

Power suspension on Oct 14

PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- Phoenix Bay Power House will remain shutdown on Oct 14 from 8 am to 3 pm for urgent preventive maintenance of High Tension Switchgear, Panels and other Electrical Equipment, due to this the power supply remain suspended at Shristy Nagar, Atlanta Point, Cellular Jail, G.B. Pant and Police HQ, Marina Park & Aberdeen Bazaar site office area, STS Workshop, BSNL Bhawan, Model School Area, Fire Brigade, ANIDCO Bhawan area, Girls School, CCS Aberdeen Bazaar area, Supply Line complete, Netaji Stadium area, Electricity Bazaar site office, Jama Masjid, Netaji Club and part of Gurudwara Lane.

The department is trying to maintain normal power supply in the remaining area feed from Phoenix Bay Power House by making alternate arrangement. However if required 45 to 60 minutes' rotational load shedding in the following area will also be exercised from 0800 hrs. to 1500 hrs. on 14.10.2017 at Marine Hill, Duganabad complete, Round Basti & Netaji Club area.

BSNL Telephone Exchange, Prem Nagar, Goalghar, Carmel School area, KV1 area & Murdakhari area, Mohanpura, Babu Lane, Aberdeen Bazaar from Ratnam Market to Taxi Stand, Aberdeen Thana & part of Gurudwara Lane, Rajasthan Mandir, ALWH Colony, Hawaghar Jn., Dudh Line, Nayagaon, Bargat Line, GPRC Colony & Carbyn's Jn., Light House, Phoenix Bay, Fisheries Jetty area, Anarkali, Delanipur, Quarry Hill, Phonygy Kyang, Foreshore Road, Megapole, Teal House, Horticulture Road, Vidhyut Bhawan, Electricity HQ Office, PBMC Auditorium, APWD CE Office, Secretariat, Court Complex, PAO, Raj Niwas & Gandhi Park. The time mentioned in the schedule is tentative, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly.

Multiple raids by CBI over corruption charges in procurement of medicines

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PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- Sleuths from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) swooped down at multiple places in the city including the office and residence of Director of Health Services, Dr Shipra Paul on Thursday and conducted surprise checks of medicines and supply records besides making discrete inquiries about the manner in which the medicine supply contracts were executed by the Health Department. According to source, the CBI officials seized many official documents from the office and residence of Dr Paul during the raids which was conducted for around three hours. According to reports, the raids were led by the SP CBI, Mr Santanu following complaints of large scale corruption in procurement of medicines for different hospitals in these islands. Sources that procurement of medicines by the Health Department came under the scanner of the investigating agencies after it received several complaints of manipulation in the procurement procedures. The agency is reportedly investigating procurement amounting to crores of rupees in the last few years. The raids were conducted at five places including the office, residence of the Health Director and some private pharmacy stores in the city according to sources. More details are awaited.



Picture shows the President of India, Mr Ram Nath Kovind in a group photograph at the opening session of the 48th Conference of Governors/Lt. Governors, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on Thursday. The Vice President, Mr M. Venkaiah Naidu and the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi are also seen along with the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Admiral (ret'd) DK Joshi in the photograph. (PIB)

Green Skill Development course concludes



PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- Passing out trainees as Biodiversity Conservationists were felicitated at the valedictory function of foundation course, GSDP organised in Botanical Survey of India.

The three months course on Biodiversity Conservation was conducted by the Botanical Survey of India and Zoological Survey of India at Port Blair, launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi for unemployed youths of these islands to develop a skill as a

Biodiversity Conservationists without exploiting and destroying the nature.

Inaugurating the valedictory function Dr. Lal H Singh, Dy Director & HOO, BSI in the presence of Dr. C. Sivaperuman, Officer-in-charge, ZSI, emphasized upon the importance of this course, asking students to work hard and be aware about the Biodiversity, while stating that research organisations would be benefited immensely by their talent as there is growing need for multidisciplinary approach in biodiversity con-

servation. This batch was given specialised modules on important subjects like ex-situ conservation, tissue culture, nursery techniques, bird watching etc.

It was a great opportunity for the unemployed to develop a skill as Biodiversity Conservationists, tourist guides and para-taxonomist etc. He also stated that the best possible exposure to the knowledge and skills would be helpful to all trainees in future to support one's professional ambitions. Dr. Sivaperuman also addressed the gather-

ing comprising of all officers, researchers and staff from BSI and ZSI.

The certificates for Biodiversity Conservationists were awarded to all trainees by Co-ordinators Dr. Singh and Dr. Sivaperuman. Dr. Jagadeesh Ram T.A.M., Scientist-D, BSI, ANRC welcomed the trainees while the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Sanjay Mishra, Scientist-B, BSI, ANRC. Mr. Gautam Anuj Eka, Preservation Assistant, BSI, ANRC moderated the entire programme.

EVENTS TODAY

Sailing
MV Bhatit Seema to sail for Hut Bay at 7 am from Haddo wharf.

Services
Super Speciality Services by Medical Super Speciality Hospital, Kolkata at GB Pant Hospital, Till Oct 14.

Vaccination
22nd round of Foot and Mouth Disease vaccination by Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services Department for livestock in South Andaman. Till Oct 23.

Defence Minister likely to visit Andaman for Diwali

PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- The Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, is likely to celebrate Diwali this year with the armed forces personnel in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands before leaving for the Philippines on her first tour abroad. According to information, the Defence Minister is scheduled to arrive here on Oct 18 and later meet the personnel of the tri-services Command at Port Blair. She will visit the Philippines on October 24 for a multilateral engagement.



Picture shows a Police booth donated by Mr Shanmugam, a social worker, located near Animal Museum at Danapur, Mayabunder in North Andaman. Pix: KURMA RAO

Former ZP member booked under SC/ST Act

PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- Former Zilla Parishad member from Kadamtala, Jyotirmay Bawali, has been arrested by the Police on allegations of insulting a Nicobar woman in public view. According to sources, the arrest was effected following investigations after a complaint was registered against the accused, who was booked under relevant sections of The Scheduled Castes and The Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Jyotirmay Bawali was reportedly produced before the Court on Thursday.

The incident dates back to around one and a half year when during a public meeting the accused reportedly used offensive language against the wife (Nicobar woman) of a social worker, Subroto Basu. A complaint was registered by the victim before the Police and the Tribal Council of Nicobar after which investigation into the incident was ordered. More details are awaited. Repeated attempts to contact the SDPO Rangat, Mr George Lalu, over his official landline number proved futile. (EOIC)

NCS students to participate in India International Science Festival

PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- Miss Pranati A Shendye, NCS, Class IX and Master Hoshang Nirek N Chauhan, NCS, Class IX, Students from Navy Children School, Port Blair, have been selected to participate in the India International Science Festival (IISF) organised at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Anna University Chennai from 19th to 16th October, 2017 under the aegis of Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Science, where the students will get exposure to interact with scientists, participate in talks, discussions and quiz competitions and get hands on experience to conduct various science experi-



ments, visit laboratories and planetarium. The students left Port Blair on 12th October, 2017 with best wishes from the people of our Islands.

Auditions for 'Island Dancing Stars' launched



EOI CORRESPONDENT

PORT BLAIR, OCT 12/- The first round of the mega auditions 'Island Dancing Stars' organized by Jittu Entertainment got underway on Thursday at Andhra Association hall here. The Assistant Commissioner (HO), Dr Mohd. Rehan Raza was the chief guest, while Dr Navindra K Singh graced the occasion as special guest.

The audition is open for the aspiring young and talented dancers and will be held for different age groups as Jittu Entertainment aims to promote dancing talents from these islands. The audition will be judged by Dinesh Rathod, Artistic Director at The DanceXtreme, founder of R.A.W. Pine.

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