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Partially cloudy sky likely over Port Blair.
Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 35°C and 26°C respectively on Tuesday 23/04/2024.
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Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.0
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 072
Sunrise time on 23.04.2024 (in IST): 0503
Sunset time on 23.04.2024 (in IST): 1732
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



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Process of receiving Polled EVMs & VVPAT machines from all Polling Stations of A&N Islands completed Strong Room at JNRM sealed; three-layer security put in place

Staff Correspondent
Port Blair, Apr. 22
The Polled EVMs and VVPAT machines which arrived by ship today from Campbell Bay have been stored in the Strong Room at JNRM amidst full security. The CAPF along with the Executive Magistrates accompanied the Polled Materials on its return journey from Campbell Bay to the Strong Room of receiving Polled EVMs and VVPAT machines from all the Polling Stations have



been completed. Soon after Bay, being the last receiving the Tehsil, the Strong Polled materials Room was sealed

under the supervision of Shri B N Singh, IAS, General Observer, Returning Officer, Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS, and other Election & Police Officials. As per the guidelines of the ECI, the entire procedure of sealing was carried out in the presence of representatives and Contesting candidates. A three-layer security arrangement has been put in place at JNRM for the safety of Polled Materials and the security of the Strong Room are being guarded 24X7 by A&N Police personnel and CRPF.

Oath taking ceremony of Probationer Sub-Inspectors of Police Motor Transport held at PTS, Prothrapur DGP exhorts Probationer Sub-Inspectors of PMT to strive for excellence



Port Blair, Apr.22
The Police Training School, Prothrapur witnessed a momentous occasion today, as Probationer Sub-Inspectors, PMT (Police Motor Transport) of Andaman & Nicobar Police took their oath in a solemn ceremony, symbolizing the culmination of their rigorous training and unwavering dedication. Shri Devesh Chandra Srivastva, IPS, Director General of Police, Andaman & Nicobar Islands graced the occasion as the chief guest. Smti Sindhu Pillai, A, IPS, Inspector General of Police, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Smti Monika Bhardwaj, IPS, DIGP (Training), other Senior Officers of A & N Police and the family members of the trainees attended the function. Addressing the gathering, the DGP encouraged the Probationer Sub-Inspectors of PMT to strive for excellence, as they embark on their journey of becoming dedicated and sincere police personnel of professional and dedicated A&N Police. The Principal (PTS), Shri Manjeet Sheoran, IPS administered the oath to the Probationer Sub-Inspectors (PMT) in the presence of esteemed dignitaries. Out of the Batch of 06 Probationer Sub-Inspectors of PMT, PSI Dishant Prasad (PMT) secured All Round Best Position

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World Earth Day with the theme 'Planet vs. Plastics' observed at ACOSTI, NIOT

"With 3Rs of waste management-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, we can contribute towards Plastic Mukt Bharat": Secretary (Fisheries)



Staff Correspondent

Port Blair, Apr. 22

To recognize the importance of global climate change, Atal Centre for Ocean Science and Technology for Islands (ACOSTI), NIOT celebrated World Earth Day at Port Blair by organizing a function in its conference hall today. The theme for World Earth Day 2024 was 'Planet vs. Plastics'. The Secretary (Fisheries, IP&T, Art and Culture, Civil Aviation, Transport), A&N Administration, Shri Vishwendra as the chief guest of the function inaugurated the World Earth Day programme by lighting the traditional oil lamp. Addressing the gathering, mostly students, the Secretary emphasized the importance of 'Plastic Mukt Bharat' and suggested that the concept can be propagated through the student's involvement in the process. He also appreciated the



initiatives taken by the NIOT-ACOSTI, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India to conduct such a program with the involvement of the School, University, Research Organization and A&N Administration. The Secretary further said that plastic was invented to ease the life of the people but it gradually accumulated beyond control, making the system unsustainable. He said that plastic being non biodegradable chokes the system in the soil, streams and oceans. He said, plastic menace is not a local issue but has become a global problem affecting the environment. Therefore, it is our responsibility to ensure that we reduce

the overall footprint of plastic, the Secretary remarked.

The Secretary mentioned that students should be the torchbearers in the society towards creating awareness about the ill-effects of plastic. It is important for each of us to do our part and one of the ways to put that plan into action is through the 3Rs of waste

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ECI prohibits conducting & publishing of Exit Poll in any form between 7 am on 19th April and 6.30 pm on 1st June, 2024 Electorates under ANIPC cautioned for any kind of act in contravention of the provisions envisaged under the statute

Port Blair, Apr. 22
All concerned have been informed that the Election Commission of India has notified the period between 7 am on 19th April, 2024 (Friday) and 6.30 pm on 1st June, 2024 (Saturday) as the period during which conducting and publishing or publicising exit poll by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in manner whatsoever, the result of any exit poll in connection with the General Elections-2024, shall be prohibited. Furthermore, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hours fixed for the conclusion of the poll. Moreover, adequate provisions are available under the Representation of People Act, 1951 for any contravention. All the electorates under the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Parliamentary Constituency have been appealed to be informed citizens and to be cautioned for any kind of act in contravention of the provisions envisaged under the statute, a press release from RO, ANIPC said.

Successful operation by A&N Police Marine Force to combat illegal poaching

Port Blair, Apr. 22

The Andaman and Nicobar Police has made remarkable breakthrough in its ongoing efforts, to combat illegal poaching activities in the territorial waters, thereby safeguarding Coastal security. The A&N Police intensified Coastal Security Surveillance in coordination with all other stakeholders, including the Fishermen Watch Groups. This proactive approach resulted in 02 vigilant



fishermen viz. Shri off Chidiyatapu Mahesh and C.H coastal area. Acting Verasamy, residents swiftly on this of Dignabad, intelligence, Police providing crucial Marine Force, assets were mobilized and intensified search on April 12, 2024, operation was launched. regarding sighting of suspicious dinghy,

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| 2. | Sindhu | 27.04.2024 2100 Hrs | Port Blair | Diglipur via Mayabunder | 28.04.2024 1030 Hrs | Diglipur | Port Blair via Mayabunder |
| 3. | Nalanda | 30.04.2024 2100 Hrs | Port Blair | Diglipur via Mayabunder | 01.05.2024 1030 Hrs | Diglipur | Port Blair via Mayabunder |
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| 2. | Nalanda | 27.04.2024 0700 Hrs | Port Blair | Little Andaman | 27.04.2024 2100 Hrs | Little Andaman | Port Blair |
| 3. | Nalanda | 29.04.2024 0700 Hrs | Port Blair | Little Andaman | 29.04.2024 2100 Hrs | Little Andaman | Port Blair |
| PORT BLAIR - CAMPBELL BAY VIA NANCOWRY & KATCHAL | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Sindhu | 30.04.2024 0900 Hrs | Port Blair | Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Katchal | 02.05.2024 0800 Hrs | Campbell Bay | Port Blair via Nancowry |
| Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel and boarding will be closed 30 Minutes before departure time. Passengers arriving late will not be allowed to board the vessel. The vessel will sail only after completion of survey procedure which will commence on completion of embarkation of passengers for issuance of 'B' Certificate as per MS Act. | | | | | | | |
| 23.04.2024 (TUESDAY) | | | | | | | |
| 1. | MV Jolly Buoy | 23.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Port Blair | Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island | 23.04.2024 1200 Hrs | Rangat | Port Blair via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep |
| 2. | MV Baratang | 23.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 23.04.2024 0900 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair |
| 3. | MV Chouldari | 23.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Shaheed Dweep | 23.04.2024 0845 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Port Blair |
| 4. | MV Chouldari | 23.04.2024 1100 Hrs | Port Blair | Shaheed Dweep | 23.04.2024 1300 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Swaraj Dweep |
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| 5. | MV Rangat | 23.04.2024 1130 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 23.04.2024 1400 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Shaheed Dweep |
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| 6. | MV Baratang | 23.04.2024 1700 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 24.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair via Shaheed Dweep |
| 24.04.2024 (WEDNESDAY) | | | | | | | |
| 1. | MV Rangat | 24.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Port Blair | Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island | 24.04.2024 1200 Hrs | Rangat | Port Blair via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep |
| 2. | MV Jolly Buoy | 24.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 24.04.2024 0900 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair |
| 3. | MV Chouldari | 24.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Shaheed Dweep | 24.04.2024 0845 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Port Blair |
| 4. | MV Kamorta | 24.04.2024 0700 Hrs | Port Blair | Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island, Kadamtala & Long Island | 15.04.2024 0700 Hrs | Rangat | Port Blair via Long Island, Kadamtala, Strait Island, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep |
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| | | -- | -- | -- | 24.04.2024 1530 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Port Blair |
| 7. | MV Jolly Buoy | 24.04.2024 1700 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 25.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair via Shaheed Dweep |
| 25.04.2024 (THURSDAY) | | | | | | | |
| 1. | MV Baratang | 25.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Port Blair | Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island | 25.04.2024 1200 Hrs | Rangat | Port Blair via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep |
| 2. | MV Ranagat | 25.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 25.04.2024 0900 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair |
| 3. | MV Chouldari | 25.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Shaheed Dweep | 25.04.2024 0845 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Port Blair |
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| 6. | MV Rangat | 25.04.2024 1700 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 26.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair via Shaheed Dweep |
| 26.04.2024 (FRIDAY) | | | | | | | |
| 1. | MV Jolly Buoy | 26.04.2024 0530 Hrs | Port Blair | Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island | 26.04.2024 1200 Hrs | Rangat | Port Blair via Long Island & Swaraj Dweep |
| 2. | MV Baratang | 26.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Swaraj Dweep | 26.04.2024 0900 Hrs | Swaraj Dweep | Port Blair |
| 3. | MV Kamorta | 26.04.2024 0630 Hrs | Port Blair | Shaheed Dweep | 26.04.2024 0845 Hrs | Shaheed Dweep | Port Blair |
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India's 17-Year-Old D Gukesh wins Candidates Chess Tournament

Creates history by becoming Youngest Challenger for World Championship Title

New Delhi, Apr. 22

In Chess, 17-year-old Indian prodigy, Dommaraju Gukesh made history as the youngest-ever player to win the FIDE Candidates Chess tournament in Toronto. In the final round last night, Gukesh held fellow title contender Hikaru Nakamura of USA to a draw with black pieces but his fate was sealed on the other board where Ian Nepomniachtchi and

Fabiano Caruana battled for 109 moves before agreeing to a draw.

Gukesh became the youngest-ever Candidates Tournament champion, beating Garry Kasparov's record, who was 20 years of age when he won this tournament in 1984.

After Vishwanathan Anand, he becomes the second Indian to qualify for the World Chess Championship. With this amazing victory, Gukesh will challenge the reigning Champion Ding Liren of China in the World Chess Championship match.



Successful operation by A&N Police ...

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Police Fast Interceptor Boat (FIB) Rifleman, intercepted 03 Myanmar national, in a bamboo raft near Brichgunj area. They were apprehended and handed over to the Central Crime Police Station.

Subsequent joint interrogations involving multiple intelligence agencies uncovered, a potential, larger presence of foreign nationals with intention of illegal poaching activities within the territorial waters.

In response to this revelation, an extensive Anti-poaching patrolling was launched by all the agencies deploying their assets at various strategic locations. This yielded significant success on April 14, 2024 as 14 Myanmar poachers in a wooden dinghy with large quantity of Sea Cucumber were apprehended, off the Rutland



Island by the Indian Coast Guard.

The apprehended poachers were promptly handed over to the PS Central Crime Station, for the joint interrogation. Following which, an FIR has been registered against the 14 poachers under sections 14/14(A) of the Foreigners Act 1946, FRA Order 1963, and 50/ 51 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972.

The alleged were presented before the Hon'ble Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Port Blair, whereby 10 poachers have been remanded to Judicial Custody and the remaining 04 have been taken in Police custody for further interrogation.

The operation was conducted under the supervision of Ms. Sindhu Pillai A, IGP, Ms. Varsha Sharma, DIGP (L&O/PMF), and Ms. Shweta K Sugathan, SP (PMF), under the leadership of Shri Devesh Chandra Srivastva, IPS, DGP, A&N Islands.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Police Force has extended its appreciation for the support and engagement of the local fishermen community involved in this operation and reaffirms its commitment in preserving the Island's marine biodiversity and safeguarding coastal security, a press release from PHQ, A & N Police said.

Pahargaon Police Station's efforts result in arrest and seizure of 52 grams of illegal cannabis

Port Blair, Apr. 22

The Pahargaon Police team has apprehended an individual under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985, seizing 52 grams of illicit cannabis. On April 17, 2024, amidst heightened security measures for the 2024 General Elections, the Police intensified their scrutiny by conducting meticulous vehicle and personal checks near Hotel Zone Connect under Pahargaon jurisdiction. During the checking, SI Saorabh Kumar Pandey of PS Pahargaon received vital intelligence about movement of some ganja based on which checking was further increased at the point. Delving into their search, the vigilant team

uncovered a cutting-edge drug suspicious package enveloped in transparent polythene, suspected to contain illicit substances, in the possession of Jasveer Singh, 24 from Sippighat.

Responding swiftly to the situation, a specialized unit, under the command of SHO Anusltha Kalia, IPS, and comprising of PCs S.N. Pathak, Santosh Lal, Sandeep Lakra, and D. Shiv Kumar, meticulously verified the contents using

Kudo State Training Seminar Camp from April 26 to 29

Port Blair, Apr. 22 Community Hall The 7th Kudo State Training Seminar Camp & 1st Kudo State Championship will be conducted by experienced trainers of KIFI Association- Kudo International Federation India, a will be held at press release from Chouldari MMAKAN said.

Oath taking ceremony of Probationer ...

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and he was awarded with Commendation Certificate, Trophy and cash prize by the chief guest.

This ceremony marks the beginning of a new chapter for these dedicated Sub-Inspectors of PMT, ready to serve the community, with the highest standards of professionalism and integrity, a press release from PHQ A & N Police said.

"With 3Rs of waste management-Reduce, ...

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management-Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, the Secretary said adding that by doing so, we can contribute towards 'Plastic Mukht Bharat' and help resolve the conflict between Planet versus Plastic.

Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Scientist-F & Head of Office, Botanical Survey of India, Dr. Mohan Raju and Dr. P.M. Mohan, Professors, Department of Ocean Studies and Marine Biology, Pondicherry University and Rev. Fr. Anup Joseph Eapen, Manager, St. Mary's School addressed the students and suggested that involvement of students will bring change and also help the students to understand the importance of a healthy ecosystem for a sustainable environment.

In his welcome address, Dr. Dilip Kumar Jha, Scientist-F & Officer-In-Charge, ACOSTI informed that, to create environmental awareness, observance of 'World Earth Day' started from April 22,1970 onwards globally which is being observed annually across the globe. This celebration will play a pivotal role in shaping the young minds with creativity, innovation and confidence in their upcoming endeavors, he said.

Earlier in the day, about 75 volunteers participated and segregated marine litter. To create awareness among the students, a plantation drive was also conducted by ACOSTI-NIOT. The idea behind plantation activity was to propagate the message that planting trees helps to maintain a clear eco-friendly environment, reduces pollution and improves the environment. Nearly 40 students from St. Mary's School participated in drawing and slogan/song competitions at ACOSTI, NIOT campus at Dollygunj. Prizes were distributed to the winners of various competitions conducted to mark the occasion by the chief guest.

A short video on plastic pollution and its impact on the marine ecosystem was screened for the school students which displayed the ingestion of plastic, suffocation and entanglement of marine species such as whales, fish, turtles, etc.

MV Swaraj Dweep to sail for Chennai on Apr. 24

Port Blair, Apr. 22 commence from 0700 hrs to 0800 hrs on Apr. 24. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a press release passengers will from DSS said.

INSV Tarini returns triumphant after historic transoceanic expedition by Indian Navy's Women Officers

New Delhi, Apr.22 (PIB)

The Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini has returned triumphant to her base port at Goa on 21st April, 2024 after a historic transoceanic expedition of nearly two months duration. The expedition was undertaken in double-handed mode by Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa A, women officers of the Indian Navy. Their exceptional journey marks a historic milestone as they become the first from India to accomplish such a feat.

The expedition was flagged off from Goa by renowned circumnavigator and their mentor Cdr Abhilash Tomy (Retd) on 28th Feb, 2024. After 22 days of navigating through the unpredictable elements of the Indian Ocean, INSV Tarini arrived at Port Louis,

Mauritius, on 21st Mar, 2024.

This historic moment was celebrated with a series of events where the officers had the privilege of interacting with government officials from the Mauritius Coast Guard and the Indian High Commission. In a gesture of camaraderie and collaboration, the vessel also undertook a training sortie with personnel from the Mauritius Coast Guard embarked, strengthening bilateral ties and fostering goodwill between the two maritime nations.

Following a hectic schedule at Port Louis, Lt Cdr Dilna K and Lt Cdr Roopa the officers prepared to embark on their return journey to Goa. Departing on 30th Mar, 2024, the officers faced continuous challenges posed by heavy



winds, adverse sea states, and rough seas. Their indomitable spirit and steadfast resolve propelled them forward, guiding INSV Tarini safely back to Goa on 21st Apr, 2024.

Their accomplishments underscore the Indian Navy's commitment to promoting gender equality and empowering women in



the maritime domain. Undeterred by the challenges encountered during their expedition, the officers demonstrated exceptional seamanship and resilience, embodying the spirit of adventure and exploration.

The two officers now prepare for their next monumental voyage, a

circumnavigation of the globe (Sagar Parikrama - IV expedition) on INSV Tarini scheduled to commence in Sept. this year.

This remarkable achievement will not only inspire but also pave way for future generations of personnel especially women in the Indian Navy to volunteer for challenging

maritime adventure activities. INSV Tarini was flagged in by Commanding Officer INS Mandovi and Naval Station Commander North Goa at the boat pool of INS Mandovi, in presence of naval personnel and families of Station Mandovi, symbolizing the collective achievement and camaraderie within the Indian Navy.

Union Public Service Commission announces Final result of Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2023

New Delhi, Apr. 22(PIB)

The following are the lists (<https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2024/apr/doc2024422332901.pdf>) in order of merit of 197 (143+39+15) candidates who have qualified on the basis of the results of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2023 conducted by the Union Public Service Commission in September, 2023 and SSB interviews held by the Services Selection Board of the Ministry of Defence for admission to the 157th (DE) Course of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun; Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala and Air Force Academy, Hyderabad (Pre-Flying) Training Course i.e. No. 216 F(P) Course.

There are some common candidates in the three lists for various courses.

The number of vacancies, as intimated by the Government is 100 for Indian Military Academy [including 13 vacancies reserved for NCC 'C' Certificates (Army Wing) holders], 32 for Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala Executive Branch (General Service)/Hydro [including 06 vacancies for NCC 'C' Certificate (Naval Wing through NCC Special Entry) holders] and 32 for Air Force Academy, Hyderabad [03 vacancies are reserved for NCC 'C' Certificate (Air Wing) holders through NCC Spl. Entry].

The Commission had recommended 2675, 0970 and 0622 as qualified in the written test for admission to the Indian Military Academy, Indian Naval Academy and Air Force Academy, respectively. The number of candidates finally qualified are those after SSB test conducted by Army Head Quarters.

The results of medical examination have not been taken into account in preparing these lists. Verification of date of birth and educational qualifications of these candidates is still under process by the Army Headquarters. The candidature of all these candidates is, therefore, Provisional on this score. Candidates are requested to forward their certificates, in original, in support of Date of Birth/Educational qualification etc. claimed by them, along with Photostat attested copies thereof to Army Headquarters /Naval Headquarters /Air Headquarters, as per their first choice.

In case, there is any change of address, the candidates are advised to promptly intimate directly to the Army Headquarters /Naval Headquarters /Air Headquarters.

These results will also be available on the UPSC website at <http://www.upsc.gov.in>. However, marks of the candidates will be available on the website after declaration of final result of Officers' Training Academy (OTA) for Combined Defence Services Examination (II), 2023.

For any further information, the candidates may contact Facilitation Counter near Gate 'C' of the Commission's Office, either in person or on telephone Nos.011-23385271/011-23381125/011-23098543 between 10:00 hours and 17:00 hours on any working day.

Precautionary measures during Tsunami

Port Blair, Apr. 22

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters and located in one of the most seismically active parts of the world and vulnerable to earthquake and tsunami disasters. Tsunamis are powerful and dangerous natural disasters that can cause devastating damage and loss of life. The Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration has requested the general public of A&N Islands to follow the Do's & Don'ts of Tsunami, if it occurs.

DO'S:
► Pay attention to tsunami warnings: If you live in a coastal area or are visiting one, make sure to be aware of any tsunami warnings issued by the authorities.

► Move to higher ground: If a

tsunami warning is issued, move to higher ground immediately. Do not wait for official instructions or for the wave to arrive.

► Follow evacuation orders: If authorities issue an evacuation order, follow it immediately. Do not delay or hesitate.

► Stay tuned to local news: Stay tuned to local news and radio stations for updates on the situation.

► Be prepared: Have an emergency kit ready, including food, water, medications, and important documents.

DON'Ts:
► Don't stay in low-lying areas: If you are in a low-lying area and a tsunami warning is issued, do not stay there. Move to higher ground immediately.
► Don't go to the coast to watch the wave: Tsunamis are not a spectator sport. Stay away

from the coast and do not go there to watch the wave.

► Don't use the beach as a shelter: Do not use the beach or shoreline as a shelter during a tsunami. The wave can be much higher than the normal tide level and can quickly flood the area.

► Don't use elevators: If you are in a building during a tsunami, do not use the elevators. Use the stairs instead.

► Don't return to the area until it is safe: After a tsunami, do not return to the area until authorities declare it safe to do so.

In case of emergency, one may contact the Emergency Helpline Numbers: 112 (ERSS), 1070 (SEOC), 1077 (DEOC), 100 (Police), 101 (Fire) & 102 (Ambulance), a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said

A&N Police issues advisory on Cyber fraudsters duping people in the name of unpaid electricity bill



Port Blair, Apr. 22

Cybercriminals send text messages pretending to be from trusted sources to get targets to click on links that install malware or steal personal & banking details. It has been observed that Cyber fraudsters have started duping people in the name of unpaid electricity bill. The fraud campaign is being aggressively spread using SMSs. Users tend to be less skeptical of text messages, so Smishing is often lucrative to attackers looking for credentials, banking information, or private data.

⇒ Fraudster sends text messages (SMSs) to the target phone numbers stating "Your Electricity Power will be disconnected tonight at 9:30 pm because your previous month bill was not updated. Please immediately contact with our electricity officer 9898XXXXXX". Once the victim makes contact with the given fraudster's number, then the fraudster tries to convince victim to share the bank account details for the purposes of verifying previous payments.

⇒ Spammers use caller ID Spoofing to make it appear the text is from a trusted or local source.

⇒ The fraudster also asks victim to install remote access application like Anydesk, Team viewer, etc.

⇒ Once the victim shares all the

information and follows the instructions given by the fraudster, the victim's bank account is under the fraudster's control to make fraudulent transactions.

In this regard, Andaman and Nicobar Police has issued the following advisory to safeguard the citizens against Smishing.
⇒ Avoid sharing your phone number unless you know the person or organization well.
⇒ Spammers use caller ID Spoofing to make it appear the text is from a trusted or local source.

⇒ Avoid downloading software from unofficial sources. Remove non-essential applications.

⇒ Avoid providing personal or financial information in

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