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Campbell Bay, 05 July 2022

A pipeline worth more than ₹1.75+ Crores was laid down at Campbell Bay years ago. The pipeline runs parallel to the North-South Road from near the Chingan Village to Magar Nallah. Even though a large sum of public money was spent on installing the pipeline, it has never been used.

Sources have informed Nicobar Times that APWD tried pumping water through the pipeline a few times, but failed.

Further, no attempts were made to rectify the pipeline.

Multiple dislocated joints can be seen throughout the length of the pipeline and it would again cost a fortune if the pipeline has to be made operational.

No accountability has been fixed by the department for the failure of the pipeline project involving such a huge sum of public money.

The laying of the pipeline from Chingan to Magar Nallah also defies all logic as the source of water closest to the pipeline is Prem Bahadur Nallah.

Prem Bahadur Nallah dries up during the summer months and the water supply to the nearby villages is curtailed by APWD. The pipeline was designed to supply water towards Campbell Bay and in absence of a viable source of water, where was APWD planning to get water to transport through the said pipeline.

Spending such a huge amount of public money and then not using the asset created out of such spending should be viewed as a criminal offence. The officers involved in such projects should be held accountable and punished.

Nicobar Times approached the local authorities of APWD at Campbell Bay to get exact details on the pipeline project, but no information was provided even after multiple requests. The approximate cost of the project has been obtained from a source with knowledge of the issue.

Aimlessly spending public money by the Govt. Departments should not go unchecked, especially at a time when the public utilities like roads in the Islands are in very bad shape and needs urgent maintenance.

The ₹1.75+ Crores spent on this failed pipeline project could have been utilised for other development in Great Nicobar and it would have benefitted the public immensely.





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Campbell Bay, 05 July 2022

Electricity Consumers all over Andaman and Nicobar Islands are receiving fake SMS from unknown numbers. The fake SMS informs the consumer that their Electricity Connection will be disconnected tonight at 9:30 Pm because their previous month's bill was not updated. The SMS also asks the consumer to call the Electricity Officer at a given phone number.

Several different phone numbers are being used in the attempt to fool the

electricity consumers of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Some consumers have also reported receiving follow-up calls after the fake SMS was sent.

In one such follow-up call, the fraudster tried fooling a consumer from Campbell Bay but did not succeed as the consumer was aware.

Several different types of fraud attempts are reported every day from across the Islands. The Islanders need to be aware and ask the right questions to identify if the call or SMS they receive is part of an attempt to loot them.

Electricity Department through its Twitter handle has warned the consumers to ignore such SMS as they are false and misleading.





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PRI Members of Great Nicobar today inspected various schools at Campbell Bay and interacted with the staff to know about the issues being faced by the students and the teachers.

During the inspection, the PRI Members found a lack of basic facilities such as purified drinking water at GSSS Campbell Bay, GMS Govind Nagar and GPS Rajiv Nagar.

They also found that all three schools did not have sufficient teachers, the fencing at the schools were either broken or non-existent, the problem of water logging exists in the campus/vicinity of all three schools and the buildings of all schools need immediate renovation.

The PRI Members also found out that both the Senior Secondary Schools at Great Nicobar are only offering ARTS stream in Hindi Medium, because of which English Medium students opting to pursue ARTS Stream are facing problems.

Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, Zilla Parishad Member, Govind Nagar, Mr. Sanjay Ekka, Up-Pramukh Panchayat Samiti, Campbell Bay, Mr. Prahlad Singh, Pradhan, GP Laxmi Nagar, Mr. Venkat Rao, Pradhan, GP Govind Nagar & Mr. Emanuel, Up-Pradhan, GP Campbell Bay were present during the inspection.

Earlier Mr. Prahlad Singh, Pradhan, GP Laxmi Nagar and Miss. Leela Bathi also inspected GSSS Vijay Nagar and interacted with staff and students.

All PRI Members decided that they will take up the issues with the higher authorities of A & N Administration.





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