Press Release

LG congratulates new Adhyakshas & Up-Adhyakshs of ZPSA and ZPN&M Andaman

Port Blair, October 01: Hon’ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), has congratulated Smt Minati Biswas, newly elected Adhyaksha and Shri Subir Chander, Up-Adhyaksh of the Zilla Parishad South Andaman. He has also congratulated Smt Prabhabati Biswas, newly elected Adhyaksha and Shri A Tirupati Rao, Up-Adhyaksh of the North & Middle Andaman Zilla Parishad.

In a message, he has conveyed his best wishes to them and has hoped that they will commit themselves to the welfare of the people and work for the overall development of the A&N Islands.

Message

On the auspicious occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, I extend my warm greetings to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Gandhiji was the apostle of peace and non-violence. His life is a story of his fight for social justice and communal harmony. His preachings continue to guide us in our public life. On this occasion, let us pledge to follow the path shown by Mahatma Gandhi so that all of us live in peace and harmony.

Sd/-

Lt Gen AK Singh (Retd)
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Message

The Wildlife week is celebrated every year from 2nd October to 8th October with an aim to sensitize the people about the importance of wildlife and its habitats and the need to conserve it. The celebration coincides with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and seeks to inculcate amongst the masses a culture of
tolerance, understanding, compassion and appreciation for the wildlife.

The Andaman & Nicobar Islands are well known for their rich, diverse and unique wildlife inhabiting dense tropical forests, coastal and marine ecosystems. The vast array of life-forms existing in these ecosystems maintains an ecological balance which is necessary for the survival of mankind. An impact on any element of the ecosystem has ramifications throughout the ecosystems. It should therefore be our joint endeavor to protect, conserve and nurture this pristine wealth and leave healthy ecosystems for our families and future generations.

On the occasion of 61st Wildlife Week, 2015, I call upon all the islanders, especially the youth and the students, local community, organizations, civil society and business consortia to join and support us in making concerted and coordinated long time efforts to conserve and protect wildlife in the Islands.

(OMKAR SINGH)
PCCF & Principal Secretary (E&F)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

MESSAGE

The Wildlife Week is celebrated in India every year from 2nd to 8th October with a view to sensitize the people about the importance of wildlife. The Indian Constitution under article 48 A says ‘the State shall endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forest and wildlife of the country’. Article 51 A (g) under the chapter ‘Fundamental Duties’, imposes a similar responsibility on every citizen to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures.

It gives me immense pleasure to share with my fellow citizens of A&N Islands that we have been able to protect our natural wealth in their pristine condition as per the constitutional mandate despite the increasing pressure of development on our resources.

The A&N Islands is home to a fascinating range of biodiversity. Our ecosystems contain a vast array of life forms, which help in maintaining the ecological balance necessary for the survival of mankind. Our glorious natural heritage must be nurtured and passed on to the future generations.
On the occasion of Wildlife Week, 2015, which coincides with the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, I call upon my fellow citizens, especially the young, to join us in our endeavour to conserve and protect our wildlife.

Sd/-

(G.N. Sinha)
Port Blair Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden
Dated: 1st October, 2015

61st Wildlife Week, 2015

In order to observe the 61st Wildlife Week, 2015 the Department of Environment and Forests has chalked out elaborate programmes. The details of the programme are given below:-

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<td>03.10.2015</td>
<td>Inaugural rally</td>
<td>Van Sadan, Haddo</td>
<td>Rally followed by an Inaugural function (inclusive of Stage show on Wildlife &amp; fancy dress show depicting various species by school students to be conducted during rally, T-Shirt &amp; Caps will be distributed to school children/Teachers and Officers of A &amp; N Administration in the rally, including refreshment and other miscellaneous arrangements). The Inaugural rally will start from Van Sadan to Tagore Govt. college of Education, Middle Point via Goal Ghar.</td>
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<td>05.10.2015</td>
<td>Nature Camp</td>
<td>Mount Harriet &amp; Mahatma Gandhi Marine National Park at 0730 hrs</td>
<td>Organizing Nature Camp at MHNP and MGMNP for school students each and followed by a nature awareness test.</td>
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<td>05.10.2015</td>
<td>Animal Feeding</td>
<td>Mini Zoo at 0830 hrs</td>
<td>Animal feeding programme for School students from various schools inside Zoo premises under the supervision of Senior Veterinary Officer, attached to the DCF (WL) office.</td>
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<td>06.10.2015</td>
<td>Drawing Competition</td>
<td>Auditorium at Mini Zoo &amp; Van Sadan, Haddo at 0930 hrs to 1230 hrs</td>
<td>Organizing drawing Competition at Mini Zoo &amp; Van Sadan, Haddo for school students in two categories from various schools of Port Blair area &amp; at Lohabarrack for students from nearby schools.</td>
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<td>06.10.2015</td>
<td>Debate competition</td>
<td>Room No. 52 Seminar Hall, JNRM, P/Blair at 0930 hrs to 1230 hrs</td>
<td>Debate Competition for the College Students.</td>
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<td>03.10.2015</td>
<td>Car Rally</td>
<td>Port Blair to Diglipur Car Rally involving youths and executive staffs from Port Blair to Diglipur including Skit show programme. Sensitization on wildlife conservation at Baratang, Rangat, Mayabunder &amp; Diglipur Workshop on “People in fish resource conservation” at Mini Zoo Auditorium.</td>
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<td>Quiz Competition</td>
<td>Interschool Quiz competition for school students Topic: Nature Quiz Valedictory Function and Prize distribution to the winners to be conducted.</td>
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It is appealed to the general public and school/college student to take part in the relevant programmes and spread the message on importance of Wildlife Conservation among the Islanders.

**ANACS Observes National Voluntary Blood Donation Day**

A & N AIDS Control Society (ANACS) and Blood Bank, G.B. Pant Hospital, Port Blair observed National Voluntary Blood Donation Day on the 1st October 2015 with the theme **Blood Donors Bring a ray of hope, Be a regular Blood Donor** function at Nirmala Senior Secondary School, Prem Nagar, Port Blair. Around 64 units of blood (Female – 9 & Male 55) were donated by the voluntary students, Teachers and Student’s Parents.

The Chief Guest Smt. Tanvi Garg, IAS, Secretary-cum-Director (Education), A &N Administration said that for last so many years voluntary blood donation camps were arranged by this institution for the noble cause. She further emphasized blood is very precious in the sense that it saves another precious life since there is no alternative of blood in this universe.

The camp was conducted under the guidance and leadership of Dr. R.K. Halder, Project Director, A & N AIDS Control Society.

The camp was facilitated by Dr. (Mrs). Shaiji P.S., Deputy Director (Blood Safety)/ Assistant Professor, Medical Officer Incharge, Blood Bank, G.B Pant Hospital, Port Blair. She briefed the young donors on various aspect and importance of blood donation.

The Camp was coordinated by Smt. Palwinder Kaur, Councillor of A & N AIDS Control Society.
Nineteenth Round of Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccination for Livestock in South Andaman

The nineteenth round of Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination programme will be carried out by the Department of Animals Husbandry and Veterinary Services in the South Andaman area with effect from the 1st of October, 2015 to 15th October, 2015. During the vaccination programme the vaccination teams will be visiting all the villages of South Andaman area to carry out the FMD vaccination in cattle, buffalo, goats and pigs. The earlier rounds of vaccination have been successful in controlling the disease and there has been no report of FMD in these islands since 2005. The vaccination of livestock at every six-month is required so that soon these islands can once again be declared free from FMD.

The farmers and the PRI members are requested to extend their cooperation in the vaccination programme.

Disaster Warning Sirens

It is brought to the notice of the general public that Disaster Warning Sirens has been installed in the premises of Secretariat,
DBRAIT, DSS Marine, Chatham Saw Mill (Forest Dept), Police Station Aberdeen, Police Station Pahargaon, Police Station Chatham, JNRM College, Port Blair, Fish Landing Centre, Junglighat, IOC, Forest Guest House Carbysns Cove, Police Station Bambooflat, Police Station Ograbraj, Police Station Chouldari, Police Station Humfrigunj, O.P Wimerlygunj, O.P Ferrargunj, Police Booth Hati taapu, OP Tirur, Tirur Jarawa Protection Post, OP Radhanagar, Rajiv Gandhi Aquaculture, Kodyghat, Police Station Neil, Police Station Havelock, Nimbutala, Rangat, OP 19 Km R.K Pur, L/Andaman, Fire Station, Hut Bay (L/Andaman), EOC Car Nicobar, Teressa - A.E Office APWD, Chowra - JE Office, APWD, Katchal - A.E Office APWD, EOC Kamorta and EOC Campbell Bay. The sirens have been installed to alert the general public during any Disaster which is blown at high pitch/volume. The Siren will be blown in the following manner during occurrence of the disaster: -

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<td>01.</td>
<td>WATCH</td>
<td>EQ&gt; 6.5 M</td>
<td>One Long Blast</td>
<td>No immediate action is required. However watch to be kept on the change in magnitude and intensity of the event</td>
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| 02.     | ALERT         | EQ> 6.5 M                           | Two Long Blast                                 | 1) People in sea beaches and vulnerable areas to move to higher ground  
2) Vessel to move into deep ocean |
|         |               | Wave Amplitude between 0.50 to 2.0 Mtr. |                                               |                |
| 03.     | WARNING       | EQ> 6.5 M                           | Three Long Blast                               | 1) People in affected areas to evacuate  
2) Vessel to move into deep ocean |
|         |               | Wave Amplitude above 2.00 Mtr.       |                                               |                |

The siren will be tested on 3rd and 18th of every month at 1000 Hrs. during the test, the siren will be blown for two successive blast for 30 seconds. Siren of Electronic Display Board installed at Police Control Room, State Control Room, Junglighat (Fisheries Dept.), Met Office, MRCC, JOC, INS Jarawa at Port Blair, Fisheries Dept. at Rangat, EOC at Mayabunder, MRCC at Diglipur, Fisheries Dept. at Hut Bay, EOC at Kamorta, EOC at Car Nicobar, and MRCC & EOC at Campbell Bay will also be blown in a similar manner at 1000 Hrs.

Therefore, the general public is hereby informed not to panic during the test of siren and requested to remain calm during test blast of siren on the date and time specified above.