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Campbell Bay, 27 June 2022

11 years after the resettlement of villagers in permanent shelters at Laxmi Nagar post Tsunami, the village finally got BSNL Mobile connectivity recently. BSNL Installed a Mini BTS in the village to provide mobile connectivity services to the villagers.

The villagers voluntarily worked hard for more than 15 days and helped BSNL lay the Optical Fibre Cable so that BSNL can deploy the mini BTS in their village.

The PRI Members especially Mr. E S Rajesh, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Campbell Bay, Mr. Prahlad Singh, Pradhan, GP Laxmi Nagar, Mr. Bhanudas, Ward Member, Laxmi Nagar Village and Miss. Leela Bathi, Zilla Parishad Member, Laxmi Nagar Panchayat took up the issue with the authorities of BSNL and finally got the mobile network installed.

Mr. E S Rajesh even transported the Optical Fibre Cable from Port Blair to Campbell Bay at his own cost for BSNL to deploy its mobile network.

The villagers of Laxmi Nagar are now relieved after the Mobile Network started functioning as now they are able to stay in touch with their loved ones. The villagers used to face a lot of difficulties earlier even to avail emergency services such as ambulances because of the non-availability of mobile network.

The operationalisation of the Mobile Network at Laxmi Nagar has solved a long pending demand of the villagers.





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Port Blair, 27 June 2022

On 22nd June 2022, Mr. Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, Bharatiya Janata Party had written a letter to the Hon'ble Minister of State for Civil Aviation and had requested him to intervene in the issue of stopping of Air Cargo Services at Port Blair Airport.

The fishermen of the Islands were suffering heavy losses because of the stopping of Air Cargo services as they were unable to transport chilled fish to mainland.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Sea Food Exporters Association recently organised a function and honoured Mr. Jolly for quick redressal of their issue.

During the function, the fishermen raised several issues and requested Mr. Jolly to press for its redressal.

Some of the issues raised by the fishermen in the meeting are:

1. Fixing the price of Ice Blocks so that fishermen can get Ice Blocks at affordable rates.

2. Providing clean and safe space to the seafood exporters for packing and despatching their consignments.

3. Construction of a 50-100 Ton Capacity Ice Plant for the betterment of the fishermen community.

Mr. Vishal Jolly assured that all the issues raised by the fishermen community will be taken up with the appropriate authority for redressal.





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Regular Home Guards Left Stranded in Nicobar District from 2019



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Campbell Bay, 27 June 2022

Andaman and Nicobar Police has been lauded time and again for honestly enforcing its transfer Policy. Police personnel are transferred out on time from hard areas because of which majority of the staff do not hesitate to join their place of posting, unlike in other departments.

Regular Home Guards posted in Nicobar District in the year 2019 are still waiting for their transfer.

Sources have informed that the last transfer of Home Guards from Nicobar District was carried out in the year 2020. Regular Home Guards who were transferred to the Islands of Nicobar District in 2018 were transferred out of the district in 2020.

After 2020 the transfer of Regular Home Guards has not been done and because of this many such employees are facing a lot of problems.

It is unfair that the Regular Home Guards posted at Nicobar District have served three years

instead of the one-year tenure as prescribed in the transfer policy, but are still waiting for their transfer.

Nicobar District is a hard area to work in and the transfer policy of the departments of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration are formulated in such a manner that employees do not feel punished upon their transfer to Nicobar District.

Many departments have fixed short tenures for Nicobar District so that the employees do not hesitate in joining duty at the place

of their posting when transferred.

Transfer policy should be adhered to so that the employees being transferred to the Islands of Nicobar District are motivated enough to serve the public with utmost dedication.





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MP Inaugurates Manufacturing Unit of Sanitary Pads under 'My Pad My Right' Scheme



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Port Blair, 27 June 2022

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member Parliament, A & N Islands inaugurated a manufacturing unit of Sanitary Pads under the scheme "MY PAD MY RIGHT". The unit was inaugurated at the premises of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Union, Teylerabad on 26 June 2022, in the presence of Mr. Manoj. H, General Manager, NABARD, Port Blair, other distinguished guests and a large number of women.

MP complimented NABARD for sanctioning the much-needed project to A & N State Cooperative Bank for the benefit of the rural women & SHG members. He further added that women in rural areas can take advantage of this project.

Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma appreciated NABARD for working towards the hygiene and health of the common women in our islands, especially those living in the rural and slum areas.

Mr. Sharma further spoke on the importance of using a sanitary pad.

Mr. Sharma also emphasised on educating women on the importance of using sanitary pad.

He also said that NGOs, Civil Society Organisations and prominent citizens should come forward and distribute free sanitary pads in rural and slum areas so that more awareness can be created among the women.

Mr. Sharma requested that more such units should be established all over the Islands. He added that if one manufacturing unit can help so many unemployed women in getting trained, then more

units in other locations will prove to be a blessing for the women of these Islands.

MP also spoke on the proper disposal of the Sanitary Pads after use.

Mr. Manoj H, General Manager, NABARD lauded the efforts of A & N State Cooperative Bank in setting up the Sanitary Pad Manufacturing unit under the leadership of the Member of Parliament. He informed that the unit launched at Port Blair is one among the 12 launched countrywide by

NABARD. He offered all support for strengthening the unit and for marketing the products manufactured at the unit.

Mrs. Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman also attended the function. Ms. Mariyam Bibi, Ex-Chairperson Zilla Parishad, Mrs. Zubaida, Ex-Chairperson, PBMC, Mrs. Anuradha Lal, Chairman, Green City also graced the occasion.

In the welcome address, Mr. Suresh Babu, Principal, RGCTC said that the launch of the Project

has become possible because of the efforts, support and encouragement of Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma.

The programme ended with the vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Puspa Rani, Senior Manager, A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd.





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Campbell Bay, 27 June 2022

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi, State President, Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands met the Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration at his office today and raised various issues related to the Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Mr. Bairagi also submitted a letter to the Chief Secretary. Mr. Bairagi informed the Chief Secretary

that the Three Tier Panchayati Raj System has been re-established in the Islands. He added that the re-establishment of the Three-Tier Panchayati Raj System provided the necessary support for the development in rural areas. He further mentioned that as Panchayat Samiti was abolished, the related infrastructure and administrative setup is currently not available with the respective Samitis, due to which newly established Panchayat Samitis are unable to fulfil their responsibilities.

Mr. Ajoy Bairagi also informed the Chief Secretary about the bad condition of the rural roads which makes commuting very difficult for the general public.

The Chief Secretary assured to look into the issues raised by the BJP State President.





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