

## New Lt Governor, A & N Islands

Lt Gen(Retd) A.K. Singh AVSM PVSM SM VSM tookover as Lt Governor of A & N Islands on July 8<sup>th</sup> 2013. An alumnus of National Defence Academy(NDA), Lt. Gen(Retd) A.K. Singh was commissioned in 7<sup>th</sup> Light Cavalry on 17.06.73. As a General, he has distinction of conceiving and executing some of largest ever maneuvers in recent time including two landmark exercises, Yodha Shakthi in 2010 and recently concluded exercise Sundershan Shakthi which displayed the might of Indian Army and Air Force in Thar Desert.



Immediately after taking over as Lt Governor, he undertook tour of remote areas of A & N Island to acquaint himself with various constrains and problems. He also visited Dhanikhari Dam to oversee ongoing work on Raising of Dhanikhari Dam. We extend warm welcome to our New Lt Governor and wish guidance and patronage in future.



## Chief Secretary inaugurates GPA Qtrs. at Junglighat

Sri. Anand Prakash, IAS, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration inaugurated 30 Nos. Ty-II Qtrs under GPA on 22<sup>nd</sup> August'2013.

It consist of 5 Blocks of Triple Storied Building located within Junglighat Residential Complex near Light House Department Quarters. This will ensure availability of more residential quarters under General Pool in Junglighat area. These buildings have been provided with modern basic amenities along with sufficient public space for social activities. Work has been completed within agreement amount of 605 Lakhs. Surrounding has been developed to provide more public space for residents.

This work was a part of series of quarters proposed in Junglighat to be constructed in phased manner to meet the immediate requirement of Quarters under General Pool Accommodation. Earlier during 2013, 24Nos. Type-II Qtrs at Junglighat and 12Nos. Type-II Qtrs. at Marine Hill were completed. 30Nos. Type-III Qtrs. at Junglighat is also expected to be completed by March'2014.



## Down the Memory Lane

### Bambooflat Dam: Where there is a will there is a way

Wimberlygunj area has always faced water crisis due to lack of natural water bodies. Department has been trying to mitigate chronic problem by tapping small rivulets and integrating them into a water supply system. Bambooflat Earthen Dam was one such project undertaken by Department in late 80's. During this period most of the work was undertaken departmentally with Departmental machineries. Sri S.C. Nath was posted as Junior Engineer of Project. Project included construction of 144Mtr. long, 22Mtr height, 100Mtr. bottom width and 6Mtr. top width earthen embankment across Bambooflat Nallah at downstream of confluence of two of its smaller tributaries. Estimated earth work was about 92500 cum considered to be voluminous quantity at that time. Department was also engaged in construction of ATR and most of machineries were engaged for the purpose. Initially one loader was assigned for the work but it was withdrawn due to urgent requirement for ATR work. Trucks and Dozer assigned to work become idle without loader.

Onset of monsoon was also nearing and completion of work was nowhere in view. On earlier occasion due to onset of monsoon partially completed embankment had breached.

Situation was very grim. Lot of options were being weighed to ensure completion of work before monsoon.

It was then planned to prepare a ramp of local wooden logs as loading apron and use Dozer as loader. This method clicked. Tipper trucks started being loaded with the help of Dozer itself. Work restarted in full swing

This innovation with simple presence of mind ensured completion of project within time frame and well before onset of monsoon. Officials related to project were appreciated for their efforts by the then Superintending Engineer Sri Hayat Singh and Chief Engineer Sri S. Ganeshan. This project is presently used to supply water to Stewartgunj, Bambooflat, Hopetown and Shore Point in Ferrargunj Tehsil.

### Be Positive, Be innovative

(Courtesy- Sri. S.C. Nath, EE, PHED & Sri. T.K. Chandrasekharan, EE, RCD)



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### Message of Chief Engineer on Annual Issue

I feel proud to see Annual Issue of Niramatri.

In it's first year of publication, change in perception about Department activities among public and other Departments are being noticed due to 'Niramatri', which is very good indication. I feel that 'Niramatri' has performed as per conceived plan.

I wish in future 'Niramatri' will sustain and continue to grow with support from stack holders.

I thank 'Niramatri' for its efforts and wish all the best for future.

Er. P.K. Singh  
Chief Engineer, Apwd

### Indian Building Congress

Indian Building Congress held its Executive Committee Meeting on 20.09.2013 in Conference Hall of Chief Engineer's Office to finalize annual activity plan in order to activate public functioning. Executive Committee Meeting was Chaired by Chairman Sri P.K. Singh and attended by all office bearers, Executive Council Member and Co-Opted Member. Council agreed on proposal for holding training

program for Supervisors and Artesian all over Andaman and Nicobar throughout the year to ensure uniform focus on all areas of UT. It was also proposed to hold various interactive technical sessions with different stack holders. A meeting with Builders Welfare Association Members was also held on 27.09.2013, and it was decided that Builders Welfare Association will sponsor training program for Supervisor and Artesian.

### सम्पादकीय

निर्मात्री का वार्षिक विशेषांक उल्लास एवं हर्ष के साथ प्रस्तुत कर रहा है। पिछले एक वर्ष में निर्मात्री को अपने अनुभव, भावनाओं, खुशी और मेहनत से ओतप्रोत कर पेश करने का भरपूर कोशिश किया है और मैं आशा करता हूँ कि निर्मात्री ने आप सभी को निराश नहीं किया होगा।

मुझे अति प्रसन्नता होगी यदि आने वाले वर्षों में निर्मात्री लोगों के बीच हमारे लिए शुभेच्छा और विश्वास बनाये रखने में सक्षम हो।

मैं इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए आपके सहयोग की आशा इस विश्वास के साथ करता हूँ की आप निर्मात्री के साथ रहेंगे।

त्योहारों के शुभकामनाओं के साथ।

निर्मात्री के संग, अ.लो.नि. विभाग के साथ!

### NRDWP

Dr Amlanjyoti Kar, Scientist 'D', Central Ground Water Board visited ANSWSM Office and assessed progress of work related to preparation of Master Plan. He expressed satisfaction over data collection related to water resources in A& N Islands and assured that keeping in view progress made so far Draft Master Plan may be expected to be ready in early march 2014. He also delivered a lecture in Training Hall of Chief Engineer's Office on 31.09.2013 on Water Conservation in A&N Islands as a part of celebration of **Water Conservation Year**, as year 2013 has been declared as Water Conservation Year. He emphasized on proper exploitation of available water sources in the island by adopting recently invented technologies to prevent contamination by sea water ingress.

### Training

- Architect Unit arranged a Training Program for all Architects in newly acquired Architectural Building Design Suite Premium Software "Basic of REVIT Architecture" from 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2013. All staff and officials of the Architect Unit attended the program. Training program was inaugurated by Senior Architect Sri Ramesh Kumar who emphasized upon importance of software in architecture in present modern era and stressed on proper understanding for optimum use of software.

### Appointments

- Technical Audit and Vigilance Unit has been constituted under the direct supervision and control of E.O. to Chief Engineer, APWD vide Office Order No.1035 dt.16.08.2013. Shri. B.C. Rao, Assistant Engineer (Civil) will look after Technical Audit (TA) and Shri. R.K. Singh will take care of Departmental Vigilance.

### Honour

- Sri Shailender Singh, JE(C), PHED, Port Blair has been selected as player of team to represent A&N in National Chess Championship-2013 being held at T.T Nagar Stadium, Bhopal, M.P from 12<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013. We congratulate him on his selection in the team and extend our well wishes for upcoming tournament.

### Promotions

- 4Nos. Assistant Engineers (Civil) assigned Current Duty Charges of Executive Engineer (Civil) vide Office Order No.2897 dt. 03.09.2013.
- 6Nos. Junior Engineers (Civil) promoted to the Post of Assistant Engineer (Civil) on regular basis vide Office Order No.2542 dt. 30.07.2013.
- 1No. Junior Engineer (Civil) (Non-Diploma) promoted to the Post of Assistant Engineer (Civil) on regular basis vide Office Order No.2603 dt. 05.08.2013.

### Superannuation



- Sri I. Ignaci, EE/PBSD attained superannuation on 31.07.2013. He joined department on 15.02.1979 as Junior Engineer and worked in various capacities in different part of A&N Islands. He was promoted as Assistant Engineer on 25.01.1994 and as Executive Engineer on 01.08.2012. He was famous for cheerful and passionate personality.



- Sri S. Srinivasan, EE, Mayabunder, PRI has taken Voluntary retirement due to ill health on 30/08/2013. His superannuation was due on 31.03.2014. He has initially worked in BRO and later joined APWD in 1979 as Junior Engineer. He was promoted as Assistant Engineer in 1993 and Executive Engineer in 2012. During Tsunami of 2004, he was instrumental in providing immediate relief to public at Teresa despite being himself a survivor.



- Shri. Thomas Mathew, Draughts-man, Gr-II has taken voluntary retirement on 30/09/2013. He joined APWD in 1979. He worked in Design and Planning with great sincerity and dedication.



- Sri V.V. Pandi, Ferro Printer attained superannuation on 30.06.2013. He joined APWD on 09.10.1979 as Peon. He was promoted as Barkandaz on 07.08.1990 and as Ferro Printer on 22.04.1998. He was very hard working, cooperating and sincere towards his duty.

On the day of superannuation they were given warm farewell at their respective offices by officers and staffs. We wish all the best for their future life and thank them for their contribution to the department during their service period.

### Tribute

- Shri. S. Ganeshan, Ex-Chief Engineer & Secretary (PWD) left for heavenly abode on 17.09.2013 at his residence in Chennai.

He served as Principal Engineer from 15.06.1978 to 17.07.1986 and as First Chief Engineer & Secretary (PWD) from 31.12.1988 to 23.02.1993. His long tenure helped in organizational strengthening of APWD in A & N Islands. His memories will always cherish in our hearts.

He has left behind his wife along with one son and one daughter. We mourn his sudden demise and express our deepest condolence to family members.

May his soul rests in peace.

### Office Building of Archives



Office building for Archive has been completed within sanctioned amount during September 2013. This building will add to the Administrative Infrastructure. It has plinth area of 1602 Sqm. It is an Earthquake Resistant Double storied RCC framed structure equipped with Modern Fire Alarm system to prevent any untoward accident. Interior has been planned keeping in view optimum availability of space for accommodating records.

### Police Station Building at Humphrygunj



Police Station Building at Humpharygunj has been completed during September 2013 and is ready for handing over. This project was initially delayed due to contractual problem arisen out of closure of quarry operation in A&N Island. Along with this, 10Nos. Type-II and 2Nos. Type-III Qtrs are also completed.

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### Sedimentation Tank at Chouldari



To provide potable water to people of island, APWD is constructing water treatment plants throughout A&N island. During last Four years water treatment plant at Campbellbay, Kamorta, Katchal, Diglipur, Rangat, Humphreygunj, Gracharma, Telerabad, Kondiyaghat, Bird Line and Brooksabad was constructed. Water treatment plant at Manjeri is expected to be completed by Nov 2013. In the same way existing plant are also being augmented. A view of Chouldari treatment plant is above.

### Police Station Building at Mayabunder



Police Station Building at Mayabunder has been completed and is ready for handing over to Police Department. Work has been completed during September 2013. This is double storied RCC Structure designed for earthquake resistant with provision of all modern basic amenities.