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First Lady Inaugurates Convention Centre at Havelock



First Lady of the Islands, Smt. Suneeti Singh inaugurated Convention Center and Reception Block at newly renovated Dolphin Resort at Havelock on 22.05.2013. She was accompanied by Hon'ble Lt Governor Lt Gen (Retd) A.K.Singh, Chief Secretary Sri Anand Prakash IAS along with other higher officials of Tourism Department, Andaman Public Works Department and Members of PRI.

Inauguration started a gradual completion and handing over of various facilities at renovated Dolphin Resort which is supposed to become one of the major tourist facilities near famous Radhanagar Beach at Havelock Island. Reception Unit is a RCC framed structure with wooden wall cladding over Burnt Brick walling. Concrete Roof Tiles have been used to increase the longevity of the roof and provide an Eco-Friendly touch to units.

Convention Center is a Double storied RCC framed structure over a stilted platform about 0.6 mtr above ground level with facility for Gymnasium, Meditation Center and Indoor Games. There is a proposal for adding Massage facilities in this center to provide more varieties to tourist.

These two facilities are central to proposed Dolphin Resort with about 56 Nos. dwelling units aimed to provide best services to the tourist to make their stay at Havelock Island most memorable.

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MESSAGE

It is a matter of personal pride to get an opportunity to serve in island's Premium Engineering Department for a period of about Three and half decades and serve Andaman & Nicobar for such a long spell of time at various places and posts which have contributed immensely to public life.

I feel satisfied and filled with sense of personal achievement in serving the department and people with all personal devotion and sense of dedication for such long time. During whole service life, I have tried to keep the spirit of service as my guide and team spirit as success mantra and I hope, I have fared very well in achieving important goals.

Continued and whole hearted support from my Colleagues, Officers and Staff have been inspiring and memorable. It has always been catalytic in accomplishment of many a hard and complicated tasks during my service time. I feel very emotional and short of words at this moment to express my gratitude to them, but it will be always reflected in the works accomplished with their support, which will last for ever.

Separation after such a long association is always disheartening. However, past memories and feelings are much stronger than the gaps of physical separation. I hope our physical disassociation will not come into way of our togetherness, spirit and dynamism.

At this stupendous moment, I express my sincere thanks to all Senior Officers of Administration, my Colleagues, Officers, Staff and most importantly our Workers for their guidance, co-operation and whole heartedly support and wish you all a very cherished career in future and well being of all family members.

I also thank "Nirmatri" to come up and grow during this period and I hope future officer's and staff's of the department will nourish it much better to make it more broad based, more technical in nature to truly represent department in the eyes of public.

Thanks to all. Thank you so much.

Chief Engineer-Cum-Secretary(PWD)

Islands Oldest Premier Engineering Organization : 56 years of Service to Island

Down the memory Lane.

INTERNAL ROAD NETWORK OF PORT BLAIR

Development of Port Blair is closely associated with Chatham Port. Initial settlement took place in Chatham Island in 1789, which was shifted to Port Blair in due course of time. Chatham Port acted as origin and nucleus for future development. Initially Road network was developed around Foreshores to transport material from Chatham to various important offices such as Supply Line and other places with the help of inmates of Cellular Jail. For convenience of construction Cholanga Jetty (Marine Dockyard) was also developed along Port Blair sea coast, but these two ports were not connected by road till late 1990's.

During World War-II, Foreshore road network was expanded in order to ensure better vigil over sea traffic and prevent enemy intrusion. After independence city got heritage status, therefore very little alterations were permitted.

In 1960's widening of various road networks was taken up under Maintenance Division, APWD now known as South Andaman Division for beautification as well as to promote business activities. Beautification and widening got major boost during the tenure of Sri Vakkom Purusottaman, Hon'ble Lt Governor, A & N Islands during 1993-1998. Widening of major arterial roads, Gandhi Statue to Clock Tower and Model School to Bengali Club was taken up during this period, which has now become heart of traffic network.

During early 2000, extension of Airport altered traffic movement considerably. Old road running across proposed extended alignment of airport and joining behind INS Utkrosh Hanger was closed. These roads were realigned by extending it to Dollygunj - Bhatu Basti running parallel to airport alignment and rejoining behind INS Utkrosh Hanger through Chakkargoan.

Maintenance and construction of internal roads within the Port Blair Municipal area was transferred to Port Blair Municipal Council during 2005.

Due to remarkable improvement in life style in later half of first decade of 21st Century, tremendous increase in traffic of all categories has been observed, changing usage pattern of internal city roads. Increased commercial activities have also lead to indiscriminate encroachment of available pedestrian pathway leaving no space for poor pedestrian.

Finished surface level of the road has risen above drain, curbs and old houses plinth, leading to chances of inundation during heavy rain and high tide.

CRRI and Anna University have carried out preliminary studies for traffic regulations and suggested various long term and short term measure however each of them are full of constraints and doesn't appear appealing considering ground realities.

Sole hope and solution lies in application of modern traffic planning, maintenance techniques, promotion of public transport system and pedestrian in busy traffic lanes.



Busy Streets of Aberdeen Bazar

A proper public transport system may discourage use of personal small vehicle such as Two wheelers and Three wheelers by regular commuter which forms bulk of traffic at busy intersection during peak hour. These vehicles have also been found to be more vulnerable to accident and recently many precious lives have been lost.

CRRI report has also pointed out that these vehicle are major cause of congestion due to on street parking and slow movements in busy streets.

A Public transport system will also improve parking availability in market area and it may turn out to be more cost effective, affordable and safe for general public.

Innovation is also required in maintenance of these roads since, with the increase in vehicle more periodic maintenance is required and traditional method of repair is not only time consuming, but also uneconomical and natural resource intensive. In order to reduce maintenance and making it more effective and economical, it is essential that more innovative method of repair may be adopted based on recycling and reuse.



Let us join hand and Enjoy walking down to busy streets !

Editorial

Internal roads are Artery to city heart. In order to ensure continued growth and sustained attraction to the public, it is essential that these Arteries are kept flowing freely and of sufficient capacity to allow smooth traffic movement. However due to lack of awareness and general civic sense, these Arteries are getting clogged by rampant encroachment, ill mannered parking and bad driving skills, making it nasty and risky for pedestrians. A city element, which should be the matter of pleasure and pride, has become a contentious issue of personal greed and public inconvenience.

Lack of insufficient land has not left any option for future widening. In such circumstances, it is only left to public and user to wisely use the space and keep the city's heart free flowing, fresh and appealing. This can be done only after proper traffic planning, common sense of driving and encouraging pedestrian movement by development of footpath and removal of encroachment.

Let us make the city heart more appealing by proper parking and reduced traffic by encouraging pedestrian movement.

Avoid personal vehicle, reduce traffic congestion!

Indian Building Congress

Indian Building Congress, organized technical seminar on 25.04.2014 at Port Blair on "prospect of Construction Industry in A&N Islands". Members of IBC and Professionals from diverse field such as Academics, Consultancy, Construction Industry, Builders Welfare Association Office Bearer's and Members participated.

Various issues such as, limitation, employment opportunity and future plan for solving these issues were discussed. It was agreed upon by all concerned that construction industries future progress will depend upon it's ability to adopt technology and more mechanization. Central production unit will help to improve Quality of Construction as well as reduction in wastages.

Auditing must be made compulsory in all activities and more Eco-Friendly technology may be adopted. Diversification and social responsibility may also be taken care of during progress of works.

NRDWP

Six member Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission Team from National Remote Sensing Center (NRSC), Hyderabad and Center of Remote Sensing, Bhartidarshan University, Tiruchirappalli visited Andaman & Nicobar Islands from 22.04.2014 to 30.04.2014 for physical verification of Remote Sensing Data related to Aquifers and Water Resources. They held a meeting with the higher officers of APWD and updated on progress so far made in Digitalization of Remote Sensing Data of Island and incorporation of collected data to these maps.

During data verification process they visited Nicobar, Havelock, Neil Island and other places in various Tehsils of South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman districts.

MACP

- ◆ 3 Nos. Junior Engineers(Civil) and 1 No. Lab Assistant were granted 1st & 2nd Financial Up-gradation after completion of 12/24 Yrs of service vide Office Order No. 480 dt. 25.04.2014.
- ◆ 13 Nos. Junior Engineers (Civil), 1 No. Junior Engineer (E&M), 1 No. Architectural Assistant(Architect Deptt), 1 No. Draughtsman, Gr-II(E&M) and 1 No. Barkandaz were granted 2nd & 3rd Financial Up-gradation after completion of 20 & 30 Yrs of service vide Office Order No. 488 dt. 25.04.2014.
- ◆ 1 No. Junior Engineers(Civil) was granted benefit of 1st stage of Financial Up-gradation on completion of 12 Yrs service vide Office Order No. 515 dt. 30.04.2014.
- ◆ 3 Nos. Junior Engineers(Civil), 2 Nos. Draughtsman, Gr-II & III (E&M) were granted 2nd Financial Up-gradation after completion of 20 Yrs of service vide Office Order No. 543 dt. 09.05.2014.

Superannuation

- ◆ Shri. Satyender Singh, Head Draughtsman, Grade-I attained superannuation on 31.05.2014. He has joined Department in the year 1978 as Surveyor. He was promoted to the post of Draughtsman Grade-II and Draughtsman Grade-I in 1985 and 2008 respectively. He has worked in almost all part of island in different capacity. He has contributed immensely in preparation of Base map of Port Blair. He was also part of team entrusted for completion of extension of Airport at Port Blair for 5000ft, which gave major boost to airline operation to the island. He was known for his cool and calm nature and deep understanding of the subject. He was loved by all superior officers for his devotion to work and commitment.



- ◆ Sri A.K Bardhan, Executive Engineer attained Superannuation on 30.06.2014. He has joined his service during 1976. During his service period he has held very important post in project of very high public importance and value since beginning. He has contributed immensely in completion of Sona Pahad Water Supply Project, Extension of Airport for 5000ft, and Construction of Permanent Shelter in Port Blair as Tsunami Rehabilitation Project in addition to numerous other projects. His records keeping in Airport has been marvelous. He is known for his deep understanding and interpretation of various clauses, rules and regulations of Administrative as well as technical matters. He was awarded Best Civil Engineer Award for the year 2013 at Annual Function of Department.



- ◆ Sri P.K. Singh Chief Engineer-Cum-Secretary (PWD) attained superannuation on 30.06.2014. He joined department during 1980's and worked hard in various post holding very important profiles. He rose to the rank of Chief Engineer-Cum-Secretary (PWD). During his two and half year tenure, he took strong initiative to restart many important projects such as Kamsarat Nallah, National Highway upgradation, Beautification of Havelock and other Islands along with completion of important roads and building work in southern group of Islands which helped quick recovery from tremendous losses in tsunami. He established IBC Port Blair Center and started this News Letter "Nirmatri".



Farewells were organized for them in their respective offices and all officers and staffs wished them a happy future life.

We extend our sincere thanks for being with us for such a long time and wish them sound health, happiness, peace and a contented family life in future.

Hon'ble Lt Governor inaugurates Composite Live Stock Farm for Animal Husbandary Department at Carnicobar



Hon'ble Lt Governor, A & N Islands inaugurated Composite Live Stock Farm for the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services at Arong at Car Nicobar on 29th April, 2014 in the presence of officials of administration and Animal Husbandry Department. Composite live stock Farm has been constructed at a total cost of Rs.3.90 Crores spread over about 10,000 Sqm area. It includes, a Transit sheds for Pig, Goat and Poultry birds and a Feed Godown.

In addition to these facilities, One Type-IV Quarter and Four No.s Type-II Quarters have also been constructed for accommodation of staff and officers of Animal husbandry Department. All weather Bituminous road 237.0 mtr. long, 4.0 mtr. wide has been provided to connect all units in the complex.



This complex has been constructed to ensure development of live stock in the island and protect them against diseases. This farm will also impart training to tribal people in modern method of live stock management, protection against potential disease and new breeding methods. Tribal Council Members, Government Officials of Car Nicobar and General Public attended the inaugural function.

This facility is of particular importance to the public of Nicobar as their personal and social life is totally dependent upon live stocks, which is also a major source of income.

Convention Centre and Reception Hall at Havelock



Refurbishment and renovation work of Dolphin Resort is in progress at Havelock. This includes renovation of 31 No.s existing units and new construction of 25 No.s units, spread over an area of 10.11 Acres. Work has been taken up in phased manner to ensure availability of sufficient accommodation for tourists during peak tourist season.

Renovated Dolphin Resort will be a compact unit of all facilities and basic amenities for tourist, including a Conference Hall, Reception Center and extended modern restaurant.



It has also been provided with an integrated sewage system with a treatment plant, which has been designed specially to ensure Eco-Friendliness of Dolphin Resort.

Presently work is in full swing. Conference Hall and Reception Center has been completed and handed over to Tourism Department. On completion of the project, Dolphin Resort is expected to match, world class facility in the neighborhood of most beautiful Beach of the world.

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