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Diesel Outlet inaugurated & foundation stone for Junglighat Jetty extension laid Numerous steps initiated to ensure socio-economic upliftment of fishermen community:LG

Port Blair, May 29

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi today laid the foundation stone for the work of extension of Junglighat Jetty by 75 meters and also inaugurated a Diesel Outlet at Fish Landing Centre at Junglighat in the presence of the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Chairperson PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao, Adhyaksh ZP South Andaman, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Senior Officers from Administration and fishermen of the area.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt. Governor said, it is a moment of great pleasure to lay the foundation for the extension of Fish Landing Jetty. He said that the Diesel Bunk installed by the Indian Oil Corporation, has fulfilled the long standing demand of the fishermen. With the inauguration of this Diesel Pump, the fishermen who were collecting diesel from private Diesel Bunk about two to three kilometers away from Junglighat will now get the required quantity of diesel for their boats at this very location. This, the Lt. Governor said will not only save time, but also save money which they spent on transporting the fuel.

The Lt. Governor mentioned that this landmark project was initiated by the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, for which, he whole heartedly complimented the MP for the initiative.

The Lt. Governor stated that the Administration has taken numerous steps to ensure that the social and financial upliftment of the local fishermen community in the Islands by way of developing fisheries infrastructure facilities in different places of A&N Islands. He said, extension of Fish Landing Jetty at Junglighat is another step towards this direction.

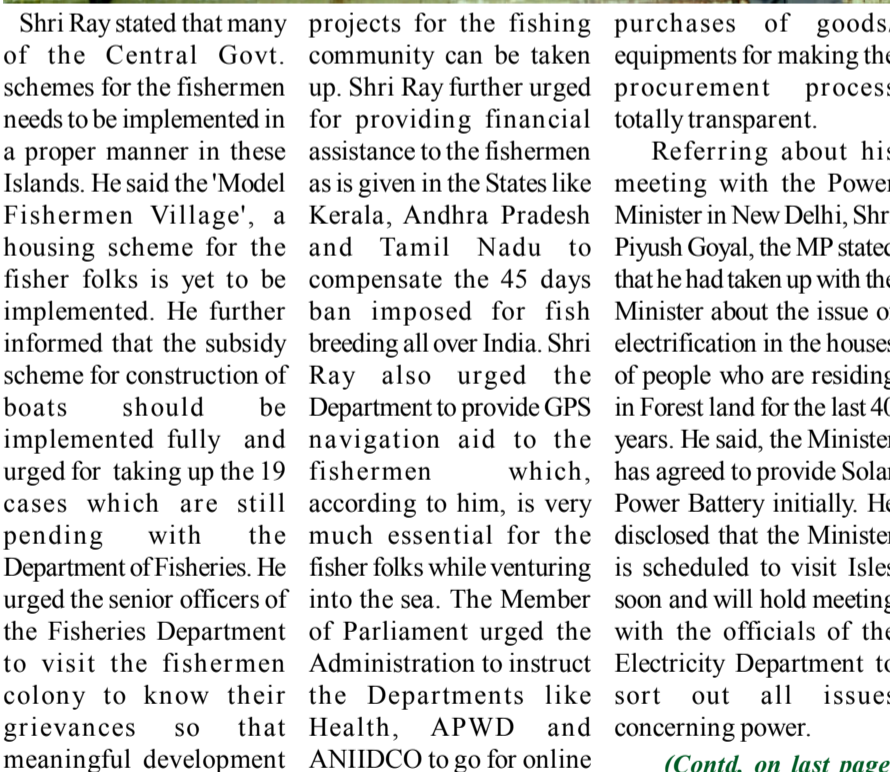
The Lt. Governor said, the department is also developing facilities for preservation of fish and fishery products by establishing Cold Storages and Ice Plants at various places. The work for the Ice Plant at Panighat is under progress and installation of plant and machinery for 10 ton capacity Ice Plant will commence soon. He stated that the Department of Fisheries is also implementing various central sector schemes like Blue Revolution which was launched by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi. The Department has initiated action to achieve necessary goal in implementation of Blue Revolution in A&N Islands which will further strengthen the fisheries sector in the Islands.

The Administration has proposed to construct 19 Fish Landing Centres in different locations of the Islands and out of this, at present 6 Fish Landing Centres have been completed and put into use, the Lt. Governor disclosed. He said, 11 Fish Landing Centres are at different stages of construction, of which, some are nearing completion. In addition to this, he said, with the assistance of National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), 2 modern Fish Markets, one each at Junglighat and Mohanpura is being taken up to provide a much safer and hygienic environment to the fishermen as well as the consumers. The Lt. Governor said, the modern fish market at Junglighat is expected to be completed by March 2018 while the construction work of modern fish market at Mohanpura will start soon.

Regarding the old Jetty at Junglighat which has to be demolished, the Lt. Governor said, condemnation certificate has been obtained and fund has been sanctioned for taking up of demolition. The tender has been floated and this will be done soon.

The Lt. Governor said in the years to come, more fisheries infrastructure facilities will be created for the betterment of the fishermen community of the Islands. The Lt. Governor disclosed that a Petrol Outlet will be inaugurated on June 1, 2017 at Havelock and with the coming up of this outlet in the area, people of the area can save 18 rupees compared to the prevailing rate from June 1, 2017.

In his address, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray expressed his happiness over the laying of foundation stone for the extension of the jetty which, according to him, was the long pending demand of the fishers to accommodate their fishing boats. Shri Ray said that for the first time in the history of India, a diesel outlet has been opened in the premises of Fish Landing Centre in Junglighat. Through this outlet, fishers will get diesel in cheaper rate and they will not only save money but also get diesel in the jetty itself without wasting their time. He showered all praise for Petroleum Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan for according sanction for the diesel bunk at Junglighat. Shri Ray stated that the existing Jetty was sanctioned during the period of Vajpayee Govt. and Shri Vidyasagar Rao, the then Union Minister in the Vajpayee Govt. accorded approval for the jetty and today the foundation stone for the extension of the jetty has been laid by the Lt Governor, A&N Islands.



Shri Ray stated that many of the Central Govt. schemes for the fishermen needs to be implemented in a proper manner in these Islands. He said the 'Model Fishermen Village', a housing scheme for the fisher folks is yet to be implemented. He further informed that the subsidy scheme for construction of boats should be implemented fully and urged for taking up the 19 cases which are still pending with the Department of Fisheries. He urged the senior officers of the Fisheries Department to visit the fishermen colony to know their grievances so that meaningful development projects for the fishing community can be taken up. Shri Ray further urged for providing financial assistance to the fishermen as is given in the States like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu to compensate the 45 days ban imposed for fish breeding all over India. Shri Ray also urged the Department to provide GPS navigation aid to the fishermen which, according to him, is very much essential for the fisher folks while venturing into the sea. The Member of Parliament urged the Administration to instruct the Departments like Health, APWD and ANIIDCO to go for online purchases of goods/equipments for making the procurement process totally transparent.

Referring about his meeting with the Power Minister in New Delhi, Shri Piyush Goyal, the MP stated that he had taken up with the Minister about the issue of electrification in the houses of people who are residing in Forest land for the last 40 years. He said, the Minister has agreed to provide Solar Power Battery initially. He disclosed that the Minister is scheduled to visit Isles soon and will hold meeting with the officials of the Electricity Department to sort out all issues concerning power.

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All projects pending should be cleared in a time bound manner: LG

Port Blair, May 29

The Lt Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi today said, he is clearing the pending projects one-by-one which were lying without any action from the last 10 to 12 years. He stated this addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of the extension of Junglighat Jetty at Fish landing Centre here this morning. He urged the Officers concerned to clear all the pending projects in a time bound manner. Citing reasons, he said, the projects were stagnant primarily due to lack of continuity in the official circle.

The Lt. Governor said that the tenure of the senior Officers of the Administration is normally of two-three years but it is the responsibility of the lower level Officers to update the incoming officers about the details of the projects so that it is completed within its time frame without any undue delay in execution. He vehemently stated that no project should be dumped and if any employee is found keeping the project pending without any action, he will take appropriate action against the official concerned.

The Lt Governor further mentioned that to sort out the problem, a Monitoring Cell has been constituted and the Chief Secretary will monitor the status of the projects and report to him. He disclosed that since his taking the oath of the Lt Governor of A&N Islands, he is personally monitoring the projects and has activated various projects which were lying pending from last 10-12 years.

The Lt Governor appealed to the senior and junior Officers of the Administration not to hesitate to bring to his knowledge about any project which are lying pending. "I will promptly take action and help you to keep the project going", the Lt Governor added.

Lt. Governor visits ICAR-CIARI Calls upon Scientists to work in tandem with Administration for the benefit of Isles farmers



Port Blair, May 29

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi visited ICAR-CIARI Port Blair campus today. During the visit, the Lt. Governor planted sapling at the ICAR-CIARI campus. Thereafter, the Lt. Governor visited the ICAR-CIARI Museum, wherein he was briefed by the Director, CIARI, Dr. S. Dam Roy about various research activities, achievements and innovations carried out by CIARI under different sectors. The Secretary, Agriculture, AH&VS, A&N Administration, Shri Ramesh Verma, Senior Scientists and technical officers were present on the occasion.

Addressing the scientists and technical officers, the Lt. Governor lauded ICAR-CIARI for the well maintained campus. He also appreciated the contribution of each CIARI scientist for their relentless efforts in research activities and its valuable outcome. He said, CIARI Scientists are working selflessly with dedication, which truly deserves appreciation. The



Lt. Governor remarked that commitment is necessary for any research activities to yield a positive outcome and the scientists are selflessly dedicated in this regard.

The Lt. Governor also urged CIARI to work in coordination with the Administration to ensure that the fruits of the research activities percolate to the grass root

level for the benefit of Islands' farmers. He said, the scientific research carried out by the Scientists is yielding positive result, but efforts needs to be mounted to see that practical results are beneficial to the farmers for increasing their yields in their respective farms.

Speaking on the occasion, the Director said, (Contd. on last page)

Newly constructed Sanitary Complex inaugurated

Port Blair, May 29

The Secretary (RD, PRI's & ULB's), Deputy Commissioner (SA), Shri Udit Prakash Rai inaugurated the newly constructed Sanitary Complex at Rangachang - 05 village under Gram Panchayat, Beodnabad on 27th May 2017 in the presence of Smti. Shanthi Varatharajan, Pradhan

Gram Panchayat Beodnabad, PRI members, officers of RD & Panchayat and villagers.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest appreciated the efforts put in by the Pradhan and officials concerned in completing the constructing work in a time bound manner, a communication received here said.

All World Gayatri Pariwar creating awareness about ill-effects of tobacco & alcohol

Port Blair, May 29

As part of 'World No Tobacco Day' on May 31, All World Gayatri Pariwar will organize various activities across the country with the aim of spreading awareness among the masses about the ill effects of tobacco, alcoholism, drugs etc. As the part of this movement, Gayatri Chetna Kendra, Shahjeevan Colony, Haddo is conducting 'Nukkad-Natak' to make awareness about the ill effects of tobacco/drugs etc. to them

and their family.

The Nukkad Natak was performed at Junglighat (Vegetable Market) and Dairy Farm (Krishna Mandir). Similar programmes will be held at Haddo (Hanuman Junction) on May 30, 2017 from 05.15 pm to 05.45 pm. On the concluding day (May 31), a 'Nukkad-Natak' will be held in front of Radha Krishna Mandir, Junglighat at 4.00 pm and after that, a rally from Junglighat Radha Krishna (Contd. on last page)

Sitting of State Commission's Court

Port Blair, May 29

Justice Asim Kumar Ray, President of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (State Commission), A&N Islands will hold sitting of the State Commission's Court from June 5 to June 16, 2017 at Port Blair in the State Commission's Building, Directorate of Civil Supplies Complex here. All the litigants whose matters are pending before the State Commission, A&N Islands have been informed to appear before the Commission. The cause list may see in the website i.e. www.confonet.nic.in, a communication received here said.

Valedictory function of Holiday camp

Port Blair, May 29

The valedictory function of Holiday Camp-2017 organized by Science Centre will be held on 30th May, 2017 at 10.30 am in the auditorium of Science Centre. Dr. S. Dam Roy, Director, Central Island Agricultural Research Institute, Garacharma will be the chief guest on the occasion, a communication received here said.

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana under the Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) Bank is a new institution being set up by Government of India for development and refinancing activities relating to micro units. It was announced by the Finance Minister while presenting the Union Budget for FY 2016. The purpose of MUDRA is to provide funding to the non corporate small business sector. Loans worth about Rs 1 lakh crore have been sanctioned to small entrepreneurs under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, emphasising that the government wants youth to be job creators and not job seekers.

Objectives

Under the scheme, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana three categories of interventions has been named which includes

1. Shishu :- Loan up to Rs 50,000
2. Kishore :- Loan ranging from Rs. 50,000 to Rs.5 lakh
3. Tarun :- Loan above Rs. 5 lakh and below Rs10 lakh

These three categories will signify the growth, development and funding needs of the beneficiaries as well as it will assure the loan amount to be allotted by Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Bank.



WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at most places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 24 °C respectively on Tuesday 30/05/2017

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
 Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 31.1
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.3
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 095
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 097
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0454
 Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1740
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 047.6
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 007.7
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 446.7

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week May 26 - June 1
 Sachin - A Billion Dreams (Hin U)
 12:30 PM & 7:00 PM
 Pirates of the Caribbean 5 - (Hin & Eng U/A)
 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM
 Raran Veduka Choddam (Telugu U/A) - 4:00 PM
 Half Girlfriend (Hindi U/A) - 10:00 AM
 Baahubali - The Conclusion (Hindi U/A) - 3:30 PM
www.ticketnew.com
 For queries only 8373010002

ANAND PARADISE MULTIPLEX

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK FROM 26-05-2017 TO 01-06-2017
 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN SALAZAS REVENGE (ENGLISH) 11:15 AM, 08:00 PM
 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN SALAZAS REVENGE (HINDI) 02:00 PM, 05:00 PM
 HALF GIRLFRIEND 11:00 AM, BAAHUBALI 2 (HINDI) 02:00 PM, 08:15 PM
 BAAHUBALI 2 (TELEUGU) 05:00 PM, HINDI MEDIUM 05:15 PM
 SACHIN A BILLION DREAMS 10:45 AM, 02:30 PM, 08:15 PM
 Contact No for Enquiries: 234279 / 237279
 For online Booking Contact Details: www.ananda3multiplex.com/
www.justickets.in

REVISED SEVA SUCHNAYEN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 01.06.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.06.2017 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 31.05.2017 (Wed) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 31.05.2017 (Wed) 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 30.05.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 29.05.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 30th, 31st, May & 1st June, 2017 will be issued to the general public from 29.05.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

30.05.2017 (TUESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 30.05.2017 (Tue) 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 30.05.2017 (Tue) 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 now sail for Neil Island in place of MV Kamorta on 30.05.2017 (Tue) 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 on 30.05.2017 (Tue) 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 30.05.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

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MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 31.05.2017 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

Due to administrative reasons the schedule sailing of MV Campbell Bay for Hut Bay on 31.05.2017 has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

RANGAT & DIGLIPUR

MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 31.05.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 01.06.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Kamorta will sail for Diglipur on 31.05.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 01.06.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur.

01.06.2017 (THURSDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

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SPORTS

No bilateral cricket series with Pak till cross-border terror continues, says Sports Minister

New Delhi, May 29

Sports Minister Shri Vijay Goel on Monday reiterated the government's stand on India-Pakistan bilateral cricket, stating that a series was not feasible until cross border terrorism stops. India have not played any bilateral cricket with Pakistan since 2007, although in the winter of 2012-13, Pakistan made a short goodwill tour to India that included three One Day Internationals and two Twenty20 Internationals. The minister's comments were in response to Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) acting secretary Amitabh Chaudhary saying that India was not averse to playing a bilateral cricket series against Pakistan. Mr Goel added the BCCI must talk to the Indian government before proceeding with any proposal for such a series.



"BCCI must talk to government first. Bilateral series with Pakistan will be difficult because terror and cricket can't go hand in hand," the minister said, adding, "Pakistan is spreading terrorism in Kashmir, indulging in cross-border terrorism. In these cases, we can't have a bilateral series with them. As far as multi-lateral events are concerned, we have no control over those. So the two countries will continue to play each other in such tournaments."

Earlier this month, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) sent a legal notice to BCCI claiming US dollars 60 million (Rs 387 crore approx) in damages. It accuses the Indian board of not honouring an agreement to play five cycles of bilateral series between 2015-2023. Officials of the Indian board, led by Mr Chaudhary will meet the PCB this week in Dubai and explain to them that the series can't be held without government permission. They will also

request them to withdraw the case. "We are not averse to a bilateral series with Pakistan. But everything depends on whether the government gives clearance," Mr Chaudhary said on Monday. "The series will not be possible without approval from the government," he said.

The cash-strapped PCB's finances depend heavily on playing cricket with India. No international cricket has been played in Pakistan since a terrorist attack on the Sri Lankan cricket team in 2009.

Mithali Raj pleased with India's buildup to the World Cup

New Delhi, May 29

Gunning for their maiden World Cup title, the Indian women's cricket team has enjoyed a good run of form. They have won their last four ODI series, but more importantly, have had youngsters step up and gain confidence with good performances. In the recently-concluded quadrangular series in South Africa, also involving Ireland and Zimbabwe, Punam Raut and Deepti Sharma put on a 320-run stand for the opening wicket - the first 300+ run stand in women's ODI. There were several other records that tumbled in the series.

Gram Sabha

Port Blair, May 29

The meeting of Gram Sabha of Gram Panchayat, Dasarathpur will be held on May 31, 2017 at 10.30 am at Panchayat Hall, Dasarathpur. Apart from discussing about plan, it will select beneficiaries under Prime Minister Awas Yojana and Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) Scheme, a communication received here said.

Calls upon...

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CIARI will strive to fulfill the expectation of the Administration and the people of the Islands. He also informed that ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair, has been catering to the needs of the Islanders for the last 40 years. The Institute has 32 Scientists besides technical officers who are carrying out research in various sectors. He also informed that ICAR-CIARI has also spread its domain to Minicoy in Lakshadweep in line with its activities at Nicobar under Tribal Sub-Plan, besides North Eastern States and the Sunderbans.

The Director CIARI also presented a shawl and memento to the Lt. Governor on the occasion.

Earlier, Principal Scientist, CIARI, Dr. Jai Sunder welcomed the gathering.

Indian hockey team heads to Germany for invitational tourney



New Delhi, May 29

Indian men's hockey team today left for a three-nation invitational tournament in Germany starting Thursday.

The 18-member squad is led by Manpreet Singh as regular captain PR Shreejesh is

injured. At the tournament in Dusseldorf, India will play two matches each against Germany and Belgium.

Right after the invitational tournament, the team will reach in London on 9th of next month for the Hero Hockey World League Semi Final.

DCPU (SA) team visits Pranab Kanya Sangh

Port Blair, May 29

A team of DCPU (SA) visited Pranab Kanya Sangh at AIR Road, Delanipur on 23rd May 2017. This Sangh provides a homely atmosphere for 35 girls from the age group of 5 to 18 years. The child care institution maintains a well planned daily routine for the children. The daily routine also includes age appropriate recreational activities. Apart from academics, they also provide vocational training

in tailoring and computer classes to the inmates.

DCPU (SA) team comprised of Dr. Sheetal Anoop, DCPO (SA), Smti. Suman S Barla, Protection Officer (NIC), Smti. N Sabeena, Counsellor, Smti. Reenu Singh, Outreach Worker. The team identified and discussed the issues and challenges faced by the above said CCI authorities and recommended solutions to them, a communication received here said.

Advisory to general public & tourist in view of inclement weather

Port Blair, May 29

The commuters/general public have been informed that due to prevailing inclement weather conditions and keeping in view the safety of the passengers and the vessel, the announced sailing programmes of the ships may get disrupted at short notice leading to suspension or cancellation of the vessels in the Foreshore/ inter Island Sectors. Therefore, the passengers and tourists have been advised to plan

their journey suitably keeping adequate time in hand to avoid any inconvenience.

Similarly, in the prevailing weather conditions, operations of Harbour/ Vehicle ferry services between Chatham, Bambooflat, Phoenix Bay, Dundas Point & Panighat may also get disrupted/ suspended at short notice depending upon the weather conditions, a communication received here said.

Thailand Open: Saina Nehwal, B Sai Praneeth to lead India's campaign

New Delhi, May 29

Indian shuttlers Saina Nehwal and B Sai Praneeth are expected to start a strong campaign in the Thailand Open, playing for the qualifiers from Tuesday. The two shuttlers will start their campaign for the USD 120000 Thailand Grand Prix Gold. Nehwal, who did not appear for the recently concluded Sudirman Cup, will be desperate to add another title under her name. Second seeded Nehwal, who clinched the Malaysia Masters, will face Slovakia's Martina Repiska in her first match of the Thailand

Open. The Hyderabad player is expected to beat the unheralded to book a spot in the quarters. Meanwhile Praneeth will focus on his campaign and would want to continue his winning momentum after clinching the Singapore Open last month, beating fellow Indian K Srikanth in the final. He will fight against Nathaniel Ernest Sulisty of Indonesia. Other than the two favourites, RMV Gurusaidutt will return to action after a long injury spell. Consistent ankle injury problem made him go for a surgery last year. He will be

facing Panji Ahmad Maulana in the first round.

Other Indians participating in the tournament are Commonwealth Games gold medallist Parupalli Kashyap Sourabh Verma, Pratul Joshi, Aditya Joshi, Harsheel Dani, Shreyansh Jaiswal, Rahul Yadav, Rituparna Das, Ruthvika Shivani Gadde, Reshma Karthik, Sai Uttejitha Rao Chukka, Saili Rane and Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli, Jakkampudi Meghana, Poorvisha S Ram, Arjun MR, Ramchandran Shlok, Francis Alwin and Kona Tarun .

Defending champion Garbine Muguruza downs Francesca Schiavone to reach second round

Paris, May 29

Returning to the stage of her greatest triumph inspired defending champion Garbine Muguruza to down 2010 winner Francesca Schiavone 6-2 6-4 in the first round of the French Open on Monday. The fourth seed, who had been woefully out of form in the run-up to Roland Garros, never looked in danger of joining Russian Anastasia Myskina as the only reigning women's champion to lose in

the opening round of the clay court major.

The Spaniard easily outclassed the skillful Italian with her poise and power in muggy conditions. There were several top-notch rallies and Schiavone pulled a few tricks from her bag, threatening in the second set. However, she made too many unforced errors to sustain any form of challenge. "I was so excited to play here against another champion.

All World Gayatri...

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Mandir to Tiranga Park via Goalghar, Middle Point, Clock Tower will be organized on May 31 from 04.45 pm onwards. A function will also be held at Tiranga Park to create awareness about it, a communication received here said.