Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launches submarine cable connectivity to Andaman & Nicobar Islands (CANI)

Connectivity will boost Opportunities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands: PM

“A&N Islands is going to develop as hub of Port Led Development and to be a major port hub for international maritime trade”

New Delhi, Aug 10 (PIB)

In a major boost to the local economy and connectivity, the Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today launched and dedicated to the nation, the submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Andaman & Nicobar Islands to the mainland through video conferencing. The foundation stone for this project was laid by the Prime Minister on 30th December, 2018 at Port Blair. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi said the connectivity would now enable endless opportunities in the Islands. He said the laying of the 2300 Km submarine cable and completing it before the set target is very praise worthy. The Prime Minister said that the service will lay on a major chunk of the Islands from Chennai to Port Blair, Port Blair to Little Andaman and Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep.

The Prime Minister admired the laying of cables for about 2300 kilometers under the sea as surveying in the deep sea, maintaining the quality of the cable and laying of the cable with specialized vessels is not an easy task. The project also had to overcome challenges such as high waves, storms and monsoons and the tough times owing to Corona Pandemic. The Prime Minister said the Andaman & Nicobar Islands felt the need for years but no steps were taken to fulfil it. Shri Modi expressed his happiness for being able to deliver the project notwithstanding such major challenges. The Prime Minister said providing better and cheaper connectivity to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is the responsibility of the country. He congratulated all those who were associated with the project. Shri Modi said the Submarine Cable is one such effort to prove that A & N Islands are not far away from Delhi and from the Hearts of the Mainland.

Ease of Living to every Citizen

Shri Modi said that the Government is committed to provide modern facilities to every citizen and every sector so that there can be a better ease of living. He said this Optical Fibre Project which links A&N Islands with the rest of the country is an example of the commitment of the Government towards ease of living. He

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Union Home Minister, Shri Amit Shah has termed it ‘a momentous day’ for the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands as the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2300 KM long Submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC), connecting Port Blair, Little Andaman and Swaraj Dweep. “This mammoth project had enormous challenges but completed well before its timeline,” said Shri Amit Shah, in a series of tweets.

“Momentous day for the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands”: Union Home Minister

“Thanking the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi and the Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Shri Amit Shah said, “This landmark project will usher a new era of development for the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.”

“Stating that the submarine OFC will provide high-speed telecom and broadband facilities in Andaman & Nicobar at par with metro cities, the Union Home Minister said, “this will lead to great benefits like e-education, banking facilities, telemedicine and surge employment by providing a major boost to the tourism sector.”

The Union Home Minister said, “Modi Government is resolved towards its mission of Digital India and empowering its citizens with the best of modern facilities.”

New fiber link marks a major milestone in India’s digital transformation journey: Chairman Bharti Airtel

Kolkata, Aug 10

Bharti Airtel’s Chennai and ('Airtel') has congratulated the Department of Telecommunications, Shri Narendra Modi and Shri Sunil Bharti Mittal on the inauguration of the underwater optic fiber link between Chennai-Andaman & Nicobar Islands (CANI) Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) project by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi ji through video conferencing in the presence of Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon’ble Minister for Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice, Government of India, Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Shri M.K. Stalin and other senior officials of BSNL.

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The Orders have been issued in par with metro cities, the Union Home Minister said, “this will lead to great benefits like e-education, banking facilities, telemedicine and surge employment by providing a major boost to the tourism sector.”

GREETINGS

On the auspicious occasion of ‘Jannastami’, I extend my warm and best wishes to all the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The festival of Jannashami encourages us to follow the path of Lord Sri Krishna’s philosophy for an ideal life a life blessed with love, brotherhood, compassion, unity and harmony. On this sacred occasion let us all take a pledge to strive for becoming stronger nation, ensuring welfare of general masses.

On this joyous occasion, I wish that our Islands move on the path of peace and prosperity.

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said the Government is committed to the speedy development of national security linked border areas and Island States.

Increase Opportunities through Digital India

The Prime Minister said the Submarine Cable will help A&N Islands in getting cheaper & better connectivity and all the benefits of Digital India, especially in improving online education, tele-medicine, banking system, online trading and in boosting tourism. PM said that the Indian Ocean has been the center of India's trade and strategic prowess for thousands of years and that Andaman & Nicobar Islands is an important centre for India's Economic-Strategic Cooperation. He said all the Islands of India would be playing an important role under India's new trade strategy for Indo-Pacific region.

Shri Modi said under the Act-East policy, the role of Andaman and Nicobar in India's strong relations with East Asian countries and other countries connected to the sea is very high and is going to increase.

He said that the Island Development Agency was formed 3 years ago to strengthen its role. He said that the projects which were not completed in Andaman and Nicobar for years, are now rapidly getting completed.

High Impact Projects & Better Land, Air and Water Ways

Prime Minister said that High Impact Projects are being expanded in 12 Islands of Andaman and Nicobar. Apart from providing for better internet & mobile connectivity, he said the effort is to further improve physical connectivity through road, air and water. The Prime Minister referred to the work on two major bridges and the NH-4 in order to improve the road connectivity of North and Middle Andaman. He said the Port Blair Airport is being enhanced to handle a Capacity of 1200 passengers. Along with this the airports are ready for operations in Diglipur, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay.

Shri Modi said the Passenger Terminal in Swaraj Dweep, Shahed Dweep and Long Island along with Water Aerodrome Infrastructure like Floating jetty will be ready in the coming months. He said that the 4 Ships being built at Kochi Shipyard shall be delivered soon to improve the water connectivity between the Islands and the mainland.

Port Led Development

The Prime Minister said Andaman & Nicobar will be developed as a hub of Port Led Development as it is at a Competitive Distance from many parts of the World. Prime Minister said a country which has better network of ports and their connectivity will be able to provide a boost to its economy. He said that today, when India is moving forward with the reality of self-sufficiency and is establishing itself as an important player in the Global Supply and Value Chain, it is very important to strengthen our network of ports and our Ports. Shri Modi said that the legal bottlenecks in the development of Port Infrastructure are also being removed continuously.

International Maritime Trade

Prime Minister said that the Government’s focus is also on promoting business in the sea and simplifying the Maritime Logistics. He referred to the speedy construction of the Deep Draft terminals at Haldia and the proposal to construct Transhipment Port in Great Nicobar at an estimated cost of about Rs 10 thousand crores. Shri Modi said this would enable big ships to anchor and would increase India’s share in maritime business with new employment opportunities. He said that in today’s economic landscape, Aquaculture and Seaweed farming in the Island will accelerate in commensurate with the modern infrastructure being developed in A&N Islands. He wished that the efforts of the Government will Andaman will Nicobar, not only new facilities but also as a prominent place on the World Tourist Map.

Earlier, the Hon’ble Minister of Communications, Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad who was also present remarked that it’s a historic day in providing Digital Connectivity to the citizens of A&N Islands. Terming it as a golden moment, he said the launch of OFC will go a long way in fulfilling the objective of Digital India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

A short film on Andaman & Nicobar Islands was also screened on the occasion.

COVID-19: sanitization of vulnerable areas in city by PBMC

Port Blair, Aug 10

To contain the spread of COVID-19, pandemic, PBMC has deployed dedicated teams at various parts of the city to sanitize vulnerable areas in an effective manner. Apart from this, PBMC team also reaches out to every nook and corner of the city, to clean up the garbage and sanitize the areas.

New fiber link marks a major milestone in ... (Contd. from page 1)

Mittal, Chairman, Bharti Airtel said, “The new fiber link marks a major milestone in India’s digital transformation journey as this critical infrastructure reaches the strategic archipelago. We are grateful to the Hon’ble Prime Minister for launching this key digital infrastructure. The fiber link will be a game changer for the region and unlock the true potential of 4G and even 5G in future for customers. Airtel remains fully committed to the Government’s vision of Digital India.”

With today’s launch of ‘Ultra-Fast 4G’ network, Airtel looks forward to further strengthening its bond with customers in the Islands, a press release from Chairman, Bharti Airtel said.

Public hearing on environmental clearance for Andaman & Nicobar Dual Power Project postponed

Port Blair, Aug 10

The public hearing for environmental clearance for the project titled “Andaman & Nicobar Dual Power Project (55 MW) at Hope Town, South Andaman District” will be held on 12.08.2020 at 2:00 pm.

District Magistrates of all the three Districts ...

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pursuance of powers vested u/s 51(b) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005 and in order to enforce strict compliance of the National Directives on COVID-19 and to contain the spread of COVID-19 in South Andaman, North & Middle Andaman and Nicobar Districts.

The Orders issued will come into force in the three districts from midnight of August 11, 2020 and shall be effective till the midnight of August 18, 2020. (Detailed Orders from District Magistrates of South Ferrargunj, N & M Andaman and Nicobar Districts are published on Page 3 of this issue)
**Text of PM's address at the inauguration of Submarine Cable Connectivity to A & N Islands**

On 2 August 2020, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated the Submarine Cable Connectivity project to Andaman & Nicobar Islands (A & N Islands), connecting them to the national grid.

**Significance**

- This project will significantly enhance the connectivity and development of the A & N Islands, ensuring improved communication and services.

**Details**

- The project involves laying submarine cables from Mumbai to the A & N Islands.
- It will provide high-speed internet connectivity, facilitating e-governance and other modern services.

**Infrastructure Development**

- The project includes the construction of a national data centre in the A & N Islands, further boosting digital infrastructure.

**Benefits**

- Enhanced economic opportunities for the islands through improved connectivity.
- Better services for the local population, including healthcare and education.

**Conclusion**

- The inauguration of this project marks a significant step towards realizing the vision of a digitally empowered nation.

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**List of Eligible and shortlisted candidates for the 'Walk-in-interview' for the various non-teaching posts under ANMS (Medical college) on 03 months contract basis.**

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(Source: PIB)
OBDIUTRY

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the post of State Project Manager for ANIRLM and Cluster Coordination & Data Entry Operator for CD Blocks purely on contractual basis under DAY-NRLM.

The interview for the aforesaid posts will be held on 04.08.2020 at 11.00 AM at Anand Marg Bhavan, Dist Block No. 07, Car Nicobar, in the presence of the Head of the Concerned Unit.

The candidates must appear for the interview with following documents,
1. Certificate/Testimonial from the College/Institution/University/National Board,
2. Provisional Certificate of SC/ST/OBC/PH/Minority candidates,
3. Birth certificate/Adhar Card,
4. Employment Certificate/Engagement Letter,
5. Bank draft/slip of Rs. 100/- towards processing fee

The candidates must ensure to check their eligibility in respect of age, academic qualifications and allied matters in accordance with the provisions of the ‘Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock-3) and National Directives for COVID-19 Management’ (Contd. from page-2).

Applicants are informed that the list of shortlisted candidates will be displayed on the concerned Department’s website 07 days prior to the date of interview.

No member of the crew of any ship (passenger or cargo) shall be allowed to disembark without the permission of the respective SDM. All public transport including boats subject to Transport, Shipping, ANIIDCO, Fire services, Medical Labs and diagnostic facilities (both Govt. & Private).

An advisor willing to attend the interview for the post of Cluster Coordinator & Data Entry Operator must mention the area for which they are applying along with the post and the top of the application.

The candidate must ensure to check their eligibility in respect of age, academic qualifications and allied matters in accordance with the provisions of the ‘Guidelines for Phased Re-opening (Unlock-3) and National Directives for COVID-19 Management’.

Obiduary

Mourn the sad demise of Mousumi Biswas, a native of Car Nicobar, who passed away on 06.08.2020.

We pray the Almighty to give her soul rest in Peace.

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