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# laiden visit of Chief Secretary to Mayabu

# CS undertakes series of engagements aimed at understanding the region's developmental needs and addressing local concerns

## **Newly constructed 20-bedded Boys' Hostel at GMSSS Mayabunder inaugurated by CS**

Mayabunder, Dec. 21

Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar, IAS, Chief Secretary, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, made his maiden visit to Mayabunder today. During his visit, he undertook a series of engagements aimed understanding the region's developmental needs and addressing local concerns.

The Chief Secretary commenced his visit by touring Aves Island, one of the 4-Island Project site, which holds significant promise for the economic and infrastructural development of the region along with the Deputy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman, Ms. Nandini Maharaj, IAS, Divisional Forest Officers, **Assistant Commissioners and** Officers of the district.





Sub- Divisional Police held a meeting with members of Panchayati Raj Institutions of the The Chief Secretary also district. During the interaction, the

Chief Secretary attentively listened to the grievances and raised

representatives, assuring them of timely resolution and

**Changemakers' Conclave held at New Delhi** 

**Award** for Best Practices in Solid Waste Management

to address their concerns.

As part of his visit, the Chief Secretary inaugurated the newly constructed 20bedded Boys' Hostel at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Mayabunder. This facility aims to enhance educational opportunities and provide better accommodation for students, particularly those from remote areas.

The Chief Secretary expressed his commitment to the holistic development of the region and emphasized the Administration's focus on ensuring infrastructure development, improving educational facilities, and addressing public grievances.

The visit reflects the Administration's dedication to fostering growth and development in the district, a press release from DC, N&M effective administrative support said.

## **'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' program held at Wimberlyguni & Swarai Dweep by District Administration, South Andaman**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 As part of the Department **Administrative Reforms** & Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India initiative, the District Administration, South Andaman is Wimberlygunj IAS, Governance Week Gram Dec.19 to 24, 2024, in grievances governance closer to the of the citizen. people are being organized.

organized



observing the Good Community Hall and Commissioner, South (Sushasan Saptah) Govindanagar, Swaraj was attended by Ms campaign 'Prashasan Dweep, respectively, Mariyam Bibi and Shri Gaon Ki Ore' from addressing public Ummer, Zilla Parishad which multiple events providing Government Rasheeda, Pradhan, focused on bringing services at the door step Hopetown

The Camp at and at Vinayak Chamadia,

Panchayat, Andaman. The event and Members, Pradhan, Mannarghat

Up-Pradhan, Wimberlygunj Stewartgunj, Panchayat As part of the Community Hall was Samiti members and campaign, Grievance held under the other PRI members. Redressal Camp were chairmanship of Shri The workshop saw (Contd. on last page)

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council (SVPMC) has been awarded the 'Changemakers' Award by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) at the Changemaker 'Changemakers' Conclave' held on Dec.19, 2024 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The 2024 - New Delhi award recognizes the Council's exceptional

**Sri Vijaya Puram Municipal Council** 

successful engagement with Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0, and senior officials from key Ministries. Shri the public to ensure their the Bijoy Hawlader, Special Resident Commissioner, New Delhi, received the The felicitation award on behalf of SVPMC, highlighting the ceremony was attended by Council's commitment to creating a cleaner. prominent dignitaries, greener future for its citizens.

The 'Changemakers' Award highlights Mishra, Joint Secretary, SVPMC's impactful initiatives, including the Eco-Friendly Durga Puja campaign, school orientation programs, collaboration with fishermen to address marine litter, Ghost Net Collection Centers, the Milk Pouch Buy-Back Scheme with ANIIDCO, zero-plastic Green Festivals, the Green Hotel Rating Competition, SOPbased beach cleanup drives, etc. These efforts fostered community participation, setting a benchmark for urban local bodies across the nation.

The SVPMC underscores its direction in environmental sustainability and public collaboration. The Council invites NGOs and CSOs to join the #CleanUpSVP movement, making Sri Vijaya Puram a model city for others to emulate, a press release from SVPMC said.

#### Circuit Court from Jan. 6 to 20

Madhuresh Prasad from Jan. 6 to 20, 2025 and Hon'ble Justice (both days inclusive), Supratima press release Bhattacharya, Judges received of the Calcutta High Registrar said.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. Court shall be sitting/ holding Circuit Court Hon'ble Justice at Port Blair on and

### Aayakar Bhavan & newly renovated **Income Tax Guest House to be** inaugurated on Dec. 23

will

progress in implementing

innovative and sustainable

practices in Solid Waste Management (SWM) and its

including Smt. Roopa

cooperation in

initiatives.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 Guest House. Shri Aayakar Bhavan at Tajinder Pal Singh, IRS, VIP Road, Sri Vijaya Principal Commissioner be of Income Tax-I, inaugurated at 11.30 am Kolkata and Shri Anand on Dec. 23, 2024. Shri Kumar Singh, IRS, School IRS, Principal Chief Income Tax (Admn. & of TPS), Kolkata will also institutes in Sri Vijaya Syndrome (PCOS) and (Middle Point) and Income Tax, West grace the occasion, a Puram. The health talk the social taboos Pranab Kanya Sangha Bengal & Sikkim will press release from Dy. around 150 young girls Bhavan and the newly Income Tax, Sri Vijaya (Contd. on last page) renovated Income Tax Puram said.

## **District Administration, SA takes swift** action against fresh encroachments

## 7800 sq. mtrs of Govt. land reclaimed and restored to its original condition

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec.21 The District Administration, as part of its ongoing efforts to protect Government land, has successfully carried out eviction operations against fresh encroachments at various places in Sri



Vijaya Puram Tehsil. village, unauthorized In Brookshabad

(Contd. on last page)

### **Comprehensive health talk on menstrual health** and hygiene organized by Community Medicine **Department, ANIIMS & GB Pant Hospital**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The Community Medicine Department, ANIIMS & GB Pant Hospital in the effort to raise awareness and foster understanding of menstrual health and hygiene among young during menstruation, conducted biological process of menstruation. menstrual cycle, pain



girls organized a maintaining Government Senior Krishna Mohan Dixit, Commissioner comprehensive health cleanliness, symptoms Secondary talk across three of Polycystic Ovary (Garacharma), GDMS Commissioner elaborated upon the surrounding orphanage benefiting inaugurate the Aayakar Commissioner

The sessions were

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### Peripatetic Training prog. for **Amalgamated Clerical Cadre concludes**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The valedictory function of the 5-day Peripatetic Training programme on RTI and Office Procedure, Noting, Drafting and Record Management was held yesterday in the Auditorium of TGCE. The training was conducted from Dec.16 by and Training Wing of **A&N Administration in** association with the Assistant Secretary (UD/ Institute of Secretariat AR&Trg.) was the chief Training & Management guest on the occasion. (ISTM), Department of The chief guest along Personnel & Training, with Smti Namita Govt. of India, New Delhi Malik, Joint Director and for the Head Clerk, Shri Puneet Kumar vote of thanks, a press Higher Grade Clerks and Sharma, Lower Grade Clerks of Director, both from Secretary (AR&Trg.) Amalgamated Clerical ISTM, DoPT, Govt. of said.



Administrative Reforms Departments of A&N Administration.

Smti Saralamma,

the Cadreworking invarious India, New Delhi distributed the Training Course Certificates to all the participants. A total 46 participants of attended the training programme. Shri K. Palani, Superintendent (AR&Trg) proposed the Deputy release from Assistant

#### 'Prashashan Gaon Ki Ore' program held... (Contd. from page 1)

active participation from the general public and representatives of various Government Departments. The Assistant Commissioner gave a patient hearing to all grievances and directed



the concerned Departments to resolve the issues on priority basis.

During the Good Governance Camp, OBC Certificates and orders for cutting of dangerous trees were issued to the general public by the Assistant Commissioner. A separate meeting was subsequently held with the PRI members and line Departments, where the issues raised by the PRIs were addressed and actions were instructed for redressal.

Similarly, a Camp Court was held at Gram Panchayat, Govindanagar, Swaraj Dweep chaired by Shri Abhishek Gulia, Assistant Commissioner (Settlement) in the presence of Zilla Parishad members, Pradhans from Gram Panchayat, Govindanagar and Shyamnagar and other PRI members. Representatives from various line Departments, including Revenue, Police, APWD and Electricity, Medical, Fire service, Civil Supplies, Veterinary Hospital attended the Camp Court, which drew a large gathering of residents.

The Assistant Commissioner (Settlement) gave a patient hearing to all grievances and directed the concerned Departments to resolve the issues on priority basis.

During the the Camp, 04 certificates/documents, including Income Certificate, Resident Certificate, OBC and Local Certificate were issued. Shri Thomas Varghese, Tehsildar, Sri Vijaya Puram ordered resolving of 1 mutation case and 1 surrender case on the spot, ensuring immediate relief

The week-long celebrations being conducted under the aegis of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision for Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore (Administration Towards Villages), emphasized transparency, accountability, and responsive governance.

The District Administration, South Andaman, reaffirms its commitment in addressing public grievances and ensuring that the benefits of governance reach every corner of the District, a press release from DC, SA

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Note: Embarkation of passengers will commence 02 Hours prior to the scheduled departure time of the vessel ar 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.Further, with regard to cargo all the consigners are hereby advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transshipped, as no excess cargo will be

## **Training workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystem culminates**

The Zoological Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre organized a three day Training workshop on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity of Island Ecosystem under the Other Ministry and Climate Change, Government of India evening in Auditorium of ZSI.

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21

workshop was attended Indian Coast Guard, Andaman & Nicobar Forests (Wildlife), added. Police, Directorate of Department CISF Haddo Wharf, guest Directorate of RD, PRIs of Agriculture, Central Chakurkar, C. Bureau of Investigation, congratulated all the Course Fisheries. workshop included environment field



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Speaking on the the environment is not

viruses. All of these Dr. E.B. Charkurkar, components from Dec.19 to 21, 2024 Director, ICAR-Central interconnected, and any which concluded this Island Agricultural disturbance to one part Research Institute, A & of the system affects the N Islands was the chief entire ecosystem, he The training guest of the valedictory r e m a r k e d function while Dr. S. Understanding our role by 23 Officers from Dinesh Kannan, IFS, in the ecosystem is Chief Conservator of equally important, he

In his address, Dr. S. Shipping Services, CISF Environment and Dinesh Kannan, shared Veer Savarkar Airport, Forests was the special his experience during the workshop.

Earlier, in his and ULBs, Directorate occasion, Dr. E.B. welcome address, Dr. Sivaperuman, Directorate of Tribal participants for engaging mentioned about the Welfare, INS Utkrosh, with this unique and objectives of the Port Management Board enriching training training course and and Directorate of program. He mentioned presented the course The about the importance of report of the three days and training workshop, a class room teaching and ecosystem stating that press release from ZSI

## **SBM Ambassador visits GSSS School Line**



cleanliness sanitation Swachh **Bharat** Abhiyaan, Ambassador Swachh

with the students and

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 maintain cleanliness at To check the their school premises and as well as in their under respective societies.

He urged the the students to keep of themselves away from Bharat bad substances which Mission Andaman & harms their body and Nicobar Islands, Shri requested everyone Naresh Chander Lal, not to waste water but Padma Shri Awardee to save water. Shri S.K. today visited the Govt. Roy, Principal of the Sr. Sec School, School School accompanied Line and interacted him during the visit, a press release from teachers of the school Ambassador, SBM and urged them to said.

## Comprehensive health talk on menstrual...



empowering them to make informed choices regarding their menstrual health. The sessions were led by experts from the Community Medicine Department providing in-depth knowledge on the physiological aspects of menstruation, how to manage discomfort associated with dysmenorrhea, and understanding the impact of PCOS on menstrual cycles and overall well-being.

The young girls were also educated on the importance of hygienic disposal of sanitary pads and measures to prevent bacterial and fungal infections. The session also provided an opportunity for an interactive discussion, allowing students to clarify doubts or misconceptions about menstrual hygiene, to promote a better understanding of safe practices. The session concluded with the free distribution of sanitary napkins sponsored by Little Hearts NGO, a press release from ANIIMS said.

## **State Level Science Project Competition** organized by Science Centre

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 The Science Centre, Sri Vijaya Purarn conducted a State Level Science Project Competition for the school students studying in class VII to XI today. The Project/ Models of the students were kept on display for public viewing . Among the displayed project, the best three models were selected presented by the panel of judges. Animesh Altogether 27 projects Vivekananda Kendra certificates /models from various Vidyalaya, Lamba distributed to the schools in & around Sri Line was declared as winning students by Vijaya Puram were put first while the 'Soil Dr. Lalji Singh, Joint on display for the Heat competition.

felicitation Gandhi International Administration as chief organized in the secured second place auditorium of Science and 'Geostationary coordinated by Shri Centre to felicitate Satellite' presented by Debashis the best projects. B. Megna, Kamaraj Sr. Education Officer project on 'IOT adjudged as third prize Centre, a press Based Food Spoilage winner. Trophies along release from Science



presented by K. Botanical Survey of Thereafter, a Harsith of Mahatma India, A & N was School, Brookshabad guest. Detecting System' with cash awards of Centre said.

by Rs. 5000/-, Rs. 3000/-Roy, Rs. 2000/- & individual Synergy" Director & Scientist,

The programme was

#### District Administration, SA takes swift action... (Contd from page 1)



Accordingly, the Sec. School was attached to Science fencing was removed, resulting in the restoration of 4,000 sq. mtrs of valuable Government land. Similarly, in Austinabad village, 400 sq. mtrs of land was reclaimed, and in School Line village, 300 sq. mtrs of encroached land was restored.

At Teylarabad village, encroachments along the roadside, including vegetable ghumtis and fencing, were cleared, freeing 400 sq. mtrs of Government land. Additionally, swift action in Corbyn's Cove and Dudh Line villages led to the removal of balli fencing, restoring another 400 sq. mtrs of public land.

In total, 7,800 sq. mtrs of Government land was potentialities of organic spices and coconut and has been successfully reclaimed and restored

The District Administration remains committed to safeguarding Government lands and ensuring their appropriate use for public association with the conservation and on to bring back the land benefit. Encroachments on Government organic property will be dealt with strictly in accordance with the law. For any concerns or information regarding unauthorized was inaugurated by Shri potential and scope of organized at Directorate encroachments, citizens have been encouraged to contact the District Administration.

Members of the public have also been Bhubaneswar in the highlighted the problems 2024, in which, Officers encouraged to report any instances of encroachment or seek further information by contacting the District Control Room at 03192-240127 / 238881 / 1070 or via WhatsApp at 9531888844. The Administration assures that the identity of informants will be kept confidential to ensure their safety, a press

#### **Training Prog. on PGS Certification** organized by Regional Council of Organic & Natural Farming. **Bhubaneswar**

Sri Vijaya Puram, Dec. 21 Programme on PGS importance Certification Bhubaneswar Department Agriculture, A & N The Joint Director (Agri) cultivation. Islands. The programme HQ explained about the Director, presence of Shri Ramesh faced by the farmers. Kumar, Joint Director,

of farm input management. under

Shri Jagat Singh horticultural crops that A two days Training explained about the can be tapped under and PGS certification like organized by Regional and natural farming. He large area can be brought to its original condition. Council of Organic & further spoke about how under organic cultivation Farming, to start organic farming in with the help of UT Govt. in context to soil water and it will help farmer This programme was

Jagat Singh, Regional organic farming in A&N of Agriculture, Sri Vijaya RCONF, Islands and also Puram on Dec.16 & 17, from Department of Shri S R Ingle, Agriculture, Scientists Director(Agri) HQ and Assistant Director, from ICAR, CIARI and Shri S R Ingle, Assistant RCONF, Bhubaneswar progressive farmers RCONF, informed on PGS participated, a press

and release from PIB, Sri Bhubaneswar. certification The Regional Director, emphasized the potential Vijaya Puram said. release from DC, SA said. Published by IP Division, Directorate of IP & T and printed by Manager, Govt. Press, Chief Editor (i/c): K. Biju Nair, Ph-229217, 230201, E-mail: thedailytelegrams@gmail.com For distribution/advertisement queries contact Manager, Govt. Press: 227919

# BharatNet: Bridging the Digital Divide

## From Remote Villages to Smart Communities

#### **Introduction to BharatNet**

In a world increasingly driven by digital innovation, internet connectivity has become a cornerstone for economic growth, education, healthcare, and governance. Digital divide was significant challenge, especially in rural India, and to address this, the government of India launched BharatNet in October 2011, an ambitious project aimed at providing affordable high-speed internet access to every Gram Panchayat in the country. This initiative, under the Ministry of Communications, seeks to empower rural India, fostering inclusive growth and bridging the gap between urban and rural communities. BharatNet is not merely an infrastructure project; it is the backbone of India's journey towards a truly digital nation.

#### Amended BharatNet 2023

In August 2023, the government approved the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP). The program provides for internet access by Optical Fibre (OF) connectivity to 2.64 lakh GPs in ring topology and also to provide OF connectivity to the remaining non-GP villages (approx. 3.8 lakhs) on demand basis. The design improvement, at a cost of Rs. 1,39,579 crores, in ABP is aiming at:

- Optical fiber connectivity from Block to GP in Ring topology
- IP- MPLS network with Routers at Blocks and GPs
- Provision of optical fiber connectivity to non-GP villages on demand basis
- Provision for Operation and maintenance for 10 years, including monitoring of network uptime through Centralized Network Operating Centre (CNOC) and payment to Project Implementation Agency (PIA) as per Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Provision of Power backup of adequate level at GPs and Blocks
- Provision of Remote Fibre Monitoring System (RFMS) at Block for fibre monitoring

#### Digital Bharat Nidhi: Funding BharatNet

Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) is a fund that aims to improve the quality and accessibility of telecommunications services in India. It was established by the government of India as a replacement for the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF). The DBN's goals are to:

- Provide affordable and high-quality mobile and digital services in rural and remote areas
- Ensure equitable access to knowledge and information
- Promote economic growth by increasing digital connectivity and services
- Narrow the digital divide and remove barriers to access

#### **Working of BharatNet**

BharatNet operates as the world's largest rural broadband connectivity program. The project is being executed by a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) namely Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), which has been incorporated on 25.02.2012. On 30.04.2016, the Telecom Commission approved to implement the project in three phases:

- **1. Phase I:** Focused on laying optical fiber cables to connect 1 lakh Gram Panchayats by utilizing existing infrastructure. Completed in December 2017, this phase established the foundational network.
- **2. Phase II:** Expanded the coverage to an additional 1.5 lakh Gram Panchayats using optical fiber, radio, and satellite technologies. This phase incorporated collaborative efforts with state governments and private entities.
- **3. Phase III:** Aims at future-proofing the network by integrating 5G technologies, increasing **bandwidth capacity**, and ensuring robust **last-mile connectivity**. This phase is **ongoing**, with a focus on improving accessibility and reliability.

The network's core relies on optical fiber cables, satellite links for remote regions, and wireless technologies for last-mile connectivity. Implemented under the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), BharatNet adopts a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model to ensure efficient execution and maintenance.

#### **Impact of BharatNet**

BharatNet has had a transformative impact on rural India, contributing to socioeconomic development in multiple ways:

1. **Digital Inclusion**: The project has connected remote villages to high-speed internet, enabling access to e-governance services, online education, and

Digital Bharat Nidhi
(Erstwhile USOF)
Department of Telecommunications

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Optical Fibre Cable laid

World's Largest

telemedicine. Initiatives like the Digital India program thrive on BharatNet's infrastructure.

- 2. **Economic Opportunities:** With internet access, rural communities can participate in digital commerce, access financial services, and explore entrepreneurial opportunities. This has significantly boosted income generation in underserved areas.
- **3. Education and Healthcare:** BharatNet has enabled digital classrooms and telehealth services, bridging the resource gap in rural areas. Students and patients now have access to quality education and medical expertise from urban centers.

**4. Empowering Local Governance:** Gram Panchayats use BharatNet to implement e-governance projects, improving transparency, efficiency, and citizen engagement in public services.

### **Key Achievements and Milestones**

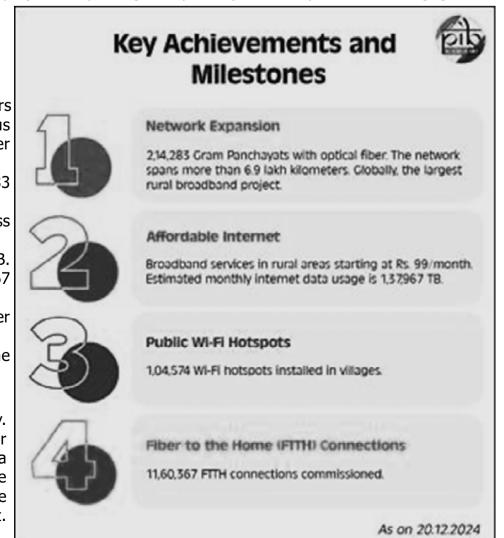
### **Internet Inclusivity in India**

Internet access is available in the country including rural areas through the Telecom Service Providers (TSPs) through wireless mobile and fixed wireline broadband. Government has taken numerous initiatives to enhance internet connectivity in India through mobile connectivity and optical fiber rollout. As a result, as of October, 2024:

- Number of 4G Base Transceiver Station (BTS) have reached 24,96,644, spread across 783 districts.
- India has seen the fastest rollout of 5G services in the world with 4,62,084 BTS deployed across 779 districts.
- The cost of data has reduced drastically from Rs 269 per GB (in March 2014) to Rs. 9.08 per GB.
  The Median mobile broadband speed has increased from 1.30 Mbps in March 2014 to 95.67
- The average wireless usage of data per subscriber has increased to 22.24 GB per subscriber per month.
- Out of 6,44,131 villages, 6,15,836 number of villages are having 4G mobile connectivity in the country.

#### Conclusion

BharatNet holds the promise of transforming rural India into a digitally empowered society. By addressing these challenges and maintaining its momentum, the initiative can pave the way for a more inclusive and connected future. BharatNet is more than an infrastructure project; it is a lifeline for millions of rural Indians aspiring to connect with opportunities beyond their immediate surroundings. With robust execution and sustained efforts, BharatNet will continue to bridge the digital divide and empower every corner of India with the transformative power of the internet. (Source:PIB)



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#### **Andaman & Nicobar Administration Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs**

Prevailing wholesale and Retail Selling Price of Essential Commodities in

the local market from 16.12.2024 to 22.12.2024 is as under:							
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		***************************************	(IN RS.)	(IN RS.)			
1.	Rice	Andhra Ponni	58.00	53.00			
2.	-	Raw Rice	53.00	48.00			
3.	-	Ponni Raw Rice	74.00	67.00			
4.	_	Ponni Boiled Rice	72.00	65.00			
5.	Wheat	-	49.00	45.00			
6.	Atta	Ashirvaad	As per MRP	63.00			
7.	Atta Local	Local	As per MRP	60.00			
8.	Gram Dhal (01 kg)	_	107.00	97.00			
9.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Special	193.00	175.00			
10.	Tur Dhal (01 kg)	Chennai	171.00	155.00			
11.	Moong (01 kg)	Quality 1	127.00	115.00			
12.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	154.00	140.00			
13.	Urad Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 2	150.00	136.00			
14.	Masur Dhal (01 kg)	Quality 1	96.00				
		Quality 1		88.00			
15.	White Mutter (01 kg)	-	57.00	52.00			
16.	Sugar (01 kg)	- Notoii	52.00	47.00			
17.	Mustard Oil	Netaji	As per MRP	185.00			
18.	Mustard Oil (500 ml)		As per MRP	96.00			
19.	Mustard Oil (01 Ltrs)		As per MRP	188.00			
20.	Mustard Oil (02 Ltrs)		As per MRP	338.00			
21.	Mustard Oil (05 Ltrs)		As per MRP	940.00			
22.	Vanaspati	Dalda	As per MRP	170.00			
23.	Sun Flower Oil	Sunland	As per MRP	154.00			
24.	Palm Oil	Roobini	As per MRP	152.00			
25.	Tea	BBT 1 kg Packet	As per MRP	535.00			
26.	Milk	Everyday Powder 1 kg	·	600.00			
27.	-	Amul Taaza Itr	As per MRP	72.00			
28.	-	Amul Spray Powder	As per MRP	450.00			
29.	-	Good Life 01 ltr	As per MRP	72.00			
30.	Potato	Chennai	70 to 90	65.00			
31.	Onion	Nasik	90.00	75.00			
32.	Tomato	Chennai	110.00	90.00			
33.	Salt (pack)	I flo	As per MRP	18.50			
34.	-	Saffolo	As per MRP	31.85			
35.	Milk	Go Milk 1 ltr	As per MRP	74.00			
36.	-	Go Milk 200 ml	As per MRP	15.00			
37.	Jaggery	-	76.00	70.00			
38.	Egg	_	8.00	7.50			
39.	Bajra (Whole)	-	As per MRP	-			
40.	Jowar (Whole)	_	As per MRP	_			
41.	Ragi (Whole)	-	As per MRP	_			
42.	Suji (Whole)	-	As per MRP	-			
43.	Maida (Wheat)	-	As per MRP	-			
44.	Besan	-	As per MRP	-			
45.	Desi Ghee	-	As per MRP	-			
46.	Butter (pasteurised)	-	As per MRP	_			
47.	Black Pepper (powder)	-	As per MRP	-			
48.	Corrinder (powder)	-	As per MRP	-			
49.	Red Chillies	-	As per MRP	-			
	(powder)		•	-			
50.	Cumin Seed (powder)	-	As per MRP	-			
51.	Turmeric (powder)	-	As per MRP	-			

Sd/-**Assistant Director (CS&CA)** 

#### NOTICE

Dec., 2024 for recruitment of Guest Assistant Professor in Civil Department has now been re-scheduled on 26th Dec., 2024 in the establishment of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology. Sri Vijava Puram for the Academic Session 2024-25 (Even sem). The details of qualifications, schedule for interview and demo topics can be downloaded from the institute website https://dbrait.andaman.gov.in For any queries candidates may contact Academic Cell of the institute on all working days from 10.30 AM to 03.00 PM or can contact over Phone No. 03192-259818.

Dean (Academics) **DBRAIT** 

R.C. No. 421/2024/DC(SA)/2976 OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER **SOUTH ANDAMAN DISTRICT** 

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Sri Vijaya Puram dated the 19th December, 2024. This is for the information of the general public that Shri V Sathy, W/o V Raiu, R/o Rampur requested the Deputy Commissioner (SA) for correction of her husband's name as "V SATHY, W/o V RAJU" instead of "V SATHY. W/o N RAJU" in the revenue records in respect of land bearing Sy. No. 1/8/34 measuring an area of 0.020 hects, situated at Namunaghar Village under Ferrargan

If any person is having any claims or objections in the above subject matter, they shall submit their claims / objections before this Court within 15 days from the date of publication in person or through authorized agent alongwith all relevant records.

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Tender ID: - 2024 RDPRI 16866 1

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Dated the 19th July, 2024. This is for the information of the general public that Smti. Dulali Halder, W/o Ramesh Halder (D/o Late Nitai Mondal), R/o Kalighat has requested for correction of name in respect of Holding No. 36 of Kalighat Village as DULALI HALDER D/o Late NITAI MONDAL instead of DULALI MANDAL D/o Late NITYANANDA MANDAL.

If any person is having any claims or objection in the above said matter, they shall submit their claims or objections before the Court of Deputy Commissioner, North and Middle Andaman, Mayabunder within Fifteen days from the date of publication in person or through authorized agent along with all relevant records

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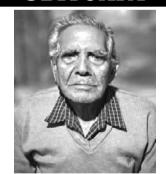
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#### OBITUARY



**Shri Basudev** S/o Raman

(Edn. Deptt. Diglipur School) D.o.B: 07.02.1940 D.o.D: 20.12.2024 Inserted by: Chandersekhar Sharma K.K. Sharma, S.K. Sharma, H K Biswas, Robir Paul(Son-in-laws), Usha Devi, Asha Devi, Seema Devi, Neelam Devi, Neetu Devi (Daughters).

## **Seventh Death Anniversary** On 22.12.2024



LATE S. MANAVALAN (PANNEER SELVAM)

"YOU'LLALWAYS BE IN OUR HEARTS"

INSERTED BY: S. BASKARAN, SENIOR INVESTIGATOR (BROTHER) AND FAMILY, HOTEL KATTABOMMAN, ABERDEEN BAZAAR, SRI VIJAYA PURAM.

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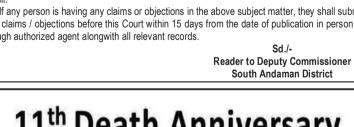
In ever loving Memory of **NISHA PRASAD** (BAPPI)

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T. Indira (Wife), T. Priya & T. Krithika (Daughters), S. Sakunthala (Mother-in-law), P.K SounderRajan & Raja (Son-in-laws), S. Shivaansh (Grandson) & All Family Members.