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Baratang Police Swiftly Arrests Accused in Attempt to Murder Case Within Hours of Crime



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In a swift response, Baratang Police arrested a 23-year-old man accused of attempting to murder a 17-year-old girl within hours of the crime on October 20, 2024. The incident took place near Azad Hind Fauj Setu, Gandhighat Jetty Road, when the accused, enraged by the victim's decision to end their friendship, attacked her with a broken glass bottle.

According to the police, a MLC call was received at Kadamtala Police Station, informing them that a minor girl had been seriously assaulted and admitted to PHC Kadamtala. A police team from Kadamtala immediately rushed to the hospital and recorded the victim's statement. She revealed that the accused was a friend, a private driver from Flat Bay, Vijaygarh, Baratang, for two years. However, after discovering his alcohol addiction, she decided to end the friendship, which led to

frequent arguments. On the morning of the attack, the victim and a female friend took an auto to the meeting spot where the accused was waiting. When she told him she no longer wished to continue their friendship due to his addiction, the accused became violent. In a fit of rage, he attacked the victim with a broken glass bottle, slashing her neck multiple times and inflicting several other injuries as she tried to defend herself. The victim's friend quickly sought help, stopping a passing vehicle, which transported the injured girl to PHC Kadamtala for urgent medical attention.

Based on the victim's statement, a Zero FIR was registered at Kadamtala Police Station under Section 109(1) of the BNS 2023 and transferred to Baratang Police Station for further investigation, as the crime occurred within its jurisdiction. Subsequently, a regular FIR (No. 37/24) was registered, and the case was assigned to ASI R. Elangovan of Baratang Police Station.

A police team, led by SI

Surjit Bhattacharjee and closely supervised by SDPO Rangat, Rahul L. Nair, IPS, launched an intensive search to track down the accused. Within hours, the team successfully apprehended him and recovered the broken glass bottle used in the crime.

The accused has been arrested and produced before the Chief Judicial Magistrate in Mayabunder, where he has been remanded to 14 days of judicial custody. Investigations also revealed that the accused had been involved in a kidnapping case registered at Diglipur Police Station in 2020 (FIR No. 28/20) and was out on bail at the time of the current offence.

Authorities have urged the public to report any information regarding criminal or illegal activities to their nearest police station or via the emergency numbers 100, 112, or 03192-273344. The identity of informants will be kept confidential, and they will be suitably rewarded for credible information.

Islands' Problems Demand Island-Centric Solutions



Tarun Karthick

Sri Vijaya Puram, 22 October 2024

In the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the routine life of citizens is often disrupted by a crisis in the supply of essential commodities. Particularly acute in the Nicobar Group of Islands, residents frequently face shortages of fuel, cooking gas, and basic food items such as potatoes, onions and tomatoes.

While the recurring shortages are typically attributed to an inadequate number of ships for timely transportation, the underlying issue runs deeper. The real challenge lies in a lack of effective planning and a reactive approach that only kicks in when the situation becomes dire, often spurred by administrative pressure or public protests.

The administration's attempts to implement solutions that have succeeded in mainland India are falling short in the unique context of these isolated islands. What works on the mainland is not necessarily applicable to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, which require tailored strategies that address specific logistical challenges.

The distribution of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders, in particular, illustrates the flaws in the current system. Despite efforts by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) over the past decade to improve distribution by appointing new suppliers, the issue persists in many remote areas.

Before 2003, LPG needs for the islands were met solely through transportation from Chennai and Kolkata. The commissioning of an LPG bottling plant at Hope Town in February 2003 alleviated some supply issues in South

Andaman and surrounding islands, but significant challenges remain.

Addressing the supply crisis requires immediate action to establish bulk LPG storage facilities and small bottling plants on each remote island, as transportation of LPG cylinders has consistently proven to be a challenge, leading to unreliable supply. Bulk LPG carriers can easily replenish supplies to each island based on consumption data, with fixed schedules for replenishment tailored to meet demand. These measures are essential, especially as the Government of India conceives mega projects like the Great Nicobar Project, which is expected to significantly increase the islands' population. While these initiatives are crucial to meet the immediate needs of the islands, the best long-term solution would be to invest in piped gas supply infrastructure, ensuring a steady and sustainable supply for residents.

For the transportation of petrol and diesel, the creation of safe and secure storage facilities on each remote island is essential. Simply refilling petrol station tanks will not suffice; additional storage must be built and regularly replenished according to a fixed schedule to prevent shortages.

Moreover, to support local businesses, cold storage facilities should be developed, and made available at affordable rates for perishable goods.

The entrepreneurial spirit of the island youth can be harnessed to tackle these problems, provided the government allocates adequate funding and relaxes regulations governing the trade and storage of fuels and commodities. While the solutions are within reach, they require concerted effort and a commitment to innovative, island-specific strategies.

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Andaman & Nicobar Police Commemorates Police Martyrs on National Police Commemoration Day



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The Andaman & Nicobar Police solemnly observed National Police Commemoration Day on October 21st, paying tribute to the brave police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty across the country.

In honour of the Martyrs, a Commemoration day Parade was held at Parade Ground, Police Lines. Inspector General of Police (IGP) Ms. Sindhu Pillai A (IPS), led the wreath-laying ceremony alongside senior officers of the Andaman & Nicobar Police. In a tribute, the IGP read out the names of 216 police personnel, including

Ms. Leela Devi, a former Home Guard of the Andaman & Nicobar Police, to honour their ultimate sacrifice. Families of the martyrs, along with retired Deputy Superintendents of Police and Inspectors, were present to pay homage to the fallen heroes.

During her address, IGP Sindhu Pillai emphasized the crucial role that police personnel play in maintaining law and order. She acknowledged the courage and selflessness of those who laid down their lives for the nation, describing their sacrifices as the backbone of the

country's safety and security. and the legacy of courage and sacrifice.

October 21st is observed as Police Commemoration Day in memory of the ten valiant policemen who lost their lives in an ambush by Chinese troops at Hot Springs, Ladakh, in 1959. The day also serves as a tribute to all police personnel who have died in the line of duty. To further honour these brave individuals, the national memorial "Shaheed Vedi" has been established at Hot Springs, Ladakh. Every year, representatives from police forces across India gather at the memorial to pay their respects and uphold

In continuation of this tribute, the Andaman & Nicobar Police has announced a series of events to observe Police Commemoration Day and Rashtriya Ekta Diwas over the next ten days, culminating on October 31st. These events will include public awareness campaigns, community outreach programs, and memorial services across various police units. The initiative aims to strengthen the bond between the police and the local community while honouring the sacrifices of the fallen officers.

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CPI(M) Holds 5th Port Blair City Area Conference, Raises Concerns Over Global Conflicts and Local Governance



agenda. He pointed to the introduction of three new criminal laws and the use of central agencies to target opposition leaders as evidence of the BJP's intent to continue on an authoritarian path. Ayyappan also condemned the government's handling of post-election setbacks, alleging that widespread attacks on minorities and the passage of anti-minority laws in BJP-ruled states followed its recent losses in the Parliament elections.

Ayyappan raised alarms about the BJP's "One Nation, One Election" proposal, warning that if implemented, it could undermine the parliamentary democratic system and the federal structure of the country.

Shifting focus to local issues, Ayyappan expressed dissatisfaction with the governance of the BJP-led administration in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He voiced concerns about the ongoing power cuts, deteriorating road conditions, corruption, and the authoritarian style of functioning displayed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Administration.

During the conference, senior CPI(M) leader and former Secretary of the State Organising Committee, K.G. Das, directed criticism at both the Congress and BJP for their roles in abolishing the Pradesh Council without providing a UT-level democratic setup in the islands. Das also raised concerns about the deteriorating healthcare system in the region, pointing out the lack of life-saving drugs in hospitals run by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration.

D. Hemalatha presented the Secretary's report, detailing the party's activities and progress in the Port Blair urban area over the past three years. The report sparked an active discussion among participants, leading to the adoption of several resolutions on key issues.

Additionally, senior leader P. Banerjee presented a condolence resolution during the event, while D. Laxman Rao, State Secretariat Member of the CPI(M), also addressed the gathering.

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Sri Vijaya Puram, 22 October 2024

The 5th Port Blair City Area Conference of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) took place at Shaheed Bhavan, Anarkali, Sri Vijaya Puram on October 20, 2024. The event commenced with the hoisting of the party flag by D. Hemalatha,

Secretary of the CPI(M) Port Blair City Area Committee, followed by floral tributes to martyrs at the Martyrs Memorial Column.

The Conference was inaugurated by D. Ayyappan, Secretary of the CPI(M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee. In his inaugural address, Ayyappan highlighted the current global crises, expressing concern over the growing threat posed by imperialist forces.

He drew attention to the ongoing war in Palestine, which has claimed the lives of nearly 100,000 people since its escalation on October 7, 2023. Ayyappan also referenced the Russia-Ukraine war, stating that the United States is utilizing Ukraine to further its strategic objective of weakening and containing Russia.

Reflecting on international political shifts, Ayyappan hailed the recent victories of socialist

and communist parties across various nations. He emphasized the significance of Anura Dissanayake's election as Executive President of Sri Lanka, seeing it as a signal that people are seeking alternatives to capitalist systems and are inclined towards socialism.

On the domestic front, Ayyappan criticized the policies of the third-term Modi government, predicting no shift in its pro-corporate, neoliberal

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Science, Maths, Arts, and Craft Exhibition Showcases Student Talent at Govt. Sr. Sec. School Haddo (EM)



Teachers also contributed to the festive atmosphere with a beautifully crafted Rangoli, centered around the exhibition's logo and theme, which received enthusiastic applause from attendees.

The exhibition featured 31 meticulously designed exhibits, with standout creations including a Smart Vacuum Cleaner, a Tesla Coil, a Travel and Tourism display highlighting National Heritage Sites, a Fire Fighting Robot, and a Digital Car Parking system, two of which were based on Artificial Intelligence.

In her address, Ms. Bhawani commended the students for their dedication and creativity, praising their ability to exhibit scientific temperament under the guidance of their teachers. Mr. Pravesh echoed her sentiments, expressing appreciation for the innovative projects on display.

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Sri Vijaya Puram,
22 October 2024

The Conference Hall of Govt. Sr. Sec. School (EM) buzzed with

creativity and innovation as students' understanding and application of scientific principles. Ms. S. Bhawani, Principal of GSSS Mohanpura, served as the chief guest, while Mr. Ram Pravesh, Deputy Education

Officer (Science) from Shiksha Sadan, attended as the guest of honour. The event began with a welcome song performed by a group of enthusiastic students, setting a celebratory tone for the day.

Mr. R. Sethukkarai, Principal of the host school, welcomed all guests and participants, making the event a resounding success and a testament to the students' hard work and ingenuity.



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Nicobar District Police Pays Tribute to Fallen Heroes on Police Commemoration Day



delivered a moving speech, underscoring the selfless commitment, courage, and valour exhibited by those in the police service.

During the ceremony, wreaths were laid at the memorial dedicated to the fallen heroes, symbolising the department's profound respect and gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice made by these individuals. The event was a poignant reminder of the risks police personnel face daily to ensure the safety and security of the nation.

As the ceremony concluded, police jawans bowed their heads in reverence, paying their respects to those whose legacies are etched in history. Their sacrifice remains in the hearts of the force, a guiding light for future generations.

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Sri Vijaya Puram,
22 October 2024

In a heartfelt ceremony, the Superintendent of Police,

Nicobar District accompanied by personnel from various units including the Fire Brigade and Police Radio, came together to honour the brave martyrs of the police force on Police Commemoration Day.

The event, held in Car Nicobar, served as a solemn tribute to the courageous men and women who laid down their lives in the line of duty. This year, the nation remembers the sacrifice of 216

police personnel, including Ms. Leela Devi, a former Home Guard with the Andaman and Nicobar Police, who gave her life while serving the community. Superintendent of Police, Sunny Gupta, IPS,

Police Commemoration Day is a time for the nation to not only reflect on the sacrifices of the fallen but to express gratitude to all those in the police force who continue to serve with courage and dedication.

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Selection Trials for A & N Islands Rowing Team to be Held on 26th October



strength. Athletes race against each other in boats, using oars to propel themselves across the water. The sport requires synchronization and power, where even the slightest misstep can affect the speed. It has been a part of the Olympic Games since 1900, and India has produced several notable rowers who have excelled on the international stage.

In these upcoming trials, promising rowers from across the Andaman and Nicobar Islands will have the opportunity to showcase their talents and compete for a spot on the island's rowing team. Participants are expected to demonstrate not only physical prowess but also the mental discipline and teamwork required for the sport.

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Sri Vijaya Puram,
22 October 2024

The Andaman and Nicobar Rowing Association is set to

conduct selection trials to form the A & N Islands rowing team for the upcoming 44th Junior and 7th Inter-State Challenger National Rowing Championships. The trials will take place on 26th October

2024, from 6:00 AM onwards, at the SAI Water Sports Complex in Sippighat. The selected team will represent the islands at the prestigious championships,

which are scheduled to be held in Pune, Maharashtra, from 1st to 6th December 2024.

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Results of Pharmacist Grade III CBT Released; Document Verification Scheduled



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Document verification is set to take place on October 25, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the Conference Hall of the Directorate of Health Services, located near Cellular



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