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Feb 19: Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sikkim, Shri Prem Singh Tamang on his visit to A&N Islands met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency at Raj Niwas. Discussed prospects of development in tourism and hospitality sectors.

Career guidance workshop organized at ANCOL



Port Blair, Feb 19:

Nehru Yuva Kendra Port Blair organized a day long career guidance workshop at ANCOL on Feb.14 which was participated by over 150 youth. Dr. S. Jayakumar, Principal, ANCOL who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that the program will help the youth to identify career goals, set education milestones and clear path to achieve it and prepare them for holistic career development.

The resource persons

viz. Shri Jwahar Lal Das, Economic Investigator, Department of Industries, A&N Administration, Dr. Treemurutulu, Associate Professor, ANCOL, Smti Jaya Prabha Bhattacharya, Lecture, ANCOL, Dr. Sunita Patil, Lecturer also addressed the students.

The participants also cleared their doubts pertaining to career choices which were answered by the resource persons. Earlier, Shri Gopal Ch. Biswas of Nehru Yuva Kendra welcomed the gathering.

NDRF returns to India after completing rescue operation in earthquake- hit Turkiye under Operation Dost

AIRN, Feb 19:

The last team of National Disaster Response Force, NDRF has returned to India after completing the rescue operation in earthquake- hit Turkiye under Operation Dost. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagchi in a tweet said that three teams of NDRF personnel and dog squads extended assistance to earthquake-affected Turkiye. The teams executed search, rescue



and relief operations including Nurdağ and Antakya of Turkiye. life detection in 35 worksites of

Interactive session on 'Healthy Living' organized for students of DBRAIT



Port Blair, Feb 19:

An interactive session on 'Healthy Living' was organized in the conference hall of DBRAIT on Feb. 15, 2023 in which Professor and Head, Department of Radiography and Former Vice-Chancellor Kings George Medical Univer-

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Civil Supplies Deptt. asks consumers to seed Aadhaar Number in family ration card by March 6

Port Blair, Feb 19:

The Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs have asked the persons under APL Category of ration

card who have not yet seeded Aadhaar Number in their respective family ration card in spite of several reminder and request through fair price shop dealers,

electronic and print media, to approach the respective Civil Supplies offices before 06th March 2023, in person and get

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Medical Officers imparted training on Routine Immunization

Port Blair, Feb 19:

The Directorate of Health Services and SHS-Immunization, NHM with the technical Support of World Health Organization -NPSP conducted a three days training for Medical Officers on Routine Immunization from Feb.13 to 15, 2023 in the Conference Hall of Directorate

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EDITORIAL

End confusion over taxing online gaming

The GST Council has deferred the discussion on the issue of taxing online gaming once again—this time, the convenor of the Group of Ministers (GoM), which is looking into the matter, is apparently busy with electioneering in Meghalaya. So, a crucial issue, which can make or mar the online gaming industry, is still hanging in the balance. The government must show more urgency in addressing the issue, which has already led to situations where online gaming platforms have been served tax demands of thousands of crores—multiple times the revenue they earned in a financial year.

For quite some time, the government has been delaying the decisions on determining the valuation of the services provided by online gaming platforms and the rate at which they should be taxed. The GST Council formed a GoM headed by Conrad Sangma, chief minister of Meghalaya. It has been almost two years since the GoM was formed (in May 2021). Three main issues need to be decided by the GoM—valuation of the services provided by the platform, tax rates (18% or 28%) and whether online gaming is a game of skill or a game of chance. The GoM is apparently in favour of a 28% tax on the total betting amount instead of an 18% tax on the platform fee. The online gaming industry is distressed by the fact that the GoM is tilting towards taxing the whole betting amount rather than the service fee earned by them. The industry is okay with a 28% tax rate as long as it is levied on only the service fee they charged and not the whole betting amount.

And even as confusion prevails over the taxability of the gaming industry, the tax department has started serving tax demands based on the betting amount. A Bengaluru-based company with an annual turnover of Rs 2,100 crore in FY22 was served a tax demand of Rs 21,000 crore last year. The case is already in the Karnataka High Court. The delay by the government in deciding the issue is not helping the industry, which is hoping for some light at the end of the tunnel. The government might decide to 'tax' online gaming heavily, treating it as a form of betting—as it did in the case of cryptocurrencies—but it must take a quick decision on the issue so that online gaming companies can decide their future course of action.

PBMC asks owners of unauthorized stalls/carts/kiosks/abandoned vehicles parked in municipal area to remove them

Port Blair, Feb 18:

It has been observed that unauthorized stalls/carts/kiosks/abandoned vehicles are parked on various places in the Municipal area viz. road side and parking lot of PBMC, which is not permitted. Hence, the PBMC has directed all the unauthorized stalls/cart/kiosks and the owners of abandoned

vehicles to remove such stalls/carts/kiosks/abandoned vehicles within 7 days, failing which, strict action will be taken against the unauthorized vendors. The PBMC will evict the entire stalls/carts/kiosks and confiscate abandoned vehicle with the support of Traffic Police.

'Rozgar Evam Swarozgar Mela' organised by Model Career Centre at Guptapara

Port Blair, Feb 17:

The Model Career Centre (Employment Exchange), Directorate of Employment & Training organised a 'Rozgar Evam Swarozgar Mela' in the community hall of Gram Panchayat, Guptapara yesterday. Shri B. S Jaglan, IAS Secretary (Labour, Employment and Training) also attended the Programme. While addressing the gathering, Shri Jaglan elucidated that the main objective of the 'Rozgar evam Swarozgar Mela' is to provide a platform between the private employers and jobseekers and also to dis-



seminate information about various self-employment schemes being implemented by different departments for the

benefit of unemployed youths. He instructed the officials of Deptt of Employment to keep a *contd. page-6*

Zonal Level Bharat Scout & Guides Camp held at GPS Sabari

Port Blair, Feb 19: A four day Zonal Level Bharat Scout & Guides Camp of Rangat, Middle Andaman Zone was organized in the premises of Govt. Primary School Sabari Junction (English Medium) from Feb.14 to 17, 2023. The Assistant Commissioner, Rangat, Smti. Sapna Priya was the chief guest of the closing ceremony on Feb.17 in which 50 Scouts & Guides, 5 Scout Masters and Guide Captains from 20 different School under Rangat



Educational Zone participated. The District Chief Commissioner, Shri Suresh Mazumder, (DEO

Rangat), Bharat Scouts & Guides Unit was also present on the occasion.

Notice Inviting e-Tenders

No. 130-DB/RCD/e-tender/2022-23/438 Wimberly Gunj Dt. 14/02/2023

The Executive Engineer, Road Construction Division, A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj invites on behalf of President of India online Item rate tender/ bid from the approved and eligible contractors of the Andaman PWD or all contractors irrespective of their enlistment in APWD or any other Govt. Department subject to the condition that they have experience on executing the relevant magnitude of work as per CPWD works manual and with other GOI Organizations in these Island and do not have any adverse remarks: -

1. NIT No. 127/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2023_APWD_9336_1). Improvement of Rural Road from Main Road (ATR) to Tehsil staff quarters, Ferrargunj. Estimate Cost:- Rs. 11,14,861/- EMD :- Rs. 22,297/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.

2. NIT No. 128/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2023_APWD_9338_1). Improvement of Rural Road from Main Road (ATR) to Children Park, Ferrargunj. Estimate Cost:- Rs.12,11,634/- EMD :- Rs. 24,233/- Time of completion:- 01 (One) Month.

3. NIT No. 130/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2023_APWD_9341_1). Repair and Improvement of Rural Road from Tirur Bus Stand to JPP Tirur. Estimate Cost:- Rs. 68,44,150/- EMD :- Rs. 1,36,883/- Time of completion:- 03 (Three) Months.

4. NIT No. 131/EE/RCD/APWD/WG/22-23 (Tender ID: 2023_APWD_9342_1). Improvement of Rural Road from Lamba Pahad to Gudda Basthi in lieu of the work Improvement of Rural Road from Chowdary tank complex to prefabricated building at Bambooflat. Estimate Cost:- Rs. 36,01,080/- EMD :- Rs. 72,022/- Time of completion:- 03 (Three) Months.

Last date of Submission: 06/03/2023 at 3.00 PM and Opening date : 08/03/2023 at 10.00 AM.

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website – <https://eprocure.andaman.gov.in/nicgep/app>.

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Executive Engineer,
Road Construction Division,
A.P.W.D., Wimberly Gunj

How India’s scandal-hit Adani Group hushes critics



AFP, NEW DELHI: Independent Indian journalist Paranjay Guha Thakurta is being sued by tycoon Gautam Adani’s business empire in six different courts — and he is not allowed to speak about the conglomerate or its owner.

US investment firm Hindenburg Research, whose explosive report on Adani Group last month triggered a stock rout that wiped \$120 billion off its value, said the company had long used the threat of litigation to shield itself from greater scrutiny. Hindenburg is a short-seller that not only tracks corporate wrongdoing but also makes money by betting on shares falling.

It accused the globe-spanning ports-to-power conglomerate of accounting fraud and stock manipulation, adding that “investors, journalists, citizens and even politicians have been afraid to speak out for fear of reprisal.”

Thakurta, 67, was hit with six defamation actions — three of them criminal — after writing a series of reports on Adani that included accusations a top judge gave it preferential treatment. He could be jailed if convicted and a court order prevents him from writing or speaking about the business or its owner. “A gag order was served on me,” he told AFP.

“I was told that I could not comment on the activities of Mr Gautam Adani and his corporate conglomerate. So I don’t want to commit contempt of court.”

Legal costs and the need to attend hearings in three states “take a toll on us physically and mentally,” said his colleague Abir Dasgupta, himself hit with three defamation suits. “It takes up our time, it affects our families, it has led to a loss of time and loss of income for all of us.”

Adani Group went into damage control mode last month after Hindenburg levelled its accusations. The

short-seller’s report alleged the conglomerate had artificially inflated its market value using related-party transactions conducted through tax havens. The stock market reaction sent the firm’s billionaire founder, until then Asia’s richest man, tumbling down the ranks of global rich-listers, though shares in the group’s listed entities have since stabilised.

The firm denies the accusations and threatened to sue Hindenburg.

It has also launched legal action against other foreign critics: it is suing environmental activist Ben Pennings in Australia, claiming he cost it millions during his campaign against its coal mining project in Queensland. Two journalists from broadcaster CNBC TV18 have been hit with criminal defamation cases by an Adani subsidiary accusing them of a “grossly malicious, defamatory and false” news report.

“Adani Group believes strongly in the freedom of the press and like all companies retains the right to defend itself against defamatory, misleading or false statements,” a conglomerate spokesperson told AFP.

“In the past, Adani has at times exercised those rights. The group has always acted in accordance with all applicable laws.”

‘Financial terrorism’

Hindenburg’s allegations made headlines around the world, but many Indian media outlets have ignored or dismissed them or denounced the authors. Several echoed Adani Group’s assertion that Hindenburg’s report was a deliberate “attack on India”, with one television panellist calling it an act of “financial terrorism” against the country.

The conglomerate’s founder has a close relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and opposition lawmakers say both have benefitted from their mutual association. Critics say Indian media’s reluctance

to probe the Adani allegations reflects the close ties between the two men.

“That’s got a lot to do with Adani’s story being linked to the Modi story,” said journalist Manisha Pande of Newslandry, a website known for critical coverage of India’s media landscape. Hindenburg’s report, according to Pande, was “seen as an attack on not just a corporate house, but an attack on Modi, his decision, his tenure.”

India has nearly 400 television news channels but Modi’s government generally benefits from enthusiastically positive coverage.

‘Subservient’

Adani became a media owner himself in December after taking over broadcaster NDTV, which was previously known as one of the few media outlets willing to explicitly criticise India’s leader. The tycoon batted away press freedom fears and told the Financial Times that journalists should have the “courage” to say “when the government is doing the right thing every day.”

Within hours of Adani’s takeover, one of NDTV’s most popular anchors stepped down.

Ravish Kumar, a vocal critic of Modi, later said he was “convinced” the purchase was aimed at silencing dissent. “Adani does not promote questioning or criticism in any manner,” he told the online news portal The Wire.

Thakurta told AFP that numerous Indian business leaders had taken stakes in media houses to “shut out opinions and information that does not favour them.”

He said Indian media acted as a “nexus” between corporate and state power. “It should not be surprising that such a large section of media in India should be so subservient to big business interests.”



Emergency arbitration must be promoted, regulated in India: SC Justice Hima Kohli



PTI, NEW DELHI: Emergency Arbitration has enormous potential in the country and the legislature should take steps to promote and regulate it, Supreme Court judge Justice Hima Kohli has said.

The top court judge, who was addressing the Delhi Arbitration Weekend on Saturday, said Emergency Arbitration (EA) provides a quick and efficient solution to pressing disputes and can help curtail delays and expenses.

But the issues concerning the clarity and consistency in the applicable rules and procedures and the lack of awareness among the stakeholders remain to be addressed, she added.

“EA has an enormous potential in India. To address these challenges, it is essential for the government to take steps to legislate, promote and regulate EA in India. This could include an amendment to the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, the introduction of standard procedures, the establishment of a dedicated EA Tribunal, promotion of awareness and education about the benefits of EA,” Justice Kohli said.

Under emergency arbitration, a temporary arbitrator is appointed

to expeditiously hear and resolve such urgent disputes between the parties which cannot wait for the conclusion of normal arbitration proceedings.

Delhi Arbitration Weekend, organised by Delhi International Arbitration Centre, is underway at the Delhi High Court since Thursday and will conclude on Sunday.

Speaking during one of its sessions, Justice Kohli said emergency arbitration would support the growth of institutional arbitration in India, which would help in reducing the “docket explosion” faced by already overburdened Indian courts.

Although emergency arbitration is not widely used in India, it is expected that it will gain more acceptance in the future, she said.

“By recognising the enforceability of emergency awards, party autonomy is respected. At the same time, the court system can be decongested to some extent. Viewed from this angle, the powers exercised by an Emergency Arbitrator are not in conflict with the powers of the court,” Justice Kohli said.

PRESS RELEASE

Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP-ANI wrote a letter to Chief secretary A &N Administration to provide adequate supply of Petrol and Diesel at Kamorta and Terraesa Islands

In his letter he mentioned that several residents of Kamorta and Terraesa Islands have approached with a common grievance of severe lack of Petrol and Diesel in their region. and they have been informed that there is a restricted supply of ONLY ONE LITER of petrol and diesel per person at a time at Kamorta & Terraesa. And that too is completely irregular and inadequate.

Further he mentioned that the general public, Government servants, businessmen and other residents of those Islands suffer immensely due to lack of adequate supply of petrol and diesel. The supply chain of materials gets badly affected and the ultimate sufferers are again the general public.

Shri Jolly also pointed out that the service provider i.e the agency which supplies petrol and diesel is ANIIDCO Ltd and the supply is absolutely insufficient.

Accordingly, he requested the Chief Secretary to direct the concerned appropriate authorities of ANIIDCOLTD to AT LEAST PROVIDE A MINIMUM QUANTITY OF 5 LITERS OF PETROL/ DIESEL, at a time to every person in the larger interest of residents of Kamorta and Terraesa island.

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<h1>Walk-In Interview</h1> <p>A walk-in interview is scheduled to be conducted on 03.03.2023 at 11:00 am for meeting the human resource requirement of Women Helpline – 181 set up at One Stop Centre, Near Ayush Hospital, JG-6, Type V Quarter at Junglighat, Port Blair.</p> <p>The verification of certificate will start at 09:00 am at Directorate of Social Welfare, Goal Ghar. The interview may be continued on next day also, if required. Candidates who fulfill the requisite qualifications may appear for the walk-in interview in the chamber of Secretary (SW) at P BMC. Schedule of interview and time slots will be given to the candidates at 11:00 am on same day.</p> <p>The candidate are advised to carry with them duly filled up application form in the prescribed format along with copies of all the certificates of educational qualification, date of birth, working experience and affixing a passport size photograph. Candidates are also required to bring their original certificates for verifications.</p>											
Designation	No. of Post	Qualification	Experience	Proposed Consolidated pay in Rs.							
Helpline Administrator	01	Any woman having a Masters in Law/ Social Work/ Sociology/ Social Science/ Psychology	Women at least 5 years experience of working on women related relevant domains in an administrative set-up with a Government or Non-Government project/ programme and preferably with at least 1-year experience of counselling either within or outside the same set-up. She should be preferably a resident of the local Community so that local human resource and expertise is utilized for effective functioning of the centre.	Rs.50,000/- per month							
Call Operator	06	Any women having Master degree in Social Work/Law Degree	Women having good communication skills in Hindi, English and/or regional languages and experience of working on telecom/web based relevant systems.	Rs.40,000/- x 6 per month							
IT Supervisor	01	Graduate degree with at least diploma in Computers/ IT etc.	He/she having minimum 3 years experience in data management, process documentation and web based reporting formats, video conferencing at state or district level with government or Non-Governmental/ IT-based organizations.	Rs.26,000/- per month							
Multi-purpose Staff	03	Candidate having Secondary class pass certificate	He/She having experience of working as a helper, peon etc.	Rs.13,442/- x 3 per month							
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<p>Terms and conditions:</p> <p>1. The appointment will be purely of contract basis as a project staff and no other regular service benefits will be admissible. The candidates will not have any rights to claim for regular employment.</p> <p>2. No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.</p> <p>3. The Secretary (SW) has the right to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason and no correspondence in this matter will be entertained.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Director (SW) A&N Administration</p> <p>Advt. ID: 9682 2023/MediaRelease/163</p>											
<p>Application format for the Human Resource Requirement of Women Helpline -181 under Directorate of Social Welfare, A & N Administration</p>					<p>Photograph</p>						
<p>Post applied for :</p>											
1	Name of candidate (in Block letters)										
2	Name of Father/Husband										
3	Marital Status										
4	a. Date of Birth (proof to be enclosed)		Year	Month	Day						
	b. Age as on the last date of receipt of application (i.e. on date.....)										
5	Nationality										
6	Permanent address with contact No.										
7	Address for communication with contact No.										
8	Email Id										
9	Educational Qualification (proof to be enclosed)										
10	Experience certificate to be enclosed										
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DECLARATION</u></p> <p>I do hereby declare that the information given above is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that in the event of / any information stated above being false or incorrect or my intelligibility being detected after the test / appointment, my candidature / appointment is liable to be cancelled / terminated.</p> <p>Place: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Signature of applicant</p>											

India looks for big win against Ireland to qualify for Women's T20 World Cup semifinal



PTI, GQEBERHA: A defeat against England denting their confidence, India will look to bounce back with a big win against lowly Ireland to remain in contention for a semifinal berth in the Women's T20 World Cup, here on Monday.

After the 11-run loss to England on Saturday, their first defeat in the showpiece, India is in the second spot with four points from three matches behind England (six points from three straight wins) who have qualified for the semifinals.

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led side will now need not only a win against Ireland in their last group match on Monday but also a big one to have any chance of filling up the remaining semifinal spot from Group 2.

They need to improve their net run rate from the current +0.205.

Pakistan, who have lost to India in their opening match, has two points from two matches and they also have a chance to make it to the last four if they win their last two matches.

In that case, they will also have six points.

Currently, Pakistan, who play against the West Indies

Sunday night, have a better NRR of +1.542 than that of India, though they are yet to face England who has an NRR of +1.776.

Ireland, on the other hand, are already out of contention for a semifinal berth, having lost all their three matches.

To win big against Ireland, the Indian batting will need to fire, especially captain Harmanpreet and opener Shafali Verma, as both have not played a significant knock so far.

Harmanpreet's scores in the three matches so far have been 16, 33 and 4, below par by her standards, while Shafali have made 33, 28 and 8.

Young Richa Ghosh has been the most consistent batter for India with scores of 31, 44 and 47 not out, and she would be looking to continue with her good form against Ireland.

After her match-winning knock of 53 not out against arch-rivals Pakistan, Jemimah Rodrigues has scored 1 and 13 in the next two matches, and she would look to make the most out of a relatively weaker Irish attack.

An impressive 52-run knock from vice captain Smriti Mandhana, though in a lost cause, against England also

bodes well for India as she can put the Ireland bowlers to sword if they fail to keep it tight.

In the bowling department, the 5/15 against England — her career-best — should spur pacer Renuka Singh to get more against Ireland while the seasoned Deepti Sharma had been the most consistent Indian bowler so far.

India would expect a much better show from seasoned left-arm spinner Rajeshwari Gayakwad who is without a wicket after three matches while Pooja Vastrakar and Radha Yadav also need to contribute more than what they have done so far in the tournament.

For Ireland, top-order batter Orla Prendergast has been in good nick with 109 runs from three matches, while Gaby Lewis has scored 84 in total from the same number of matches.

Cara Murray and Arlene Kelly have taken three wickets apiece and they will be wary of the strong Indian batting line-up.

The teams (From): India: Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Smriti Mandhana, Shafali Verma, Yastika Bhatia, Richa Ghosh, Jemimah Rodrigues, Harleen Deol, Deepti Sharma, Devika Vaidya, Radha Yadav, Renuka Thakur, Anjali Sarvani, Pooja Vastrakar, Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Shikha Pandey.

Ireland: Laura Delany (c), Georgina Dempsey, Amy Hunter, Shauna Kavanagh, Arlene Kelly, Gaby Lewis, Louise Little, Sophie MacMahon, Jane Maguire, Cara Murray, Leah Paul, Orla Prendergast, Rachel Delaney, Eimear Richardson, Mary Waldron.

Workshop on drug abuse prevention concludes Anganwadi workers urged to create awareness about ill-effects of substance dependence



Port Blair, Feb 17: The Department of Home Science, JNRM in association with the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India is organising a two days Capacity Building Workshop on Drug Abuse Prevention for Anganwadi Workers from Feb.16 to 17, 2023.

During the inauguration, the chief guest, Ms. Iti Agarwal, Director (Social Welfare), A&N Administration stated that drug and substance abuse prevention is inevitable for the betterment of society. She described how drugs and its addiction can stop the vibrant growth of countries and its economic development. There is a need to strengthen the supply reduction strategy through law enforcement agencies and the role of Anganwadi Workers are noteworthy for this noble cause, she added. The demand reduction and supply

reduction can jointly be achieved through creating awareness among community and young minds. She opined that value education is important in the long run, through which we can bring about change in the society.

Dr. H. K. Sharma, Principal, JNRM, informed the gathering about the scenario of drug abuse in various countries. Due to drugs and alcohol the crime rates are escalating, he said adding that the productive age group like college students are the asset for the county.

Dr. K. Venkatesan, HOD, Home Science and Convener of this programme informed that a country like India which has rich demographic dividend should tap the potential of youngsters and hone their skills for the betterment of society. During the technical session, resource persons addressed the participants.

CCS seizes huge quantity of endangered trochus shell weighing approx. 1783 kgs

Port Blair, Feb 18:

Acting on a specific intelligence input from reliable source, Police team from Central Crime Station consisting of SI M.A. Rasheed, PCs K. Rajendran and Raja Rao intercepted one cargo truck on Feb.17, 2023 at Ferrargunj Junction bearing registration No.AN-01/R-3985 which was coming towards Port Blair from Diglipur. During checking of cargo items loaded in the truck, 33 gunny bags containing 1783.95 Kgs of endangered Trochus Shells were

found concealed clandestinely with coconut gunny bags. Truck along with Trochus Shell was seized and the driver of the truck namely C. Siva, S/o Shri Chitambaram (29 yrs.), R/o Jirkatang, South Andaman and cleaner Rohan Toppo, S/o Shri Jipta Toppo (27 yrs.), R/o Parnasala, Rangat were detained for violation U/s 50/51 of The Wildlife (Protection) act-1972. Trochus Shells are protected species which falls under Schedule-II of the Wildlife (Protection)

Amendment Act, 2022.

The detained persons along with seized articles were handed over to Range Officer, Protection Range, Wild Life Division, Haddo for further legal action.

Meanwhile, the general public have been requested to inform about any credible information pertaining to any kind of illegal activity on the following telephone numbers- 100, 232586, 233307, 9474290250. The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

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record of participants who are willing to take up self-employment schemes so as to provide skill oriented training to the youths.

Shri Venkatesh Ch. Principal, ITI highlighted various skill development training schemes which are being imparted to the unemployed youths under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana-PMKVY in these Islands and also expounded the need of soft skilled training and technical skill up gradation to the rural youths to enable them to get gainful employment.

Earlier, Shri Durlav Das, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Guptapara welcomed the gathering and appreciated the ef-

forts of the Department for organizing Rozgaar and Swarozgaar Mela and appealed the gathering to utilise the opportunity. Shri Prakash Adhikari, Member Zilla Parishad also spoke on the occasion and requested to set-up a training centre relating to tailoring and beautician for the benefit of rural youths of Guptapara village. Shri Nirmal, Samity Member was also present on the occasion. Altogether 150 prospective rural unemployed youths of Guptapara and nearby villages were benefited out of the programme and 17 unemployed youth were shortlisted for employment.