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Campbell Bay, 01 July 2022

The residents of Katchal are undergoing a lot of problems for more than five years due to the non-availability of X-Ray Technician and Lab Technician at the local Primary Health Centre.

Even for the basic lab tests required for diagnosis, the residents of Katchal have to travel to Kamorta.

Residents informed that the Directorate of Health Services has transferred Lab Technician and X-Ray Technician

multiple times to Katchal during the last five years, but none of the transferred employees have ever physically joined duty at PHC Katchal.

In 2017 a new X-Ray Machine was installed at PHC Katchal and all required infrastructure like the dark room etc. was created. The X-Ray Machine is lying unused for want of an X-Ray Technician.

Residents also informed that the TB Patients at Katchal are admitted to the General Ward with other patients, which increases the chance of the infection spreading from the infected to non-infected patients.

The in-patients at the PHC also have to face a lot of problems during a power cut as the generator installed at the PHC is faulty for a long time and has not been repaired.

The residents have expressed gratitude to the Directorate of Health Services and to the officers of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration for ensuring the availability of doctors at the PHC.

While speaking to Nicobar Times one resident of Katchal said ' The Directorate of Health Services should ensure that the employees they

transfer to Katchal should also join their duty at the local PHC'.

Another resident informed Nicobar Times that he strongly suspects that the Directorate of Health Services is allowing the employees transferred to Katchal, to work in other health establishments at Port Blair, without any adverse action against them.

The Directorate of Health Services should take a strict stance and ensure that the transferred employees join their duty in remote Islands for the convenience of the general public.





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Mr. Jitendra Narain, Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration held a virtual meeting with farmers of Great Nicobar Farmers Association and discussed the issues put forward by the farmers before him.

Earlier the Farmers had requested an appointment to meet the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to inform him of their issues.

Chief Secretary interacted

with the farmers and responded to all issues raised by them positively.

The farmers of Great Nicobar have been demanding to start the procurement of COPRA under MSP at Great Nicobar from a long time. At present, the farmers are not getting adequate prices for coconuts and copra due to the non-availability of the market at Great Nicobar. Chief Secretary assured the farmers that he will look into the issue and will try to start the procurement of COPRA on MSP from Great Nicobar in 15 days.

The farmers further demanded a ship per month with containers from Campbell Bay to Chennai, for transporting cargo directly to Chennai. The Chief Secretary assured the farmers that ships with containers will be scheduled accordingly.

The farmers also informed the Chief Secretary that the Agriculture Department at Campbell Bay is not supplying Seeds, Urea, DAP & Pesticides to them on time. The Chief Secretary took the issue seriously and informed the farmers that proper supply of agriculture inputs will be ensured.

The farmers of Great Nicobar have expressed gratitude towards the Chief Secretary for patiently interacting with them and for assuring to solve all their issues.





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Port Blair, 01 July 2022

Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman and Nicobar Islands today organised #ISupportAgnipath signature campaign near Marina Park. Senior leaders of the party along with leaders of all Morchas were present on the occasion.

A large number of citizens signed on the banner during the signature campaign extending their support towards Govt. of India's Agnipath Scheme for recruitment in the Armed Forces.

BJP workers briefed the citizens on Agnipath Scheme and explained the benefit of the scheme to them. Youth were encouraged to join the Armed Forces as Agniveers.

BJP leaders also informed the media that BJP will wholeheartedly support and extend all cooperation to the youth to join the Armed Forces of our Nation as Agniveers.

BJP has also invited the youth to visit BJP Office in case they need any assistance in applying for the recruitment under Agnipath Scheme.

A cultural programme was also organised during the occasion for the entertainment of the citizens.





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On 30th June 2022, Rangalal Halder, President, Andaman and Nicobar Territorial Congress Committee held a press conference in which Digital Media Channels were invited. In the Press Conference, Mr. Rangalal Halder informed that on 29th June 2022 he suspended two Congress Leaders after a scuffle took place at Congress Office. Later that night at around 11:30 Pm the Member of Parliament, Senior Congress Leaders and

Councillors visited his house to speak to him and to convince him to revoke the suspension of the Congress Leaders.

Mr. Rangalal also informed that during the visit to his house, the MP informed him 'Bazaar main charcha hota aapka murder karne ka'. Rangalal also informed that he has also written a letter to the police to investigate MP's claim.

Senior Congress Leaders Mr. K Ganeshan, Mr. Tamil Selvam, Mr. Sanjay Chaudhary, Mr. Mangal Singh, Mr. Sanjib Mondal and PMBC Councillors from

INC, held a Press Conference today and refuted the claims of Rangalal Halder.

Mr. Tamil Selvam explained the reason for visiting the house of Mr. Rangalal Halder at such an odd time at night. He further informed that he was present at Mr. Rangalal Halder's house and no such conversation took place between the MP and Mr. Halder.

Mr. Sanjay Choudhary asked Mr. Halder to withdraw his statements and expressed anguish and sadness.

He said, Mr. Halder and Mr. Sharma have worked together for so long and Mr. Halder should have spoken to the MP if the MP had informed him of such a threat, rather than going to the media with it.

Mr. Sanjib Mondal clearly refuted Mr. Rangalal Halder's claim and said he was present there at the house of Mr. Halder and no such conversation took place between the MP and Mr. Halder.

(Audio of both the press conferences can be heard by finding the story on NICOBARTIMES.COM)



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