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Int'l Women's Day: President presents Nari Shakti awards to 15 women

New Delhi, Mar 8 President Shri Pranab Mukherjee today presented 15 women and 5 organisations with Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2015 on the occasion of International Women's Day at Rashtrapati Bhawan. The award is given to eminent women and institutions for their distinguished service to the cause of women, specially belonging to vulnerable and marginalised sections of society. It carries cash award of two lakh rupees and a certificate for institutions and one lakh rupees and a certificate for individuals. The awardees of Nari Shakti Puraskar include Anganwadipuram Gram Panchayat, Mallapuram, Kerala, Gudiyi Shyam Sevi



Sansthan, Varanasi, Jagori, Delhi and Konoklata Mahila Urban Cooperative Bank, Assam. In his address, Shri

Mukherjee said every member of society - male or female has, equally, the right to live in security, peace and dignity.

He said it is intolerable that in this day and age, women are still being exposed to barbaric brutality and violence because they are women. Shri Mukherjee said violence or fear of violence reduces the freedom and development of everyone particularly, women

and children. He observed that community programmes for efficient implementation of Government policy have proven to be among the best instruments for the broadest outreach. He expressed confidence that the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' programme will be successful in addressing malnutrition, maternal mortality and bridging gaps to improve the status of women in our society. The President said the best practices for the development of women - that have worked well at the grassroots in States and Union Territories should be adopted and up-scaled in central government schemes. He said an effective convergence of all elements - social, economic or political - could help develop a comprehensive approach to the holistic empowerment of women.

Financial inclusion, skill development initiatives to empower Nari Shakti: PM

New Delhi, Mar 8 On International Women's Day today, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has saluted the accomplishments of all women expressing gratitude for their indispensable role in our society.

In a message, he said, the initiatives taken by his Government like 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' in its efforts towards women-led development are unwavering. Shri Modi said, the NDA Government's financial inclusion efforts, skill development initiatives & MUDRA Bank will



empower our Nari Shakti to contribute to India's growth.

Govt working on building consensus for passage of Women Reservation Bill: Minister

New Delhi, Mar 8 Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shri Venkaiah Naidu has said the government is working on building consensus on the passage of Women Reservation Bill. Replying to a discussion on

International Women's Day in Lok Sabha, Shri Naidu hoped that the government will succeed in this regard at the earliest. Shri Naidu said providing education to girl child and making women economically

stronger is the need of the hour. Shri Naidu said, there is a need to create a healthy social environment to empower country's women. He also pitched for political empowerment of women.

Government to digitally connect all Post Offices in rural areas by March 2017

New Delhi, Mar 8 Government will digitally connect all Post Offices in rural areas by March 2017. In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha recently, Communications and IT Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said that Government has approved the Department of Posts' IT Modernisation Project with the objective of modernisation, digitisation and networking of about 1,55,000 Post Offices. The Minister said, the Rural Information and Communication Technology

project is in its implementation phase and the objective of this project is to digitise all the rural Post

Offices through a hand-held computing device, connecting them with the help of SIM card based network.

SC admits plea of PSU Banks

New Delhi, Mar 8 Supreme Court admits plea of 17 PSU Banks to prevent liquor baron Vijay Mallya from leaving country as he owes about 7000 crore rupees to the banks. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear on Wednesday a plea filed by a consortium of 17 PSU banks seeking a direction that industrialist Vijay Mallya be restrained

from leaving India. Attorney General Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for PSU banks had mentioned the matter for urgent hearing. Rohatgi said the plea has been moved by 17 banks, including State Bank of India against Mallya whose various firms have taken loan from them. He also said that the dues run into thousands of crores.

Awareness prog. on women related laws

Port Blair, Mar 8 A two-day legal awareness programme about women related laws will be organised by Department of Home Science, JNRM in association with National Commission for Women (NCW), GoI, New Delhi at 10 am

March 9, 2016 at Seminar Room, JNRM. The Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. Sheela Singh will be the chief guest while the Principal, JNRM, Dr. N. Francis Xavier will be the guest of honour, a communication said.

Islanders greeted

Port Blair, Mar 8 The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti Minati Biswas, has greeted the people of the Islands on the occasion of International Women's Day. It is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. In India women are given equal rights in every field, she said in his message.

DD National to telecast interview

Port Blair, Mar 8 Delhi Doordarshan, DD National will telecast an interview with Dr Vyas Mani Tripathi, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Hindi on March 9, 2016 at 5 pm in its 'Patrika' programme, a communication said.

Tithi puja of Sri Ramakrishna

Port Blair, Mar 8 The birth day Tithi puja of Sri Ramakrishna will be celebrated on March 10, 2016 in the Prayer Hall of Ramakrishna Mission, Port Blair with special puja, havana, devotional songs, reading from the life and teachings of Sri Ramakrishna and distribution of prasad, a communication said.

Women's Day celebration by PMC

Port Blair, Mar 8 The Pradesh Mahila Congress, A&N Islands will celebrate International Women's Day with a function at 2.30 pm at Port Mout village, near Radha Gobind Temple building on March 9, 2016. The President, PCC, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma will be the chief guest on the occasion, a communication from the President, PMC said here today.

Free Yog camp for women at Mazar Pahad



Port Blair, Mar 8 A free yog camp started under the banner of Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti at Mazar Pahad, Chandani Chowk here on Mar 6. The inaugural ceremony was attended by the Ward Councillor, Smt. Vinita Malhotra and Sewavrat Shri Kripa Sindhu who hails from Haridwar. The yog class was started with

lightening the ritual lamp. The Ward Councillor and other speakers appreciated the efforts of the Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti. The Zilla Prabhari, Smt. Kamlakshi welcomed the gathering. Shri Kripasindhu ji detailed about the significance of yog for everyone.

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International Women's day celebrated in Isles Speakers emphasize need for sensitization on welfare schemes for women; Isles' gender parity lauded



Staff Reporter Port Blair, Mar 8 Along with the rest of the world, 'International Women's Day' was celebrated in a befitting manner here in the Islands too today. To mark the day, a programme was organized by the Department of Social Welfare in the conference hall of Agriculture Department, Goal Ghar this morning. The Chairperson, PBMC, Smti Sheela Singh was the chief guest of the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest said the condition of womenfolk in our country has improved considerably due to awareness programmes and various welfare schemes for women, launched by the Government. However, there still are some parts, where empowerment of women is necessary, she said. She stressed that women should be enlightened about their rights and also the need for educating every girl child. She touched upon social evils that are plaguing our society and hampering the growth and development of women, which calls for a greater change. To prevent heinous crimes committed on

womenfolk, men should also be made aware of the consequences of their action, she added and called upon each and everyone to help create conducive environment for the welfare of womenfolk. Speaking on the topic 'challenges faced by women', Social Worker, Smti Komal Anand said that along with education, humanity is also important for the society. Family and career should go hand in hand, only then inequality can be removed, she said, adding that women have carved a niche for themselves in various professions and all

they need is support from all. Expressing her views on the topic 'Empowerment of women', Dr. Poonam Arora said, women should energize themselves to know their rights and acquire knowledge

on various aspects of rights and duties to empower themselves. She also enlightened them about various schemes of Govt of India.

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Solemn function at Chatham Memorial on Mar 10

Port Blair, Mar 8 A solemn function will be organized to pay tribute to the pioneer Freedom Fighters on March 10, 2016 at 9 am at the Chatham Memorial to commemorate the arrival of first batch of Freedom Fighters of First War of Independence in these islands in the year 1858.

pay tribute to the heroes of First War of Independence by placing wreath at the Chatham Memorial followed by others.

In this regard, all are requested to join in paying tribute to the first batch of heroes of First War of Independence, a communication from the The Chief Secretary (i/c), Director (Art & Culture) said here today.

Mystery behind Mercury's darkness revealed

NASA, Mar 8 The secret behind Mercury's low visibility to astronomers has finally been revealed. The reason for planet Mercury's 'dark' appearance to astronomers has been found to be graphite, astronomers examining data from NASA's MESSENGER mission found. The study, carried out at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory found that the planet's outer core is largely made of graphite, which floated to the top of the initially molten planet before it cooled. One of the study's co-authors said in a statement that they used MESSENGER's Neutron Spectrometer to spatially resolve

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Pre-exam counselling facility for students to overcome stress

Port Blair, Mar 8 Students appearing in AISSCE & AISSE, 2016 may sometimes undergo mental stress and psychological pressure. Especially the students appearing for AISSE, 2016 for the first time may be more vulnerable to stress and strain. CBSE has also launched a pre-exam annual counselling facility to provide psychological counselling to students to overcome the

exam related stress. For details, students may visit CBSE's website www.cbse.nic.in. Meanwhile, the Directorate of Education in collaboration with the officials of Health Department has constituted a committee comprising of following members to provide assistance to all needy children to mitigate their mental stress and psychological pressure.

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Return ticket for tourists visiting Neil, Havelock relaxed

Decision to be reviewed in October 2016

Port Blair, Mar 8 The Directorate of Shipping Services had implemented mandatory return tickets for tourists visiting Neil and Havelock Islands with a view to ensure that tourists are not unduly stranded at outer Islands due to non availability of return tickets from outer ports.

The procedure required the tourists to purchase return tickets mandatorily from Port Blair itself prior to their outward journey to avoid any stranding at outer ports. Now, the Directorate of Shipping Services has relaxed mandatory purchasing of return tickets with immediate effect as the tourism load has now reduced. Tourists may now proceed to other Islands without mandatorily purchasing the return tickets,

if they so wish. The Director, however, has advised all tourists to book/purchase their return tickets in advance from Port Blair itself to avoid any last minute problem in the return journey. Further, the Shipping Directorate would review the situation again in October 2016 as the tourist activity is likely to pick up again, during that time, a communication said.

District Office SA refutes news item published in local daily

Port Blair, Mar 8 The District Office, South Andaman has refuted the news item published in a Hindi daily yesterday. In a press release received here today, the Assistant Commissioner (HQ), SA has clarified that infact, a news item had appeared in the said daily that the officials and staff of District Administration are helping the traders registered under

Central Sales Tax registration being dealt in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, SA to mint money and in turn obtaining commission by way of non-verification of the products actually arrived at Port Blair. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman has in-fact called upon the Editor of the Hindi newspaper on 05th March 2016 and had a brief discussion of about 10

minutes and requested the media person to provide the details, if any, as alleged in the paper in order to take necessary action. The Editor agreed to provide the details, but in turn, he has taken the opportunity to malign the image of the Administration by levelling a false allegation that the Administration is pressuring the Editor.

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SPORTS

Saina Nehwal back on court for All England challenge

Birmingham, Mar 8
All eyes will be on Indian ace Saina Nehwal when she returns to the court after an injury lay-off at the All England Championship, hoping to better last year's runner-up finish at the prestigious event which begins with the qualifiers here on Tuesday.



In pursuit of achieving her full fitness ahead of a hectic Olympic year, Saina skipped a series of tournaments, including the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold, but the World No. 2 Indian will now be back in the reckoning as she spearheads the challenge here.

all right and my fitness level is also good. I had a good training session and I would give my best in this event," said Saina, who would take on Commonwealth Games champion Michelle Li of Canada in the main draw on Wednesday. Two-time bronze medallist at World Championship, India's P V Sindhu too will hope to turn around her dwindling form

round match. Commonwealth Games champion Parupalli Kashyap, who had fought a series of injuries since last year to keep his hopes of qualifying for the Olympics alive, received a severe blow last week when he injured his knee at German Open and he will be forced to skip the All England.

World No. 21 Ajay Jayaram, meanwhile, will count his chances to qualify for the Rio Games but the Mumbai-born shuttler will have to put up a good show to get inside the top 16 by the May deadline.

All India Civil Service Tournament

Selection trial for badminton tournament at Netaji Stadium on Mar 12 & 13

Port Blair, Mar 8
The Central Civil Service Cultural and Sports Board (CCSCSB) under the Department of Personnel and Training, GoI in collaboration with the State and Union Territories every year organises All India Civil Service Tournament in various sports disciplines. These tournaments are open to the civilian employees of the Central and State Government/Union Territory Administration. The Department has decided to participate in the forthcoming AICS Badminton Tournament for men & women, to be held at Kerala from March 21 to 26, 2016.

In order to select the team consisting of govt. employees working in A&N Islands for the tournament, a selection trial will be held on March 12 & 13,

T20 World Cup: Free wi-fi services for cricket fans at six stadiums in India

New Delhi, Mar 8
Cricket fans will enjoy free Wi-Fi services at six cricket stadiums during the upcoming T20 World Cup matches in India. The Wi-Fi service will be available at stadiums in Bangalore, Dharmashala, Kolkata, Mohali, New Delhi and Mumbai. Service provider Reliance Jio has announced free high-speed Wi-Fi with unlimited downloads at these six stadiums across the country. The company has fixed a certain range to allow only spectators inside these stadiums to have access.

India to issue 250 visas to Pakistani cricket fans

New Delhi, Mar 8
India will issue 250 visas to Pakistani spectators for each match their team plays during the World Twenty20 cricket tournament. Visas will also be offered for the India-Pakistan match at Dharamsala, which is still under suspense. The five-day visa will be issued after furnishing of tickets of matches, return tickets for road or rail or air transport and accommodation bookings.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 09/03/2016
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 32.4
Minimum Temperature (°C): 23.6
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 074
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 075
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0530
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1730
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 16: 71.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week Mar 4 - 10
Jai Gangaajal - (Hindi UA) - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Neerja - (Hindi U) - 3:30 PM
Zubaan - (Hindi UA) - 1:00 PM
Sowcarpettai - (Tamil A) - 4:00 PM
Pichaikaran - (Tamil U) - 7:30 PM
Online booking at www.ticketnew.com
For queries only 8373010002

SEVA SUCHNAYEIN

The cargo vessel MV Badam will sail for Campbell Bay via Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 11.03.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.

Note: Booking of cargo tickets for the above sailing will be done on 09.03.2016 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.

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 12.03.2016 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.03.2016 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 10.03.2016 (Thu) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 10.03.2016 (Thu) 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.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 12.03.2016 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.03.2016 (Sun) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 10.03.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 10.03.2016 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.

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 15.03.2016 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 16.03.2016 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 12.03.2016 (Sat) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 12.03.2016 (Sat) 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.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 16.03.2016 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 18.03.2016 (Fri) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 14.03.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 14.03.2016 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.

MV Chowra will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 20.03.2016 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 24.03.2016 (Thu) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 17.03.2016 (Thu) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 17.03.2016 (Thu) 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.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 21.03.2016 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 22.03.2016 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 17.03.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 17.03.2016 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.

MV Chowra will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 29.03.2016 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 02.04.2016 (Sat) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 26.03.2016 (Sat) 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 Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 15.03.2016 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay. Due to administrative reasons the scheduled sailing of MV Chowra for Hut Bay on 23.03.2016 has been cancelled.

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HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.03.2016 (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 09.03.2016 (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 09.03.2016 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 09.03.2016 (Wed) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.03.2016 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
HUT BAY
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Tennis star Sharapova failed drug test at Australian Open, faces suspension



Los Angeles, Mar 8
Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova, the highest-paid woman in sports, said on Monday that she failed a drug test at the Australian Open due to a substance she has been taking for 10 years for health issues.

The 28-year-old Sharapova, a five-time grand slam champion, will be provisionally suspended starting March 12, the International Tennis Federation (ITF) said.

She is the seventh athlete in a month to test positive for meldonium, which is used to treat diabetes and low magnesium, and was only banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency as of January 1. "I made a huge mistake. I let my fans down and I let the sport down," said Sharapova, a teenage tennis prodigy who became the third-youngest Wimbledon champion. "I take full responsibility for it."

"I know that with this I face chances and I don't want to end my career this way. I really hope that I will be given another chance to play this game," former world No.1 Sharapova told a news conference in a downtown Los Angeles hotel.

The ITF's anti-doping programme calls for a four-year suspension for a positive test, but that ban can be reduced in various circumstances, such as for first-time offences or if the player shows no significant fault or negligence. If a player bears no fault or negligence, there is no suspension. According to Forbes, she earned \$29.5 million in 2015, mostly from endorsements.

Railways forms SPV to execute bullet train project

New Delhi, Mar 8
The Indian Railways has formed a new Special Purpose Vehicle, SPV, to implement the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Bullet Train project. The entity has been named the National High Speed Rail Corporation.

equity for the SPV, while the Railways will have 50 per cent. A senior Railway Ministry official said that the project will take about seven years to complete after the awarding of the contract. The project is estimated to cost 97,636 crore rupees. 81 per cent of the funding will come by way of a loan from Japan. The bullet train is expected to cover the 508 kilometers between Mumbai and Ahmedabad in about two

hours, running at operating speed of 320 kilometers per hour. Currently, Duronto takes about seven hours to cover the same distance.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Mar 8
Maj. Adj. 20 Grenadiers, Pin - 910820, C/o APO, Port Blair unit will utilize the firing range at Chinthe 200m long range Brichgunj on March 10, 19, 21 & 24, 2016 for firing practice from 9.31 am to 4 pm. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the mentioned date and time, a communication said.

NIOS students advised

Port Blair, Mar 8
The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) Manglutan centre no.230012 is going to conduct practical examination for the students of class X and XII (Block-1) March/May 2015-16 from March 14 to 27, 2016. All the registered candidates have been requested to contact coordinator for further details, a communication said.

Speakers' emphasize...

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In his address, the Director, Social Welfare, Dr.R.Devdas said that men and women are created equally by God and there is no discrimination. He stressed on the need for enlightening womenfolk about their rights and empowering them to help realize their dreams. He appreciated the strength of a woman to bring forth life and said it is a special gift endowed upon every woman. He highlighted that in our Islands, there is no difference between men and women as both genders dwell in unison, this he said, should continue.

Lively welcome song by Ms. Divya of Social Welfare Deptt. thought provoking action song by Ms. Priyanka from Balika Niketan and a heart-warming group song by inmates of Balika Niketan delighted the gatherings. Former SSWB Chairperson, Smti Pritam Kumari Nanda and Retd. Principal, Smti Durgavati were felicitated on the occasion. The programme was attended by Ex-Chairperson SSWB, Smti Ratna Kanan, Member UTRCP, Smti. Rubina Siddique, prominent social workers, senior citizens, officials of Social Welfare Department and a large gathering of Anganwadi workers. Earlier, the Welfare Officer (Women), of Social Welfare Deptt Ms. Rita Devi welcomed the gatherings while the programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by CDPO (UP), Smti Irene Nicholas.

Rate of PDS Kerosene Oil revised

Port Blair, Mar 8
All the ration card holders and FPS Owners of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been informed that consequent upon enhancement of the Dealers commission for PDS kerosene oil by the Govt. of India, the A&N Administration has re-fixed the rate of PDS SKO (Kerosene Oil) for the entire Union Territory of A&N Islands. Accordingly, retail selling price of SKO per ltr will be Rs.18.85/- while the wholesale price of SKO per ltr. will be Rs.17.50/-.

The revised rates shall come into force with immediate effect, a communication said.

Sailing of MV Nicobar postponed

Port Blair, Mar 8
Due to technical reasons, the scheduled sailing programme of MV Nicobar for Kolkata via Mayabunder on 11th March has been postponed to 16th March, 2016. Now, the vessel is planned to sail for Kolkata via Mayabunder on Mar 16 at 1800 hrs (under voyage No. 726) from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair via Mayabunder on Mar 26 (under voyage No. 727) instead of Mar 22 from Kolkata, a communication said.

Allotment of sand at Hut Bay highlighted

Port Blair, Mar 8
The Pradhan Hut Bay Gram Panchayat, Smt. Geeta Rao has highlighted the issue of sand allotment in Hut Bay area. In a letter written to the Union Minister of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, a copy of which was released to the press, the Pradhan has apprised the Minister about the scarcity of sand for different construction and maintenance works at Hut Bay. The Pradhan has further stated in her letter that the maintenance work for about 2000 permanent shelters at Farm Tikrey and Onge Tikrey allotted to the tsunami victims is hampering due to non-availability of sand. The Pradhan has urged the Minister to give appropriate orders to the concerned authorities to make available the required sand to the needy, as per requirement in Hut Bay to carry out developmental activities, a communication received here said.

Thirty seven food business operators compounded by District Food Safety Office

Port Blair, Mar 8
During the Month of February, 2016 the Enforcement Officials of the District Food Safety Office, South Andaman, a case against a Food Business Operator has been disposed off without any fine and advised him that his premises will be re-inspected & discrepancies if any found will be viewed seriously in future, a communication from the District Food Safety Officer, South Andaman said here today.

Mystery behind ..

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the distribution of carbon and found that it is correlated with the darkest material on Mercury, and this material most likely originated deep in the crust. However, the planet's top layer still retains graphite in its rocks, further darkening the surface.

Pre-exam counselling....

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The students can dial the numbers to seek redressal for their problems.

Sl.	Name of Official	Phone No.
1.	Dr. Sunil Kumar, Psychiatrist G.B Pant Hospital	230629
2.	Dr. Mitesh Bihari, Psychiatrist G.B Pant Hospital	9531944406
3.	Shri. Amit Kumar, Deputy Director Education (Admn.)	230277
4.	Shri. Shashi Kumar, Deputy Director Education (Plg.)	234938, 9434289959
5.	Shri. Suresh Kumar, Deputy Director Education (Perl)	245498, 9434285294
6.	Dr. Suman Devi, Deputy Director Education (Acad.)/Nodal Officer (CBSE)	232415, 9427438181
7.	Smt. Geeta Navin Bhatt, GTT, GMSSS Aberdeen	9434272228
8.	Smt. Swapna Mitra, PGT, GSSS Mannarghat	9474205724

