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## Union Minister Manohar Lal Meets Lt. Governor at Raj Nivas, Holds Review Meeting with Senior Officers



**Tarun Karthick** The Hon'ble Lt. extensive review Governor apprised meeting with Mr. the Hon'ble Union Keshav Chandra, Minister of various IAS, Chief mega projects by Secretary, A & N Administration, Mr. the Andaman & Administration, Mr. Hargobinder Singh in Dhaliwal, IPS, DGP of A & N Islands, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, PCCF of A & N Islands, and other senior officers of the Andaman & Nicobar Administration, A & N Police, Forest Department, along with representatives of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

**Sri Vijaya Puram, 26 October 2024** Mr. Manohar Lal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India, currently on a visit to the A & N Islands, met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A & N Islands and Vice-Chairman of the Development Agency, on 25th October 2024 at Raj Nivas. The Hon'ble Union Minister subsequently conducted an

## MP Bishnu Pada Ray Pushes for Improved Fuel and LPG Cylinder Availability in Car Nicobar



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In response to ongoing challenges faced by the residents of Car Nicobar, Hon'ble Member of Parliament for Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Mr. Bishnu Pada Ray, met with Mr. Harminder Singh, Director of Civil Supplies, at the Secretariat on October 24 to discuss the critical shortage of petroleum products and LPG cylinders affecting the tribal community. Accompanying Mr. Ray were representatives from the Tribal Council of Car Nicobar, who emphasised the pressing need for solutions.

During the meeting, Mr. Ray highlighted that Car Nicobar's lone petrol pump is inadequate to meet the island's fuel demands, stressing the necessity for establishing additional fuel stations to ensure a consistent supply. He also

conveyed ongoing concerns regarding the limited availability of LPG cylinders, which has been a frequent issue for the southern group of islands, with Car Nicobar residents particularly affected. Mr. Ray proposed appointing a new LPG dealer specifically for Car Nicobar to address these persistent shortages and better serve the local community.

In response, Mr. Harminder Singh assured the MP of prompt action to address the island's fuel and LPG supply concerns. He informed Mr. Ray that a ship carrying an ample supply of LPG cylinders is scheduled to sail to Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay on October 27, aiming to alleviate the immediate demand.

The steps discussed aim to ensure consistent fuel and LPG availability in Car Nicobar, bringing relief to the tribal community and supporting their day-to-day needs.

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# Union Minister of Power Reviews Solar Power Initiatives in A & N Islands



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Hon'ble Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Mr. Manohar Lal, arrived in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands on a one-day visit on 25th October 2024.

During his tour, Mr. Lal visited NLC India

Limited's 20 MW Solar PV Plant, integrated with an 8 MWh/16 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Dollygunj. Accompanied by Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman, Mr. Arjun Sharma, IAS, Secretary (Labour & Employment), Dr. Anil Agarwal, and Director (Power), Dr. Prashant Kumar, among other senior officials from

the Administration, NLC India Limited, and the Electricity Department, the Union Minister reviewed the plant's power generation capacity and distribution framework.

The Executive Director of NLC India Limited's Renewable Energy Projects, Mr. B. Anbuchelvan, briefed the Minister on the functioning of the solar plant and additional power projects by NLC in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. He highlighted that the 20 MW Solar Plant, equipped with a Battery Energy Storage System, is India's first megawatt-

A&N scale solar facility aiming to promote integrated with a sustainable battery storage unit. This system mitigates fluctuations in solar energy output caused by variable cloud cover, ensuring a more consistent power supply to the islands.

Following this, Mr. Manohar Lal inspected the 5 MW Solar PV Plant at Garacharma, developed by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and commissioned in March 2013. The Garacharma facility marks the NTPC and A&N Administration's initial steps toward deploying renewable energy in the islands,

aiming to promote socio-economic development and a greener energy footprint. Mr. Anil Shrivastava, Chief General Manager of NTPC, briefed the Minister on the plant's operations and its impact on the island's power infrastructure. The Union Minister's visit highlights the central government's support for renewable energy growth in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, aligning with national objectives for sustainable development and reduced reliance on traditional energy sources.

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# ANTCC Stages Black Day Protest Over Denial of Appointment to Meet Visiting Union Power Minister



islanders who continue to experience disruptions in their daily lives due to the unreliable power supply.

The Congress leaders had planned to signal their grievances by displaying black flags as the Minister's convoy passed by their office en route to the local power house. According to Congress leaders, in anticipation of the protest, the route was altered by the administration, reportedly to avoid confrontation with the Congress demonstrators.

Key figures from the party, including ANTCC Chief Spokesperson Mr. K Ganeshan, Mahila Congress Coordinator (South Andaman) Mrs. Zubaida Begum, City Congress President Mr. Mohd Zubair, NSUI State President Mr. M.A Sajid, INTUC (Federation) State President Mr. K.P Usman, and City Congress General Secretary Mr. Raj Reddy, took an active part in the demonstration. Through speeches and slogans, they demanded prompt government action to alleviate the power issues affecting the islands.

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The Andaman & Nicobar  
Territorial Congress Committee

(ANTCC), led by President Mr. Rangalal Halder and Campaign Committee Chairman Mr. TSG Bhasker, observed a Black Day protest in front of Gandhi Bhavan, expressing disappointment over the denial of an appointment to

meet with the visiting Union Minister of Power, Mr. Manohar Lal Khattar. The protest highlighted the acute issues faced by residents, including frequent load shedding

and prolonged power shortages, which have raised concerns over the administration's ability to resolve these critical challenges. The demonstration was marked by black flags and slogans, reflecting the frustration of



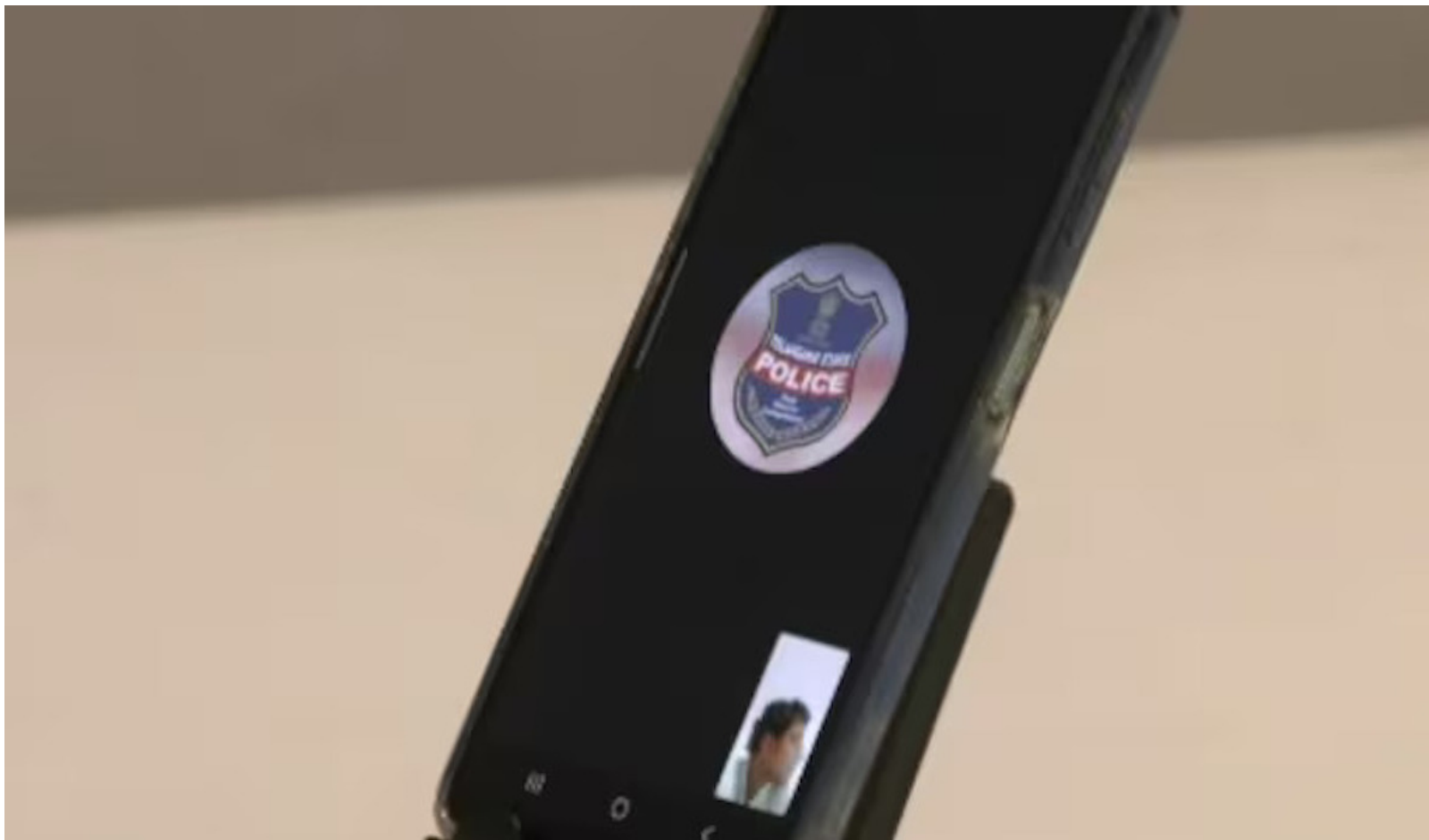
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- 3. Report Fraud:** Utilize the 'Chakshu-Report Suspected Fraud Communications' feature available on the Sanchar Saathi portal ([www.sancharsaathi.gov.in](http://www.sancharsaathi.gov.in)) to report any fraudulent activities.
- 4. Verify Mobile Connections:** Regularly check and verify mobile connections associated with your name using the 'Know Your Mobile Connections' feature on the Sanchar Saathi portal. Report any unauthorised connections immediately.
- 5. Use Privacy Settings:** Adjust WhatsApp settings by navigating to Privacy > Calls > Silence Unknown Callers to help filter unwanted calls.
- 6. Verify Distress Calls:** Always confirm with your children, relatives, or friends directly on their mobile numbers if they are reported to be in distress.

Andaman and Nicobar Police stress the importance of remaining vigilant and proactive to safeguard oneself and loved ones against these fraudulent activities. By staying informed and taking the necessary precautions, the community can work together to combat cybercrime and enhance safety and security.

For assistance, information, or inquiries, please contact the Cyber Crime Police Station in A&N Islands via the National Helpline No. 1930 or the A&N Police Helpline No. 9531856083, or visit [cybercrime.gov.in](http://cybercrime.gov.in).

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The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Police Department has issued a public advisory amid a troubling rise in fraudulent activities targeting individuals through calls on

platforms like WhatsApp. These scammers are posing as representatives from law enforcement agencies, including the CID and the CBI, employing deceptive tactics to extort money from unsuspecting victims.

Recent reports indicate that fraudsters are falsely claiming that individuals' children have

been implicated in serious legal issues, such as rape, abetment to suicide, and drug-related offences. Exploiting the emotional vulnerability of parents, these callers demand bribes for the release of their children. Alarmingly, there have also been instances where these fraudsters have made claims of college students been kidnapped, followed by ransoms.

The fraudulent calls typically originate from numbers with the country code +92. In light of this, the police strongly advise the public to refrain from responding to such calls and to exercise caution when receiving international WhatsApp calls from unknown numbers.

To combat this growing threat, the Andaman and Nicobar Police urge citizens to take the



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# WHRPC Urges Streamlining of Private Stage Carriage Operations for Enhanced Passenger Safety & Convenience



transportation sector. Additionally, the commission highlights the necessity of monitoring the conduct of drivers and conductors, advocating for respectful and professional behaviour towards all passengers.

Dr. J Arockia Raj has urged the Enforcement Agency of the Transport Authority to take immediate action to ensure these measures are effectively implemented. "We must uphold essential standards for public safety," Dr. Raj stated, emphasising the need for compliance with regulations to guarantee a safe, peaceful, and lawful travel experience for citizens.

The WHRPC's proactive stance underscores the critical need for accountability and professionalism within public transport especially those operated by private players, aiming to protect the rights and safety of all passengers.

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(WHRPC), under the leadership of Dr. J Arockia Raj, National Member, has made a strong appeal for the reform of Private Stage Carriage operations. The commission stresses the importance of implementing routine checks on driver licenses and the issuance of conductor licenses as mandated by Section 30 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

The WHRPC's recommendations also include the strict enforcement of ticket issuance to passengers, aiming to enhance accountability within the

The World Human Rights Protection Commission

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# Rangalal Halder Urges APWD Chief Engineer to Accelerate Road Repairs between Dhanikhari and Manglutan Junction



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local residents, has significantly deteriorated, creating severe challenges for commuters and the transportation of goods, particularly during adverse weather conditions.

"This road is vital for the daily movement of people and essential services in the area," stated Mr. Halder. "The current state of disrepair has made travel difficult and has further hampered the transportation of essential goods, adversely affecting the livelihoods of the local population."

He urged the Chief Engineer to take swift action to initiate the much-needed repairs and maintenance. "Timely intervention will greatly alleviate the hardships faced by the community and contribute to the overall development of the area," he added.

**Tarun Karthick**

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Mr. Rangalal Halder, President of the Andaman Nicobar

Territorial Congress Committee, has formally appealed to the Chief Engineer of the Andaman Public Works Department (APWD) to expedite the repair and maintenance of the 3-kilometre rural road connecting Dhanikhari to Manglutan Junction. In his letter, Mr. Halder expressed

deep concern over the prolonged delay in commencing the vital roadwork, despite the tender being floated over a year and a half ago. The road, crucial for

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# Fourth Nationwide Rozgar Mela on 29th Oct 2024: 32 Departments

## Likely to Disburse Offers of Appointment in A & N Islands



# ROZGAR MELA



**Tarun Karthick** the Deputy Secretary (R & E) of A & N Administration, dated 25th October 2024, has been circulating on social media by and

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An internal circular addressed to all Heads of Departments by and

and Nicobar departments, Islands, the event will take place at the Auditorium in Sri Vijaya Puram. HODs have been asked to communicate the selected candidates to assemble at Netaji Stadium by 7:30 AM on 29th October 2024, from where buses will be arranged to transport candidates to the DBRAIT Auditorium.

DBRAIT candidates for various posts in these departments will receive their offers of appointment during the Rozgar Mela on 29th October 2024. Recently, various departments of the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, as well as the R & E Cell of the Secretariat, had released the list of selected candidates for various posts.



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