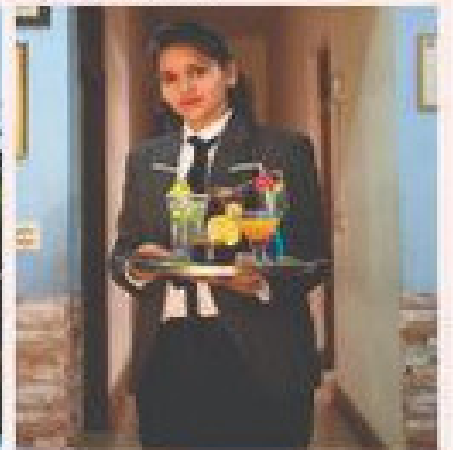
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