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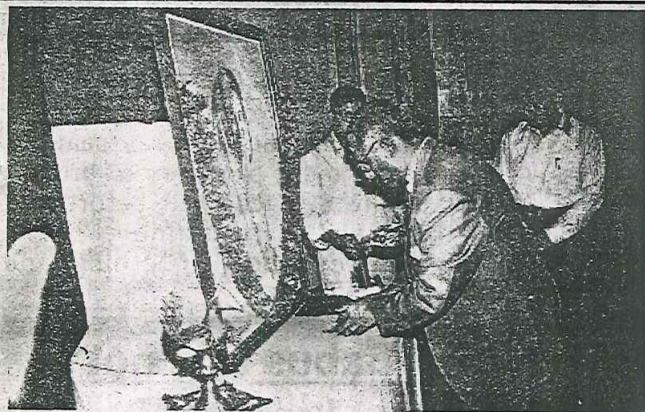
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Chief Secretary, A&N Administration will be garlanding the portrait of Mrs. Indira Gandhi on the occasion of Quami Ekta Diwas.

Illegal entry of outsiders in Strait Island

Port Blair November 20.2006: The Great Andamanse was the largest tribe before the commencement of penal settlement but with the passage of time their population has decreased and as on date they are just 44 individuals. The Local administration with the help of experts has been making all out effort to save this nomadic tribe from extinction and in process they are being provided with houses, clothes and free ration. Certain areas have been reserved for them and no outsider is permitted to enter in these tribal reserves without valid permission so that this tribe can grow and develop in their natural habitat. As we all know that Strait Island is one such Island where the great andamanse have been settled and to visit this Islands one needs tribal pass but to our utter surprise, we are being informed that many outsiders visit this Island and interact with the local inhabitant without any tribal pass or permission but some also involve themselves in illegal felling of trees under the pretext of being engaged as laborer in construction work. It has been reported that one such group involved in illegal activities with the connivance of local authorities is headed by one self styled contractor namely Shri M. Velumurugan S/o Maya Alagu. He himself and his 11 no. of laborers are staying there without any valid permission and being an enlisted contractor with APWD having no work entrusted to him in Strait Island but still he claims that he and his labour to be engaged in the construction of permanent structures for Andamanese.

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Principal, JNRM instead of using Official Van prefers to hire private vehicle- Why?

Port Blair November 20.2006: Our Correspondent has reported that despite the availability of three regularly appointed drivers namely Shri M. Konndiah, Shri Dhanpal and Shri Padmakar Rao and the Maruti van of the college being in running condition, the Principal of the college has hired a private taxi bearing No. AN 01A 3031 for the reasons best known to the college authorities.

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Hutbay incident a shame for the Islanders - Editor "Andaman Deepam"

Port Blair November 20.2006: The unfortunate incident at Hutbay shall go into the history of these islands as one of the darkest spot. It is too early to comment on the cause that turned this peaceful demonstration into a violent one as all such issue are matter of enquiry and only after proper enquiry, one can get to know the causes behind such incident. We all know that non violence is our greatest strength and therefore violence that was excited by whom so ever at Hutbay is a clear indicator that some where we are loosing our this strength for which we the people of India are known around the globe. These islands for decades have presented a perfect example of peace and harmony, viewed as violence free society and as such the odd incident that took place at Hutbay makes every Islander to bend his head in shame. We, therefore urge upon all the sections of the society and the leaders of various political parties to condemn such incident in strongest possible words. It is going to be nearly about two years ever since the giant killer waves of Tsunami hit these Islands and subsequent to that various projects were prepared and finalized with the active participation of the affected people and now when such projects be that of permanent shelter or some other, are almost on the verge of completion and therefore at such point of time any demand for making drastic change appear to be irrational and illogical. Let us hope that and vow together that never in future, we shall allow such incident as the destruction of government property/loss to government is our own loss, after all we have paid for it. Lastly I would like to remind our esteemed Readers that it is strength of non-violence that can not be taken away by any establishment but it is always threatened by those, whose goal is violence. It was this very strength of non violence of our Father of Nation that got us freedom, which could never be taken away by the British despite being all powerful.

Three year jail term for Shri G.P. Sewalia, IAS, Ex-Deputy Commissioner, Andaman District:

New Delhi, 18.11.2006: A senior IAS Officer and a former Registrar of Cooperative Societies of Delhi, Shri G.P. Sewalia has been convicted and sentenced to Rigorous Imprisonment for a period of three years and a fine of Rs.50,000/- for amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. After a keenly contested trial by the Court of Shri G.P. Mittal, Special Judge, Tis Hazari Court Delhi on Wednesday held Shri G.P. Sewalia guilty of the commission of the offences of possession of disproportionate assets and yesterday awarded the sentence to three year jail term. Shri G.P. Sewalia was Deputy Commissioner, Andaman District from 01/05/1983 to 01.10.1983. His wife though

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Hon'ble Administrator Lt. General (Retd.) M.M. Lakhera shall be in the Islands from 19th to 21st November 2006