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Govt to introduce teachers' accountability: HRD Minister

Pune, July 11

Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar has said that accountability will be introduced in the education system for the teachers. Shri Javadekar said in Pune that teachers will also be appreciated for their good work. He said concerned persons have to work as a team to improve the quality of education system. The Minister said, teachers should encourage



the students to dream big and give them life skills, technical skills and high values.

MP, PRIs hold joint press conference

Staff Reporter, Port Blair, July 11

The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, the Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas and other PRI members held a joint press conference at MP Bhavan here this evening. In his opening remarks, Shri Ray stated that 'Ease of Governance' the catchphrase of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has to be implemented in letter and spirit in these Islands so that works/projects can be sanctioned and executed in a faster mode.

The ZPSA Adhyaksha, Smt. Minati Biswas stated that due to lack of funds, the Zila Parishad is unable to take up projects beneficial to rural masses. "Gramodaya se Bharat Uday is possible only when the aspirations of the rural populace are met", she said urging the Administration to consider the demand of the Zila Parishad for appointing an Advisor and OSD for Zila



Parishad soon.

Shri Apoorva Chandra Roy, Pramukh Panchayat Smiti Port Blair highlighted

the problems being faced to get No Objection Certificates for taking up

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The Secretary, Art & Culture, Smt. Ankita Mishra Bundela laying a wreath, on behalf of the A&N Administration, at the mortal remains of late Sardar Pratap Singh, veteran Freedom Fighter on 11.07.2016, who passed away at GB Pant Hospital here yesterday. His last rites were performed today.

GSSS Prothrapur upgraded from Secondary to Senior Secondary level with Arts stream

Port Blair, July 11

The Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Prothrapur has been upgraded from Secondary level to Senior Secondary level with the introduction of class XI (Arts), Hindi Medium from the session 2016-17. A formal inaugural function was held on July 9. The DDE (Admn)/HO, Department of Education, Shri S.S. Rawat was the

chief guest. Many dignitaries from Education Department, Ward Councillors and parents were present on the occasion. The chief guest appealed the local parents to admit their wards in the stream available in this institution and to take the opportunity to the maximum extent possible

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Kausal Mela at ITI for Islands youth on July 15

Port Blair, July 11

A free training-cum-placement drive (Kausal Mela) is being organized at ITI, Dollygunj on July 15, 2016 at 9 am for the local youths to be enrolled at the Larsen & Toubro Limited-Construction Skill Training Institute, Kanchipuram, in the different trades under construction sector. (Table on last page)

The candidates should

have completed 18 years and should be below 35 years of age, physically fit, have clear vision (without spectacle) and also having 155 cm height with 45 kg weight.

Interested candidates may attend the Kausal mela to take up Vocational education as their career for gainful employment.

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LG visits Port Blair Municipal Council

Reiterates need for scrutinizing & reviewing projects for optimum utilization of funds

Target of Smart City Mission to be met with diligence and cooperation from all quarters: LG

Port Blair, Jul 11

The Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen. A.K. Singh (Retd.) has stated that unprecedented developments have taken place in A&N Islands during the last two years; due to the fervent support and encouragement of the central government headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. Acknowledging the support and encouragement of the Central Government towards the development of A&N Islands, the Lt. Governor said, "With the sanctioning of a number of major projects, the Islands are poised to witness discernable progress in the coming days". He said this while interacting with the Chairperson and Councilors of the Port Blair Municipal Council in a special meeting held in the conference hall of PBMC this morning.

The Lt. Governor also saw a presentation on the achievements and other issues of the PBMC during this special meeting of the Council. Heading the discussion on finance law and personnel matters of the PBMC, the Lt. Governor, agreeing with the suggestion put forth by the Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray during a meeting held recently at Zilla Parishad, South Andaman the other day, reiterated that we must scrutinize and review projects; and the funds saved as the



outcome should be utilized for important/priority based projects benefiting people of the Islands. Accordingly, the Lt. Governor directed the Principal Secretary, Urban Development (Chief Secretary i/c), Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary PBMC, Shri Udit Prakash Rai, Chairperson PBMC, Smti Sheela Singh to review all projects of PBMC in consultation with the Member of Parliament, Chief Secretary and Councilors and highlight the mandatory requirements of PBMC keeping in mind the feasibility and suggestions on priority basis for the works to be initiated.

Regarding the additional demands put forth by Ward Councilors pertaining to their respective wards, the Lt. Governor suggested that extensive in-house discussions and reviews of allocation of projects should be carried out by the PBMC from time to time for concrete solutions.

Lauding the PBMC Chairperson & her team and the Administration for taking Port Blair on a



national platform, the Lt. Governor remarked that PBMC is a very efficient Municipal body due to which Port Blair city has been selected for the Smart City challenge along with other states. He said, the smart city challenge should be looked at with dynamic approach and we must ensure that the target set forth under the smart city mission is met with diligence and cooperation from all quarters and called upon PBMC to be proactive in being self-reliant. He also urged PBMC to initiate big projects in the Islands for further income generation. "The smart city challenge

has to be implemented in its truest sense and this calls for cooperation from every aspect therefore private players must come forward and contribute their bit in making the city spic and span under their CSR activities", the Lt. Governor said, directing the Principal Secretary to ensure that CSR activities of corporate companies are well implemented in these Islands and urged the Chairperson PBMC to organize timely review of the implementation of smart city project mission in A&N Islands and devise a timeline for achieving the goals.

Regarding revenue

raising steps devised by PBMC, pertaining to proposal to implement 5% tourism tax on hotels, lodging and place of stay, the Lt. Governor stated that Tourism industry is a lucrative sector and the proposal put forth by the PBMC can be considered, provided it is reasonable. He directed the Principal Secretary to examine the feasibility of the proposal, following which necessary steps will be initiated.

Regarding the problem of hiring of manpower as raised by PBMC Secretary due to paucity of fund, the Lt. Governor remarked that PBMC is a body which has

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SFT Founder hails Lt. Governor for his efforts in taking Isles on the path of rapid progress

Port Blair, July 11

The Founder of Sudhanshubala Foundation Trust, Shri Bhabesh Majumder has applauded the untiring efforts made by the Lt. Governor, Lt. General A.K. Singh (Retd) for taking the A&N Islands on a path of rapid progress. The last three years of Governor Singh at the helm of affairs in the remote Islands have witnessed an unprecedented all round development.

With his fingers on the pulse of the people, the proactive Administrator

has gone ahead in systematic manner to fulfil the requirements of the people for a long time to come, stated Shri Majumder in a press release received here. It has been only because of his efforts and foresight that a large number of aspiring local students are now able to enrol themselves for medical studies at Port Blair itself.

Apart from Medical College, ANCOL, Community College at Ferrargunj and the Law College in the pipeline are notable achievements in

the field of education. Other areas including health, security, power, roads, agriculture and even entertainment too have received equal attention of the Lt. Governor who surveys all. The proposed Science Centre at Mayabunder is a clear indication of the fact that the development is not to be confined to Port Blair alone in his scheme of things. Apart from being an able administrator, Lt. Gen A.K. Singh (Retd) comes across as a kind and compassionate person who does not mind mingling with the common

man in his joy and sorrow, opined the SFT chief.

Gratitude expressed

Port Blair, July 11
The Councillor, Ward No.2, Shri R. Someswara Rao has expressed gratitude to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray and Secretary, Education, Smt. Tanvi Garg for the introducing Science Stream at GSSS (Hindi Medium) at Haddo, No.2. It was a long pending demand of the general public at Ward No.2, a communication said.

BJP office bearers appointed

Port Blair, July 11
The State President of Bharatiya Janata Party, A&N Islands, Shri Vishal Jolly has appointed Shri Amit Malhotra as District President of Port Blair City District and Shri E.S. Rajesh as District President of Nicobar District, a communication said.

Activities of BSI in Islands reviewed by the Director, BSI, MoEF&CC

Port Blair, July 11

The Director, Botanical Survey of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Paramjit Singh visited the BSI, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre on July 9. During his visit, Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Dy. Director & Head of Office explained research activities of the Botanical Survey of India, Andaman and Nicobar Regional Centre on plant diversity and the intensive botanical explorations and authentic documentation



of flora of the Islands enriching the herbarium and the museum of the Centre. Among all the units of BSI, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre

holds the credits of covering one of the remote and insular floristic hotspots of the country. Later, Director, Dr. Singh visited Dhannikhari

Experimental Garden cum Arboretum (DEGCA). Head of Office, Dr. Singh explained that botanic garden of BSI lays particular emphasis on ex-situ conservation and multiplication of rare, endangered and endemic species of the Islands. The Garden is demarcated into different sections like medicinal plots, bambusetum, endemic, rare and threatened plots, fern house, zingibers and orchid collections.

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No rain without forests, no life without water.

Reiterates need....
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been constituted to provide service to public and enrolling people to meet the requirement of the council should not be a hindrance. "Employment should be done keeping in mind the work assessment and requirement of the Council", he said.

Pertaining to the problem of animal menace, especially in Port Blair city, the Lt. Governor stated individual rights cannot be exercised at the expense of the society and accordingly a comprehensive law should be formulated to deal with the problem. He directed that the cattle pounds should have the minimum basic amenities and the wellbeing of the animals sent there should be ensured.

Regarding the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana under the scheme Housing for All, the Lt. Governor directed the PBMC Secretary to put forth the demand for land requirement under the scheme and stated that a comprehensive plan should be made and the proposal initiated should be sent to the Secretary RD for consideration. The Lt. Governor also directed the Principal Secretary to freeze the land requirement within one month.

Addressing the issue of municipals building byelaws, the Lt. Governor stated that a clear cut clarification regarding dispensation of rule has to be made known to the people and no violation should be made until the law is amended, said the Lt. Governor.

Regarding the issue of fund crunch in PBMC, the Lt. Governor stated that there should be a balance between the plan and non plan fund. The requirement of PBMC under non plan fund should be projected to the Administration with justification for consideration. The Lt. Governor also directed the Secretary PBMC to appraise all ward councilors and members about the fund allocation.

Earlier, the Lt. Governor also inaugurated a Citizen Desk at the ground floor of the PBMC office which offers facilities for enquiry, central diary, file tracking and tax receipts.

Expressing his views on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray stated that the proposed 5% tax in the tourism sector, for hotels

Rough seas predicted; fishermen advised

Port Blair, July 11 Fisherman warning for A&N Coasts valid next 24 hours commencing from noon of July 11 has stated that under the influence of moderate to strong Southwestern monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed between 30 to 35 kmph and gusting to 45 kmph and generally rough seas likely along and off Andaman and Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency they may



and lodging should not affect the Islanders adversely. He advocated for raising tax on liquor in the Islands. The MP also explained about the laws regarding keeping and maintaining pet animals. Speaking about the plastic menace, the Member of Parliament said "Plastic generated in the Islands should be recycled. It should be converted into granules and sent to mainland". Regarding land requirement by the PBMC for various projects, the MP asked for framing timeline for proper implementation of the works. The MP also took stock of the activities carried out in the Islands under AMRUT scheme. Mentioning that there has been no housing plan in A&N Islands in the last 60 years, the Member of Parliament suggested that the Building Bye Laws should be reviewed and changes brought in it for further development of the Islands economy.

The Member of Parliament also informed the gathering that the State roads of Neil, Havelock, Little Andaman and Diglipur have been declared as National Highways and the construction of roads and bridges in this area will be carried out by NHIDCL. He also mentioned that all the Navodaya Vidyalayas will be funded by Central Government. The Member of Parliament concluded by reiterating that his focus is on the development of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Earlier, welcoming the gathering, the Chairperson PBMC, Smti Sheela Singh expressed gratitude to the Administration for the support towards PBMC in implementing various projects and having being featured in the smart city challenge. She apprised the Lt. Governor about the functioning of PBMC and the various needs and

demands of the ward councilors. She said DPC offers a good platform to all members of the Council for discussion and such endeavour should continue in future as well. The PBMC Chairperson also put forth the demand for regularisation of 108 Casual Mazdoors against the vacancy. The PBMC Secretary explained that the proposal has already been submitted to the administration. The Lt. Governor directed Pr. Sec(UD) that the same may be examined as per the extant rules and guidelines and may be approved if found correct.

Participating in the deliberations, the Chief Secretary i/c, Principal Secretary, Urban Development, Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi stated that expenditures by the PBMC has to be commensurate to the work assessment and urged the PBMC for striking a balance between expenditure and work. Since the PBMC has been able to make 50% expenditure, releasing more fund to the Council will be possible, he said and clarified that plan and non plan fund will be known as capital and revenue funds from next year onwards.

The Councilors of the new wards raised the issue of few sanitary workers in their areas. They further informed the Lt. Governor that the number of workers in the new wards is very less compared to old wards and sought permission for extra fund and engagement of workers in the extended area. The Lt. Governor directed Secretary PBMC to work out rational requirement of the area and submit a proposal within 15 days with respect to sanitary workers in the newly created wards.

The Councilors also demanded additional fund

Firing practice

Port Blair, July 11 The firing practice by Coast Guard Dornier will be carried out from 10 am to 3 pm on July 21 & 22, 2016. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vessels/fishing boat away from the firing range during the mentioned date and time, a communication said.

Death mourned

Port Blair, July 11 The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas, Panchayat Samiti Member and Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Wandoor have condoled the death of Nirmal Kumar Biswas, 62, Retd. Assistant Director, A&N KVIB, R/o Hasmatabad who died today at his residence, a communication said.

under Non Plan as recommended by Fourth Finance Commission (2% of UT non plan). The Lt. Governor explained that the same has to be looked comprehensively and a considered view needs to be taken on this. He further directed Secretary PBMC to submit proposal for requirement under non plan with justification to Principal Secretary (Finance) immediately so that same can be taken up with MHA.

The Secretary, PBMC, Shri Udit Prakash Rai, through a power point presentation appraised the gathering about the achievements and issues of PBMC. He highlighted about the expansion of the municipal wards to 24 wards and the demands

and challenges of the six newly created wards. He briefed about the function of PBMC pertaining to building regulations, public health, urban and civic amenities. He also highlighted about revenue collection of the PBMC and stated that 90% of the revenue is generated from octroi tax. He also apprise the Lt. Governor about the fund utilization and stated that 50% UCs have been submitted by PBMC. The Secretary informed the gathering about the initiatives taken by PBMC viz. proposal for implementation of online registration of property tax, water byelaws, solid waste management byelaws apart from animal byelaws. He also highlighted activities undertaken by PBMC

under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, AMRUT scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, slum development. He also informed about One Time Relaxation Scheme of the Council. The Lt. Governor directed Principal Secretary UD to examine the same from the legal and structural safety point of view and put up. He further desired that the same may be approved by 15th August. Matter regarding pending water arrears of PBMC due to APWD was also highlighted by the PBMC Secretary. He also informed that one time grant to PBMC with respect to clearing of the dues have been already approved by MHA. Upon this, the Lt. Governor directed Principal Secretary(UD) to immediately consider and

approve the same.

The meeting which was attended by the Principal Secretary, Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary Industries, Smti Rashmi

Singh, Ward Councilors and Officers of PBMC concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smti Usha, Sr. Vice Chairperson, PBMC.



Counselling for courses offered by ITI

Port Blair, July 11 The final category wise provisional merit list has

been displayed at ITI, Dollygunj after accepting the claims and objections.

DATE	REPORTING TIME	CATEGORY	MERIT SL. NO	TRADE
13.07.2016	09:30 am	I (Tribals)	All Candidates	All Trades
		II (Wards of Central Govt. Employees)	All Candidates	All Trades
		Differently Abled Candidates	All Candidates	All Trades
18.07.2016	09:30 am	III A (Pre-42)	1 to 200	All Trades
	01.30 pm	III B (Settler)	1 to 200	All Trades
19.07.2016	09:30am	III A + III B (Combined Merit)	1 to 400	All Trades
	01.30 pm	IV (10 Year Education)	1 to 200	All Trades

The candidates whose merit has been mentioned in the above schedule is directed to appear for Counselling/Admission with all their original certificates,

admission fee of Rs.940/-, two passport size photograph, proof of Self Bank Account and a copy of Aadhar Card on the above mentioned date and time, failing which their seat will

be allotted to the next candidate on the merit list. No claims and objections shall be entertained at the later stage in any circumstances, a communication said.

Sailing of MV Campbell Bay cancelled

Port Blair, July 11 Due to inadequate booking of passenger tickets in the scheduled sailing of MV Campbell Bay for Chennai via Nancowry & Campbell Bay on July 28, 2016 and back to Port Blair on August 4, 2016 from Chennai via Campbell Bay & Nancowry has been cancelled. Passengers those who have already purchased their tickets for the above sailing have been advised to cancel their tickets and get full refund from STARS Ticketing Counters.

MP, PRIs hold ..

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Smt. Shanti Devi Pradhan Beodnabad Panchayat informed that lengthy administrative procedures are becoming hindrance to start a development project especially in construction of road which is being demanded by the villagers. She once again urged the Administration for starting ferry service boat from Phongy Balu to Kala Pahad.

Shri Mohan Nair, Up-Pramukh Panchayat Samiti Port Blair urged the Administration for regularization of encroachments up to 2002. He also urged for solving the problems of poor quality drinking water and frequent power cut in Beodnabad village.

Ms. Farida ZP Member Beodnabad urged the Administration to upgrade the Sub Centre to PHC and introduce Commerce Stream in Rangachang School where classroom already exist.

Kausal Mela..

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Trade	Duration	Eligibility	No. of Vacancies
Formwork carpentry	3 Months	5 th passed upto ITI (NTC/NCMES) 18-35 years	60
Bar bending and steel Fixing	3 Months	5 th passed upto ITI (NTC/NCMES) 18-35 years	60
Masonry	3 Months	5 th passed upto ITI (NTC/NCMES) 18-35 years	60
Plumbing	3 Months	10 th passed and ITI (Plumbing) 18-35 years	60

WEATHER

Rain/thundershower may occur at many places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 12/07/2016
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.0
Minimum Temperature (°C): 27.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 085
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 086
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 05:02
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 17:48
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.2
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 16: 1124.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the schedule for Week Jul 6 - 14
Sultan - (Hindi UA) - 11:15 AM, 11:45 AM, 3:00 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:45 PM & 7:15 PM
www.ticketnew.com
For queries only 8373010002

SEVASUCHNAYEIN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 14.07.2016 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 16.07.2016 (Sat) 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 13.07.2016 (Wed) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of excess baggage will commence from 13.07.2016 (Wed) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All passengers are advised to carry out only the booked baggage as no excess baggage other than the booked will be allowed.

HUT BAY SECTOR
MV North Passage will sail for Hut Bay on 13.07.2016 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Rani Changa will sail for Hut Bay on 14.07.2016 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Sentinel will sail for Hut Bay on 15.07.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings i.e. for 13th, 14th & 15th July, 2016 will be issued to the general public on 12.07.2016 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 12th, 13th & 14th July, 2016 will be issued to the general public from 11.07.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

12.07.2016 (TUESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 12.07.2016 (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 12.07.2016 (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 sail for Neil Island on 12.07.2016 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 12.07.2016 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 12.07.2016 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Hut Bay on 12.07.2016 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

13.07.2016 (WEDNESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 13.07.2016 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

Activities of BSI...

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Dr. Singh, discussed various matters related to the documentation and conservation of the floral diversity as well as the economic and ecological significance of the threatened species of these islands and ex-situ conservation activities of rare, endangered and threatened species. Dr. Singh planted an endemic palm of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bentinckianicobarica (Kurz) Becc. in the garden.

Besides, Dr. Singh also briefed about the environmental awareness programme organized with the collaboration of various departments for the benefit of the common man and works done on conservation of rare, endangered and threatened plants of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The Director also held discussion on survey and documentation of plant species, new discoveries, ex-situ conservation activities by scientists of this centre.