

REVERBERATION

Editor: Mohd. Raffi

E-Mail: reverberation.ani@gmail.com

Sub-Editor: M.Wasim Imran

26.09.2022

RNI Regn. No. ANDENG/2015/67933

Weekly (English)

Rs. 3

Port Blair

Monday

Vol-VIII

Issue No. 39

06 page

A weekly echoing the mood of the people, comes to you on every Monday

Chief Secretary on visit to Swaraj Dweep Holds meeting with Public Representative & Heads of Office; directs to promptly resolve genuine grievances highlighted by PRIs



Port Blair, Sep 25:

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS arrived here this morning on a one-day visit to Swaraj Dweep. Upon arrival, he was accorded a warm welcome at Swaraj Dweep Helipad by the Heads of Department, Pradhan, Govind Nagar, Shri Ajit Kumar Roy, Pradhan, Shyamnagar, Shri Alok Mirdha, Zilla Parishad Member, Shri

contd. page-3

Mid-Year refit review and Mid-Year Infrastructure & Indigestion review conferences held at NSRY, Port Blair



Port Blair, Sep 22:

Indian Navy's Mid-Year Refit Review (MYRR) and Mid -Year Infrastructure and Indigenisation Review (MYIIR) of 2022 for Eastern Naval Command and Andaman & Nicobar Command was inaugurated by Lt Gen Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief Andaman and Nicobar Command on 21 Sep 22 at Naval Ship Repair Yard, Port

Blair. The review chaired by Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, AVSM, VSM, Chief of Material, was attended by representatives of Naval Headquarters, Eastern Naval Command, HQ ANC, Repair yards, Material Organizations, Naval Trials and Acceptance Authority (NATAA) and Indian Navy Ship Maintenance Authority (INSMA).

In consonance with Efficient Refit Management phi-

losophy of IN, discussions were focused on improving the refit processes of ships. The Chief of Material in his keynote address emphasized the need for embracing contemporary technologies while adhering to good engineering practices whilst implementing measures to reduce refit timelines.

The MYRR & MYIIR concluded on 22 Dec 22 with *contd. page-5*

DISHA meeting of S/A District held under the chairmanship of MP



Port Blair, Sep 26:

The District Level Development, Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting of South Andaman District was held under the Chairmanship of

Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament in the presence of Smti. Pramila Kumari, Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad South Andaman, Smti. U

contd. page-6

PBGKR,CGWWA distribute Ration Kits to Single Mothers



Port Blair, Sep 25:

In a small event Port Blair Guru Ki Rasoi with Coast Guard Wives Welfare Association (Tatrakshika) distributed Health & Ration kits to 15 Single Mothers.

Mrs Anju Sharma, President Tatrakshika along with Mrs Jyoti Khariyal, Outreach Coordinator, Tatrakshika took an initiative to help single mother of the islands and contacted Mr Mandeep

Grewal, President, PBGKR. All single mothers were handed over a month long Ration along with Health drinks and other items.

Mr Grewal thanked Mrs Anju Sharma, President, Tatrakshika for taking a noble initiative and to think about the islanders and also briefed her the details about how hard had the pandemic had hit the islanders.



EDITORIAL

End Kerala rhetoric, get on with jobs

That Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan is angry with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, and his LDF government is an understatement. He is absolutely livid and makes it clear at every opportunity—pouring his sense of outrage into the sympathetic ears of the media almost every day. With Vijayan too deciding to reply in kind, the exchange has breached the boundaries of a civil debate.

In what could lead to a constitutional crisis, the Governor has declared he will not sign two bills recently passed by the Kerala assembly. One pertains to changes made in rules for appointing vice-chancellors in state universities, and the other is intended to alter the Lok Ayukta Act. Khan contends that the University Laws (Amendment) Bill is aimed at curbing his powers as chancellor and enabling the government to have a decisive say in the selection of VCs, thus compromising the autonomy of universities. His objection to the Lok Ayukta (Amendment) Bill is that it would enable a public servant accused of illegal actions to be “a judge in his own cause”.

His outbursts indicate Khan has many bones to pick with the government and is repeatedly raking up a 2019 incident to attribute direct and indirect roles to the government and chief minister in what he considers was an attempt to intimidate him and cause physical harm. The said incident occurred during the Indian History Congress at Kannur University, where he was involved in a skirmish with historian Irfan Habib. The governor certainly has a duty to point out illegalities and lapses in the state government's actions. But, as a representative of the Centre, the governor is also expected to facilitate the smooth functioning of the democratic system, not stall it.

When a bill passed by the assembly is presented, the governor has four options—clear it immediately, temporarily withhold, reserve it for the consideration of the President or return without signing. The only option before the government if the governor does not exercise any of the options is to approach the judiciary. That is a situation both the government and governor will do well to avoid. Both must also tone down the rhetoric, which is as pointless as it is acerbic. The current standoff doesn't augur well for democracy. The governor must perform his duty and let the government carry on with its.

Indian Coast Guard Conducts Maritime Search and Rescue Workshop

Port Blair, Sep 22:

Indian Coast Guard under the aegis of HQ Andaman and Nicobar Command conducted a Maritime Search and Rescue (M-SAR) Workshop for the various stake holders on 21 Sep 22. Deputy Inspector General P Pradeep Kumar, Chief Staff Officer (Operation), CGRHQ (A&N) inaugurated the workshop which saw active participation by multiple organisations, including Department of Fisheries, DSS, INCOIS, CISF, MMD, Disaster Management, Forest, IMD and Health Department.

The workshop was aimed at ‘Providing Efficient SAR Services through Effec-



tive Cooperation’ and thus was structured to enhance collaborative approach and collective resolve in ensuring ‘Safer and Secure Seas’. All participants actively contributed during the conduct of the event. There was common consensus that such regular interactions would

serve to enhance inter-agency cooperation and pave the way for confidence building between the stake holders. The workshop was immensely beneficial for both M-SAR service providers as well as the maritime industry.

Ayushman Bharat Diwas Isles beneficiaries shared experience and thanked Prime Minister & Administration for the scheme



Port Blair, Sep 25:

Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is a flagship scheme of the Government of India, launched on 23rd September 2018, and is the world's largest health assurance programme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI.

To mark the occasion of completion of 4 years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat PMJAY, the State Health Agency, A&N Islands observed Ayushman Diwas at the lecture Hall of ANIIMS, Port Blair today. Shri Arjun Sharma, IAS Secretary (Health)-cum-CEO, State Health Agency was the chief guest on the occasion. The

event was also attended by Director, Health Services, Director (ANIIMS), Sr. Vice Chairperson PBMC among others.

Dr. P. Lal, Nodal Officer AB-PMJAY briefed the gathering about the various aspects of the scheme and the progress made in the implementation of the scheme in these Islands.

Two beneficiaries from the Islands who had undergone cashless treatment at mainland under the scheme shared their experiences and thanked the Administration and Prime Minister for the scheme.

Later in the evening, in a virtual event, the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, interacted with beneficiaries across the country. During the event, the Hon'ble Minister also interacted with one of the beneficiaries from the Islands who had undergone cashless treatment for Brain Tumor under the scheme at a Private Hospital in Chennai. The beneficiary thanked the Prime Minister for the benefits availed under the scheme.

DCPU organised an outing for specially abled children of Divyang Home

Port Blair, Sep 24:

District Child Protection Unit, South Andaman organised an outdoor picnic for specially abled children of Divyang Home, Ferrargunj on 23rd Sept, 2022 at Colinpur.

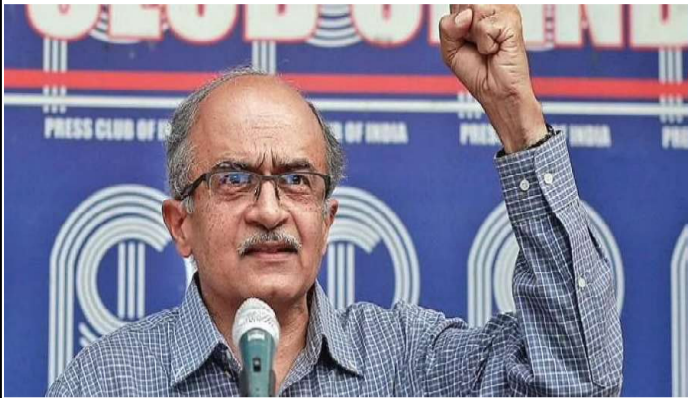
During the outing, children were most excited as they laughed and had a great time with the same enthusiasm throughout the picnic and enjoyed the ambience of nature by playing together, dancing, singing etc. The Event pro-

vided an ample opportunity to the children to take a break from their routine schedules and have a leisure time that would help them to enhance their physical and mental steadiness.

The District Administration, South Andaman is regularly organizing such events to ensure the holistic development of children and also ensuring that the right to Development of all children is preserved.



Big question mark over Election Commission's fairness in last few years: Prashant Bhushan



PTI, NAGPUR, Sep 25:

Activist-lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Sunday said the fairness of the Election Commission of India (ECI) has come under cloud in the last few years.

He accused the ECI of keeping mum when big leaders from the ruling party violate the poll code, while acting swiftly against the opposition parties in such cases, and also claimed that the schedule of elections is made keeping in mind the convenience of the government.

Bhushan alleged that the independence of the judiciary is under threat and those speaking against the government face sedition and other serious charges, and they are not able to get bail for years.

He was speaking on the topic 'Challenges before Democracy' during a programme organised here by 'Deshonnati', a Marathi daily.

"After T N Seshan became the chief election commissioner, for many years we could see that the Election Commission was very fair and impartial. But in the last six to seven years, a big question mark has arisen on its fairness," he said.

The Election Commission takes action if the Model code of conduct is violated by the opposition parties. But it keeps quiet when big leaders from the ruling party violate it. We have been witnessing this for a very long time, he alleged.

The election dates are prepared as per the convenience of the government, he said.

"Earlier, even the government did not know what dates will be decided by the EC for elections. But now, it is being witnessed that representatives of the ruling party even before the formal announcement tell what the polling dates are and the same dates are later announced by the EC," he said.

"The reason for the EC not being fair anymore. The problem with this has always been the selection in the poll watchdog is done by the government and there is no independent selection committee. And now, what the government is doing is that it is selecting people mostly from Gujarat and they are those who will do what the government will ask them to do. This also is an issue before democracy," he said.

Bhushan also alleged that there was a lack of independence in all regulatory institutions, and termed it as one of the biggest problems. He said the judiciary was formed to protect the fundamental rights of people and to keep the legislature and the executive within limits.

"But now we are seeing that this is not happening. Those speaking against the government are facing sedition and sometimes false cases under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. They are not able to get bail for years and this is being done blatantly. Our judiciary is not able to act against it. Hence, the independence of the judiciary is also under threat," he said.

"Media is also being controlled by the government. The police agencies are also being used for political use. The selection of some agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Income Tax department is completely in the hands of the government, which has put democracy in real danger," he alleged.

On the electronic voting machines (EVMs), he said that

although there was no significant manipulation in EVMs at present, in the coming times it cannot be ruled out.

"There is a possibility of manipulation and I feel EVMs are very dangerous. Paper ballots should return and they have returned in most of the countries," he said.

In order to tackle these challenges, a number of reforms can be brought by introducing Initiatives and Referendum law, Pre-legislative Transparency and Consultation law, he said, adding that parliamentary committees should be revived.

Since the opposition has become weak now, these reforms cannot be done by it alone and hence people need to raise their voices now. They can raise voices against unfair practices like which was done for the Lokpal Bill.

People can launch big agitations on issues like unemployment and privatisation of public sector units, which will also strengthen the opposition, he said.

Replying to a query by PTI on the sidelines of the programme about why the Supreme Court was not taking up the issue of electoral bonds on a priority basis, Bhushan said the government was not interested in the issue and probably they were stalling it.

"However, with the new Chief Justice of India at the helm, the matter will be heard," he said.

Bhushan has filed a PIL challenging laws permitting funding of political parties through the electoral bond scheme.

When asked whether the opposition parties would be able to put up a united fight against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the next elections, he said he was not sure whether united opposition would be a good idea or not.

"But, in any case, civil society needs to play a major role to any major political change is to be brought in the country," he said.

Mid-Year refit..... from page-2

detailed discussions on transforming maintenance policies to keep Naval Ships combat ready, augmenting infrastructure to meet growing requirements of the Navy and maximizing efforts towards indigenization to reduce dependency on foreign manufacturers /OEMs.

Over 5,000 militants nabbed in Assam since 2011, only 1 convicted: Official records



PTI, GUWAHATI, Sep 25:

A total of 5,202 militants have been arrested in the last 12 years from various parts of Assam, but only one of them has been convicted so far, according to official records.

Only about half of those arrested have been charge-sheeted so far.

Experts said investigators and the legal system "are at fault", resulting in an inordinate delay at multiple stages of the justice delivery system.

The Assam Police arrested 5,202 cadres of ULFA and other extremist groups, comprising people from the Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Karbi, Adivasi, and Muslim communities, from 2011 to September 4 this year, the official documents stated.

A total of 2,606 persons have been charge-sheeted in connection with the cases to date and "most of the cases are under trial and one person has been convicted", it said.

The conviction of the lone militant took place in the Lakhimpur district in 2012.

No other militant has been convicted since then.

Of the arrested people, the highest 2,392 number was from militant groups formed by Bodo people, followed by 1,468 from ULFA and 582 from Karbi groups.

Police also arrested 346 people from Adivasi groups, followed by 178 from Garo, 155 from Muslim, and 81 from Rabha communities.

Gauhati High Court Advocate Santanu Borthakur told PTI that the delay in the conviction of an accused takes place at multiple stages and it is also done "deliberately at times".

"Until we know the dates of arrest and the filing of the charge sheet, it is difficult to know where exactly the delay is taking place. At times, the investigators delay the probe purposively because many militants get political patronage and eventually become political personalities," he added.

When the charge sheet is filed after a prolonged period, witnesses cannot be found on several occasions for giving evidence in court.

Some witnesses do not appear even if they get notice after a long time, Borthakur said. "There is a delay in our criminal justice system. ... Many a time, the witnesses turn hostile and cannot be found," he said.

Another Gauhati High Court Advocate Rakhee Sirauthia Chowdhury said that the fault lies with both the police and the legal system.

"The investigators do not probe the cases and keep it lying for years. On the other hand, a trial goes on for a long time due to various reasons," she added.

Chowdhury said that in the case of militants, the investigation often loses focus because several people start questioning the violation of human rights of the accused.

"That he or she is a criminal, killed many people, and waged war against the nation — these facts get diluted under the cover of allegations of human rights violation in police custody. And this leads to delay in investigation," she added.

Senior Advocate Angshuman Bora told PTI that in most cases involving militants, the witnesses do not come to the court to record their testimony.

"In a particular case where three or four militants are involved and only one is present and rest are absconders, then also it gets delayed," he added.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on September 12 said that a total of 1,561 youth from Assam joined extremist organisations since the BJP-led government took charge in 2016.

During the same period, 7,935 militants have returned to the mainstream, he had said in the Assam Assembly.

All industries/units urged to obtain CTE prior to establishment of any industry & CTO after establishment of unit from ANPCC

Port Blair, Sep 25:

In compliance of Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, no person shall, without the previous consent of the State Board, establish or take any steps to establish any industry, operation or process, or any treatment and disposal system or an extension or addition thereto, which is likely to discharge sewage or trade effluent into a stream or well or sewer or on land. Similarly, as per the Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, subject to provisions of this section, no person shall, without the previous consent of the State Board, establish or operate any industrial plant in an air pollution control area.

It is the responsibility of the industrial unit to obtain

Consent to Establish (CTE) from Andaman & Nicobar Pollution Control Committee (ANPCC) before establishment of the industry and also to obtain Consent to Operate (CTO) after establishment of unit. Non-compliance of this is the violation of the provisions made under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

It has come to the notice of ANPCC that many of industrial units including hollow blocks manufacturing unit, have been established without obtaining CTE and also started operating without CTO under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981, which is a violation of the aforesaid rules.

Therefore, it is informed to all the stakeholders and general public that it is statutory responsibility of all the industries or units to obtain CTE prior to establishment of any industry & CTO after establishment in Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The industrial unit/entrepreneur shall apply for CTE & CTO using the URL: www.anocmms.nic.in for the fulfillment of requirement made under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986.

Any industrial unit which are operating the activity without obtaining CTE and CTO from ANPCC are liable for taking strict action against the industrial units/firms as the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act 1986.



An unfortunate tragedy at Anna Nagar village under Hope Town Gram Panchayat was reported on 31st August 2022 wherein two brothers Bobby Tamang (15) & Bishal Bahadur Tamang (12) drowned by falling in a ditch at Hope Town village under Ferrargunj Tehsil in South Andaman District.

Taking proactive steps to provide immediate ex-gratia relief/financial assistance to the next of kin of the deceased persons, the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS along with Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Shri Dilkhush Meena, IAS handed over the financial benefits of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only) to Shri Kul Bahadur Tamang, father of deceased children in terms of the norms of assistance from the scheme A & N Island Scheme for providing financial assistance to victims of accidents (who are not covered under the prevailing NDRF/SDRF norms approved by the Government of India).

Prize distribution ceremony for winners of various activities organized by GP Hope Town held



Port Blair, Sep 23:

With the aim of promoting art & culture in villages, various activities such as fancy dress, rangoli, cultural dance and wall paintings competitions were organized by the Gram Panchayat Hope Town on Sept. 16. To felicitate the participants, a prize distribution ceremony was held at Panchayat Bhavan premises at Hope Town today. The chief guest, Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Secretary (Art & Culture), A & N Administration and guest of honor, Shri Prateek Yadav, Director (Art & Culture) A&N Administration gave away the prizes to winners of various competitions.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest appreciated the students and women for their wonderful performances and assured the gathering that the Department will provide all support to promote art and culture in the area.

In his address, the Director (Art & Culture) encouraged the participants and appreciated the efforts of Gram Panchayat Hope Town.

Smti Padmawathi, Pramukh, Panchayat Samity Ferrargunj, Miss. V. K. Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member, Hope Town, Smti Sobha, Principal, Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Bambooflat, Shri Suman Tamang, Senior Plant

Manager, LPG Bottling Plant (IOC) Chunna Batta, Smti Rashida Bibi, Pradhan, GP Hope Town, Shri B. Laxmi Narayan, PSM, Hope Town, PRIs Member of GP Hope Town and Teachers of GSSS Bambooflat, Govt. P/School, Chunna Batta & Hope Town and a large number of villagers, students, youth and children were present on the occasion.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, Miss V. K. Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member informed about the various activities conducted by Gram Panchayat Hopenown to promote art and culture in the village. The vote of thanks was proposed by Smti. Rashida Bibi, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Hope Town.

Hands-free greetings



PRESS RELEASE

Shri Vishal Jolly National Executive Member BJP & Former State President BJP – ANI demanded for granting two (2) years age relaxation for all Group-B non-gazetted posts for which the recruitment through direct recruitment would be held, especially for the posts of Junior Engineers under Andaman Public Works Department in a letter addressed to Hon'ble Lt. Governor, ANI & Chief Secretary, A & N Administration.

In his letter Shri Jolly highlight the plight of the inspiring eligible candidates for all Group –B non-gazetted posts under the A & N Administration for which the direct recruitment is scheduled to be held within the end of 2023. There are a large number of eligible candidates who were waiting since a considerable time for the recruitment process to start have now unfortunately been debarred to participate in the process. They are certainly are likely to face immense hardship and would suffer irreparable loss & damages which cannot be compensated in future in any manner whatsoever. It may also be kept in mind that the every category of eligible candidates suffered equally due to the pandemic, but granting relaxation to merely one-category candidates is not reasonable in my view. Further he stressed that a yardstick cannot be set for only one category of posts as the pandemic has badly affected everyone equally. It is pertinent to mention here that the Government of Tripura, Meghalaya, Odisha & Rajasthan & several other states & UTs have extended this benefit to recruit all categories of posts.

He requested to grant two (2) years age relaxation for all Group-B non-gazetted posts for which the recruitment through direct recruitment would be held for next 1.5 years under targeted mission mode and positively consider the age relaxation for all the post of Junior Engineers under Andaman Public Works Department, the last date of submission of filled in applications for the direct recruitment of which is fixed on 30th of September, 2022.

Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Committee Member, BJP has thanked & expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, as well as all other officials involved in the process for considering the request to grant adequate compensation to the father of two deceased children of the same family, who recently lost their lives in the same incident of drowning at Hope Town, South Andaman.

MP met with Secretary Education on four crucial demands.

Port Blair, Sep 25: The Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma on Friday met the Secretary Education and placed four crucial demands in front of her related to the welfare of Students.

The Member of Parliament demanded starting a second shift in JNRM, from the 2022-2023 session, so that the maximum number of students can get admission in degree programmes and study in their dream subjects in these Islands for their better future.

He pointed out that while many students can afford education in mainland colleges, most of the students of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, especially those who hail from remote villages of North and Middle Andaman as well as Nicobar District can't afford education in mainland colleges but they are very eager to get higher education.

In his second demand the

Member of Parliament requested the Secretary of Education to start two new bus routes, exclusively for girl students. One from Chatham Jetty to JNRM to ANCOL and vice versa and second from Garacharma to ANCOL to JNRM and vice versa.

In his third demand the Member of Parliament requested to open more playgrounds for children and youths of Andaman and Nicobar Island under Khelo India initiative, so that children and youths can remain mentally and physically fit.

The Member of Parliament also demanded to start an exclusive boarding school for Children With Special Needs (CWSN) so that they can get special care and proper education from expert educators of CWSN children.

He also requested the Secretary of Education to fill up four posts of Assistant Director (sports) which are lying vacant, through deputation.

Chief Secretary on visit to.....

from page 1

Apurba Roy and PRI members. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Secretary (IP&T), Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, Secretary-cum-Director (Transport), Shri Vishwendra, were also present.

Soon after arrival, the Chief Secretary visited the harbor area at Govind Nagar -1 and reviewed the development works for construction of new Sea Port Terminal Building being undertaken by ALHW. Expressing displeasure over the delay in work progress, which is causing inconvenience to the tourists and visitors, the Chief Secretary directed the concerned officials to expedite the work and ensure its timely completion. Noticing the inconvenience faced by tourists at the entry point to Swaraj Dweep, the Chief Secretary directed that as interim measure, to facilitate the tourists, a holding area with proper shed may be created with pre-paid taxi booth, so that tourists can avail the taxi right at the entry point. The Chief Secretary also inspected the Fish Landing Centre at the Jetty and directed the concerned officials to ensure proper upkeep of the facility and its efficient utilization in a time bound manner.

Thereafter, the Chief Secretary visited Elephanta Beach which is famous for water sports activities. During the visit, he inspected the facilities available there for tourists such as wash-room, changing room, water etc. and urged for its upkeep, keeping in mind the fragile marine environment. He also interacted with the SHG members selling eatables and fruits to the visiting tourists and suggested them to aesthetically set up the stall which will create a beautiful ambience. The ex President, Havelock Tourist Boat Operator Association, Shri Prashant Guchhait briefed the Chief Secretary about various water sports activities being conducted there and requested for regulation of activities at the beach. The Chief Secretary directed the officers



concerned to make proper regulatory guidelines immediately.

Later, the Chief Secretary inspected the Power Station at Govind Nagar 2 and Community Wellness Centre (CWC) at Govind Nagar-3 and inspected the facilities and enquired about the problems. The CMO, (i/c) of CWC, Dr. C. Sabeela Banu briefed the Chief Secretary about the new phase of the building which has been completed while the furnishing of medical equipment is under process. Further, the Chief Secretary directed to make operational the Dialysis Unit as soon as possible, for which the equipments have already arrived. The Chief Secretary also inspected Krishna nallah water source at Krishna Nagar-6 where water has been overflowing and directed APWD to ensure that water wastage is contained and the issue should be rectified at the earliest for its proper usage for public.

In the afternoon, the Chief Secretary held a meeting with the PRIs at Dolphin Resort Conference hall during which he enquired about the issues and challenges faced by the local inhabitants. He patiently heard the PRI members and assured to resolve their grievances as early as possible. Sector wise issues pertaining to road, electricity, water, school, health, tourism, forests & revenue matter were highlighted by the public representatives. Upon this, the Chief Secretary assured that genuine grievances which require immediate

redressal will be looked into and the concerned officials were directed to ensure its speedy redressal for the convenience of the people. The Chief Secretary remarked that Swaraj Dweep is a flagship destination and role of aesthetics is vital for development of the Island to make it an attractive tourist destination. He suggested that in future, the architecture of the place should reflect the aesthetic beauty of the place, with more emphasis on eco friendly construction materials. As the upcoming international airport in Port Blair is poised to witness the arrival of international tourists to the Island, the role of built architecture and aesthetics became more important. He stressed that along with promotion of sustainable tourism, the aesthetic look of the place and its proper maintenance is important to attract more visitors.

In the evening, the Chief Secretary visited the famous Radhanagar Beach, a Blue Flag Certified Beach which has become one of the most sought after beaches among visitors. He also enquired about the facilities available there for tourists and suggested that stalls selling wares at the entry point to the beach may be aesthetically set up. The Chief Secretary also appreciated the beauty of the beach and its maintenance. He also witnessed the mesmerizing sunset at the beach.

Classical Dance workshop on Mohiniyattam



Port Blair, Sep 24:

To celebrate the rich cultural heritage of India, the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) Ministry of Culture, GoI in collaboration with Directorate of Art & Culture, A&N Administration organized a five days classical dance workshop on Mohiniyattam from Sept. 19 to 23, 2022 at Andaman Club.

The workshop culminated with a valedictory programme held at Flag Point

here this evening. Mohiniyattam classical exponent, Ms Moumita Pal was the resource person for the workshop. The participants of the workshop attired in their traditional costume enthralled the gathering with their graceful dance form. On the occasion, the Art & Culture Department also felicitated Ms Moumita Pal and Shri Deepak Mukherjee, official from EZCC.

Emergency Contact Nos.

- a) State Control Room - 03192-234287, 238880, 241026, 1070
- b) Emergency Response Support System- 112
- c) Emergency Operation Cetnres (EOCs) –
P/B -03192238881, 1077 M/bunder – 03192262960
C/N- 03193265241 Kamorta – 03193263222
C/Bay-03193 264020 L/Andaman - 03193284014
- d) Police - 232100, 100
- e) Fire - 232101, 101
- f) Health – 232102, 102
- g) MRCC – 1554

Port Blair, Sep 25: As a part of the series of programmes being organized as part of Hindi Fortnight-2022 observance, an Elocution Competition was organized today for students of class IX and X by Official Language Department, A&N Administration.

Meanwhile, in the series of programmes for Hindi Fortnight-2022, an Elocution competition on the topic 'Ekta ki kadi - Hindi' for students of classes XI and XII will be organized on Sept. 26. This programme will be conducted virtually.



Bhavani Devi to test skills in National Games to prepare for bigger events



PTI, NEW DELHI, Sep 25: First Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics, Bhavani Devi is looking to test her new techniques and strategies during the National Games and use them in the big-ticket events ahead.

The 29-year-old, who won the gold medal in the Commonwealth Fencing Championship last month, will be one of the attractions at the multi-sport event in Gujarat.

"I have changed my coach, my technique, my strategies, everything is changed now. We have more important events, like the Olympic qualification in April. So I need to work on my strategies. I have to apply them to all my opponents, both beginners and experienced ones and see how it works," she said during a virtual interaction conducted by SAI.

"Sabre is a very quick sport, you can't take time in between touch, you can't think and decide what you want to do in those milliseconds. So it is still a risk to try new techniques in National Games because it is like a show, everyone going to watch. So I need to perform well but at the same time, I need to do my work (new techniques) which can help me in bigger tourna-

ments," she said.

The Chennai-born Bhavani has parted ways with Italian coach Nicola Zanotti and is currently being coached by legendary French fencer Christian Bauer. Bhavani said Indian fencers will need more international exposure to compete with the best in business.

"Right now fencing is in the developing stage, we definitely have a long way to reach a stage where we are able to give a tough fight to top fencers in the world," she said.

"We are starting more domestic competitions so players can compete with fencers who have taken part in some international competitions. So they can understand their level and players who have taken part in international competition can also understand and can improve much better. We are developing, we are progressing in a good way. We just need more time. We are getting medals in some competitions but to reach the podium in the bigger competitions we need more exposure," she added.

Bhavani said coaches also need to get more exposure to improve their technical aspects.

"Coaches also need to go for more international competitions, to understand what levels

other athletes are playing, what levels we are in. What kind of technical aspects do we need to work on? We need to understand what strategies work for Indian athletes. So we have to understand that we need more competition and we need to have more international exposure," she said.

"In France, they have hundreds of Olympic and World Championship medal winners. So to reach that kind of level, we need more competition," she further added.

The 42nd-ranked Indian fencer had finished 23rd at the World Cup in Istanbul. She reached the second round in World Championships in July before retaining her title at Commonwealth Championships in August.

Bhavani said there was not much support during her junior days, so she is training more time overseas to make up for it.

"Earlier we didn't have enough support. We were not going for many competitions, maybe one or two in a year. So earlier, I lacked that experience," said Bhavani, who has been training in Europe. "For example, in my junior level, I never took part in any junior world-level competitions," she said.

"When I was in cadet like under 17, I had the chance to compete at the junior level but other than that, I never took part in any junior level competition. So that experience which I lacked sometimes affected me at the senior level too. So to bring that experience back I need to train abroad with other international players regularly so that in long term, I can improve myself," she said.

Randeep Hooda's next crime thriller 'CAT' teaser out now



ANI, NEW DELHI, Sep 25:

Makers of the upcoming crime thriller 'CAT' unveiled the teaser of their film on Saturday.

Taking to Instagram, actor Randeep Hooda dropped the teaser which he captioned, "Being a CAT is not as easy as it seems. This exciting story is coming soon, only on @netflix_in #Tudum."

Written by Balwinder Singh Janjua, Rupinder Chahal, and Jimmy Singh, 'CAT' is a crime thriller set against the backdrop of the Punjab hinterlands. In the series, Randeep will be seen essaying the role of an undercover spy.

Excited about the project, Randeep earlier said, "Working with Netflix is always a pleasure. I had a tremendous time during 'Extraction' and the love it got me from around the world was phenomenal. 'CAT' again has all the elements to appeal to

a global audience. It has given me an opportunity to explore new facets as an actor in a simple but intriguing script. Can't wait to see the audience reaction to the series."

Soon after the teaser of the film was out, fans swamped the comment section with heart and fire emoticons.

"Most Authentic Actor," a fan wrote. Another fan wrote, "After a long time good stuff is coming and I'm damn excited."

The film will stream exclusively on Netflix. The official release date of the film is still awaited.

Apart from this, Randeep will be also seen in an upcoming web series 'Inspector Avinash' opposite Urvashi Rautela. He also has 'Unfair and Lovely' alongside Illeana D'Cruz and in director Mahesh Manjrekar's 'Swatantra Veer Savarkar'.

DISHA meeting.....

Kavita, Chairperson PBMC and Shri. Suneel Anchipaka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner of South Andaman (Member Secretary DISHA Committee).

The officials from all the departments under A&N Administration participated in the meeting and presented the status of implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and UT Schemes being implemented by their department.

Detailed discussion was done about the implementation of various schemes in the South Andaman District. The Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad South Andaman requested the Education and Social Welfare departments to give preference to the Self Help Groups for supply of mid-day meals to schools and dry ration to anganwadi centers. The Hon'ble Member of Parliament enquired about the assistance

from page-1

being provided to the local people through implementation of PMAY (U). The issues of all departments were also discussed in detail.

The Hon'ble Member of Parliament requested all the departments to put in their best for effective implementation of the schemes so that the benefits of all schemes may reach out to the last mile beneficiaries and subsequently lead to development of the Islands.

PRESS RELEASE

DBRAIT will be co-hosting an exclusive event 'StartupsXchange Launchpad' as Event Outreach Partner in these Islands for Women entrepreneurs with 10000 startupsindia (10KSI), a community comprising 1000+ entrepreneurs, 300+ angel investors, 100+ VCs & PE funds, 100+ CXOs, 300+ mentors, and India's leading incubation centers and Ecels like IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, Pune Startup Fest, Atal Incubation Centers (AIC), India Blockchain Alliance and many more.

'StartupsXchange' is India's 1st platform exclusive for women entrepreneurs to pitch to investors and would be a great opportunity for the femalepreneurs to connect to global startup ecosystem.

The event will be held online on 1st October, 2022 from 5 pm onwards and will include StartupsXchange2022 awards to appreciate & recognize women entrepreneurs whose contribution is unmatched in the startup ecosystem followed by panel discussion by global investors, venture capitals and experts.

Interested women entrepreneurs from these Islands may register their nomination for the StartupsXchange2022 awards using the application link: <https://forms.gle/o6GWN0Dro4D1RTcs6>. Top nine femalepreneurs would receive tremendous brand visibility, exposure to global investors & exciting rewards.