



Picture shows the Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman region, Mr. Udit Prakash Rai posing for a photograph after inaugurating the Rogi Kalyan Samiti Canteen at Community Health Centre, Bambooflat on Friday. In his brief address, Mr. Rai urged the canteen management to maintain cleanliness and ensure best amenities for patients visiting the health centre. (Pic: KURMA RAO)

Art, Science & Craft exhibition held at VKV Rangat



PORT BLAIR, JAN 6/-/ An Art, Science & Craft exhibition was organized on Saturday at Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Rangat to encourage and inculcate a creative tempo amongst students. The students showcased their talents in Science, Mathematics, Languages, Social Science and craft.

Mr. Jebestin A. DFO, Rangat was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, Mr. Jebestin A spoke about the importance of skill development and how to nurture one's inner talents. He said how children of today could become responsible citizens of tomorrow by exercising their right idea and creativity for the betterment of society. He also appreciated the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari and the management for rendering quality education and all round development of children. The head of the institution, Mr. CH Shannuga Rao, Principal, welcomed the gathering. Showing keen interest on the exhibits, he observed that the students interacted with the students. He appreciated the effort of students & teachers for their new innovations in depicting swatch Bharat, Non-conventional sources of energy, rain water harvesting, smart city, Bio-toilet, irrigation with the help of sewage water, volcano, mountains of India were depicted with beautiful charts. He showed his happiness over the congenial atmosphere of the school and neatness maintained in the campus. He also appreciated the students for their projects on how trigonometry could be used in navigation, shapes we use on a daily basis, Pythagoras theorem. The beautiful craftworks, models and charts of language left the spectators mesmerized. Around 51 exhibits were displayed by the students.

EVENTS TODAY

Sankirtan
Sree Sree Nityananda Seva Sangh to organize Akhanda Mahanam Sankirtan at Guptapara, South Andaman. Till Jan 12.

Sailing
MV Coral Queen to sail for Hut Bay at 7 am from Haddo wharf.

Contest
Andhra Association to conduct various sports competitions in Volley Ball, Carrom, Chess and Tug-of-war. Till Jan 13.

Workshop
Kala Kendra in collaboration with Lalit Kala Akademi, Regional Centre, Kolkata organizing 'New Media Workshop on Community Based Art Activity in the Art Gallery & Studio, Gandhi Park. Till Jan 15.

Training
Vidya Yuvakendra Foundation conducting course on house wiring and repairing for unemployed youth from 5 pm to 6.40 pm.

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MB Panchayat Gram Sabha meets



AMITABHA DE, Assistant Engineer, P.R.I. Beena Baidya, other P.R.I. members and representatives from government agencies like Transport Department, Port Management Board were also present on the occasion. Villagers present in the meeting were apprised about the plan proposals for the year 2018-18 besides progress of works under the rural MNRREGA scheme in the region. Shortage of specialists and facilities like Ultra Sound etc at Dr RP Hospital, potable water supply issues, resumption of boat services, demand for night bus service, pending wages of MNRREGA workers and delay in allotment of markets in the newly constructed double-storied Panchayat Market here were raised by villagers in the meeting. Officials from government agencies present during the meeting informed about various rural projects initiated in the region for the benefit of villagers, efforts being taken for timely supply of LPG refills, targets achieved under schemes for supply of lanterns to house holds, estimates sanctioned for rural development projects etc.

CS treks to Indira Point

CAMPBELL BAY, JAN 6/-/ The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Mr. Anindo Mazumdar, on the second day of his visit to Campbell Bay along with Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars Mr. Awanish Kumar, Superintendent of Police, Nicobars Mr. Manoj C., AC (HO) South Andaman, Dr. Mohd. Rehan Raza, AC (Campbell Bay), Mr. Ranjit Kr. Singh, AC (Nancowrie), Mr. NishantBodhi, DFO Nicobars, Mr. Thomas Verghese and other local heads of Offices and staffs of different departments today trekked to Indira Point, the southernmost tip of the country. The expedition was undertaken by the administration to explore the potential and possibilities of developing Tourism in the

Delivery of new passenger vessels by CSL expected as per schedule: CPA

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PORT BLAIR, JAN 6/-/ "The UT Administration is in constant touch with the Cochin Shipyard Limited regarding delivery of two 1200 passenger-cum-1000 tonne capacity and two 500 passenger and 150 tonne cargo vessel to the Shipping Department. As per latest information, the ship building work is in progress as per schedule and delivery of all the vessels is expected between 2019 and 2020. The Shipping Department is accordingly progressing with plans to decommission two of the most oldest passenger vessels serving the island-mainland sector, MV Akbar and MV Harshavarshana and other two smaller vessels, MV Senhil and MV Chowra," informed Mr. Tripathi, Chief Port Administrator, speaking to scribes recently.

Induction of newer vessels will boost the shipping sector in these islands. Once pressed into service, the vessels will be deployed to serve islanders particularly the population residing in remote pockets of this territory like areas in north and the southern group of islands. Moreover, efforts are on to increase the operational capacity of the existing fleet of vessels currently available with the Shipping Department. Presently, 6 out of the 17 speed boats are in service while another seven are likely to resume operations by the end of this month," said Mr. Tripathi.

Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has bagged contract for construction of two 1200 passenger-cum-1000 tonne cargo vessel for the Andaman and Nicobar Administration. The vessel is 155 mtrs in length and 21 mtrs in breadth with a draft of 5.9 meters. It can cruise at a speed of 18 knots and carry around 1204 passengers. Equipped



with electric propulsion system suitable for all weather operation on the mainland to A&N island route in India and designed for operation as Class III special trade passenger ship engaged on international voyage, the vessels are provided with 'Safe Return to Port' - SRP Notundancy, which provided redundancy for the vessel to reach the nearest designated port, even in case of an emergency. Cochin Shipyard Limited has also bagged the contract for construction of two 500 passenger and 150 tonne

cargo capacity vessel for the Andaman and Nicobar Administration under the Make in India scheme. The vessels are 89.4 mtrs in length and 17.5 mtrs in breadth with a draft of 4.10 meters. It can cruise at a speed of 16 knots. Both the vessels have been designed by Kochi based ship design firm M/s Smart Engineering and Design Solutions (India) Limited who have teamed up with reputed designers 'Knud R. Hansen' of Denmark. The vessels have been model tested in MARIN, Netherlands.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Attention: Trade and Transporters

E-WAY BILL TO BECOME MANDATORY for inter-State movement of goods from 1st February, 2018

System to be ready by 16th January, 2018

- The nationwide e-way Bill system will be ready to be rolled out on a trial basis latest by 16th January, 2018. Trade and transporters can start using this system on a voluntary basis from 1st January, 2018 before it becomes compulsory.
- The rules for implementation of nationwide e-way Bill system for inter-State movement of goods on a compulsory basis will be notified with effect from 1st February, 2018. This will bring uniformity across the States for seamless inter-State movement of goods.
- While the system for both inter-State and intra-State e-way Bill generation will be ready by 16th January, 2018, the States may choose their own timings for implementation of e-way Bill for intra-State movement of goods on any date before 1st June, 2018.

There are certain States which are already having system of e-way Bill for intra-State as well as inter-State movement. Some of these States can adopt national e-way Bill system early for intra-State movement also.

In any case uniform system of e-way Bill for inter-State as well as intra-State movement will be implemented across the country by 1st June, 2018.

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