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PM distributes aid, devices worth Rs 35 cr to over 18,000 divyang people in Rajkot

Rajkot, Jun 29
The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi distributed aid and devices worth Rs 35 crore to over 18,000 divyang people at the biggest 'Samajik Adhikarita Camp' organized at Race Course ground in Rajkot on Thursday.

Organised by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with Kanpur based CPSU ALIMCO, this camp became the country's biggest ever camp in terms



of the number of beneficiaries. In his address, the Prime

and technology can transform lives of Divyang sisters and brothers. He assured all the required assistance on behalf of his government for such innovations.

Reiterating the commitment of his government towards Divyangs, the Prime Minister said as many as 5500 aid device distribution programmes for Divyangs have been held since his government came in power whereas only 55 such camps were organized

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Voting to be held on August 5 for next Vice Presidential elections

New Delhi, Jun 29
The Vice Presidential election will be held on the 5th of August and counting will take place on the same day.

Announcing the schedule in New Delhi today, Chief Election Commissioner Shri Nasim Zaidi said, the poll will be notified on 4th July with 18th July being the last date for filing nominations. The date for the scrutiny of nominations is 19th July. The last day for withdrawal of nomination is 21st July.

The Vice President is elected by an electoral college comprising members of both the houses of Parliament. The nominated members of both Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha are also eligible to participate in the election. Shri Zaidi said the Electoral College consists a total of 790 members.

The term of incumbent Vice President Shri Mohammad Hamid Ansari is ending on 10th August this year.

Starry midnight in Central Hall to welcome GST

GST

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

New Delhi, Jun 29
It will be a starry midnight in the historic Central Hall on June 30 that will have from megastar Amitabh Bachchan to industry doyen Ratan Tata in attendance at the launch of India's most sweeping tax reform, GST.

Unlike the last midnight event held in 1997 on the occasion of golden jubilee of the Independence at a special session of Parliament, it will be a gala event at the circular-shaped hall that has been loaned for the launch of the historic reform.

Reminiscent of India's tryst with destiny on the midnight of August 15, 1947, the event will be graced by President Shri Pranab Mukherjee and Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

Meeting of Bharatiya Janata Party held



Port Blair, June 29
The Bharatiya Janata Party, Andaman & Nicobar Islands today organized State Office Bearers meeting at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Bhavan, Port Blair in the presence of Shri Saudan Singh, National Joint General Secretary (Org) and Shri Tarun Chugh, National Secretary, Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, State President, BJP Prasad Mukherjee Bhavan, Port Blair in the presence of Shri Saudan Singh, communication said.

Dr. Sonkar meets Shri Ram Nath Kovind

Port Blair, June 29
The Chairman, Pearl Aquaculture Research Foundation, Dr. Ajai Kumar Sonkar recently met Shri Ram Nath Kovind and congratulated him for being nominated by the NDA as its candidate for next President of India. During the meeting, Shri Kovind appreciated Dr. Sonkar for the independent research project carried out by him in Andaman Islands and bestowed his best wishes for his future endeavours, a communication said.

MP, PRIs attend meeting with Niti Ayog team



Port Blair, June 29
The Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi has taken an initiative for Holistic Development of A & N Islands with approach of sustainability, preservation of natural eco-system, carrying capacity to be determined, people's participation, multiple socio-economic activities and promotion

of non-conventional energy sources. In this arrangement, five Islands namely Smith Island, Ross Island, Long Island, Avis Island and Little Andaman have already been included in the holistic development plan by the NITI Ayog.

To achieve the concept & dreams of Shri Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, the team

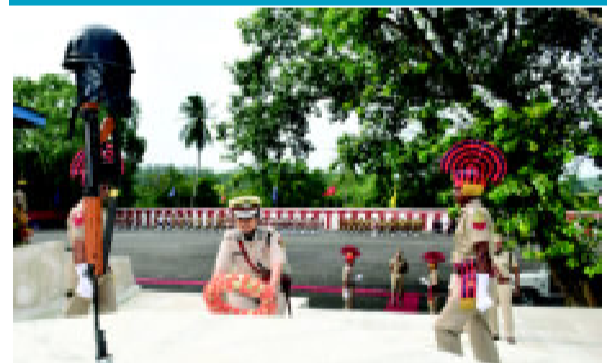
of NITI Ayog visited this UT Island and a meeting on Holistic Development of Islands was held in Raj Niwas on Jun 28, 2017. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Adhyaksh Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti Minoti Biswas, Ex-Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Sandeep

Biswas, Pramukh, Ferrar Gunj Panchayat Samiti and PRIs members also attended the meeting and presented the under mentioned suggestions for inclusion in Holistic development Plan:

1. Viper Islands to be taken up on priority.
2. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, MP asked to include (1) Radhanagr Beach of

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Welcome parade in honour of new DGP held Top priority is to make policing humane, courteous & impartial: Smti Nuzhat Hassan



Port Blair, June 29
An impressive welcome parade in honour of Smti. Nuzhat Hassan, IPS who assumed the charge of the Director General of Police, Andaman & Nicobar Islands on June 27, was held at Police Lines here today. Altogether 7 platoons including Executive (Male), Executive (Female), IRBN, Fire Service, Home Guard,

Police Brass Band and Police Pipe Band participated in the Parade which was Commanded by Shri Naveen Kumar, Assistant Commandant, IRBN.

Before commencement of the parade, the new DGP laid the wreath in the Martyr's Column at Police Lines. In the welcome address, the DGP conveyed her

heartiest greetings and best wishes to the people of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and all members of A&N Police and their families. She also congratulated the parade participants for their excellent performance and well turn out in the parade. In her address, she expressed her happiness for the opportunity to lead

the A&N Police and to serve the people of these beautiful Islands. The Director General of Police informed the gathering that as a Police Chief, her top priority is to make policing humane, courteous and impartial with main objective to ensure relief to the common man and also to ensure

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PCCF releases book on 'Forest Statistics-2017'



Port Blair, June 29
The new edition of 'Forest Statistics-2017', a biennial of the Department of Environment & Forests was released by the PCCF, A&N Islands, Dr. Alok Saxena in the presence of all Senior Officers, Divisional Heads and other Officers of the Forest Department in an official meeting held at Van Sadan, Haddo.

ecotourism and research activities, forest administration, SSI units, financial outlay & expenditure etc besides

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PBMC Chairperson lays foundation stone for road work

Port Blair, June 29
The Chairperson Port Blair Municipal Council, Shri.B.Eswar Rao today laid the foundation stone for the work of construction of road and RCC wall with drain at Garacharama, Ward No-18 in the presence of the Ward Councillor, Smti.Rubana Aziz. The Junior Vice Chairperson, Shri.Dharmendra Narayan and Senior officials of the Council were also present on the occasion.

The Ward Councillor, Smti.Rubana Aziz said that the work will be completed at the earliest as it was the long pending demand of the local populace of this area. The Chairperson after the function, visited various sites of the ward. He further stated that the Port Blair Municipal Council is taking every possible step to ensure better civic services to the citizens of the Municipal area, a communication said.

'International De-Addiction Day' observed by 'Sathi'

The book contains information on forest cover & area, forest regulation, timber & non timber forest produce, biodiversity & wildlife management,

New NABARD GM
Port Blair, June 29
Shri B V S Prasad has taken over as General Manager/ Officer-in-Charge of National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD), Andaman & Nicobar Regional Office, Port Blair w.e.f. June 19, 2017, a communication said.

Port Blair, June 29
The NGO, 'Sathi'- a society for social change, engaged in de-addiction programmes in the Islands, organized a seminar on the occasion of 'International De-Addiction Day' at the premises of Junglighat Fish Landing Jetty yesterday for the benefit of the local fishermen and also people surrounding the area. The chief guest for the occasion was Shri B. Eshwar Rao, Chairperson, Port Blair Municipal Council and the guest of honour was Smti Rashmi Singh, Secretary, Social Welfare.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest impressed upon the need for de-



addiction work in the Islands as alcohol and other related addiction substances not only severely affect financially but also damage the health and family atmosphere.

The guest of honour said that the Islands and their atmosphere are so beautiful that the inhabitants should take pleasure in them instead of taking alcohol and other deadly substances, which only brings miseries in their lives and also destroy their families.

The special invitees of the program were Dr. Poonam Arora, Chairperson, State

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'GST Corner'

Input tax credit-Availability

The registered taxable person shall be entitled to take credit of input tax charged on any supply of goods or services or both to him which are used or intended to be used in the course or furtherance of his business and the said amount shall be credited to the electronic credit ledger of such person. Input tax credit on Inputs as well as on Capital Goods will be allowed on Immediate basis.

- As per ITC Rules the input tax credit shall be availed by registered taxable only if:
1. Possession of a tax invoice or debit note or document evidencing payment
 2. Receipt of goods and/or services
 3. Goods delivered by supplier to other person on the direction of registered person against a document of transfer of title of goods
 4. Furnishing of a return
 5. Where goods are received in lots or installments ITC will be allowed to be availed when the last lot or installment is received.
 6. Failure to pay the supplier towards supply of goods and/or services within 180 days from the date of invoice, ITC already claimed will be added to output tax liability and interest to paid on such tax involved. On payment to supplier, ITC will be again allowed to be claimed
 7. No ITC will be allowed if depreciation have been claimed on tax component of a capital good
 8. No ITC will be allowed if invoice or debit note is received after the due date of filing return for September of next financial year or filing annual return whichever is later.
 9. Common credit of ITC used commonly for effecting exempt and taxable supplies, business and non-business activity.
 10. Credit will be allowed according to the RULES.

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) is India's National Mission for Financial Inclusion to ensure access to financial services, namely Banking Savings & Deposit Accounts, Remittance, Credit, Insurance, Pension in an affordable manner. This financial inclusion campaign was launched by the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 28 August 2014. He had announced this scheme on his first Independence Day speech on 15 August 2014. Run by Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, on the inauguration day, 1.5 Crore bank accounts were opened under this scheme. Guinness World Records Recognises the Achievements made under PMJDY, Guinness World Records Certificate says "The most bank accounts opened in 1 week as a part of financial inclusion campaign is 18,096,130 and was achieved by Banks in India from 23 to 29 August 2014". By 1 February 2017,

over 27 crore bank accounts were opened and almost Rs 665 billion were deposited under the scheme.

Purpose

In a run up to the formal launch of this scheme, the Prime Minister personally mailed to Chairmen of all PSU banks to gear up for the gigantic task of enrolling over 7.5 crore households and to open their accounts. In this email he categorically declared that a bank account for each household was a "national priority".

The scheme has been started with a target to provide 'universal and clear access to banking facilities' starting with "Basic Banking Accounts" with overdraft facility of Rs 5,000 after six months and RuPay Debit card with inbuilt accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh and RuPay Kisan Card. In next phase, micro insurance & pension etc. will also be added.

Under the scheme

1. Account holders will be provided bank accounts



with no minimum balance.

2. RuPay debit cards will be issued.
3. Accidental insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh.
4. After six months of opening of the bank account, holders will be eligible for Rs 5,000 overdraft from the bank.
5. With the introduction of new technology introduced by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), a person can transfer funds, check balance through a normal phone which was earlier limited only to smart phones.
6. Mobile banking for the poor would be available through National Unified USSD Platform (NUUP) for which all banks and mobile companies have come together

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31 °C and 24 °C respectively on Friday 30/06/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 31.0
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 23.6
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 091
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 089
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0459
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1747
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 002.9
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 1028.6 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 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 (Friday) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 30.06.2017 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 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0830 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay on 1st & 2nd July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 04.07.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 05.07.2017 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 06.07.2017 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay on 4th & 5th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 03.07.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 1st, 2nd & 3rd July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 30.06.2017 (Fri) from 1400 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters. Similarly for 4th, 5th & 6th July, 2017 will be issued to the general public on 03.07.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

30.06.2017 (FRIDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 30.06.2017 (Fri) 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 30.06.2017 (Fri) 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 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

MV Chouldari 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.

RANGAT

MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 30.06.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

01.07.2017 (SATURDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

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RANGAT, DIGLIPUR & MAYABUNDER

MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Kamorta will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 01.07.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur via Mayabunder.

02.07.2017 (SUNDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

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HUT BAY

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Hut Bay on 02.07.2017 (Sun) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

03.07.2017 (MONDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 03.07.2017 (Mon) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

SPORTS

After back-to-back Super Series triumphs, Kidambi Srikanth climbs up three spots to enter top-10

New Delhi, June 29

Indian badminton sensation Kidambi Srikanth broke back into the top-10 in the latest BWF men's singles rankings on Thursday.

The 24-year-old, who won back-to-back Super Series titles earlier this month is now ranked eighth in the world with 58,583 points. He is the lone Indian on the top-10 of men's singles ranking after climbing three places.

Kidambi has now made a jump of 14 places in the last two weeks, a period in which he claimed both the Indonesian Open and Australian Open titles. If he continues the good form,



the shuttler from Guntur can match his career-best ranking of third, which he had attained in 2015.

B Sai Praneeth, who defeated Srikanth to win maiden title at Singapore Open in April, has moved up a position to be at 15th. But Ajay Jayaram and HS

Prannoy dropped one and two spots respectively to be at 16th and 23rd. In women's singles, Sania Nehwal gained a spot to be at 15th, while PV Sindhu dropped a place to be world no. 5. Both the players had reached the quarter-finals at the Australian Open.

Karun Nair, Manish Pandey to lead India A teams in South Africa

New Delhi, June 29

Senior team players Karun Nair and Manish Pandey were today named skippers of India A's unofficial Test and one-day teams respectively, for the upcoming tour of South Africa. India A will play a one-day tri-series involving Australia A and South Africa A followed by two four-day matches against the hosts.

The tour starts with the first one-dayer of the triangular series in Groenkloof on July 26 between India A and Australia A.

Since India's tour of Sri Lanka also starts on July 26, it is a given that Nair won't be a part of the senior squad for the Test series.

Nair, who had started his Test career with a triple century on debut in the last home season, has since been going through a bad run of form,

including in the Indian Premier League where he led Delhi Daredevils in some

One-day squad:

Mandeep Singh, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson, Manish Pandey (captain), Deepak Hooda, Karun Nair, Krunal Pandya, Rishabh Pant (wk), Vijay Shankar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Jayant Yadav, Basil Thampi, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Siddarth Kaul.

Squad for four-day matches:

Priyank Panchal Abhinav Mukund, Shreyas Iyer, Ankit Bawne, Karun Nair (Captain) chance to stake claim for, Sudip Chatterjee, Ishan Kishan (wk), Hanuma Vihari, Jayant Yadav specialist, Shahbaz Nadeem, Navdeep Saini, Mohammed Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Aniket Choudhary, Ankit Rajpoot.

Fixtures:

1st one-dayer - India A vs Australia A - July 26

2nd one-dayer - South Africa A vs India A - July 28

3rd one-dayer - South Africa A vs Australia A - July 30

4th one-dayer - India A vs Australia A - August 1

5th one-dayer - South Africa A vs India A - August 3

6th one-dayer - South Africa A vs Australia A - August 5

Final - August 8

1st four-day match - South Africa A vs India A - August 12-15

2nd four-day match - South Africa A vs India A - August 19-22.

of the matches in the absence of regular skipper Zaheer Khan.

Practical exams of IGNOU

Port Blair, June 29

The practical examinations of the learners enrolled in Bachelor and Master Degree in Computer Applications (BCA&MCA) of IGNOU Study centre, JNRM, Port Blair shall commence from July 10, 2017 onwards. The schedule of the practical examination is displayed on IGNOU Study Centre, JNRM during working hours, a communication said.

PM distributes...

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between 1993 to 2013.

He said his government has not just created the word 'Divyang' for specially impaired people but also developed the universal signing system to remove communication barriers between Divyangs across the country. He asked families of Divyangs to take advantage of social security schemes. He also praised the work of Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry for the welfare of Divyangs, on the occasion.

MP, PRIs attend...

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Diglipur (2) Rannagar Beach of Diglipur (3) Baludera Beach of Baratang Island (4) Lalaji Beach of Long Island (5) Karmatang Beach of Mayabunder and (6) Panchawati Beach of Middle Andaman in Holistic Development Plan.

3. Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Adhyaksh, ZPSA proposed to include North Bay and Campbell Bay beach in the development plan.

4. Shri Sandeep Biswas, Pramukh, Ferrar Gunj Panchayat Samiti proposed to include the Shoal Bay beach (19 km) and KYT Island in development plan.

5. Smti Minoti Biswas, Ex-Adhyaksha, ZPSA proposed to include Mahuwa Dera Beach of South Andaman District in development plan.

Apart from the above, following suggestions were also made during the discussion:-

a. One Mid-way like Delhi & Jaipur may be constructed on any revenue land near Nimbutala, Middle Andaman.

b. Shri Mukeshwar Lall may be included as an expert in Consultancy.

c. In regard to public participation for giving fruitful suggestions, the M.P. & PRIs have unanimously suggested for inclusion of (1) Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad (2) Chairman, PBMC (3) 7 Pramukhs of Panchayat Smities and of course (4) Member of Parliament.

In pursuant to the discussion, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament has sent a letter to Shri Amitabh Kant ji, Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog, GOI under intimation to Shri Jitendra Kumar, Advisor, NITI Aayog, GOI (Camp at Port Blair) with the request to include the above suggestions in the Holistic Development Plan of A & N Islands, a communication from MP Bhawan said.

As part of disaster preparedness, a Mock Drill on fire accident at 'Diviyum Talkies' here was conducted by the District Administration, in co-ordination with the Disaster Management Department, Fire Services, Police, Health Services and Electricity Department yesterday. Civil Defence Volunteers and Revenue Officials also participated in the drill in full swing, alongwith management and staff of Diviyum Talkies. The Fire Services performed a very vital

role in cogent manner and made the drill successful in all respects. The Incident Commander Ms. Mitali Goel, Assistant Commissioner, South Andaman alongwith Tehsildar Disaster Management Shri Govind Shri B. Saigal were also present on the occasion. The drill concluded with debriefing by the Incident Commander and she congratulated all Lines Department for their active participation of coordination, a communication said.

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PCCF releases...

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general information on A&N Islands which will be of great help to the forest managers and other stakeholders engaged in scientific and sustainable management of forests and wild life resources, a communication.

'International De-Addiction..

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Social Welfare Advisory Board and Smti Roopa Ray, an eminent social worker. Dr. S. K. Kathalia, Prof. & HOD Obst. & Gyne, ANIIMS, Port Blair addressed the gathering and impressed upon the need to give up addiction of every substance. The program commenced with welcome address by the President of 'Sathi' Capt. K. L. Mahajan. The inmates of Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair presented a Bhakti song. The program concluded with vote of thanks proposed by Shri Sheikh Farooq Alam, Secretary of 'Sathi', a communication said.

Mock Drill on fire accident held at 'Diviyum Talkies'

Port Blair, June 29

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Top priority ..

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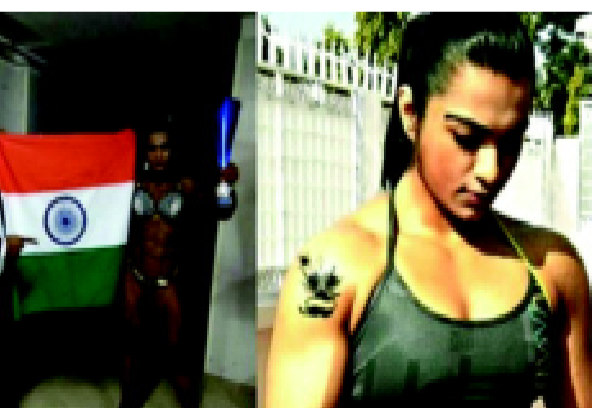
safety and security to the vulnerable groups of the community, especially Women and Children. Besides, she will also give priority to the welfare of staff and for resolving their grievances. The DGP also sought cooperation of each and every one in improving the quality of policing and extending better service to the people of these Islands in a transparent manner. She also appealed to the members of A&N Police Force to show greater professionalism, transparency and sensitivity in their functioning and to discharge their duties with dedication and sincerity so as to uphold the prestige of A&N Police to glorious heights.

Indian bodybuilder Bhumika Sharma wins Miss World in Venice

New Delhi, June 29

Dehradun body builder Bhumika Sharma has won the Miss World title in Venice. Bhumika, who was one of the 27 Indian participants who were in the competition, won the maximum points in three categories i.e., individual posing, body posing and fall. This eventually won the gold medal at the world championship in Venice last week.

Bhumika won the title ahead of a total of 50 bodybuilders from around the world, according to Hindustan Times. Bhumika also said that she has now set her eyes on the Miss Universe Championship that will be held in UK in December. Bhumika has been in the



sport for the past three years. Her mother Hansa Manral Sharma is the head coach of Indian weightlifting team while her father Vishwavijay Sharma is a businessman. Her parents wanted her to take up shooting but a chance meeting with a bodybuilding coach had convinced her to take up a career in the sport.

Her mother is also a Dronacharya award recipient from the Uttarakhand

government for her contribution to the weightlifting. Her parents were skeptical of her choice of career with women's bodybuilding being an obscure sport not just in India but around the world as compared to the men's tournaments. But she eventually won them over and soon, she went on to win state and national honours before winning the Miss India.