

Lt. Governor greets Islanders on 71st Republic Day

Reiterates Administration's commitment for all-round development of A&N Islands

Port Blair, Jan 25
 The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and the Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) has called upon all the Islanders to pledge for further strengthening the Unity and Integrity of the country and work for the mission through which the people of 'New Andamans' can actively contribute towards fulfilling the vision of 'New India'. He also reiterated the commitment of the Administration for the all-round development of A&N Islands.

Greeting the Islanders on the eve of 71st Republic Day broadcast by AIR this evening, the Lt. Governor said, Republic Day reminds us about the contribution of our Freedom Fighters and the makers of the Constitution. Our Constitution reminds us of

our fundamental rights and duties which we should never forget, he said. The Lt. Governor informed about the important initiatives taken by the A&N Administration for the development of these Islands. He said that on January 17, the Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu laid foundations for Faecal Sludge Treatment Plant, Marine Esplanade and Neighborhood Park and launched Smart Meters project and Air Conditioned Buses. The projects taken up through the Islands Development Agency (IDA) have witnessed significant transformations. On January 9, the cable laying work of the Optical Fibre Cable Project connecting Port Blair and 7 other Islands started from Chennai, the foundation of which was laid by the Prime

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On the Historical occasion of 71st Republic Day, I extend my best wishes and heartiest greetings to the residents of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

On this very Day in 1950, we resolved to constitute a Republic on the principles of social justice, liberty of expression and equality of opportunities. We pay homage to the great heroes and brave martyrs of our freedom struggle, who laid down their lives for the safety and Independence of our great Nation.

We are proud of our unity in diversity, where citizens live with brotherhood and harmony, constituting the largest democracy of the world. Let us move forward on the ideals enshrined in our Constitution and give our best to strengthen and make the nation prosperous. While remaining conscious of our rights, we must never lose sight of the fact that we also have the obligation to discharge our fundamental duties as enshrined in the Constitution of India.

On this auspicious occasion, I wish that our Emerald Islands always progress on the path of peace, harmony and prosperity.



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 (Admiral D K Joshi)
 PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
 Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and
 Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

Minister, Shri Narendra Modi during his visit to these Islands in December 2018. This project, which will be completed by June 2020, will increase the

speed of data and other public services being

10th National Voters' Day celebrated in Isles

CS highlights significance of voters' participation for strengthening democracy



Port Blair, Jan 25
 The 10th National Voters' Day was celebrated befittingly in the Islands together with the rest of the country today. The main function for celebrating the day

was held in the auditorium of Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya (JNRM), in which the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi was the chief guest. The Chief

Electoral Officer, Shri K R Meena, DGP, Shri Dependra Pathak, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Abhishek Dev, Padma Shree Awardee Shri Naresh Chander Lal, senior

officers of the Administration besides large number of students attended the function. The theme for this year's celebration was 'Electoral Literacy for a Strong

Inauguration of Indoor Badminton Court

Port Blair, Jan 24
 The Indoor Badminton Court (under MPLAD scheme) at Dairy Farm, Ward No. 14 will be inaugurated by the Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma on Jan 26, 2020 at 11 am, a communication said.

Free Cardiology Camp at GB Pant Hospital Port Blair by eminent Cardiologist Dr. Ramakanta Panda, Padma Bhushan and his team on Jan 26



Port Blair, Jan 25
 The Directorate of Health Services, A&N Administration Port Blair has organized a two days free Cardiology Camp at GB Pant Hospital Port Blair on Jan 25 & 26, 2020. In the camp, eminent Cardiologist Dr. Ramakanta Panda and his team of experts will benefit the cardiac patients of the Islands.

Dr. Ramakanta Panda is considered as one of the best heart surgeons in India with 99.7% success rate in bypass surgery. He is the Chief Consultant Cardio Vascular Thoracic, Asian Heart Institute and has performed over 20,000 cardiac surgeries. Dr. Panda is honoured with the 'Padma Bhushan', India's third highest Civilian Award. It is the first cardiac camp

in Andaman by such an eminent Cardiologist. Dr. Omkar Singh, Director Health Services, Dr. A.K.Mondal, Director ANIIMS and Shri Kulanand Joshi, MD ANIIDCO welcomed Dr. Panda and his team at GB Pant Hospital today. The medical camp will greatly help the cardiac patients who cannot afford to go to consult the best Cardiologist in mainland. On Jan 25, about 80 patients were screened and checked up by the team of Dr. Panda consisting of Dr. Santosh Kumar Dora, Dr. Asifa Sheik and Dr. Rishita Naidu, Cardiologists. All the patients screened today will be given necessary advice and treatment by the eminent Cardiologist Dr. Panda on Jan 26, 2020. These cardiac patients will be very lucky to have the



benefits of being treated by such a renowned and experienced Cardiologist.

Nine persons chosen for LG's Commendation Certificate

Port Blair, Jan 25
 Altogether nine persons from different walks of life have been chosen to be honoured with the Lt Governor's Commendation Certificate on the occasion of Republic Day-2020. The recipients of the award are Folk Singer Shri Birendra Kishore Talukdar, Engineer & Technician,

Smti Mukta Jagdish, Office Assistant of ICMR, Shri Jag Jeevan Ram, Head Constable, A&N Police, Shri Christopher Joshua, Lecturer (Civil) from DBRAIT, Smti S. Raji, Sailor from Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Vijit', Shri S Bera, Police Inspector, A&N Police, Shri Mahesh

Major segment of CANI SM Optical Fibre Cable laying work accomplished between Chennai-Port Blair



Port Blair, Jan 25
 The Chennai - Andaman & Nicobar Islands Submarine Optical Fibre Cable (CANI SMC) Laying Work which was inaugurated on 9th Jan 2020 by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Communication & Information Technology

and Law & Justice, Government of India in the presence of Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, has accomplished laying the submarine cable



through the Bay of Bengal region for a distance of 1317 Km out of 1480 Km. The Submarine Main Lay Ship K T Responder docked at Haddo Wharf on Jan 24, 2020 which was visited by Secretary (IT), Dr Pooja Joshi along with Secretary PBMC & CEO (Smart City) Shri Suneel

Anchorpaka. During the visit, Senior BSNL Officers along with M/s NECTI Pvt. Ltd briefed about the various tasks and developments undertaken so far in the CANI SMC Project. The main laying of submarine OF cable for segment 1

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provided through digital mode. The bandwidth augmentation will be almost 60 times of the present bandwidth and will indeed give a boost to the economic activities, besides bringing transparency in the public services delivery and also improve skill development. This project will be a major step towards 'Digital India', the Lt. Governor added.

The Lt. Governor further said that with the support of the NITI Aayog, four big Eco-Tourism projects will be developed on PPP mode which is in RFQ stage. Under these eco-tourism projects, 60 percent jobs will be made available to the local youth of these Islands and have the provision for International parameters such as GRIHA, LEED and GREEN GLOBE.

The Lt. Governor informed about the 6th IDA meeting chaired by the Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah on Jan 13 in which important decisions were taken on the upcoming projects which will have far reaching changes.

The Lt. Governor said that the first Ship to Ship (STS) Transshipment hub in India at Port Meadow, A&N Islands will commence its operations soon, as an agreement in this regard has been executed in the month of January, 2020 which will be profitable from the first year itself. Once the operations starts, about 40 lakh MT of cargo is expected to be transhipped every year and revenue generation will increase to Rs. 20-40 crores per annum.

The Lt. Governor said a direct business link has been established with the ASEAN Countries by the Central Govt. through a Joint Task Force and construction materials have started arriving. Through this initiative, not only the cost of living will be reduced but it will also accelerate economic development through tourism and business.

The Lt. Governor said that bidding process has started for four routes under 'UDAN' Scheme. Water aerodromes are being developed for the smooth operation of Sea Planes. The project report for development of two Green Field Airports, one at Port Blair and the other at Campbell Bay will be submitted by the Consultant within two months. The new Airport Terminal Complex at Port Blair will be completed this year itself. There is also a proposal to upgrade the fleet strength of Pawan Hans Helicopters which will improve the Inter Island connectivity.

The Lt. Governor informed about the proposed Modern Container Transshipment Port to be setup at South Bay in Great Nicobar Island due to its closeness to the International Shipping Corridor. The A&N Administration has invited Expression of Interest for the establishment of the Container Transshipment Port under PPP Mode and the process for selecting developers is underway.

The Lt. Governor said, making Andaman Trunk Road (NH-4) double lane and the coming up of two bridges at Humphrey and Middle Strait will reduce the travel time from Diglipur to Port Blair significantly.

The final Forest Clearance for the stage- II (5.160KM) of the North- South road leading to Indira Point at Great Nicobar has been received. During the year 2019, the construction and improvement of more than 18 KMs of rural has been completed which is an important step towards infrastructure Development, the Lt. Governor added.

The Lt. Governor said that for power generation, the Administration is focusing more on renewable and clean energy power plants and moving towards de-dieselization. The Administration has plans for de-dieselization from current 9% to 93% within three years time for which different energy efficiency projects have been undertaken. 'Energy Management Centre' is being established at Port Blair to regulate the Power Sector.

The Lt. Governor said, 50 Health Centres have been converted into Health & Wellness Centres in these Islands while 22,148 beneficiaries have been registered under 'Dulari Scheme' in the year 2019.

In the Education sector, 162 Smart Classes are being established under 'Samagra Shiksha' 2019-20. The parents can now see the Online Health Cards of the students up to class 5th in public domain. Altogether, 74 new playgrounds will be developed out of which 16 playgrounds will be created with lighting facilities.

'Aberdeen Police Station' has been selected as the 'Best Police Station' in the Country. Constable K.P. Mammu of Fire Services won the Gold medal in the 21st Asia Master's Athletic Championship held in Malaysia. Under the 'Tourist Police Eco-system Scheme', a Tourist Police Kiosk was inaugurated at Corbyn's Cove Beach in the month of September 2019, he mentioned.

The Lt. Governor said, the Vice President, during his recent visit to these Islands, inaugurated the beautiful Nature Park & Interpretation Centre at Haddo in which the mesmerising Butterfly Conservatory and Orchid Park have become the centre of attraction for the visitors.

In the Fisheries sector, 12 Fish Landing Centres at different Islands, 10MT Ice Plant at Danapur, Mayabunder and 5 MT Ice Plant at Chunna Bhatta Panigat have been completed. The Lt. Governor said, better Urban Oriented Public Transport Shuttle Service, E- rickshaw & two wheeler vehicle services have been started at Port Blair and Swaraj Dweep Islands since August 2019. The air-conditioned buses have been equipped with CCTV cameras and Global Positioning System. Recently, the Govt. of India has also awarded the State Transport Department of A&N Islands for their best green initiatives in Urban Transportation, he added.

Under the Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme, 312 beneficiaries have been sanctioned loan amounting to Rs. 84.99 lakh. 12 new Scuba Dive Centres were registered and permissions were also accorded for a new 'Sea Walk' and 'Parasailing Centre' last year. Adventure water sports activity named 'Seakart' started at Corbyn's Cove during December 2019, he said.

The Lt. Governor said that the construction and extension work of 46 'Anganwadi Centres' and 'Working Women Hostels' at Rangat and Car Nicobar have been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJKV).

He further informed that a Water Treatment Plant and CWR/Stoarge tanks have been developed in these Islands. A Sewage System at a cost of Rs. 241 crores will be created in Port Blair. The renovation work of water bodies including reuse and Borewell Recharge Structures related works totalling to 70 have been completed. Rain Water Harvesting system has to be adopted in all the new building constructions in future. Water ATMs have been established by the P BMC as a pilot project while more water ATMs will be installed in 15 different tourist places. An open air gym was created at Bhatubasti last month, he said.

The Lt. Governor said, the Administration is committed to make these Islands beautiful, hygienic and plastic free. Plastic is also being used in road construction work, he added.

The Lt Governor also lauded the efforts of A&N Command for their support to the Civil Administration during natural calamities and emergency situations. The Lt. Governor said 68 poachers and 10 narcotic smugglers were nabbed during the 5 different anti poaching operations.

The Lt. Governor also thanked the Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, elected representatives, Tribal Councils, PRIs, all political parties and the people of A&N Islands for their contribution in the development of the Islands.

The Lt. Governor also lauded all the Departments of the A&N Administration functioning under the leadership of the Chief Secretary for taking up various development activities for the benefit of the Islanders.

Nine persons chosen
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kumar Yadav, Constable, A&N Police Fire Service, Shri Mahendra Dhanwar and the Senior Investigator, Planning Section of the Secretariat, Shri P. L. Christopher. All these recipients exhibited extra ordinary sense of responsibility, professional skills, devotion to duty and have contributed to the cause of the Islands in their respective fields. The Lt Governor will give away Commendation Certificates to these persons during the main function to be held at Netaji Stadium tomorrow (Jan 26).

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Democracy' Addressing the gathering, the chief guest congratulated the CEO and all election related officers for their tireless and dedicated efforts in carrying out special summary revision of the electoral roll and successful conduct of each election peacefully. He said that India is the only nation which gives priority to voters for without voters' participation in election, democracy would be meaningless. For this, National Voters' Day is celebrated every year, he said.

The Chief Secretary said that the people of these Islands are aware of their rights to vote. This is the result of the initiatives of the Election Commission of India (ECI) to reach the people, create awareness among them about their rights to vote and the need to participate in election. There is no institute in the world like ECI, that works for strengthening democracy and make our nation firm and progressive, he said. He appealed to the eligible voters to ensure that they are enlisted in the electoral rolls using ECI Apps and website. He also informed that by April this year, internet connectivity will improve to a great extent at least in Port Blair and its surrounding areas with the Undersea Optical Fibre Cable reaching here, while by June, it will be extended to other Islands. The chief guest concluded with the remark that it is everyone's duty to vote freely and fairly, without fear, inducement and influence of religion, cast, community etc.

Earlier, the chief guest administered the Voters' Pledge to the gathering on the occasion. He distributed two state awards to best BLOs to Smti. M. Venkat Laxmi and Shri Senthil as well as two district level awards for best BLOs of South Andaman district, to Shri M. Goraiah and Smti. Pushpa Jagrani Tirkey. He also distributed 10 EPIC (Electors Photographed Identity Cards) to the new voters and prizes to the winners of the school and college level painting competition, organized as part of the National Voters' Day celebration.

In his welcome address, the CEO, Shri K R Meena informed that voters play significant role in strengthening democracy. ECI has been instrumental in the past 70 years in providing facilities to the voters for their registration by issuing form VI through BLOs and through Helpline No: 1950, online registration are also made available. The ECI issues EPIC to eligible voters, however, to cast his/her vote, one must be registered in the electoral rolls, he said, urging all eligible voters to ensure that they are enrolled in the electoral rolls.

The CEO also informed that the Election Department has completed 100% verification work on the electoral roll for correction of entries like name, father's name, age, sex, photo etc. He urged the voters to check the electoral roll by logging on to ECI website www.nvsp.in to ensure that all entries in their respect are updated.

The function concluded with the vote of thanks, proposed by Shri Abhishek Dev, District Election Officer, A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency and Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman.

The students of JNRM led by Deepak Kumar Singh presented a skit on free and fair election while an ECI Film on Election was screened for the information of all gathered on the occasion.

Free Cardiology Camp....
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The conducting of such type medical camp will definitely be a boon for the cardiac patients of the Islands as there is no superspecialty cardiac facility in the Islands.

Dr. Panda and his team will also interact with Doctors and Medical students on management of cardiac cases and its modern approach on Jan 26, 2020. It will greatly motivate the doctors and medical student community of the Islands to upgrade their skills and knowledge for dealing with cardiac patients. ANIDCO has provided support for the free Medical Camp under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), a communication from its MD said here today.

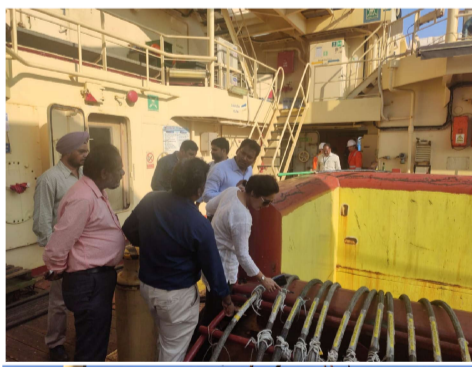


Major Segment of CANI
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started on 9th Jan 2020 from Chennai at Pattinapakkam Beach-Man Hole (BMH) towards Port Blair. The cable has been laid for a distance of 1317 Km distance which is approximately 175 Km from Port Blair. A total of 11 repeaters have been installed/laid in segment 1 which is from Chennai BMH at Pattinapakkam Beach to Port Blair BMH at Corbyn's Cove.

The ship K T Responder is scheduled to commence further work of submarine cable laying in segment 1 from 27th Jan 2020 and shore end activities will be carried in the early morning at Corbyn's Cove beach. The ship would utilise the Ploughing equipment for under water trenching and laying the submarine OF cable for a water depth upto 1500 mtrs in order to avoid any damage at shallow/low sea water level. This ship has a remote operated vehicle which would also be utilised to monitor the submarine cable crossings along with sophisticated equipments for recording lat-long, water depths and marking cable crossing locations.

BSNL has scheduled to complete segment 1 laying by 3rd Feb 2020 and commence segment 6 laying which is between BMH Corbyn's Cove beach and Swaraj Dweep, Radhanagar BMH by 6th Feb 2020. The SLTE (Submarine Line Termination) equipment in station test at Cable Landing Stations at Port Blair and Chennai was successfully completed on 30th Dec 2019. The off-shore laying along with shallow depth laying activities of submarine OF cable for segment-6 is expected to be completed by 9th Feb 2020. Work for laying for segment -2 which is from Port Blair BMH to Hutbay (Little Andaman Island) will commence from 11th Feb 2020. Laying of submarine OF cable for all remaining segments that is Hutbay to Car Nicobar, Car Nicobar to Kamorta, Kamorta to Campbell Bay,



Swaraj Dweep to Long Island and Long Island to Rangat is expected to be completed by March 2020. The construction and equipping of Cable Landing Stations in all remote Islands to be connected by CANI SMC are in full swing and are expected to be completed well within timeline. BSNL targets to test segment 1 (Chennai-Port Blair) by the third week of March 2020, an IT Deptt communique said here today.

Four Police personnel awarded with Police Medal & Fire Service Medal



Shri. Shri Kishan Meena

Shri. Robert Jeevaraj



Shri. Anil Kumar

Suk Charan Mondal

Port Blair, Jan 25 Four Police Officers of Andaman & Nicobar Police including Fire Service Personal have been awarded with Police Medal for Meritorious Service and Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Republic-Day-2020. They include Shri

Kishan Meena, DANIPS, A&N Police, Shri. Robert Jeevaraj, ASI of A&N Police, Shri. Anil Kumar, ASI of A&N Police (Police Medal for Meritorious Service) and HC/1792 Suk Charan Mondal, Head Constable of A&N Fire Service (Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service).

National Voters Day celebrated in North & Middle Andaman district



Port Blair, Jan 25

On the occasion of National Voters Day 2020, the District level function was organized in the Zilla Parishad Community Hall, Mayabunder today. Shri Awanish Kumar, District Election Officer/Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman was the chief guest on the occasion along with other dignitaries, students and general public of Mayabunder. He administered the pledge and addressed the gathering highlighting the importance of electoral literacy and for greater

electoral participation and stronger democracy. He appraised the gathering about many initiatives of ECI to make voting process inclusive and a joyful experience.

Shri Mohan Kumar, AC (HQ), Dr. Prabhuram & Dr Sashi Kumar, faculty, MGGC, Mayabunder also spoke on the occasion. Similar programmes were also organized in the Block Level at Rangat & Diglipur as well as Polling Station level. 3 BLOs were awarded as 'Best BLO' in each tehsil. Electors Photo Identity Cards (EPICs) were also distributed to the new voters on the occasion.

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Anthem. Before arriving at the Netaji Stadium for the main function, the Lt. Governor will visit National Memorial Cellular Jail and place wreath at the 'Martyr's Column' there.

Islanders greeted on Republic Day

Port Blair, Jan 25 Republic Day will be celebrated in the Islands tomorrow together with the rest of the country. On this occasion, Shri Subir Chander, Adhyaksh ZPSA in his greetings has urged the Islanders to remember the supreme sacrifices of the soldiers, who have laid down their lives for the cause of the country.

Shri. Ajoy Bairagi, State President of BJP, A&N Islands and Shri. Vishal Jolly, former State President of BJP, A&N Islands have extended their greetings to the Islanders on the occasion. Ex-Adhyaksh, ZPSA, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey has also extended his greetings to the Islanders on the occasion.