

Lessons from India's North East

Mawlynnong / Mawlynnong Village located in the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, also referred to as God's own garden has won the acclaim of being the cleanest village in Asia in 2003. The village known for its cleanliness is located around 90 kms from Shillong



and is a community based eco-tourism initiative. The community has made collective effort to maintain the ambience of a clean village. The village offers picturesque natural beauty, a trek to the living root bridge at a neighbouring village Riywi. The owners use bamboo to keep the village clean lies with every person residing in the village. Local cleaning the roads, picking up leaves and throwing garbage in the bin is a very common sight. Bamboo garbage bins adorn every nook and corner of the village highlight the consciousness of cleanliness among the villagers. Cleanliness is an age old tradition and a way of life for all villagers.

The village also offers a sight of natural balancing rock, a strange natural phenomenon of a boulder balancing on another rock. The adage 'Neighbours envy, owners

Not only for breath taking natural beauty, Mizoram in far North-East, has beauty in the character of its people too. Shop owners along a highway in Mizoram have sustained their living more on the integrity of their customers than on the little that they manage to collect from the forests.

Vegetables, fruits and flowers that the shop owners manage to collect from nearby forest are put up for sale with the rate list and a container for the customer to put the money. And guess what? There is no shopkeeper, not even a watchman. People pick up vegetables and drop the money in the container. Prices are mentioned and people get back change by themselves too from the box if they don't have change with them.

'Nghah lou dawr' shop, which means shops without attendants are common along the highway in Seiling, about 65 kilometers from the capital Aizawl. The shop owners leave their shops open for their customers passing the highway to pick up their requirement. "We trust them, they have never failed us," say the shop owners. "We often feel that Mizoram has such kind of vendors. We believe this should be the real practice" say buyers. Though shop owners don't earn much but they feel happy by the trust customers show them. Abhijit Dey of Bhatu Basti, who visited Seiling a couple of time, says, "The shop keepers run this shop the whole year.

SBM ambassador visits schools



PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ The ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, A & N Islands, Mr Naresh Chander Lall visited Govt. Middle School, Wandoor, Prothrapur and Primary School at West Wandoor on Saturday to promote Swachhita Hi Seva - Sankalp Se Sindh Tak. Interacting with students and staff, Mr Lall urged them to maintain cleanliness in the school premises as well as their respective localities.

Heavy rain forecast

PORT BLAIR, OCT 4/-/ The Indian Meteorological Department, Kolkata, has forecast heavy rain (07-11) cm likely to occur at one or two places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the next 48 hours. The general

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Canine terror on the rise in city

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PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ With their numbers steadily increasing, stray dogs have made life miserable for residents in different parts of the city. There is hardly a day when people are not at the receiving end of the canines in the urban area. While the Municipal Council Even is striving hard to sustain cleanliness and implement the Smart City project, the civic agency appears to falter in addressing the menace caused by stray dogs. According to reports, many Municipal Wards have seen an alarming rise in the number of stray dogs putting safety of the residents at risk. Stray dogs are often seen chasing pedestrians and bikers on streets mainly during night time. Residential areas in Bhatu Basti, Garacharma, Prothrapur, Old Pahargaoon, Dolguni are worst affected as sources say that at least one incident of dog bite is reported every day. Veterinarians cite muzzling of fast food centres



in the city mainly is one major reason for the growing numbers of stray dogs. These fast food outlets attract dogs into the city limits as the animals feast on the waste dumped by the eateries along the roads. Though the civic body has put measures in place to contain the menace, packs of dogs can be found at any given place - be it residential areas, marketplaces or offices. "The sight of around a dozen stray dogs after you while returning home after work will give goose bumps to any normal human being. The area where I reside is one such example where people prefer to stay indoors after 7 pm. This area is so crowded with canines day and night that people don't even allow their children to play in the open as they happen to be soft targets of these ferocious animals. Alarming rise in the population of these stray dogs has become a serious concern for residents in the city and the Municipal Council should collaborate with the Animal Husbandry Department and NGOs working in the sector to contain the population of stray canines," said a resident of Bhatu Basti. (File Pix)

Medal winners congratulated

PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ The management, Principal, staff and students of Khalsa Public Senior Secondary School have congratulated Shradha, a student of Class IV and Manpreet Singh Randhawa, Class III, who bagged medals in the 10th Cadet and Sub Junior Sqy National Championship held at Chandigarh last month. Shradha bagged a Gold in Aero Sqay while Manpreet won Silver in Loba and Gold in Kwankey in the tournament.



Overcrowded ferry services draw commuter's ire

From page 1 While commuters often face the bitter experience of VIP racism due to frequent visits by senior officials, overcrowding of passenger and vehicle ferries have become a serious concern for travellers in the sector. Despite notified passenger capacity, almost all the vehicle and passenger ferries can be found overloaded mainly during rush hours. Scams of overloading ferries remind commuters about the horrific Jan 26 boat tragedy, but they are forced to avail the service to attend schools and offices in time. With limited vessels deployed in this crucial sector, thousands of residents of Bamboofat and adjoining areas are forced to commute in congested ferries daily. "Insufficient passenger and vehicle ferry services in the Chathan-Bamboofat and other sectors like Dolguni etc have become a scourge for thousands of commuters. Overcrowding of ferry vessels have now become a routine risking thousands of precious lives. For instance, MV Durgaj which operates in this sector was procured around a year ago along with three other foreshore vessels namely MV Padauk, MV Sher Ali and MV Hornbill. But

for lack of maintenance, the three others are presently in-operational as a result of which overcrowding on foreshore vessels has become common these islands," said a resident of Bamboofat. "More than twenty thousand commuters from different parts of Ferragunj tehsil avail the ferry services to attend offices, schools and other private works. Many of them on two-wheelers and four-wheelers use the vehicle ferries services to commute in this sector, while others use the passenger ones. But lack of adequate safety gears on board the vessels has become a serious cause of concern. Though the Shipping Department generates huge revenue from the sector per year, it has done little to acquire larger ferries for the sector to ease woes of commuters. Repeated demands for introduction of a larger vehicle ferry have proved futile and it has now become imperative for the administration to actively consider procuring a larger vessel for the sector for the safety of the commuters. Besides, the Shipping Department should also consider increasing the frequency of passenger and vehicle ferry services in the sector," said some others.

Refresher course for foresters from Oct 8

PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ The Department of Environment & Forests will conduct a one-week Refresher Course for Foresters from October 8 at Forest Training Institute, Wimberlygunj. The workshop will commence with the formal inauguration by Mr RK Deori, Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Planning & Development), Mr Diganta Gogoi, Chief Conservator of Forests (Development & Utilization) shall

grace the occasion as guest of honour. The refresher course which is organised under the aegis of the Directorate of Forest Education, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, GOI aims to enrich the participants with the recent trends and advancement in the field of forestry and allied subjects with special emphasis on the forests of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

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KVK training benefits dairy farmers in North Andaman

PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ Dairy farmers in remote rural areas of North and Middle Andaman can add value to raw milk by producing a wide variety of processed products, which can reap higher returns to milk producers. In this connection, ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CIARI, North & Middle Andaman organised a three days training programme on "Recent technological advances in processing and value addition of milk" at Community Hall, Gram Panchayat Pahalgaoon. Mr Shibhann Bairagi, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Pahalgaoon inaugurated the programme in the presence of Member, Village Cooperative Society, and Dr. B. L. Kasinath, Senior Scientist & Head/ Course Direc-



tor, KVK, N & M Andaman. In the inaugural session, Mr Shibhann Bairagi informed that over the period of three years the dairy cattle population has significantly increased in the villages under Gram Panchayat Pahalgaoon. He told that presently the farmers in the area are disposing raw milk by supplying the raw milk at lower rate to ANIDCO.

Thus, the farmers are not achieving desired returns. He appreciated the KVK for organising a much needed programme on value addition of milk, which can help the farmers to reap more benefit and urged the participants to make use of the programme for their benefit. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. B. L. Kasinath, Head/ Course Director said that the farmers can double their income easily by adding value to their agriculture produce.

He highlighted the need for the farmers to adopt integrated farming system for achieving higher income, and explained the need of value addition in the programme and allied sector especially dairying. Dr. Shardul Vikram Lal, SMS (Animal Science)/ Course coordinator briefly outlined the course content of the three days training programme. In the technical session, which continued for three days, numbers of topics were discussed and demonstrated such as care and management of dairy cattle, clean milk production, preparation of Dahi, Mishti Doi, chakka, Shrikhand, Panner, Lassi, and Khoo. Er. Manoj Kumar, SMS (Agril. Engg.) discussed on the equipments required for commercial processing and value addition of milk. A film show on clean milk production was also organised for the participants. The programme was concluded in the presence of Pradhan. In the concluding session, the participants provided their feedbacks and the Pradhan thanked KVK, Nimbudera for the organisation of the programme and villagers. Altogether, 28 participants including 20 females and 08 males were benefitted from the programme. The programme was conducted under the supervision and guidance of Dr. B. L. Kasinath, Senior scientist and Head, ICAR-KVK and Dr. A. Kandu, Director, ICAR-CIARI.

Video classes at IGNOURC

PORT BLAIR, OCT 6/-/ To facilitate students of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the IGNOURC Centre organizes special video classes every Saturday. On 6th October 2018, during forenoon session 10 am to 1 pm the CD on the topic COMMUNICATION SKILLS was played. Similarly during post-lunch session 2 pm to 5 pm for HISTORY OF RAJASTHAN, ITHAS KI KHOJ MEIN & PURVAHESON KI KHOJ were played. The Video Class was held at First floor of Kannada Sangha Building, IGNOURC Regional Centre, Mohanpura. Each topic specific video CD was of 30 minutes duration. The students of Master of Arts in English & Bachelor of Arts in History who opted English & History as Main and Elective subject have attended the video class. The previous exam question papers, assignment question papers have also been given to students who attended the video-class at Regional Centre. The students who were not able to attend on Saturday Video Class, can come to IGNOURC on any working day from Monday to Friday between 10 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 5 pm to watch the video class.

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