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Home Minister chairs meeting of Home Minister's Advisory Committee for A & N Islands

- Opening of more Islands for tourism ■ improving infrastructure facilities at port & harbour
- introduction of flights on international route via Port Blair ■ revision of minimum wages
- filling up of Group 'B' & 'C' posts from the candidates belonging to A&N Islands discussed

New Delhi, July 28

The meeting of Home Minister's Advisory Committee for Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar was held here today under the Chairmanship of Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. The Union Territory was represented by Prof Jagdish Mukhi, Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament and other Members. The members had suggested 60 agenda items relating to different fields of development and security in the Islands of Andaman & Nicobar. The status on Risk and Hardship allowance to Fire Service personnel, release of pending payment under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and constitution of Committee on land matters were informed in the meeting.

Keeping in view the tourism potential of the Islands, issues such as development of tourist circuits and opening of more islands for tourism were discussed. The members raised the issues pertaining to construction of roads and bridges and it was informed by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) that in the last 6 months, projects worth Rs. 800 crore approx have been sanctioned for development of National Highways in A&N Islands and construction of two bridges at Humphrey Strait Creek and Middle Strait have been started. It was also informed that MoRTH is in process of declaring 6 State Highways as National Highways.

In the shipping sector, the issues that were raised by the members included augmentation of shipping facilities and setting up of ship repairing yard/dockyard & ship wrecking yard. It was decided to strengthen the local shipyard/dockyard and improve the infrastructure facilities at port and harbour. 14 Ships has been ordered to augment the existing fleet of ships. The issues related to Civil Aviation were also discussed in the meeting including introduction of flights on International route via Port Blair. It was informed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation that it is exploring the possibilities of starting international operations to/from Port

Blair. It was also mentioned that the airfare has come down drastically because of the increase in number and frequency of flights to Port Blair. Works have been started for development of existing airport as International airport which is likely to be completed by 2020.

The other items that were discussed during the meeting included revision of Minimum wages, filling up of Group 'B' & 'C' posts from the candidates belonging to A&N, establishment of AYUSH hospitals, implementation of Shekhar Singh Commission report and setting up of cold storage. Shri Rajnath Singh thanked the Members for the extremely fruitful and



The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh chairing a meeting of the Advisory Committee associated with the Minister of Home Affairs for the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar, in New Delhi on July 28, 2017. The Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi, the Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir and senior officers of the MHA and members of Andaman & Nicobar Advisory Committee are also seen.

detailed deliberations. He expressed hope that the decisions taken during today's meeting will be implemented in a time bound manner. The Union Home Minister directed the MHA officers and UT Administration to expedite the pending issues and also follow up the issues pending with other Ministries. He also said

that the Administration of Union Territory should take initiative in implementation of Government of India's flagship programmes. Being administered by the Central Government, the UTs should take the lead role and set example for the other States in this regard, he added.

Other participants of the

meeting included Shri Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Minister of State (Home), Shri Rajiv Gauba, Officer on Special Duty (Home), Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, MoUD and senior officers from MHA and other Ministries viz. Civil Aviation, Road Transport and Highways, Shipping and Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

LG to attend valedictory function of 68th Van Mahotsav

Port Blair, July 28

The Department of Environment & Forests, A&N Administration will be organizing the closing ceremony of 68th Van Mahotsav on July 31 in the auditorium of TGCE, Middle Point from 3 pm onwards. The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will be the chief guest on the occasion while the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar will be the guest of honour, a communication said.

Avail special rebate of 10% Special camps for property tax payment at Dollygunj & Haddo

Port Blair, July 28

The revised method of Property Tax has been implemented by Port Blair Municipal Council w.e.f April 1, 2017. Upto July 31, 2017, a special rebate of 10% is allowed for early payment. For the convenience of the residents of Port Blair, the PBMC will be setting up a special camp at PBMC's Water Section, Dollygunj and Community Hall, Haddo on July 29 & 30

between 9 am to 1 pm and from 3 pm to 4 pm.

Therefore, all the citizens have been requested to clear their dues of property tax before July 31, 2017 and avail the special rebate of 10%. This rebate will not be available after 31st July and the citizens who miss the date will not only suffer financial loss, but may expose themselves for actions as per the Property Tax Bye-laws 1999, a communication said.

Written examination of Group 'C' posts under A&N Administration on July 30

Port Blair, July 28

The written examination (1st Phase of the Common Recruitment Examination to fill up 1009 vacant post of various Group 'C' posts/category of post) under various Departments of A&N Administration will be held in two sessions (i.e Morning and Evening) on July 30, 2017 (Sunday). Examination centres have been set up right from Campbell Bay in south to Diglipur in the north. The examination centre and time of examination have suitably been indicated in each online Admit Card

itself. All concerned candidates have been asked to appear/present in the examination strictly as per the instructions to the candidates already published online for the purpose. Candidates should reach the respective examination centre as have been prescribed in the online Admit card/Admission certificates. They should ensure themselves that nothing other than the online Admit Card, additional photo bearing

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DCSA sanctions ex-gratia relief

Port Blair, July 28

An unfortunate accident/incident was reported yesterday wherein the katcha house belonging to Shri M. Venu Gopal, S/o Venkateshwar Rao, R/o Bambooflat was fully damaged due to fire incident occurred on July 26, 2017, between 8 and 9 pm.

In order to provide timely relief, the Deputy Commissioner South Andaman has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 95000/- to the affected family. The amount is sanctioned in terms of prevailing SDRF norms approved by Govt. Of India, a communication said.

National level seminar in JNRM Women empowerment & development should go hand in hand: Education Secretary

Port Blair, July 28

A two-day national seminar on 'Empowerment of Women through Skill Development and Training: A critical analysis of Government Policies and Programmes with special reference to A&N Islands', got underway in the auditorium of JNRM here today. Organized by the Department of Home Science, JNRM, Port Blair in association with National Commission for Women (NCW), Gol, New Delhi, the seminar was inaugurated by the Secretary (Education), Smti. Tanvi Garg as the chief guest.



Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Secretary Education expressed her happiness to be a part of the seminar. Mentioning about women empowerment, she said,

women empowerment as a concept should not be seen in isolation and should involve men as well. She felt that women empowerment and

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Sapling plantation organized by Invent Public School



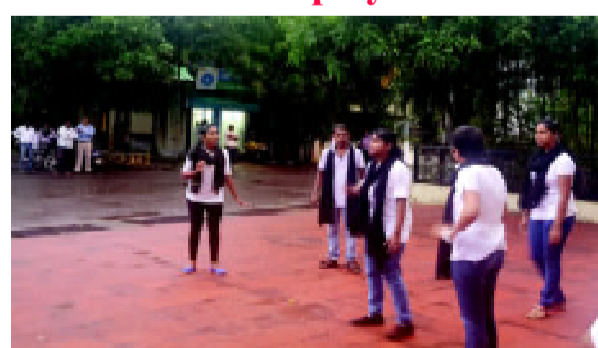
Port Blair, July 28

The Invent Public School, Prothrapur here celebrated the 68th Vanmahotsav today near the Corbyn's cove road. On this occasion, the Secretary PRIs, RD&ULBs, DCSA, Shri Udit Prakash Rai as the chief guest unveiled the plantation stone to mark the occasion. The PBMC Ward Councillor, Shri K.

Arubadi, Chairman Invent Public School, Shri Milton Don Bosco, management, parents, staff and students participate in the programme.

The chief guest along with the students & Ward Councillor planted 50 saplings while the remaining 50 sapling will be planted by the students in the next phase.

GST awareness through street plays



Port Blair, July 28

To build & generate awareness about the Goods & Services Tax in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the GST Department is organizing 'nukkad natak', in collaboration with an NGO in different locations of South Andaman District,

from 27th July 2017 onwards. So far, four such programs have been conducted, attracting crowd in good numbers. More such plays will be organized in other places too, and the general public have been appealed witness the same.

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Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam remembered

Port Blair, July 28

The Department of Home Science, JNRM in association with the Lions Club of Port Blair organized a meet on 'Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's Life and Message to Youth' to commemorate the 2nd death anniversary of Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India at JNRM yesterday. Earlier, floral tributes were paid to D. APJ Abdul Kalam followed by a screening of the film on Dr. Kalam. The students from

various departments spoke on Dr Kalam's vision for youth.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal, JNRM, Dr. N Francis Xavier recalled his brief association with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, soon after the tsunami. He said, Dr. Kalam was a great visionary and wanted to solve the energy problem of A & N Islands by utilizing the thermal power from Barren Island volcano.

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Training prog. on mainstreaming HIV/AIDS held



Port Blair, July 28

The Andaman & Nicobar AIDS Control Society (ANACS) organized a mainstreaming training on HIV/AIDS-STDs, blood donation and its related issues, for the officials of IRBN, A & N Islands today. The

objective of the programme was to educate them on HIV/AIDS, blood safety, de-addiction; besides promoting safe & healthy lifestyle and encourage them to care for people living with HIV.

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SPORTS

FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017

India will prove dark horse in the tournament, feels Sport Minister



New Delhi, Jul 28 Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel reckons that the young Indian squad will head to the FIFA U-17 World Cup as 'dark horses'. However, he also feels that the team is all geared up for the coveted tournament and that their preparations are on track. "The Under-17 team looks ready for the tournament. Their preparation has been on the right track. They already toured 10-12 countries in the run up to the event. They will prove dark horse in the tournament," Shri Goel said during a meeting with the Indian squad at the

Jawaharlal Nehru stadium. He further added that the youngsters can, in fact, draw inspiration from the Indian women's cricket team and their phenomenal journey at the recently concluded ICC World Cup, at England. He said that the manner in which Mithali Raj-led side raced away to the final despite not being considered favourite in the tournament, should act as a motivational factor to these youngsters. "The performance of the women's cricket team in the World Cup should give them

(Under-17 team) inspiration. The women cricketers were so near to the title. The whole country is proud of their performance," he said. The U-17 World Cup will kick-start from October 6, with India being drawn alongside Colombia, Ghana and USA in Group A. Hosts India will be playing against the USA in the opening fixture of the tournament. As for now, the Indian squad is preparing themselves for a four-nation competition alongside Mexico, Colombia, and Chile.

Yoga training prog. for PETs/subject teachers begins

Port Blair, July 28 A two days Yoga Training Programme for PETs/Subject Teachers of Port Blair zone was inaugurated by Smti. Tanvi Garg, Secretary (Edn.) in the Auditorium of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Port Blair today. While addressing the gathering, the chief guest instructed the participants to utilize the training programme and implement the same in their respective schools for the benefit of students and teachers. Shri



Shubhankar Ghosh, PANICS, DDE (Admn.), Directorate of Education welcomed the gathering. Dr. Kalyan, Programme Officer, AYUSH briefed about the importance of yoga, a communication said.

Grand Prix Usti Nad Labem: Thapa, Bidhuri enter final

Czech Republic, Jul 28 Asian boxing silver-medallist Shiva Thapa and Gaurav Bidhuri have entered the final of the Grand Prix Usti Nad Labem boxing tournament in the Czech Republic. Five other Indians also made it to the semifinals. Thapa defeated local

favourite Erik Huleiv in the 60 kilogram category while Bidhuri made it to the final in 52 kilogram category after getting a bye. Five other pugilists in different categories reached semifinals ensuring medal for the country. These are Kavinder Bisht, Amit Phangal, Sumit Sangwan,

Manish Panwar and Manoj Kumar. Seven of the nine Indian boxers competing in this tournament have also qualified for the World Championships in Hamburg, Germany from the 25th of next month.

India vs Sri Lanka, Galle Test, Day 3: Kohli, Mukund fifties stretch lead to 498

Galle, July 28 Fifties from captain Virat Kohli and Abhinav Mukund helped India stretch their second innings lead to 498 at stumps on Day 3 of the first Test against Sri Lanka in Galle on Friday. At the close of play, India were 189/3 with Kohli recording his first fifty-plus score in eight innings and unbeaten on 76 while Mukund was out on what turned out to be the last ball of the day for 81. Sri Lanka, again, tasted early success having removed both the first-innings centuries Shikhar Dhawan (14) and Cheteshwar Pujara (15) cheaply. Dhawan was caught at point while Pujara must have been frustrated at himself and not just because he flicked a leg stump delivery to the leg gully fielder but also at the fact that no sooner he was dismissed, the rain arrived and the play was stopped and an early tea was taken. The match was delayed by over an hour and finally resumed at 3:55 pm (IST) and from thereon, it was one-way traffic with both Kohli and Mukund hitting their strides, scoring freely. Off the duo,

Kohli was the more fluent and at one stage was scoring at better than run-a-ball. Since hitting a double-century against Bangladesh last year at home, he underwent a dry spell which he left behind with a strokeful knock. More than him, it was Mukund who was

a relieved man having failed in the first innings on his second Test comeback of the year. He was more determined, his defense a lot tighter and thanks to some gifts from the Sri Lankan bowler, raised his fifty off 78 balls with a clever boundary.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam ...

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The HOD, Homescience and Convener of the programme Shri K. Venkatesan while speaking, recollected his association and work experience on 'PURA' with Dr. Kalam. He also administered the oath of Dr. Kalam to the students.

President, Lions Club of Port Blair, Shri G. Somasundaram also spoke on this occasion. Poster, essay and elocution competitions were organized and prizes were distributed to the students. Earlier, the Associate Professor & HoD (Political Science), Dr. S. S. Sree Kumar welcomed the gathering while the programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Associate Professor Dr. N. Balakrishnan.

Written examination ...

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Identity card such as Aadhar /Islander /PAN /Driving Licence /Voter Identity Card and necessary black pen would be allowed within the complex of the Examination Centre. Mobile phones or any kind of electronic gadgets/devices are also strictly prohibited within the complex of the examination centre. Violating of any norms and instructions in any extent shall be viewed seriously beside Police action, a communication from the Deputy Secretary (Rect & Exam), said here today.

Sports Minister felicitates Indian women's cricket team



New Delhi, Jul 28 Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel yesterday felicitated the Indian women's cricket team in New Delhi for its spectacular performance in the recently concluded ICC World Cup. He said, the performance will inspire the country's youth to take up sports as a career option. Shri Goel said, the women's team has done exceedingly well and any form of appreciation will be less for them. He said, despite ending as runners-up, the team has won the hearts of the entire

country. The Minister said, from Rio Olympics to Paralympics and in games like hockey, wrestling, badminton, and now the splendid performance in the Women's World Cup, Indian women are leading the way in the international sporting arena. The Minister said that the message is clear - Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and now Beti Khilao. Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to involve youth in sports, Shri Goel said the idea is Kheloge to Khiloge (Those who play,

they shine) to develop the overall personality of the youth. He said, the ministry's doors are open 24x7 for players and best facilities will be provided to them. Shri Goel also felicitated the coaches and the support staff for their efforts behind the scene. Sharing her experience, captain Mithali Raj appreciated the performance of each member of the team and thanked the prime minister and sports minister for their encouragement.

Installation ceremony of Rotary Club

Port Blair, July 28 The 35th installation ceremony of Rotary Club of Port Blair will be held at Hotel TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay on July 29 at 8.30 pm, a communication said.

Annual General Body Meeting

Port Blair, July 28 The Annual General Body Meeting of Sree Narayana Guru Mandiram, VIP Road, Port Blair will be held on August 13 at 10.30 am in the premises of Guru Mandiram. All the members have been requested to attend the meeting, a communication said.

Counseling for admission to TGCE

Port Blair, July 28 One seat in B.Sc.B.Ed. (Computer Science) under Category V and one seat in B.Sc.B.Ed. (Mathematics) under Category IV have fallen vacant in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair. The counseling for admission to these vacant seats shall be held on 31st of July 2017 at 9 a.m. in the chamber of the Principal. Eligible candidates who have applied for admission to these courses and could not get admission earlier are requested to attend the counseling on 31st of July 2017 at 9:00 a.m. with all original certificates in the College. If no candidates are available in the category, the seats will be distributed to other eligible candidates as per existing rules, a communication said.

Death condoled

Port Blair, July 28 The Member of Parliament, A & N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has condoled the death of Satyanarayan Singh, 80, S/o Late Babu Bhagwan Singh, R/o Junglighat proprietor of M/s Uday Trading Company Limited who expired yesterday at Bhubaneswar. Meanwhile, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, ANTC President, Smt. Upasana Prasad (Councilor Ward No. 13), have also condoled the death of Late. Satya Narayan Singh.

Power suspension under Mayabunder Tehsil

Port Blair, July 28 It is brought to the notice of General Public, PRIs, Govt./Semi-Govt. Departments under Mayabunder Tehsil that Power supply will be suspended from Nimbudera to Mayabunder Complete areas. The work shall not be done in case of inclement weather. All are requested to kindly bear with us for the interruption, a communication said.

High waves forecasted

Port Blair, July 28 High waves in the range of 3.0 - 3.7 meters are forecasted till 11.30 pm of July 30, 2017 along the west coast of Andaman Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Coco Channel. Current speeds vary between 54 - 62 cm/sec. Similar high waves are forecasted along the west coast of Nicobar Islands between Ten Degree Channel and Great

Channel. Current speeds vary between 81 - 102 cm/sec. Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwest to Westerly wind speed between 25 and 35 km. per hour gusting to 45 km per hour and generally rough seas likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen are advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea.

Heavy rain to occur in Isles

Port Blair, July 28 Heavy rain (7-11cm) is very likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman Islands during next 24 hours. Under the influence of moderate to strong Southwest Monsoon current, strong Southwest to Westerly wind speed between 25 and 35 kmph gusting to 45 kmph and generally rough seas are likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. General public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any

emergency, they may contact in 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, 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 (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527, EOC (Neil): 03192-284511.

Training prog. on ...

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Altogether 100 officials from IRBn participated in the programme. The Superintendent of Police/Commandant IRBn, Ms. Amruta Guguloth was the chief guest on the occasion. Facilitating the programme, Dr. M. Joy, CMO (NFSG), Project Director, ANACS elucidated on general health care, mode of HIV transmission, knowledge on HIV virus growth in window period and how drug abuse & alcoholism inter-are linked towards vulnerability to HIV. Earlier, G. Radhakrishna, Assistant Commandant IRBn welcomed the gathering, 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 Saturday 29/07/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 28.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.0
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 098
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 095
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0506
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1745
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 042.1
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 001.7
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1559.1 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Coral Queen will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 31.07.2017 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.08.2017 (Tue) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 03.08.2017 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.08.2017 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 01.08.2017 (Tue) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC Bambooflat/ Ferrargunj/ Sippighat/Bathu Basti & Dairy Farm. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 01.08.2017 (Tue) 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 Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 01.08.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay. MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 02.08.2017 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.08.2017 (Thu) at 0900 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailing to Hut Bay on 1st & 2nd Aug., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 29.07.2017 (Sat) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC Bambooflat/ Ferrargunj/Sippighat/Bathu Basti & Dairy Farm.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 30th & 31st July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 29.07.2017 (Sat) and similarly for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Aug., 2017 will be issued on 31.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC Bambooflat/ Ferrargunj/Sippighat/Bathu Basti & Dairy Farm

29.07.2017 (SATURDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 29.07.2017 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 29.07.2017 (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 Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 29.07.2017 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 29.07.2017 (Sat) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

GST awareness...

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The schedule for the coming days is as follows.

Date	Venue	Time
29/07/2017	Cellular Jail	03.30 PM
	Marina	04.30 PM.
30/07/2017	Aberdeen- in front of Ratnam Market	03.30 PM
01/08/2017	Bathubasti Junction	03.30 PM
02/08/2017	Bambooflat Junction	03.30 PM
03/08/2017	Wimberlygunj Junction	03.30 PM

Women empowerment ...

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development should go hand in hand and underscored the necessity of skill development for bringing the women into the mainstream, on par with their male counterparts.

While appreciating the suggestion of a resource person of the seminar that JNRM can act as Resource Center to take the rural development schemes, the Secretary Education asked the Principal of the College to co-ordinate with Labour Department which is implementing various skill development programmes. The Secretary further urged for sharing the findings and analysis of various govt. schemes & policies deliberated during the seminar with the Department of Labour & Employment which is also running skill development programmes.

In his address, the guest of honour, Dr. V. Ponraj, Scientist 'G', Adviser to former President of India late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said that Home Science is all about how to manage or keep your home in order, which, he said, ultimately helps in the development of society and nation as a whole. He also recognized the role played by the Homemakers towards the well being of the family. He called upon the students to set goals in life, and pursue the same.

In her address, Dr. K. S. Pushpa, Prof. Dept. of Home Science, Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, said that Home Science is well known and a combination of subjects taken from Arts and Science, and skill development is a part of it. If the students are trained in skill development, they can act as agents of change, Dr. Puspa said adding that JNRM can act as Resource center to take the rural development schemes to the rural women.

Dr. R. Murugesan, Director, CSR, National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD), Govt. of India, Hyderabad stated that the Rural Development Institute is working for the upliftment of women at the grass-root level. He said the National Skill Development Mission has been launched to upgrade skills of the rural people. He said NIRD will help in skill development for the college students of JNRM. Welcoming the chief guest and the dignitaries from mainland, the Principal JNRM Dr. N Francis Xavier expressed his happiness that a national level seminar on empowerment of women is organized in the college. He also presented books written by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam as memento to the dignitaries. Proposing vote of thanks the Assistant Prof. & HoD, Home Science, Shri K Venkateshan informed that about 30 eminent people will present papers on the topic of the two-day seminar.