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'Veer Savarkar Jyot' unveiled at National Memorial Cellular Jail

Exemplary courage & tolerance exhibited by Veer Savarkar is an inspiration for every Indian: BJP National President

'Veer Savarkar Jyot', symbolically highlights sacrifice of numerous freedom fighters: Petroleum Minister

Port Blair, May 28

To commemorate the 133rd Birth Anniversary of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, a specially designed 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' was unveiled by the National President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Amit Shah in the premises of National Memorial Cellular Jail today. The Union Minister of State for Petroleum & Natural Gas (I/C), Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen AK Singh, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Chairman Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Shri B Ashok and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

'Veer Savarkar Jyot' has been erected by the Indian Oil Foundation at the Cellular Jail in Port Blair as a lasting tribute to Veer Savarkar's immense contribution to India's freedom struggle. This Jyot will be a permanently lit flame inside the premises of Cellular Jail with the help of LPG supplied by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. free of cost for this project.

Expressing his sentiment on his first visit to the Cellular Jail where Veer Savarkar and other freedom fighters had been subjected to immense torture and inhumane treatment and braved death with smiles on their faces, Shri Amit Shah said, these great souls deserve our profound respect and tributes, and the Cellular jail is an epitome of ultimate sacrifice and courage which echoes the contribution of Veer Savarkar and his comrades towards the country's struggle for freedom.

Recalling the contribution of Veer Savarkar in the country's independence movement, the National President of BJP said the unveiling of 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' is a historic moment not only for the Islanders but also for the countrymen as a whole. He remarked that the 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' will serve as an inspiration and a reminder to the younger generation about the struggle and heroic sacrifice of Veer Savarkar in giving us the joy of experiencing the air of freedom.

Hailing the auspicious occasion as an important day of his life, Shri Amit Shah said, "today marks an important chapter of my life and the tribute we are paying to the great freedom fighter on the occasion of his 133rd Birth Anniversary echoes the greatness of this wonderful soul". Every Indian is aware of the great contribution made by Veer Savarkar, said Shri Amit Shah adding that the word 'Veer' added to Savarkar's name signifies the courage and strength of this brave heart.

Highlighting the life history and notable contributions of Veer Savarkar, Shri Amit Shah said, Veer Savarkar was a great revolutionary in the history of India's struggle for independence. He was also a great orator, scholar, prolific writer, historian, poet, philosopher and social worker who worked relentlessly for the upliftment of the Dalits, the BJP National President recollected.

Describing the Jyot as 'Prerna Sthan' for the coming generation, Shri Shah said the great sacrifice of Veer Savarkar and the exemplary courage and tolerance which he exhibited during his period of imprisonment at the Cellular Jail, is still a major inspiration for the Indian far and wide.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, MOS (Independent Charge), MoPNG, while addressing the gathering, appreciated the efforts for erection of the 'Veer Savarkar Jyot', which symbolically highlights the sacrifice of numerous freedom fighters who have selflessly worked and sacrificed their lives for India's freedom struggle. He said that this place would serve as a pilgrimage for Indians. He expressed gratitude for the support received from Hon'ble Prime Minister for the initiation of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) across the country. He also stated that he would make all-out efforts for bringing the PMUY to Andaman and Nicobar Islands at the earliest. The real meaning of freedom is to ensure that the mothers and sisters from economically weaker section of the society are free from using fire wood for cooking and are empowered with a smoke free environment by providing free LPG connection.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen AK Singh (Retd.) said Cellular Jail is a pilgrimage for all Indians and the 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' will be an inspiration for the generations to come. Recalling the immense contribution made by Veer Savarkar, the Lt. Governor mentioned that he was served two life imprisonment sentences spanning 50 years. The soul of our freedom lies in these Islands and the 'Veer Savarkar' (Contd. on last page)



Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas inaugurates renovated LPG Showroom of CCS Ltd. Free LPG cooking gas to BPL families under PM's Ujjwala Yojana soon

Port Blair, May 28

The Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas (I/C), Shri Dharmendra Pradhan today inaugurated the renovated LPG Showroom of CCS Limited at Delanipur this evening. The Chief Secretary Shri Anindo Majumdar, IOC Chairperson, Shri B.Ashok, the Chairman CCS Limited Shri V. K. Abdul Manaf, Secretary CCS, Shri K. Parmasivam, Board of Directors and staff of CCS were present on the occasion.

Interacting with the Chief Secretary and officers of IOC, the Minister stated that 100% LPG to all the houses of the Islands will be provided



with LPG connection in the next two years. The vision of the Prime Minister is to create a smoke free country. He also informed that all diesel generators will be converted to LNG generator set, which he said, is cheaper than diesel. He further said that free LPG cooking gas to BPL families under PM's Ujjwala Yojana will be given shortly. The Minister also (Contd. on last page)

LG releases books 'Birds of A&N Islands' and 'Reef Fishes of A&N Islands'; Calls upon ZSI to make people beneficiaries of their works

Port Blair, May 28

Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), today released books titled 'Birds of Andaman & Nicobar Islands' and 'Reef Fishes of Andaman & Nicobar Islands', published by Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), at a simple function at Raj Niwas. The Coffee Table Books on interesting birds and fish of the Islands have been



published by ZSI as part of their Centenary year celebration. Both the books contain vast information of birds and fish of the Islands with pictorial representations in simple language with (Contd. on last page)

BJP public meeting witnessed mammoth crowd Country witnesses tremendous growth; Govt. committed to fulfill promises made to people, says BJP National President

Port Blair, May 28

India has witnessed an unprecedented development during the last two years of Shri Narendra Modi led NDA Government. This has been possible under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, said the National President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Amit Shah while addressing a Public meeting at Junglight School Ground here this evening.

Currently, 15 day long development festival is being celebrated in the country, with the objective of giving detail accounts to the people, of the achievements that have been made during the last two years, he said. He expressed gratitude to the citizens of the country for giving their mandate in favour of BJP, and had given opportunity to the BJP led Government to serve the people and drive the country on the path of development.

Shri Shah said that the whole world watches at the fast economic development of India. Not only people of the country, but of the whole world has now realized that the 21st century belongs to India. The Government is committed to fulfill all the promises



made and in next three years will see tremendous improvement in the country's economy, that will take the country to an unprecedented height, he said.

Listing some of the Government schemes, which have been launched by the Prime Minister, such PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMJBY, APY, PMFBY, Make in India, Digital India, and many other schemes, he said, the Prime Minister himself monitors its implementation so that the benefit of the scheme reach the target group. The BJP National President informed that large number of citizens have been benefitted from these schemes. The Govt. plans to provide LPG connection to 6 crore poor

family, while three crore family will be provided low cost houses under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana. Many welfare schemes have also been launched for the farmers of the country, he said.

Shri Shah highlighted the achievements of the Modi Government during the year 2015 and said that the Government made discernable achievement with highest production in urea, coal, power etc. Shri Shah also expressed gratitude to the party workers at all level for their efforts in steering the Party to win with thumping majority. He appealed to them to work harder and make the party secure 100% win in next elections at all level, and give more opportunity to the party work for the

people and for the economic development of the country.

Referring to the significance of these Islands in the freedom struggle, Shri Shah said that hundreds of freedom fighters were deported to these Islands to face rigorous imprisonment, many of whom have laid down their lives for the motherland. The Veer Savarkar Jyot, that has been set up in honour of those martyrs will inculcate among the future generation, the feeling of patriotism. With the coming up of the Veer Savarkar Jyot, National Memorial Cellular Jail will now become another place of pilgrims in the country, that will be frequented by tourists (Contd. on last page)

Smoking in public place is a punishable offence.

'Veer Savarkar Jyot' unveiled.... (Contd. from page 1)

Jyot' will be a reminder to every Indian of the valor shown by Veer Savarkar, stated the Lt. Governor. Citing the vision of Veer Savarkar portrayed in a book titled 'The Story of My Life Imprisonment', the Lt. Governor said Veer Savarkar envisioned that these Islands could be the outposts of Free Hindustan. They could be the gateway of India to the East if a strong naval base were built here; he thought no enemy could strike at the Eastern Coast of India. These were the thoughts in the mind of Veer Savarkar as he entered the portals of Cellular Jail on sentence of transportation for life; this reflects the strong spirited will of Veer Savarkar. The Lt. Governor further stated that the A&N Islands are ready to become the Maritime fulcrum in the South of the Prime Minister's "Look East - Act East Policy". The Lt. Governor acknowledged the contribution of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Central Government under whose guidance the Islands are moving at an unprecedented rate towards development, said the Lt. Governor adding that the projects which were lying dormant for decades have materialized.

The Lt. Governor also emphasized that the 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' will help today's citizen of India realize the valor with which our freedom fighters endured the pain and atrocities of the oppressors and still managed to keep their motivation high by emphatically supporting each other.

In his address, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray said today marks an important occasion as the long pending wishes of installing a 'Veer Savarkar Jyot' in the premises of the Cellular Jail has materialized through the efforts of Indian Oil Corporation and the Government of India. The Member of Parliament also spoke about the history of Cellular Jail and stated that, it is a landmark monument and an epitome of sacrifices by brave hearts like Veer Savarkar.

The Director (Human Resource), Indian Oil and Trustee Indian Oil Foundation, Shri Verghese Cherian, rendered the formal vote of thanks.

Shri Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was one of the many freedom-fighters incarcerated in the Cellular Jail at Port Blair during the freedom struggle. He was sentenced to 50 years' of jail, for his active role in India's freedom struggle and spent about 16 years here in the Cellular Jail. He is revered in India even today as 'Veer Savarkar', a legendary personality of extra-ordinary valour.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Shri B. Ashok said the IOC Foundation is a non-profit trust created by Indian Oil Corporation to protect, preserve and promote India's heritage monuments. The foundation is working in collaboration with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the National Culture Fund of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Dr. Bharat Balvalli rendered a melodious rendition based on a song composed by Veer Savarkar in Hindi which received accolades from the gathering.

Earlier, the National President BJP, Shri Amit Shah, Union Minister of State (I/C) Petroleum & Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Lt. Gen AK Singh (Retd.), Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray placed wreath at the Martyrs' Column, Cellular Jail.

Shri Tarun Chug, Member of Parliament & Prabhari, A&N Islands, Shri Indresh, Senior Leader of RSS, Shri Ram Lal, Political Secretary, BJP, Shri Santosh, MP from Maharashtra, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas, Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. Sheela Singh and Senior Officers of the Administration, officials from IOC, Party workers, PRI members and general public attended the function. Earlier,

on arrival, the BJP National President, Shri Amit Shah and the Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas (I/C), Shri Dharmendra Pradhan were accorded a rousing welcome at Veer Savarkar International Airport amidst loud cheering.

Union Minister of

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discussed about the need to provide petrol and diesel in all far flung Islands. He also informed that a project for setting up of 100MW solar power plant will come up in the Islands soon.

LG releases books

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an aim to reach the common people.

In his brief address on the occasion, the Lt Governor complimented Zoological Survey of India for releasing the two books and for the important works being undertaken by them in the Islands. Stating that ZSI has a role to record, protect, adopt and conserve our flora & fauna, he suggested that besides its role of protection and conservation, ZSI should also work for creating awareness among the people. In this context, he observed that ZSI should publish and distribute pamphlets and show movies/audio video presentations in schools and colleges to generate awareness among the students. This will help them achieve their twin objectives of generating awareness and secondly achieve their prime objective of protecting the flora & fauna, he said.

Referring to Port Blair being selected as Smart City, he complimented the Chairperson of PBMC and her team, citizens of the Islands and thanked Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Urban Development Minister for having reposed faith in the UT. He further said that this day is a historical and significant day in the history of the Islands, as today is the 133rd birth anniversary of Veer Savarkar. The Veer Savarkar Jyot will be unveiled today in National Memorial Cellular Jail by Shri Amit Shahji, President of BJP. This is a very good example of amalgamation of development, preservation of history, art & culture and environment protection, the LG observed.

In his address, Dr. Kalish Chander, Director, ZSI, GoI gave a detailed account of activities and functioning of ZSI. He said ZSI is one of the premier research institutions in India established by the erstwhile British Empire in 1916 at Kolkata and is celebrating 100 years of relentless services to the nation. He further said that ZSI will continue to do its best in the Centenary year to disseminate the knowledge acquired to bring a sense of awareness of the Islands wealth, which need to be conserved for the future generation.

Sr. Scientist, ZSI, Dr. K C Gopi gave a detail account of the two books published by the ZSI and released today.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others, Dr. C Raganathan, Deputy Director, ZSI informed that ZSI regional centre at Port Blair was established on 21st April 1977. During the last 40 years of research works, ZSI has recorded 9344 species, which contributes about 9.5% of Indian faunal diversity. The function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Scientist, ZSI, Dr. Sivaperamul.

Chairperson, PBMC, senior officers of the Administration and officers of various central government departments were present.



BJP public meeting....

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from all over the country and abroad as well, he said.

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in his address said that the Modi led Govt. had implemented various welfare schemes for all section of the society in the country. He informed that during the next two years, no house in the Islands will be left without LPG connection. He also informed that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has taken up the responsibility of making diesel and petrol available in far flung Islands through whatever possible mean besides converting existing DG sets into LNG set, which he said is cheaper.

The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray also highlighted Modi led NDA Govt. achievements and informed about the up-coming projects, i.e. construction two bridges on the ATR, widening of the ATR etc. He also mentioned about ANISHI, a health scheme of the A & N Administration, which is now being extended to poor family below the income of Rs. 3 lakhs per annum.

The State President BJP, Shri Vishal Jolly lauded the social security schemes of the Govt. and stressed the need for delivering their benefit to the deserving people. He also informed that Port Blair has been selected for development as a Smart City.

Shri Tarun Chug, A&N BJP Prabhari, Shri Ram Lal, National General Secretary, Shri Santosh, MP and Smt. Sheela Singh, Chairperson PBMC were, among others, who attended the meeting.

A large number of people, including party workers, office bearers, members and general public from different parts of the Islands, right from Diglipur to Campbell Bay attended the meeting.

Foundation stone laying ceremony postponed

Port Blair, May 28
Due to inclement weather conditions prevailing over Andaman group of Islands, the foundation laying ceremony for Solar Power Plant scheduled to be held on May 29 at 1100 hrs at Attom Pahar has now been rescheduled to be held on May 30. However, the venue and time will remain unchanged, a communication from the Superintending Engineer (Elect.), Electricity Department said here today.

Gratitude expressed

Port Blair, May 28
The Chairman, Shri VK Abdul Manaf, Secretary, Shri K Paramasivam, all Board of Directors and staff of the CCS Limited has expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, for inaugurating the renovated CCS LPG show room at Delanipur today. We also express gratitude towards the officials of the A&N Administration and all other dignitaries who made the function a grand success.

Weather forecast

Port Blair, May 28
Weather forecast for next 03 days:- Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at most places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands during next 72 hours.
Rainfall & Fisherman Warning for A&N Coasts valid next 24 hours commencing from Noon of 28/05/2016:- Rainfall Warning:- Heavy rain(07-11) cm likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands during next 24 hrs. Meanwhile, under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed between 35 to 45 kmph and moderate to rough seas likely along and off A & N coast. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency contact phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres viz. State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 0 3 1 9 2 - 2 3 8 8 1 , 1070(Helpline), EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020

Valedictory function of holiday camp

Port Blair, May 28
The Science Centre will be organising a valedictory function of Holiday Camp 2016 on May 30 at 10.30 am in its auditorium. The Secretary (Art & Culture), Smt. Ankita Mishra Bundela shall grace the function as chief guest and distribute prizes to the winners of various competition held during the 30 days long holiday camp, a communication said.

De-addiction camp

Port Blair, May 28
Bharat Seva Sangha (BSS), Deen Street Housing Colony will organise a counselling camp on May 29 for de-addiction of alcohol and other drugs. Dr. M.K. Mahata, an expert in de-addiction trained from Sydney (Australia) will provide the counselling. Willing persons may contact over ph. no. 9474200757 for participation, a communication said.

Death condoled

Port Blair, May 28
The Councillor, Ward No.4, Smt. E. Rani has mourned the death of Shri Molly Stephen, 76, W/o Stephen Lobo, R/o Round Basti who died today at GB Pant Hospital, a communication said.

MV Nicobar arriving on May 31

Port Blair, May 28
MV Nicobar is expected to arrive here from Kolkata at 1800 hrs on May 31, 2016. She has on board 706 passengers and 298 MTs of cargo. On arrival, the ship will be berthed at Haddo Wharf, a communication said.

