Gratitude expressed

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / Since 2012, the mazdoors of electricity department are consistently demanding for regularisation of their past service. Since the matter is concerned to the benefit of Mazdoors, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament has taken all possible efforts to regularise the period of services rendered by them from the date actual engagement as DRM in the department upto 2009 i.e. the date regularisation of their service. Besides personnel meeting with the Minister and the officials of Power Ministry, Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, M.P has also wrote numbers of letters to accord approval of the proposal of the Administration. Finally he succeeded and the Ministry of Power vide a letter No.34/2/2005-RR (Vol-III) dated 27.04.2018 has conveyed the approval to comply the order of the High Court which pertains with regularisation of the period of past service rendered by them from the date actual engagement as DRM in the department.

This is an incredible achievement and Mr Bishnu Pada Ray, M.P has expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Minister of Power and the Officials of the Power Ministry for conveying such remarkable decision in favour of the poor mazdoor of Electricity department. Mr Bishnu Pada Ray also expressed his heartiest gratitude to the Lt. Governor, A & N Islands and entire Administration for pursuing the proposal in a positive way in favour of Mazdoor and for issuing order No.2296 dated 11.07.2018. His special congratulation is also for the staff of Administrative Branch of Power Department in the Secretariat for extending efforts to get the benefits, soon after receipt of communication from the Ministry.

Neighbourhood Youth Parl. At Oral Katcha School

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / Nehru Yuva Kendra, Rangat organised block level Neighbourhood Youth Parliament on Thursday at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Oralkatcha to create an institutional platform right up to village level where the youth can articulate their views on various issues and draw the attention of the local administration to such issues/concerns affecting their lives.

About 80 youths from different villages participated in the programme. Smt MV Jolly, Vice Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Oralkatcha spoke on potential of youth and youth can play important role in changing the society. Various topics viz National Flagship Programme, skill development, health and sanitation, Swatchh Bharat Mission, benefit of yoga etc. were covered by the resource persons. Group discussions were also held on local issue and suggestions and ideas as to how to address and solve the discussed issues presented. Earlier, Mr Alphonce Toppo, District Youth Coordinator, NYK, Rangat welcomed the gathering.

ACCI delegation meets Governor, Mayor of Medan

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / A 10-member delegation of the Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry headed by Mr Surendra Prahladka, vice president, along with the Ambassador of India, Mr Pradeep Rawat, Consulate General, Dr. Salia Shah and Mr Amit Anand, Director of Tourism, A&N Administration met the Governor of Medan on Thursday and had a detailed discussion on the potentials of co-operation between Medan and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The delegation also met the Mayor of Medan and discussed various aspects about tourism potential and the scope of joint trade between A&N Islands and Medan. The delegation earlier met the Governor of Aceh on 10th July. The delegation of the Chamber is on a visit to Indonesia from 8th of this month under the India - Indonesia Bilateral Project on Indo Pacific Region. These meeting were very positive in all respects as informed by the President, ACCI.

State level Tang Soo Do Championship from today

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ The 4th State Level Special Coaching Camp, seminar and Tang Soo Do Championship will be organised jointly by Sports Karate Do Association and Islands Tang Soo Do (Korean Karate) Sports Association. The special coaching and seminar for the students of Martial Arts will be imparted by expert Master Devender Dutt Gaur Black Belt 7th Dan Chief Instructor of India, TSFI with his two Assistants Karan Dutt and Puneet Sharma who arrived from New Delhi today. The special coaching camp, seminar and Tang Soo Do Championship will be conducted at JNRM Auditorium from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from 14th to 15th July 2018.

Blood donation camp by NHIDCL

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ The National Highways and Infrastructure Development Cooperation Limited(NHIDCL), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Govt. of India was came in existence on 18th July 2014. NHIDCL is celebrating "4th Inception Day". The General Manager (P), Mr S.K Yadav informed that a Painting Competition has already being conducted recently at Govt. Sec. School Haddo here. The NHIDCL Branch Office, Port Blair is organize a Blood Donation Camp on tomorrow in association with Lions Club of Andaman at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Aberdeen Bazar from 9 am to 1 pm. Mr K. R. Meena, Principal Secretary (PWD, UD, Energy and Medical & Health), A&N Administration will be the chief guest on the occasion.

Selection list of Police recruitment uploaded

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / The list of selected candidates for the post of Police Constable (Executive) & Sub-Inspector (Executive) in Andaman and Nicobar Police, Sub-Inspector(General Duty), & Nursing Assistant in India Reserve Battalion is uploaded in the police website http://police.andaman.gov.in. The uploaded Selection List of eligible candidates is only provisional and subject to verification of relevant original documents, medical fitness and other verification required as per rules.

Sailing of cargo vessel MV Badam

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / Cargo vessel MV Badam will sail for Hut Bay via Neil & Havelock Island on July 17 at 7 am from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from 14.07.2017 between 9 am to 1 pm at Commercial Wing. All the consigners have been advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transshipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

Swachhta ambassador visits Haddo UHC

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / The ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, A & N Islands, Mr Naresh Chander Lall visited Urban Health Centre, Haddo and interacted with the out patients in relation to maintain cleanliness in the premises and in their localities. Dr. Naresh Lal Medical officer in charge accompanied the SBM ambassador during the visit.

110 units of blood collected from volunteers at Brichgunj Military Stn.

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / The Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp (VBD Camp) in association with Military Station, Brijgunj on Friday. Around 110 units of blood were collected from the volunteers during the camp.. The VBD camp was conducted under the leadership of Dr. M Joy, Project Director, A & N AIDS Control Society and the Director , State Blood Transfusion Council and facilitated by the Dr. Ganesh Samadder, Deputy Director (Blood Safety), ANACS. Donors were informed on blood donation criteria, blood safety and post donation care. The blood donation camp was organised with an objective to achieve 100% voluntary blood donation by 2020.

The technical team from Blood Bank, G B Pant Hospital and ANACS ensures that the donated blood units are screened for transmissible diseases. They also examined the donors for eligibility for blood donation and briefed the donors on various aspect and importance of blood donation. The deferring of donors was done on the basis of disease or deficiency; and they were advised to correct it before embarking on next blood donation camp. The camp was conducted in a befitting manner. ANACS will also organize a voluntary blood donation camp at Govt. Model Senior Secondary School, Port Blair tomorrow in association with Lions Club Andaman and NHIDC ltd., Port Blair and another at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, Port Blair in association with Sundarapandiyanar Youth Welfare Association, Port Blair on July 15.

NECTI bags contract to build optical submarine cable system for ANI

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has awarded the contract to design, engineer, supply, install, test and implement an optical submarine cable system connecting Chennai and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands (ANI) to NEC Technologies India Pvt. Ltd. (NECTI). NEC Corporation, the parent company of NECTI, will manufacture the optical submarine cable and provide technical assistance during the turnkey implementation. A release issued by NEC Corporation says that the contract is for a system that includes a segment with repeaters from Chennai to Port Blair and seven segments without repeaters between the islands of Havelock, Little Andaman (Hutbay), Car Nicobar, Kamorta, the Great Nicobar Islands, Long Island and Rangat. The total cable length will be approximately 2,300 km and carry 100 Gb/s optical waves.

The cable system will provide the A&N Islands with sufficient bandwidth for supporting voice and data connectivity that enable the implementation of e-Governance initiatives, such as the establishment of enterprises and e-commerce facilities. The system will also assist educational institutes in the sharing of knowledge and will play a significant role in driving the "Digital India" vision, a campaign launched by the Government of India to ensure that Government services are made available to citizens electronically. BSNL trusts NEC for the technological edge they hold in the domain and their commitment to adherence of timelines to ensure successful completion of the project. This project will enable much needed high capacity connectivity with the Andaman Islands and usher a new era of development for the region, said the Chairman and Managing Director BSNL. "It is indeed a matter of great privilege and pride for NECTI to be given the opportunity for implementing this project of immense national importance. We are confident about successfully completing the project by leveraging the technological edge of NEC and long history of successful implementation of numerous complex projects in the region," said Takayuki Inaba, Managing Director of NECTI.

Video classes at IGNOU Centre

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ To facilitate the students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the IGNOU Regional Centre organizes special video classes every Saturday. On July 14, during forenoon session 10 am - 1pm, the FST CD on Select Revolution In The Cardamom Hills And The Story Of River will be played. The video class will be held at first floor of Kannada Sangha Building, IGNOU Regional Centre, Mohanpura. It is planned to play CDs on Saturday. The students of Bachelor of Arts (BDP) who opted foundation course in science and technology are informed through SMS / e-mail from RC.

IGNOU Coordinators meet

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/- The IGNOU Regional Centre, Port Blair has 12 Learner Support Centres in the length and breadth of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. All the heads of the centres of IGNOU will be attending the "Meeting of Coordinators and Programme In-charges" at Conference Hall, JNRM here tomorrow at 11 am. Nearly 150 Academic Counsellors of IGNOU i.e. the part-time faculty members who are engaged in teaching and evaluation activities for IGNOU students will also attend the meeting.

Rough sea forecast

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed exceeding 45 Kmph and rough to very rough seas are likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea during next 48 hours. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and contact the State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres in case of any emergency.

Doordarshan broadcast

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair will telecast a live Phone-In-programme on July 16 from 5.30 pm to 6 pm. In the programme, expert Madhusudhan Baidhiya, Labour Commissioner will speak on the topic "World Youth Skills Day" and respond to viewer's queries. Viewers can participate in this LIVE Phone-in programme on the topic by dialling 244745 / 9476046367.

Agromet bulletin for farmers

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/--/ The Central Island Agricultural Research Institute has released the agromet bulletin for farmers for the period from July 14 to 18. In the bulletin CIARI forecast cloudy weather with moderate rainfall in the next five days. In South Andaman92 mm of rainfall and in North and Middle Andaman 97 mm andin Nicobar Island 131 mm of rainfall is expected during this period. The maximum temperature will be 29 to 30 degree centigrade with minimum temperature of23 to 26 degree centigrade, whereas the maximum and minimum relative humidity is expected to be in the range of 80 to 84% and 78to 80%,respectively in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Wind speed of 34to44kmph is expected from SouthWesterly direction. Farmers in South Andaman have been advised to apply 12.5 t/ha FYM along with neem cake or vemicompost during rice main field preparation, do weeding in brinjal, okra and chilli grown in upland area and apply vermi-compost or farm yard manure @ 2.5 t/ha and keep the piglet under brooding condition by providing light as rainfall is expected during next five days. In Nicobar, farmers have been advised to collect fallen coconut from the field and make pits at distance of 7.5 m for planting and keep the piglet under brooding condition by providing light as rainfall is expected during next five days.

Stone laid for construction of Anganwadi at Ograbraj

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / The foundation stone for construction of Anganwadi Centre was laid by Mr Udit Prakash Rai, Secretary-cum-Director (RD, PRIs & ULBs) and Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman at Ograbraj ward No. 3 under Gram Panchayat Mithakhari on Friday. Mr Navlendra Singh, Director of Social Welfare, Mr Pushparaju, Executive Engineer CD-III, Mr Sunil Kumar, Tehsildar Ferrargunj, Smt, Banmala, CDPO Ferrargunj, Pradhan Mohammed Safiq, PRI members and villagers of gram panchayat Mithakhari were present on the occasion. Mr Rai instructed that the work must be completed in the stipulated period of time, so that the Anganwadi centre would benefit the children and ladies with various schemes of Social Welfare. The Pradhan expressed gratitude to the officials of line departments for the initiative.

Inter-School Football tournament underway at Wimberlygunj

PORT BLAIR, JULY 13/-- / Inter School Zonal Football tournament for under 14 Years (Boys) of W i m b e r l y g u n j Educational Zone is being conducted by Sports Section of DEO's Office, W/Gunj from Thursday at Mini Stadium, W i m b e r l y g u n j . Altogether 16 teams from different Schools of this Educational Zone are participating in the tournament.

During the inaugural function, Mr V.Ranjith Kumar, Assistant Director (Sports) was the Chief Guest and in the Inaugural address he has appreciated all Head of the Institutions and Physical Education Teachers of Wimberlygunj Zone for their participation and proper turn up. He has also informed that the Tournament is Organised with the concept of talent Spotting from among the participants for upcoming State and National Level Tournaments.

Results of the Matches played on 12.07.2018 Under 14 Years (Boys): Crescent Public School defeated St. Xavier, Mannarghat by 4-0, Al- Ameen Public School defeated Shakeeba Public School by 3-0, MES Azad Nagar defeated GSSS Tushnabad by 3-0, GMSSS Ferrargunj defeated GSSS Bambooflat by 2-0, GMS Kanyapuram defeated Vitala Public School by 2-0, GSSS Mannarghat defeated GMS bambooflat by 5-0, Iqra Public School defeated GSS manpur by 3-0,

Results of the Matches played on 13.07.2018 Under 14 Years (Boys): MES Azad Nagar defeated Al- Ameen Public School by 4-0, GMSSS Ferrargunj defeated GMS Kanyapuram by 5-4 (Tie Breaker), Crescent Public School defeated Iqra Public School by 4-0, GSSS Mannarghat defeated GSS Shoal bay-12 by 3-0, MES Azad Nagar defeated GMSSS Ferrargunj by 2-0, GSSS Mannarghat defeated Crescent Public School by 4-2 (Tie Breaker).

Malaysia's IHH Healthcare to takeover Fortis; to rebrand hospital chain to Gleneagles in future

NEW DELHI, JULY 13 /-- / Fortis Healthcare board Friday approved Rs 4,000-crore offer from Malaysia's IHH Healthcare for 31.1 per cent stake in it, valuing the cash-strapped firm at Rs 8,880 crore thus ending months of takeover battle. IHH Healthcare, which is expected to gain majority control of India's second-largest hospital chain after a mandatory open offer for an additional 26 per cent stake, said in the long term it would rebrand Fortis hospitals into its own Gleneagles chain. The Malaysian healthcare major which offered to infuse the capital at Rs 170 per share pipped rival Manipal-TPG combine's Rs 2,100-crore offer at Rs 160 per share.

"The transaction is expected to be completed within seven business days of receipt of shareholders' and CCI's approval, which will be obtained concurrently with shareholders' approval and can take approximately 60-75 days," Fortis Healthcare said in a statement. Commenting on the development, Fortis Healthcare Chairman Ravi Rajagopal said the IHH proposal offered a more strategically and financially compelling proposition along with simplicity and certainty. "We are now putting Fortis on a path of survival, future growth and prosperity in partnership with IHH," he said in a conference call. IHH Managing Director and CEO Tan See Leng said the company is willing to infuse more funds into Fortis if required.

"Currently we feel that Fortis would require about Rs 5,800-6,000 crore of funding. We are putting in Rs 4,000 crore," he said in a separate conference call.

"Funding of Rs. 6000 cr is available with MoFPI: Minister

EOI CORRESPONDENT

KOLKATA, JULY 13/--/ The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) held an exclusive interactive session with Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Minister, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India, organized by the

The Minister felt that West Bengal, with 6 agro-climatic zones, huge coastline and abundance of raw materials, has a huge potential in food processing industries. She maintained that with new technology upgradation, agriculture has become very scientific in India. She highlighted the schemes of Central Government, especially the Mega and Mini Food Parks, Cold Chain Scheme and the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana (along with the scheme of Backward & Forward Linkages), by which Government of India is providing subsidies and modern infrastructures to the farmers.

Also, the Ministry is in the process of setting up its own financial institute to finance the Indian food processing sector. Ms. Badal informed the audience that FDI inflow in Agriculture and Food Processing in India has increased from Rs. 500 million in 2014 to nearly Rs. 1 billion in 2018. Around 300 crore farmers have already taken the advantages of e-NAM facilities. She also urged the Farmer Producer's Organizations (FPOs) of West Bengal to come forward and take advantages of such Government schemes. Hon'ble Minister felt that 'Operation Greens' will be hugely beneficial for West Bengal, especially for the farmers producing perishable commodities like Tomatoes, Onions and Potatoes.

Minhaj Alam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India opined that Food Processing is a sunrise sector in India, which is currently the largest producer of milk, spices, tea, jute and the second largest producer of wheat, rice, fruit, vegetables etc. He stated that Government of India, while promoting SAMPADA Yojana for the economic wellbeing of farmers, is also encouraging private investment in the sector with proper incentives. He felt that State Governments are also promoting the sector, though more investments should be forthcoming. Mayank Jalan, Chairman, Expert Committee - Agri & Food Processing, ICC, in his Theme Address informed, that the contribution of Indian Food Processing sector in the GDP is already around 17%. He felt that the country should focus more on its food processing sector, which can address farmer's distress in the country, reduce inequality and generate new employments. Shashwat Goenka, President, ICC, in his welcome address highlighted the fact that Indian food industry is increasing its contribution to the world food trade every year, with immense potential for value addition. He felt that Government policy support, with schemes like 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana', improved production strategies, increased public investment in infrastructure and R&D activities have significantly increase India's food production and availability of marketable surplus.