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## Seminar on 'Women Empowerment' held LG calls upon people to provide conducive atmosphere to women to prosper

Port Blair, Aug 7

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof Jagdish Mukhi has called upon the people and the society to ensure that the rights of women are protected; for empowering the women of the country in the right manner. He urged the people to encourage women in all their endeavors; including the decision making process. He said this while speaking as the chief guest of the valedictory function of the seminar on 'Women Empowerment', organized by A&N State Social Welfare Board in association with the Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad and Chetna (Socio Cultural Organisation), Port Blair at the Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad here this evening. The First Lady of A&N Islands, Smti Prem Mukhi presided over the function.

The seminar was also attended by Smt Rupa Ray, Shri Vishal Jolly, State President, BJP, PBMC Chairperson, Shri B Esvar Rao, Swami Shuddhananda Saraswati of Chinmaya Mission here, Chairperson, SSWB, Dr Poonam Arora and Secretary Social Welfare, Smti Rashmi Singh among others.

Dr Guru Charan Singh, Professor & Head, Hindi Deptt. of Shanti Prasad Jain College, Sasaram and Dr Arun Kant Singh, Professor & Head, Political Science Deptt of Veer Kunwar Singh Vishwa Vidyalyay, Aara, were the resource persons of the technical session.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt Governor said empowerment of women was evident today when lakhs of ladies on the occasion of Rakshabandhan thronged all the state borders to tie rakhis to the Jawans who are posted on duty to safeguard our boundaries. The Lt Governor said, "women empowerment is only possible when we give the women the respect, dignity and a right place they deserve and it should start from our homes".

The Lt Governor said, if women are empowered then the village, society and the nation will develop, prosper and progress smoothly. "Education is the most



important and indispensable tool for women empowerment in enlightening women about their rights and responsibilities", the Lt Governor said, adding that if a woman is educated in the family then the whole family is educated.

The Lt Governor stated that there are many laws for the safety of the women but mere making laws won't bring women empowerment. For real empowerment of our women, the men will have to bring a change in their attitudes towards woman. He also informed the gathering of the different fields where women have shown their supremacy and proven that they do not lag behind their male counterparts in any field.

Turning to the status of women in these Islands, the Lt Governor said, women are executing their duties with utmost sincerity and responsibility by holding different portfolio in Civic Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions here. They have proven that they have the ability to take better decisions for carrying forward various development activities, the Lt Governor said asking everyone to provide a

conducive atmosphere and opportunity to women members to march ahead. The Lt Governor said, these Islands are better examples of women empowerment where most of the senior officers in Police Department are women and headed by a lady Director General of Police.

Addressing the gathering, the First Lady A&N Islands, Smti. Prem Mukhi congratulated the SSWB, Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad and the Social and Cultural organization - Chetna, for organizing this seminar for creating awareness about women empowerment as well as about their rights and duties. Lauding the contribution of SSWB for towards the welfare of the women of the Islands, the First Lady said, the Board is making best efforts in spreading the pledge of the Prime Minister - "Beti Bachao Beti Padhao". The family, society and country will progress only when our daughters are safe and educated, she said.

While expressing happiness on the truth that the ladies of these Islands are self reliant and the girls are doing better in the field of education as compared to their male counterparts

on the other part of the country, the First Lady called upon one and all to make concerted efforts for making ladies self reliant and for their overall progress. "An educated woman will take forward the families", she said and urged everyone to give due respect to the ladies in the family. She also stated that today, our women are doing very good in all spheres of life and have made their presence felt in all their capacities, in politics or in other jobs; be it on water, land or sky. The First Lady also appreciated the SSWB and other women organizations for making all out efforts to weed out the menace of alcoholism from the Isles. Their efforts will go long

way in bringing prosperity in the families; she said adding that it is necessary to make women economically independent for their empowerment. Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary, Social Welfare, Smti Rashmi Singh informed the gathering about the efforts of the A&N Administration

**LG to felicitate toppers today**

Port Blair, Aug 7  
The Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will felicitate 5 top rank holders in 4 different streams of AISSCE - 2017 (Class XII), at Raj Niwas at 11 am on Aug 8, 2017.

## Lt. Governor reviews progress of redevelopment work of Viper Island



Port Blair, Aug 7  
The Lt. Governor, Prof Jagdish Mukhi, today visited Viper Island and reviewed the progress of the ongoing redevelopment works being carried out on

this Island. He directed the executing agencies for taking up the works on a fast track mode for early completion of the projects. Various suggestions and ideas on the redevelopment

works were also discussed on the occasion. The Secretary (Tourism), senior officers of the Tourism Department and other related Departments were also present.

## CS visits Baratang, Kadamtala & Rangat Holds meetings with PRIs, people & officials



Port Blair, Aug 7  
The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar visited Baratang, Kadamtala and Rangat today and held meetings with PRIs, general public and HoOs/HoDs at Forest Guest House Baratang and Panchayat Hall Kadamtala. In the meeting held at Baratang, the issues raised in previous meeting held in July 2016 & January 2017 were reviewed and discussed. Issues such as, poor condition of Road, irregular power supply and network connectivity of

BSNL were flagged by the PRIs and general public. The Chief Secretary assured to take up the issues with the concerned Departments on priority basis. The Chief Secretary expressed dissatisfaction over the condition of road and directed the Officials from NHIDCL to complete the work. Various issues were also discussed in the meeting held at Kadamtala. Thereafter, the Chief Secretary inspected Veterinary Hospital, Kadamtala, PHC, Kadamtala and Vivekananda School and

GSSS, Kadamtala. He also inaugurated a month long technical training programme on embroidery, organised by Ministry of Textiles, GOI at Panchayat Samiti, Rangat. While speaking on this occasion, he emphasized on the development of designs of the handicrafts which show the culture, scenic beauty and heritage of the A&N Islands.



As part of the Rakshabandhan festival, students and teachers of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya and Saraswati Sishu Mandir tied rakhis on the wrist of Lt Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Niwas on 07.08.2017. The Lt Governor greeted them on the occasion and distributed sweets to the students.

## Celebration of World Indigenous Day

Port Blair, Aug 7  
The Anthropological Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre, Port Blair, will be celebrating the World Indigenous Day on the theme- 'Right of the Indigenous People' on 9th August 2017 in the Auditorium of Anthropological Survey of India, Port Blair from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

## Participation in travel exhibition on mainland; applications invited

Port Blair, Aug 7  
The Directorate of Tourism, A&N Administration intends to participate in Tourism Exhibition organized by M/s Asiatic Expositions, Mumbai at Thane, Maharashtra scheduled to be held on 19th & 20th August, 2017. The Island based tour operator/travel agencies, who are enlisted with the Directorate and intend to participate in this Tourism Fair should submit their willingness in writing along with copy of the enlistment letter to the

Directorate on or before August 09, 2017. The security deposit of Rs. 10,000/- may also be attached along with the application to ensure participation and in case of failure in participating, the security deposit will be forfeited.

The expenditure towards journey, lodging, boarding etc will have to be borne by the participants. Tourism Department will provide free space with required number of table and chairs within the departmental counters at the locations.

SPORTS

## Sportspersons having shown excellence at National & International competition to be awarded

Port Blair, Aug 7  
In order to recognize the outstanding sportspersons having shown excellence at National and International competition/meet, the Government Departments and State Level Sports Association recognized by A&N SSC have been asked to submit the list of the sportspersons

who won medals/positions in the recognized National and International meets held during April, 2016 to March, 2017, in a prescribed Performa which can be collected from the Netaji Stadium during office hours. The filled in Performa alongwith attested Xerox copies of Certificates issued

by the respective organization/ Association/ Federation of national level must be submitted in the office at Netaji Stadium on or before Sept.4, 2017.

Cash prizes for different levels of competitions and different positions achieved shall be awarded to sportspersons as under:-

### A) National Championship (Individual & Team Events)

#### i) Sub Junior National Championship/ National School Games-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 30,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs. 25,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 20,000/-

#### ii) Junior National Championship/ National School Games-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 35,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs. 30,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 25,000/-

#### iii) Sr. National Championship-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 50,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.35,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 25,000/-

#### iv) National Women Sports Festival-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 50,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.35,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 25,000/-

#### v) National Competitions under PYKKA Scheme-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 50,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.35,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 25,000/-

#### vi) Special Olympics (National) for mentally/ Physically challenged sports persons-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 50,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.35,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 25,000/-

### B) National Games (Individual & Team Events)

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 3,00,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.2,00,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 1,00,000/-

### C) International Level (Including Common Wealth Games and Olympics)

#### (Individual & Team Events)

#### i) Asian Championship-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 4,00,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.3,00,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 2,00,000/-

#### ii) Asian Games/ Commonwealth Games-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 5,00,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs.4,00,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs. 3,00,000/-

#### iii) Olympics-

Position - 1st (Winner of Gold Medal) Rs. 10,00,000/-  
Position - 2nd (Winner of Silver Medal) Rs. 8,00,000/-  
Position - 3rd (Winner of Bronze Medal) Rs.6,00,000/-

## World Athletics Championships: Nirmala Sheoran qualifies for women's 400m semifinals

London, Aug 7  
Quarter miler Nirmala Sheoran's semi-final qualification in the women's 400m was the saving grace in yet another disappointing day for India at the World Athletics Championship. In the men's marathon, T Gopi finished a poor 28th while Siddhant Thingalaya crashed out in the heats, finishing seventh in the 110m hurdles. The 22-year-old Nirmala clocked 52.01 seconds to finish fourth in her heat in the women's 400m first round. She took the last spot among the six best finishers. The Haryana girl will have to come up with a



performance better than her personal best of 51.20 seconds in the semifinals tomorrow if she wants to qualify for the final. Running at the inner lane number 2, Asian champion Nirmala was slow off the blocks

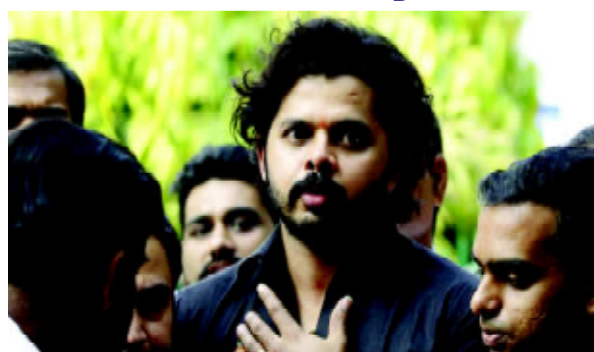
and she was running at the fourth at the final bend. She tried her best to beat Zoey Clark for a third place aiming automatic semi-final qualification but failed in the end.

19-year-old Salwa Eid Naser of Bahrain, the 2015 World Youth Championships gold winner, led the 24 qualifiers into the semifinals with a time of 50.57 secs.

### Anand draws with Aronian in Sinquefeld Chess

St Louis (USA), Aug 7  
Five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand remained in contention for a top spot after playing out his fourth successive draw in the Sinquefeld Chess tournament, here. Armenian Levon Aronian has had mixed results with Anand but the Indian has troubled his opponent a great deal in the past few years. For Anand, the fourth draw serves him good as the Indian ace has not really been in great form in super events off late.

## BCCI ordered to lift lifetime ban on cricketer Sreesanth by Kerala HC



Kochi, Aug 7  
The Kerala High Court on Monday ordered Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to lift the lifetime ban on cricketer S Sreesanth that was imposed on the basis of spot-fixing charges against him. The court issued the order after considering a petition filed by the cricketer in March

challenging BCCI's decision not to lift the ban despite a Delhi court exonerating him in 2015. The ban was imposed by BCCI on the allegation of spot-fixing in the 2013 edition of the Indian Premier League. BCCI suspended him from the team and ordered an enquiry following his arrest by Delhi police in May 2013, the petition had said.

## Ashwin-Jadeja spin combo has been instrumental in India's rise to 'No. 1 Test team'

Dubai, Aug 7  
Spin duo of Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja scalped a fi-fer each as Team India registered a victory by an innings and 53 runs to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the series. It wasn't the first time, not the win of course, but the fact that the two spinners were involved in scripting another thrilling victory. And somehow, if the numbers are dug out to draw a graph, one could easily find how Team India's success on home turf have largely depended to these two spinners.

It was right after the Boxing Day Test match against Australia, in 2014 that MS Dhoni announced his retirement from Test cricket. Virat Kohli was announced as the new skipper of the national squad. After successful battering of Sri Lanka in an away Test, the Men in Blue found themselves in a array of home-series lined up in front of them. South Africa, was the first and the only team they faced on home turf in 2015. Anrd that was when the first instance of the death-dealing pair was witnessed. Aswin and Jadeja combined to pick up a total of 47 wickets in 277.2 overs conceding just 442 runs, ergo their economy had stood at an impressive and



applauding 1.59. 2016 had witnessed the departure of Ravi Shastri as a Team Director and the introduction of Anil Kumble as the new head coach of India. And thus began an altogether, different era in Indina cricket. West Indies, New Zealand, England, Bangladesh and Australia were the teams in line for India's year-long home season. 13 Test matches were played and India won 12 of them, losing just one, to Australia, which actually ended up breaking their unbeaten streak in the longer format of the game. And the nation had found two jewels - batsman Cheteshwar Pujara, who had averaged more than 50 in the Test cricket and then the Aswin-Jadeja combo who had scalped 153 wickets at an average of 24.14. The Tamil Nadu-based bowler had claimed

82 wickets himself, becoming the highest wicket-taking bowler in any Test season, while his partner had bagged 71, standing at position three on the list, right behind Dale Steyn (78 wickets in 2007-08 season)

### Yuki Bhambri jumps 41 spots in latest ATP rankings

New Delhi, Aug 7  
Yuki Bhambri jumped 41 spots in the latest ATP rankings to be placed at the 159th position. This has come following an impressive show at the ATP Citi Open. The Delhi and India player had reached the last-eight of the Citi Open. His jump in the rankings also makes him the highest ranked Indian player. Ramkumar Ramanathan is the next in line with a ranking of 179.

## DSS issues advisory to passengers travelling in vessels

Port Blair, Aug. 7  
On July 24, 2017 at around 6.55 pm, when the vehicle ferry vessel MV Afra Bay was on her voyage from Bambooflat to Chatham, a male passenger travelling on board the above vehicle ferry vessel reportedly jumped into the sea. Immediately on receipt of the information, the vessel MV Afra Bay alongwith other passenger ferry vessels MV Hawa Bill and vehicle ferry vessel MV Mus, who were also in their vicinity on their routine service in the above route started search and rescue operations, but despite best efforts, unfortunately the man overboard could not be located and rescued.

However, later on detailed enquiry into the above incident, few issues have come to the light especially with regard to the passenger embarkation / movement during the short voyages, which amongst other reasons; also hamper the search and rescue operations in such situations.

Though, all the passenger and vehicle ferry vessels of the Directorate of Shipping Services operating in the Harbour ferry sector have adequate Safety and Rescue equipment as per the provisions under IV Act and the staff posted onboard are also well familiarized with the onboard installations, equipment, procedures that are relevant emergency situations, however despite all safety measures and experienced staff, segregation and control of passengers has been found to be a weak area.

Since, safety and security of passengers is always paramount, it therefore becomes imperative not only to ensure availability of comprehensive safety standards on board

vessels but also to create general awareness among passengers on the safety preparedness during emergencies.

For personal safety, crowd management and smooth operations of the ferry services, all passengers travelling on board are advised to abide by the following guidelines.  
\* Embark and disembark from the designated embarkation and disembarkation points only and in an orderly manner. Refrain from jumping over the bulwarks and gunwales of the boat as by doing so you may cause fatal injuries to yourself and others.

\* Once you are onboard please occupy the designated passenger seating space and avoid overcrowding the main deck ( designated for the vehicles on vehicle ferries).  
\* Please allow physically challenged, senior citizens, ladies and children passenger to occupy the seats first.

\* During mooring and unmooring operations, position yourself away from mooring personnel at the mooring cleats, stag horns and old guys by giving them adequate room to carryout mooring operations smoothly and safely.

\* Do not sit on the rail guards and gunwales at any instance as you may go overboard, with a slight roll or gush of wind / tide.  
\* Do not try to enter any restricted areas on board like Engine Rooms, Funnel spaces and machinery rooms as these are potentially hazardous zones.

\* Passengers travelling without valid tickets shall be penalized, in accordance with law.

\* Do not smoke or

intoxicate yourself whilst on board, as by doing so you may cause inconvenience to your fellow passengers. Any misconduct with the fellow passengers or with the ship staff may lead to legal action prescribed for public area mentioned under IPC.  
\* Do not carry petroleum / dangerous products like Petrol, Kerosene, Diesel and LPG cylinders as these are a ready source of fire hazard onboard and are considered as dangerous cargo as per IMDG code.  
\* While parking your vehicle in the vehicle ferry please maintain a proper queue and maintain safe speed while driving in and out of the vessel, as the steel decks get wet and may be slippery which could lead to serious injury.  
\* Keep well clear of the Ramps whilst the vehicle ferry is in motion.  
\* While the vehicle ferry approaches the jetty, please secure yourself in safe position and do not rush towards the ramp as you may experience jerks during berthing.  
\* In case you notice any risk element on board which may lead to a serious incidents like open manholes on deck, sharp edges of metals on bulkheads and necked electrical wires, do not hesitate to inform the vessels staff for carrying out corrective actions immediately.

In this way by everyone's collective effort, we can minimise the risk resulting in serious emergencies.  
The Directorate of Shipping Services has solicited the cooperation from all commuters so as to enable the vessels to provide a safe and comfortable journey, a communication received here said.

## 2 silver, 6 bronze medals for India at Asian Junior boxing

Philippines, Aug 7  
India finished the Asian Junior Boxing Championships in Puerto Princesa, Philippines today with two silver and six bronze medals.  
Satender Rawat and Mohit Khatana settled for silver medals after losing their final bouts in the Championships. Satender lost to Uzbekistan's Almatov Shokrukh in the 80

plus kilogram category in a split verdict, while Mohit went down to Kazakhstan's Togambay Sagyndyk in the 80 kilogram category.

Earlier, Ankit Narwal, Bhavesh Kattimani , Sidhartha Malik , Vinit Dahiya , Akshay Siwach and Aman Sehrawat claimed bronze medals after losing in the semifinals in their respective weight categories.

## Jadeja suspended for third Test against Sri Lanka

Colombo, Aug 7  
India all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja was handed a one-match suspension after he was found guilty of breaching article 2.2.8 of the player's code of conduct which deals with "throwing a ball (or any other item of cricket equipment such as a water bottle) at or near a Player, Player Support Personnel, Umpire, Match Referee or any other third person in an inappropriate and/or dangerous manner during an International Match".

Jadeja picked up three demerit points for his latest transgression, taking his total tally to six in a 24-month period, thereby resulting in the suspension. He was also fined 50% of his match-fee. The incident at SSC Colombo

occurred when the left-arm spinner fielded off his own bowling in the 58th over of the innings on the third day and hurled the ball back at batsman Dimuth Karunaratne 'in a dangerous manner.'

## Air India felicitates ace cricketer employee Jhulan

Kolkata, Aug 7  
Air India today felicitated its Indian Women's cricket team all-rounder Jhulan Goswami at its eastern region head office here. In recognition to her achievement, the national carrier, which had always encouraged and supported Goswami, felicitated her at the Al eastern region headquarters, where she was promoted as a Manager in the Eastern Regional Director's office.

## WEATHER



Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at most places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 08/08/2017  
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 32.0  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.2  
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 085  
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 091  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0508  
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1743  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 010.8  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.8  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1669.7 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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#### 08.08.2017 (TUESDAY)

#### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock via Neil Island on 08.08.2017 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1000 Hrs from Havelock. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.08.2016 at DSS Information Counters one hour prior to the departure of the vessel.

MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 08.08.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.08.2017 (Tue) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC Dairy Farm/Bathu Basti/Shiipghat/Ferrargunj & Bambooflat.

#### LG calls upon people ...

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towards women empowerment. She said, it is more important that women get opportunities in their respective fields, or in receiving the benefits of the schemes.

The SSWB Chairperson, Dr Poonam Arora, while speaking on this occasion, stressed on involving women in all decision making process. Quoting Swami Vivekananda, she said, the best thing one can do for the progress of women, is educate them; and urged everyone to encourage women in all their endeavors. She also highlighted the activities of SSWB.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, the President, HSKP, Shri RP Singh informed about the various activities carried out by it throughout the year, for propagation of Hindi.

The recourse persons of the seminar from mainland Dr Guru Charan Singh, and Dr Arun Kant Singh highlighted the contributions of women in our country, since time immemorial. They also informed how women participated and shouldered their responsibilities along with their male counterparts in the freedom movement of our country.

The inmates of Balika Niketan presented a song befitting the occasion of Rakhi. They along with the inmates of Pranab Kanya Sangh also tied Rakhies to the Lt Governor and the First Lady of the Islands, who in turn gave them sweets and gifts.

The seminar concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Patron, Chetna, Dr RN Rath.