

conspicuous gallantry by endangering their lives in saving the four minor children who were drowning in deep waters with a fast flowing current due to heavy rains in Shillong last year," it said.

#### Global Unemployment At 185.9 Mn In 2003

NEW YORK, JAN. 23. Global unemployment rose in 2003 to a record 185.9 million, but the worldwide economic recovery in the second half of the year may have helped to improve the situation, the United Nations Labour agency says. The number of people who were unemployed and looking for work in 2003 reached 185.9 million, or about 6.2 per cent of the total labour force - the highest unemployment figure the ILO has ever recorded, the International Labour Organisation said in its annual report released yesterday.

#### Police Arrest Militant In Delhi Ahead Of R-Day

NEW DELHI, JAN. 23. Amid high alert in Delhi ahead of the Republic Day, police today claimed to have foiled a major terrorist strike in the national capital by arresting a Hizb-e-Islami militant and recovering 3.5 kilogram of fish explosives from him. Ayaz Mohammad Shah, who had allegedly planned to strike in the capital to disturb the Republic Day celebrations, was nabbed near Welcome Metro Railway Station in north-east Delhi yesterday, Joint Commissioner of Police (Special Cell) Kamal Singh told. Singh said police also recovered three lakh rupees from Shah who hails from Anantnag district in Jammu and Kashmir.

#### 45 Perish In Major Fire Mishap

SRIRANGAM, TN, JAN. 23. At least 45 persons were charred to death, including the bridegroom and nearly 50 injured, in a major fire mishap which broke out at a marriage hall, today, and fire services sources said. According to Police officials the fire brokeout due to short circuit in the serial light wiring, put up at the thatched roof on the first floor of the hall, and the hall was engulfed by the flames immediately.

#### WEATHER

Maximum Temperature: 31.1°C  
Minimum Temperature: 24.4°C  
Relative Humidity 67% at 0830 hrs & 77% at 1730 hrs.  
Sunrise: 0544 hrs IST  
Sunset: 1718 hrs IST  
(23-01-2004)  
Rainfall Nil up to 0830 hrs & Nil up to 1730 hrs  
On 22-01-2004.  
Total rainfall recorded since 01-01-2004  
Up to 22-01-2004 = Trace (000.0)  
**LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST**  
Mainly clear sky becoming partly cloudy in the morning or in the evening. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30° C and 22° C on Friday.

Article 17 (1)(a) of the Constitution under freedom of expression and speech.

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice V N

## Netaji Remembered On His 108<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary

PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

The 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was celebrated in the islands with befitting programmes. Various organizations, including educational institutions, youth clubs and NGOs participated in various events held to mark the occasion and paid tribute to the great patriot.

Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was fondly remembered on his birth anniversary today in the Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, where a function was held in association with the Akhil Bhartiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

Speaking on the occasion, the Principal JNRM Dr. M.M. Mahajan highlighted the role of Netaji in India's struggle for freedom and described him as freedom loving patriot par excellence. Floral tributes were paid to Netaji by the students and faculty members of the college.

Shri Rama Rao, President

of the Student's Council, JNRM impressed upon the students to follow the example of Netaji and make India strong and vibrant. The programme was followed by Blood donation camp in which 20 students of JNRM, including 8 girls donated blood. The response was so great that another batch of students was listed for next blood donation camp. Dr. Wajid Ali Shah, Pathologist of GB Pant Hospital also interacted with the students and appreciated their noble gesture in blood donation.

At Tagore Govt. College of Education, Dr. R.K. Tewari and Shri C. Shaktivel, faculty members of the college, threw light on the patriotism, supreme courage and gifted organizational ability of Netaji in the struggle for the independence of India. The speakers called upon the teacher trainees to work with dedication towards the cause of the nation.

The Youth Forum for Social Justice under the aegis of

Islanders Sangattan Manch also celebrated the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in a befitting manner. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Dr. Madhu Krishan, Chairman of ISM exhorted the youths to draw inspirations from Netaji.

Dr. Krishan presented a cheque of Rs. 15,000/- to the Youth Forum for conducting competitions for patriotic songs, skits, poems, essays and drawing on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He said that winners of these competitions shall be sponsored by Islanders Sangattan Manch for national level competition which is to be held at New Delhi during May, 2004.

The members of Atul Smriti Samity led by its President Shri D.P. Mukherjee, paid floral tribute at the statue of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at Marina Park to mark the 108<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the great patriot, press releases here said.

Stadium at 0835 hrs. on January 26. Thereafter, the Lt. Governor will address the gathering at 0838 hrs. This

### Sri Lankan Troupe Delights With Their Traditional Dances

Staff Reporter, PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

The traditional dance forms of Sri Lanka, presented by the artistes of the island countries, delighted the audience at the packed to capacity Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Auditorium here this evening. The traditional art form presented by the artistes reflected the sheer talent as also the physical fitness of the

will be followed by presentation of medals, gallantry award and

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the Lt. Governor laid the foundation stone for rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana at Shibpur and Deshbandhu Gram. While the Shibpur road will be of two kilometers stretch, the one at Deshbandhu Gram will be of four kilometers. Both the roads have been programmed to be completed in 24 months time.

Addressing the functions, the Lt. Governor informed

the people that the projects, for which the foundation stones have been laid, will be completed within the stipulated period. He also assured them that the money allotted for the developmental works shall be spent for the specific purposes for which they have been allotted. The Lt. Governor also referred to the problem related to drinking water raised by the people

these areas. He said, more rural roads will be constructed at various places in the islands under PMGSY. Addressing the function, the Zilla Parishad Adhyaksh, Shri R. Chidambaram expressed happiness over the foundation stone laying for a number of rural roads and said that this would immensely benefit villagers in the respective places.

Earlier, the Pradhan Shibpur, Shri Sailendra

## PHC For Kishorinagar Soon; Stone For The Project Laid

Staff Reporter: DIGLIPUR, JAN. 23.

The residents of Kishorinagar, Diglipur will have the basic health facility at their doorsteps soon, with the foundation stone for a 10-bedded Primary Health Centre being laid by the Lt. Governor at Kishorinagar today. The double storied PHC will be constructed by APWD at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.87 crore and will be completed within 18 months from the date of the commencement of the work.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt. Governor said that six percent of the total expenditure of the govt. is utilized in Health Services. He said, like Port Blair and Nicobar, telemedicine facility will also be available at this PHC. He said that the PHC will have two doctors and

four nurses and efforts will be made to provide an ambulance. He informed that more and more hospitals from the mainland are interested to extend telemedicine facilities for the islanders.

In his address on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray requested the LG to provide compensation to 1111 families, who were affected due to flood occurred at Diglipur in the year 1989, and to restart the quarry in Diglipur area.

In his address, the Chief Engineer, APWD, Shri G.C. Ghattar informed about various technical feature of the PHC.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others on the occasion, the Director, Health Services, Dr. (Smt) Namita Ali informed that about 8000

people of the area would be benefited by the PHC.

Later, at a public meeting held at Vivekananda Stadium here, the Lt. Governor, assured the people of Diglipur that all the memorandum/representations submitted by them will be looked into and written reply will be given to every representations. The LG said that a meeting of senior officers of A&N Administration will be convened besides coordination committee of various departments would be formed, to look into various developmental activities of the islands. It will be

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### Essay Contest For College Students

PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

An essay competition for college students will be conducted at JNRM on the topic "Role of Youth in promoting Communal Harmony and National Integration at 11 am on 28<sup>th</sup> January in the college auditorium. The students from Tagore Govt. College of Education and Dr. BR Ambedkar Govt. Polytechnic, Port Blair can also participate. The names of the participating students should be sponsored by the concerned Principals latest by Jan. 27, 2004. The essay should be of about 2,500 words and can be written in Hindi or English within the allotted time of 1½ hours. The prize winning essays shall be given cash award of Rs. 5,000,

with villagers at Panchayat Bhavan, Mannarghat the same day at 1620 hrs, according to an official release here.

### Symposium At HSKP

PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

Like every year, this year too, the Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad will organize an all language poets symposium on the eve of Republic Day at Hindi Bhavan. The Special Secretary (Home) Shri A.B. Shukla will be the chief guest of the function at 6.00 PM on Jan. 25, 2004, an HSKP communiqué said here today.

### LG To Address

Over AIR On Jan. 25

PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

The All India Radio, here will broadcast the Lt. Governor Prof. Ram Kapse's address to the Islanders on 25.01.04 at 2116 hrs. Apart from this, the AIR will also broadcast Running Commentary of Republic Day function on January 26, 2004 from Netaji Stadium. The Running Commentary will start at 0830 hrs. The commentary will be followed by the Running Commentary of Republic Day function held in New Delhi, and immediately after the end of the commentary the Running commentary of Cricket Match of Triangular series played between Australia & Zimbabwe at Adelaide, will be relayed.

### Saraswati Puja

PORT BLAIR, JAN. 23.

Saraswati Puja will be celebrated at Ramakrishna Mission from 6.30 AM onwards on Jan. 26, 2004. The puja includes bhajan, pushpanjali, homam etc. besides prasad distribution. The immersion ceremony will begin at 7.00 PM on Jan. 27, 2004.

Meanwhile Saraswati Puja will also be celebrated at the auditorium of Tagore Govt. College of Education in the forenoon of Jan. 26, 2004, communications said here today.

Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 2,000 respectively, said the Principal, JNRM in a communication received here.