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MP, trading communities meet LG

Issues pertaining to smooth implementation of GST discussed

Port Blair, July 8

A delegation led by the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, including representatives of Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry, grain dealers association, shopkeepers, activists and elected representatives, participated in a meeting held at the conference hall of Raj Niwas today. Issues pertaining to the implementation of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) in the A&N Islands were discussed. The trader community expressed its keen interest in the implementation of the GST in the Islands. During the meeting, the trader community brought to the notice of the Lt Governor issues relating to GST

implementation. It is expected that about 3000 traders from the Islands will be registered in the GST system. Till date, as many as 1200 traders have already registered. In order to further generate awareness among the trading community, awareness camps are being organized in Nicobar and North & Middle Andaman on 8th & 9th July 2017. From 10th July onwards, the registration process will be initiated in the offices of the Assistant Commissioners (GST), in Nicobar and North & Middle Andaman districts. The Member of Parliament and the trader representatives expressed their gratitude to the Lt Governor and officers of



the Administration for their efforts in smooth implementation of the GST in the Islands. The Lt Governor also thanked the traders for attending the training camps organized in this regard

and for propagating the knowledge gained by them to other business communities and also for extending support in the implementation of GST in the Islands.

All issues and

problems coming to the notice in implementation of GST are being resolved and concerted efforts are being made for implementation of the GST in the Islands in an effective manner.

Centre launches GST Rates Finder app to verify accurate tax rate under GST regime

New Delhi, Jul 8

Centre has launched an app - GST Rates Finder to verify the accurate tax rate on commodity and services under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley yesterday launched the app in New Delhi which will empower not only the taxpayers, but every citizen of the nation, to ascertain the correct GST rate on goods and services. Through this app, user can determine GST rate by

entering the name of the commodity or service. The Ministry said, the search result will list all the Goods and Services containing the name which was typed in the search box. A taxpayer can search for applicable CGST, SGST, UTGST rate and Compensation Cess on a supply.

Finance Ministry said, this mobile app can be downloaded on any smart phone and can work in offline mode, once

downloaded. The application has been launched on Android platform, and will soon be available on iOS platform. The Ministry said, Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) has taken these initiatives for ease of doing business under the GST regime. CBEC has also provided a GST rate finder on its portal - cbec-gst.gov.in to help taxpayers know applicable GST rate on their supplies.

LG to attend annual general meeting of ACCI today

Port Blair, July 8

The 50th Annual General Meeting of the Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ACCI) will be held tomorrow (July 9) at TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay. The Lt Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will attend the meeting as the chief guest at 12.15 pm. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray will be the guest of honour on the occasion, a communication from General Secretary, ACCI said.

Bringing amicable solutions for disputes

National Lok Adalats organized in A&N Islands

Port Blair, July 8

National Lok Adalats was organized in the Islands, together with the rest of the country today. As such, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Port Blair had organized a Lok Adalat in the 'Prayas', the Alternative Disputes Resolution Center, DLSA Port Blair, in which the Judge, Calcutta High Court, Justice Ashis Kumar Chakraborty was the chief guest. Similar National Lok Adalats were also conducted at District Court Building, Mayabunder, Circuit Court Building, Diglipur, CJM Court Building, Car Nicobar and



JM Court Building Campbell Bay. Addressing the gathering at Prayas here, the chief guest expressed happiness over the past activities of DLSA Port Blair in disposing number of cases, which he observed, could have remained

pending for long in the Court of Law, if not being disposed of by the Lok Adalat. The very purpose for setting up Lok Adalat, he said was to relieve litigants from the lengthy procedure in the legal system and to deliver

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Stakeholders meet on development of tuna fisheries in A & N Islands held

A&N Administration to come out with comprehensive fisheries policy for livelihood development in fishery sector

Single window clearance for interested entrepreneurs

Port Blair, July 8

A Stakeholders Meet on 'Development of Tuna Fisheries in Andaman and Nicobar Islands' was held at Kochi based ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology on the behest of Andaman and Nicobar Administration today. The event was organized by Andaman & Nicobar Administration and ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair in association with ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi and ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi.

Presiding over the programme, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, highlighted the importance of fishery for the economic growth of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He said that A&N Islands being endowed with unexploited abundant marine fishery resources is still a virgin place for the investors and emerging entrepreneurs to

come forward to take advantage of tuna and other resources of the Islands. "Port Blair is now well connected with 16 flights every day with main land and steps have already been initiated for launching of high speed internet connectivity in the Islands", he said, assuring the participants that A&N Administration will provide single window clearance for interested



entrepreneurs. He also said that the A&N Administration will come out with a comprehensive fisheries policy for the livelihood development in fishery sector, and expressed his interest in developing a fishery industrial park to facilitate tuna fisheries development in the Islands.

At the outset, the Secretary (Fishery), A&N Administration, Shri Ramesh Verma, in his

welcome address mentioned about the unmet opportunities for large scale investments in fisheries sector in A&N Islands and ensured all possible support to the entrepreneurs for start-up business in the Islands. Dr S Dam Roy, Director, ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair in his presentation, gave overall scenario of fisheries resource available in the

Islands and in particular about the under exploited straddling tuna resources. He emphasized upon increasing fishing capacity, setting up of seafood processing facilities and encouraging direct exporting for the development of the sector. He also mentioned about the activities taken up by the Department of Fisheries, A&N Islands for fisheries development.

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'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'

Cleanliness drive carried out at GB Pant Hospital

Port Blair Jul 8

The Port Blair Municipal Council, in coordination with Directorate of Health Services and G. B. Pant Hospital conducted a cleanliness drive under 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' today under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao. The Principal Secretary (UD/Health) Shri S. C. L. Das, Secretary, (i/



De-addiction camp today

Port Blair, July 8

Bharat Sevashram Sangha (BSS) Deen Street housing colony will be organizing a free counseling camp tomorrow (July 9) for de-addiction of alcohol and other drugs. Dr. M.K. Mahato, an expert in de-addiction, trained from Sydney (Australia) will be providing counseling. Willing persons may contact over Ph.No. -9474200757 for participation, a communication said.

INSPIRE awards / Manak scheme; last date extended

Port Blair, July 8

The last date for online submission of students nomination for INSPIRE Awards Manak 2017 has been extended up to August 15th, 2017. All the Heads of the Senior Secondary, Secondary and Middle Schools under South Andaman District, which have not yet

nominated the names of the students for the INSPIRE Awards have been requested to upload the students' names for Inspire Awards for the year 2017-18 and submit the acknowledgement to the Deputy Education Officer, South Andaman by August 15th, 2017. In case

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Edn. Secy inaugurates new block of GSSS at Havelock



Port Blair, July 8

A new block of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Havelock comprising of 8 classrooms and 2 toilet blocks was inaugurated by the Secretary (Education), A&N Administration, Smt. Tanvi Garg on July 6, 2017. The Pradhan, Zilla

Parishad Members, Elected Public representatives of Havelock, SMC members, villagers, officials of various Dept. of A & N Administration, students and teachers of the Govt. schools of Havelock were present on the occasion. In

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Mass tree plantation drive organized by PTS

Port Blair, July 8

As a part of the celebration of 68th Van Mahotsav, a mass tree plantation drive was organized by the Police Training School, Prothrapur, A&N Police in the training campus yesterday. The DGP, A&N Islands, Smti Nuzhat Hassan, inaugurated the event by planting a flower bearing plant. Principal, PTS, Smt. Geeta Rani Verma, Superintendent of Police (HQ) Shri Parvinder Singh, Vice Principal, PTS,



and planted different species of saplings to promote a green & safe environment, a communication said.

participated in the event

Swayam Prabha

The SWAYAM PRABHA is conceived as a group of 32 DTH channels devoted to telecasting of high-quality educational programmes on 24x7 basis using the GSAT-15 satellite. Every day, there will be new content for at least (4) hours which would be repeated 5 more times in a day, allowing the students to choose the time of their convenience. The channels are uplinked from BISAG, Gandhinagar. The contents are provided by NPTEL, IITs, UGC, CEC, IGNOU, NCERT and NIOS. The INFLIBNET Centre maintains the web portal.

The DTH Channels shall cover the following:

a). Higher Education: Curriculum-based course contents at post-graduate and under-graduate level covering diverse disciplines such as arts, science, commerce, performing arts, social sciences and humanities, engineering, technology, law, medicine, agriculture, etc. All courses would be certification-ready in their detailed offering through SWAYAM, the platform being developed for offering MOOCs courses.

b). School education (9-12 levels): modules for teacher's training as well as teaching and learning aids for children of India to help them understand the subjects better and also help them in preparing for competitive examinations for admissions to professional degree programmes.

c). Curriculum-based courses that can meet the needs of life-long learners of Indian citizens in India and abroad.

d). Assist students (class 11th & 12th) prepare for competitive exams.



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WEATHER



Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30 °C and 24°C respectively on Sunday 09/07/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.2
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 22.8
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 095
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 092
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0501
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1748
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 052.3
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1174.7 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Coral Queen will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 10.07.2017 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 11.07.2017 (Tue) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 13.07.2017 (Thu) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 14.07.2017 (Fri) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 11.07.2017 (Tue) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 11.07.2017 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 Rani Changa will sail for Hut Bay on 11.07.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Campbell will sail for Hut Bay on 12.07.2017 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.07.2017 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay will be issued to the general public from 10.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 11th, 12th & 13th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 10.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

09.07.2017 (SUNDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 09.07.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Choudhary will sail for Neil Island on 09.07.2017 (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 Choudhary will sail for Neil Island on 09.07.2017 (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 Choudhary will sail for Havelock on 09.07.2017 (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 09.07.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

10.07.2017 (MONDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 10.07.2017 (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 10.07.2017 (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 10.07.2017 (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 10.07.2017 (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 10.07.2017 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

MV Rani Changa will sail for Hut Bay on 10.07.2017 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

RAJGAT MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR
MV Choudhary will sail for Rangpat via Neil, Havelock, Kadamtala and Long Island on 10.07.2017 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 11.07.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangpat via same route.

11.07.2017 (TUESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 11.07.2017 (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 11.07.2017 (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 11.07.2017 (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 Badam to sail for Campbell Bay on July 12

Port Blair, July 8
The cargo vessel MV Badam will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal and Nancowry on July 12, 2017 at 10 pm from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging of cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing will commence from July 10 between 9 am to 1pm at Commercial wing. All the consignees have been advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed, a communication from Dy. Director, DSS said.

Cleanliness drive ... (Contd. from page 1)

The Chairperson, PBMC flagged off the drive at OPD complex. The team carried out a cleanup activity in the G.B. Pant premises in consonance to the Prime Minister's National Swachh Bharat initiative.

The mass drive involved cleaning up the environs as well as providing a clean, safe and hygienic ambience. Wastes collected from G. B. Pant Hospital, DHS and surrounding areas were shifted to the dumping yard.

Meanwhile, PBMC will also conduct more such mass cleanliness drives in a phased manner and the citizens have been invited to join hands in making the city spic and span, a communication said.

Death Condoled

Port Blair, July 8
The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, State President, BJP, Shri Vishal Jolly and all party workers have condoled the demise of Late Gopal Mondal, 88 yrs, R/o Kadamtala, Founder Member of BJP, who passed away on July 7, 2017 at his residence, Kadamtala, a communication said.

Wildlife smugglers nabbed by South Andaman Police

Port Blair, July 8
on a tip off about smuggling of Sea Turtle (an endangered Wild Life species), received at PS Pahargaon on July 4, a team of Police personnel led by SI Jeevan immediately swung into action and mounted surveillance of suspected place. Soon two suspects were noticed carrying a heavy carry bag. The suspects were detained and the carry bag was searched in which a freshly killed Sea Turtle was found. The smugglers were identified as Narayan Roy @ Sujoy, resident of Garacharma and Surajit Das, resident of Guptapara.

Sujoy Roy was found to be involved in many criminal cases of PS Ograbraj earlier too, and he was also booked under preventive action thrice for his suspected involvement in criminal activities. The 2.15 Kgs sea turtle was seized on the spot and the accused were detained.

The detained accused and seized property were later handed over to Range Officer (Wild Life) for further action against the accused persons.

The entire operation was conducted under the supervision of Insp. Sahil Shamsuddin, SHO Pahargaon and DySP(South Andaman).

Firing practice

Port Blair, Jul 8
Firing practice by CG Dornier will be carried out from 10 am to 3pm on July 10, 11, 20 & 21st, 2017. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vessels/fishing boat away from the firing range during the above mentioned time and dates, a communication from the Office of the District Magistrate, South Andaman said here.

Edn. Secy ...

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her address, the Secretary (Edn) advised all the students of the Govt. Sr. Sec. School Havelock to utilize the newly created assets in a proper manner. She also assured that SMART classes will also be established in GSSS Havelock to enable students in e-learning process.

High wave alert; fishermen advised

Port Blair, July 8
High waves in the range of 3.0 - 3.2 meters have been forecasted along the west coast of Andaman Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Coco Channel and current speeds varying between 44 - 71 cm/sec. Similar high waves have also been forecasted along the west coast of Nicobar Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Great Channel and current speeds varying between 60 - 90 cm/sec. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. General public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency, they may contact in the State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 03192-238881, 1070(Helpline), EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020, EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222, EOC(N&M): 03192-262960, EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014, EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241, EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030, EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527, a communication said.

Bubble show at Science Centre today

Port Blair, Jul 8
During the programme, visitors can witness the varieties of bubbles right from tiny bubble to giant bubble, children's most favorite Doraemon bubble besides cubic bubble, aquarium bubble, caterpillar bubble, Fire bubble & many more. The entry fee for the show is 10/- per head.

INSPIRE awards ...

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of any query, one can call on Helpdesk Inspire Awards over phone no. 01126590500 from Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm or email at www.inspireawards-dst.gov.in, a communication said.

National Lok Adalats ... (Contd. from page 1)

amicable resolution for their disputes. There are many cases, which do not involve legal issues and these can be solved in the Lok Adalat, saving the precious time of the litigants, he said.

The District & Session Judge, Shri Siddhartha Kanjilal, while speaking on the occasion expressed gratitude to the advocates and the bankers for their cooperation in making Lok Adalat success. He appealed to the litigants to make best use of the opportunity and get their disputes settle in the Lok Adalat.

Shri Rakesh Pal Govind, Secretary A & N Islands Bar Association highlighting the significance of the Lok Adalat, said, they not only minimize the number of pending cases in the Court of Law but, also help litigants save their times in settling their disputes.

Earlier, Shri J Sudarshan, Chief Administrative Officer, District & Session Court in his welcome address briefed the gathering about the benefit of litigants from the Lok Adalat. Three benches were constituted for the National Lok Adalat by the DLSA. Bench No. 1 was presided over by Shri Prasenjit Biswas, Registrar, High Court Calcutta Bench at Port Blair, with Smt. Ratna Kannan, Social Worker and Smt. Bipasha Das, Advocate as members, while the Bench No. 2 was presided over by Shri Siddhartha Kanjilal, District & Session Judge and also Chairman DLSA, with Shri K Ganeshan, PBMC Councilor Ward No. 8 and Smt. Babita Das, Advocate as members. The third Bench was presided over by Shri Anirban Chatterjee JMFC with Smt. Preeja Menon, Advocate and Smt. Madhu Lal, Social Worker as members.

As many as 449 cases were placed before the Lok Adalat at Port Blair, of which 35 cases involving bank recovery matters with an amount of Rs. 89,88,747/- were disposed of and settled at Rs. 28,10,505/-, thus giving a relief to the loanees to the tune of Rs. 61,78,242/- . A sum of Rs. 1,83,898/- was paid by the loanees to the bank on the spot before the Lok Adalat members.

44 criminal cases and two maintenance cases under Section 125 Cr. P.C. pending in different courts at Port Blair were also disposed of by the Lok Adalat Bench and with the disposal of 41 petty cases, a sum of Rs.19,500 had been realized as Government Revenue.

SPORTS

First time in Isles

ANCA to conduct National Under 25 Chess Championship at Port Blair

Port Blair, July 8

For the first time, the Andaman Nicobar Chess Association has been entrusted by the All India Chess Federation with the privilege to conduct the National Under 25 Chess Championship at Port Blair from July 13th to 20th, 2017. The Championship will be held at the auditorium of JNRM, Port Blair. The valedictory function will be chaired by the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof Jagdish



Mukhi at 5 pm on July 19, 2017. The Championship will be inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar at 3 pm on July 13, 2017.

About 120 chess players

from the mainland including grand masters and nationally recognized sportspersons are expected to participate in this Championship along with about 25 players from the Islands.

Harinder Sandhu wins South Australian Open title

Adelaide, Jul 8

India's Harinder Pal Sandhu has won the South Australian Open squash title. In the final at Adelaide today, the Indian, a former national champion, defeated Rhys Dowling of the host nation 11-8, 12-10, 11-4.

Sandhu had yesterday upset top-seed Pedro Schweertman of the Netherlands in the semifinal of the PSA World Tour event.



It is Sandhu's eighth title at the PSA level and the third this season after winning two in Malaysia in the month of May.

ANC squash championship held

Port Blair Jul 8

The Andaman & Nicobar Command Squash Championship was organized from July 4 to 7 with an aim to promote physical fitness and sportsman spirit within the Command. There was an overwhelming response and participation from all officers of the Command.

The final match of the championship was played yesterday in which the Chief of Staff, Andaman and Nicobar Command, Major General PS Sai was the chief guest and



presented medals and certificates to the winners. Gold Medal was won by Commander Asheesh Kalaan. Silver and Bronze Medals were won by Lt Col Anurag Gupta and Lt Col RS Bisht respectively, a communication said.

A&N Administration to come...

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Dr. Mohan Joseph Modayil, Former Director, ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi enlightened on the outlook required for tuna fisheries development in the Islands in which context he pointed out the need for fisheries resource stock assessment and required infrastructure development in A&N Islands. He also stressed on the requirement for single window clearance for the interested entrepreneurs and the need for deploying >20 OAL fishing fleets to exploit the fisheries resources of the Islands.

Congratulating the efforts of Andaman and Nicobar Administration for conducting the stakeholders meet in the fisheries capital of India; Dr C N Ravishankar, Director, ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Kochi highlighted the harvest and post-harvest fishery technologies developed by the institute, which can be a path finder for this initiative.

The inaugural function was followed by interactive session, which was attended by more than 130 stakeholders comprising of investors, fish-processors, entrepreneurs, and progressive fishermen from different coastal states namely Gujrat, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala etc. along with officials from A&N Administration, line departments of Kerala, MPEDA, MATSYAFED, ANIIDCO, NABARD, ICAR-CIFT and ICAR-CMFRI. The Stakeholders meet came to an end with vote of thanks extended by Shri J Chandrashekar, Director of Fisheries, A&N Administration.

During the interactive session, various concerns raised by the prospective investors related to administrative support and vessel management facilities, issues related to resources availability like required amount of quality ice, water, power, berthing and repair facilities for vessels, bycatch processing facilities etc. were discussed in detail. Lastly, while summing up the deliberation, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration assured that all possible infrastructures will be developed in phased manner and urged the prospective investors to extend all possible cooperation for the development of fisheries in the Islands.