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## New era of taxation begins in India

# 'Goods & Services Tax' comes into effect

New Delhi, Jul 1

India's biggest tax reform since independence 'Goods and Service Tax' (GST) comes into force after the mid-night launch last night. GST, which brings the entire country under single taxation system, was launched by President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi by pressing a button at a special function in the historic Central Hall of Parliament.

In his address, President Shri Pranab Mukherjee said GST council; centre and states should continuously improve and refine the GST in the same spirit that we have seen till now. He said the GST Council should continuously review the implementation and suggest suitable improvements to the new indirect taxation regime.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said the GST is the result of combined efforts of all political parties and it does not belong to any one party or one government. He said, it is a great example of cooperative federalism which shall facilitate inclusive growth of the country. Shri Modi said all states are slated to gain immensely as they will now get equal opportunities of development. The Prime Minister said GST is the first of its kind system in the country when both centre and states will be putting consolidated efforts in the same direction.

Speaking on the occasion, Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley said the GST will lower prices, make tax avoidance difficult, boost GDP and bolster government resources allowing greater spending on the welfare of the people. He said there will also be a check on inflation.



### Sagaritara School up-graded to Secondary School

## MP declares class IX open

Port Blair, July 1

Sagaritara Middle School has been up-graded to Sagaritara Secondary School, having affiliation with the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The classes for the first batch of class IX students of the School commenced today, with their inauguration by the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray at a function held in the School premises this morning. Smt. Rupa Ray graced the function as the guest of honour, while Most Rev Alex Dias, sfx, Chairman of Sagritara School and Bishop of Port Blair Diocese, Rev. V Selvaraj, Vicar General, Port Blair Diocese, and the School's Principal, Ms Preeti



Kujur were also present on the occasion. Declaring the class IX of the School open, the MP informed that the affiliation of the School with CBSE was the results of efforts made by the management of the School, its staff and students as also the well wishers. He made a special mention of the contributions of Smt. Rupa Ray in pursuing the

affiliation of the School and explained how she and the MP himself approached the concerned Ministry for the same.

The MP said that though there has been delay in the

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### Grievances highlighted

Port Blair, July 1

The Pradhan, Hut Bay Gram Panchayat in a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands has highlighted the grievances of the fishermen and farmers of Little Andaman due to non availability of cargo vessel to transport their fish/vegetables to Car Nicobar since two months. The

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### Consumer Court from July 3

Port Blair, Jul 1

The President of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), A&N Islands, Justice Asim Kumar Ray will be holding sittings of the State Commission's Court with effect from July 3 to 14, 2017 at Port Blair in the State Commission's

building, Directorate of Civil Supplies Complex. All the litigants whose matters are pending before the State Commission, A&N Islands have been asked to appear before the Commission. The cause list can be checked on the website www.confonet.nic.in, a communication said.

### Inaugural function of 68th Van Mahotsav

Port Blair, July 1

The inaugural function of 68th Van Mahotsav, organized by the Department of Environment and Forests, A&N Administration will be held on July 3 at 10 am at Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Rangachang. The Chief

Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar will be the chief guest on the occasion while the PCCF& Principal Secretary (E&F), A&N Islands, Shri M. S. Negi will be the guest of honour, a communication said.

### BJP State President expresses gratitude to PM

Port Blair, July 1

The State President, BJP A&N Islands, Shri Vishal Jolly has expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister of India, for implementing Goods and Services Tax (GST) to achieve the goal of one nation-one tax-one market. GST will boost export by

making the products and service globally competitive. GST will pave way to the Isles youths to start new export business and generate employment opportunities to the Islanders, Shri Jolly said in a press release received here today.

### Workshop on marine fishery resources & eco-friendly fishing methods held

Port Blair, July 1

The Zonal Base of Fishery Survey of India organized a day long regional workshop - cum-open house on 'Marine fisheries resources of A&N Islands and Eco-friendly fishing methods' recently at Yerrata-Long Island, N&M District to disseminate information to the local fisher folk on fishery resources, potential and availability besides various eco-friendly fishing methods to exploit the abundant oceanic resources as well as to save the marine environment etc.

The workshop was inaugurated by Pradhan,



Sabri Gram Panchayat, Yerrata, N&M Andaman, Shri Madhav Mal. Smti G. Lakshmi, Member, Ward No. 2, Sabri Gram Panchayat, Yerrata, N&M Andaman was also present.

Addressing the gathering, the Pradhan appreciated

FSI for conducting such workshop for the local fisher folk of the area. He urged the fishermen to update their knowledge in marine fisheries by interacting with the scientists of Fishery Survey of India.

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### GST Council cuts GST rate

## on fertilizers to 5%

New Delhi, Jul 1

The government has reduced the GST rate on fertilizers from 12 per cent to 5 per cent. The decision was taken by GST Council at its meeting in New Delhi yesterday which was chaired by Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley.

Briefing media after the meeting, Shri Jaitley said, the government has received several representations for reducing the tax rate on fertilisers. He said, it was felt that the previous rate could have overburdened farmers.

Besides, the rate on some

exclusive parts of tractors have also been slashed to 18 per cent. The Council also approved some additional set of rules regarding GST.

The GST Council will review the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax as also levies on some of the items on August 5.

### Special Webpage on GST on PIB Website

New Delhi, July 1

A special webpage on the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on PIB Website was launched by Principal Director General, Press Information Bureau, Shri A P Frank Noronha yesterday. The webpage can be accessed on http://pib.nic.in/gst

The webpage on GST is a one stop platform for all information on the new tax regime. It contains press releases issued till date on

the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in both Hindi and English languages. The webpage also contains various presentations, FAQs etc on GST.

Video clips of press conferences conducted with regard to GST by Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley; Workshop conducted by Revenue Secretary, Shri Dr Hasmukh Adhia; Various video clips on GST including

educational videos, TV Spots and Radio jingles as prepared by CBEC are also available on the webpage. Video links of programmes on GST by DD News can also be accessed.

YouTube, Twitter, Facebook etc updates on GST are integrated into the webpage for easy access on social media platforms.

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### De-addiction camp

Port Blair, July 1

Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS), Deen Street housing colony will be organizing a free de-addiction counseling camp on July 2. Dr. M.K. Mahato, an expert in de-addiction, will provide counseling. Interested persons may contact over phone no. 9474200757 for participation.

### 'GST Corner'

## COMPOSITION LEVY

A Registered Person, whose aggregate turnover in the preceding financial year did not exceed seventy five lakh rupees, may opt for composition levy. The tax payable shall be as under:

- \* For manufacturer: 1 % of the turnover
- \* For specified service provider: 2.5 % of the turnover
- \* For other suppliers: 0.5 % of the turnover

For availing composition levy scheme, supplier should not be engaged in making:

- 1) Any inter-state outward supplies of goods.
- 2) Any supply of goods which are not leviable to tax under this act.
- 3) Any supplies of goods through an e-commerce operator, who is required to collect tax at source.

In addition:

- a) Supplier not entitled to take any credit of input tax : A supplier who opt the composition levy scheme shall not collect any tax from the recipient on supplies made by him nor shall he be entitled to any credit of input tax.
- b) Change in the limit of turnover as recommended: Government may, by notification, increase the said limit upto one crore rupees, as may be recommended by the council.
- c) Bill of supply: A composition supplier shall be required to issue a bill of supply instead of a tax invoice.

### Meeting of ZPSA held



Port Blair, July 1

A meeting of the Zilla Parishad, South Andaman was held yesterday in the conference hall of Zilla Parishad under the Chairmanship of Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey. During the

meeting, major issues that came up for discussion included crematorium at Garacharama, rent charges of Zilla Parishad Niwas, projects under water sector & strengthening of engineering wing etc., a communication from the Adhyaksh, ZPSA said.

### Career & vocational guidance prog. held at Wandoor

Port Blair, July 1

A vocational and career guidance programme was conducted at Wandoor recently which aimed at creating awareness on various new initiative of Govt. of India & National Career Service for the benefit of youth of Wandoor Panchayat.

The unemployed youth of Wandoor Panchayat

were sensitized about skill development and encouraged to approach various Government Departments imparting skills for self employment. The students were oriented with the idea of choosing the right career based on their interest and capability. They were also informed about new and upcoming

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## Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan

The Union Government launched Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (PMSMA) to provide free health check-ups to pregnant women at government health centres and hospitals. The Scheme was launched by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Shri J P Nadda in New Delhi. It was announced by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi during his monthly radio address Mann Ki Baat in June 2016.

### Key Features

1. The national programme aims to provide pregnant ladies free ante-natal services (ANC) and required treatment for free on 9th of every month.
2. Objectives of the scheme are (i) Provide healthy life to the pregnant women. (ii) Lowering the maternity mortality rate. (iii) Making pregnant women aware of their health issues and diseases. (iv) Making sure safe delivery and healthy life of the baby.
3. The scheme is applicable only for the pregnant women in their pregnancy period of 3 to 6 months. It will provide all kinds of medical checkups completely free to pregnant women.
4. These checkups will take place at the medical centres, government and private hospitals and private clinics across the country.
5. These free of cost tests will include blood pressure, sugar level, weight, haemoglobin test, blood test and screening.
6. Women will be marked differently using different colour stickers based on their health problems so that doctors can easily detect the problem.
7. Different colour stickers will be Red Sticker for Serious patients, Blue Sticker for High blood pressure and Yellow Sticker for Other diseases.

### Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan



I urge all my doctor friends to volunteer and provide special ANC services to pregnant women in government hospitals free of charge on the 9th of every month.



## WEATHER



Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 25°C respectively on Sunday 02/07/2017  
 Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.9  
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 26.1  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 082  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 086  
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0459  
 Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1747  
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.1  
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.7  
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1028.7 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

### REVISED SEVA SUCHNAYEN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

#### INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 (Friday) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 30.06.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

#### HUT BAY SECTOR:-

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0830 Hrs from Hut Bay.  
**Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay on 1st & 2nd July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.**

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.  
 MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 06.07.2017 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

**Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay on 4th & 5th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 03.07.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.**

#### FORESHORE SECTOR:

**Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 1st, 2nd & 3rd July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 (Fri) from 1400 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters. Similarly for 4th, 5th & 6th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 03.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.**

#### 02.07.2017 (SUNDAY)

##### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

#### HUT BAY

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

#### 03.07.2017 (MONDAY)

##### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

##### RANGAT, MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR

MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Kadamtala and Long Island on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Chouldari will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

#### 04.07.2017 (TUESDAY)

##### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will now sail for Neil Island on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

#### HUT BAY

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.

#### 05.07.2017 (WEDNESDAY)

##### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

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MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

## SPORTS

### Sports Minister felicitates Kidambi Srikanth, Pullela Gopichand

New Delhi, Jul 1 Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel today felicitated wizard of badminton Kidambi Srikanth for his lightning victories and the new-age Dronacharya coach P.Gopichand for his great vision. Shri Srikanth while thanking Shri Goel said the support by sports ministry to Indian sports will definitely help every sport grow in the country.

On the occasion, Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel assured the sport persons that government will provide all possible assistance to them.



Shri Goel said the country is proud of achievement by Mr Srikanth.

### India beat West Indies by 93 runs in third ODI Dhoni, bowlers give India unassailable series lead

Antigua, Jul 1 India beat West Indies by 93 runs in the third Cricket One-Dayer at Antigua. Chasing a victory target of 252 runs set by India, West Indies were all out for 158 in 38.1 overs. For the hosts, J N Mohammed was the highest scorer with 40 runs. For India, R Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav claimed 3 wickets each.

The visitors made 251 for 4 in 50 overs. M S Dhoni was the highest scorer who remained unbeaten at 78 while K M Jadhav was not out at 40. Ajinkya Rahane scored 72



runs. For the hosts, Miguel Cummins claimed two wickets. Earlier, West Indies captain Jason Holder won the toss and elected to field after the match made a delayed start due to overnight rain. With this win, India now lead the five-match series 2-nil. The opening fixture was rained off after only 39 overs of play at the Queen's Park Oval.

### 1st Under -25 Andaman Nicobar Chess Championship today

Port Blair, Jul 1 1st Under -25 Andaman Nicobar Chess Championship, 2017 will be held tomorrow (July 2) from 9 am to 5 pm at JNRM, Port Blair. All the participants have been directed to report to the venue by 8:15 am.

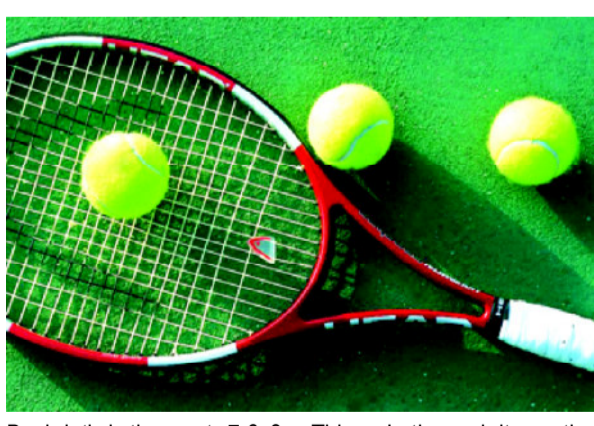
The opening ceremony of the tournament will be held at 8:45 am in which the Chairman, PBMC, Shri B. Eshwar Rao and Principal JNRM and Shri Francis Xavier will be the special guests.

Similarly in the closing ceremony which will be held at 5 pm, the Secretary, Industries & Social Welfare Board, Smti Rashmi Singh will be the chief guest while the Vice President, All India Chess Federation, Shri G. Bhasker will be the guest of honour, a communication from Secretary (ANCA) said.

### Antalya Open: Leander Paes-Adil Shamashdin crash out of doubles event

Istanbul, Jul 1 Leander Paes and his Canadian partner Adil Shamashdin have crashed out of the men's doubles event of the Antalya Open tennis tournament. In their semi-final at Antalya, Turkey, today, the Indo-Canadian pair lost to the combination of Oliver Marach of Austria and Mate Pavic of Croatia in straight sets 4-6, 4-6.

Earlier, India's Ramkumar Ramanathan had also bowed out of the men's singles in the ATP Antalya tournament. In the quarter-finals today, he lost against veteran Marcos



Baghdatis in three sets 7-6, 3-6, 6-7 in a match that lasted two hour and 43 minutes. It was another great show from the Indian player after his shock win over world No. 8 Dominic Thiem. In the end, it was the experience of Baghdatis, a former world No 8 and Australian Open finalist, which helped him prevail over the world No 222.

### Special Webpage on GST...

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Various Infographics on GST have been compiled along with the Advertisements issued. Finance Minister's quotes and bytes on GST after GST Council meetings have also been uploaded on the webpage.

### Statistics Day observed by Directorate of Economics and Statistics

Port Blair, Jul 1 The Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Andaman & Nicobar Administration observed the '11th Statistics Day' with a function in its conference hall yesterday. The theme for this year's observance the theme was 'Administrative Statistics'. The Director of Economics and Statistics, A&N Administration, Shri

Gaurang Mishra, addressed the gathering and emphasized the need of the strengthening of 'Administrative Statistics'. Earlier, the Statistical Officer Shri Subash Chandra, welcomed the gathering and briefed about the theme. Shri. John Kennedy, Junior Investigator gave a talk on 'Administrative Statistics'. Smti. Ajeeta Narendran, Assistant Professor JNRM, elaborated about the Administrative

Statistics and emphasized to provide a constructive and reliable data. Statistical personnel of various Departments were invited to express their views. Shri. T.Alvi, Statistical Officer, Monitoring section, Secretariat, spoke on timely submission of data by line departments and Shri. S.N.Sriprakash, Senior Investigator, Tourism Department distributed the booklet on "Tourism Statistics 2016" to all the participants.

### Bhajan programme at Utkal Samaj

Port Blair, Jul 1 In connection with Rath Yatra Mahotsav of nine days at Utkal Samaj premises, a bhajan samaroh is being organized on sixth day i.e.30th June, 2017 at 06:30 pm. Dr Jayashree Dhal, Patron Sur Vibration and noted radio and TV artist will perform along with the accomplish live both Odiya and Hindi Bhajan and other related songs, a communication said.

### Grievances...

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passenger vessels for Car Nicobar/southern group of Islands do not allow cargo despite requests, the Pradhan said, requesting for providing M.V. Badam cargo vessel to Car Nicobar via Hut Bay at least three trips in a month to eradicate their problems.

### MP declares open class...

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process due to one reason or the other, but finally the School got its affiliation. He expressed hope that the School will go a long way in providing the best education to its students and urged the teachers and students to work hard and bring best results in CBSE examinations.

Rev. Alex Dias, while speaking on the occasion expressed gratitude to the Member of Parliament without whose contributions; the up-gradation of the School would not have been possible.

In his welcome address, the Manager of the School, Rev. Fr. Arun Tirkey informed that it is because of the efforts made by the MP, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, that the School got its affiliation.

A variety of colourful cultural programme, which included Bharat Natyam, group dance, Yoga and a welcome song, was presented by the students of the School on this occasion.

### Career & Vocational ...

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careers. The participants also actively shared their career aspirations with the team. More than 25 youths & students participated in this programme.

The officials from Employment Exchange, Port Blair viz Vocational Guidance Officer, Smti Vimla Venketeshwar, Assistant Employment Officers, Smti. Binu K and Shri Dinesh Moorthy were the resource persons, a communication said.

### Workshop on marine fishery ...

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In his key note address, Senior Fisheries Scientist & Head of Office, FSI, Dr. Sijo P. Varghese said that FSI has seven zonal bases all over India and also explained about the mandate of the organization. He said that the resources potential of the EEZ of Andaman and Nicobar waters is 1,48,000 tons but the current level of exploitation is very less and urged for sustainable exploitation of the resource.

During the technical session, the FSI Scientists and Engineers viz. Shri. Swapnil S. Shirke, Shri Pratyush Das, Shri Nashad M, Shri C. Murugan and Shri Chandrasen Bosun spoke on various aspects of marine fishery resources.

Earlier, an open house was arranged for the benefit of local fishermen wherein, 20 fishermen were taken onboard MFV Blue Marlin for a demonstration fishing trip to impart hands on training on eco friendly fishing methods.

The local fishermen and their representatives also raised their doubts related to marine fishery during the interactive session and were clarified by experts, a communication said.