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Port Blair, 06 June 2022

The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, Gol, General (Dr.) VK Singh (Retd.), has described A&N Islands as a place where people from different parts of the country live in perfect peace and harmony.

Addressing the gathering at the 'Labharathi Sammelan', organized to commemorate the completion of 8 years of Modi Government, by Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar

Islands at the Community Hall, Chouldari on 5th of June 2022, the Minister, who arrived on a three-day visit, stated that the Central Government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has brought many social welfare schemes for uplifting the living conditions of the poor people. Mentioning some of the schemes viz. PM Ujjawala Yojana, Mudra Yojana, PM-KISAN, PM-Awas Yojana, the Minister said these schemes have brought great relief to poor people. The aim of devising these social welfare schemes is to provide relief to the last mile beneficiaries, he said.

The Union Minister said that Jan Dhan Yojana was a big achievement of the Gol under which many people opened accounts in banks and financial assistance is being directly transferred to their accounts eliminating the role of middlemen. While urging the people to open their accounts in Banks, the Union Minister also urged them to enrol themselves in the Pradhan Mantri Beema Yojana to avail benefits of the scheme.

The Union Minister said that under the Garib Kalyan Yojana, 80 crore people are being provided free rations for the last two years. This came as a great relief for the poor people during the

pandemic. Referring to the functioning of the Central Govt., the Union Minister said nowadays projects are not delayed as timelines are being fixed for a given task/project and it is ensured that the project is completed within the time limit and people at large are benefited from the project.

The Minister also directly interacted with the beneficiaries present at the venue and ascertained how they benefited from the social welfare schemes and what change they feel now in their lives. The Union Minister expressed happiness that the welfare

schemes have been implemented here in true spirit and people benefitted from it.

Concluding his speech, the Union Minister called upon the people to move forward with a positive approach so that not only we but our Nation also progresses at a faster pace.

In his address, State President - BJP, Shri Ajoy Bairagi informed that Garib Kalyan Yojana is effectively implemented in these Islands. He also thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister for releasing the 11th instalment of PM-KISAN scheme to the beneficiaries

to the tune of over Rs. 3.036 crores benefitting over 14000 farmers of A&N Islands.

Beneficiaries from the Isles, who received benefits through various Social Welfare schemes brought out by the Central Govt. shared their experiences on the occasions. They said that through these schemes their living conditions have improved to a great extent.

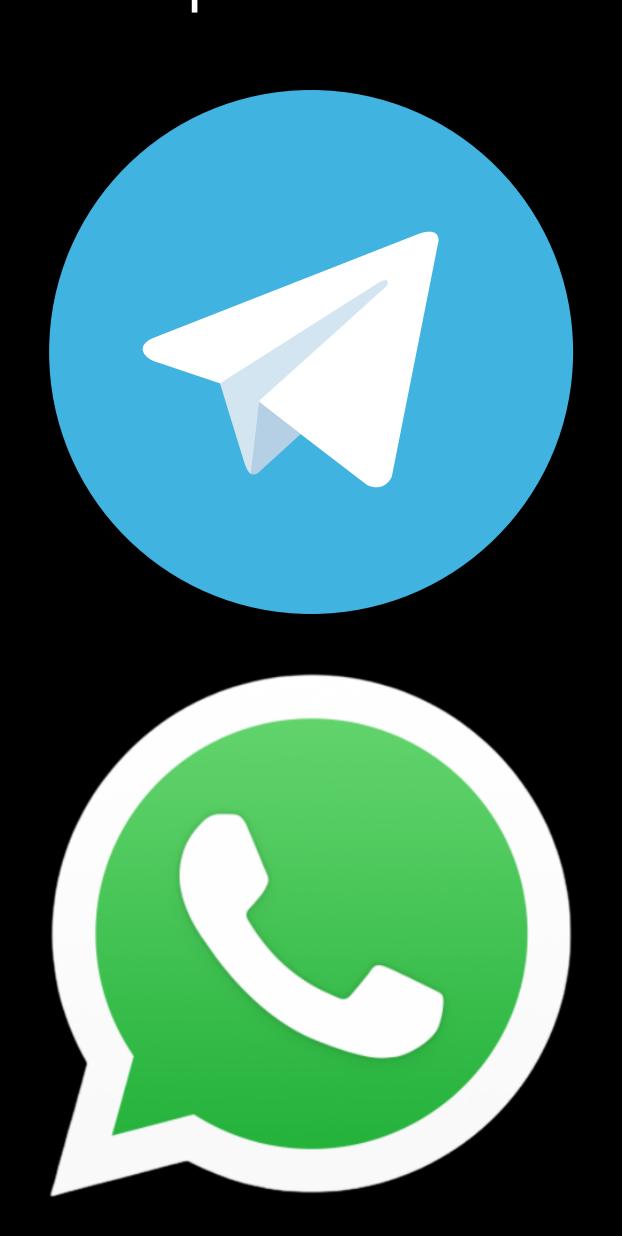
Beneficiaries from Diglipur, Mayabunder, Rangat and Campbell Bay attended the programme through virtual mode and shared their experiences.

Earlier, the Convener, 'Seva Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan', Dr. Poonam Arora in her welcome address thanked the Minister for visiting these Islands and gracing the 'Labharathi Sammelan'. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the State Vice President BJP, Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh.

Earlier, the Minister also flagged off 'Vikas Teerth Rally' (bike rally) from Flag Point which culminated at Chouldari - the venue of the 'Labharathi Sammelan'.

Earlier in the day, the Minister held a meeting at Welcome Hotel to review the ongoing Projects of Andaman Trunk Road (NH-04) being carried out by the National Highway & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL). Senior Officials of A&N Administration & NHIDLC and Contractors were present in the meeting. The completion schedule of the Projects, difficulties and causes for delay were discussed in the meeting. The Minister instructed to expedite the speedy completion of all the ongoing projects. Progress of the 'Major

Bridge connecting Port Blair – Chatham – Bambooflat' was also reviewed, which is at its final stage of Detailed Project Report.





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DBRAIT Students Hold Protest; Demands Compliance with University Conditions



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Tarun Karthick

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Campbell Bay, 6 June 2022

Students of Dr. B R Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair today held a protest in front of their college. The protest was led by Mr. P Sagar, President, DBRAIT Unit of Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

The protesting students demanded that DBRAIT should fulfil the conditions specified by Pondicherry University. Students further informed that DBRAIT has not complied with seventeen conditions

specified by the Pondicherry University.

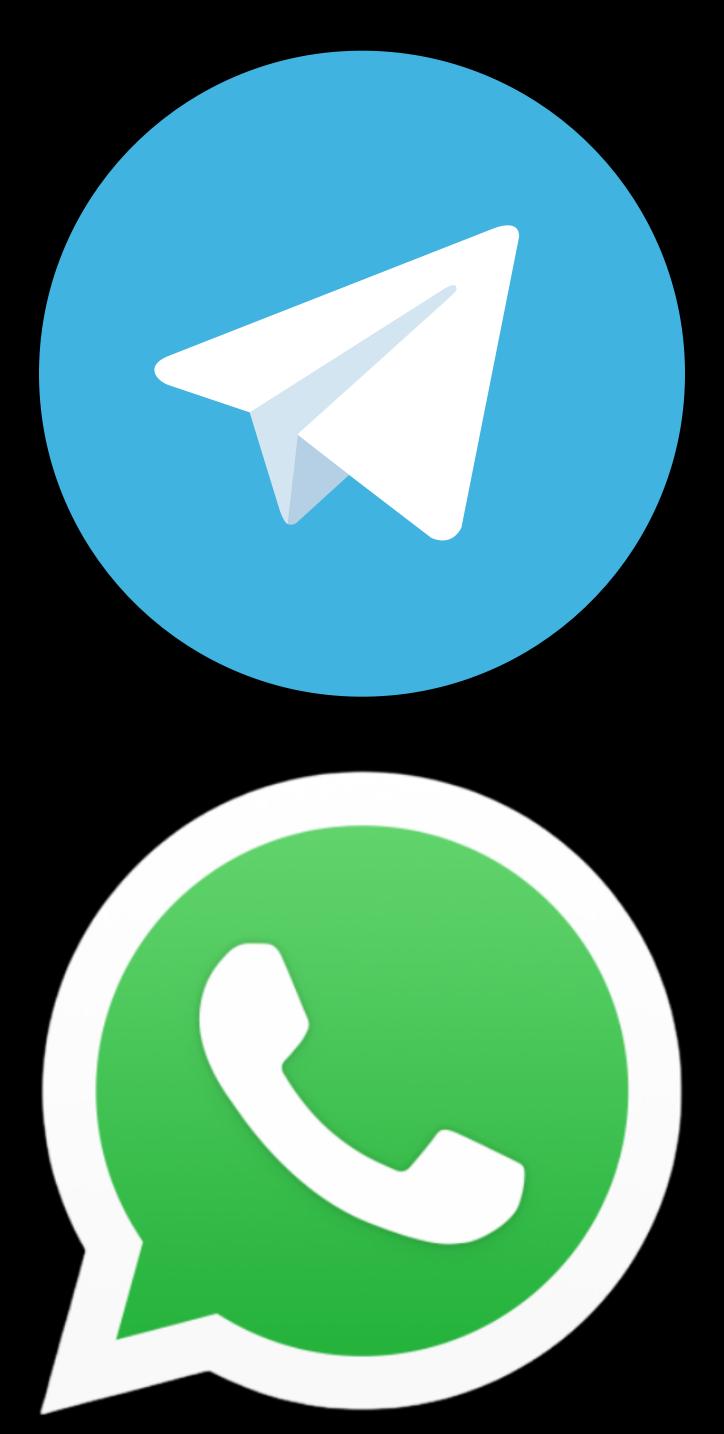
The major demands put forward by the students of DBRAIT were:

- 1. Conducting Lateral Entry Examinations as per norms of Pondicherry University and rules of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).
- 2. To separate Diploma and Degree courses offered at DBRAIT into different institutions.
- 3. Initiation of a recruitment drive for the post of Professors and Associate Professors immediately.

Members of the State Working Committee of ABVP were also present during the protest. Miss. Seema Kumari, Secretary, ABVP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Mr. U Partha Sarathi, National Executive Council Member, ABVP addressed the students during the protest.

Mr. Siddhant Rai Sharma, State Joint Secretary, ABVP, Andaman and Nicobar Islands encouraged the students to fight for their rights without any hesitation. Mr. Sharma further warned the DBRAIT

administration of more protests, if the demands of the students are not met.





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The Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Road Transport & Highways and Civil Aviation, Gol, General (Dr.) V K Singh (Retd.) held a meeting with the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Jitendra Narain at Secretariat on 06.06.2022 During the meeting, detailed discussions were held regarding holistic development of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, making Andaman as the growth

center of South East Asian Countries and transforming Andaman & Nicobar Islands as a global destination. The Chief Secretary, through a power point presentation briefed the Minister about A&N Islands Vision 2047, progress on Civil Aviation projects, ATR and the two bridges.

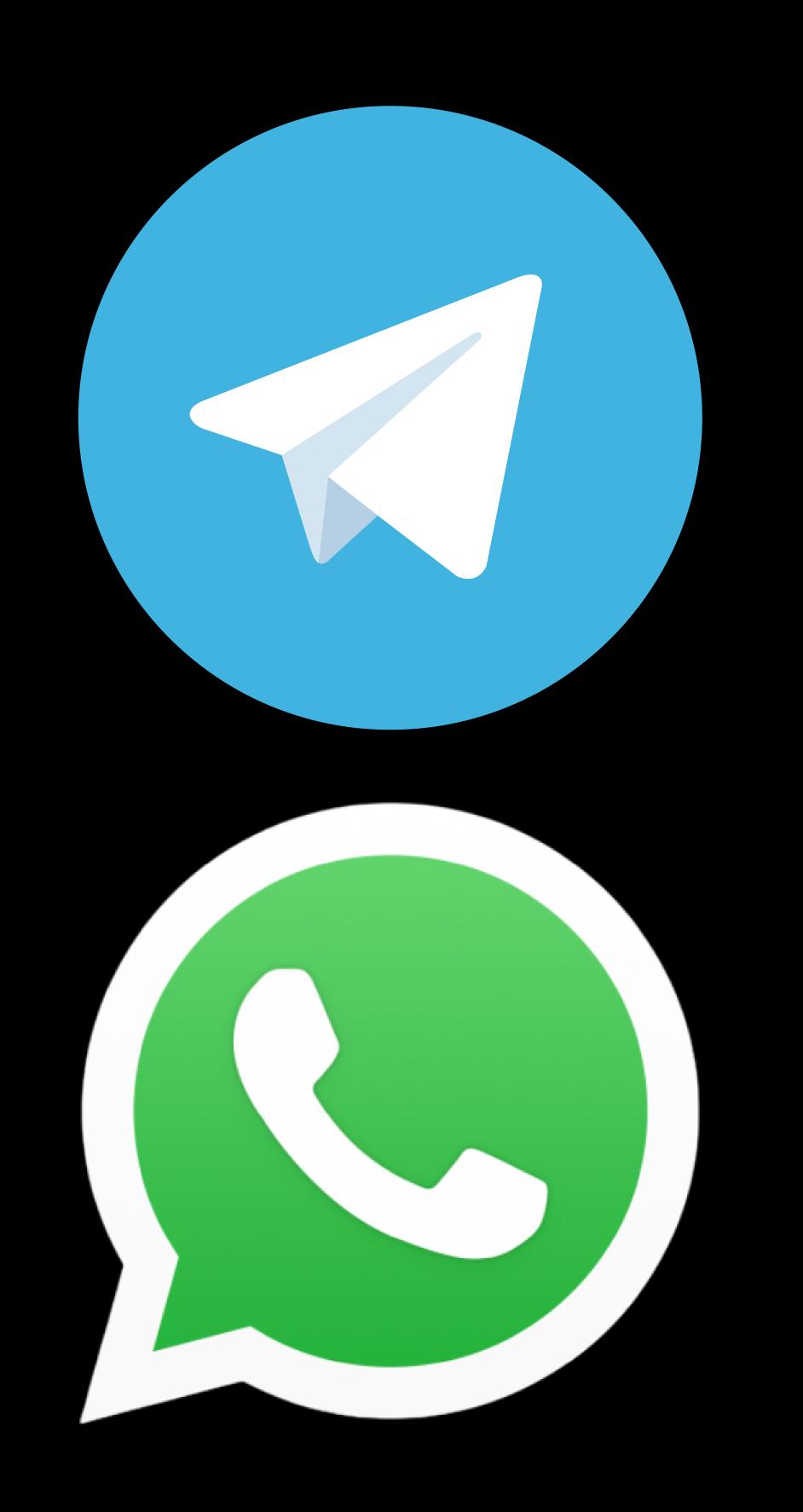




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