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Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 34.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.0
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 062
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 088
Sunrise time on 19.04.2024 (in IST): 0505
Sunset time on 19.04.2024 (in IST): 1731
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 2024 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 147.0 mm

Weather Report

A&N Parliamentary Constituency goes to Polls today; Polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm

12 candidates in fray for election; 3,15,148 electors to exercise their franchise through 412 Polling Stations

All arrangements made for smooth conduct of elections in A&N Islands, says CEO, ANI appealing voters to cast their vote

Port Blair, Apr. 18

All arrangements have been completed by the Election Machinery for the Lok Sabha Poll -2024 in A&N Islands. The Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency is going to Polls in the first phase of Election and Polling will be held from 7 am to 6 pm tomorrow (April 19), informed the Chief Electoral Officer, A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency, Shri B. S. Jaglan, IAS while interacting with the mediapersons in the conference hall of Secretariat here today. The CEO also appealed to all the eligible voters to participate in the democratic process celebrating the 'Election Festival' with the tagline 'Chunav Ka Parv- Desh Ka Garv'.

Giving details of the arrangements made for the conduct of poll tomorrow (Apr. 19), the CEO informed that the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency covers 3 districts and 9 Tehsils with Polling Stations spread over Urban and Rural areas. The important components/aspects for the smooth conduct of Election viz. Electoral Roll, Manpower requirement, EVMs, transportation of men and material to the Polling Stations and Communication Network Plan have been completed with precision.

The CEO said, Twelve (12) candidates are in the fray for election to the lone Lok Sabha Seat in A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency. As per the Electoral roll finalized on March 27, 2024, a total number of 3,15,148 electors will exercise their franchise for the General Election 2024. The number of male electors is 1,64,012 while 1,51,132 are female electors. The number of third gender is 04. This time the number of female electors has increased leading to improvement in gender ratio which stands at 921 compared to 886 in the Elections in 2019. With increased awareness creation through SVEEP activities, the number of young electors in the age of 18-19 years has gone up to 5,319 while the number of electors in the age group of 20-29 years is 65,706. The number of electors in the age group of 30-79 years is 2,41,332 while the number of electors in the age 85+ is 1,037 and the number of PwDs is 2,422.



He stated that there are 412 Polling Stations spread over A&N Islands while the number of PS location is 346. The number of Polling Station in South Andaman is 223 while in N&M Andaman it is 132 and 57 in Nicobar District. This time, the total no. of sensitive Polling Stations in ANIPC is 60 while critical Polling Stations are 27. The number of Isolated Polling Stations which has issues in access is 45. As per a new initiative, webcasting has been arranged in 206 Polling Stations which comes to 50 percent out of the total 412 Polling Stations spread over the ANIPC. These 206 Polling Stations will be monitored 24X7 live from the Control Room of District Office viz. pre-poll day, poll day and day after poll and these also include Isolated, Critical Polling Stations. 805 Control Units, 805 Ballot Units and 844 VVPATs have been commissioned which will be used in the Election.

The CEO also remarked that the uniqueness of the Election in ANIPC is that a total of 09 Polling Stations will be managed by All Women Members and it will be known as Pink Polling Booths. JNRM College, GMSSS Ferrargunj and GMS Netaji Nagar in South Andaman have been declared as All Women Polling Stations and it will be managed by all women members. In North & Middle Andaman, GPS Madhupur, Panchayat Bhawan Lucknow and GSSS Rangat and in Nicobar District, District Library Perka, GPS Chota Inaka, GPS Jetty Bazaar Campbell Bay have been

declared as women managed Polling Stations. He said, the number of Model Polling Stations is 10 with good ambience. VHF & Satellite phones have been made available for seamless transmission of polling data in areas wherever mobile network is not available.

He further informed that in ANIPC, there are 13 Polling Stations, in which the no. of electors are below 100 and out of these 13 Polling Station, 3 are in South Andaman. The Smallest Polling Stations with regard to elector is Pilopatia with 12 votes while the no. of voters in Polling Station Lawful Bay is 14 in Nicobar District. There are 3 PVTGs whose names are there in electoral roll, out of which, the no. of electors from Shompen Tribe is 98, from Onge Tribe 68 and 39 are from Great Andamanese Tribe. These PVTGs will participate in the democratic process on 19.04.2024.

The CEO elaborated that altogether, 2,384 Polling personnel and 3,000 Police Personnel besides, six Coys of CAPF have been engaged for the smooth conduct of Polling on April 19, 2024 in ANIPC. Extra force including CAPF has also been deployed at the identified Critical, Isolated and Sensitive Polling Stations in ANIPC. 72 Micro-Observers have also been deployed at these Polling Station in addition to arrangement of webcasting. He said, 6,517 Election Duty Certificates have been issued to the Polling Personnel and other staff engaged in Election Duty to enable them to cast their vote at their place of duty itself. The dispatch of Polling Parties and Poll Materials for the 9 Tehsils in all the 3 districts have been completed and the Polling Parties have reached their respective Polling Booths for the smooth conduct of Election on April 19.

The CEO stated that April 19 will be a Paid Holiday, the notification for which has been issued. The Polling Day and the Counting Day have been declared 'Dry Days' in the entire A&N Islands.

Further, the CEO informed that Assured Minimum Facilities (AMF) as per the guidelines of the ECI has been arranged at all the Polling Stations which include drinking water facilities,

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Chief Justice, High Court at Calcutta inaugurates Vulnerable Witness Deposition Centre at Port Blair



Port Blair, Apr. 18

Registrar, Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair, Learned District and Sessions Judge, Hon'ble Justice P.S. Sivagnanam, Chief Justice, High Court at Calcutta in the august presence of Hon'ble Justice Shampa Sarkar, Hon'ble Justice Amrita Sinha and Hon'ble Justice Krishna Rao today in the presence of the

environment for recording the evidence of the vulnerable witnesses minimizing harassment or victimization of the witnesses. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by the Hon'ble Justice Krishna Rao, a press release from District and Sessions Judge, A &N Islands said.

GENERAL ELECTION - 2024

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M/o Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India

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Photo Voter SLIP be used for guidance but NOT as IDENTITY PROOF in Polling Station

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A & N Parliamentary Constituency goes to Polls ...

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proper shades for the voters in queue, toilet facilities, provision of Ramp etc. The AMF has been devised in such a way so as to enable the voters to exercise their franchise comfortably and to facilitate their participation in the democratic process in a big way. He added that pick up and drop for senior citizens and PwDs as per laid down ECI mechanism have been arranged. During the Poll Day, if Senior Citizens or PwDs, who couldn't cast their votes through Postal Ballot and require any assistance they can contact the BLOs of their respective Polling Booth and in turn the BLOs will facilitate them for voting by taking up the matter with Election Officials available in the field.

The CEO also informed that Senior Citizens and PwDs voters can register themselves in 'Shaksham App' brought out by the ECI for assistance with regard to Wheelchairs and pick up & drop facility. Special queue has been earmarked for the Senior Citizens and PwD voters to enable them to cast their votes without any hindrance/problem.

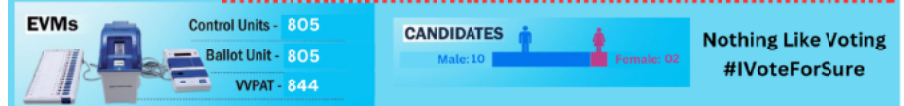
GENERAL ELECTION TO LOK SABHA - 2024

Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency

**Electorate (As on 27.03.2024)**

Total Elector	: 3,15,148	Gender Ratio	: 921
Male	: 1,64,012	18-19 yrs	: 5,319
Female	: 1,51,132	20-29 yrs	: 65,706
Third Gender	: 04	30-79 yrs	: 2,41,332
Service Voter	: 597	85+	: 1,037
EP Ratio	: 727	PwDs	: 2,422

Total Polling Stations	: 412
Total PS Location	: 346
Sensitive Polling Stations	: 60
Critical Polling Stations	: 27
Isolated Polling Stations	: 45
Woman managed Polling Stations	: 9
Model Polling Stations	: 10
Webcasting in Polling Stations	: 206



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The CEO informed that all out efforts have been made to create maximum awareness among the voters to participate in Electoral process and come out in large numbers to exercise their franchise, so that this time, voter percentage increases in ANIPC compared to the last Lok Sabha Election. The CEO also acknowledged the contribution of media fraternity in conveying the message about importance of voting. SVEEP activities were organized by the Election Department for different sections of people viz. Senior Citizens 85 plus, first time voters, students, PwDs and women. Due to continuous effort, the Election Department received request for Postal Ballot from 436 persons, out of which, 424 people exercised their franchise through Home Voting and used their Right to Vote. The number of Electronically Transmitted Postal Ballot (ETPB) is 597, out of which, 27-28 votes have been received so far and it will be received up to 8 am on the Day of Counting i.e. June 4, 2024.

In her address, the State Police Nodal Officer, A&N Islands, Ms Monika Bhardwaj, IPS, informed that elaborate arrangements have been made by A&N Police for the smooth conduct of Polling in ANIPC. She informed that proper security arrangements have been put in place in all the Polling Stations and 46 Nakas (Barricades) covering all the Districts have been set up and seizure of prohibited articles is continuing and checking will further intensify. She further disclosed about the seizure of cash of Rs. 36.58 lakhs, 3.803 Kgs of drugs amounting to Rs 2.01 crores and destruction of 7675 litres of Lehen till date.

As per the instruction of the Election Commission of India, no cellular (mobile)/cordless/wireless phone sets will be allowed inside the Polling Stations and also in the 100 meters perimeter of Polling Stations by the voters while exercising their franchise in order to maintain secrecy of voting process. The voters of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency have been requested not to carry any such gadgets with them to the Polling Station to obviate any last minute inconvenience.

The ECI appointed General Observer, Shri BN Singh, IAS, Election Expenditure Observer, Shri Satyajit Mandal and Police Observer, Shri Ravi Joseph Lokku, IPS for ANIPC will observe the entire Election Process.

Special Voter discount on food items has also been made available by the Hotel and restaurant owners in their hotels and restaurants spread across the A&N Islands to increase the voter participation on the Polling Day.

The Chief Electoral Officer, ANI, Shri B S Jaglan, IAS has appealed to all voter especially first time voter and women voters to cast their vote in big way and be the flag bearer of democracy. "Our Islands are ready to celebrate 'Chunav Ka Parv- Desh Ka Garv' in letter and spirit", he said.

Polling materials distributed to Polling Parties at Netaji Stadium



Port Blair, Apr. 18

Elaborate arrangements were made by the Office of the Returning Officer, A&N Islands

Parliamentary Constituency for the distribution of polling materials to the polling parties on April 18, 2024. Distribution of the poll materials to the Polling Parties of Ferrargunj and Port Blair Tehsils which included Rutland, Badakhari, Swaraj, Dweep, Shaheed

Dweep and Strait Island started from Netaji Stadium in the early morning itself.

Polling Stations assigned to each Polling Party were also disclosed to the Polling Parties during their arrival at the reception counter during the distribution of polling materials.

The Chief Electoral Officer, A&N Islands, Shri B S Jaglan, IAS, General Observer, ANIPC Shri. B N Singh, IAS and the Returning

Officer, A&N Islands' Parliamentary Constituency, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, were also present on the occasion.

The polling teams of Ferrargunj and Port Blair Tehsils received the poll materials and proceeded to their assigned Polling Stations.

Extensive

arrangements for the welfare of the polling parties and police parties were made by the District Administration. This included running kitchen, distribution of welfare kit to each polling and police parties. Moreover, one health kit containing all first aid items was given, in case of any

exigent situation.

JNRM has been designated as Collection Centre for the polled EVMs. Arrangements have been made by the Office of the Returning Officer, A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency to collect the polled EVMs soon after the completion of polling tomorrow (April 19).

A&N Police destroys massive quantity of seized drug Methamphetamine

Port Blair, Apr. 18

In the run up to Lok Sabha Polls tomorrow (April 19) and the commitment of A&N Police to make A&N Islands Drug Free with the help of all stakeholders, continuing the momentum of extensive drug destruction efforts, which had commenced on April 16, 2024, further, a total of 32.366 kgs of Methamphetamine seized in 04 cases from various Police Stations was initiated today by the CID Unit under the supervision of the UT Level Drug Disposal Committee chaired by Smt. Varsha Sharma (IPS), DIGP (L&O). The Committee members included Shri Rajeev Ranjan (IPS), SP (CID), Shri Mohd. Irshad Haider (IPS), SP(HQ), and Kumar Abhishek, Dy SP (CID) along with the Officers from the A&N Pollution Control

Board, Envirocheck (for measuring emitting pollutants) and G B Pant Hospital.

A total of 101 case properties, comprising 79 kgs of Ganja, 45.996 kgs of Methamphetamine, 29 Cannabis Plants, 07 gm Charas, 22 bottles of Codeine based syrup and 255 tablets of Nitrazepam & Alprazolam have been destroyed in the incinerator at G. B. Pant Hospital since 16/04/2024.

The entire destruction process was recorded on video and carried out

meticulously, adhering to all legal and procedural requirements. It's noteworthy that, in the run-up to the elections, the Andaman and Nicobar Police are taking rigorous measures against the drug menace in the Islands. This drug disposal initiative signifies the steadfast dedication of A&N Police to fostering a drug-free community and ensuring elections that are free, fair, and peaceful, a press release from SP (CID) said.

MV Chuglam to sail for Campbell Bay on April 23

Port Blair, Apr. 18

The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 23.04.2024 at 1500 hrs from Chatham Wharf/Junglighat Jetty and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from 20.04.2024 onwards between 0900 hrs & 1200 hrs at Commercial Wing.

Loading of cargo will commence from 21.04.2024 onwards. All the consigners have been requested to adhere to the loading schedule in order to maintain the sailing as promulgated. All the consigners have further been advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed, a press release from DSS said.

Sailing of MV Bharat Seema for Little Andaman revised

Port Blair, Apr. 18

Passengers have been informed that due to Administrative reasons, the scheduled departure time of the vessel MV Bharat Seema for Little Andaman on 21.04.2024 at 0700 hrs from Port Blair has been revised. Now, the vessel will sail for Little Andaman on the same day i.e. on 21.04.2024 at 1000 hrs from Haddo Wharf. Embarkation of passengers will commence at 0800 hours and boarding will be closed 45 minutes before departure time of the vessel, a press release from DSS said.

Museums of National Memorial Cellular Jail to remain closed on April 19 in view of Lok Sabha Elections

Port Blair, Apr. 18

In view of the Lok Sabha Elections -2024 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency, the Museums of the National Memorial Cellular Jail will be closed on April 19, 2024 to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the electoral process, a press release from Director, Art & Culture said.

Amendment in sailing progs. of foreshore sector vessels; passengers advised

Port Blair, Apr. 18

Due to administrative reasons, the amendments have been made in the sailing programmes of Foreshore Sector vessels.

Accordingly, the vessel MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island on 19.04.2024 (Fri) at 0530 hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 hrs from Rangat via same route. Passengers may book their tickets for the above sailing schedules from DSS e-ticketing portal (<https://dss.andaman.gov.in/eticketing>) and STARS Ticketing Counter was issued on 18.04.2024 from 1400 Hrs onwards. Left out tickets, if any



available, will be issued to the general public at Information Counter one hour prior to the departure time of the vessel.

Similarly, the vessel MV Bharat Seema will sail for Mayabunder on 19.04.2024 (Fri) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair via Diglipur on 20.04.2024 at 1000 Hrs. Passengers may book their tickets for the above sailing schedules from DSS e-ticketing portal (<https://dss.andaman.gov.in/eticketing>) and STARS Ticketing Counter was issued on 18.04.2024 from 1400 Hrs onwards. Left out tickets, if any available, will be issued to the general public at Haddo Wharf two hours prior to the departure of

the vessel.

The scheduled departure time of the vessel MV Chouldari from Port Blair to Little Andaman on 19.04.2024 (Fri) at 1100 hrs has been postponed. Now, the vessel will sail for Little Andaman on the same day at 2200 hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty.


Meanwhile, due to insufficient booking of passenger tickets, the vessel MV Bharat Seema scheduled for Swaraj Dweep on 19th & 20th April, 2024 has been cancelled. Passenger those who have purchased their tickets for the above sailings have been advised to cancel their tickets and get full refund, a press release from DSS said.



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on 20th April, 2024



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TIMBER LOUNGE

India set to celebrate world's biggest festival of democracy: voting for General Elections 2024 commences today

Election Commission of India calls upon voters to come out and vote

102 Lok Sabha seats, 16.63 crore voters, 1.87 lakh polling stations, 18 lakh personnel in phase 1

New Delhi, Apr. 18 (PIB)

The Election Commission of India has made all preparations to welcome voters to the biggest festival of democracy that any nation has witnessed, the elections to the 18th Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies in four States that starts off tomorrow with Phase 1. On this occasion, the Commission also reiterates its uncompromising commitment to deliver a free, fair, peaceful, accessible, participative and inducement free poll. The Commission and its teams across States and Union Territories, in the last two years have put in necessary hard work and meticulous interventions to give India's electors the best possible experience. The polling has come after numerous consultations, reviews, field visits, extensive training of officials and building of new and time appropriate operating procedures. It has also involved collaboration with a large spectrum of agencies, organisations countrywide.

The Commission comprising CEC, Shri Rajiv Kumar and ECs Shri Gyanesh Kumar and Shri Sukhbir Singh Sandhu gave final touches to poll preparations today at 12 noon for a smooth run of phase 1 of General Elections 2024. Remaining 6 phases of polls will continue till 1st of June with around 97 crore voters lined up to vote. Counting of votes scheduled on 4th June.

The Commission considers that it is the time now for voters to act. It has with all sincerity appealed to voters to step out of their homes, go to the polling station and vote with responsibility and pride. In a nationally televised message, CEC Shri Rajiv Kumar appealed to all voters to vote without fail. Listen to CEC, Shri Rajiv Kumar's message here -

In Hindi: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DDdiNLMWnVk>

In English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CIuuKOPpcHU>

Phase 1 Facts

1. Polling for Phase-I of the General Elections 2024 will be held i.e., 19th of April, 2024 for 102 Parliamentary Constituencies

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19
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21
States/UTs

102
Parliamentary
Constituencies

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Arunachal Pradesh (60 ACs)
& Sikkim (32 ACs)



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Election Commission of India

(General- 73; ST- 11 ; SC-18) in 21 States/ UTs and 92 Assembly Constituencies in the State Assembly Elections in Arunachal and Sikkim. It has the highest number of parliamentary constituencies among all phases. Voting begins at 7AM and ends at 6 PM (Closure of Poll timings may differ PC wise).

2. Over 18 lakh Polling officials will welcome over 16.63 crore voters across 1.87 lakh polling stations

3. Voters include 8.4 crore Male; 8.23 crore Female and 11,371 Third gender electors.

4. 35.67 lakh first time voters are registered to cast their votes. Additionally, there are 3.51 crore young voters in the age group 20-29 years.

5. 1625 candidates (Males - 1491 ; Females- 134) are in the fray.

6. 41 helicopters, 84 Special trains and nearly 1 lakh vehicles have been deployed to ferry polling and security personnel.

Ensuring Peace and Purity

7. The Commission has taken a slew of decisive measures for peaceful and smooth

conduct of the elections. Central forces have been deployed adequately at polling stations to secure the polling process.

8. Webcasting will be done in more than 50 % of the polling stations along with deployment of micro observers in all polling stations.

9. 361 Observers (127 General Observers, 67 Police Observers, 167 Expenditure Observers) have already reached their Constituencies days before the polls. They serve as the eyes and ears of the Commission to exercise utmost vigilance. Additionally, Special Observers have been deployed in certain states.

10. A total of 4627 Flying Squads, 5208 Statistics Surveillance Teams, 2028 Video Surveillance Teams and 1255 Video Viewing Teams are keeping surveillance round the clock to strictly and swiftly deal with any form of inducement of voters.

11. A total of 1374 inter-state and 162 international Border check posts are keeping strict vigil on any illicit flow of liquor, drugs,

cash and freebies. Strict surveillance has been kept at sea and air routes.

Voter Facilitation and Support

12. There are over 14.14 lakh registered 85+ years old and 13.89 lakh PwD voters in 102 PCs who have been provided the option to vote from the comfort of their homes. The optional Home Voting facility is already receiving tremendous appreciation and response.

13. Those among 85 + and PwD voters and deciding to come to polling stations will be provided with all facilities like pick and drop facility, signages, braille signage on EVM, volunteers etc. PwD voters can also book wheelchair facilities via ECI Saksham App.

14. Assured Minimum Facilities like water, shed, toilets, ramps, volunteers, wheelchairs, and electricity are in place to ensure that every voter, including elderly and persons with disabilities, can cast their vote with ease.

15. Model polling stations are being set up across the 102 PCs with local themes. More than 5000 Polling Stations will be completely managed by women including security staff and at over 1000 Polling stations by Persons with Disabilities (PwDs).

16. Voter Information Slips have been distributed to all registered voters. These slips serve as a facilitation measure and also as an invitation from the Commission to come and vote.

17. Voters can check their polling station details, and poll date through this link <https://electoralsearch.eci.gov.in/>

18. The Commission has also provided 12 alternative documents other than Voter id card (EPIC) for identity verification at polling stations. If a voter is registered in the electoral roll, voting can be done by showing any of these documents.

Information for Voters

19. Voters should guard against misinformation and fake news from influencing them or dissuading them from participating in these elections, especially against false narratives being peddled on social media. All questions, clarifications and misconceptions are clarified and addressed in Commission's Myth vs. Reality register available at <https://mythsvsreality.eci.gov.in/> and voters are requested to verify against these authenticated and credible resources before they amplify.

20. ECI KYC app and candidate affidavit portal (<https://affidavit.eci.gov.in/>) provides all details of contesting candidates including their assets, liabilities, educational background and criminal antecedents, if any for information of voters.

DIAL 1950 FOR AVAILING FREE PICK UP AND DROP ON POLL DAY

District Administration, South Andaman facilitates Free Pick Up and Drop Facility for Senior Citizens & Divyangjans

Eligible voters may register their names by contacting Toll Free Number '1950' or by submitting their request through 'SAKSHAM App'

Port Blair, Apr. 18

The District Administration, South Andaman has been taking many pro-active steps in reaching out to eligible voters especially senior citizens and divyangjans. In this regard, special drive was undertaken by facilitating postal ballots on 12.04.2024 and 13.04.2024 at their households. Auto and Taxi Associations were also

sensitized and advised to provide free ride between their home and Polling Stations. All Polling Stations are made Divyang friendly by providing suitable ramps. Similarly, wheelchairs have also been made available in the Polling Stations.

In another step towards encouraging the voters who are Senior Citizens and Divyang voters to exercise

their votes, it has been decided by the District Election Office that suitable transportation facility would be provided free of cost on poll day i.e. on 19th of April 2024. Eligible voters may register their names by contacting the Toll Free Number '1950' or by submitting their request through the Mobile App 'SAKSHAM'. Accordingly, the District Administration would make necessary arrangements for providing free pick up and drop facility to the eligible voters. If any voter has exercised their votes through postal votes, they are not entitled to vote again since their names have already been marked in the electoral roll, a press release from RO, ANIPC said.

Hotels & Restaurants to offer discounts on food bills to voters on April 19 in N&M Andaman; auto rickshaws and Jeeps/vans to provide free services to PwDs & Senior Citizens

Mayabunder, Apr.18

As the upcoming general elections to Lok Sabha is approaching, in order to ensure greater electoral participation and increase voter percentage in North & Middle Andaman District, Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS, District Election Officer, N&MA held deliberations with the Hoteliers & Restaurants Owners of North & Middle Andaman District to contribute to the democratic process by offering special services and discounts to voters on the day of poll i.e.19.04.2024. In response, the Hoteliers & Restaurants Owners of North & Middle Andaman District has pledged their full support to the initiative of District Election Office of N&M Andaman District. The Hoteliers & Restaurants Owners of N&M Andaman have agreed upon to extend discounts up to maximum 20% on food bills and even free food for First Time Voters, PwDs and Senior Citizens as a gesture of appreciation to voters who have exercised their right to vote. The discount on food bills as mentioned will be in effect only on Poll Day i.e., 19th April, 2024. To avail discount, the electors have to display the Electoral ink applied on their finger. The list of hotels and restaurants who shall be offering discount on food bills on 19th April, 2024 (POLL-DAY) are as under:-

Hotels & Restaurant under Mayabunder Tehsil		
The participating establishments include:- April 19, 2024 (Poll Day) (10 to 20% Discount on Food Only)		
S. No.	Hotel/Restaurant with location	% of discount on food only
1.	M/s Anurudha Hotel, Lucknow (near DC's Office), N&MA	20%
2.	Hotel Blue Bird, Near Helipad, Mayabunder	10%
3.	Hotel Sea & Sand, Mayabunder	10%
4.	M/s Payal Hotel, Mayabunder (Near APWD guest House)	10%
5.	Hotel Prema Sikder (Near DFO Office, Mayabunder)	10%
6.	Hotel Sagorika, Mayabunder Bazaar	10%
7.	M/s Priya Mess, Near Fish Market, Mayabunder	10%
8.	M/s Green Valley, Panighat, Mayabunder	10%
9.	Hotel Sakthi, Rest Camp, Mayabunder	10%
Hotels & Restaurant under Rangat Tehsil		
The participating establishments include:- April 19, 2024 (Poll Day) (10 to 20% Discount on Food Only)		
S. No.	Hotel/Restaurant with location	% of discount on food only
1.	M/s Roy Restaurant, Nilambur	20% Free for PwDs & Senior Citizens.
2.	M/s Sai Kripa,, Rangat	20%
3.	M/s Hotel Abhishek, Rangat	20%
4.	M/s Royal Restaurant, Rangat	20%
5.	M/s Desi Swad, Rangat Bazaar	20%
6.	M/s Pandian Restaurant	20%
7.	M/s A.R. Restaurant, Nilambur	20%
8.	M/s Tushar Hotel, Bakultala	10%
9.	M/s Anandi Restaurant, Rangat	10%
10.	M/s Teja Restaurant, Rangat	10%
11.	M/s Unique Café, Rangat	10%
12.	STS Canteen, Rangat	10%
13.	M/s Misti Hotel, Rangat	10%
14.	M/s Mondal Restaurant, Kadamtala	10%
15.	M/s Bengali Hotel, Kadamtala	10%
16.	M/s Diya Restaurant, Kadamtala	10%
17.	M/s Sumit Sweet Stall, Nimbutala	10%
18.	M/s Veda Restaurant, Nilambur	10%
19.	M/s King Restaurant, Nilambur	10%
20.	M/s A M S Restaurant, Nilambur	10%
Hotels & Restaurant under Diglipur		
The participating establishments include:- April 19, 2024 (Poll Day) (10 to 20% Discount on Food Only)		
S. No.	Hotel/Restaurant with location	% of discount on food only
1.	M/s Pristin Resort, Kalipur, Diglipur	20% 50 % for PwDs & Senior Citizens.
2.	M/s Sikdar Restaurant, R.K. Gram, Diglipur	15%
3.	M/s Hira Family Restaurant	15%
4.	M/s Hotel Disney World, Subashgram, Diglipur	15%
5.	M/s Grand Foodies, Aerial Bay, Diglipur	10%
6.	M/s New Foodies, Diglipur Bazaar	10%
7.	M/s Foodies, Diglipur Bazaar	10%
8.	M/s Hotel Hire, Diglipur	10%
9.	M/s Gold Coast Restaurant, Durgapur	10%

The District Election Officer, N&M Andaman also held meeting with Autorickshaw Association as well as Jeep Associations who have also come forward to help the effort of increasing voting percentage in the N&M Andaman by offering free ride from home to the Polling Stations for PwD voters and the Senior Citizens. The Associations were directed to adhere strictly to all MCC Norms and not to indulge in corrupt practices or electoral offences such as bribery, undue influence, intimidation of voters or canvassing during such trips. The District Election Officer, N&MA expressed his gratitude to the Hotels/ Restaurants as well as the Auto Association and Jeep Associations who would be playing a role in encouraging greater participation by the electors in the voting process and further reiterated that the concessions offered by hotels underscore their commitment at fostering an inclusive and participatory electoral process, where every voice counts and every vote matters, a press release from District Election In-charge, N&MA said.

Initiative by District Administration, South Andaman to increase voter percentage in Isles for General Elections-2024
Hotels & Restaurants to provide discounts on food bills

Port Blair, Apr.18

As an initiative to increase the voter percentage in the Islands for the upcoming General Elections for the lone Parliamentary seat of the House of People on 19th April, 2024, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, Returning Officer, ANIPC held discussions with the Hoteliers & Restaurants Association in South Andaman District.

The Association showing their support and rallying behind the spirit of civic engagement agreed upon the offering of 10%-20% discount in the food bills at hotels and restaurants, from 19th April evening to 20th April, if they exercise their franchise in the coming Lok Sabha election. To get the discount, the electors just have to show the Electoral ink applied on their finger.

The Association informed that the following hotels in the South Andaman shall be offering the discount

19th April 2024 (POLL DAY)

Special Voter Discount 15% (Food only)

- Bay Leaf
- Hotel Abhishek
- HotelAparupa Ambience
- Aparupa Sands Marina
- Hotel Mainak
- Diviyum Manor
- Hotel Sri KPN
- J Hotel
- Annapoorna
- Gem continental
- New Light House Restaurant (10% on food)
- Icy Spicy all outlets (10% on food)

20th April 2024

- Mansha Hotels (20% on food)

The Returning Officer, ANIPC also held meetings with the Taxi Association as well as Autorickshaw Associations who have also come forward to help the effort of increasing voting percentage in the Islands by

offering free ride from home to the polling station for PwD voters and the senior citizens. The Associations were directed to adhere strictly to all MCC norms and not to indulge in corrupt practices or electoral offences such as bribery, undue influence, intimidation of voters or canvassing during such trips.

The RO, ANIPC expressed his gratitude to the Hotels/ Restaurants as well as the Taxi Association and Auto Association who would be playing a role in encouraging greater participation by the electors in the voting process and further reiterated that the concessions offered by hotels underscore their commitment at fostering an inclusive and participatory electoral process, where every voice counts and every vote matters, a press release from RO's Office, ANIPC said.

General Elections-2024

ECI issues Poll Day instructions on movement of vehicles and prohibitions on canvassing near Polling Stations & Candidate Election Booth

Port Blair, Apr. 18

In order to uphold the integrity of the electoral process to achieve the predominant objective by ensuring level playing field towards conduct of free, fair, peaceful and inducement-free elections, the Election Commission of India has issued strict Poll Day instructions on movement of vehicles and prohibitions on canvassing near Polling Stations & Candidate Election Booth, which have been summarised as under:

- Each contesting candidate, on the Poll Day will be entitled for one vehicle for his own use in respect of the entire constituency. In addition, one vehicle for use of his election agent is allowed. The Poll Day permission of respective vehicles to be displayed prominently on the wind-screen of the vehicles meticulously. Moreover, illegal

hiring of vehicles for the conveyance of voters during Poll Day is a corrupt practise and an electoral offence, inviting strict action.

- More than 5 persons in a vehicle including driver is not allowed.
- Private vehicles utilised by owners for themselves/family members for going to Polling Booth to cast vote is allowed upto a radius of 200 meter of Polling Station.
- Act of canvassing for votes, soliciting the vote of an elector, persuading any elector not to vote for any particular candidate, persuading any elector not to vote at the election, exhibiting any notice or sign relating to the election are strictly prohibited within 100 meters radius of the Polling Station.
- Candidate Election Booth is allowed to be set up beyond a

distance of 200 meters from the Polling Station with one table and two chairs for the use of their agents/workers for distribution of unofficial identity slips to voters. Moreover, to protect from sun/ rain, they may use an umbrella or a piece of tarpaulin over their head. The electorate of A&N Islands Parliamentary Constituency

have been appealed to be informed voters and to contribute their share for upholding the democratic principles of free, fair and transparent elections. The Date of Poll (Phase-I) in this constituency is on 19/04/2024 (Friday) and Hours of Poll from 7 am to 6 pm, a press note from office of RO, ANIPC said.

ECI prohibits use of camera/cellular (mobile)/cordless/wireless phone sets, etc. in Polling Stations

Port Blair, Apr. 18

The Election Commission of India has issued strict standing instructions that no cellular (mobile)/ cordless/wireless phone sets, are allowed inside the Polling Stations and also in the 100 meters perimeter of Polling Stations by the voters while exercising their franchise in order to maintain the secrecy of voting process.

It is, therefore, hereby appealed to the voters under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency not to carry any such gadgets with them to the Polling Station to obviate any last minute inconvenience. The Date of Poll (Phase-I) in this constituency is on 19/04/2024 (Friday) and hours of Poll is from 7 AM to 6 PM, a press release from RO, ANIPC said.

SHRADH CEREMONY



ROJALIA TIGGA

W/o. BricitiusTirkey
R/o. SJ Lane, Near Anand Lodge
Haddo, Port Blair

D.O.B: 10.10.1960 D.O.D: 14.04.2024

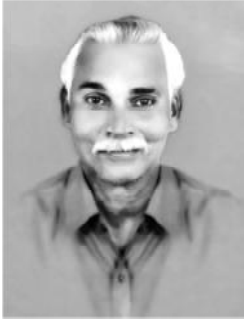
I express my sincere gratitude to all relatives, friends & well-wishers who extended condolences on the sudden demise of my beloved WIFE "ROJALIA TIGGA" who breathed her last on 14.04.2024 at GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair. The MASS will be held at Stella Maris Cathedral Church, Prem Nagar, Port Blair on 20.04.2024 at 11.00 am onwards and GAMI will be on same day from 12.00 Noon onwards at Ranchi

Association, Near St. Mary's School, Aberdeen Bazar.

Kindly pray for her heavenly soul.

Inserted by: BricitiusTirkey (Husband), Mamta Tirkey & Manisha Tirkey (Daughters).

SHRADH CEREMONY
ON 21st APRIL, 2024



LATE M.K.KUMARAN
Retd.Mazdoor Forest Deptt.

We express our sincere gratitude to all the relatives, friends and well wishers, who stood with us at the time of grief on the demise of Late MK Kumaran Retd.Mazdoor Forest Deptt. who left for his heavenly abode on 6th April, 2024. The SHRADH CEREMONY will be held on 21/04/2024(Sunday) at our residence Nayashahar

Inserted by:

Suseela (Wife) and all Family members

16th Death Anniversary
ON 19/04/2024



K DEVASENA

With deep sorrow : Shri. P. Kannan & Family, Shri. P. Raman & Family, Shri. P. Lakshman & Family, Shri. K.Venkateshwaran & Smti. V. Pushpa Family, K. ANGESH KHANTH, K.SCINDHUZA, J.Karthick, R.Visudha, V.Meenu Priyanka, R.Yogamsha, V.Anishka and L.Akash Nath, Tejesh Nath & V.Shiva Kumar. LAKSHMI INDUSTRIES & GURU LAKSHMI ENTERPRISES