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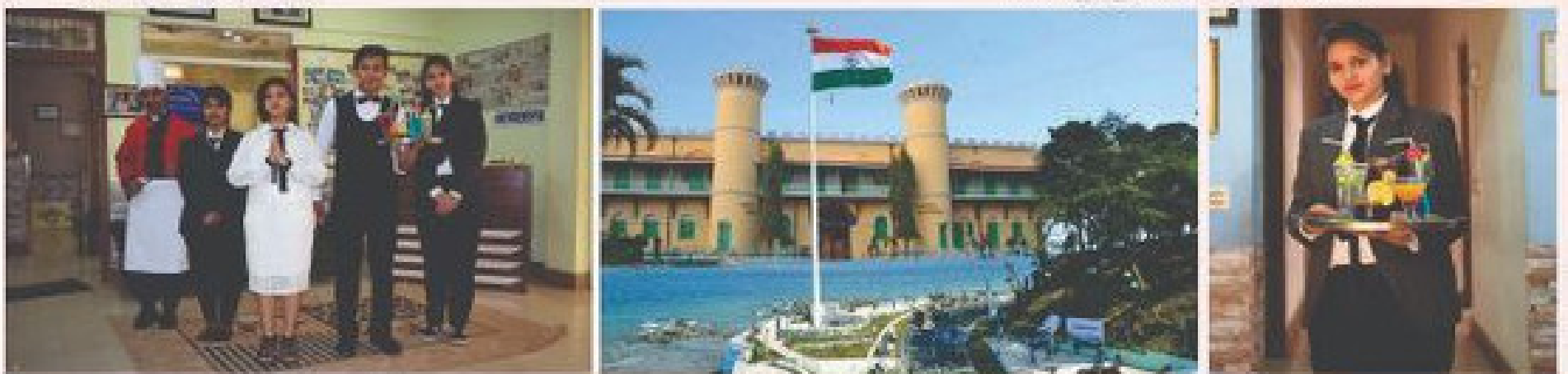
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**How much does your
elected representative
make? What drives them
to contest elections?**



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Tarun Karthick

Campbell Bay, 24 February
2022

On 6th of March 2022 Islanders will vote to elect their new set of elected representatives who would be In-Charge of their respective local bodies and wards for the next five years.

Hundreds of candidates from different political parties are contesting in the Panchayat and Municipal Elections 2022 in addition to the independent candidates.

Why do people have so much interest in getting

elected to head the local body or their respective wards? What's in for the candidates once they get elected?

Is it the power, the fame which drives them to contest in the polls or is it the money? Humans are everything but selfless, everyone has a hidden agenda behind all their actions and decisions.

Ask any political candidate frankly about the expenditure incurred by them during this election campaign and the answer would blow your mind. Any serious Pradhan candidate

would have spent close to Rs.10,00000/-, some candidates even more.

How do the candidates recover the money spent on these expensive campaigns? How much are they paid for the work they do as a public representative?

The honorarium paid to the elected representatives of the three-tier Panchayati Raj System is as follows:

TIER I : Zilla Parishad

S.No	Post of the Elected Representative	Honorarium (per Month)
1	Adhyaksh	Rs.6250
2	Up-Adhyaksh	Rs.5000
3	Chairman, Committee	Rs.4375
4	Member of Zilla Parishad	Rs.3750

TIER II : Panchayat Samiti

S.No	Post of the Elected Representative	Honorarium (per Month)
1	Pramukh	Rs.5000
2	Up-Pramukh	Rs.3750
3	Chairman, Committee	Rs.3440
4	Member of Panchayat Samiti	Rs.3125

TIER III : Gram Panchayat

S.No	Post of the Elected Representative	Honorarium (per Month)
1	Pradhan	Rs.3750
2	Up-Pradhan	Rs.3125
3	Sarpanch	Rs.3125
4	Up-Sarpanch	Rs.2750
5	Member of Gram Panchayat	Rs.2250

Municipal Council (We couldn't find the exact amount paid to elected representatives of Municipal Council in Public Domain. The figures mentioned above have been obtained from an Ex-Municipal Council Elected Representative and there may be a slight differentiation in the actual amount paid.)

S.No	Post of the Elected Representative	Honorarium Approx. (per Month)
1	Chairperson	Rs.25,000
2	Senior Vice Chairperson	Rs.24,000
3	Junior Vice Chairperson	Rs.24,000
4	Councillor	Rs.21,000

The above figures of the honorarium paid to the Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj System are clear enough to point out that any candidate who spends more than Rs. 2,25,000/- during his campaign for getting elected as Pradhan, cannot recover it honestly in his entire tenure as Pradhan.

Whereas a Ward Councillor of the Municipal Council gets paid almost Rs. 12,60,000/- during his five-year stint. If they spend close to that amount during the elections for the campaign, they may get it back honestly as honorarium in the next five years.

But expenditure incurred by any Ward Councillor of Municipal Council during the election campaign is also much more than what they would make honestly from honorarium in the next five years.

What is that thing which drives these people to contest the elections by incurring so much more money than they would make in the next five years?

Most of the time the driving force behind the candidates contesting the election is the want of

power and fame. Some candidates have the resources to fund their own journey to power and fame, they are happy to serve and never think of recovering the money spent on the campaign.

Some candidates find ways to recover the money spent on their election campaign and even make a profit, mostly by indulging in corruption.

It is rare to find serious candidates not spending a considerable amount of money during elections and most of such candidates are contesting elections to bring change.

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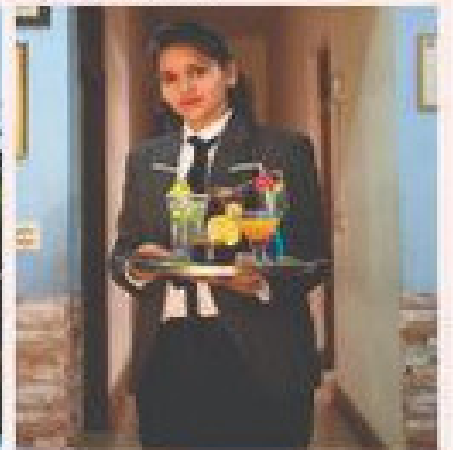
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South Andaman Police Conducts Raid & Recovers Huge Quantity of Illegally Stored Liquor



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[Rohit Kumar](#)

Port Blair, 24 February 2022

An extensive drive against bootlegging has been launched in connection with the forthcoming Municipal and Panchayat Election-2022. South Andaman Police achieved major success in the jurisdiction of Police Station Aberdeen.

On 23-02-2022, on a tip off, a raiding team was constituted at Police Station Aberdeen, comprising of HC/Sunil, PCs S.N. Rao, Sonu Yadav, Sandeep Lakra, Ashish Kr. Singh, D. Shiv Kumar and G. Chitra conducted a raid in the rented room of one V. Kannan R/o Nayagaon and

recovered a total of 287 bottles comprising of 109 Nos. 750 ml IMFL bottles, 06 Nos. 375 ml IMFL bottles and 172 Nos. 180 ml IMFL bottles of different brands, which were found to be illegally stored by the alleged person. The recovered 287 Nos. IMFL bottles have been seized and accused person has been arrested under A&N Excise Regulation.

The raid was conducted under the supervision of Insp. K. Joju, SHO PS Aberdeen and under the guidance of Sh. Saurabh Chandra, DANIPS, SDPO, South Andaman.

The South Andaman District Police is taking all possible steps to conduct free and fair election and to make this district free from bootlegging and other anti-social activities.

General Public has been requested to pass on credible information on narcotics substance, illegal sale of liquor, gambling or any other illegal activity on the telephone numbers: 100,112 and 03192-233077. The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

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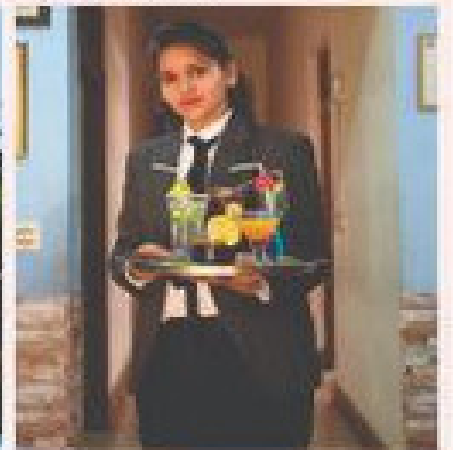
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Dilip Tirkey

Port Blair, 24 February 2021

Bharatiya Janata Party leaders have been campaigning tooth and nail every day in every nook and corner of the Islands. National leaders of the party are camping in the Islands and are going door to door for the campaign.

State leaders have been assigned their campaign area and they are working hard on explaining to the public the work done until now by the BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands team and the work planned by the party which will be executed post-elections.

Mr. Dilip Saikia, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and National General Secretary of Bharatiya Janata Party was seen campaigning in ward No. 4,5 of PBMC today.

Mr. Asish Sood, National Executive Member, BJP was seen campaigning in Indira Nagar and other areas of South Andaman today.

Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member and Former State President, BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands campaigned in Bambooflat area along with other party supporters.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A & N Islands is on a tour of Shaheed Dweep & Swaraj Dweep and is campaigning for the candidates of BJP there. Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, Former Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is campaigning for the candidates of the party in Diglipur.

Mr. K Annamalai, Former IPS Officer and at present State President of BJP Tamil Nadu is due to arrive at Port Blair tomorrow and as per our sources, he will stay in the Islands for two days.

BJP's National and State leaders are working together towards securing votes for their candidates in every nook and corner of the Islands.

Speaking to Nicobar Times, Dr. Jijith Rekh, Spokesperson, BJP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands said "Unified effort by all BJP Leaders has created a wave in favour of BJP."

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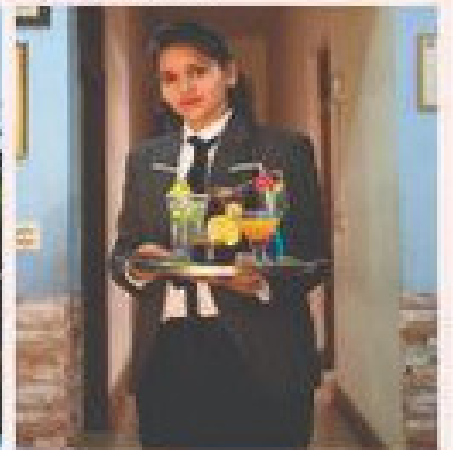
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