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# Chief Secretary Announces Free Bus Travel for Senior Citizens Aged 80+ in A & N Islands



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Campbell Bay, 02 June 2022

Senior Citizens aged above 80 years can travel for free in Andaman and Nicobar Islands on both Govt. and Private Buses. These citizens can avail free travel in buses by showing their Photo ID card depicting their age like Voter ID, Aadhaar, PAN Card, Senior Citizen Certificate etc.

Mr. Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Islands recently tweeted about the free travel for the senior citizens aged 80+.

The Directorate of Transport website already lists free bus travel for Super Senior Citizens aged 80+, but the website informs that a pass will be issued for the same with a validity of two years.

Doing away with the mandate of obtaining a pass by the super senior citizens is a welcome move. Now super senior citizens will not have to visit the offices of the Transport Department to get a pass made every two years.

Free bus travel for super senior citizens with just their Photo ID depicting age

is being appreciated by citizens from all walks of life.

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# Congress Organises Shivir to Discuss Decisions of the Udaipur Declaration



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Port Blair, 2 June 2022

Andaman & Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee organised a one-day state-level 'SHIVIR' on 1st June 2022 at Maharashtra Mandal, Port Blair to discuss the decisions of the "Udaipur Declaration" adopted during the three-day "Chintan Shivir" at Udaipur, Rajasthan.

All the issues taken up in the Nav Sankalp Shivir Camp at Udaipur were conveyed to the Congress grassroots level workers of

the Union Territory during the event. Emphasis was laid on strengthening the party organisation and reviving Congress party in the UT.

Mr. Rangalal Halder, President, ANTCC gave out the details of Udaipur Camp in the presence of Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. TSG Bhasker, Chairman Campaign Committee, ANTCC, DCC Presidents and other senior Congress leaders. Mr. Rangalal Halder advised the leaders to discuss and express their opinions on

Organisational Issues, Political Issues, Economic Issues, Farmers & Farm Labours issues, Social Justice & Empowerment Issues and Youth Related Issues during the gathering.

Mr. Rangalal Halder further advised the Congress workers to convey the failures of the BJP on the issues of rising inflation, unemployment, farmers etc. to the masses.

The gathering at the shivir was addressed by the Member of Parliament, Chairman (Campaign Committee), All AICC Members, Senior Leaders

Congress, DCC Presidents,  
all heads of Frontal  
Organisations, Councillors  
of PBMC and PRI Members.

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# Citizens Demand Better Passenger & Cargo Shipping Services for Katchal



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Campbell Bay, 2 June 2022

The residents of Katchal have been complaining about infrequent shipping services to and from Port Blair for a long time. Last month only two ship sailings were scheduled for Katchal, which the residents inform is not sufficient.

According to the 2011 census, Katchal Island had a population of 2685 comprising of both tribals and non-tribals. A considerable number of people travel between Port Blair and Katchal as well as

from Katchal to other Islands and back, every month.

Due to the unavailability of ships directly from Katchal, many residents travel to Port Blair and other Islands from Nancowry. Residents informed Nicobar Times that the journey for travelling to Port Blair and other Islands through Nancowry is not easy. They further added the same is also true for travel between Port Blair to Katchal through Nancowry.

The residents reportedly have to wait for a long period of time, sometimes

even days at the passenger hall at Nancowry to travel back to Katchal after disembarking from the ship at Nancowry.

Katchal has a large jetty and the residents have been demanding that ships like M.V Kalighat which usually calls on Nancowry, should also call on Katchal during every sailing to the Southern Group of Islands.

Residents also inform that due to the non-availability of sufficient ships the traders at times are forced to ship their cargo first to Nancowry and then the cargo is again shipped from

Nancowry to Katchal, which increases the cost of commodities especially perishables at Katchal.

Residents also informed that the cost of shipping one tonne of cargo from Port Blair to Nancowry is the same as the cost of shipping one tonne of cargo from Nancowry to Katchal. They complained that the traders of Katchal Island have to spend double the amount for transportation of cargo when it is shipped through Nancowry.

According to sources more than 40 passengers from

Katchal travel to Port Blair on each ship which is scheduled via Nancowry (which does not berth at Katchal). These passengers from Katchal face a lot of problems just because adequate shipping services are not provided for their travel.

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# 'RANG' to be Organised at Corbyn's Cove Beach on June 4th & 5th



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Port Blair, 2 June 2022

Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration and Kala Kendra Society in collaboration with the Tourism Department will be organising a two-day programme 'RANG' – an evening of dance & music at Corbyn's Cove Beach on June 4th & 5th from 5 pm to 9 pm.

The events during the weekend will also include food stall, live band music, contemporary

freestyle dance, fusion dance and classical dances like Bharatanatyam & Odissi performances by the talents from A&N Islands.

People have been invited to witness and enjoy the musical evenings.

This weekend at Corbyn's Cove Beach will become livelier with an array of events for the entertainment of tourists and others visiting the spot.

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