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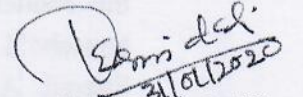
Sub: Appeal to Public /Stake holders of Lakshadweep Islands-Reg;
Ref: Appeal dated 30.01.2020.

Please find enclosed herewith the Appeal to Public/Stake holders of Lakshadweep Islands under Lakshadweep Environment Conservation by the respected Secretary, Environment & Forest, U.T. of Lakshadweep Administration for wide circulation of the same

This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully

Encl: - As above


(Dr. K. Syed Ali)

RFO & Head, Establishment Division

Copy to:

1. The PA to the Hon'ble Administrator U.T. of Lakshadweep for kind information please.
2. The PA to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament U.T. of Lakshadweep for kind information please.
3. The PA to the Advisor to Hon'ble Administrator U.T. of Lakshadweep for kind information please.
4. The PA to the Secretaries of all Departments, U.T. of Lakshadweep for kind information please.
5. The PCC, U.T. of Lakshadweep for kind information please.
6. The PA to the HoDs, U.T. of Lakshadweep for information please.
7. The DC/SDOs in all Islands for information and necessary action please.
8. The Chairperson (VDP) in all Islands for information and necessary action please.
9. The Radio Station, Kavaratti for information and wide publicity.
10. The Govt. Press, Kavaratti for publishing in the next edition of Lakshadweep Times.
11. The NIC, Kavaratti for uploading in the Lakshadweep Website.
12. The RFO/EAs/OIC, Department of Environment & Forest in all Islands for necessary action.
13. All the NGOs working for Environment Conservation in Lakshadweep for information.

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APPEAL TO PUBLIC/LOCAL STAKE HOLDERS IN LAKSHADWEEP

The Lakshadweep Islands are blessed with rich marine biodiversity including mesmerising coral lagoons and other marine flora and fauna. In addition to this, Lakshadweep also has land vegetation with hundreds of medicinal plants species and virgin organic Coconut plantations. It is the responsibility of every citizen of Lakshadweep to protect and preserve this fragile ecosystem, free from any kind of pollutions by keeping these Islands neat and clean.

The Union Territory of Lakshadweep Administration had launched Swachh Lakshadweep Abhiyan in the year 2014 aiming to fulfil the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission ensuring sanitation and hygiene in all the inhabited Islands of Lakshadweep. The UT of Lakshadweep Administration has adopted all possible measures for waste minimization at source with an emphasis on the principles of 3 Rs comprising of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle with proper system of segregation, collection, transportation, processing, treatment and disposal in complete harmony with environment and in line with prevalent regulations.

Further it is informed that, the local inhabitants/mainlanders are involved in dumping plastic and other waste in open places, beaches, lagoons and in open sea in these pristine Islands. The Lakshadweep Solid Waste Management Bye-law-2018 in Section 3(f) of the Bye-law states that, all the residents in UTL limit should maintain their peripheral areas of 25 meter radius of their household litter free or else responsibility shall be fixed on dwelling house owner/resident, if found littered. And also the Section 3(g) of the Bye-law stated that "No person shall dump, deposit, discharge, spill or release solid waste or cause or permit such waste to be dumped, discharged, spilled or released, whether or not the waste is in a container or receptacle in or at any place, whether publically/privately owned, including but not limited to vacant land, beaches, lagoon, sea, drains etc. except in container or at a place which has been specially indicated or set apart for such purpose." Any person violating this is liable for punishment/fine as per the provisions of Lakshadweep Solid Waste Management Bye-law-2018. In view of this, the local inhabitants/mainlanders in Lakshadweep are appealed, not to dump/deposit any waste into the public premises.

Each and every citizen has critical role to play in ensuring sanitation. Accordingly the Action Plan on Swachh Lakshadweep Abhiyan, emphasizes, various activities to be carried out to accomplish the goal. One among the plan includes Voluntary Cleaning (Monthly Swachh Shramadan) campaign. The Hon'ble Administrator, UT of Lakshadweep had declared 1st Saturday of every month as Voluntary Cleaning (Monthly Swachh Shramadan) Day at 7am to 9am with effect from 4th January, 2020 and it is a continuous program. This campaign aims to achieve Sanitation and aesthetic beauty in all the inhabited Islands of Lakshadweep with the massive participation of people from all walks of life.

Therefore the department decided to carry out the Swachh Shramadan Day, Voluntary Cleaning program on first Saturday of every month with the involvement Panchayat Raj institutions, NGO's, SHG's, Students, Cultural and religious leaders, Government officials, local inhabitants and migratory populations etc.

The coming 01/02/2020 is the first Saturday of February month, it is humbly appealed and requested all the local inhabitants/mainlanders to participate in large numbers in their respective Islands/Wards for the Voluntary Cleaning program.

Your active involvement and support will definitely help in proper protection of marine biodiversity and achieve 100% Sanitation coverage and aesthetic beauty in all the inhabited Islands of Lakshadweep.


(Damodhar A.T.) IFS

Secretary, Environment & Forest