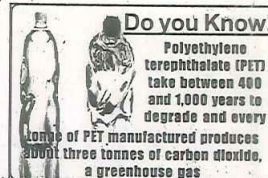




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Poor showing at Film Festival

Lack of proper management and improper publicity led to poor response from people

Port Blair, Nov 5:

A report was published in the Government mouth piece today boasting that the film 'Barfi' mesmerised audience in Jam Packed Auditorium during the 3-day Centenary Celebration of Film Festival. The report gave out only an incomplete assessment of the film festival. The overall response to the film festival organised by the Administration was very poor. Out of 15 films those were screened during the festival only one film received good

response. The response for rest of the films was too low. During most of the shows attendance was around 20 to 30 persons. This is in contrast to last year's response to film festival. Even though the quantum of expenditure incurred in the organisation of the festival was very high. But the publicity was not up to the mark, one of the Audiences said while coming out of ALHW Multipurpose Auditorium on Saturday after watching Kabuliwala in

Bengali.

Most of Audience also felt that the quality of the Sound and light was not good in most of the Auditoriums. Further the unavailability of basic amenities in the Film screening auditoriums was a shortcoming.

In fact due to bad timing, bad management and improper publicity the recently organised food festival and the Beach festival apart from the most recent Film Festival did not produce desired response.

Even though huge amount of money is spent on the conduct of different festival, but due to half-hearted efforts people do not get attracted to the festival. The initiatives of the concerned officials

remain unenthusiastic and they indulge just to follow instructions of high-ups. Till there are no serious and passionate efforts all such festivals will be badly attended.

Free Medical camp by ANIPPPA at Ferrargunj

Port Blair, Nov 5:

A Multi-Disciplinary and Multi-Specialty free Medical camp was held at Primary Health Centre (PHC) Ferrargunj, on 4th November, which was inaugurated by chief guest Dr. S. K Paul, Director of Health Service, A & N Islands, in his address to a large gathering said he is ready to give logistics support for anything concerning public health. Mr M.K Abdul Gaffoor, President-in-charge of Humane Touch (NGO) welcomed the gathering. Mr. Shafeek, Pramukh, Panchayat Samity ferrargunj, was the guest of Honour and he thanked Dr. S.K Paul for choosing ferrargunj area for the free medical camp. Dr Rohindra Lal President, ANIPPPA said many poor patients can't approach specialist in private clinic due to various reasons and this is a great opportunity to get treatment done at their area. The camp was organised by Andaman & Nicobar Islands Private Practicing Doctors Association (ANIPPPA) in association with Directorate of Health Services & Humane Touch (NGO) comprising of Dr. Rohindra Lal (Ophthalmologist), Dr. Selvaraj Gandhi and Dr. Dinesh, Dental Surgeons, Dr. Krishna Saha (Gynecologist), Dr. A. P. Bhadravaj (Pediatrician), Dr. Sudip Chakraborty (Medical Specialist), Dr. Naveed Zia & Dr. Sherin Jadwet Homeo-Physicians and Dr. Vidyand (Surgical Specialist).

A total of 522 cases were screened by various specialists, routine check up of Patients were screened for blood pressure, diabetes, some refractive error cases, one case of foreign body removal on eye, gynecological problems among women, and other common ailments of children, dental check up was done and advised on oral prophylaxis, some patients opted for homeo treatment & consultation on surgical case was done during the camp. Healthcare staff of PHC including the Physicians, Pharmacist, Nurses and paramedical staff were there to guide them and make them aware of changes in lifestyle and diet. All those patients who needed medication were given free medication and told to follow up with regular physician in the area. This was the second project of ANIPPPA with in a short period of forming of the association. The specialists with their vast and varied experience and expertise collectively contributed for this important role in this free multi-specialty medical camp. The main goal of this camp was to bring awareness and preventative measures for some life style diseases.

Patients in large numbers availed the opportunity to get health evaluations and testing done like ECG, X-ray and Echo at the venue itself & got free medical advice. Dr. Dinesh, General Secretary of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Private Practicing Doctors Association (ANIPPPA) proposed vote of thanks for the great enthusiasm shown by Humane Touch (NGO) for meticulous planning and execution which was widely appreciated by one and all and on behalf of ANIPPPA members thanked Directorate of Health Service and the staff of PHC ferrargunj, and Mr Sunil, Pradhan f/gunj & all panchayat pradhans for such an excellent arrangement, because of which patients have turned up in such overwhelming numbers.

Jarawa loot more 30 households in Tusnabad Panchayat

Port Blair, Nov 5:

Last week a gang of Jarawa tribes entered Tusnabad village and looted away the property of the villages during mid-night hours. The materials those were carried away by the Jarawa include 'dah', 'Sabbal', Kadai, Pathu, other implements food items apart from money. Similar looting incident has been reported from Kurmi Balu a nearby village. The people of the area are spending sleepless night even since the incident occurred. Immediately after the incident the area Pradhan Shri Mohan Haldar, reported the matter to the higher ups in the administration and also to the police officials. A team of officials also visited the affected village and tried to pacify the aggrieved villagers.

The villagers allege that the administration has always remained mute witness of the aggressive activity of the Jarawas. These tribes enter the villages at their will and loot away the property of villagers. Due to fear of the tribe community and also

because of pro-jarawa legal provisions under PAT regulations, Tribal law and the Buffer zone notification, villagers let the Jarawa take away everything without a slightest of resistance. Shri Mohan Haldar alleges that due to ineffective approach of AAJVS officials Jarawa resort to looting. The AAJVS is supposed to supply the required implements to Jarawa on regular basis. Special funds have been earmarked for the purpose. But the Samity has not been meeting the requirement of the Jarawa. The earmarked money is allegedly misused, Shri Haldar alleges.

Under the newly implemented PAT regulation making any kind of contact by villagers with Jarawa invokes stringent punishment. But on the other hand Jarawa looting away property of villagers is acceptable under law?

The incidents of intrusion by Jarawa tribes members into villages is constantly rising. The villages including Collinpur, Tirur, Manpur, Aniket, Shoal Bay etc are facing the problems of Jarawa intrusion since last many years, but instead of safeguarding the villagers the administration seems to be virtually supporting the looting spree by the Jarawa.

LG approves promotion of 10 AAOs

Port Blair, Nov 5:

The Lt Governor, Lt Gen (Retd) Bhopinder Singh, has approved the promotion of ten Assistant Accounts Officers (AAO) of the Directorate of Chief Pay & Accounts Organization, A&N Administration to the post of 'Accounts Officers/Pay & Account Officers' (Group 'B',

Gazetted, Ministerial) on regular basis. These officers were working as Assistant Accounts Officers in the Directorate of Chief Pay & Accounts Organization and had qualified the Common Assistant Accounts Officers (CAAO) Examination conducted by CGA, New Delhi and had undergone

training programme of two weeks duration on Accounts matters conducted by the Chief Pay & Accounts Office, Port Blair. This will mitigate the shortage of Accounts Officers in key departments and will go a long way to improve their functioning, an official press release informs.