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## Free gas connections provided to BPL households under PMUY crosses 2.5 cr mark

Kolkata, July 15  
The free gas connections provided to BPL households under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana crossed the two-and-a-half crore mark today. This number was reached after President Shri Pranab Mukherjee handed over a cooking gas connection to a beneficiary at her residence, Jangipur House in West Bengal. This meets half the target of distributing five crore free LPG connections to women from poor households. In all, 10 women from the President's hometown Jangipur as well as Raghunath Ganj and Murshidabad were handed over free



connections at a ceremony also attended by Oil Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan. In May last year, the government embarked on a drive to provide free cooking gas connection to 5 crore women from poor

households in three years to reduce the use of polluting fuels such as wood and dried cow dung. The government is targeting increasing LPG usage to cover 80 per cent of the households by

March 2019, against 72.8 per cent as on 1st of April. It has earmarked 8,000 thousand crore rupees to provide free LPG connection to women from families living below the poverty line.

## Govt asks traders to get registered under GST regime by 30th July

New Delhi, Jul 15  
The Government today asked traders to get registered under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime by 30th of this month. However, traders with turnover of below 20 lakh rupees or those engaged exclusively in the supply of exempted goods or services need not register under the new tax regime which has kicked in

from 1st of July. Finance Ministry has listed the benefits of getting registered under GST, saying that input tax credit can be passed on in the value chain and due taxes collected will come to the exchequer. Excise, VAT or service tax payers who have already migrated to the GSTN portal and have been issued provisional IDs need to complete the registration

process by 22nd of September, by giving all the documents following which GSTIN will be issued. If anytime during the course of the financial year a business crosses the 20 lakh rupees turnover threshold, it will have to apply for registration within 30 days from becoming liable for registration. The Finance Ministry said if a business

has a valid PAN, email ID and a mobile number; it can file an online application on the common portal <https://www.gst.gov.in/> and get registered for GST. The Ministry said that getting registered under GST is for one's own benefit and if one is liable to take registration but does not get registered, one will not be able to enjoy the benefit of input tax credit.

## MP organises awareness progs. on GST



Port Blair, July 15  
Consequent upon the direction of BJP high command from Delhi, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray conducted street corner meetings and announcements on GST (Goods & Services Tax), which has been implemented throughout the nation from 1st July, 2017, to create awareness among the Islanders.

District by displaying valuable conversation on GST between Lt. Governor, A&N Islands Prof. Jagdish Mukhi and the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray. The remaining parts of the Islands will be covered within this month. In addition, the hand bills on

GST in three regional languages i.e. Hindi, Tamil and Bangla were also distributed to the gathering, a communication said.

## GST outreach programme held at Wimberlygunj Awareness created to dispel doubts of traders & general public



Port Blair, July 15  
A GST outreach programme was organized at Panchayat Bhavan Wimberlygunj today. The GST Commissioner, A&N Islands, Shri Udit Prakash Rai inaugurated the programme. Addressing the gathering, he informed that such programmes are being organized at different locations to create requisite awareness and to dispel the doubts in the

minds of the traders and the general public. He stated that without going into the intricacies, the stake holders may focus on the issues concerning their sphere of operation. He urged all the participants to take maximum benefit of this workshop on GST. The resource persons Shri Satyabratha Das, CA and Shri Mohan Ranjan, AC (GST) also discussed various issues in detail and

clarified the doubts raised by the local shopkeepers. The Assistant Commissioner, Settlement Shri. Rajesh Choudhary also addressed the gathering and elaborated upon the implementation process and legal provisions. The PRIs raised the issue of connectivity and the apprehensions of general public and traders in adopting the GST. The

Assistant Commissioner clarified that in due course these small hiccups shall be overcome. (Contd. on last page)

## National Letter Writing Competition by India Post Best writers in each category to be given honorary titles; last date Aug 15

Port Blair, July 15  
India Post has launched a letter writing campaign on the theme 'Dear Babu (Mahatma Gandhi), you inspire me!'. This is open to all and includes all age groups. The letter should be written in English/Hindi/Local language to Babu (Mahatma Gandhi) addressed to the Chief Postmaster General, West Bengal Circle, Yogayog

Bhawan, Kolkata - 700012. The letter can be written on plain A4 size paper and should not be more than 1000 words or in an Inland Letter Card (ILC) and should not be more than 500 words. The embossed envelope and Inland Letter Card (ILC) will be provided. The letter writing campaign will remain open up to August 15, 2017. The letter

has to be posted in the special Letter Box placed at the Post office marked as 'Letter Writing Campaign'. The letters posted after August 15, 2017 will not be accepted. The participants have to give a certificate of their age on the letter viz. "I certify that I am below/above the age of 18". The categories are: Upto 18 years - Inland Letter Card (Contd. on last page)

## Farm school on organic paddy cultivation at Neil Island Farmers urged to register under PMFBY

Port Blair, July 14  
The Department of Agriculture, South Andaman in association with Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA), established a Farm School on organic paddy cultivation at Neil Island in the field of Shri Sunil Pandey, R/o. Bharatpur

Village recently. This farm school would provide season long technical backstopping/training to target farmers by having an interactive session once at least during each of the 6 critical stages of paddy crop. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest, Shri. Ram Krishna Biswas, Pradhan, Neil Island urged

the farmers to adopt the organic farming for cultivation of all crops. Shri. R.Y. Singh, O.S.D./Joint Director (Agri), Neil Organic Mission South Andaman urged the farmers for increased production of organic paddy cultivation. He urged the farmers to register themselves under (Contd. on last page)

## Pr. Secretary (Revenue / Finance/ Health) visits N&M Andaman

Port Blair, July 15  
The Principal Secretary (Revenue / Finance/ Health), Shri SCL Das visited North and Middle Andaman on July 14 & 15. He interacted with the traders in Diglipur and Mayabunder and sensitized them on GST. The Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman, Assistant Commissioner,

Diglipur and Assistant Commissioner, Rangat were also present on the occasion. The Principal Secretary also visited District Hospital Mayabunder, CHC Diglipur, CHC Rangat, PHC Tugapur and PHC Billiground and interacted with the doctors and medical staff. He also (Contd. on last page)

## Raising Day celebration of 15 Assam Regiment Cleanliness & youth engagement prog. held

Port Blair, July 15  
Raised on 15th July 1987, 15 Assam Regiment has served the length and breadth of the country with distinction and is one of the most experienced Units of the Indian Army. To commemorate its 30 years of glorious service to the Nation, 15 Assam Regiment organized a series of events to celebrate the occasion, which include beach

cleaning, tree plantation drives, youth engagement programmes viz. essay writing competition, volleyball match etc. (Contd. on last page)



## Seminar on GST by ANETDCWA

Port Blair, July 15  
In response to the nationwide implementation of GST, the Andaman & Nicobar Event, Tent-Decorator and Caterer Welfare Association (ANETDCWA), Port Blair, affiliated to the registered body All India Tent Dealer Welfare Organization (AITDWO), New Delhi will (Contd. on last page)

## Mass tree planting organized at NCS

Port Blair, July 15  
A mass tree planting programme was organized by the Forest Extension & Publicity Division in the premises of Naval Children School, Minnie Bay today, as part of month long celebration of 68th Van Mahotsav-2017. The students, teachers, staff & Principal of the school participated in the event by (Contd. on last page)

Tree means water, water means bread and bread is life.

**SPORTS**

**Slum Yuva Daud held**

New Delhi, Jul 15  
Sports Minister, Shri Vijay Goel and Minister of State for Heavy Industries, Shri Babul Supriyo today flagged off the 8th Slum Yuva Daud at Qutub Minar in New Delhi. Indian women Basketball players Prashanti Singh, Akanksha Singh, Pratima Singh and Divya Singh also took part in the ceremony. Thousands of youth from Delhi slums participated in the run. The Slum Yuva Daud is a part of



the Adopt a Slum campaign of the Sports Ministry and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

**Sundar Singh wins gold at World Para Athletics Championships**

London, Jul 15  
India's Sundar Singh Gurjar has won gold on opening night of 2017 World Para Athletics Championships in London. He triumphed in the men's javelin throw with a personal best of 60.36 metre last night. Sri Lanka's Dinesh Priyantha Herath came second with 57.93 metre, while defending champion Guo Chunliang of China was third with a season's best 56.14 metre.



This was nothing less than redemption for Gurjar, who suffered a miserable heartbreak at the Rio Olympics two years ago. He was disqualified for reporting at the registration desk late by only a minute because he failed to understand the accent of the announcers.

**Roger Federer marches into 11th Wimbledon final**

London, Jul 15  
In Tennis, Roger Federer has entered the Final of the Wimbledon Championships for a record 11th time. In the semi-finals last night, the third seeded Swiss defeated Tomas Berdych in straight sets, 7-6, 7-6, 6-4, to set up a title clash with seventh seeded Croatian Marin Cilic. If Federer wins tomorrow's Final, he will bag a record 8th Wimbledon title and become the



tournament's oldest champion at the age of 35. The win will also help the Swiss take his all-time Grand Slam wins record to 19.

**BCCI welcomes back Chennai Super Kings, Rajasthan Royals in IPL**

Mumbai, Jul 15  
Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has welcomed the IPL franchises Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals back into the Indian Premier League. The two franchises have

completed the two-year suspension imposed by the Supreme Court appointed Justice Lodha Committee and will now participate in next year's Indian Premier League. Acting President of the BCCI,

Shri CK Khanna said in New Delhi that IPL will be enriched by the return of Chennai Super Kings and Rajasthan Royals. Both the teams have enjoyed tremendous on-field success and have a mass following.

**Swimming competition on July 26 & 27**

Port Blair, July 15  
As part of the celebration of 68th Van Mahotsav, the Forest Extension & Publicity Division of Department of Environment & Forests will be organizing a swimming competition on July 26 & 27 at the swimming pool of Netaji Stadium. Interested participants may register their names with the swimming coach, Shri V.

Selvam from July 16 onwards upto July 23rd between 7 am to 9 am & 3 pm to 7 pm on all days except Monday. The events to be organized are free style (open) men - 50 mts & 100 mts, free style (Boys under 16 years age) - 50 mts & 100 mts, free style (Open) women - 50 mts & 100 mts, back stroke (open) men - 50

mts & 100 mts, back stroke (boys under 16 years age) - 50 mts & 100 mts, back stroke (open) women - 50 mts & 100 mts. For any clarification, one may contact Shri Selvam over phone no. 9434280424 or the DFO, Forest Extension & Publicity Division, Haddo over phone no. 9434282261, a communication said.

**GST outreach programme ...**  
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Villagers and traders from the region attended the program in large number. Miss Mariyam Bibi, Zilla Parishad Member of Wimberlygunj Constituency welcomed the gathering and expressed the hope that the programme will benefit all the stake holders and the business activities shall be more regulated in the days to come.

Shri. O. Bashir. Pradhan Gram Panchayat Mannarghat thanked all the participants and the general public for making the programme a grand success.

**Farmers urged to ...**  
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the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) for Kharif whose cutoff date is 15th August, 2017.

Stressing on the importance of organic farming he briefed the activities of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY). He also informed the farmers that for marketing of the Neil Island agriculture produce, a place at Junglighat, Port Blair has been identified; interested farmers may submit their willingness to the Department.

Shri. Ratan Sarkar, Agriculture Assistant explained the Nursery and Main field preparation for Paddy crop and Shri. Daniel Antony, Junior Agriculture Assistant briefed about the Seed/Seedling treatment technique used in paddy crop, a communication said.

**16 year old Mitrabha Guha shares lead at National Under 25 Chess**

Port Blair, July 15  
16 year old FIDE Master Mitrabha Guha from West Bengal shared the lead with 4.0 points after the fourth round of the 26th National Youth Under 25 Chess Championship 2017 at Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkiya Mahavidyalaya, Port Blair here today.



Top seed International Master P Shyaamnikhil of Tamil Nadu was held to a draw by S Badrinath of Pondicherry. The top board enabled FM Mitrabha Guha to move

into shared lead along with S Jayakumaar (Tamil Nadu) and Ankit Chudasama (Gujarat) at 4 points each. Tomorrow is a two round day and the tournament will conclude on 19th July, 2017. Earlier, the fourth round was inaugurated by chief guest, Shri Shyamal Choudhury, MD, Reflex Industries Pvt Ltd.

**South Andaman Police apprehends gold chain snatchers**

Port Blair, July 15  
On July 11, 2017, a case vide crime no. 65/17 U/s 392/34 IPC was registered at PS Chatham on the complaint of Smti Nana Sundri, 46, W/o Late. A. Samuel R/o Prem Nagar, behind Kanya Asram regarding snatching of her gold chain from her neck weighing 24 gms on 11/07/2017 by the pillion rider of a scooty at Delanipur near AIR and escaped.



The police team of PS Chatham headed by SI Abdul Rahman SHO Chatham made sincere efforts under the supervision of Shri M.A. Naushad, SDPO/SA (i/c) which swung into action and immediately detected the case within a day by apprehending three culprits involved in the case, namely

Ziaul Islam @ Tharique, Pvt. Worker R/o Dignabad, N. Vasant Rao R/o Supply Line (scooty rider) and Gogi Subramaniam, Pvt. Worker R/o Andra Pradesh and recovered the snatched property. All the accused persons have been produced before the Ld. Court at Port Blair. Further investigation of the case continues.

**Heavy rain to occur in Isles; fishermen cautioned**

Port Blair, July 15  
Heavy rain (07-11) cm is likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Monday and Tuesday. Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong

southwesterly wind speed between 35 and 45 kmph and generally rough seas is likely along and off Andaman and Nicobar coast. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea, a communication said.

**Gram Sabha of GP Tushnabad on July 20**

Port Blair, July 15  
The Gram Sabha of Gram Panchayat at Tushnabad will be held on July 20, 2017 at 10 am at Community Hall, Tushnabad. Issues viz. approval of Revised Estimate (RE) 2016-17 and Budget Estimate (BE) 2017 -18 of Gram Panchayat Tushnabad, preparation of

Annual Plan 2018-19 for all sectors of Gram Panchayat, Tushnabad, SBM, NRLM & MGNREGA and other schemes, preparation of Annual Plan 2018-19 of MGNREGA etc will be discussed on the occasion, a communication said.

**Issuance of ticket for foreshore sector vessels today**

Port Blair, July 15  
Due to administrative reasons, the schedule of Foreshore Sector vessels from 16th July, 2017 onwards could not be promulgated by the Directorate of Shipping Services and tickets for the same was not issued. However, now the schedule for the Foreshore Sector vessels has been prepared and tickets for July 16th & 17th, 2017 will be issued to the general

public tomorrow (July 16) between 9 am & 12 pm on first cum first serve basis at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly, passenger tickets for the vessels scheduled to sail in the morning hours of 16th July, 2017 will be issued at DSS Information Counter, Phoenix Bay one hour prior to the departure of the vessel, a communication from the Deputy Director (SS) said here.

**Mass tree planting ...**  
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guest on the occasion. In his address, the DFO (FE&P) briefed about Van Mahotsav and exhorted the students to be the torch bearer in spreading awareness among their neighbors and relatives about the importance of tree planting. He insisted upon them to plant more and more plants for a healthier environment and nurture them till it gets established, a communication said.

**WEATHER**

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at most places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 29 °C and 24 °C respectively on Sunday 16/07/2017  
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 29.6  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.2  
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 090  
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 097  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0503  
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1748  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 003.2  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 003.2  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1339.4 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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**INTER ISLAND SECTOR:**

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 17.07.2017 (Mon) at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 19.07.2017 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Hut Bay.

MV Coral Queen will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 20.07.2017 (Thu) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 21.07.2017 (Fri) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 18.07.2017 (Tue) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 18.07.2017 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 Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 16.07.2017 (Sun) at 1200 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2200 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 17.07.2017 (Mon) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 18.07.2017 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 19.07.2017 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay on 19th July will be issued to the general public on 17.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

**FORESHORE SECTOR:**

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 16th & 17th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 16.07.2017 (Sun) between 0900 Hrs & 1200 Hrs at STARS Counters. Similarly for 18th, 19th & 20th July, 2017 will be issued on 17.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

**16.07.2017 (SUNDAY)**

**HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 16.07.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 16.07.2017 at DSS Information Counters one hour prior to the departure of the vessel.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 16.07.2017 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 16.07.2017 at DSS Information Counters one hour prior to the departure of the vessel.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 16.07.2017 (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 Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 16.07.2017 (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 16.07.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

**17.07.2017 (MONDAY)**

**HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 17.07.2017 (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 17.07.2017 (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 17.07.2017 (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 17.07.2017 (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 17.07.2017 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

**RANGAT, MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR**

MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Kadamtala and Long Island on 17.07.2017 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 18.07.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 17.07.2017 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 18.07.2017 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

**Seminar on GST ...**  
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be organizing a seminar at Andaman Teal House, Port Blair on July 18th, 2017 from 10 am onwards.

The AITDWO Chairman, Shri Anil Azad and General Secretary, Shri Kartar Singh Kochar alongwith Advocate S.H. Inder Chand will grace the occasion.

Shri Mohd. Jadwet, prominent business-person from the Islands will also be present as a guest speaker. All event managers, tent decorators and caterers have been requested to attend this seminar, a communication said.

**Applications invited for ...**  
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accepted and no request for Offline applications will be entertained. It may be noted that submission of Aadhar is mandatory.

The date for submission of online applications for fresh scholarship by students for Pre-Matric (Class I to X), Post-Matric (Class XI and XII) and for higher education like ITIs, Diploma, B.Ed. M.Phil and PhD etc. and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme is June 1st to August 31st, 2017 and for renewal it is June 1st to July 31st, 2017.

All Universities/Institutes/Colleges/Schools have been requested to register themselves and their courses details on the NSP during this period to verify the application of the students on the Portal without any delay.

Further, students may give their attention to the frequently asked questions (FAQs) available on the NSP homepage of the website for filling up of Online Application, a communication said.