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Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) official associated with the Akash missile project. To re-validate the technology and operational efficacy of the missile, defence forces conducted the trial with logistic support provided by the ITR. The Akash weapon

test fired from a mobile launcher from launch complex-III of the ITR at about 1108 hours. "During the trial, the missile was aimed at intercepting a floating object supported by a pilotless target aircraft, flown from launch complex-II, at a definite altitude over the sea," the sources said.

by the Electronics and Radar Development Establishment (LRDE), a DRDO laboratory in Bangalore. Rajendra does the surveillance, tracks the target, acquires it and guides the missile towards it. The development of Akash missile took place during 1990s under the country's Integrated Guided Missile

compared Akash missile system with the American MIM-104 Patriot surface-to-air missile system. They claim that similar to the MIM-104, the Akash is capable of neutralising aerial targets such as unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), fighter jets, cruise missiles and air-to-surface missiles.

Great Andamanese students qualify CBSE exam

Port Blair, May 24

Kumar Olake, S/o Look and Kumar Deepak, s/o. Peje both belonging to Great Andamanese (Primitive Tribe) have passed the CBSE class X examination 2012. Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary and all staff of AAJVS have congratulated the students for passing the examination, a communication received here from AAJVS said.

ANBOCWBB decides death & maternity benefit cases

Port Blair, May 24

A meeting of A&N Islands Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (ANBOCWBB) was held in the Conference Hall of Labour Commissioner's Office, Supply Line. The meeting

The Board also decided to launch awareness campaign to generate awareness among the building and other construction workers to register themselves with the Board in order to avail various assistance/benefits like Educational

Now, commercial category consumers too can pay electric bills at CSCs

Port Blair, May 24

The Department of Electricity has decided to introduce collection of electric bill payment for commercial category consumers also through Common Service Centres (CSCs), which was being demanded by the commercial category consumers since December, 2011. It is further decided that the amount of bills above Rs.5000/- shall be accepted only through cheques, in order to minimize cash handling by the CSC.

If any person/ firms have any suggestion the same may be communicated to the Executive Engineer (HQ), Electricity Department, Port Blair in writing or in person on or before May 31, 2012, to examine the same. If no suggestions are received within the stipulated date the electric bill payment for commercial consumers shall be introduced w.e.f June 2012 onwards.

It may be recalled that the delivery of Government to citizen services through Common Service Centre (CSCs) named as 'e-Dweep' were started on Dec. 12, 2011, in Port Blair capital town at ten places. The electricity bills of all the domestic consumers (except the bills with outstanding) of 8 site offices viz. Aberdeen Bazar, Phoenix Bay, Prem Nagar, Haddo, Shadipur, Nayagaon, Dairy Farm and Dollygunj site offices are being collected through CSCs only. The electricity bills for domestic consumers are accepted upto due date at CSCs on all working days from 8 am to 8 pm and on Sunday from 8 am to 1 pm from 10th of every month.

shakes Japan

Tokyo, May 24

A strong earthquake has struck off the coast of northeastern Japan, but no tsunami is expected. The U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-6.1 earthquake hit early Thursday and was centred about 107 km northeast of Hachinohe at a depth of 40 km. Japan's Kyodo News agency says the quake shook Aomori Prefecture (State) and other areas of northeastern Japan but no abnormalities were reported at nearby nuclear power plants. No tsunami warning was issued.

Over 17 insurgents killed in Afghanistan

Afghanistan, May 24

At least 17 insurgents have been killed and 54 others arrested in ongoing operations by the joint Afghan and NATO forces in different provinces of Afghanistan during the last 24