

“The bad news is time flies. The good news is you're the pilot.”
—MICHAEL ALTSCHULER



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Things to Know

प्रश्न. ‘NESTS’ किस केंद्रीय मंत्रालय के तहत काम करने वाली एक स्वायत्त संस्था है?

उत्तर. जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय

(जनजातीय छात्रों के लिए राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा सा. सायटी (एनईटीएस) जनजातीय मामलों के मंत्रालय के तहत काम करने वाली एक स्वायत्त संस्था है। NESTS और CBSE ने TATA ट्रस्ट्स.

और अन्य हितधारकों के सहयोग से एकलव्य मॉडल आवासीय विद्यालय (EMRS) के प्रधानाध्यापकों और शिक्षकों के लिए 21वीं सदी के लिए प्रायोगिक शिक्षण कार्यक्रम का शुभ. रंभ किया।)

प्रश्न. किस संस्था ने आनुवंशिक रूप से संशोधित (GM) खाद्य विनियम जारी किया?

उत्तर. एफएसएसएआई

(भारतीय खाद्य सुरक्षा और मानक प्राधिकरण (FSSAI) ने सार्वजनिक परामर्श के लिए आनुवंशिक रूप से संशोधित (GM) खाद्य विनियमों का एक नया मसौदा जारी किया है। यह पैकेज्ड खाद्य उत्पादों के लिए फ्रंट-ऑफ-द-पैक लेबलिंग का प्रस्ताव करता है जिसमें 1 प्रतिशत या अधिक जीएम सामग्री होती है। कोई भी व्यक्ति खाद्य प्राधिकरण के पूर्व अनुमोदन के बिना जीएमओ से उत्पादित किसी भी खाद्य या खाद्य सामग्री का निर्माण, पैक, भंडारण, बिक्री, विपणन या वितरण या आयात नहीं करेगा।

प्रश्न. किस राज्य ने राज्य सरकार की नौक. रियों के लिए अपनी भ. णा को अनिवार्य बनाने के लिए एक विधेयक को अपनाया?

उत्तर. तमिलनाडु

(तमिलनाडु विधानस. भा ने राज्य सरकार की सेवाओं में भर्ती के लिए तमिल भाषा के पेपर में उत्तीर्ण होना अनिवार्य बनाने के लिए एक कानून में संशोधन किया। अधिनियम को 1 दिसंबर, 2021 से पूर्वव्यापी प्रभाव से संशोधित किया गया था। पहले अधिनियम में कहा गया था कि कर्मचा. रियों को अपनी नियुक्ति की तारीख से दो साल की अवधि के भीतर तमिल में द्वितीय श्रेणी की भ. णा परीक्षा उत्तीर्ण करनी चाहिए, जिसमें विफल रहने पर उन्हें छुट्टी दे दी जाएगी। सेवा से)

Depreciation Continues for GP. Nimbutala



Shri. Sujit Mistry Pradhan GP. Nimbutala (Captain of the 12 w bulb team) has anyhow started going to the office after 26th Jan 2023 but still the brawl continuous with the Panchayat Secretary. He has almost created an approximate debt of

Rs. 2 to 3 lakh by unofficial manner which created the whole situation in addition to splitting of works and overlooking of all the rules & regulation. He is putting various kinds of pressure over the Panchayat Secretary to clear such debts

through unlawful manner and also giving his best to transfer him from that Panchayat to bring his own choice. On the other hand the Pradhan G.P.Rangat Smti.S.Laxmi Devi was honored by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of A & N Islands on

26th Jan-2023 at home function with the same Panchayat Secretary. It's high time that the administration should fix such Pradhan by dissolving the whole Gram Panchayat as a bench mark decision.

Mock Exercise on 'Earthquake & Tsunami' conducted at Junglighat Fish Landing Centre



Port Blair, Jan.31: The District Administration with the assistance of State Authority, NDRF & other line Departments organized a Mock Exercise yesterday at Junglighat, Fish Landing Centre on the Scenario 'Earthquake, followed by Tsunami'. During the mock exercise, the alert message of Earthquake

& Subsequent Tsunami was passed to all the Nodal Officers of line Departments and a Control Room was set up in the District Control Room, South Andaman.

Accordingly, all concerned line Departments such as Fire Service, Health, Police, Revenue, STS, Electricity Department etc responded time-

ly and reached the spot with adequate man and machinery and actively participated in the disaster scenario created for Tsunami. Mock Drill for search and rescue was demonstrated by the officials of Police and other line Departments present thereon.

The Mock exercise concluded with a debriefing

by the Deputy Incident Commandant/AC(S) wherein he advised all concerned to tighten up all shortcomings noticed during the conduct of Mock Drill. The entire Mock Exercise was conducted under the overall supervision of Incident Commandant/ADM (SA).

STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY STANDARDIZES QUANTUM OF PENALTIES FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF PERMIT VIOLATIONS

Commercial vehicle owners asked to comply with the permit conditions & Motor Vehicle Act

Port Blair, Jan. 29 : Transport Department of A&N Administration is deeply concerned about the growth in the number of road accident and fatalities in recent years. In order to achieve a significant improvement in road safety, Transport Department is taking pro-active measures to review standards pertaining to road safety. As a part of this, Transport

Department in coordination with Traffic Police regularly conducts enforcement drives in these Islands to check for violation of traffic laws. It has been reported that many commercial vehicle owners fail to comply with the rules and provisions of Motor Vehicle Act and thereby violating the permit conditions.

In view of the permit violations, State Trans-

port Authority has now standardized the quantum of penalties for various kinds of permit violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol, unauthorized parking, delay in applying for permit, plying without permit, etc. The penal amount for various permit violations has been uploaded in the Department's website i.e. transport.and.nic.in and

also published in the Directorate's Notice Board to make the citizen aware about the penal amount for permit violations.

State Transport Authority has further advised all the commercial vehicle owners to comply with the permit conditions and Motor Vehicle Act, failing which, the case will be dealt strictly under the provisions of law in force.

No confidence motion against Pradhan

Diglipur, February 01 : The Panchayat Members of Diglipur Gram Panchayat had written a

letter to Panchayat Secretary informing her of their decision to move no confidence motion

against the Pradhan for ruling the Panchayat as family property and allowing her husband to in-

terfere in all the matters of this Panchayat.

Celebration at G.P Rangat



Pradhan G.P Rangat Smti. S.Laxmi Devi has been honoured by this Hon' ble Lt. Governor of A & N Island during the at home function at Raj Niwas on 26th Jan 2023. The villagers and ward members has welcomed the Pradhan with

banners & flowers for the honour that too for a commercial/town like Panchayat Rangat. On the other hand most of the funds been booked for various projects and she is walking tall towards the vikas of the Panchayat with sky high

vision. She thanked the ward members, office staff and especially to the sanitation staffs who's efforts brought laurels to her and specially thanked the Panchayat Secretary Shri. P. Vimal Kumar for his untiring efforts.

Contractionary, Anti-People Budget

The Union Budget 2023-24 comes at a time when the Indian economy slowed down before the pandemic struck, worsened during the 2 pandemic years and the post pandemic recovery is adversely impacted by the global economic slowdown moving towards a possible recession. Under these circumstances this budget should have addressed the central issues of increasing people's purchasing power with job generation and boosting the growth of domestic demand. This budget fails to meet this situation. On the contrary, it squeezes the government expenditures to reduce the fiscal deficit while giving further tax concession to the rich. This comes at a time when Oxfam report shows that the richest 1 per cent in India have cornered 40.5 per cent of the wealth generated in the last 2 years. It is, thus, a contractionary budget which will only aggravate the economic

crisis. The increase in total government expenditure for 2023-24 over the revised estimates for 2022-23 is a mere 7 per cent when the increase in nominal (with inflation) GDP over the same period is estimated to be 10.5 per cent. Thus, as a percentage of GDP there is a reduction in government expenditure. If interest payments are excluded then this expenditure is only 5.4 per cent more than last year. Once the implicit inflation rate of 4 per cent and increase in population of around 1 per cent are accounted for, this so called "people-centric" budget only mounts further attacks on the livelihoods of the vast majority of our population. When the unemployment rate is at a historic high the budget reduces the MGNREGS allocation by 33 per cent. Food subsidy is cut by Rs. 90,000 crores. Fertilizer subsidy by 50,000 crores and petroleum subsidy by 6,900 crores.

Despite the devastation caused by the pandemic Rs. 9255 crores of the last year's allocation for health remained unspent. Likewise, Rs. 4297 crores remained unspent in the education budget. The already measly remuneration for ICDS Scheme workers sees no increase. The Gender Budget is only 9 per cent of the total expenditure. The SC Budget is only 3.5 per cent against a population of 16 per cent and the ST Budget is only 2.7 per cent against the population of 8.6 per cent. The hollowness of bombastic claims of doubling farmers' incomes is seen in the reduction of PM Kisan Fund allocation from Rs. 68,000 crores to Rs. 60,000 crores. The Government's claims of a substantial increase in capital expenditures which will lead to employment generation are specious. The revised estimates of 2022-2023 show that the total capital expenditures

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Member of Parliament requests Hon'ble Lt. Governor to sanction pending subsidy cases under MSME capital subsidy scheme

The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma has requested the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to consider grant of subsidy to pending cases of MSME capital subsidy scheme on priority and the entitled subsidy as per rules may be granted to them at the earliest possible so that the loan taken by the applicants can be refunded to the maximum extent. In a letter addressed to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, the Member of Parliament mentioned that the subsidy under Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) capital subsidy scheme was promulgated by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration on 25th October 2017 vide Gazette notification No. 263 to support the unemployed

youth and other jobless youngsters to establish their own business. He pointed out that for availing benefits under the MSME scheme, many unemployed youths of these Islands had taken loans from various banks of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and started their own enterprises. Most of them are invested in the tourism industry. He mentioned that in the year 2020, unfortunately, the COVID -19 Pandemic hit the entire nation including Andaman & Nicobar Islands which lasted for nearly two years and the running business of all these unemployed youth were shut down for most of these two years. The Member of Parliament added that apart from the above, from March 2022 the maintenance of the airfield of Port Blair airport was

started which lasted for 3 months. As a result of this, the tourism industry and the youths associated in these fields, have been under severe financial distress due to dent in business and those unemployed youths who have taken loans are unable to even pay their EMIs. Consequently, the interest of such loans has increased manifold, which has now become a severe financial burden on their shoulders. He mentioned that the subsidy applied under the MSME scheme by the business youngsters has been lying pending in the Directorate of Industries for over 2 years and are under examination. He added that the last subsidy was sanctioned several years ago and thereafter no subsidy has been granted to eligible firms.



संपादकीय

इनकम टैक्स छूट की सीमा 8 साल बाद बढ़ी ; गरीबों को एक साल और मिलेगा मुफ्त अनाज, युवाओं-रोजगार के लिए अहम ऐलान

बजट की 5 सबसे बड़ी बातें

मिडिल क्लास के लिए; 7 लाख तक की आय पर कोई इनकम टैक्स नहीं।
निचले तबके के लिए; गरीब कल्याण अन्न योजना में मुफ्त अनाज एक साल और मिलेगा।

युवाओं के लिए; स्टार्टअप फंड, और 3 साल तक भत्ता मिलेगा, इंटरनेशनल स्किल इंडिया सेंटर्स बनेंगे।

आदिवासी क्षेत्र के लिए एकलव्य स्कूलों के लिए 38 हजार 800 टीचर्स अपॉइंट किए जाएंगे। आदिवासी गांवों के विकास के लिए १५ हजार करोड़।

महंगा-सस्ता LED टीवी-मोबाइल सस्ते होंगे। सिगरेट पर टैक्स 16% बढ़ाया गया। ये अब महंगी होगी।

वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण के बजट भाषण में सबसे बड़ी बात इनकम टैक्स स्लैब में बदलाव की रही। उन्होंने 8 साल बाद स्लैब बदला और 7 लाख की आमदनी पर टैक्स छूट देने की घोषणा कर दी।

सीतारमण का ये पवां और देश का 75वां बजट था। उन्होंने इस बार पहले की तुलना में कम समय लिया। इस बार का भाषण महज 1 घंटे 27 मिनट का था। इस साल 9 राज्यों में और अगले साल देश का चुनाव है। इसका असर बजट भाषण में दिखा। सीतारमण ने कहा कि जब पूरी दुनिया कोरोना और युद्ध के चलते मंदी की राह पर है, तब भारत की ग्रोथ बाकी देशों के मुकाबले मजबूत है।

जानिए बजट में आपके लिए क्या-क्या ऐलान किए गए...

१. इनकम टैक्स 8 साल बाद छूट की सीमा बढ़ी

अब सालाना 7 लाख रुपए तक की कमाई होने पर इनकम टैक्स नहीं देना होगा। यह छूट सिर्फ नई टैक्स रजिमी के तहत मिलेगी। अभी भी इनकम टैक्स रिटर्न भरने के 2 ऑप्शन बने रहेंगे। अभी तक 2-5 लाख रुपए तक की कमाई टैक्स फ्री थी। आखिरी बार 2014&15 बजट में इनकम टैक्स स्लैब में बदलाव किया गया था।

२. क्या सस्ता, क्या महंगा

टीवी सस्ते होंगे। वजह पुर्जों पर कस्टम ड्यूटी 5% से घटाकर 2-5% कर दी गई है। मोबाइल फोन भी सस्ते होंगे, क्योंकि मैन्युफैक्चरिंग के लिए कुछ पार्स पर कस्टम ड्यूटी घटाई गई। हीरो की कीमतें कम होंगी। मैन्युफैक्चरिंग में इस्तेमाल होने वाले सीड पर ड्यूटी कम की गई है। सिगरेट पर टैक्स 16% बढ़ाया गया, ये महंगी होगी। चांदी से बने आइटम्स महंगे होंगे क्योंकि कस्टम ड्यूटी बढ़ाई गई है। बजट के दौरान गंभीर मुद्दों पर ऐलान के बीच मजेदार लम्हा भी आया। सीतारमण स्क्रैप पॉलिसी का जिक्र कर रही थी। इस दौरान वे ओल्ड पॉल्यूटेड व्हीकल को ओल्ड पॉलिटिकल व्हीकल कह गईं। फिर बोली- सॉरी...सॉरी, ओल्ड पॉल्यूटेड व्हीकल्स को हटाएंगे।

३. रोजगार

इस साल फाइनेंस मिनिस्टर ने पूरे बजट में रोजगार या जॉब्स शब्द का इस्तेमाल ही महज 4 बार किया। पीएम कौशल विकास योजना का ही 4-0 वर्जन लॉन्च करने की बात कही। बोली- युवाओं को अंतरराष्ट्रीय स्तर पर नौकरियों के लिए तैयार करने के लिए 30 स्किल इंडिया सेंटर खोले जाएंगे। नेशनल एग्जिटिभिव स्कीम के तहत 47 लाख युवाओं को सपोर्ट देने के लिए 3 साल तक भत्ता दिया जाएगा।

४. किसान

सरकार ने कृषि क्रेडिट कार्ड (KCC) 20 लाख करोड़ बढ़ाने की घोषणा की। यह पिछले साल 18-5 लाख करोड़ रुपए था। इसके अलावा डिजिटल पब्लिक इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर, चर फॉर एग्रीकल्चर से किसानों को खाद बीज से लेकर मार्केट और स्टार्टअप तक की जानकारी मिल सकेगी। एग्रीकल्चर एक्सीलेरेटर फंड के जरिए गांवों में युवाओं को स्टार्टअप शुरू करने का मौका मिलेगा।

५. इंटरनेट-स्टार्टअप

देश के 6 करोड़ से ज्यादा छोटे-मझोले उद्योग हैं और 84 हजार से ज्यादा स्टार्टअप। इनके लिए नई क्रेडिट गारंटी स्कीम 1 अप्रैल 2023 से लागू होगी। इसमें छोटे-मझोले उद्यमों को बिना गारंटी के 2 लाख करोड़ रुपए तक का क्रेडिट दिया जाएगा। पीएम विश्वकर्मा कौशल सम्मान पैकेज लॉन्च किया जाएगा, जिसमें MSME's का प्रोडक्शन बढ़ाने और मार्केट तक पहुंचाने में मदद करेगा।

कुछ और बड़े ऐलान

रेलवे; 2-40 लाख करोड़ रुपए का बजट दिया गया है। 2014 के मुकाबले ये रेल बजट 9 गुना ज्यादा है।

सीनियर सिटीजन; सेविंग्स अकाउंट में रखी जाने वाली रकम की लिमिट 4-5 लाख रुपए से बढ़ाकर 9 लाख रुपए की जाएगी।

महिला; सम्मान बचत पत्र योजना शुरू होगी। इसमें महिलाओं को 2 लाख रुपए की बचत पर सालाना 7-5% ब्याज मिलेगा।

इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर; PM आवास योजना के बजट में 66% बढ़ोतरी हुई है। सेक्टर अब 79 हजार करोड़ रुपए का हो गया है। 2014 से मौजूद 157 मेडिकल कॉलेजों के साथ 157 नए नर्सिंग कॉलेज खोले जाएंगे। 50 नए एयरपोर्ट, हेलिपैड और वाटर एयरो ड्रेन सेंटर्स बनेंगे। सभी शहरों में सीवेज की सफाई मशीनों से की जाएगी।

पण सर्विस इस सर्विस पर चलने वाले ऐप डेवलप करने के लिए इंजीनियरिंग संस्थानों में 100 लैब बनाई जाएंगी। इन लैब्स के जरिए नए अवसर, बिजनेस मॉडल और रोजगार की संभावनाएं बनेंगी।

पर्यावरण; फॉसिल फ्यूल पर निर्भरता कम करने के लिए ग्रीन हाईड्रोडन मिशन। एनर्जी ट्रांजीशन के लिए 35 हजार करोड़। एनवैरोन्मेंट प्रोटेक्शन एक्ट के तहत नया ग्रीन क्रेडिट प्रोग्राम।

Contractionary.

including resources of public enterprise increased a mere 9.6 per cent, well below the 15.4 per cent increase in nominal GDP.

The tax exemption limit has been raised from Rs. 5 to 7 lakh providing some relief to the salaried sections. However, this will be more than offset by inflation and cuts in social sector expenditure making people spend more on essential services including health and education.

This budget continues to impose further at-

tacks on fiscal federalism by squeezing resource transfers to the state governments. The revised estimates for 2022-23 show that these transfers were identical to what was transferred 2021-22 despite an 8.4 per cent inflation rate in 2022-23. Further conditionalities have been imposed on state governments for accessing loans.

The Finance Minister informed that the tax concessions to the rich and the overall tax proposals would lead to a revenue loss of Rs. 35,000 crores

in 2023-24.

In order to provide much required relief to the people and boost domestic demand leading to an economic turnaround the budget should have done the following:

1. Substantially increase public investments in job creating projects.
2. Vastly increase allocations for MGNREGS with higher wage.
3. Restore 5 kg of subsidized food grains along with 5 kg free food grains.
4. Impose a wealth and inheritance tax.

Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters and located in one of the most seismically active parts of the world and several great earthquakes

Port Blair, Jan. 31 : The Andaman & Nicobar Islands are prone to Geological and Hydro-meteorological disasters and located in one of the most seismically active parts of the world and several great earthquakes have occurred in the past.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands runs accurately parallel to the boundary separating the Australian and Eurasian plates in the Indian Ocean that are continuously jostling with each other. These Islands are mostly susceptible to very high intensity of seismicity and as per the seismic zoning

map of India contained in IS 1893 -1984, Islands are classified in seismic Zone - V.

The A&N Administration in coordination with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) will be conducting UT/ State Level Mock Exercise (ME) on Earthquake followed by Tsunami Disaster scenario which will be held in all Districts/ Sub-Divisions/ Tehsils/Islands in this UT on Feb.9, 2023.

For the smooth conduct of the proposed Mock Exercise, an orientation and coordination conference was held today in

virtual mode which was conducted by Maj. Genl. Sudhir Bahl (Retd.), Sr. Consultant, NDMA, MHA, New Delhi and was chaired by Shri A.S.P.S. Ravi Prakash, IAS, Secretary (Disaster Management), A&N Administration on behalf of A&N Administration and also attended by Shri Nitin Shaky, Director (Disaster Management) alongwith other stakeholders viz. A&N Command, INCOIS, Indian Coast Guard (AN), 04th Bn NDRF Arrakkonam, COM BSNL, all Deputy Commissioners and Nodal Officers of all Depart-

5. Withdraw GST on food and essential commodities including medicines. The CPI(M) will organize nationwide protest actions against the anti-people and contractionary content of this budget and seeking the implementation of the above demands from 22nd to 28th February 2023. All sections of the people who are vitally interested in safeguarding people's livelihoods must rise in protest.

ment/ Stakeholders. The Sr. Consultant (NDMA) briefed about conduction & preparation of Mock Exercise at UT & District level and outlined modalities and preparation required for the proposed Mock Exercise. He also discussed on the overall scenarios for the mock exercise, considering the vulnerability of this UT and also evaluated various scenarios/simulation expected in each District/ Islands participating in the Mock Exercise in coordination with the Union Territory Disaster Management Authority (UTDMA).

An awareness programme on Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan

Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was conducted for the students

An awareness programme on Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana was conducted for the students of batch - 2018 of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences. The orientation session was carried out by Shri. R. Vivek, IEC Manager, State Health Agency,

ANI to sensitize the students about the implementation of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. He briefed about the benefits, eligibility criteria and operational aspects of the scheme.

He also addressed the queries raised by the students about the scheme and exhorted the students

to disseminate the information in the community. The use of web portal <https://aapkedwarayushman.pmjay.gov.in> was also explained which can be used by any citizen to see the list of eligible PM-JAY beneficiaries of any geographical area.

Presently, 12,890 families (40,517 members) have registered under the

AB-PMJAY scheme in this UT. The registered beneficiaries are entitled for a cashless treatment worth 5 lakh per family per year against secondary and tertiary hospitalization care at 28,000 empanelled public and private hospitals across the country.

डिजिटल इंडियास बिजनेस और चैरिटेबल ट्रस्ट के लिए डिजिटलॉकर। आर्टिफिशियल इंटेलिजेंस को बढ़ावा देने के लिए बड़े संस्थानों में ३ सेंटर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस बनाए जाएंगे।

बजट से पहले ली राष्ट्रपति मुर्मू की मंजूरी

बजट के सप्तर्षि, वित्त मंत्री ने बताया क्या है सप्तर्षि

वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने बजट के सात आधार बताए। इन्हें सप्तर्षि कहा गया है। १. समावेशी विकास, २. वंचितों को वरीयता, ३. बुनियादी ढांचे और निवेश, ४. क्षमता विस्तार ५. हरित विकास, ६. युवा शक्ति, ७. वित्तीय क्षेत्र।

वित्त मंत्री ने कहा कि अमृत काल का विजन तकनीक संचालित और ज्ञान आधारित अर्थव्यवस्था का निर्माण करना है। इसके लिए सरकारी फंडिंग और वित्तीय क्षेत्र से मदद ली जाएगी। इस श्वजनभागीदारी के लिए श्रबका साथ, सबका प्रयास अनिवार्य है।

सीतारमण के 4 बजट, हर बार कुछ ना कुछ नया

१. 2019 पहला बजटरू ब्रीफकेस बजट की जगह बहीखाता

सीतारमण ने पहले बजट के साथ ही परंपराओं को तोड़ना शुरू किया। 2019 में ब्रीफकेस बजट की जगह लाल कपड़े में बजट दस्तावेज लेकर पहुंची यानी बहीखाता। रिकॉर्ड 2 घंटे 17 मिनट तक भाषण दिया। इससे पहले सबसे लंबी स्पीच जसवंत सिंह ने दी थी। 2003 में ये 2 घंटे 15 मिनट तक बोले थे।

२. 2020 दूसरा बजटरू इतिहास का सबसे लंबा बजट भाषण

सीतारमण ने 2 घंटे 42 मिनट तक भाषण दिया। ये भारतीय इतिहास का सबसे लंबा बजट भाषण था। तबीयत बिगड़ी तो आखिरी दो पन्ने पढ़े ही नहीं। पीठ से कह दिया कि इन दो पन्नों को पढ़ा हुआ मान लिया जाए।

३. 2021 तीसरा बजटरू पहली बार पेपरलेस बजट

सीतारमण लाल रंग के टेबलेट में बजट लेकर पहुंची। इतिहास बना। देश का पहला पेपरलेस बजट पेश किया गया। देश के 3 राज्यों हिमाचल (2015), ओडिशा (2020) और हरियाणा (2020) में पहले ही पेपरलेस बजट पेश किया जा चुका था।

४. 2022 चौथा बजटरू हलवा रसम नहीं हुई, सबसे छोटा बजट भाषण

सीतारमण ने अपना सबसे छोटा बजट भाषण दिया। 1 घंटे 30 मिनट का। कोरोना के चलते प्रिटिंग से पहले होने वाली हलवा सेरमनी भी नहीं हुई। अधिकारियों को मिठाई बांटी गई। हालांकि 2023 के बजट में ये रसम वापस आ गई। सीतारमण ने अधिकारियों को हलवा बांटा। ये लॉक इन प्रॉसेस की शुरुआत होती है। यानी ये अफसर बजट जारी होने तक बाहरी दुनिया से कट जाते हैं। ऐसा गोपनीयता के चलते किया जाता है।

74th Republic Day celebrated at various Child Care Institutions

Port Blair, Jan. 28 : Along with the country, the 74th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence in all the Child Care Institutions of South Andaman on 26th January, 2023. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the Tricolour followed by the National Anthem. Cultural program was presented by the children. Altogether 285 children participated the event.

Further, the ‘National Girl Child Day’ was also celebrated at Bethany Children Home on 24th Jan, 2023. Smti. Ratna Kannan, Member Child Welfare Committee was chief guest while Dr. Nazma Siddiqui, Member, Child Welfare Committee was the guest of honour.



CPI (M) Demands Immediate Posting of Specialist Doctors at GB Pant Hospital/ANIIMS

CPI (M) has demanded to bring Specialist doctors such as Cardiologist, Neurologist, Urologist, Gastroenterologist and Nephrologists to the GB Pant Hospital/ANIIMS by offering higher pay and other facilities to provide better treatment to the islanders. In a letter sent to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri D. Ayyappan, Secretary, CPI (M) A & N State Organising Committee has requested the Chief Secretary to bring a qualified Cardiologist for GB Pant Hospital/ANIIMS, Port Blair so that the lives of hundreds of cardiac patients can be saved and given a new ray of hope for a longer life. Shri Ayyappan told the Chief Secretary that the CPI (M) was forced to bring to his notice certain grave issues relating to the health care delivery in the GB Pant Hospital which is a 500 bedded referral hospital for the whole territory. This Hospital lacks Specialist doctors in Cardiology, Neurology, Gastroenterology, Nephrology, Urology etc. due to which the patients who needed treatments on these categories are being referred to mainland Super Specialty Hospitals. Most of the patients being referred are low income group and below poverty line who cannot afford to spend huge amount in the mainland Hospitals even if they are referred from the Government GB Pant Hospital. A patient and his/her Attendant have to stay in the concerned Hospital for a minimum period of

one month for treatment where besides treatment charge, they need money for boarding, lodging and travelling charge and also to and fro air fares which comes in lakhs. CPI (M) Secretary told the Chief Secretary that people of these islands were expecting that when a Medical College in the territory is established, adequate number of qualified Specialists will be positioned and the treatment problems of the islanders will be solved forever. But the fact remains that even after completion of eight years, the new Medical College Hospital has not started in the new premises, nor were adequate qualified Specialists positioned in the GB Pant Hospital. Reportedly, in many Departments, faculties do not exist. It has been found that those Specialists/Professors brought by the Administration on contract from mainland earlier are reportedly not taking keen interest in continuing in the ANIIMS due to lack of needed support, cooperation and encouragement from the Administration. It has come to the notice of CPI (M) that contract period of a Doctor (Professor/Associate Professor/Asst. Professor/Tutor) is one year and if Administration is satisfied with his/her performance, the contract appointment will be extended for further period. But it is surprised to see that the assurance given to these doctors at the time of appointment is not being fulfilled by

the Administration and, therefore, they are being forced to return to mainland. It is a fact that there are shortages of Post Graduate Doctors on the mainland also and those available are being recruited by Super Specialty Hospitals paying high perks in various States/UTs on the mainland. Despite this, certain doctors are showing interest to come to these islands and join ANIIMS when advertisements are published in national dailies and websites of ANIIMS ignoring their personal difficulties. Shri Ayyappan suggested that such being the position, when these doctors take keen interest to serve in our Hospital, it is for the Administration to take utmost interest to retain them in ANIIMS at least for a period of five years by giving moral support, cooperation and encouragement and also paying higher rate of salary and allowances as they are the most experienced doctors who can teach our medical students better and also treat patients in the Hospital. Shri Ayyappan further drew the attention of the Chief Secretary that an Island youth namely Dr. Srikant who is MD, DM and was earlier working in the AIIMS, New Delhi as Cardiologist had volunteered to come and serve the Islands leaving his prestigious job in Delhi. A year ago, he has been appointed by the ANIIMS as Cardiologist on contract basis and was made in-charge of the Cardiology Department of the GB Pant

Hospital. After joining the GB Pant Hospital, Dr. Srikant made extensive progress and improvement of the Cardiology Department including ICU, handling all the Cardio cases, better diagnosis of the cases, fixation of Pace Maker and other highly skilled treatments and people of these islands were very much happy with his services. Due to his efforts, a Cath Lab in the GB Pant Hospital was set up by the A & N Administration for the improved treatment of Cardio cases. He was single handedly handling all the cases and even the required Technician for newly established Cath Lab was not provided. The said Cardiologist (on contract) has resigned from his post and proceeded to mainland as reportedly his contract has not been further extended by the Andaman and Nicobar Administration, putting a large number of heart patients and others into mental agony and hardship. But at the same time, the Administration failed to recruit and position qualified Technician and other staff to operate the Cath Lab as a result of which the Cath Lab is not functioning at present. It is regrettable that despite his excellent performance, the Administration failed to keep the said Cardiologist at the ANIIMS, Port Blair and now the patients having cardiac problems are suffering because of the lackadaisical attitude of the concerned authorities in the Administration.

13 players from Isles participating in 11th National School Chess C’ship at Hosur

Port Blair, Jan. 28 The 11th National School Chess Championship 2023 got underway at Hosur, Tamil Nadu yesterday. The championship is being held for school children under various category viz. U- 07, U-09, U-11, U-13, U-15 & U-17 Boys& Girls for five days from 27.01.2023 to 31.01.2023 over 9 rounds in classical mode. More than 1500

players from various schools across India are participating in the prestigious event in which 13 players from different schools of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are participating in different age groups viz. R Kashthuri Bhai of GDMS in under 17 Girls, Chittiboina Mageswari of GMSSS in under-13 Girls, Krishnapriya Rajesh of Sagri-

tara School in under-09 Girls and D Charvi of VKV Lamba Line in Under-07 Girls. Similarly, in boys category, A Chirag Kumar of Naval Children School in under-15 Open, P 13 players from Isles participating in 11th National School Chess C’ship at Hosur Midhun Vettaiyaar, Galav Shah of Carmel Sr. Sec. School and R Tejass of Sagritara School in Under -13

Open, J S Virat, M Tanish of VKV Lamba Line & A Sharad of Sagritara School in under -11 Open, Pranjal Sana of KV 1 in under- 9 and P Joshit of St. Mary’s School Mohanpura in under -07 are participating, a press release from ANCA said.



CORRIGENDUM

This is brought to the knowledge of all concerned that the Committee for recruitment to the post of “Regular Mazdoors” Group ‘C’ in Silviculture Division, Department of Environment and Forests A&N Islands, may be read as Divisional Promotion Committee (DPC) / Selection Committee instead of Divisional Screening Committee (DSC).

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Chairman
Divisional Promotion Committee / Selection Committee
Silviculture Division

SEVA SUCHNAYEIN
all the sailings are subject to WEATHER CONDITIONS

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Nancowry via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teresa & Katchal on 02.02.2023 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.02.2023 (Sun) at 0500 Hrs from Nancowry via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 31.01.2023 (Tue) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Chowra, Teresa & Nancowry on 05.02.2023 (Sun) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry, Teresa, Chowra & Little Andaman. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from (Fri) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.
LITTLE ANDAMAN:
MV Campbell Bay will now sail for Little Andaman in place of Nalanda on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.02.2023 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Little Andaman. Passengers those who are holding the tickets of Nalanda are advised to avail the sailing of MV Campbell Bay with the same ticket.
Nalanda will sail for Little Andaman on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.
FORESHORE SECTOR:
Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels will be issued to the general public at STARS Ticketing Counters two days prior to her scheduled departure date.
31.01.2023 (TUE)
SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Rangat will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 31.01.2023 (Tue) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 01.02.2023 (Wed) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
01.02.2023 (WED)
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RANGAT
MV Rangat will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island & Long Island on (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 02.02.2023 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
02.02.2023 (THU)
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03.02.2023 (FRI)
SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 03.02.2023 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 03.02.2023 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 03.02.2023 (Fri) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 03.02.2023 (Fri) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
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RANGAT
MV Baratang will sail for Rangat via Swaraj Dweep & Long Island on 03.02.2023 (Fri) at 0615 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
04.02.2023 (SAT)
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MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Rangat will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Rangat will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 04.02.2023 (Sat) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 05.02.2023 (Sun) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
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06.02.2023 (MON)
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MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 06.02.2023 (Mon) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
07.02.2023 (TUE)
SHAHEED DWEEP & SWARAJ DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Baratang will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep. MV Chouldari will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep Jetty and will sail back to Shaheed Dweep on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep. MV Rangat will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 07.02.2023 (Tue) at 1700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail back to Port Blair on 08.02.2023 (Wed) at 0600 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
Deputy Director (SS)
A & N Admn.

Beating Retreat marks culmination of Republic Day celebration in Isles**Hon'ble Lt. Governor felicitates Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team led by Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon**

Port Blair, Jan.29 : Impressive performances by bands of Navy, A&N Police, Colourful cultural programme, illumination of ships and spectacular fire power display formed part of the Beating Retreat ceremony that marked the grand finale of the Republic Day celebration-2023 at the historic Netaji Stadium here this evening. Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice

Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) was the chief guest. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, DGP, Shri Neeraj Thakur, IPS, Senior Officers from Defence & Civil Administration and good number of general public witnessed the performance. The Lt. Governor also felicitated the Surya

Kiran Aerobatic Team led by Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon by presenting memento for their outstanding air display. Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon also presented a memento to the Lt. Governor.

The ceremony set out with the bands of, Navy and A & N Police including women Police Pipe Band, marching in unison, playing popular marching tunes, followed by performing of various

marking movement, to form beautiful formations. This was followed by the lowering of the National Flag.

A combined colourful and mesmerizing cultural programme was presented by school students of GSSS Model, Bhatubasti & Nirmala on patriotic theme drew loud applause from the audience present in the Stadium.

As part of the Beat-

ing Retreat, Naval ships at the anchorage fired very's pistol and the fireworks illuminated the sky in front of the Stadium. This was followed by illumination of ships anchored between Marina Complex and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep. The Beating Retreat ceremony concluded with National Anthem.

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The budget brought by the Modi government-2023 is a budget that lays a strong foundation for Amritkal: HM

New Delhi, Feb. 1(PIB)

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In a series of tweets, Shri Amit Shah said that the Budget-2023 brought by the Government will lay a strong foundation for Amritkal. I am confident that, taking every section along, this all-inclusive and visionary budget will give further impetus to the resolve of the Government to make a self-reliant India. I

Congratulate the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman for this.

Union Home Minister said that the target of increasing the capital expenditure by 33% to Rs 10 lakh crore and keeping the fiscal deficit at 5.9% is laudable. This reflects the foresight of the Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to build a New India with strong infrastructure and a strong economy.

Shri Amit Shah also thanked the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for giving huge tax relief to the middle and sala-

ried class. The increase in tax rebate from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 7 lakh and the unprecedented change in tax slabs will provide a lot of relief to the middle class. Along with this, I also welcome the relief given to the Government employees.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation said that the foundation of the bright future of any country is its educated and skilled young generation. I heartily welcome the decision to set up a National Digital Library to provide quality books to the youth. This scheme will solve children's problems which they faced during

the Corona period.

Shri Amit Shah said that agriculture credit it has been increased to Rs 20 lakh crore in this budget. Agriculture Accelerator Fund will be created to encourage agri-startups by young entrepreneurs. Along with this, for the next 3 years one crore farmers will be helped to do natural farming and 10,000 Bio Input resource centers will be set up.

The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation also said that a budget provision of Rs 2.4 lakh crore has been made for the Railways, which will help in connecting remote

areas. Along with this, the decision to revive 50 airports, heliports, advanced landing grounds in the country will increase regional air connectivity, which will give a boost to tourism.

Shri Amit Shah said that in this budget, it has been decided to start the PM Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman Yojana to make the country's traditional artisans and craftsmen self-reliant. This decision will make a big difference in the lives of Vishwakarma community by enabling them to enhance the quality and market reach of their products.

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the "World Wetlands Day" is being observed on 2nd February, 2023 in these Islands with rest of the country and world on the theme "Wetlands Restoration". The 2nd February, 1971 saw the world coming together to pledge its support towards saving one of the most productive ecosystems - the Wetlands, at the Ramsar Convention held at Ramsar, Iran. The UN General Assembly on 30th August, 2021 adopted Resolution that established 2nd February as World Wetlands Day and is observed with great commitment across the world annually.

The wetlands include freshwater, marine and coastal ecosystems. Though it covers about 6 percent of all plant and animal species which live and breed in wetlands, it plays a critical role in ensuring welfare of the people and associated livelihood options. Wetland biodiversity assumes greater significance in an Island ecosystem like ours, where we depend on it for food, navigation and tourism activities.

As per reports, wetlands are disappearing at an alarming rate and this needs concerted action to revive and restore its functions. Therefore, on this occasion, I appeal to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands to join hands and take all possible measures for "Reviving and Restoring Wetlands" of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

(Admiral DK Joshi)
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lt. Governor, A&N Islands
&
Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

RAISING DAY OF INDIAN COAST GUARD

On the occasion of 47th Raising Day of Indian Coast Guard, it gives me immense pleasure to extend greetings and felicitations to all personnel and families of Coast Guard fraternity.

Over the years, the Indian Coast Guard has evolved into a strong maritime force and emerged as an all-weather friend for local populace of these pristine Islands. The timely response of Indian Coast Guard to various distress alerts at sea has made the Isles more safe and secure for various economic activities and thereby, establishing a unique bond with the citizens of A&N Islands.

The Indian Coast Guard is a force multiplier for safety & security of A&N Islands, furthering our anti-poaching and remote Island surveillance efforts. The Indian Coast Guard in Andaman and Nicobar has undertaken Joint Coastal Patrol Sorties with Police and Forest personnel. Besides this, the noble gesture of community interaction programme by the Indian Coast Guard has made qualitative changes in the perception of fishermen towards safety of life at sea.

I once again extend my greetings to all Officers & personnel of Indian Coast Guard and wish them success for all future endeavours.

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Member of Parliament attends 42nd Annual Athletic Meet 2022-2023 of Ananda Marga School, Junglighat and inaugurates Science Lab The 42nd Annual Athletic Meet 2022-2023 of Ananda Marga School was organised on 25 January 2023 at the school

ground, in which the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma was the Chief Guest of the closing Ceremony. The Member of Parliament in his speech urged all the students to devote time for physical sports

activities, to sharpen mind, enhance focus on studies and develop sportsmanship as well as leadership qualities. The Member of Parliament later inaugurated the science lab of the school.

SERIES OF PROGS. ORGANIZED BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPTT. TO MARK NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY CELE-

Port Blair, Jan. 28 : National Girl Child Day entails a huge significance in promoting and creating awareness on the rights of girls. This day is celebrated to raise awareness in the society about the gender based discrimination. The Department of Social Welfare is committed towards the welfare of girl child and in order to promote awareness about rights of girl children, a series of programmes were organized from Jan 18 to 24 at Balika Niketan, Attam Pahad. Resource persons from Health

Department, AYUSH and Employment Exchange interacted with the children and sensitized them on issues like menstrual hygiene, nutrition, prevention of drug abuse, yoga & healthy living, Child Rights, POCSO Act besides workshop on career counseling & vocational guidance. Health-camp and various indoor-games were also organized for the girls of Balika Niketan in which they enthusiastically participated.

The weeklong celebration culminated on Jan.24 on the

occasion of National Girl Child Day with colourful cultural programmes presented by the inmates of Balika Niketan. The Director (SW), Smti Iti Agarwal who was the chief guest motivated the children to work hard and build up their confidence by following the righteous path and showcase their talent in their respective field of interest. Prizes were also distributed to the winners of various competitions, a press release from Directorate of Social Welfare said.

