Impressive farewell accorded to N.Venkatratnam by ANGDA

PORT BLAIR, MAR 31/--/ The A&N Government Drivers Association, A&N Islands has accorded a grand farewell to Mr. N. Venkatratnam on Saturday at Teal House, Port Blair along with five other Drivers namely Mr. Harbajan Singh, Mr. Vimal Roy, Mr. Mallikarjun, Mr. MotiLall and Mr. Wahab. Mr. P. Kannan, President, GEF was chief guest. Mr. S. K. Majumdar, general secretary, GEF and Mr. K. Papa Rao advisor, Mr. Harinath Babu, vice president of All India Government Drivers Federation, Mr. R. Appa Rao, state president , Hyderabad, Mr. K. Hanmanth Rao, distrct president, Guntur, Mr. Y. Rajeshwrara Rao, district president, Kurnool, Mr. P. Ramesh Babu, District President, Ananatpuram, Mr. B. Balakrishnadu, General Secretary, Kurnoolof State Government Drivers Associations and a delegation of 30 office- bearers and members of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana States Drivers Associations also attended and blessed Mr. N. Venkatratnam and the five drivers.

The programme was spearheaded by Mr. N. A. Rasheed, President, A&N Government Drivers Association. Everyone appreciated the leadership of Mr. Venkatratnam who headed Staff Car Drivers Association, A&N Islands as President for 15 years and fulfilled almost all the demands of Staff Car Drivers of various departments in A&N Administration with the cooperation of Government Employees Federation.

The visiting guests of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states also praised his tenure as vice president in the All India Government Drivers Federation, New Delhi. All blessed him and his family good health and peaceful retired life.

NSS activity by DBRAIT at Namunaghar

PORT BLAIR, MAR 31/--/ A National Service Scheme (NSS) activity was organised at Namunagar village by the NSS unit of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Institute of Technology on Friday. About 100 volunteers (Diploma & Degree Engg.) actively participated in various activities like cleaning of road sides, school surroundings and drains under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' and collected garbage of around 0.3 tons. Awareness programme on plastic-free environment, digital transaction and tobacco-free society was held for residents of Namunaghar. Volunteers also interacted with Pradhan and other PRI members and discussed about the problem of the villagers with a view to provide low cost technological solutions. Through cultural activities they created awareness on social issues. The college Principal, other faculty members including PRI members and local residents were also present. It was coordinated by NSS Programme Officers, Mr. Rajib Bag, Dr. E. Muthukumaran and Mr. Uday Narayan, faculty member.

Agromet bulletin for farmers

PORT BLAIR, MAR 31/--/ The Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has released the agromet bulletin for farmers for the period from March 31 to April 4, 2018. In the bulletin, CIARI forecast partly cloudy weather with light rainfall in the next five days. In South Andaman 5 mm of rainfall and in North and Middle Andaman no rainfall and in Nicobar Island 45 mm of rainfall is expected during the period. The maximum temperature will be 32 to 34 degree centigrade with minimum temperature of 24 to 26 degree centigrade, whereas the maximum and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 61 to 73 % and 54 to 67 %, respectively in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Wind speed of 3 to 12 kmph is expected from North Westerly direction. Farmers in South Andaman have been advised to mulch the interspaces of vegetables with crop residue or paddy straw to conserve soil moisture, apply tar or white wash around the base of the coconut and arecanut tree and provide drip irrigation to save the tree and to the anaemia in piglet provide ferrous sulphate @ 0.5 kg dissolved in 10 lit of hot water. In Nicobar, farmers have been advised to apply tar or white wash around the base of the coconut and arecanut tree and provide drip irrigation to save the tree and to cure anaemia in piglet provide ferrous sulphate @ 0.5 kg dissolved in 10 lit of hot water.

Contract with SPCL expires, Power Dept committed to overcome deficit soon

The 5 MW site under development by M/s Aggreko Energy Rental India Pvt. Ltd. at Chatham Power House)

PORT BLAIR MAR 31/--/ The 15-year contract of M/s SPCL has expired on Saturday due to which there will be power deficit of around 6.5 MW.

However, the department has initiated numerous short and long term projects for resolving of the power crisis. Of the many projects and to offset this shortage, the Electricity Department under the aegis of A&N Administration and under the guidance of the Ministry of Power, GoI have signed an agreement with the NVVN (100% subsidiary of NTPC) for establishment of 5 MW and 10 MW DG Power Plant at Port Blair at the earliest. Of the two power plants, the work for the commissioning of 05 MW DG Power Plants is going on war footing and is likely to start delivering the power by 2nd/3rd April, 2018. Once the Power Plant is operational, it is likely to counter the deficit arrived due to the closure of M/s SPCL.

The tender for 10 MW Power Plant will be opened on 04th April, 2018 and it expected that 50% of the capacity shall be added in the grid by mid-May, 2018. The residents of the islands have been requested to conserve electricity and regulate consumption by following prudent practice, a release from the Electricity Department said.

Groups urge PM to not allow Union Carbide escape court action

BHOPAL, MARCH 31 /--/ Organisations representing the survivors of the Bhopal gas tragedy said today "inaction" on part of the government may lead to Union Carbide escaping criminal liability for the 1984 industrial disaster forever. Madhya Pradesh and Union governments are showing "apathy" on the issue and this has raised the possibility of the American corporation, whose plant in Bhopal was the site of the disaster, escaping criminal liability, they alleged.

Addressing a press conference here, leaders of the organisations said Dow Chemical, the owner of Union Carbide, after merging with another American MNC DuPont, has announced plans to split into three entities by June 2019. According to the leaders, Union Carbide is running away from facing the criminal charges, including culpable homicide, for more than 30 years.

The US company, as per criminal laws, will cease to be criminally liable for the tragedy, in which thousands of people lost their lives, after the three-way split, they said. "More than a month ago, the organisations had written to the prime minister and other officials demanding specific steps to stop the American multinational's imminent escape from criminal proceedings," said Rachna Dhingra of the Bhopal Group for Information and Action.

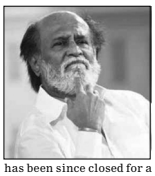
However, the organisations have not received any acknowledgement for their letters, let alone a reply, she bemoaned.

"We have sought the prime minister's intervention in enlisting support of US agencies to ensure Union Carbide and Dow Chemical abide by the orders of Indian courts. "He is fully empowered by the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty between the two countries to do this but so far he has chosen not to use these powers," Dhingra said.

"We are worried inaction in this matter on part of the governments in the state and at the centre may allow the killer corporation to escape Indian courts," said Rashida Bee of the Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Stationery Karmchari Sangh. Leaders of other organisations, including the Bhopal Gas Peedit Mahila Purush Sangharsh Morcha, the Bhopal Gas Peedit Nirashrit Pensionbhogi Sangharsh Morcha and the Children Against Dow Carbide, also demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi intervene in the matter.

The tragedy occurred on the night of December 2-3, 1984, when the deadly methyl isocyanate gas leaked from the pesticide plant of Union Carbide in the city. It is estimated that more than 15,000 people had been killed in what was the world's worst industrial disaster. More than five lakh people were affected due to the toxic gas leak. (PTI)

TN govt not responding to protests over Sterlite: Rajinikanth



CHENNAI, MARCH 31 /--/ Actor Rajinikanth today took a dig apparently at the ruling AIADMK over the issue of the expansion of a copper smelter plant in Tuticorin, saying the government was not responding to the protests by locals. In a tweet, the superstar said that people had been protesting against the Sterlite Copper smelter plant for the past 47 days citing health concerns.

"One can't understand why the government, which gave the nod for the plant, is not taking any action and is just watching," he said in a Tamil tweet. A leading copper producer, Sterlite Copper represents the copper unit of Vedanta Limited, which operates a 400,000 tonnes per annum plant here. The unit has been since closed for a fortnight from March 29 for taking up maintenance work. Residents of A Kumarareddiyapuram village near the Sterlite unit have been agitating against the existing unit and its proposed expansion. Various political parties, including DMK and MDMK have supported the people's protest. (PTI)

Two students held for plotting to kill HCU VC to avenge Vemula's suicide: Police

AMARAVATI, MARCH 31 /--/ A post-graduate student of Hyderabad Central University (HCU) and one of his friends were arrested for allegedly plotting to kill Vice-Chancellor (V-C) P Appa Rao to avenge the suicide of Rohith Vemula, the police said today. East Godavari district Superintendent of Police (SP) Vishal Gunni said Chandan Kumar Mishra of Kolkata, an MA student in HCU, and his friend Ankala Pridhvi Raj were apprehended by the police on the basis of suspicion during a routine vehicle checking on the Bhadrachalam-Charla road, bordering Telangana.

During questioning, the two revealed that they plotted to kill the HCU VC to avenge the death of Vemula, a PhD scholar of the university who had committed suicide in his hostel room in 2016, the SP said. The two were put on the operation by outlawed CPI (Maoist) Central Committee member Pulluri Prasada Rao alias Chandranna and Telangana State Committee Secretary Hari Bhushan alias Yapa Narayana, the officer added. Narayana had promised Mishra that he would be a made an important cadre of the CPI (Maoist) if the VC was killed, the SP said.

Mishra met Raj, who belongs to Krishna district in Andhra Pradesh, at the university in 2016 and became friends, he added. Raj is currently a fourth-year student of law in Vijayawada. Mishra had joined the HCU in 2013 for his MA.

"The two got attracted to Maoist ideology and started luring other students as well by conducting classes," the SP said. Vemula's suicide in January, 2016 had triggered a nationwide protest, demanding justice for him. (PTI)

Uttrakhand CM to launch programme to hold direct dialogue with people

DEHRADUN, MARCH 31 /--/ With an aim to establish direct contact with people, Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat will launch a programme called "Devbhoomi Dialogue" next month to get feedback of people and tailor government policies accordingly.

Rawat's media advisor Ramesh Bhatt said the chief minister is a strong advocate of policies and programmes tailored to suit the aspirations of the people. The idea of initiating a programme like this was inspired by the success of a similar feedback oriented programme called "Apki Rai Apka Budget" conducted last month prior to introducing the states annual budget in the Assembly, he said. "A direct feedback from people helped the state government a great deal in preparing a people-friendly budget," Bhatt said.

The chief minister will hold direct dialogue with people during "Devbhoomi Dialogue" to have first-hand knowledge of what they expect from the government, he said. The advice offered by them during the programme will not just be heard but their feasibility and chances of incorporation into government programmes will be studied, the CMs media advisor said. The programme will also seek to provide a common platform to youths of the state who are doing something innovative in different fields like organic farming, education and tourism, Bhatt said, giving details about how the programme has been conceived. Feedback and advice gathered from people will be listed by the officials present which will subsequently be discussed with the chief minister, Bhatt said. (PTI)

State govt trying to defame, harass Oppositions: Akhilesh

LUCKNOW, MARCH 31 /--/ Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav today alleged that the BJP-led ministry in Uttar Pradesh was trying to defame and harass its political opponents in the name of inquiries, adding that it would reap the fruits of what it was sowing in the future.

The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also accused the Yogi Adityanath regime of "speaking lies and hoodwinking the people" as regards the projects launched by the previous SP government in the state. "The BJP-led ministry only wants to defame and harass its political adversaries, as a result of which senior SP leader Azam Khan is being harassed in the name of recruitment in the Jal Nigam...though this government is not giving jobs, it is raising questions on the ones already given," Yadav told reporters here.

"Whether it is the Lucknow-Agra Expressway or the Gomti riverfront project of the previous government, this government is only speaking lies and hoodwinking the people...the political opponents are being humiliated through the investigating agencies...but it is also a fact that they will have to reap the fruits tomorrow of what they are sowing today," he added.

Referring to chief minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurating an elevated road in Ghaziabad on Friday, Yadav said it was already inaugurated earlier. "He (Adityanath) charged us with spreading 'parivarvad' (dynasty politics) in his speech...I want to ask, which one is the 'Yadav lane' on the elevated road (that he inaugurated)," he added.

Admitting that he had reached this place in politics because of "parivarvad", the SP chief said he also had to face several challenges in his political career. "I admit that I am standing here today because of dynasty politics, but I have also had to prove my mettle before the public," he said and asked Adityanath whether he would have reached this high, if it was not for "parivarvad".

Ministry of Culture
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A study titled **Documentation and Compilation of the Best Practices of Sustainable Development as propounded by Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya** is being undertaken by Indian Social Responsibility Network (ISRN) with the financial assistance from Ministry of Culture, that intends to collect the Antyodaya based best practices from organizations/institutions/individuals across India, to highlight, document and share it with a larger audience to motivate and replicate similar models of sustainable development.

In this regard, we appeal to organizations/institutions/individuals to submit best practices, of their respective interventions directed at upliftment of the last person based on the concept of 'Antyodaya' meaning 'rise of the last person'. After a validation process by a jury appointed in this regard, the selected best practices will be included in the Report on the study mentioned above.

Interested organization may visit the link https://goo.gl/forms/7ZKFL3Eh84wkkwF62 for further details. The last date for submitting the details on best practices is 1st May 2018.

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LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST FOR PORT BLAIR
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ISSUE TIME: 1730 Hrs IST *DATE:* 31/03/2018

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at isolated places

Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 23 °C respectively on Sunday 01/04/2018

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date :	31.5	Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST):	0516
		Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST):	1731
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date :	23.4	Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm:	000.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST	067	Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm:	000.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST	072	Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm	18 195.4

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No. e-tender-DB/CD/DP/2018/1490 Diglipur, dated: 28.03.2018

The Executive Engineer, Construction Division, APWD, Diglipur invites on behalf of the President of India sealed item rate e-Tenders for the following works:-

1. NIT No. 112/DB/CD/DP/2017-18, Name of work:- Improvement of Rural Road from Naresh Tikrey to Baily Bridge (Length 1.28km) at Kishorinagar Ward No. 3 under SD-III, CD, APWD, Diglipur. Estimate Cost: Rs. 11,19,600/-, Earnest Money: Rs. 82,392/- & time of completion: 03 (three) months. (Tender ID :- APWD407).

The e-tender form and other details can be downloaded from the website. The last date of bid submission will be 17-04-2018 upto 1500 hours. Other details/information can be seen on website www.and.nic.in and www.eproc.and.gov.in

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