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PM meets top business leaders amid global economic turmoil



New Delhi, Sep 8 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today held high level consultations with senior Ministers and heads of RBI, industry representatives, top bankers and leading

economists on the current economic situation. A wide-ranging discussion was held on the impact of recent economic events, and measures to take advantage of them.

The meeting was attended by Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, Petroleum Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Transport Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari.

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WHO asks South East Asia to invest in emergency preparedness measures

New York, Sep 8 The World Health Organisation (WHO) today asked South East Asian nations to invest in emergency preparedness measures to effectively respond to natural disasters, infectious diseases and radiological disasters in the future. WHO also urged the countries to scale-up their emergency management

capabilities, expedite efforts to prepare for epidemics and make health facilities safe and functional during disasters. Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia Poonam Khetrpal Singh, at the 68th regional committee meeting being held at Dili, the capital of Timor-Leste, said the region is prone to disasters. Every disaster is a reminder

of the need for better risk reduction and preparedness, an essential public health function that needs to be prioritized. WHO's South-East Asia Region comprises Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Timor-Leste.

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ANIIMS Director & management reiterate commitment towards dedicated services

Port Blair, Sept. 8 The Director, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences (ANIIMS) has strongly countered the allegations and objected to a news item published in a section of the local press here recently. In a rejoinder received here today, the Director, ANIIMS has clarified that first of all, the commencement of the Medical College was not celebrated with any fanfare or fun fare as written in the news item. The Medical College was a long felt need of the Islanders which has been addressed by the

Administration under the able guidance of the Lt. Governor and achieved after a prolonged struggle and concerted efforts of one and all. The people of A&N Islands have suffered over the years for want of adequate medical facilities, due mainly to remoteness from the mainland. Of the 50 sanctioned posts of specialists in G.B.Pant Hospital, only 11 posts were filled up before the commencement of Medical College. In spite of several efforts, the posts could not be filled up. The patients were put to hardship and faced

long queues in OPDs and even there were long waiting periods for surgical operation. The release further added that with the commencement of Medical College, the G.B.Pant Hospital has been upgraded to a teaching hospital. Presently, there are Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Senior Residents and Junior Residents doctors in the Medical College. The waiting period in operation theatres has reduced. The doctors are able to devote

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Polling Stations under South Andaman District reviewed



Port Blair, Sept. 8 The review of all Polling Stations under South Andaman District has been done by the Director, Panchayat & Municipal Elections and instructions have been issued to all concerned to ensure basic

minimum facilities. A few Polling Stations which were found to be improper for the Polling are being changed with the concurrence of the Election Commissioner, UT. Staffs on election duty have been informed to approach

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Need to reduce gender gap in literacy for women empowerment: President

New Delhi, Sep 8 President Shri Pranab Mukherjee has said that there is a need to reduce the gender gap in literacy in order to achieve the goal of women empowerment. Addressing the International Literacy Day function in New Delhi today, Shri Mukherjee said, the gender gap in literacy should not be more than 10 per cent. He said, society should also be involved in literacy

movement alongside government activities. The President said, India is way behind many sister developing countries in South Asia and needs to step up its efforts.

Human Resource Development Minister Smt. Smriti Irani also addressed the gathering. She urged volunteers and officials of Sakshar Bharat to include

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Army pays tribute to martyrs of 1965 war

New Delhi, Sep 8 Army paid homage to its 49 soldiers and officers who laid down their lives while capturing the strategically important Raja and Rani posts from Pakistan in the 1965 war. These two posts were later returned to Pakistan following the

Tashkent agreement between the two countries. Lt Gen G.S. Shergil, Chief of Staff, Central Command of the Army laid wreath at the Naman Sthal which has been erected in memory of the soldiers. These two posts were captured by the soldiers of 2 Sikh and 3 Dogra regiments.

12th National Youth Parliament Competition in JNRM

Port Blair, Sept. 8 12th National Youth Parliament Competition, an initiative by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Gol, New Delhi will be held in JNRM at 10 am on Sept. 9, 2015. The Principal Secretary (Edn), A&N Administration, Shri Rajeev Yaduvanshi will be the chief guest on the occasion.

Shri Harikeesh Bahadur, ex-MP (Lok Sabha), Shri

Jagmohan Sundriyal, Officer of Special Duty to the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Gol and Dr. R.N. Rath, Retd. Principal, MGGC Mayabunder will judge the event. An earlier round of the national wide competition was held in JNRM in which the college team emerged victorious. If it wins this time also, it will become the national champion.

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DGP interacts with bankers



Port Blair, Sept. 8 The Director General of Police, Shri Rajesh Malik interacted with the Bankers of A&N Islands at Police Head Quarters, Atlanta Point today. The Bankers enumerated the security measures being taken by the Banks during online transactions and in & around their premises/ATMs. The DGP expressed his concern over the increasing

cases of bank fraud and stressed on information dissemination and usage of visual aids, informative leaflets for sensitizing the public. He welcomed the suggestions of the bankers and asked them to install CCTV cameras in all Banks, ensure CCTV footage monitoring on a daily basis, depute security guards in all ATMs, conduct random checks on miscreants and devise a mechanism to

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Representatives of puja committees asked to attend meeting on Sept. 11

Port Blair, Sept. 8 A meeting will be held in the conference hall of the District Office, South Andaman under the Chairmanship of District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioner (South Andaman) at 10 am on Sept. 11, 2015, in connection with the arrangements of law and order for the celebration and immersion of idols of Ganesh

Digital version of Mahatma Gandhi's collected works launched

New Delhi, Sep 8 Information and Broadcasting Minister Shri Arun Jaitley today launched the e-version of the 100 volumes of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi in New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jaitley said, the collected works of Mahatma Gandhi are a treasure that India offers to the world. He also congratulated scholars involved in the compilation of Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi, CWMG. Shri Jaitley said society will be immensely benefited with the new e-version. He said the historic speeches of Mahatma Gandhi have been immortalised through the



digital version. Authentic documentation of Mahatma Gandhi's available writings was carried out under the CWMG project.

The project commenced on September 1956 and concluded on 2 October 1994, with the publication of the 100th volume.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna

All Banks of A&N Islands to organize Mega Credit Camps from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2

Port Blair, Sept. 8

The Government of India has launched Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojna (PMMY) on 8th April 2015, which is aimed to increasing the access of small borrowers to credit from formal financial sector. MUDRA will bridge the gap and go a long way in 'Funding the Unfunded'. A subsidiary company of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) named MUDRA Limited has been incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 to start the refinance operations. There are three categories of MUDRA loans under the



PMMY named 'Shishu', 'Kishor' and 'Tarun', to signify the stage of growth/development and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit/entrepreneur and also provide a reference point for the next phase of graduation/growth to look forward to: Shishu: covering loans upto Rs. 50,000, Kishor: covering loans above Rs. 50,000 and Tarun:

covering loans above Rs. 5 lacs and upto Rs. 10 lacs.

To boost up the progress, it has been decided that all Banks of A&N Islands will organize Mega Credit Camps at their Branches for PMMY from Sept. 25 to Oct. 2, 2015. The main emphasis of the camp would be on disbursement of loans under 'Shishu' Category. Interested entrepreneurs have upto Rs. 5 lacs and Tarun:

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Randomization of Polling Staff and EVMs on Sept. 13

Port Blair, Sept. 8

As per the instructions of Election Commission of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the staff appointed for polling duties, are to be selected through a process of randomization. Such randomization is intended to ensure free and fair elections, so that the Presiding and Polling Officers are not influenced by any external considerations.

As per the instructions from the District Data base, Presiding and Polling Officers have been identified and the polling party including Presiding and Polling Officers forming a

group shall be generated by the process of randomization on Sept. 13, 2015 at 9.30 am in the conference hall of District Office. However, at this stage the polling team will not be aware of the polling station assigned to them.

Polling team will know their respective polling stations in which they are deployed only at the Distribution Centre on a day prior to the day of poll.

Polling personnel randomization shall be followed by randomization of EVMs to be allocated to each Returning Officer of Port Blair Municipal Council.

All concerned have been asked to be present in the Office of Director Panchayat & Municipal Election (Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman) to witness the process of randomization, an official communication said.

Govt. servants asked to refrain from indulging in election activities

Mayabunder, Sept. 8

A complaint was lodged before the Director, Panchayat & Municipal Election, A&N Administration on Sept. 3 that a Govt. employee is involving /canvassing on behalf of his wife who is a contesting candidate for Pradhan.

Following the directions of the Director, Panchayat and Municipal Election, the District Election Officer, North & Middle Andaman District called both the complainant and respondent

for personal hearing on Sept. 5, 2015. Beside, the concerned AERO/Tehsildar, Rangat was also directed to furnish the factual report.

The complainant was absent during the hearing. After hearing the respondent and the report of the Tehsildar, Rangat, the District Election Officer, North & Middle Andaman District in the absence of any material evidence has disposed of the case by issuing warning to the respondent to not get himself involved in such

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“हिन्दी हमारी राष्ट्र की अभिव्यक्ति का प्रमुख स्रोत है ।”

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SPORTS

US Open: Paes, Bopanna set for clash in mixed doubles semifinals

New York, Sept 8

In what seems to be a mouth-watering clash for Indian tennis fans, Rohan Bopanna has ensured a semi-final clash with veteran Leander Paes after the two won their respective mixed doubles matches on Day 8 of the US Open in New York.

The fourth-seeded pair of Paes and Hingis moved into the final-four after getting a walk-over from the Romanian pair of Simona Halep and Horia Tecau in the last-eight encounter. Bopanna and his Chinese Taipei partner Yung-Jan Chan though had to battle hard against Su-Wei Hsieh (Chinese Taipei) and Henri Kontinen (Finland). The second-seeded Bopanna-Chan combine got the better of Hsieh and Kontinen 7-6, 5-7, 13-11.

Meanwhile Bopanna also continued his winning run in the men's doubles draw as he



booked a quarterfinal berth along with partner Florin Mergea. Bopanna and Mergea staged off the third-round challenge from Canada's Daniel Nestor and Edouard Roger-Vasselin of France 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. The Indo-Romanian duo will now face Dominic Inglot of Great Britain and Robert Lindstedt of Sweden in the last-eight encounter.

India also saw success in the

junior girls section as Karman Kaur Thandi served past Germany's Katharina Hobgarski 6-3, 7-6 in the singles opening round. Thandi will now face Evgeniya Levashova of Russia in the third round.

15th-seeded Pranjala Yadlapalli though had to bow out after suffering a 6-7, 3-6 first-round defeat against Valentini Grammatikopoulou of Greece.

Weightlifter Deepak Lather wins gold in Youth Commonwealth Games

Apia (Samoa), Sept 8
Indian weightlifters continued to make their presence felt on Day 2 of the fifth Youth Commonwealth Games after Deepak Lather won a gold in the 62 kg category in Apia (Samoa) today. This was India's second gold in weightlifting after Jamjang Deru stood atop the podium in the 56 kg category on the opening day of the event.

Pele to attend Subroto Cup final

New Delhi, Sept 8
Legendary footballer Pele will make his maiden visit to the Capital where he will be the guest of honour of the Subroto Cup final here on October 16. Pele, who turns 75 on October 23, will be returning to India after 1977 when he played an exhibition match as part of New York Cosmos against Mohun Bagan in Kolkata.

Karate black belt awarded to Vishal Mondal



Port Blair, Sept. 8

Black Belt Examination was organized by Kyokushin Karate IKO-Andaman at Chakraborty DOJO, Prem Nagar here recently, in which 3 candidates appeared. Vishal Mondal, studying in class 12th, Govt. Boys Senior Secondary School, Port Blair, who is also the 1st runner up in 2nd All Andaman Open Karate Tournament, 2015, has successfully passed the

Black Belt Test and has been awarded 1st Dan Black Belt in International Karate Organization -Kyokushinkaikan with Japan Honbu DAN Certificate, Black Belt & B.B.Card by Sensei Anusheel Chakraborty. All Karate Association General Secretary Shihan Anup Chakraborty & other Senior Members of the association were present on the occasion, a communication said.

ANIIMS Director...
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more time per patient enabling thorough examination and better management. Newer specialists and super specialties have been credited. Many patients of cancer and other serious diseases are being detected and are being rendered treatment at G.B.Pant Hospital. Recently, the Director, ANIIMS, performed a 6 hour surgery on a patient suffering from stomach cancer, team of doctors had also rendered their services in the North & Middle Andaman.

In any Medical College hospital or any Institution for that matter, it is normal for some personnel to join and leave as per their personal will and wish. Good doctors are always in demand and keep moving in search of greener pastures. In ANIIMS too, experienced and senior doctors have joined and are still joining as per MCI requirements of which few have moved out. It is nothing abnormal or unexpected. Why so much of fuss is being created on leaving of some faculty members, the ANIIMS Director said in the rejoinder.

A Medical College requires multi-tier staff deployment starting from Director/Dean, Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, Senior Resident, Tutor, Junior Resident and Demonstrators, apart from other supporting staffs as mandated by the MCI. This hierarchy is maintained in all the Medical Colleges. Whenever, a patient is admitted, the concerned junior doctors are the first to examine him/her who in turn report to Senior Resident doctors of the concerned unit. The Assistant/Associate Professor or the Professor is consulted only after this.

However, in serious emergencies even the senior doctors present in the ward immediately take charge of the patient and start treatment without any delay. The senior doctors always visit the patients as and when required anytime of the day and night in addition to routine rounds. The erstwhile senior local doctors, who were willing to join the Medical College, have also been inducted into the Medical College hospital as teaching faculty and are providing their services as they did earlier. All the in-patient units are being managed by a senior faculty member with assistance from junior doctors as per the hierarchy followed in any Medical College hospitals all over India.

The rejoinder further clarifies about one of the allegations in the instant news item mentioning the harassment of the newly recruited nurses by burdening them with excessive work and engaging them beyond their duties. Such allegations are totally false and baseless. All the nurses, senior or junior, and even other staff are expected to perform sincerely and are expected to put-in hard work as is required by a hospital of Medical college standard. No such sort of ragging, as is alleged in the news item, is there in the G.B.Pant hospital. The Director ANIIMS and the management of ANIIMS have reiterated their commitment towards dedicated service for the cause of a Medical College of the highest standards possible. The Director, ANIIMS has taken serious cognizance and conveyed his displeasure at such misleading news items.

Hitherto, Director, (ANIIMS), Medical Superintendent & Matron GB Pant Hospital had also held a meeting with these newly recruited nurses to know about the difficulties faced by them in the hospital, and no such incidence of harassment or ragging was bought to their notice by the newly recruited nurses, the rejoinder added.

MORE LOCAL / NATIONAL NEWS

Seven Indians figure in Forbes Asia's new list of philanthropists

New Delhi, Sept 8

Seven Indians, including three Infosys co-founders and a Dubai-based education entrepreneur, feature in the latest Forbes Asia edition in a new group of philanthropists from 13 countries for their noteworthy contributions. Infosys co-founders Senapathy Gopalakrishnan, Nandan Nilekani and SD Shibulal feature in the Forbes Asia's 9th list of philanthropists in the Asia-Pacific region for their individual contributions to health and education sectors. Rohan, son of Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy, also feature in the



list. He donated a whopping USD 5.2 million to Harvard University Press for promoting ancient Indian literary classics. He represents his father as a philanthropist. Kerala-born entrepreneur Sunny Varkey also features in the list. In June 2015, Varkey was in the news for his pledge to donate half his fortune worth USD 2.25 billion as

charity in response to the Giving Pledge Initiative, led by Bill Gates and Warren Buffet. Based in Dubai, Varkey is the founder of GEMS Education, a chain of 70 private schools in 14 countries. He has already been featured in Forbes' list of top Indian philanthropists. The two others are India-born brothers Suresh Ramakrishnan and Mahesh Ramakrishnan. Both are London-based entrepreneurs and are founders of Whitcomb & Shaftesbury Tailors on London's Saville Row.

Ahmed Javed is new Mumbai Police chief

Mumbai, Sep 8
Mumbai Police Commissioner Shri Rakesh Maria has been promoted to Director General (DG) Homeguard. Shri Ahmed Javed was appointed the new Mumbai Police Commissioner. Ahmed Javed will take over from Rakesh Maria who has been promoted as DG of Home Guards with immediate effect.

Elocution competition in Hindi for students

Port Blair, Sept. 8
As part of Hindi Fortnight Observance-2015, the Official Language Department of A & N Administration will be organising an Elocution Competition in Hindi for the students of Class IX and X on Sept. 9, 2015 at 10 am in the conference hall of Official Language Department, New Annexure Building, Secretariat.

Meanwhile, a noting and drafting competition for the employees of A & N Administration was organised at Tagore Govt. College here today.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Sept. 8
The 20 Grenadiers, Pin-910820 C/o 99 APO Port Blair will utilize the Chinthe 200 M long range Brichgunj on Sept. 12 to 23, 2015 for small arms firing from 9.31 am to 4 pm.

Meanwhile, the firing practice by CG Dormier will be carried out from 10 am to 3 pm on Sept. 10, 11, 17, 18, 21 and 24, 2015.

All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vessels, vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the mentioned date and time.

All Banks of ...
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been requested to contact their Bank Branch for application of loans and more details of the scheme under 'Shishu' category i.e loan upto Rs. 50,000, a communication from the Lead District Manager, State Bank of India, Shri P K Ummer Farooq said here today.

WEATHER

Moderate rain may occur at isolated places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 09/09/2015

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 30.7
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.9
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 083
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 084
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0510
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1726
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.4
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.3
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 15: 1971.9 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week Sept 4 - 10
Welcome Back - (Hindi UA) 1:30 PM, 3:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Payum Puli - (Tamil U) - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
The Transporter-Refueled - (English UA) - 5:00 PM
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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-
MV Sentinel will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa and Nancowry on 12.09.2015 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 15.09.2015 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 09.09.2015 (Wed) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 09.09.2015 (Wed) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed. MV Kalighat will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 16.09.2015 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 18.09.2015 (Fri) 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 14.09.2015 (Mon) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.
Note: Due to technical snag in the Air Conditioning System, the vessel MV Kalighat will sail without Air Condition during her above voyage. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.
09.09.2015 (WEDNESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.09.2015 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 09.09.2015 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

Govt. servants ...
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activities, as it is against the conduct of a Govt. Servant, failing which stringent action shall be taken against him under CCS (CCA) Conduct Rules, 1972 & Representation of Peoples Act, 1951. Further, all Govt. Servants are hereby advised not to indulge in such practices which attract penal as well as criminal action as per relevant provisions of Act/Rules. The Sector Officers of the respective jurisdiction has also been directed to be vigilant for identifying the cases of Model Code of Conduct violation, a communication from the Nodal Officer (Election)/Sr. Accounts Officer said.

Need to reduce ...
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gender issues in their teachings. She said, true education must include respect for women at home and in the society. India's literacy rate has progressed from 18 per cent in 1951 to 72.98 per cent in 2011. The target is to achieve 80 per cent literacy by the end of 12th Five-Year Plan.

12th National Youth Parliament...
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Dr. Satya Prakash, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Gol and Shri Anil Kumar, Section Officer, MoPA, Gol shall act as Observer.

The competition is being coordinated by Shri K. Venkatesan, HoD Home Science, a communication from the Principal, JNRM said.

Polling Stations...
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the concerned Returning Officer along with appointment order issued by the authority concerned for recording vote in Postal Ballot Paper. All Returning Officers are required to be available in their respective offices on September 11 & 12, 2015 for the same.

Meanwhile, the training of Presiding Officers/Polling Personnel from Kamorta was conducted at Campbell Bay today. Those who have not attended the training have been 'show caused'.

The teams constituted for preventing the violation of Model Code of Conduct are also keeping constant vigil. So far, 1436 & 206 defacements have been removed from public & private property in South Andaman District & North Andaman District respectively. The general public and others have been appealed to report any case of violation of Model Code of Conduct to Election Cell on 03192-238881 and 03192-240127.

A news Item was published in a local newspaper regarding misuse of vehicles on election duty by some staff. The matter was enquired and verified by concerned drivers and in-charge vehicles and it was found to be incorrect. The monitoring of use of vehicles is being done and necessary instructions have been issued to all concerned to ensure proper use of vehicle, a communication from the Additional District Magistrate, South Andaman said here today.