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Basic objective of education is pursuit of knowledge: President

New Delhi, Feb 13

The President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee today said that the basic objective of education is not merely acquiring of a job but pursuit of knowledge. Addressing the Centenary Celebrations of the Ramjas College at Rashtrapati Bhavan today, Shri Mukherjee said, knowledge based society is going to be the order of the day. He emphasized that there is no dearth of talent either of students or teachers in the country. Speaking on the occasion, the President extended his best wishes to the Ramjas College on its Centennial Celebrations. He also congratulated Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Principal of the Ramjas College for last 32 years, on being presented the Lifetime Achievement Award on the occasion. He said that it is the bounden duty of all of us to salute such 'Gurus'.



The President said that the basic objective of education is not merely acquiring of a job but pursuit of knowledge. Knowledge based society is going to be the order of the day. He said that ever since he took over as the President, he has been constantly stressing on improving the quality of higher education in the country in his capacity as Visitor of Central Institutions of higher learning. It had been his constant refrain as to why can't Indian Universities and Institutes of higher learning produce more Noble Laureates. He questioned as to why was it that till just about two years back, there was no single University or Institution of higher learning featuring amongst the top two hundred in international rankings. He emphasized that there is no dearth of talent either of students or teachers in the country. We must therefore strive to earn our rightful place in the comity of nations on the basis of our merit, he said. On the occasion, the President released a Centenary Postage Stamp and also a Commemorative volume on 'History of Ramjas'.

PM congratulates all radio lovers on World Radio Day

New Delhi, Feb 13

World Radio Day was observed today. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, himself a big fan of radio extended his greetings on this special day. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has chosen Radio as a medium for his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme to interact with people of the nation. He congratulated all radio lovers and those who work in the radio industry & keep the medium active & vibrant. He said that radio is a wonderful way to interact, learn & communicate. Radio is still the most dynamic, reactive and engaging medium that is, adapting to 21st century changes and offering new ways to interact and participate. This day gives us a chance to celebrate radio and how it helps shape our lives. UNESCO started this tradition in 2011. On 13th Feb every year, World Radio Day is celebrated to remember unique power of the radio that brings people together across the globe. Radio was first started to broadcast news

related to natural calamities and news at the time of emergencies. However, with changing times, Radio has branched out in the form of various FM stations. With technological advances, the reach of radio advanced and entertainment has gained a special place in listener's lives.

Parliamentarians pay tributes to Sarojini Naidu on birth anniversary

New Delhi, Feb 13

Parliamentarians today paid tributes to Sarojini Naidu on the occasion of her birth anniversary. Chairperson, Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani led MPs and former MPs in paying floral tributes at

the portrait of Sarojini Naidu in the Central Hall of Parliament House. A booklet containing the profile of Sarojini Naidu, brought out in Hindi and English by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, was presented to the dignitaries who attended the function.

Despite global economic slowdown, India is poised 7% growth: FM

Bengaluru, Feb 13

Union Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley has said that despite global economic slowdown, India is poised for seven percent growth. Speaking at the two day 'Make in India' Karnataka Conference in Bengaluru today, Shri Jaitley said that the Centre is giving thrust to infrastructure and social sector. He said, a sum of 3 lakh 96 thousand crore rupees has been allotted for infrastructure development in the budget. Speaking on the occasion, Information and Broadcasting Minister, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu said that urban renaissance happened in India. He urged that the State governments should work together with the Central Government and address their problems at the earliest.

Complete prohibition on open burning of waste

Waste generators asked to handover segregated waste to PBMC sanitary workers

Port Blair, Feb. 13

As per the judgment of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal bench, New Delhi, there is a complete prohibition on open burning of waste (illegal, unauthorized, simple, bulk waste burning, etc.) on lands.

In a press release received here, the Secretary, PBMC has stated that any violation of these directions, shall be liable to pay environmental compensation of Rs. 5,000/- in case of simple burning, while Rs. 25,000/- in case of bulk waste burning. The

Environmental compensation shall be recovered as arrears of land revenue by the competent authority in accordance with law. The defaults will be prosecuted and penal action shall be initiated as per the solid waste Management Rules, 2016 till the PBMC's Solid Waste Management Bye-Law is notified.

All the waste generators have been asked not to throw, burn or bury the soil waste generated by them, on streets, open public spaces outside their premises or in the drains or water generated by them, on streets, open public spaces outside their premises or in the drain or water bodies and shall handover the

segregated waste to the PBMC sanitary workers or waste collectors/ pickers authorized by the PBMC. Any such person found not complying with the directions or found throwing/ burning their waste over any drain or place shall be liable to pay fine under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 till the PBMC's Solid Waste

Management Bye-law is notified.

All the concerned and general public have been advised to abide by these directions and any non-compliance of this direction, if found, may be intimated to office of the Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC), Port Blair for information and necessary action as deemed fit.

India successfully test-fires interceptor missile

Odisha, Feb 13

India has successfully test-fired an interceptor missile over the Odisha coast. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi hailed scientists for their achievement. With this a significant milestone in the direction of developing a two-layered Ballistic Missile Defence system has been accomplished. The Prithvi Defence Vehicle mission is for engaging targets at an altitude above 50 km of earth's atmosphere.

'Weekend Utsav' at ITF ground from Feb 17 to 19

Port Blair, Feb. 13

The second 'weekend utsav' of this month (formally known as flea market) will now be held on 17th, 18th & 19th Feb, 2017 at ITF ground combining with one of the venue of this year's Indian Panorama Film Festival 2017.

The visitors/ tourists will get a chance to acquaint themselves with the local culture, cuisine and lifestyle with infinite fun & enjoyment during fest. To add flavor to the event, the

Tourism Department has decided that participants under the category 'Food court/cuisine', added with arts/ products related to their culture community/ institutions will be awarded suitably with certification of participation and trophy. Interested persons have

been asked to submit their application in the Tourism Department before noon of Feb 15, 2017. For more details, one can contact the Manager (GH) over telephone number 244081, a communication from the Director, Tourism said here today.

ANIIMS' students present play on smoking



Port Blair, Feb. 13

The Department of Community Medicine and 2nd year MBBS students of ANIIMS, Port Blair, organised a small play on the theme 'Leave Smoking, Live Life', at Garacharma Hospital recently. The highlight of the programme was to apprise and increase awareness

amongst the public about the harmful effects of smoking on the individuals, family and the society. This activity has given an additional emphasis on the ongoing programme against Consumption of Alcohol and Tobacco on the islands, initiated by the Lt. Governor of A&N Islands, a communication said.

Urban Development Minister urges states to implement Real Estate Act

New Delhi, Feb 13

Urban Development Minister, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu has urged State Chief Ministers to take personal interest in ensuring implementation of the Real Estate Act. In a letter to all Chief Ministers, the Union Minister said, the Act is one of the most important reforms for the sector which

would bring benefits to all stakeholders. With four states and six UTs notifying the final real estate rules so far, other States are required to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Authorities and the Appellate Tribunals, maximum by the 30th of April. In the two-page letter, the Union Minister

said the Real Estate Act, 2016 was one of the most consumer-friendly laws passed by the Parliament and its timely implementation was the responsibility of both the central and state governments. It would also provide the much needed consumer protection but would also give a fillip to the sector.

Annual Day of AM school

Port Blair, Feb. 13

The Ananda Marga Middle School, Junglighat will celebrate its annual day-2017 at 5 pm on Feb 14, 2017. The Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Udit Prakash Rai will be the chief guest on the occasion while the PBMC Councillor, Junglighat, Smti Upasana Prasad will be the guest of honour. The central representative Ananda Marga, Acharya Boodhisattananda will be the special guest on the occasion.

Petroleum Minister reviews existing policy on allotment of Retail Outlets to SC / ST candidates

New Delhi, Feb 13

Petroleum Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today reviewed the existing policy for allotment of retail outlets to candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities. He directed the Oil Marketing Companies, OMCs to expedite selection process of SC/ST locations advertised in 2014 -15. Additional time has been allowed to SC/ST applicants to submit land to the OMCs for consideration of their applications for RO. A large number of Letter of Intent (LoI) holders are awaiting allotment of retail

outlets which is primarily done by divesting the temporary company owned Retail Outlets. The LoI holders since 2004, belonging to SC/ST community are also awaiting such allotment. A special drive has been initiated to expedite the process of handing over Retail Outlets to such candidates. As part of this initiative, approximately 600 such Retail Outlets have been identified across the country. The process of allotment has been initiated in a transparent manner by putting in the public

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Capacity building workshop for Master Trainers in Mathematics gets underway

Port Blair, Feb. 13

The Department of Elementary Education, NCERT, New Delhi in collaboration with the State Institute of Education, Port Blair is organizing a 5 day Capacity Building Workshop for Master Trainers in Early Literacy and Early School Mathematics for A&N Islands from Feb 13 to 17, 2017 in the conference hall of Shiksha Sadan, Port Blair.

The Principal, SIE, Port Blair Shri Mammen Thomas inaugurated the programme as the chief guest. He asked the teachers to enrich themselves through this workshop and to participate actively in updating their knowledge to create awareness about needs of children. He urged the teachers to provide a classroom which offers a variety of opportunities to read, talk and write for real/

authentic purposes. This will create a cadre of teachers well acquainted with pedagogy of reading and writing. Earlier, Shri Subramaniyan, SIE, Port Blair welcomed the gathering. On this occasion Prof. A.K. Rajput, Head, Deptt. of Elementary Education, NCERT, New Delhi highlighted the objectives of the programme and gave a brief introduction on the

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Owners of game fishing vessels advised not to allow vessels for other activities

Port Blair, Feb 13

The Fisheries Deptt. has asked the owners or persons in-charge of sport/game fishing vessels not to use or allow their fishing vessels to be used for any activity other than fishing sport/game. The advisory has been issued as it has been noticed that fishing vessels registered under A&N Islands Marine

Fishing Rules - 2004 with the authorized officer, South Andaman are being used for activities not connected with sport fishing i.e. carrying of passengers or guests for scuba diving/ snorkelling and other activities.

In a press release received here today, the Fisheries Deptt has informed that Sport/Game

fishing vessels registered under the A&N Marine Fishing Regulation - 2003 cannot be engaged or utilized for any activities which are not connected with fishing. Therefore, the owners or persons in-charge of sport/game fishing vessels have been advised not to use or allow their fishing vessels to be used for any activity other than fishing, failing which action will be initiated as per provisions of A&N Marine Fishing Regulation and Rules framed there under to deregister their boats and cancellation of the fishing license, a communication from Assistant Director of Fisheries said here.

Twelve students qualify for second round of NTSE

Port Blair, Feb. 13

The State Level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE-Stage-I) was conducted on 5th November, 2016 in these Islands for the students presently studying in class-X (tenth). As per the State/UT quota of A & N Islands, 12 candidates (including 2 tie up cases) have succeeded. As informed by NCERT, New

Delhi, these 12 students are eligible to appear in the National Talent Search Examination Stage-II which is scheduled to be held on 14th May, 2017.

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Training on bee keeping held at Kodyaghat



Port Blair, Feb. 13

A two day's training programme on 'Bee Keeping' was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, South Andaman in association with Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) at

Beodnabad recently. Smti. Shanti, Pradhan Gram Panchayat, Beodnabad was the chief guest during this programme. She expressed happiness in promoting Bee-Keeping among the rural population for gaining better profits.

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Contraband tobacco products seized

Port Blair, Feb. 13

On a tip off information received on Feb 9, from Police Officials of PS, CCS, Port Blair regarding arrival of contraband tobacco products through Andaman Super Express, Courier Service, Port Blair, Shri. R.V. Murugaraj, Food Safety Officer, South Andaman opened two

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SPORTS

Hyderabad Test: Bowlers turn on heat as India beat Bangladesh by 208 runs

Hyderabad, Feb 13
Indian bowlers showed tremendous perseverance on an unresponsive pitch to crush Bangladesh by 208 runs in the one-off Test and stretch the team's unbeaten streak to 19 matches in Hyderabad today. Chasing a daunting target of 459, Bangladesh were all out for 250 in 100.3 overs but put up a stiffer resistance than what the final outcome of the match would suggest.

The win was the Indian team's eighth victory in nine home Tests this season with the only draw coming against England at Rajkot.

This was India's the sixth successive series victory under Virat Kohli starting from Sri Lanka series in 2015. India's unbeaten streak in Test matches is now 19 with the last defeat coming against Sri Lanka in Galle back in August, 2015. For a team ranked world No.9 in ICC rankings, Bangladesh hung on for four days and two sessions -- something that nobody had expected from the minnows. They played close to 230 overs, both innings included.

Padmini in Rd 2 of World Championship

Tehran, Feb 13
Fourth-seeded Grandmaster Dronavalli Harika survived a scare before settling for a second straight draw with Shamima Akter Liza of Bangladesh in the first round of the World Women's Chess Championship here. Padmini Rout, on the other hand, crashed through the defences of Elina Danielian of Armenia to reach the second round after the end of the second game.



The Indian bowlers should be lauded for their collective effort as they had to show much more patience on a pitch that remained good for batting throughout the entire duration of the match. Spin twins Ravindra Jadeja (4/78 in 37 overs) and Ravichandran Ashwin (4/73 in 30.3 overs) shared the bulk of the spoils with Ishant Sharma (2/40 in 13 overs) -- all of whom worked tirelessly in pursuit of victory. Bangladesh needed to bat out 58 overs in the last two sessions

to save the match but Ishant's brilliant post-lunch spell put paid to any hopes that the visitors had harboured. It was as controlled an effort one would see with an old ball. He hit his conventional back of the length with an occasional fuller delivery and some good short stuff. With little help from the pitch his spell was a laudable effort. One such well-disguised short ball aimed at Shabbir Rahaman's (22) body forced him to play a pull-shot which he top-edged

to the only fielder, Bhuvneshwar Kumar standing at fine leg boundary. He then bowled an in-swing that looked like reverse to find Mahmudullah Riyadh (64) plumb in-front. With Mahmudullah's departure the writing was clearly on the wall for the visitors. Mehedi Hasan Miraz again played 60 balls for his 23, was the eighth batsman out with Jadeja's delivery kicking up sharply to induce an outside edge snapped by Wriddhiman Saha.

World Cup for blind 2017: BCCI congratulates India

New Delhi, Feb 13
The BCCI has congratulated the Indian cricket team for winning the Twenty20 (T20) World Cup for the Blind in Bengaluru. "The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) would like to congratulate the Indian Cricket Team for successfully defending the Blind T20 World Cup title," the Board said in a statement. India registered a comprehensive nine-wicket win over Pakistan in the final held at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Sunday. Having won eight of the nine matches,

hosts India were the tournament favourites and they lived to their top billing. Needing 198 runs to clinch the title, India chased down the target without much trouble. Man of the Match Prakash Jayaramaiah struck 99 and Ajay Kumar Reddy scored 43 as the two shared an opening stand of over 100 runs before Kumar was run out. Earlier, Ketan Patel and Jaffer Iqbal picked two wickets each. The two teams had clashed in the inaugural edition in 2012 as well with India emerging victorious. India had put up a

commanding performance in the tournament since the start, losing just one tie in the group stage against the very team they beat in the final. Pakistan, who were unbeaten until the final, put up a strong performance with the bat, but failed to fire with the ball. India thrash Pakistan by 9 wickets to win T20 Blind World Cup 2017. Apart from BCCI, cricketers like VVS Laxman, Sachin Tendulkar, Mohammad Kaif and Bollywood celebrity Shah Rukh Khan congratulated the team following a historic victory.

Poonam Yadav's fifer helps India thrash Zimbabwe by nine wickets in qualifier

Colombo, Feb 13

Leg-spinner Poonam Yadav produced a career-best bowling figures as India thrashed a hapless Zimbabwe by nine wickets in a Group A match of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier here today. Asked to bowl first, Poonam spun a web around the opposition batters to demolish Zimbabwe for a meagre 60 in 28.5 overs.

Besides Poonam, Rajeshwari Gayakwad (2/18) picked up two wickets for Indian eyes. Zimbabwe women's struggled throughout their innings with only Mary-Anne Musonda (26) and Precious Marange (12) managing double digit scores eves as four batters failed to open their account. The chase turned out to be a cakewalk for the Indians as

Mithali Raj's team took just nine overs to overwhelm the target for the loss of just one wicket. Opener Veda Krishnamurthy was the lone Indian wicket to fall, after playing a quick 29-run knock off 16 deliveries.

Mona Meshram (21 not out) and Harmanpreet Kaur (11 not out) guided Indian women home without any further damage. For Zimbabwe, Marange (1/21) picked up the lone wicket. Brief Scores:

Zimbabwe Women: 60 all out in 28.5 overs (Mary-Anne Musonda 26; Poonam Yadav 5/19).

India Women: 61 for one in nine overs (Veda Krishnamurthy 29, Mona Meshram 24 not out; Precious Marange 1/21).

Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu pull out from Asia Mixed Team Championship

Ho Chi Minh, Feb 13

India will be without the services of ace women's singles shuttlers Saina Nehwal and P V Sindhu and the onus will be on the men's singles and doubles pairs to lead the country's challenge at the inaugural Asia Mixed Team Championship, starting here tomorrow.

Initially named in the squad, Saina and Sindhu decided to skip the tournament to prepare for the upcoming hectic international schedule which includes next month's All England Championship.

In the absence of Saina and Sindhu, Tanvi Lad and newly-crowned National champion and Polish open winner Rituparna Das will spearhead the challenge in the women's singles, while the onus in men's singles will be on H S Prannoy

and Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold winner Sameer Verma. "The absence of Saina and Sindhu will obviously effect our chances but I think it's a great chance for the youngsters to prove themselves," Prannoy, the Swiss Open champion.

Root named new England Test captain

Lord, Feb 13

Joe Root has been named as the new Test captain of England, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) announced Monday.

Yorkshire batsman Root, previously England's vice-captain, had been the overwhelming favourite to take over from Alastair Cook, who resigned as Test skipper last week after a national record 59 matches in charge.

WEATHER

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Tuesday 14/02/2017

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C): 30.4
Minimum Temperature (°C): 26.3
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 066
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 064
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0541
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1726
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.3
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17): 92.9 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week February 10 - 16

Jolly LLB 2 - (Hindi UA)

12:00 PM, 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Singam 3 - (Tamil U)

4:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Om Nammo Venkatesaya - (Telugu U) - 12:30

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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 17.02.2017 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 19.02.2017 (Sun) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry, Teressa & Chowra. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 15.02.2017 (Wed) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 15.02.2017 (Wed) 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.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 13th, 14th & 15th Feb., 2017 will be issued on 11.02.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters. 14.02.2017 (TUESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 14.02.2017 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 14.02.2017 (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 Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 14.02.2017 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Feb. 13

The unit 108 Mtn Bde Bde Camp, Pin 908108, C/o 99 APO will utilize the firing rang at Chinthe 200 M long range Brichgunj on 21st Feb. 2017 for small Arms firing from 0930 hrs to 1300 hrs. The (Tatrakshak Avasthan) ICGS Durgabai Deshmukh, C/o Indian Coast Guard Region Port Blair will utilize the Chinthe long Range Brichgunj on 24th February, 2017 for firing practice from 0935 hrs to 1400 hrs. All concerned are here by warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the above mentioned dates and time.

Power cut at Havelock

Port Blair, Feb. 13

Due to the installation and commissioning work of 3 MW Hired D.G set and construction of 8 pole structure at Havelock Island for augmenting the D.G capacity and for improvement of power supply at Havelock Island, the Havelock Power House will be shut down during day time from 7 am to 12 noon on as & when required basis with effect from 14.02.2017 to till the commissioning of the 3 MW hired DG set. All consumers are requested to cooperate with the department. The inconvenience caused is regretted.

Twelve students..

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Name of the candidate	Name of the school
S. Ahammed Ghani	Carmel Sr.Sec.School, Port Blair
Liza Ghosh	Kendriya Vidyalaya No II, Port Blair
Avik Shakhari	VKV Lamba Line, Port Blair
Hasnath	Khalsa Public School, Port Blair.
Mohit Prakash	Kendriya Vidyalaya No II, Port Blair
M.S.Shafeena Begum	Khalsa Public School, Port Blair.
Reno Fernandez	Carmel Sr.Sec.School, Port Blair
Akshat Singh	Carmel Sr.Sec.School, Port Blair
S. Shashank	Khalsa Public School, Port Blair.
Rumman Hussain	Khalsa Public School, Port Blair.
Pratick	VKV Lamba Line, Port Blair
Jacques Chomsky	JNV, Car Nicobar

The NCERT will dispatch the Admission letter to these recommended candidates through Speed Post in the last week of March/first week of April-2017 at their respective home/school addresses for appearing in the NTSE Stage-II scheduled to be held on 14th May, 2017.

Capacity building..

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capacity building workshop.

Other resource persons Prof. Usha Sharma, Coordinator, Early literacy programme, Dr. Sonika Kaushik, Senior Consultant, Dr. Malvika Rai, Coordinator curriculum development, Dr. Anil Teotia, Principal, DIET, Shri Rameshwar Dayal, DEE, Ms. Gunjan Khurana and Ms. Chhavi Kataria Consultants Early school mathematics programme from NCERT, New Delhi were also present in the inaugural function.

About 60 PSTs from different primary/middle schools of nine educational zones are attending the workshop. The inaugural function came to an end with vote of thanks proposed by Smti Sutrisna Chanda, faculty of SIE, Port Blair.

Annual Day of YCS celebrated



Port Blair, Feb. 13
Yeshuva convent English Medium Mission school, Shadipur celebrated its 9th Annual day celebration at Andhra Association Hall recently. Dr. Dheeraj Kumar Deputy Education Director (PIng) as a chief guest applauded the parents for encouraging their children for participating in cultural events. Kabadi Tournament winner students received school trophy from the chief

Petroleum Minister..

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domain the details of Lol holders as well as the details of the Retail Outlets which are to be divested. The process is likely to be completed by 31st of next month. It is likely to benefit more than 500 SC/ST candidates, widows and unmarried women (above 40 years) without earning parents. This will provide necessary employment opportunity along with economic empowerment.

Yoga demonstration held at Model school

Port Blair, Feb 13

A demonstration on yoga & presentation on key health happiness issues was organized in the auditorium of Govt Model Sr Sec School here recently. The Principal of the School Sri. Shara Chandran welcomed the gathering.

Shri CP Oberai, IFS, Rtd.DGF of Min. Of Environment & Foests & CC and Sp. Secretary to GoI demonstrated simple yoga and pranayams to children. Later, he made a power point presentation on the importance of a healthy & happy life and briefed about following healthy eating habits, doing simple exercises and serving the society selflessly which

would promote wellness & happiness.

Isles Fishers on visit to TN

Port Blair, Feb. 13

Under the Annual Plan Programme of the Department, the Department of Fisheries, Andaman and Nicobar Administration deputed a team of 13 marine fishers including 2 tribal fishers for study tour to Tamil Nadu by the sailing of M.V.Nancowry on 12th February, 2017 along with two departmental officials. The team is scheduled to visit various latest and innovative developments taking place under marine sector at Tamil Nadu.

Training on fire fighting for general public underway

Port Blair, Feb 13

The 10th batch of 5 days training programme on 'First Aid Fire fighting & Disaster Preparedness & Medical First Aid' started today in the conference hall of A & N Police Fire Service Training Centre at Fire Service (HQs), Port Blair. The aim of the training is to spread community wide awareness especially for the benefit of school teachers and Govt. servants of various departments, employees from various Hotels etc.

Shri. B. Saigal, Dy. Superintendent of Police (Fire Service), A&N Islands welcomed the participants and briefed about the main components of the training programme and appealed them to complete the training in all respect and to gather adequate knowledge from the faculties of Police Fire Service Training Centre. Altogether, 38 persons from various Govt. Institutions, Schools and Hotels are attending the training programme.

Contraband tobacco..

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packages of parcel in front of Shri. S. Purushotham, Manager, Andaman Super Express, courier service and Police personnel from PS, CCS and found that Ratna 150 brand Zarda of 50 gms pouches are packed in Select Premium CTC tea pouches a total of 151 pkts. of Zarda were recovered from the tea packets. All the prohibited tobacco (Zarda) and tea pouches were seized by the Food Safety Officer in the presence of Police Officials and Manager of the courier service.

All the courier service/ parcel services running in A&N Islands have been instructed to pass on information of any suspicious parcel arrived through their courier service to the District Food Safety Office, South Andaman at No.03192-231024, 03192-238881 and 09434280018 (CFS/DCSA) for thorough check before its released.