

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **“Panchawati Ecotourism Site” An Epitome of Nature’s Beauty”**

An Eco-tourism site developed at Panchawati has been inaugurated and put open to General Public/Tourists on 28.06.2022 at 0930 Hrs by Shri Satyaprakash Singh IFS, Divisional Forest Officer, Middle Andaman in the presence of PRIs, Officers and Staffs of Betapur Range & General Public.

The Middle Andaman Forest Division, Department of Environment & Forests developed an Eco Tourism site at Panchawati locally known as “**Japan Jetty**”. With the theme of “An Epitome of Nature’s Beauty”, it is actually blessed with drop-dead gorgeous beach with patches of Coral reefs and alluring cyan waters. Eco-Tourism facilities developed at the site includes Eco –huts; Eco benches; Eco friendly beach chairs; Eco friendly Changing Rooms & Toilets; Children Miniature Park; Sea-saws; Swings; Eco-friendly dustbins made from wood, discarded plastic bottles and tyres; Cafeteria; and a unique initiative of Open Air Library, where tourist and General Public can enjoy reading the books in the lap of nature. The Open Air Library is created to inculcate the reading habits among the youths of Middle Andaman. A book bank has also been created where those willing to donate any used/unused books can drop it in the book bank box provided at site. Books received in the book bank will be given to the needy free of cost. Eco- friendly structures such as Motorcycle and Rocking Horse carved out from the waste wood are the biggest attraction of the site especially for children.

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