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## Empowerment of women vital for progressive society: President

New Delhi, Dec 11  
 President Smt Pratibha Patil has called for empowerment of women and protection of their rights for a progressive and stable society. On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, Smt Patil termed human dignity as the backbone of human rights.

She said that poverty is the biggest violator of human rights as it deprives the poor of basic needs like nutrition, shelter, education, health, safe drinking water. "A sustained effort to empower women is essential to deliver on our commitment to ensure equality with respect to political, economic and social rights. Protection of their human rights calls for improved law



enforcement and enforcing accountability for those who commit violence and atrocities against women. Rights of women must be protected if a society is to be stable and progressive," she said.

## Curtain goes down on 5-day Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign

Rangat, Dec 11(PIB)  
 The five-day Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign came to a close at Rangat Stadium in this evening. Speaking at the valedictory function, the Member of Parliament, Shri Manoranjan Bhakta who was the chief guest on the occasion called upon a huge assemblage of people to participate in large numbers and take full use of the several government schemes available at their door steps. He touched upon some vital issues during his speech and also appreciated whole-heartedly the efforts made by Press Information Bureau to organize Bharat Nirman at Rangat.

Shri Bhakta gave an enthralling speech to the huge



Rajiv Gandhi to discover young leaders and make them realize their true potential. If development has to happen, then a proper and smooth coordination between the various government departments has to be there, he said.

The MP also urged the authorities to complete the construction work of the bridge at Middle Strait and Uttara without any further delay. He also stressed on the need of setting up a Polytechnic at Rangat and a college at Diglipur.

**STALL WINNER IN BHARAT NIRMAN PIC, RANGAT**  
 1<sup>st</sup>: Education Department  
 2<sup>nd</sup>: Forest Department  
 3<sup>rd</sup>: Industries Department  
 Consolation Prize: A&N Command & Coast Guard  
 Consolation Prize: Stall of DAVP

## LG to grace valediction of SGFI championship

Port Blair, Dec 11

The ongoing 53<sup>rd</sup> SGFI National School Football Championship - 2007 will end with a closing ceremony to be held at 2 pm at Netaji Stadium here tomorrow (Dec 12). The final match will also be played as part of this function. The Lt. Governor Lt. General (Retd) Bhopinder Singh will be the chief guest while the First Lady of these islands, Smt. Bhawancee Singh will be the guest of honour on this occasion. The Chairman, PBMC, Shri R. Damodaran shall preside over the function.

16 State football teams from all over the Country is participating in the championship. The final match will be played between the Host team i.e A & N Islands and Manipur at 2.00 PM. The main attraction of the closing ceremony will be cultural programme presented by school children of Head quarter area.

## 23 Myanmarese apprehended Human Rights day celebrated

Port Blair, Dec 11

Altogether 23 Myanmarese poachers



## People sensitized for peaceful coexistence with Tribals

## Welfare schemes for fishing community highlighted

Rangat, Dec 11      been paid equal Tsunami compensation

## Briefly

### A&N SWB's achievement

Rangat, Dec 11  
 Andaman and Nicobar State Social Welfare Board has provided free stall to a private organization to promote eco-friendly products like coconut shell handicrafts, jute bags, sea shells, waster wood based handicrafts and bamboo handicrafts. The response during the ongoing Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign at Rangat was good. All displayed products were brought here from Port Blair. People from North and Middle Andaman took keen interest to the eco-friendly handicrafts.

### CCWS hardware branch inauguration

Port Blair, Dec 11  
 A hardware branch of Central Cooperative Welfare Society Ltd. will come up at Bambooflat near jetty with its inauguration by the Member of Parliament, Shri Manoranjan Bhakta as chief guest on Dec. 13 at 10 am. The Chairman, ANSCB Ltd. Shri Saroop Lall and the Chairman, ANCOFED Ltd. Shri Kulkarni Rai Sharma will also grace the occasion, a communication received here said.

### World AIDS day observed

Rangat, Dec 11  
 World AIDS day was befittingly observed at CHC Rangat. On the occasion, inter school competitions in essay, speech, painting were organised. Sports

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