

Training on brood-stock management by KVK Nimbudera

NIMBUDERA, JAN 5 /- / ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (CIARI), N & M Andaman organised a 3 day training programme on 'Brood-stock Management for Quality Seed Production' at Basantipur, from Jan 3, 2018. The training was inaugurated by Ms. Sebastian Lakra, Pradhan, Basantipur in presence of PRI members and others. Ms. Lakra expressed that trainings and practical demonstrations on brood stock management for production of quality seeds will improve skills of fish farmers thereby enhancing farm productivity for better family income. Dr. Shalish Kumar, Course Director briefed about the content of the 3 day training and urged the farmers and participants to adopt scientific method of brood stock management for higher yield and income. Experts of KVK explained theory and practical on different aspects of brood stock management and quality seed production such as scope of fine fish production in N&M



Andaman, pre-stocking preparation of pond, stocking and post stocking management in culture pond, common herbal based fish toxicants in pond, feed and disease management in freshwater pond, soil and water conservation methods etc. Technical sessions were held by experts of KVK viz Dr. Shalish Kumar, Mr. D. Basantia, Mr. B. L. Meena, Dr. Pooja Kapoor and Er. Manoj Kumar. Demonstration on preparation of quality organic manures and fish medicines along with analysis of water quantity parameters were demonstrated. Videos on brood stock management and methods of fish seed production were also screened with assistance of Mr. Prasanta Pradhan, Computer programmer, KVK. The chief guest of valedictory function Dr. Parag Deori, SVO, Poultry Farm Basantipur appreciated KVK in imparting recent innovation and knowledge to farmers and also highlighted the importance of integrated farming system model in the islands. The training was conducted under the supervision and guidance of Dr. B. L. Kasinath, Sr. Scientist and Head, KVK, and Dr. A. Kundu, Director, CIARI here. Altogether, 31 farmers and youth were benefited from the programme.

Encroachment removal drive by PBMC

PORT BLAIR, JAN 5 /- / The Port Blair Municipal Council on Thursday removed more than two dozen road side encroachments from Mohanpura Vegetable Market, Tiranga Park, Aberdeen Bazar and Delanipur. These encroachments were in the shape of kiosks, Carts, Counters, shops and tin-sheds.

The PBMC has issued repeated Public Notices advising to clear the public roads, areas otherwise these would be removed without any further notice at the risk and cost of concerned persons. Mr. Yashpal Garg, Secretary PBMC informed that these encroachments were serious obstructions to the flow of traffic and public convenience. He informed that existence of such encroachments/illegal extensions in public roads/areas as serious risk for public safety also.

The recent fire incident in Mumbai which claimed more than a dozen lives where encroachments/unauthorised constructions have been found to be one of the main factors for such unfortunate incidents. He said that the drive to remove the encroachments within the municipal area is a continuous exercise and will continue with more seriousness.

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Agromet bulletin for farmers

PORT BLAIR, JAN 5 /- / The Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has released the agromet bulletin for farmers for the period from Jan 6-10, 2017. In the bulletin, CIARI forecast partly cloudy weather with light to moderate rainfall in the next five days. In South Andaman 56 mm of heavy rainfall, in North and Middle Andaman 52 mm of rainfall and in Nicobar Island 47 mm of rainfall is expected during this period. The maximum temperature will be 29 to 31 oC with minimum temperature of 22 to 24 oC, whereas the maximum and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 75 to 82 % and 68 to 75 %, respectively in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Wind speed of 4 to 23 kmph is expected from South Westery direction. Farmers in South Andaman have been advised to make channels in the vegetable field immediately to drain out excess water, apply 0.2 % D-m45 (Dithienium) in cauliflower and cabbage after the rain stops, avoid fertilizers application in vegetable crops as good amount of rainfall is expected and keep day old chicks under light preferably 40 watt bulb during cloudy days and provide clean drinking water. In Nicobar, farmers have been advised to clean the coconut garden and collect fallen nuts from the field and keep the day old chicks under light preferably 40 watt bulb during cloudy days and provide clean drinking water.

Stumper Ball Cricket Tournament

PORT BLAIR, JAN 5 /- / The inaugural function of league cum-knockout Stumper Ball Cricket Tournament organised by the Regional Sports Council, Port Blair will be held on Jan 7, 2017 from 2 pm at Velodrome near Netaji Stadium. The Deputy Commissioner Andaman District Administration Mr. Ujjwal Prakash Rai will inaugurate the tournament as the chief guest, while the Secretary of Education (Sport) & Administration, Mr. Arava Gopi Krishna will grace the occasion as the guest of honour, in the presence of the Chairman RSC, Port Blair.

Kerala CM praises Kim Jong-un's 'tough' resistance against US

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JAN 5 /- / Veteran CPM leader and Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has lavished praise on North Korean leader Kim Jong-un for putting up a "tough" resistance against "imperialist" America, better than the Communist-ruled China. Addressing a CPM district committee meet at Kozhikode on Wednesday, he said North Korea was showcasing a better example in defending the "imperialist" forces. The CPM politbureau member also said there was a general criticism that China's fight against imperialist forces was not living up to the expectations of the people. "North Korea has been adopting a tough anti-US stand. North Korea has successfully withstood the pressure exerted by the US," Vijayan said. The chief minister's statement came days after a flex board of the North Korean leader, brought out as part of a programme of CPM in Idukki district, was removed by the party after it triggered a controversy. The local leaders of the Left party later clarified that Kim's photo was included by "mistake". Kim, in his New Year's Day address, has said North Korea's nuclear weapons can reach anywhere in the US and threatened that he has a nuclear button on his desk. Hitting back, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday warned that his "nuclear button" is "much bigger and more powerful" than the one controlled by Kim as the White House said it was keeping all its options on the table to curb Pyongyang's atomic programme.

J&K govt move to expedite POS devices installation

JAMMU, JAN 5 /- / The Jammu and Kashmir government has asked Linkwell Telesystems Pvt Ltd to complete 100 per cent installation of point of sales (POS) devices in 20 districts by January 30 to help 6,000 fair price shops become fully functional in those areas of the state.

The state government is looking at completing the process of electronic public distribution system (e-PDS) in the state by March 2018. State minister for food, civil supplies and consumer affairs Choudhary Zulfiqar Ali asked the authorities of Linkwell Telesystems to complete 100 per cent installation of POS devices in 20 districts of the state by January 30, 2018 so that 6,000 fair price shops can be made fully functional in those places, according to an official spokesperson said. All said the process of installation of POS devices in border districts of Leh and Kargil shall also be taken up soon. The government is "putting in strenuous efforts to complete the process of electronic public distribution system (e-PDS) in the state by March 2018", the minister said while chairing a meeting of officers of Jammu Division convened to review the progress on streamlining of the ration distribution in the next week.

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Public Wi-Fi hotspots set up at 204 rural BSNL exchanges

JAMMU, JAN 5 /- / In a major push to digitisation in the rural areas of Jammu and Kashmir, public Wi-Fi hotspots were set up at 204 rural BSNL exchanges in 21 districts.

"To give impetus to telecom services in rural and remote areas with development of Wi-Fi infrastructure, the Department of Telecommunications through USOF has set up public Wi-Fi hotspots in 204 rural BSNL telephone exchanges of various districts," an official said. This initiative of the department implemented through Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) is aimed at to equip these rural telephone exchanges with the internet facility which has become an integral part of an innovative and technologically-driven society.

State Notes

Transport unions in TN continue strike

CHENNAI, JAN 5 /- / Strike by transport unions across Tamil Nadu over wage-related issues entered the second day today, causing hardships to people, with the government making all out efforts to address the situation. Chief minister K Palaniswami chaired a meeting of ministers and senior officials to take stock of the situation, even as opposition parties including the DMK and the Left, besides actor Kamal Haasan, urged the government to end the stalemate by holding talks with trade unions. Officers and students bore the brunt of the strike. The agitating trade unions, however, remained firm on their demands relating to a wage-fixation mechanism. CITU leader A Sounderrajan, who participated in talks with government yesterday, said today that "not even 10 per cent" of buses were being operated across Tamil Nadu.

Himachal govt to set up women helpline

SHIMLA, JAN 5 /- / Himachal Pradesh chief minister Jai Ram Thakur today announced he will set up round-the-clock women helpline to check crime against them. Thakur said special crime cells would be set up. The chief minister's office would conduct day-to-day monitoring of the women-related cases and ensured action would be taken within 48 hours, he said. "There would be zero tolerance for crime against women," the newly elected chief minister stated. He said stringent measures would also be taken to curb drug menace and corruption in the state, besides cyber crimes. Thakur also sought cooperation from the state media, adding he was open for suggestions.

CS inaugurates southernmost petrol pump of the country

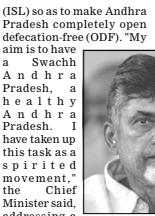
PORT BLAIR, JAN 5 /- / The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Mr Anindho Majumdar inaugurated the Southernmost Petrol Pump of the country at Campbell Bay, Great Nicobar Island. The Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, Mr Awanish Kumar, PRI and general public were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary congratulated the residents of the Island and appreciated the efforts of ANHDPO and IOCL along with Administration for achieving this feat, which has been a long pending demand of the general public. The Chief Secretary also reiterated the commitment of the Administration in development of the remote parts of the Island.



Campbell Bay constructed by Panchayat Samiti. He also held a public meeting along with all the local Heads of Offices, PRI members, tribal leaders and general public. The main issues raised in the meeting were regarding pending development works of the P a n c h a y a t s , communication issues, medical facilities, education, etc. The Chief Secretary assured to look into the issues for their early resolution. He, later, visited Agra Bay, Great Nicobar Island by Coast Guard Ship, where he paid tribute to the departed souls, who lost their lives in Tsunami 2004. He also held a meeting-cum-interaction with the tribal villagers in the Primary School, Agra Bay. He heard their grievances which were mainly related to the construction of Supply Godown, Community Hall, Playground, Helipad, etc. The Chief Secretary directed the concerned departments for their speedy redressal. The general public, tribal leaders and PRI members extended their heart-felt gratitude to the Chief Secretary for visiting the Island and making efforts for resolving their grievances.

Andhra CM threatens dharna, fast to promote toilet construction

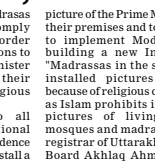
AMARAVATI, JAN 5 /- / Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has set a March 31 deadline for construction of toilets in every home in the state and threatened to sit on a dharna and hunger strike if the target was not achieved. "I will sit on a silent dharna. I will also observe a day-long fast. At least then you (people) will show some pity (on me) and build toilets," Naidu said, terming sanitary latrine a fundamental and birthright. He set March 31 as the deadline for all households in the state to have individual sanitary latrines



(ISL) so as to make Andhra Pradesh completely open defecation-free (ODF). "My aim is to have a Swachh Andhra Pradesh, a healthy Andhra Pradesh. I have taken up this task as a spirited movement," the Chief Minister said, addressing a "Jannabhoomi" meeting at Itchapuram, bordering Odisha, late on Thursday evening. Jannabhoomi is a mass contact programme of the TDP-led government. "If you don't build a toilet...if you don't have self-esteem I will come to your village. I will visit your house. I will spend day and night till you all build toilets and only then return to Amaravati (the state capital)," the chief minister said, driving home the need for every household to have a latrine. "The state's prestige is being lost and your health is getting affected (due to lack of ISL). Let us all think of a Swachh Andhra Pradesh," Naidu said. He exhorted people to undertake "atmagaurava deeksha" (resolve for self-respect) to achieve this. Naidu said every caste and religion should propagate the need for toilets. "If the need for toilets is propagated in temples, churches and mosques, people's belief will increase. It will contribute to the success of the programme." Of the 13 districts in the state, six had already achieved 100 per cent toilet construction, he said.

Uttarakhand madrasas yet to install PM's pictures, cites 'religious considerations'

DEHRADUN, JAN 5 /- / Madrasas in Uttarakhand are yet to comply with a state government order asking educational institutions to install a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi inside their premises, citing "religious considerations". The order, issued to all government-run educational institutions after the Independence Day last year, asked them to install a



picture of the Prime Minister inside their premises and to take a pledge to implement Modi's vision of building a new India by 2022. "Madrasas in the state have not installed pictures of the PM because of religious considerations as Islam prohibits installation of pictures of living beings in mosques and madrasas," deputy registrar of Uttarakhand Madarsa Board Akhlag Ahmad told news agency PTI. However, he said the refusal to install the picture of the prime minister should not be interpreted as their opposition to an individual. "They aren't opposed to any individual in particular. It is purely due to religious beliefs. Islam does not permit us to install pictures of living beings or individuals, including religious leaders inside mosques or madrasas," Ahmad said. He said

the order was issued by the state government in August last year and was passed on immediately by the Uttarakhand Madarsa Board to the district minority welfare officers for follow-up action. "We have nothing against any individual. There is a picture of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the Uttarakhand Madarsa Board office in all the offices in the districts," Ahmad said.



A police officer helping an elderly woman to cross the busy road in front of Secretariat in Thiruvananthapuram on Friday.