



PM urges US to have balanced & farsighted perspective on movement of skilled professionals

New Delhi, Feb 22
Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has urged the US to have a balanced and farsighted perspective on the movement of skilled professionals. Shri Modi made the comment while receiving a 26-member bipartisan US Congressional delegation in New Delhi yesterday. Prime Minister shared his perspective on areas where both countries can work even more

closely, including in facilitating greater people-to-people linkages. In this context, Shri Modi referred to the role of skilled Indian talent in enriching the American economy and society and urged developing a reflective, balanced and farsighted perspective on movement of skilled professionals. Prime Minister recalled his positive conversation with President Mr Donald Trump

and the shared commitment to further strengthen ties that have grown deeper in the last two and a half years. In this regard, Shri Modi recognized Congress' strong bipartisan support for the India-US partnership. He said the Congress Representatives' visit indicate a good start to bilateral exchanges after the change in the US Administration and Congress.

Lt. Governor inaugurates Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Kanyapuram

Exhorts users, authorities to make best use of the facilities and ensure proper maintenance

Port Blair, Feb 22
The newly built Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Kanyapuram, Wimberlygunj, was inaugurated by the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi by cutting the ribbon and unveiling the plaque this morning. He also dedicated the Stadium to the people of the area on the occasion. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Principal Secretary (Sports), Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary (APWD), Shri Sanjeev Khirwar, Adhyaksh, ZPSA, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Ferrargunj, Shri Sandeep Biswas, Senior officers of the Administration, Officers of Education Department, Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs and PRI members of the area were present on the occasion.



Students suffering from Type-I diabetes can now take snacks during CBSE board exams

New Delhi, Feb 22
Students suffering from Type-I diabetes can now take snacks during Class 10th and 12th board examinations conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). In a circular, the Board said a significant number of children suffer from Type-I diabetes and need insulin injections at regular intervals to keep their blood glucose levels in check. CBSE said, these children need frequent meals to avoid hypoglycemia which may otherwise affect their performance. It said that such students can carry items like sugar tablets, fruits, snacks and water to the examination centre which has to be kept with invigilators. The CBSE, however, said the certificate of the student's medical condition should be forwarded by the principal of the school concerned.

Frame guidelines for rehabilitation of persons who are cured of mental illness: SC asks Centre

New Delhi, Feb 22
The Supreme Court today asked the Centre to frame guidelines for rehabilitation of persons who have been cured of their mental illness, observing that the issue was very sensitive. A bench headed by Chief Justice J S Khehar observed that after mentally ill persons are cured, not even their family members are willing to take them back home. The apex court told Solicitor General, Shri Ranjit Kumar,

representing the Centre, that the government cannot allow a person to be kept in a mental asylum or a nursing home after he or she is fully cured of the ailment. They have to be brought back to civil society. It is very easily achievable. Give us a scheme, will then put it to the state governments and ask them, the court told the Centre. The Solicitor General, however, told the bench that they needed some time as two ministries

-- Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Justice - were involved in this process. The apex court gave eight weeks time to the Centre for this. The court was hearing a PIL filed by advocate Shri G K Bansal who has raised the issue of release of about 300 persons from various mental hospitals in Uttar Pradesh, alleging they were still languishing there despite being cured of their ailments and most of them belonged to poorer sections.

Addressing the gathering, soon after inspecting the newly built Multipurpose Indoor Stadium and the facilities available therein, the Lt. Governor exhorted the people of the area as well as the officers of the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs to make best use of this world class Indoor Stadium so as to produce world class sports persons from the Islands. "The Indoor stadium, which has the facilities of badminton, table tennis, basket ball, volley ball and gymnasium, should be maintained properly so that the sports persons can be nurtured with the facilities available", said the Lt. Governor. He said, the sports persons, especially the school students need to be provided with proper trainings in particular sporting events to hone their skills so that they can excel at national as well as international sports events. "There is no dearth of talents in the Islands and it is the responsibility of the Principal, Teachers, especially the Physical Education Teachers of a particular school, to identify and provide coaching to the talented students", remarked the Lt. Governor.

The Lt. Governor also urged the Director of Sports & Youth Affairs to regulate the timings for the users; viz. women, men and students accordingly so as to enable them to utilize the available facilities without any hassle. He also assured that by April 15, 2017, the equipments for the gymnasium will be made available. The Lt. Governor also informed that Sports Academies have been set up here in the Isles for training budding talents in sports like swimming, cycling, football, etc. and the Sports Authority of India has been entrusted with the work of providing special coaching to the selected students in the age group of 10 to 14 years with

proper practices, diet and health care facilities. Mentioning that sports is being given great importance in the country, the Lt. Governor said, now a days, women are making remarkable achievements in the field of sports, both at national and international levels in events like cricket, tennis, boxing etc. and have brought laurels to the nation in Olympics, Asian as well as Commonwealth Games. Similarly, women in these Isles should also be encouraged to participate in sports activities and utilize the facilities available

so that they can represent the Island as well as the country at different fora, said the Lt. Governor. He stressed that academic teachings as well as sports activities should go hand in hand; as sports will keep the students active, healthy and alert and this will contribute to their growth in academics as well as sports. He also stressed the need for encouraging every student to participate in sports events, so that students who have talent in a particular sport, can be spotted and given proper training. Referring to the health

facilities in Isles, the Lt. Governor said, the health services available even in the Primary Health Centers in the Islands are far better than those of mainland India in terms of availability of medicines, doctors, paramedical staff and cleanliness. The Lt Governor informed the gathering that the Health facilities in the Isles will further be augmented by making the required Super Specialty services such as

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PAN, AADHAR cards mandatory for diversion of land
Port Blair, Feb 22
The Administration has decided to make Aadhar and Pan card mandatory for applications for diversion of land from one purpose to another. Accordingly, the general public is hereby informed that henceforth all applications for diversion of land should be accompanied with a copy of PAN card and Aadhar card of the parties concerned.

Roll out phase of e-PDS in Rangat Tehsil 57 POS machines distributed to Fair Price Shop dealers

Port Blair, Feb 22
The Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has begun the roll out phase of e-PDS from Rangat Tehsil. As a part of implementation of e-PDS in N&M Andaman District, 57 POS machines were distributed to the Fair Price Shop dealers of Rangat Tehsil on Feb. 17. On this occasion, the Assistant Commissioner, Rangat Dr. Monica Priyadarshini distributed the ePOS to the FPS Owners of Rangat at Panchayat Samiti Bhawan, Rangat.

integrator team. The FPS dealers were sensitized about the ePDS project and its importance in bringing in transparency and efficiency in the Public Distribution System. The FPS dealers & the PRI members were urged to co-operative with the Department for the successful implementation

of this project in the greater public interest. Similarly, the ePDS team has shifted stand alone database of Mayabunder to the central server installed at the State Data Centre. The allocation of foodgrains to the FPS dealers at Mayabunder will now be through online system for next month.

Students sensitized on ill effects of alcohol & tobacco



Port Blair, Feb. 22
The Ambassador, Swatch Bharath Mission of A & N Islands, Padmasree awardee, Shri Naresh Chandra Lal visited GSSS Haddo (Telugu) recently. He inspected the school campus and appreciated the cleanliness maintained by the school. An

awareness programme on 'Swachh Bharat' was organized which also highlighted the ill effects of alcohol and tobacco, in the school premises. Shri. Lal urged the students to refrain from such menace. Earlier, the Principal Shri.G.K.Rai welcomed the gathering.

'Kanoon Ki Baat' on Feb 25

Port Blair, Feb 22
In its weekly 'Kanoon Ki Baat' programme, a live phone-in interactive programme will be broadcast by AIR on 25th February 2017. The topic of discussion will be "Contribution of Digital India in Law and Order". This programme will be

broadcast from 7.20 to 7.40 am on Feb 25. The Superintendent of Police, Shri. Parvinder Singh will be present in the Studio to answer to the queries of the listeners on the said topic. Listeners can call on telephone number 232336 or 232558 to participate in this live programme.

Maha Shivaratri celebrations

Port Blair, Feb 22
Mahashivaratri will be celebrated at Radha Govind Temple at RGT Road from 6 am to midnight, with special Puja, abhishekam, kirtan and prasad distribution on Feb 24. Maha Shivaratri will also be celebrated at Shri Vishweswara Temple, Dairy Farm with puja from 4 am on Feb. 24, followed by Mangal arti, abhishekam till 2 pm. In the evening

bhajan- kirtan will be held from 7 am till midnight. Annadanam will be held from 11.30 am to 3 pm on Feb. 25, 2017. Maha Shivaratri will be celebrated at Brahmananda Advaitas Ashram at Bird Line on Feb 24, with Rudra abhishek & Sahashra Shivnama chanting. Shiv Puran path will be held in the evening from 6 pm to 6 am of next day.

SPORTS

Buoyant India ready to take on aggressive Aussies in series opener

Pune, Feb 22
On a fairytale 19-match unbeaten streak, India would seek extension of their incredible dominance on home turf when they clash against an aggressive Australia in the four-Test series, beginning here tomorrow.
The series against the Steve Smith-led side is the fourth and last home series of the 2016-17 season for India, who have conjured up emphatic victories over New Zealand (3-0), England (4-0) and Bangladesh (one-off Test).
India are going into the rubber, seeking their seventh successive series win going back to the three-Test away series against Sri Lanka in 2015.
There are several factors in India's stupendous run, chief among those being captain Virat Kohli's phenomenal run with the bat. The young captain has truly led from the front by notching up four double hundreds.
Kohli is averaging over 80 after accumulating 1457 runs in the last 13 Tests and Australia will need to find ways to curtail his brilliance to stop the Indian juggernaut.
The other major factor has been the excellent bowling by spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja, incidentally the top two bowlers in the ICC rankings.
Off-spinner Ashwin has grabbed 78 wickets in 13 games during the same period with 8 five-fors at an average of just



over 24 while left-amer Jadeja has scalped 49 wickets in 10 Tests at just under 25. Australia have not won a Test, let alone a series, in India since 2004-05 when they defeated the hosts 2-1. Since then they lost 2-0 twice in four-game series and were whitewashed 4-0 on their last visit in 2012-13. Only 8000-odd tickets have been sold for each day and there are plans to fill up empty seats via free entry for school children.
Teams (from):
India: Virat Kohli (c), Murali Vijay, KL Rahul, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Wriddhiman Saha

(wk), Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Ishant Sharma, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Umesh Yadav, Karun Nair, Jayant Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, Abhinav Mukund, Hardik Pandya.
Australia: Steve Smith (c), David Warner (vc), Ashton Agar, Jackson Bird, Peter Handscomb, Josh Hazlewood, Usman Khawaja, Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Marsh, Shaun Marsh, Glenn Maxwell, Stephen O'Keefe, Matthew Renshaw, Mitchell Starc, Mitchell Swepson, Matthew Wade.

Mithali Raj, Harmanpreet Kaur make it to top-10 of ICC Women's rankings

New Delhi, Feb 22 India's one day captain Mithali Raj and top batter Harmanpreet Kaur were placed 2nd and 10th in the ICC batswomen's rankings released after the World Cup qualifier that ended yesterday. Meg Lanning of Australia leads the charts with 804 points while Raj with 733 points is second in the list.
Harmanpreet, known for her towering sixes is 574 points in

the list.
In the women's list, Jhulan Goswami, who did not play the Qualifiers due to injury, is placed 3rd in the bowler's list behind Marizanne Kapp of South Africa and Stefanie Taylor of West Indies. Left-arm spinner Ekta Bisht is eighth in the list. Jhulan is also seventh in the list of all-rounders while Shikha Pandey and Deepthi Sharma are 19th and 20th in the list.

Isles team participates in AICS Badminton C'ship



Port Blair, Feb 22
All India Civil Services Badminton Championship was held in Aizwal, Mizoram recently in which a 12 member team from A&N Islands also participated apart from teams from different States and UTs. The members of the Island team displaying acumen and proficiency reached up to the pre-quarterfinal stage defeating their opponents while SS



Santosh lost in the quarterfinal match.
The Island team participated in the prestigious tournament and reached up to quarterfinal stage. The team members put their best efforts in the league, pre-quarterfinal and quarterfinal matches and performed well in the tournament, informed the Coach-cum-player of the tournament, Shri Sailesh Chauhan. The event was held for men (singles/doubles),

women (singles/doubles) and mixed doubles. The team Andaman consisting of 9 men and 3 women players represented Andaman & Nicobar Administration in the All India Civil Service Badminton Tournament. Altogether, 68 teams from different parts of the Country participated in the tournament. The team members returned yesterday and have thanked the Administration for its support.

Rangat Premier League Season -5

Port Blair, Feb 22
Rangat Premier League Season-5, T-20 Cricket, league cum knock out tournament will be organized by the APWD Recreation Club in association with RSC Rangat which will commence at Mini Stadium Rangat from March 10, 2017. All interested teams willing to participate may registered the team name along with Rs 16000 fees by 28th February 2017 to the Organizing Committee (Contact No. 9434262189, 9474203426).

Residential trng. camp for Scouts & Guides begins

Port Blair, Feb 22
A 5 day Residential Zonal Annual Training Camp got underway at GMS, Kanyapuram from Feb. 21. The Bharat Scouts & Guides Wing of Wimberlygunj Educational Zone is organising the camp in which 93 Scouts and Guides along with 12 Scout Masters and Guide Captains from 12 different schools of this Zone are participating.
Shri. Gyan Sheel Dubey, District Chief Commissioner (BS&G)/DEO, Wimberlygunj

as the chief guest inaugurated the camp and appealed the Scouts and Guides to serve the society during natural disasters by obeying the Motto "Be Prepared".
Shri. Samir Kumar Das, HWB(S), leader of the course briefed the activities to be conducted during the 5 -days' camp. Shri. V.Raju, Scout Master welcomed the gathering Smt. Gita Devi, Teacher in charge of Govt. Middle School, Kanyapuram proposed the vote of thanks.

Mock exercise conducted on earthquake at School Line School



Port Blair, Feb 22
A mock drill on earthquake was conducted in GSSS School Line here today by the Directorate of Disaster Management, as per the School Disaster Management Plan to test and check the readiness of their School Response System during any crisis situation.
The Officers of Disaster Management observed all the activities of Mock Drill and appreciated students and teachers for actively participation in the mock drill. At the end, debriefing meeting was conducted wherein gaps in coordination among the task teams, search & rescue techniques, first aid etc were discussed. The Officers of Deptt Disaster Management assured the school family that NDRF personnel may

be deputed for training to the task teams of school for strengthen their preparedness level.
Arrival & departure of M V Nicobar
Port Blair, Feb 22
M V Nicobar is expected to arrive here at 5 am on Feb 24. It has on board 393 passengers and 8 infants. On arrival the vessel will be berthed at Haddo Wharf and Passengers will be disembarked immediately.
M V Nicobar will sail for Kolkata via Mayabunder on Feb. 25 at 6 pm from Haddo Wharf. The excess baggage will be loaded from 2 pm to 4 pm on Feb 24 while embarkation of passengers will be done from 3 pm to 5 pm on Feb. 25, a communication received here said.

WEATHER

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 23/02/2017
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.3
Minimum Temperature (°C): 25.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 073
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0540
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1727
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.0
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 Feb 17 - 23
Jolly LLB 2 - (Hindi UA) - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Running Shaadi - (Hindi UA) - 12:30 PM
The Ghazi Attack - (Hindi UA) - 3:30 PM
Singam 3 - (Tamil U) - 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Advance Booking Now Open For 'Rangoon' - (Hindi) & 'Winner' - (Telugu)
PMwww.ticketnetv.com
For queries only 8373010002

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
23.02.2017 (THURSDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 23.02.2017 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 23.02.2017 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 23.02.2017 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock 23.02.2017 (Thu) 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 23.02.2017 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
24.02.2017 (FRIDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
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MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 24.02.2017 (Fri) 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 Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT & MAYABUNDER
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Chouldari will sail for Mayabunder on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Mayabunder.
25.02.2017 (SATURDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
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HUT BAY
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT & DIGLIPUR
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Chouldari will sail for Diglipur on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur.
26.02.2017 (SUNDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

Short course on ..
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Smt. Geeta Rani Verma, Principal, PTS.
Faculty members from PTS, Prothrapur and well experienced Police personnel delivered impressive and informative lectures. The Superintendent of Police (Distt.), N&M, Shri Ingit Pratap Singh concluded the training programme by emphasizing the objective of the course and its implementation. Altogether, 33 Police personnel of N&M Andaman District of different ranks had participated in the course, interacted and enriched themselves for initiating steps forward towards the importance of POCSO Act 2012.

Exhorts users, authorities...

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cardiology, neurology, nephrology and orthopedic surgery available. He said by June 1, 2017, a Cath lab for treatment of heart related ailments such as angioplasty, bypass surgery, stent installment, heart valve changing will be made available at G. B. Pant Hospital besides an Orthopedic Department, having equipments for spine surgery, knee/joint replacement with modular operation theatre will also be made available. By January, 2018, other departments like Nephrology, Neurology and Neuro surgery and the services of neurologist, Neuro Surgeon and Nephrologists will also be made available. Once these Departments are established, the need for going to mainland for treatment of these ailments will be done away with, said the Lt. Governor.

The Lt. Governor said that apart from augmenting health services, the Administration is also focusing on introducing new projects in different sectors viz. Tourism, Agriculture, Fisheries & Animal Husbandry, Power and tele-connectivity etc. He said, the effort of the Administration is to take A&N Islands on the path of progress and project it on the world map.

Speaking on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray highlighted the various developmental projects which will soon come up in the Islands. These include, the bridge between Uttara Jetty and Gandhighat Jetty, National Highway from Austin to Kalara Junction, bridge at Humphrey strait besides the bridge between Chatham and Bambooflat and the undersea Optical Fibre Cable project. He also mentioned that the Administration will make available the required Health care facilities for treating heart related ailments, orthopedic and neurology cases etc. He also informed about the pending regulation of the Govt. for implementation by APWD which will be taken up by the concerned department and the DRMs of APWD will get their due by April this year.

In his welcome address, the Principal Secretary (Sports), Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi briefed the gathering about the newly built Multipurpose Indoor Stadium. He said that the building has been constructed at the cost of Rs. 4.89 crore on an area of 1539 sq. mt. on a land of about 1 hectare. He said, a nominal fee will be charged from the general public for using the facilities; while the students can utilize the facilities free of cost. The indoor stadium has been constructed with an aim to ensure that an aptitude for sports is developed among the youth, particularly of Wimberlygunj and Kanyapuram areas. He expressed hope that the stadium will be put to good use and urged for proper maintenance of the building as well as the equipments.

Earlier, the students of Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Tushnabad presented a welcome song while the inauguration ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Director, Sports, Shri A.K.Trivedi.

Helpline to counsel students at North & Middle Andaman

Port Blair, Feb. 22
The Directorate of Education has created a helpline to counsel the students who are appearing the ensuing Board Examination-2017, in North & Middle Andaman to reduce stress. Meanwhile, under 'UMANG', the committee constituted in each school have been asked to be vigilant and monitor the stress level of the students regularly.
In this connection, all concerned are requested that if they see depression among students during the period of board examination, which require additional counselling and advises, they may contact/inform over the Help lines immediately which will remain opened between 08.30 am and 5 pm. These Helpline numbers are (03192) 274240 and (03192)274072.
Further, a Committee is formed consisting of members to counsel the students before and during the period of the Board Examination, 2017.
Shri Sushen Mallick, DEO, Rangat (9434274283), Smti Rita Raghubansi, VP, GSSS Rangat. (9933202804/9531922136), Shri Lochan Singh, VP, GSSS Sabari Jn. (9476050598), Shri H.C. Rai, VP, GSSS Bakultala. (9474200122) Shri Suresh Mazumder, VP, GSSS Swadeshnagar (9474214739), Shri Abdul Salim, VP, GSS Nimbutala (9434262142)

EPFO introduces single page composite claim form for withdrawing money

New Delhi, Feb 22
Retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) has introduced single page composite claim form for withdrawing money from their PF account. The new forms do not require employers' attestation, but only for those subscribers whose Aadhaar number and bank account details have been seeded with their Universal Account Number. An official release said, EPFO has also done away with the practice of filing utilisation certificates for advances taken from their PF accounts and can submit self-utilisation certificate.
Gayatri Mahayagya held
Port Blair, Feb. 22
Surupanjali in association with Gaythri Chetna Kendra (Haddo) organised Pancha Kundiye Gayathri Mahayagya, for the students appearing for Board Exams, in the RGT Public Vidyalaya premises here recently. The Yagya was attended by over 80 students and their parents, to seek blessings of Maa Gayatri for positivity, well being, motivation for righteous path and success in life.