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Campbell Bay, 23 June 2022

The Elected Representatives of various Panchayati Raj Institutions of Great Nicobar have written a letter to the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration informing him that they will close down the office of Assistant Engineer, PRI, the offices of all Panchayats & Pramukh if adequate Engineering staff is not posted at Campbell Bay in a week.

The PRI Members have demanded the posting of one Junior Engineer each in all three

panchayats, one Junior Engineer for Panchayat Samiti, one Junior Engineer for Zilla Parishad and one Assistant Engineer for all three tiers of the PRI system.

The PRI Members in their letter have informed the Chief Secretary that their responsibility is to solve the grievances of the general public, but they are not able to carry out any developmental work due to the non-posting of engineers at Campbell Bay.

Two Junior Engineers were earlier posted at Campbell Bay, they were transferred out in January

2022. One out of the two JE has joined his place of posting, whereas the other JE is waiting for his reliever.

Two Junior Engineers were also posted to Campbell Bay in place of the transferred JEs, but neither of them has reported to their place of posting nor the department has taken any action.

The Pradhans of Govind Nagar and Campbell Bay had informed the Director (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Institutions) in the month of May 2022, regarding the non-availability of adequate Engineering staff.

The Pramukh had also requested expediting the posting of adequate Engineers to Campbell Bay in May 2022. The Zilla Parishad Member, Govind Nagar and Pradhan, Govind Nagar met the Director (Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Institutions) and requested him for posting of adequate Engineering Staff. Even after multiple intimations, adequate Engineering Staff has not been posted for the PRIs at Great Nicobar.

The Gram Panchayat Development Plans of all three Panchayats of Great Nicobar have already been passed by the respective

Gram Sabhas, but the development works are not starting because of the shortage of Engineering staff.

PRI Members have requested the Chief Secretary to issue necessary directions for posting adequate Engineering Staff to Campbell Bay, for the execution and monitoring of the developmental works.





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BSNL A&N has launched 3G Mobile services at the remote Teressa Island on 22nd June 2022. The population of Teressa is now able to use mobile data services at an appreciable speed. Earlier the residents of Teressa only had the option of using 2G Mobile services. BSNL is the sole mobile operator having its presence in Teressa Island.

The Chief General Manager, BSNL, A & N Telecom Circle, Mr. G Raja Ram Mohan during the

launch of 3G Mobile data services at Teressa Island, made a few Video calls through Whatsapp to the staff of BSNL at Teressa and appreciated their efforts in launching the services, Mr. Mohan expressed his sincere thanks to A&N Administration in extending all support for commissioning of the 3G Mobile services in the remote island. He also thanked BSNL Co & BSNL CNTX(South) for timely augmenting the satellite bandwidth at Teressa as without it , it wouldn't have been possible to commission the 3G services.

Teresa is not yet connected through the CANI submarine Cable.

The Chief General Manager, BSNL, A&N Telecom Circle, also informed, that to bridge the digital divide in these islands, BSNL has recently launched the most economical FTTH Plan in A & N Islands with a monthly rental of just Rs 499/-. He added that the Rs. 499/- plan would be beneficial for new prospective customers, particularly from the rural areas. The CGM also informed that the existing FTTH customers are being offered more data usage

(upto 60 % more) & higher internet speed (upto 60 % higher) since 1st June 2022. Customers interested in the Migration of their existing copper broadband to FTTH are also being offered a rebate of Rs 200 per month for 6 months.

In addition to the above BSNL A&N offers 10% discount on monthly bills of FTTH / Air Fiber and copper broadband connections in the name of any Government Servant (A&N UT, Central, PSU, Banks etc: working or retired government servants.). This applies to existing and new customers.



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Port Blair, 23 June 2022

Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP, Former State President, BJP, A & N Islands and Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee, Gol has written a letter to the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Highways, Roadways & Civil Aviation, Government of India.

In his letter, Mr.Jolly mentioned that he has been approached by a large number of fishermen who have informed him that the air cargo operation for transporting the daily chilled fish from the Air

Cargo Complex to the flights at Port Blair Airport has been stopped since 17th May 2022. He added that due to the stopping of the services of transportation of air cargo from the complex to the flights, fishermen are suffering heavy losses as fish is a perishable item.

Mr. Jolly further stated that he inquired with the Airports Authority and was informed that the only agency which is authorised to transport Chilled Fish from the Air Cargo Complex to the flights has

been stopped from providing its services due to non-clearance of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security.

He added that the fishermen further informed him that the clearance papers are pending for a long time with the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, due to which the entire Fishermen Community is suffering heavy losses.

Mr. Jolly requested the Union Minister to direct the concerned authority to intervene in this issue and pass necessary directions to either make some alternative arrangements

and start the cargo operations for loading the Chilled Fish to the flights or to permit the authorised agency to operate their services.





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Port Blair, 23 June 2022

Rational Rasheed Foundation on 23rd June 2022 organised a function and felicitated the Athletes from the Islands who participated in the National Muay Thai Championship 2022. The Championship was held at Madhya Pradesh from 16 June to 22nd June and was organised by Sports Muay Thai Association, Madhya Pradesh. Around 800 athletes from 25 states participated in the tournament. The team from A & N Islands was led by Mr. N. Jagadekha Verma,

coach-cum-participant. The team won 06 medals under various weight categories. Mr. M.P Abdul Rasheed, Director, Ration Rasheed Foundation assured all possible help to the athletes.

The following Athletes won medals in the tournament:

1. V. Trilochan won Silver Medal in under 20 kg, under 10 years
2. Karthick Raj won Gold Medal in 91 kg, under 23 years
3. Rengarajan S won Silver Medal in 63.5 kg, under Senior Elite.

4. M. Deepak Krishnan secured Bronze medal in 71 kg, under Senior Elite.

5. N. Jagadekha Verma won Gold Medal in 91 kg, under Senior Elite

6. Soma Sunderam won Gold Medal in Wai Kuru.





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