



ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS

Police Headquarters, Port Blair - 744104
| Web : police.andaman.gov.in

SELFLESS SERVICE

On 22 April 2020, a distress call from a girl in a far flung village Dhani Nallah, whose father was a cancer patient, was received seeking immediate help to evacuate her father to hospital. Sea route was the only way to reach the village. Due to lockdown, no means of transportation were available. Showing an example of outstanding humanity, SI Sushanto Debnath, with the help of constable Abdul Shahid decided to evacuate the patient in a small wooden dinghy by rowing himself. Timely decision and efforts to evacuate the patient to hospital saved life. His outstanding efforts during the arduous times of lockdown were highly appreciated by the local residents and doctors.



In another incident, Sub-Inspector Sushanto Debnath lent a shoulder to hand over the dead body of a poor deceased villager of Panchawati to the bereaved family.

POLICE PERSONNEL CONTRIBUTING TO RELIEF WORK

Shri J. Bhima Rao, Head Constable donated his one month salary amounting Rs 58,409/- to LG Relief Fund, Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Shri Sambhu Murthy, Police Constable donated Rs 21, 835/-, his half month's salary to LG Relief Fund,

Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He also donated blood to a pregnant lady admitted to the G.B Pant Hospital. During his COVID-19 law & order duty one day, he came across a family without food. He provided them not only some money but ration articles as well. He and his family also distributed some ration articles to the needy people of his locality during the lockdown.

Shri V. D Sajendra Babu, Head Constable – has contributed a sum of Rs 25, 000 to LG Relief Fund, Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He also distributed ration articles worth Rs 35,000/- among 30 families of his locality.

Shri Narasimha Murthy, Assistant Commandant, donated a sum of Rs 10,000/- to LG relief fund.

Shri Kamal Kumar Gupta, Assistant Commandant provided 438 meters of cotton cloth worth Rs 37,000/-, from which more than 5,000 masks were stitched by the police personnel and distributed among the police personnel at the frontlines.



Inspector Mohd. Ali (IRBn), Sub - Inspector Raja Rao, PC (Bugler) Bahadur and LPC/641 Hemlatha donated funds to provide essential commodities and vegetables to the needy poor families.



The staff of PS Bambooflat assembled 50 kits containing ration, grocery and sanitary items. These were distributed to families living in remote villages of Shoal Bay. Cooked food was also served to old aged personnel.

The staff of PS Ograbraj identified the needy families, special children and orphans and provided ration articles and essential commodities.

During the lockdown 56 families of Badakhadi village, Rut Land were provided with ration packets arranged by staff and SHO PS Humfrigunj.

In anticipation of need and importance of face masks during the lockdown, all villagers of Shaheed Dweep were provided with handmade masks for free. The needy and poor people dependent on their daily wages were also provided ration articles.

The SHO and staff of PS Nancowry distributed ration articles to the needy persons with assistance from local shop-keepers.

South Andaman Police took the initiative in providing food, drinking water, masks and hand sanitizer to those in need in different parts of South Andaman district. It also appealed for help from the general public and NGOs in taking care of needy/poor people of their respective localities.

SHO PS Car Nicobar, with assistance from the local shopkeepers, distributed ration articles to the poor and needy persons from tribal communities of Car Nicobar.

In the remote Islands and parts of Nicobar District with limited connectivity i.e. Afra Bay, Makachua, Chowra etc. Nicobar police conducted house to house awareness campaigns so as to enlist every citizen in the war against COVID-19.

DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS

Staff of PS Kadamtala, PS Rangat, PS Billiground, PS Car Nicobar, PS Campbell Bay and PS Diglipur distributed homemade masks to the general public and also made them aware about its use in the fight against COVID-19. The lady staff of the PS made face masks for distribution among commuters found without face masks. This highlighted the compassionate side of policing during the lockdown.



ASSISTING MOBILITY

During the first two phases of the lockdown, private vehicles were not allowed to ply, except those on essential duties. This caused inconvenience to the public requiring transportation for visiting markets to purchase essential articles, especially those coming from remote areas. The vehicles of PS Kadamtala were utilized to help such people. All social distancing norms were followed during this process.

Rangat police also provided a police van to assist the general public from far flung areas who were facing difficulty to carry home their ration articles from shops.

PS Mayabunder provided police bus and van which helped them to buy ration articles and get the medical checkups done.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

During the lockdown, people were restricted from venturing outside their homes. This especially caused difficulties for those who were suffering from chronic diseases such as blood pressure, sugar etc. police staff of PS Baratang helped such persons by providing necessary medicines on their door step.

On 9th May 2020, an old age person fell unconscious forcing his relatives to call for assistance from CHC Rangat. However, due to delay in the response from the hospital, the relatives called the Police Station requesting help in emergency evacuation. The police swung into action to evacuate the sick senior citizen to the relevant health facility which probably saved his life.

ENSURING SOCIAL DISTANCING

In Car Nicobar, a token system was introduced at shops, banks, so that customers follow social distancing diligently. Shri Rajeev Kumar, IPS, Superintendent of Police and his team personally ensured enforcement of social distancing in true letter and spirit in the market areas of Car Nicobar. At PS Campbell Bay too, social distancing was maintained among the customers who came to buy essential commodities.



Thermal scanners were used at the police pickets to ascertain symptomatic individuals and who were then referred to local hospital for further course of action. It also helped identification of people on random basis having any symptoms of COVID-19 with the help of medical staff.

During Lockdown 1.0 a song written and sung by Shri Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant, Indian Reserve Battalion him titled **"MeraMulk"** was released, which can be watched on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h79XffvrR60>. In this song, the female voice was given by Miss Noor Nisha, a home guard personnel. This song was also telecasted by the local Doordarshan, Port Blair. The song was very well received by the people and it was able to influence people to a great extent.

During Lockdown 2.0 and 3.0, two more songs titled **"Haarega Corona"** and **"Fateh Corona Jung"** were released, which can be viewed on you tube link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HeskDz1Goo> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v41nAWVbLOM> respectively. The commentary in both songs was given by Hg Noor Nisha and in the song Fateh Corona Jung the female voice was given by Sangeeta Sarkar, Police Constable/2456. Three songs were also written by Shri Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant, Indian Reserve Battalion. These songs also influenced wider section of the society. Moreover, the song "Haarega Corona" was appreciated by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the Andaman and Nicobar Island.