



Picture shows Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff, currently on a visit to the islands, calling on the Lt Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, at Raj Nivas on Tuesday. Issues relating to the security of A & N Islands were discussed.

Children interact with Chief Secretary



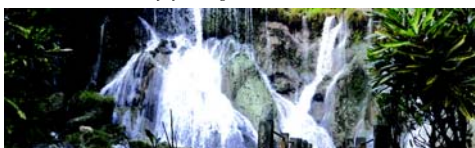
PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ Children from various villages of Little, North and South Andaman interacted with Mr. Anindo Majumdar, Chief Secretary, Andaman Nicobar Islands recently. Earlier, children facilitated Children's Council (Bal Sabha) in different villages of South and North Andaman to discuss the issues related to village and school as the part of preparing a child plan. Further, as the second phase children approached officials/ PRI members in different panchayats and Zilla Parishad to resolve the issues along with memorandums. The major issues discussed by children during advocacy meeting with chief secretary were poor quality of education at schools, need for compound wall in schools, need for proper maintenance and water supply in toilet in schools, proper maintenance of roads/footpaths, poor network connectivity in interisland, illegal selling of alcohol in villages, need for career guidance for children at schools/panchayats, child marriage, abuse issues in villages, need for children's parks in villages etc.



Picture shows another bus donated under the MPLAD scheme to Sabari Panchayat in Middle Andaman left to rot near the roadside of the Panchayat Office. According to reports, lack of repairs and maintenance has left the bus facility redundant for the past two years. (EOI Pix)

IGNOU Entrance Tests on Feb 5

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will conduct entrance tests on Feb 5, 2017 for Management Programmes (OPENMAT/LL) for the sessions starting from July, 2017. The test will be conducted at 60 Examination Centres spread all over the country accommodating 2912 candidates. The examination will be conducted at Exam Centre 0201, JNRM College, South Point, Port Blair. The Hall-Tickets have already been uploaded on the University website. The candidates have been informed through SMS to download the Hall Ticket for appearing in the 5th February, 2017 entrance test. The Hall-Tickets have already been uploaded on the university website (www.ignou.ac.in) and the candidates have been informed through SMS to download the hall ticket for appearing in the 05th February, 2017 entrance test of the university by entering name and date of birth and report to the Examination Centre. In case candidates are unable to download the Hall-Ticket, they can contact the Regional Centre, Port Blair and obtain the information of Examination Centre allocated and report to the Examination Centre with a proof of submission of Entrance Test application form along with recent passport size photograph. In such case they have to submit an undertaking at the Examination Centre stating that in the event of information furnished by them found to be incorrect, their candidature will be cancelled. Candidates must report at the Examination Centre 45 minutes before commencement of the Entrance Test. For any information or queries regarding the OPENMAT Exam, candidates are advised to contact the Regional Centre, Port Blair on or before the 30th February 2017, a release from IGNOU Regional Centre here says.



Picture shows the famous waterfalls of Hut Bay in Little Andaman. Seamlessly maintained by the Forest Department with eco-friendly facilities, the site was one of the hot destinations for tourists prior to tsunami of 2004. Little Andaman is eagerly awaiting the visit of the Governor for revival of the tourism industry in the region. (PIX: BIVASH MONDAL)

Chief of Staff Committee arrives on isles visit

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) and Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC accompanied by Smt Reena Lanba, President NAWA arrived here on their five-day visit to Andaman and Nicobar Command on Tuesday. They were received by Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command. After arrival, The COCS called on the Lt Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Prof. Jagdish Mukhi. During the briefing at HQ ANC, he was updated on the operational preparedness of the Andaman and Nicobar Command. He reviewed the infrastructure development and future plans of ANC. The Chairman COSC and CNS is scheduled to visit various outlying units of HQ ANC and interact with the troops located there to get a first-hand overview of their preparedness and well-being. During the course of his visits, the



Chairman COSC and CNS would be visiting Air Force Station Carnic where he

will pay his tributes to the martyrs at the Tsunami Memorial. He would also be

visiting INS Baaz at Campbell Bay, INS Karadip i.e. Kamorta and NAS

Shibpur apart from the various units and establishments located at Port Blair.

Fishermen told to adopt modern methods to increase catch

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Zonal Base of Fishery Survey of India has organized a one-day Regional Workshop on "Marine Fisheries Resources" of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Eco-friendly Fishing Methods" on 30th January 2017 at Khadi Bashi, Nilambur Baratang, North and Middle Andaman. In this workshop experts in pisciculture informed the fishermen on the resource potential and availability, various eco-friendly fishing methods to exploit the abundant oceanic resources as well as the perch resources, optimum utilization of fishery resources and also to save the marine environment etc. to the local fisher folks of North and Middle Andaman. The workshop was inaugurated by Shri. R. Algarsamy, Zilla Parishad member, Baratang, North and Middle Andaman. While addressing the gathering he appreciated the FSI for conducting such a workshop in their area. He asked the fishermen to update their knowledge in marine fisheries by interacting with the scientists of Fish-

ery Survey of India. The workshop was presided by Mr Roy George, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Nilambur, Baratang, North and Middle Andaman. He said that the Fishery Survey Vessel MFV Blue Marlin has been surveying the fishery resources in the Andaman and Nicobar waters for the last 20 years and the data collected by the vessel on Oceanic and Peach resources will be very much useful to the fishermen of these islands. Further he insisted the fishermen to avail maximum benefit from the workshop. The guest of honor of the occasion, Shri Satish Kumar, Up-pradhan, Gram Panchayat said that as the Fishery Survey of India has been working on the resources availability in Andaman and Nicobar waters for more than two decades, our fishermen should have constant touch with the scientists of this office to update their information on the current status of the availability of resources in our waters. Shri Motilal Soren, Sarpanch, Panchayati Samiti, Shri Bimal Bage, Up-sarpanch, Shri Anand Bangra, PRI member, Shri

Manoj Kumar Barla, PRI member and Shri Ramanathan, Ex-PRI member were the special invitees for the function. In their address, they said that FSI has been doing systematic survey to ascertain the marine fishery resources in the Indian EEZ and adjacent areas. Andaman waters are rich in Tuna resources and asked the fishermen to exploit these resources to the maximum level. In the recent past the FSI has added the fishery extension activities to their mandate and as a result they are now here to disseminate the survey findings to the local fishermen on the resources availability, fabrication of various types of diversified fishing gears and also other aspects such as code of conduct for responsible fisheries and safety at sea etc. Dr HD Pradeep, Fisheries Scientist and Head of Office, Fishery Survey of India in his keynote address said that FSI has six zonal bases all over India and also explained about the objective of the organization. He said that FSI, Port Blair base has been continuously surveying the Island waters since 1971 and disseminat-

ing the results to the end users. He said that the resources potential of the EEZ of Andaman and Nicobar waters is 1.48,000 tons but the current level of exploitation is very less. The oceanic fishery resources are abundantly available in Andaman and Nicobar waters which needs to be exploited by the local fishermen. He said that keeping in view of the fragile ecosystem of A&N waters, it is important to protect coral reefs which are the breeding areas of demersal species like perches and it is possible only by adopting suitable diversified fishing methods. The FSI has been surveying the marine fishery resources by adopting the diversified fishing methods like tuna long line and bottom set vertical long line for tuna and perches and the catch rates recorded are quite encouraging. Therefore, the local fishermen as well as the fishing industry may opt for various types of line fishing to harvest these resources in a sustainable way. Mr Swapnil S. Shirke, Sr. Scientific Assistant welcomed the gathering and Shri Shamshad Ali, Fisher-

ies Sub-Inspector, Kadamtala delivered the vote of thanks. Prior to the inaugural session a fishermen rally was conducted wherein the local fishermen along with distinguished guests participated by holding the placards showing the code of conduct for responsible fisheries which received significant attention among the public. During the technical session the FSI scientists delivered lectures on various aspects. Shri. Swapnil S. Shirke, Sr. Scientific Assistant spoke on the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries and safety measures to be taken while at sea. Shri. Pratyush Das, Jr. Fishing Gear Technologist spoke on the Eco-friendly fishing methods and suitability of Bottom Set Vertical Longline for the exploitation of Perches and allied resources. The local fishermen and their representatives raised their doubts on various points related to marine fishery during the interactive session and the same was clarified to them on the availability of Marine Fishery Resources of A & N Islands.

LG to visit LA

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Lt. Governor A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will be visiting Little Andaman on February 02. During the visit the Lt. Governor will hold meeting with PRI members at Hut Bay. He will unveil the statue of Swami Vivekananda at VK Pur. He will also visit Waterfall, PHC Hut Bay, Harminder Bay and Butler Bay. On February 3 the Lt. Governor will visit Govt. Sr. Sec. School Huthay and Dugong Creek. On completion of visit the Lt. Governor will return to Port Blair the same day.



The Library Committee of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly on a visit to the islands called on the Lt Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, at Raj Nivas on Tuesday.

Death mourned

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The President, Pradesh Congress Committee, A & N Islands, Mr Kuldeep Rai Sharma and all leaders of Congress Party have deeply mourned the sad and untimely demise of Fr. Even Sores, Project Director, ACANI. He was 46 and passed away on Tuesday. In a release, the Congress leaders prayed for eternal peace for the departed soul and for enough strength for the members of the bereaved family to bear the irreparable loss.

Farewell accorded

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Port Blair Municipal Council bid farewell to Mr Gangaiah son of late Yenkaiah Sr. Sanitary Supervisor, Sanitary Wing who superannuated on service on 31/01/2017. A simple function, the Chairperson, PBMC, Mr B. Eswar Rao handed over the cheques and monetary benefits to Shri Gangaiah. Mentions were also presented to the employee on the occasion. Sr. Vice Chairperson, PBMC recalled the valuable services rendered to the Council by the employee and wished him happy and healthy post retired life.



Agromet bulletin for farmers

PORT BLAIR, JAN 31/-/ The Central Inland Agricultural Research Institute has released the Agromet bulletin for farmers for the period from Feb 1 to Feb 5, 2017. In the bulletin, CLARI forecast partly cloudy weather in the next five days. In South Andaman, North and Middle Andaman and in Nicobar Island, no rainfall is expected during this period. The maximum temperature will be 31 to 32 degree centigrade with minimum temperature of 22 to 26 degree centigrade, whereas the maximum and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 67 to 77 % and 61 to 73 %, respectively in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Wind speed of 7 to 22 kmph is expected from North Easterly direction. Farmers in Andaman region have been advised to clip the infested shoot of brinjalevery week and dispose it by burning to control the spreading of the shoot borer in vegetable field, apply neem oil @ 30 ml/lt of water along with teepol @ 0.5 ml/lt after onset of fruit to control pod borer in beans and

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EVENTS TODAY

CONFERENCE: National Conference on Climate Change, Bio-diversity and Bio-resource Management to be organized by Microbiologist Society India at JNRM, Till Feb 3. BAGGAGE LOADING: Excess baggage loading onboard NV Nawacory scheduled to sail Vizag on Feb 2 at 4 pm from Haddo wharf. HEALTH CAMP: By Ayurveda doctors of Region of Arunachal Pradesh of Ayurveda at Arong and Sawai villages of Car Nicobar: Till Feb 5.