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50th Annual General Meeting of ACCI held

GST will benefit consumers, traders & help the economy to grow: Lt Governor

Traders urged to register under GST



Port Blair, July 9
The 50th Annual General Meeting of Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) was held at the conference hall of Hotel TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay here today. The Lt Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi graced the occasion as the chief guest while the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray was the guest of honour.

In his address, the Lt Governor expressed his happiness in attending the AGM of the ACCI which is instrumental in safeguarding the vital interests of businessmen of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He said, the Chamber has also been in the forefront in fulfilling its social corporate responsibilities by taking up benevolent activities for the welfare of the society. The Lt Governor lauded the contribution of ACCI in the economic development of Isles.

Referring about GST, the Lt Governor said, for the first time in the history of our Country, a financial advancement has been put in place in the form of GST. He lauded the will power shown by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi in bringing the GST-One Nation, One Tax System and called upon the traders to register themselves and help Administration to implement this new tax



system in letter and spirit in these Islands. The GST will firstly benefit the consumers as the goods will be cheaper, secondly, it will help in the upliftment of traders and lastly, the Govt. will be benefited as the economy will grow, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor mentioned that with the implementation of GST in the Islands, a GST Department has been created with 06 Officers from Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) appointed by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration on deputation to assist with the implementation of GST. Along with the CBEC officers, UT Administration officers, viz. Deputy Commissioner (SA), ADM and SDMs have been appointed as Commissioner (GST), Joint Commissioner, and Assistant Commissioner (GST) besides revenue staff. The Lt Governor expressed his happiness that detailed training programmes were organized by the GST Department in the month of June wherein, traders/

dealers, Government Departments, CAs, Accountants, Auditors and CSC operators participated.

The Lt Governor further stated that efforts are on by the Administration in improving internet connectivity which, he said, is very much essential for better implementation of GST. He said that BSNL has been requested to provide minimum 8 Mbps dedicated leased line to GST office. They have also been requested to significantly enhance the connectivity throughout the Islands, especially the outlying areas, so that traders do not face transactional difficulties due to poor connectivity. Dedicated 2 Mbps line, along with 1 VSAT has been installed in the DC office which is being used as a facilitation centre for registration/migration. The Lt Governor stated that 35 Common Service Centers (CSC) have also been notified as facilitation centre to ensure availability of connectivity at the door step for the traders/dealers.



Facilitation centre shall also be set up at all the DC offices and Tehsil offices with dedicated lease line within a month, the Lt. Governor added. Once the submarine cable between the Islands and Chennai is completed, connectivity problems will be eliminated to a great extent which will also improve the overall socio-economic development of the Islands.

Referring about various infrastructure projects coming up, especially roads & bridges in N&M Andaman, the Lt Governor stated that construction of the two lane Bridge over Humphrey Strait connecting Baratang Island and Middle & North Andaman has already commenced. As regard to the Middle Strait Creek Bridge, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has given the permission to construct the approach road, falling under the Jarawa Reserved Area. Accordingly, tender was opened in the month of June and work is in progress. The Lt Governor informed that Rs 9 crore

has been awarded for maintenance work for ATR and work has already started. The work for widening and strengthening of ATR road 83KM has been awarded, he added.

The Lt Governor also informed about the developments in shipping sector. He said that the Directorate of Shipping Services presently operates 07 passenger-cargo vessels in the Inter-Island sector providing services between Port Blair and Southern Group of Islands. The Directorate is also operating MV Badam exclusively for cargo

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Andaman Tourism bags award at TTF



Port Blair, July 9
A delegation of tourism stake holders led by Tourism Department participated in the ongoing TTF at Kolkata. In this fair, Andaman Tourism was awarded winner of Group Participation Award. The

award was presented by the Tourism Minister of Goa. The team was led by Shri CG Vijay, Senior Manager (Tourism) and accompanied by Shri M. Vinod, President AATO, a communication said.

Heavy rain to occur in Isles

Port Blair, July 9
Heavy rain (7-11cm) is likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The general public is advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency contact phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres. They can contact

State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 03192-238881, 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.

Affectionate send-off to Haj pilgrims Respect all religion & work in unison for building a strong nation: LG



Port Blair, July 9

An affectionate send-off function for the Haj pilgrims for the year 2017 to Macca-Islam's holiest city in Saudi Arabia from the A&N Islands was organized by Jamat-e-Ulama, A&N Islands at Dr BR Ambedkar auditorium here today. The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi was the chief guest on the occasion. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Ex-Member of Parliament from Tamil Nadu, Prof. KM Kader Moideen, Chairman, A&N Islands State Hajj Committee, Alhaj. Gulam Hussain Jadwet and General Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Hajj Service Society, Mohammed Afzal were the guests of honour.

Expressing his happiness for attending the function, the Lt. Governor said, Haj pilgrimage for the Muslim brethrens is organized once in a year in Macca. Around 50 lakh Muslims from all over the world without any discrimination assemble and perform ibadat in a special dress and this gives the message of brotherhood, he said. The Lt. Governor mentioned that those who perform Haj, all his sins are



forgiven. He also quoted Prophet Mohammed who said those who gives trouble to others cannot be a true Muslim. Performing Haj ibadat in Muslim religion is the 5th important task to be performed for those who are in good health and can bear the expense.

The Lt Governor stated that people who are going for Haj this year are the blessed one's as they have been invited by 'Khuda' to his house. He gave his blessings to the Haj Pilgrims and wished

that their journey be accomplished safely. He urged the Pilgrims to pray for the prosperity and wellbeing of the Islands. Islam is not only a Universal religion but also a peaceful religion, the Lt Governor said adding that Prophet Mohammed has given the message of brotherhood, peace and love. According to Kuran, all of us are the sons of one human being and are brothers, said the Lt Governor. He said that in Islam, it is said 'Daughters

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Public hearing at Raj Niwas

Port Blair, July 9

The Lt. Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will hold Public Hearing at Raj Niwas from 11.30 am on 11.07.2017 (Tuesday). Members of the public interested to place their issues & grievances before the Lt. Governor can appear in the Public Hearing on the above mentioned time and date. They have been requested to report at Raj Niwas before 11.00 am on 11.07.2017 (Tuesday).

Celebration of World Population Day on July 11

Port Blair, July 9

The Directorate of Health Services, A&N Administration will be observing 'World Population Day-2017' on July 11, 2017 followed by a fortnight long celebration with the theme 'Nayi Lehar Naya Vishwas, Sampoorna Zimmedari Se Parivar Vikas' in A&N Islands along with the rest of the country.

During the fortnight, various IEC activities will be carried out in the Islands

involving PRIs, Para Medical Staffs, Anganwadi workers, Youth Club, NGOs, ASHAs and general public with the aim to create awareness about population stabilization.

The inaugural function will be held at Community Hall, Dairy farm Junction, Port Blair on July 11th, 2017 at 10.30 am. The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao will be the chief guest on the occasion, a communication said.

'Apne panchayat se'

Secretary (RD, PRI & ULB) to be live on AIR on July 10

Port Blair, July 9

In the next episode of the programme 'Apne panchayat se', Secretary (RD, PRI & ULB) Shri. Udit Prakash Rai will be LIVE on AIR on July 10. In this programme, developmental activities going on in Calicut Gram Panchayat and Sundargarh Gram Panchayat of Baratang will be discussed.

Pradhan of Sundargarh Panchayat, Shri. Biju Gurudasan, and Pradhan of Calicut Panchayat, Ms.

Ashna Majeed will also be present in the Studio to answer to the queries of listeners. Listeners can participate in this programme by calling on phone number 232336 or 232558. This programme will commence at 0715hrs and continue till 0755hrs.

This programme will be moderated by Programme Executives, Ms. Lalita Tigga and Ms. Jaisheela and coordinated by Shri. P.S. Saighal, a communication said.

Admission to TGCE; merit list displayed

Classes to commence from July 11

Port Blair, July 9
The final merit list of candidates who have applied for admission to four years Integrated Courses viz. B.A. B.Ed. (English) B.Sc. B.Ed. (Computer Science) and B.Sc. B.Ed. (Maths) in Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair has been displayed, for information of all and is available on the College Notice Board as well as in the common online admission website.

The counseling for admission to these courses shall be held on July 10th at 9 am in the College

Auditorium for all the subjects. No separate intimation will be given for counseling.

Candidates selected for admission to these courses during counseling session scheduled on July 10th, 2017 shall be given admission on the same day and classes shall begin from July 11th, 2017. The selected candidates should deposit the fees; photostat copies of certificates along with original certificates, passport size photographs and other documents on the day of admission, failing which, their cases

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Foundation stone for construction of rural road laid



Port Blair, July 9

The Secretary, RD, PRIs & ULBs/ DCSA, Shri Udit Prakash Rai and the Assistant Commissioner, Tribal Welfare & Deputy Director, RD, PRIs & ULBs, A&N Administration, Shri Arun Kumar Jha jointly laid the foundation stone for construction of rural road

at Mannarghat ward No. IV under MGNREGA, Gram Panchayat Mannarghat yesterday.

The Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Mannarghat, Shri O. Bashir, Block Development Officer, Ferrargunj, Shri Rajender Pal, Programme Officer,

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SPORTS

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30 °C and 23°C respectively on Monday 10/07/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 29.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 23.5
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 097
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 086
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: 017.7
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1192.4 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

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 Bay 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.

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
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RANGAT, MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR
MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat 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 Rangat 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.
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HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
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RANGAT & DIGLIPUR
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 12.07.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 13.07.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

Foundation stone for ...
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MGNREGA, Shri Shahid Meshak, Assistant Engineer, MGNREGA, Shri. G. Prabhu, PRIs Members and large number of gathering were present on the occasion.
The estimated cost of the said project is Rs. 19, 74,608/- . This has been a long pending demand of the Panchayat and the Pradhan has expressed his gratitude for the same, a communication said.

Classes to commence ...
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for admission will not be considered.
Those who fail to attend the counseling session, in time, will not be considered for admission to the course and next eligible candidate in the merit list will be considered for admission, a communication said.

22nd Asian Athletics Championships: Indian athletes continues their spectacular performance



Odisha, Jul 9
Indian athletes continued their spectacular performance in the 22nd Asian Athletics Championships held at Kalinga stadium in Odisha capital Bhubaneswar with the host nation moving on to the top with 20 medals. On the third day of the athletics meet yesterday, Sudha Singh produced a superb effort to win gold in the women's 3 thousand metre steeplechase. She finished at

the top of the podium with a time of nine minutes and 59.47 seconds. Anu R grabbed Silver in women 400 metres hurdles in 57.22 seconds. Odia star athletes Dutee Chand and Srabani Nanda along with other two sprinters Merlin Joseph and Himashree Roy completed the 4x100m relay event finals in 44.57 seconds securing bronze medal.
The Indian athletes added five more medals yesterday taking

its tally to 20 including 7 gold. Medals table is followed by China who have 15 medals with five gold and Iran at the third slot in the list with four gold and a single bronze.
Today is the closing day of the Asian Athletics meet and the host country is just three medals away of surpassing all-time record. India had bagged 22 medals in 1985 and 1989 at Jakarta and New Delhi Asian Athletics Championships.

Double delight for Rajiv Sethu, Amarnath Menon

Chennai, Jul 9
Honda Ten10 Racing team riders Rajiv Sethu and Mithun Kumar hogged the limelight with a terrific show even as Amarnath Menon of Gusto Racing achieved a grand double in the second round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship here today.
The 18-year old Sethu, who also enjoyed a double win, led a 1-2 finish in the premier Super Sport Indian (up to 165cc) class with Mathana Kumar and the team swept all three podium spots in the Pro-Stock (up to 165cc) category.
Equally impressive was 21-year old Amarnath Menon from Kozhikode who extended his domination in the Super Sport

Indian (300-400cc) class to repeat his performance of the first round at Coimbatore last month. Menon, thus, has won all four races in his class.
Peddu Sri Harsha (Sparks Racing) survived an incident-filled Stock (up to 165cc) race that boasted a grid of 39 riders and was red-flagged after two laps following a series of crashes.
Much of the focus today was on the Super Sport Indian (up to 165cc) and the Pro-Stock (up to 165cc) classes which were run on a combined grid. Like in the first outing on Saturday, Sethu rode a well-judged race.
Starting from pole, Sethu yielded ground to reigning champion Jagan Kumar (TVS Racing) who made a daring

pass on the left-hander in the Bridge Complex only to crash out at Tum-4.
Jagan's exit came a lap after his team-mate KY Ahamed who was shadowing Sethu had crashed. It gave Sethu a clean run up front and he opened up a gap. for a comfortable win ahead of team-mate Mathana Kumar while Prabhu Arunagiri (RACR) finished third.
"I had a tough fight with Jagan initially and after he passed me at the Bridge Complex, I decided to bide my time before trying to regain the lead. But he crashed soon after and I broke free to win, said Sethu who through meditation has learnt to reign in his aggression and impatience.

Sania advances in women, mixed events

London, Jul 9
Capping off a great day for India, Sania Mirza advanced to the third round of both the women's and mixed doubles events, while Rohan Bopanna and Purav Raja also won their respective mixed doubles matches at the Wimbledon here.
Mirza and Croatia's Ivan Dodig, who are seeded fourth, needed an hour and 18 minutes to see off the Japanese duo of Yusuke Watanuki and Makoto Ninomiya 7-6 (5), 6-2 to enter the mixed doubles third round. The Indo-Croatian duo finished its second round match with six aces and four double faults. They next face the defending champions Henri Kontinen and Heather Watson for a spot in the quarterfinals. In the women's doubles event, Sania and her Belgian partner Kirsten Flipkens beat the British pair of Naomi Broady and Heather Watson in

a hard-fought encounter to enter the third round. Mirza and Flipkens scripted a 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 victory in one hour and 45 minutes. The 13th seeded pair will next take on third seeds Martina Hingis of Switzerland and Yung-Jan Chan of

Chinese Taipei for a place in the quarterfinals. Partnering Japan's Eri Hozumi, Raja carved out a win in his first round mixed doubles match over the American-Czech pair of James Cerretani and Renata Voracava 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Hockey India pulls out of the Pro League

London, July 9
Days after alleging match-fixing at the World League semifinals in London, Hockey India has pulled out of one of International Hockey Federation's (FIH's) flagship tournaments, the Pro League. The decision was communicated to the FIH on Friday and the world body has begun its search for a replacement, it is learnt. The decision can have an impact on the Olympic qualifying hopes of the men's and women's

teams as the Pro League is one of FIH's main qualifying tournaments.
The Pro League is the newest competition on the FIH calendar and is due to launch in January 2019. The top nine men's and women's international teams will play each other on a home-and-away basis every weekend for six months from January to June. The top four teams at the end of the league will be awarded Tokyo Olympics berth.

Respect all religion ...
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are the way to heaven'.
The Lt Governor said A&N Islands is described as 'Mini India' and people from different parts of the country live here in peace and harmony. He said inter religion marriages are held in the Islands and this shows the unity and brotherhood prevalent here. He appealed to the people of the Islands to respect all religion and work in unison for development of the country.

Speaking on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray said, the Gol has increased the quota for Haj pilgrimage to 52 and his effort will be for increasing it to 100. He disclosed that the Ministry of Minority Affairs has floated a number of schemes under which funds are provided for the upliftment and welfare of minorities. He said according to Quran, a Muslim should perform Haj once in their lifetime and if not possible due to ill health, they should sponsor a person from economically weaker section to go for Haj.

In his address, Prof. KM Kader Moideen described A&N Islands as a land of neatness, purity and peace. He said, going for pilgrimage makes a man pure and urged the pilgrims to pray for the prosperity of the country and A&N Islands. Prof Moideen also described India as a land of spirituality. He praised the Lt. Governor and the MP for attending the function.

The Lt. Governor, MP, Prof. KM Kader Moideen and others distributed suit cases to Haj Pilgrims who are to embark on the pilgrimage to Macca.
Various other speakers on the occasion spoke on the importance of Haj Pilgrimage.

Geneva FIDE Grand Prix: Pentala Harikrishna holds World No. 6 Mamedyarov to draw

Geneva, July 9
Indian Grandmaster Pentala Harikrishna has held world no. 6 Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan to a thrilling draw in the third-round clash of the Geneva FIDE Grand Prix. The world no. 22 Indian, playing with white pieces, attacked from the onset and found himself in a winning position but a slight miscalculation saw him surrender the advantage to the second seeded Azerbaijan player. Harikrishna is tied second with two points, courtesy a win and two consecutive draws. The 31-year-old from Guntur will take on another Azerbaijani Grandmaster and table topper Teimour Radjabov in his fourth round encounter later tonight.



ICC Women's World Cup 2017

New Zealand's Sophie Devine becomes first woman to slam nine sixes in an ODI innings

Taunton, July 9
New Zealand's Sophie Devine became the first woman to hit nine sixes in an ODI innings after hammering quick 93 runs off just 41 balls, helping her side register a comfortable win against Pakistan in the ICC Women's World Cup match at County Ground in Taunton. Devine played a blistering knock but missed out on the fastest century in Women's ODIs. During her 93-run

innings, she smashed seven boundaries and recorded nine sixes, becoming the first batswoman in women's ODI history to hit maximum sixes in a match.
She surpasses South Africa's Lizelle Lee, who has smashed seven maximums on two occasions. Lee first smashed seven sixes against Bangladesh in January 12, 2017 while the other came against India in the ongoing

World Cup. Other women cricketers to hit five or more sixes in an innings are Natalie Sciver (6), Chole Tryon (6) and Chamari Atapattu (6). Earlier, Pakistan captain Sana Mir won the toss and elected to bat, but their batting line-up couldn't settle in the middle as the wickets kept falling at regular intervals. As a result, the women in green were bowled out for 144 runs in 46.5 overs.

Rate of PDS SKO revised

Port Blair, July 9
All the SKO dealers, Kerosene oil beneficiaries and FPS owners of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been informed that consequent upon enhancement of the EX-IOC Depot price of 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 as follows. Wholesale price of SKO per litre at Rs. 22.54/-, retail selling price of SKO per litre at Rs. 23.80/-. The revised rates shall come into force with immediate effect, a communication said.

Written exam. for casual Assignees

Port Blair, July 9
Written examination for existing panel of Casual Assignees of All India Radio will be held on 16th July 2017. All those who had given their willingness to appear for written examination are asked to collect their Call Letter from the Audition in -charge of All India Radio on or before 12th July 2017.

GST will benefit ...
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transportation which has a capacity of 100 tons. MV Chuglam with a larger cargo of 500 tons is under survey/certification and is likely to join operation by August 2017, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor disclosed that the new 2x500 and 2x1200 passenger vessels of the A & N Administration under construction at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) are likely to be ready by the end of 2019/early 2020. Keeping the futuristic operation in mind, these vessels will be provided with capabilities of carrying 10 containers and 40 containers respectively to transport containerized cargo in the Inter Island and Mainland Island sector, the Lt Governor added.

Pointing about status and administrative stand on diversion of land, the Lt Governor informed that the Andaman and Nicobar Administration is under the process of amendment to the Land Revenue and Land Reforms Rules. A Land Use Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary is likely to be formed.
The Lt Governor stated that Tourism Industry has not been affected by putting a check on the growing alcoholism in these Islands. The A&N Administration has decided not to go for total prohibition on sale of liquor in the Islands, but push for a check on the growing alcoholism among the youth and reduce liquor consumption. The new Excise Policy had come into effect in the A & N Islands from 1st January 2017. There is nothing to indicate that checking of growing alcoholism in local population would affect tourism industry. In fact, there is no evidence of tourism industry being affected even in States like Gujarat and Bihar, where there is a total Prohibition. Administration has been able to achieve its objective and there have been 43% reduction in alcohol consumption while 60.8% jump in tourism, the Lt Governor added.

The Lt Governor also felicitated past Presidents of ACCI, S/Shri HN Arora, SC Malhotra, Mohd H.Jadwet and G Bhasker.

Speaking on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray stated that every individual has contributed towards the development of these Islands. Giving details of the development projects, Shri Ray informed that Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Minister of Road and Transport has sanctioned funds to develop the National Highway in A&N Islands. He said, Havelock Island has also been declared as National Highway and road widening work at Havelock will be taken up by the NHIDC Ltd. Shri Ray also informed that funds have been allocated for the widening and strengthening of ATR and the work for the same will start soon. He said that the widening of Marine Dockyard has already taken up by the ALHW. Referring to the two bridges connecting N&M Andaman, he said Islanders got the construction work of the bridges. Shri Ray thanked the Lt Governor for getting approval of the biggest project i.e Optical Fiber Cable project from the Govt of India connecting Chennai - Port Blair. Shri Ray further thanked the Lt Governor and the Deputy Commissioner for providing the dues of the ATI mazdoors fulfilling the long pending demand of the mazdoors. He urged the ACCI to look into the possibilities to discharge the waste water of hotels only after its treatment. He also urged the ACCI to ensure that contribution towards employees provident fund is deposited by the business establishments for the benefit of its employees. He also urged the ACCI to generously contribute towards the development of Viper Island. Shri Ray stated that with the implementation of GST, the islanders will be benefitted a lot. He further urged the ACCI members to tour Inter- Islands and make clear to the traders and people about the benefit of GST.

In his address, the President ACCI, Shri Girish Arora through a power point presentation informed about the functioning of the ACCI and the activities carried during the year 2015-16 and 2017 till date. He said Andaman Chamber of Commerce was established in the year 1962 and changed to ACCI in the year 1986. The total membership of the Chamber as on March 31, 2017 stood at 514, representing various traders and categories etc.

Mohd. H. Jadwet, Past President ACCI threw light on the 5 decade journey of the ACCI and informed that Shri Bhagwan Singh was the first President of Andaman Chamber of Commerce from 1962 to 1964 followed by Shri TS Guruswamy in the year 1965. He also paid tribute to the members who started the Chamber in A&N.

Shri Abhijit Agarwal, Member compeered the entire programme while it concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri G Bhasker, Past President ACCI.