

Hon'ble Lt Governor appreciates APWD



30th October, 2013, magnificent horizon decorated with crimson hue of sunset, in the backdrop of lovely Ross Island was perfect setup for natural welcome to Hon'ble Lt Governor Lt Gen (Retd) A.K. Singh AVSM PVSM SM VSM on the occasion of valedictory function at 5.45 PM at Government Girl's Senior Secondary School auditorium, which was full to the capacity with guest, officers and staff of Department. Evening program followed customary welcome song from department officers and staffs. Heart warming welcome speech by Commr. cum Secretary (PW) set the stage for cultural program, a me'lange of entertainment and nationalism. Patriotic song & dance by children drew special appreciation of Hon'ble Lt Governor. Award of excellence for exemplary contribution in service presented to various categories of technical staff and officers by Hon'ble Lt Governor was greeted with thunderous applause from gathering.

The chief guest, Hon'ble Lt Governor in his address termed labourers as an inevitable part of an organization, who should be taken care of most with due dignity and diligence.

He appreciated people's tremendous good faith and confidence in APWD as observed in his short tenure in office. He also expressed satisfaction on quality of work executed by APWD and hoped for further improvement in future. However he cautioned everyone to remain committed to work and public service. He closed his speech with a famous couplet:

*Hawayen chali hai, chalne do APWD walon,
Ye girane ke liye nahi, uthane ke liye hai!*

Award for Excellence



Best Work Charged Staff
Shri. Guneshwar Ram, Fitter



Best Civil Engineer
Shri. A.K. Bardhan, Executive Engineer (Civil)



Best Technocrat
Shri. M. Balamurugan, Associate Town & County Planner

Down the Memory Lane

Millennium Ray at Katchal

Morning sun rays raise millions of new hopes each day. Imagine importance of rays of millennium which was going to change not only a day, or a month, or a year but a full 1000 years. The entire world was preparing to watch the change with unbounded dreams, infinite hopes and great optimism, despite predictions of great computational loom with apprehension of much talked 2K problem.

Suddenly astronomical calculation took whole world by surprise which was much more astonishing for India. It predicted first millennium ray to fall over an Indian territory in Bay of Bengal. It was none but our spice island lovely Katchal in Nancowry Group of Islands.

Katchal, famous for it's Spice Garden and Rubber Plantation was going to be prominent worldwide due to her geographical location. Longitude and latitude of the island ensured that first ray in new millennium falls on earth at Katchal.

Spirit of international tourist dampened a little after knowing that Katchal is a restricted area and foreign tourists are not allowed.



However A & N Administration failed none and started making preparation to witness the mega event at Katchal. APWD was entrusted with the task under dynamic leadership of Sri H.S Dogra, Chief Engineer, Late N.L Saha, Executive Engineer, Sri S.C. Nath, Assistant Engineer. Sri Jatin Manjhi, Junior Engineer was posted as OSD at Katchal for the event. Site was selected near APWD Guest House opposite to Murugan Temple in beach area for first glimpse of millennium rays.

Make shift tents and camps were erected to provide accommodation with all basic amenities to visitors. Katchal appeared like a decorated palace ready to welcome millennium rays. Passenger ships with onboard tourists of all origin were at anchor at sea near Katchal sea shore to get first glimpse of millennium hope.

On the D Day on 01.01.2000 at dawn 4.45AM, Millennium sun was about to appear with all smiles, but turbulent weather played a hide and seek game and prevented glimpse of sun for few moments. Ultimately patience paid and millennium sun appeared in full glory, with new rays of hope to the grand welcome of one and all, ready to embrace entire eager world, reminisces of which shall remain for next 1000 years to come.

Despite remoteness of Island and all odds in terms of resources, APWD was successful in organizing a worldwide event without much difficulty. Hats off to dynamic leadership and strong team spirit which glorified the image of APWD.

Be committed to Team Spirit and Dynamic Leadership!

Curtsy: Sri S.C. Nath, E.E. & Sri Jatin Manjhi, J.E.



Best Electrical & Mechanical Engineer
Shri. Sashanka Paul, Assistant Engineer (E&M)



Best Technical Staff
Shri. Thomas Mathew, Draughtsman, Grade-II (Retd)



Best Administrative Staff
Shri. Babu Rao, Head Clark

EDITORIAL

New Year, new spirit, new commitment fresh thoughts that's all, every one need to overcome past. It is also the best way to let it pass since nothing is gained by past memories, except experience which helps to shape the future. Last year's future has now become present as new year and with past experience we must make it more memorable than the previous one.

We hope New Year shall be a year of achievement and success, full of accolades and appreciation by public reflecting our commitment to public services and welfare.

Let us prioritize public service and stay ahead!

Wish you all a very happy New Year 2014.

56th APWD DAY



8th October 2013, Morning 6.00 AM, Netaji stadium was full of activities as Port Blair'ans gathered to participate in Marathon organized to commemorate APWD Day, A&N Islands oldest premier organization established as Construction Circle headed by Principal Engineering Officer. The Day was celebrated by promoting sports known for sheer grit and determination shown by soldiers during Greek war. The Marathon was sponsored by Builders Welfare Association with total winning prizes amounting to Rs. 50,000 in different categories.

56th APWD day was also celebrated in various Divisional headquarters in Andaman and Nicobar by organizing sports events and other extra curricular activities for children to create awareness among people about purpose, functioning and responsibility of APWD in their daily life for greater co-operation and good will.

Curtain raiser program for the event was, various sports activities organized for technical staff and officers in Netaji stadium at Port Blair on 5th and 6th October, 2013 which was inaugurated by Smt Punnya Salila Srivastava IAS Commr. cum Sec.(PW). Technical staff, officers and their family members whole heartedly participated in various sports events.



Superannuation



Shri Vikram Singh Chowdhari, AE (E&M) attained superannuation on 30 Nov. 2013. He has Joined Department in May 1980 and promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer in 2000. During his long tenure he has worked in different capacity all over Islands. his most memorable posting was at Car Nicobar after Tsunami where he was instrumental in mobilizing and maintenance of machineries for

relief and restoration work. His cheerful nature will always be cherished in department. We wish him a very happy family life in future.

Indian Building Congress - Jagriti-2013

Indian Building Congress held inaugural training programme Jagriti-2013 at Port Blair for Supervisors and Artisans employed in Construction Industry for their exposure with technological requirement for works to ensure better understanding and workmanship. Training was inaugurated by Sri D. Balaji, Vice Chairman IBC, Port Blair on 19.12.2013 at Megapode Resort, Conference Hall.



Training Course was developed by IBC in collaboration with ITI, Dollygunj to ensure inclusion of necessary course materials of ITI Course. Subjects included basic topics in building construction and engineering such as Building Planning and Construction, Form work, RCC and CC work, Labour welfare measure, Green site practice and Construction Management.

Total 33 employees from public and private sectors participated in the training program. Resource persons on various topics were from ITI Dollygunj, labour welfare department and APWD.

Sri P.K.Singh, Chief Engineer-Cum-Secy(PWD), Chairman IBC, Port Blair graced the concluding ceremony as Chief Guest and congratulated all Office Bearers of IBC, APWD officials and Builders Welfare Association for their effort and co-operation in making this programme a success and emphasized on importance of better understanding at grassroots level to ensure better quality and workmanship.

He requested them for their continued support in future for organizing such programs in other Islands also. All participants were advised to implement these practices at site to ensure better work culture. Participants were awarded certificates during concluding ceremony.

Tribute



Sri V. Murgeshan, Chowkidhar, CE's Office expired on 06.12.2013 after a brief illness in Chennai at Malar Hospital during course of treatment. He had joined service in 2006 and in few years of service has established himself as a sincere and committed staff. He has left behind a wife and young son.

We condole his untimely demise and express deepest sympathy to his family members.

May God grant them strength to bear with this irreparable loss.

DHANIKHARI DAM : A LONG CHERISHED DREAM COME TRUE



Salient Features

1. Length	-	146.00M
2. Height	-	37.25M
3. Foundation Level	-	EL 30.25M
4. Dam Top	-	EL 67.50M
5. Submerged Area	-	78.15 Ha
6. Type of Dam	-	Concrete Gravity
7. Full Reservoir Area	-	0.871Sq.Km
8. Storage Capacity	-	8554 ML
9. Catchment Area	-	11.70 Sq.Km
10. Maximum Level	-	EL 66.00 M
11. Number of Gates	-	03 Nos.
12. Length of Spillway	-	17.00 M
13. Design Flood	-	225 Cumecs

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A Brief

- **1973:** Dhanikhari Dam was commissioned. It was designed by Central Water and Power Commission and constructed by M/s Continental Construction. The length of dam was 132 Mtr. and height 32.25 Mtr. The storage capacity was 4061ML.
- **1991:** Augmentation of Dam was done by installing 2Nos. Lift Gates over Spillway. The work was executed by PW Workshop, Madras as a Deposit Work of APWD. The storage capacity was increased to 5194 ML.
- **2013:** Height of the Dam was raised by 5 Mtr. Main works was executed by NHPC Ltd. as a Deposit Work. Auxiliary works have been executed by APWD. With this augmentation, the storage capacity is now increased to 8554 ML.