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PM to share his 'Mann Ki Baat' on All India Radio today

New Delhi, Jun 24
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will share his 'Mann Ki Baat' on All India Radio with the people in the country and abroad tomorrow (June 25). The 33rd episode of the monthly radio programme will be broadcast on entire network of AIR and Doordarshan at 11 AM tomorrow. It will also be broadcast live on www.allindiaradio.gov.in. Besides, the programme will be streamed on the YouTube channels of the Prime Minister's Office,



Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and DD News. Akashwani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast. Regional language versions of the programme will also be repeated at 8 PM. 'Mann Ki Baat' is apolitical and interactive broadcast focussing on welfare and well-being of the people.

Govt launches portal on weather information

New Delhi, Jun 24
The government today launched a portal on weather information that will help discoms manage power distribution. Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of State for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, launched the weather portal for power sector in association with POSOCO and IMD at the meeting of the Forum of Regulators in New Delhi today. The Power Ministry said in a statement that the weather information on the portal will also help in better planning for infrastructure availability to ensure cost effective and reliable supply.

Research carried in labs should reach to common man: LG

Port Blair, June 24
Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Gol & Director General, ICAR, currently on visit to these Islands, today called on the Lt. Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Niwas and held discussions. The Secretary to LG, Dr. A.K Singla was also present on the occasion. During the course of the discussion, the Lt Governor desired that appropriate confluence of policy & technology and frequent interaction between research institutes, officials of A&N Administration, extension workers and farmers may be assured to ensure that research work carried out in laboratories percolates down to the common man. Further, the Lt Governor desired that CIARI should help A&N Administration in exploring deep sea fishing opportunities and also in preparing a blue print to make these Islands fully organic.



Ministry of HUPA approves construction of 609 houses in urban area of A&N Islands

Port Blair, June 24
The Member of Parliaments of A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray visited the Ministry of Housing, New Delhi on Jun 22, 2017 and confirmed that the Minister of Housing, Urban and Poverty Alleviation Shri Venkaiah Naidu has approved for construction of 1, 27,674 houses with an

investment of Rs,6,532 Cr. and central Assistance of Rs. 1915.00 Cr in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Out of the total approval, the State of Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka has got additional 70,784 and 56,281 houses respectively in addition to existing approval. Whereas the Ministry of HUPA, GOI has

approved in first time for construction of 609 houses in Urban area of Andaman and Nicobar Islands with an investment of Rs. 54 Crs. and Central Assistance of Rs. 9 Crs. As per the scheme of PMAY (URBAN), there are two components, one each for 'Affordable Housing in Partnership' and 'Beneficiary Led

Construction'. Under this scheme, each beneficiary will get the Central Assistance of Rs. 1.50 lakhs. Till date, the Ministry of HUPA has approved for construction of 20, 95,718 houses altogether under PMAY (Urban), a communication from the Office of the MP said here today.

Chartered vessel 'Coral Queen' to be inducted into service on Jun 26

Port Blair, June 24
The newly chartered Inter Island vessel 'Coral Queen' will be formally inducted into service on Jun 26, 2017 by the Lt. Governor, Prof Jagdish Mukhi at 7.30 am at Haddo Wharf. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray and the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar will also be present on this occasion. The ship would immediately thereafter undertake its maiden voyage to Hut Bay at 8.30 am on the same day, with passengers embarked onboard.



'Coral Queen' is a 1996 built vessel with a passenger capacity of 451

and with cruising speed of 12 knots, especially chartered for service to the Southern Group of Islands. The induction of the vessel Coral Queen would meet the long felt demand of the Islanders and will provide considerable augmentation in the shipping efforts to the Southern Group of Islands. Once inducted, the ship will be available for service for a period of 5 years except for mandatory layoffs for maintenance / dry dock. The ship is also capable of carrying 100 Tons of cargo in addition to the passengers. The detailed schedule of the ship is being planned by the Shipping Department and will be available through the regular 'Seva Suchna' published in newspapers and also will be announced in the media, suitably, a communication from the Dy. Director, (SS) said here today.

39th Foundation Day of ICAR- CIARI DG ICAR lauds Institute's research, development & extension services

Port Blair, June 24
The ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute (CIARI) celebrated its 39th Foundation Day at its Mela ground yesterday. The Secretary & Director General, Govt. of India, Department of Agricultural Research & Education and Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra was the chief guest on the occasion.



research, development & extension services and also the contributions of the Scientists and others for taking the Institute this far. He stressed on the need to honour and work with dedication to accomplish the mission of the Hon'ble Prime Minister

of India, in doubling the income of the farmers by 2022. He further emphasized to select few feasible technologies which can be accomplished by 2022 covering complete Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He also urged the farmers to come forward

and take up food processing entrepreneurship in association with the banking institutions like NABARD & other similar institutions. Speaking on the rich biodiversity available in this Island, he called upon to protect and

Addressing the gathering, the chief guest lauded the yeoman services done by the Institute in

Goods and Services Tax Three day training programme commences at DBRAIT

Port Blair, June 24
The three day training programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST), being organized jointly by the Department of GST, A & N Administration, in collaboration with Andaman Chamber of Commerce and Industries (ACCI), commenced at Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology (DBRAIT), Dollygunj here today.



Lectures, as well as orientation trainings & hands-on trainings were imparted. Shri Vineet Gupta, FCA, DISA gave lecture training to

approximately 600 participants. GSTN Master Trainers from Kolkata, gave hands-on training in 2 labs. Participants raised specific questions which were cleared on the spot.

They expressed Training kits and materials were also distributed. (Contd. on last page)

South Andaman Police arrest two for burglary

Port Blair, June 24
The Police had received a written complaint on Jun 16, from Smti A. Biswas, W/o Late K. M. Biswas, 75, R/o Shadipur regarding burglary of gold ornaments and cash from her house in between June 13 and 15, 2017. A case was registered at PS Aberdeen and the burglary staff of PS

Aberdeen consisting of SF Samuel, HC Vijay Shankar, PC Abdul Rasheed, PC Ashok Kumar and PC Suresh under the close supervision of Insp. A. K. Singh, SHO PS Aberdeen started immediate investigation.

During investigation, various related persons were interrogated at length

High waves, rough seas forecast

Port Blair, June 24
High waves in the range of 3.0 - 3.7 meters are forecasted from 5.30 pm of Jun 24 to 11.30 pm of Jun 26, 2017, along the west coast of Andaman Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Great Channel. Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed

Similar high waves are forecasted with current speeds between 54 - 90 cm/sec. along the west coast of Nicobar Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Great Channel. Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed

Rath Yatra celebration by Utkal Samaj today

Port Blair, June 24
The annual car Festival (Rath Yatra) of Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and subhadra will be celebrated by Utkal Samaj in association with Rajsthan Manch on June 25. At 2 pm, the deities will be taken for the Rath Yatra en route Gandhi Park, Clock Tower, Light House cinema, Bengali Club Traffic, Goal Ghar, Junglighat market, IIF, VIP Road to Mausai Maa temple (Gundicha Mandap) at Utkal Samaj. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray will perform the rituals on the occasion.

programmes will be conducted daily at Utkal Samaj. The devotees from every part of A & N Islands have been invited to attend the Rath yatra, a communication said.

The return of Rath Yatra (Bahuda Yatra) will be celebrated on July 3, 2017. Meanwhile, cultural

Non functioning of CSC Gandhi Market

Port Blair, June 24
The services of Aadhaar Enrolment and updation will be unavailable for 3 days at CSC Gandhi Market due to some technical snag in retrieving data from UIDAI server. The services will be resumed as soon as technical snag is resolved. All efforts are being put by the technical team to resolve the issues within 3 days, a communication said.

Heavy rain to occur in A&N Islands; fishermen cautioned

Port Blair, June 24
Rain or thundershower is very likely to occur at many places over Andaman and Nicobar Islands during the next five days. Meanwhile, Heavy rain (07-11) cm is likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (Jun 25 to 28). Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed between 25 and 35 kmph gusting to 45 kmph and generally rough seas is likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea, a communication said.

CG conducts community interaction cum Yoga session

Port Blair, June 24
120 people attended the event having five point agenda, to educate people on safety practices whilst out at sea, connect the local fishing populace with coastal security mechanism, (Contd. on last page)

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

Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY)

Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (UDAY) is the financial turnaround and revival package for electricity distribution companies of India (DISCOMs) initiated by the Government of India with the intent to find a permanent solution to the financial mess that the power distribution is in. It allows state governments, which own the discoms, to take over 75 percent of their debt as of September 30, 2015, and pay back lenders by selling bonds. Discoms are expected to issue bonds for the remaining 25 percent of their debt. The scheme was announced by Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal & New and Renewable Energy in November 2015. Till now 27 states/UT have joined this scheme with Mizoram being 27th state to join. The scheme is optional for the states to join. Andhra Pradesh was the first state to join.



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 25/06/2017
 Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 29.1
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 23.3
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST 098
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST 087
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0457
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1746
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 026.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.1
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 889.1 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Harshavardhana will now sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 28.06.2017 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 29.05.2017 (Thu) at 1600 Hrs directly from Campbell Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 23.06.2017(Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar on 28.06.2017 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 29.06.2017 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 24.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. The vessel will not carry any cargo during the above voyage.

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HUT BAY SECTOR:-

MV Chowra will sail for Hut Bay on 26.06.2017 (Mon) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 27.06.2017 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 27.06.2017 (Tue) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 28.06.2017 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets will be issued to the general public on 24.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 29.06.2017 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Choudhari will sail for Hut Bay on 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay will be issued to the general public on 28.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 23rd, 24th & 25th June, 2017 will be issued to the general public from 22.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters. Similarly for 26th, 27th & 28th June, 2017 will be issued on 24.06.2017 and for 29th & 30th June, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 28.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

25.06.2017 (SUNDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
 MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 25.06.2017 (Sun) 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 25.06.2017 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 25.06.2017 (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 Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 25.06.2017 (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 25.06.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

26.06.2017 (MONDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
 MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 26.06.2017 (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 26.06.2017 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

High waves, rough seas...

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 between 25 and 35 kmph gusting to 45 kmph and generally rough seas likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts.

Fishermen are advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public is advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency, they may contact over the following phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres.

State Control Room: 03192- 238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline).
 District Control Room: 03192-238881, 1070(Helpline).

EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020
 EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222
 EOC (N&M): 03192-262960
 EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014
 EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241
 EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030
 EOC (Ferrargunji): 03192-266527

South Andaman Police ...

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 and two persons accepted their guilt. The team developed the lead further and put strenuous efforts to arrest the main accused namely Avinash Rao.

The burglary case was solved within a day after registration of FIR with recovery of Rs 82,600 from both the accused. The accused was produced before the Hon'ble court from where he was sent to judicial custody remand. The district team worked extremely hard in cracking such the case. The entire operation took place under the overall supervision of SDPO (SA) Shri Nishant Gupta. Public have been requested to share information with Police with confidence so that such anti-social elements are brought to justice and they may pass such information to 03192-232100, 03192-232400 and 9434288763, a communication said.

DSS withdraws MV Swarajdweep from further service till rectifications of defects; passengers advised

Port Blair, June 24
 The vessel MV Swarajdweep was scheduled to sail to Chennai on Jun 20, 2017. However, due to a technical snag in its main engine, the vessel could not be sailed out on Jun 20. On assurance from the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. that the vessel would be made available earliest, the Directorate of Shipping Services had postponed the sailing of MV Swarajdweep, but the defect could not be rectified. Later on the firm assurance from Shipping Corporation of India that the vessel would be ready by 24th June 2017, the Directorate of Shipping Services had again revised

the sailing to Jun 24, 2017. However, regrettably, the vessel once again could not be made ready despite the service Engineers from mainland attending to the defect. Although, the passengers who had arrived at the Haddo Wharf on Jun 24, 2017 to avail the sailing, were intimated that best efforts would be made to sail MV Swarajdweep on the next day i.e on Jun 25, 2017. However now it has been informed by the SCI that the vessel MV Swarajdweep would take more time for rectification of defect. Now since there is uncertainty in the time which will be taken in fully rectifying the defect on main engines of MV

Swarajdweep by the SCI, the Directorate of Shipping Services is forced to withdraw the ship from further service till rectifications of the defects and has to cancel the said voyage on Jun 24 from Port Blair to Chennai and from Chennai to Port Blair on Jun 29, 2017. The passengers holding the tickets of above sailings have been requested to either cancel their tickets from STARS ticketing counter and get refunded or they may avail the subsequent sailing of Mainland vessel to Chennai, which is being announced in due course of time, an official communication from the Directorate of Shipping Services said here today.

Goods and Services Tax ...

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The schedule for the next two days is as follows:-

Date (Day)	Time	Type of training	Participants
25.06.2017 Sunday	9 to 11 AM	Hands on training (Lab 1 to 4)	Dealers/ Traders
	11.30 to 1.30 PM		
	3 to 4 PM		
26.06.2017 Monday	4.30 to 6 PM	Classroom Training (Conference Hall 1 st Floor)	Dealers/ Traders
	3 to 4.30 PM		
	5 to 6 PM		

Besides this, the A&N Administration has also set up help desks and facilitation Counters in order to assist the members of the trading community. For any query relating to the GST Regime, one may contact the Joint Commissioner GST -03192-231951. List of Primary documents to be up loaded for GST Registration include, PAN/ TAN, Mobile No, Email.ID, ADHAAR No, Photographs as specified in the application form (maximum 10), Constitution of Business documents, Proof of Principal/ Additional Place of Business, Bank Account Related proof and Authorization form, a communication from the Asst Commissioner, GST, SA said here today.

39th Foundation Day of ICAR ...

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study the potentials of the same so that the unexplored may be explored and future challenges of climate change can be mitigated.

Earlier, the Director General ICAR visited the stalls and witnessed the technological demonstration and exposition displayed by the Development Departments, NABARD, Cooperative Bank, NGOs like Yuva Shakti, ACANI, SHGs of NCUI, KVKs, Division of CIARI, Karen and Nicobari tribal community.

The Director General ICAR also released books, bulletins and folders for the benefits of the farmers, youth and extension beneficiaries. On the occasion, scientists, officers, division, best farmers, and best innovators were felicitated by the chief guest for their meritorious contributions and commendable service.

The Director, ICAR-CIARI Dr. S. Dam Roy while speaking, highlighted on the sojourn of CAR to CIARI from 2014, which has now become the beacon for tropical island agriculture for South East Asian countries. He also highlighted on the contribution made by the scientists of the institute and other staff in bringing the Institute to such heights. Facilitation of Plant Genome Saviour Award to Karen and Nicobari tribals and adding of Regional Centre at Minicoy & KVK at Kavaratti at Lakshadweep was also stressed in his deliberation.

A large number of audiences representing from development departments, research, media, farmers from all three districts and staff attended the 39th foundation day function.

Earlier, the HoD, Animal Science, Dr. A. Kundu, welcomed the gathering while the programme was coordinated by the Principal Scientist and organizing secretary of the event, Dr. S. K. Zamir Ahmed and his team.

CG conducts community ... (Contd. from page 1)

importance of early information in case of eventuality and to create awareness on ill effects of liquor & drug abuse.

The Coast Guard Team undertook training and practical demonstration of safety and survival equipment including air droppable life rafts, helicopter rescue strop and distress alert transponders (DAT). The significance of sharing the information at the earliest in respect of incidents at sea was emphasized by each speaker during the interaction including Shri Ram Bala, Pradhan, Wandoor Gram Panchayat along with other forest and fishery officials. The support and assistance of SHO Shri Rahul Malik, and local police for crowd management and civic discipline enabled smooth conduct of event, a communique received from PRO Coast Guard said.

Death Mourned

Port Blair, June 24
 The ANTC President, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma and the Councilor Ward No. 13, Smt Upasana Prasad have condolence the death of Late Mumtaj Ali (Age 34), S/o Late Azgar Ali, R/o Dean Street Junglight who passed away on June 23, 2017.

SPORTS

Hockey World League Semi-Final: India Crush Pakistan 6-1, Face Canada Next In 5th-6th Place Match

London, June 24

India continued to torment Pakistan in the Hockey World League Semi-Final, hammering the arch-rivals 6-1 in a 5th-8th place classification match on Saturday. Ramandeep Singh (8th, 28th) and Mandeep Singh (27th and 59th) struck a brace each while Harmanpreet (36th) sounded the board in the third quarter in India's comprehensive victory in the match. Talwinder Singh (27th) was the other goal-scorer for India.

Pakistan pulled one back through Ajaz Ahmad (41st) in the third quarter. The win is India's second in a row over Pakistan in the tournament after a 7-1 result in their first match. The Indians



will take on Canada in the 5th-6th place match on Sunday.

The first quarter belonged to India with play mostly restricted to the Pakistan half. Ramandeep put India ahead in the eighth minute when his reverse flick beat the Pakistan custodian.

Akashdeep had a chance to double the lead four minutes later but went abegging. He received a pass from Ramandeep, ran into the circle alone and had only the goalkeeper to beat but could not control the ball and ended up missing the goal.

1st Parichay Memorial State Open Badminton C'Ship gets underway

Port Blair, June 24

The 1st Parichay Memorial State Open Badminton Championship 2017 got underway with its inauguration by the Secretary (RD, PRIs & ULBs)/ Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Udit Prakash Rai at Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium here today. The chief guest also urged the players to perform well in the Championship.

In the ongoing championship, 150 players of different categories (Boys,



Girls, and Men & Women) are participating. In the opening day of championship 19 matches were played. The 2nd

day matches will commence from 8. am onwards. All the participants have been asked to reach in time at venue.

K Srikanth enters final of Australian Open Super series Badminton

New Delhi, Jun 24

Continuing his dream run, Kidambi Srikanth entered today the final of Australian Open Super series Badminton tournament, with a resounding 21-10, 21-14 win over fourth-seeded Shi Yuqi of China. Srikanth, who had previously beaten Yuqi in the Singapore Open also, wined up the match in less than 37 minutes. He will face the winner of the match between China's Chen Long and Korea's Lee Hyun Il in the finals. Srikanth became



only the fifth player in the world to contest three successive Super Series finals after

previously reaching the final of the Singapore Open and Indonesia Open.

First ODI: India, West Indies match called off due to rain

Port of Spain, Jun 24

First cricket ODI of the five-match series between India and West Indies has been called off due to persistent rain at Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain. Earlier, West Indies won the toss and elected to bowl first. The Indian openers got a good start. Both Shikhar Dhawan scored 87 while Ajinkya Rahane made 62 runs.

The visitors were looking to post a big total on board before rain interrupted play. India were 199 for 3 in 39.2 overs when play was officially called off in the capital of Trinidad and Tobago. The second match of the series will be played at this same venue tomorrow. A bilingual live commentary of the series will be broadcast by All India Radio. It can be heard

on Rajdhani Channel, FM Gold and other channels from 1800 hrs. onwards. The commentary on the fifth and final ODI will begin at 1900 hrs. The commentary on the T-20 encounter will be available from 8.30 p.m. onwards. Major news bulletins on FM Gold channel will be shifted to FM Rainbow during broadcast of the commentary.