

SGFI championship

Port Blair, Dec 11

The ongoing 53rd 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. Bhawance 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.



gathering who came from far flung areas to attend the programme. He also admitted that there were some deficiencies in the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, which is yet to be tapped to its full potential. It is the dream of

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.

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23 Myanmarse apprehended

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Altogether 23 Myanmarse poachers were apprehended by A&N Police from the western coast of North Andaman Sub-division. The engine dingies being used by the poachers were also seized and have been brought to Port Blair for initiation of necessary legal action against them.

The police party was successful in apprehending the poachers in an intensive fortnight anti poaching operation launched in the coastal and forest areas of North Andaman by the police personal by PS Diglipur, Kalighat, Mayabunder and IRBn, a communication received here from SP(Dist.) said.

Human Rights day celebrated



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The Human Rights Organization, Port Blair has celebrated International Human Rights Day yesterday for the first time in the Tamizhar Sangam Hall here. A rally was organized on the occasion, which was flagged off by Shri R. Damodharan, Chairperson, PBMC.

The chief guest Shri Ataur Rahman, Chief Judicial Magistrate spoke on the different aspects of human rights also quoted the relevant

Articles from the Constitution to make his speech more erudite. While Shri Avtar Singh, Labour Commissioner spoke on the rights of laborers, Shri Santhosh Kumar Mondal, Public Prosecutor highlighted the importance of human rights. Shri Hari Narayan Arora, Ex-BJP President and Shri M. Ayyaraju, DEO, South Andaman also spoke on the occasion. Shri S. Chattopadhyay gave the welcome address & Shri R. Karunanithi, the Chief Organizer, proposed vote of thanks.

People sensitized for peaceful coexistence with Tribals

Rangat, Dec 11

A workshop on 'Sensitisation for peaceful coexistence with primitive tribes' was organized by Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS), Port Blair at Rangat PIC yesterday. Shri Manoranjan Bhakta, Member of Parliament, was the chief guest in the programme.

In his address, the Member of Parliament told the gathering that assimilation of the tribes in the mainstream is the need of the hour. However, it should be done gradually without giving them a cultural shock. Shri Govind Ram, Executive Secretary, Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) in his keynote address gave a historical insight into the origin and growth of the primitive tribes in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. He told that the

Great Andamese tribe is on its way towards extinction and immediate efforts have to be taken to protect the other primitive tribes such as the Jarawas, Onges, and Sentinelese. In 1917, during the British rule, there were around 500 Jarawas, which has reduced to 328 now. The Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Mayabunder, Shri Daya Shankar Singh talked about the increasing difficulty of policing to stop poaching of animals and illegal felling of trees. There is an exponential growth in the vehicular traffic through the ATR, which has had a debilitating impact on jarawas due to increased interaction of tourists with the tribes. Information about the health of the tribes came into the forefront through the interactive workshop.

ANC participates in Bharat Nirman PIC at Rangat

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The Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign - 2007 was organised at Rangat for the people of islands with an aim to educate them about various welfare programme formulated by the Government of India for the Economic development of the masses. Defence Forces under the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) participated in the campaign in a traditional manner. While, the Lt. Governor, Lt. General (Retd) Bhopinder Singh, AVSM, PVSM inaugurated the Rashtriya Ekta Pavilion of Andaman & Nicobar Command which has put up five stalls, Air Commodore Ravi Kishan, Chief Coordinator represented ANC along with other dignitaries during the inaugural function.

All four components of Andaman and Nicobar Command along with IN Hospital Ship Dhanvantari projected a spectacular display of different types of Armaments, Search and Rescue, Diving and Air operations equipments, along with detailed information to join the prestigious Armed Forces. Coast Guard Ship, ICGS Kanaklata

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Welfare schemes for fishing community highlighted

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A fishermen's awareness camp was held as part of the overall information campaign under the Bharat Nirman PIC at Rangat yesterday. Speaking as the chief guest on the occasion, Dr Krishnamurthy, Director, Fisheries Department highlighted the welfare schemes for the fishing community. Dr Krishnamurthy said, the fishing community is being informed about the tuna and shrimp abundance areas. The Department of Fisheries and Fisheries Survey of India (FSI) have conducted surveys in this respect and the fishermen are being informed accordingly.

Other requirements of the fishing community are also being taken into consideration and provision of cold storage, drying sites, training, and marketing etc are being made. He advised a large gathering of fishermen to go for selective fishing so as to avoid wastage.

Shri P. Prasad, Panchayat Samity Member, in his address, reeled out a number of issues relating to the fishing community. The fishermen in Rangat area, he said, have not

been paid equal Tsunami compensation.

The Zonal Director, FSI Shri A. Anrose informed the fishermen that fish catching demonstration and awareness programmes are being held by his Department at many places in the islands. A similar programme will soon be organized at Rangat too, he said.

Commandant Baljit Singh and Commandant Venkatesan of Coast Guard, in their addresses elaborated on the safety measures that the fishermen ought to take before venturing into the sea. While the motto of the Coast Guard remains "We Protect" the fishermen must help us to help them while at sea. They must not go alone into the sea, should carry mobile phone, radio, torch, empty jerrycans, etc. for their safety. In emergencies they may contact toll free telephone no. 1554 or the paid no. 232424.

Other speakers included Shri Som Naidu, ADM, Shri Govind Ram, Executive Secretary, AAJVS, Dr Manjeshwari Devi, BDO, and Shri Chandreshkaran, Assistant Director, Fisheries Department.

Coop. bank disburses loan

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The A & N State Cooperative Bank Ltd., Rangat Branch has disbursed a loan amount of Rs.9.30 lakhs to the Padmanabha Puram Fisheries Cooperative Society Ltd., Rangat for purchasing fishing equipments for 31 members of the society. The bank also disbursed an amount of Rs.81,700/- to the farmers of Rangat Service Cooperative Society under Kisan Credit Card and a loan of Rs.45,000/- to St. Monica Self Help Group, Sabari.

The amounts were disbursed by the Member of Parliament, Shri Manoranjan Bhakta in the Bharat Nirman Public Information Campaign held at Rangat. The DGM (Dev) of the bank Shri Ravinder Rao, on the occasion highlighted various activities of the bank, a communication from its Managing Director (IC) of the bank said.

CCWS hardware

branch inauguration

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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 Kuldeep Rai Sharma will also grace the occasion, a communication received here said.

World AIDS day observed

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World AIDS day was befittingly observed at CHC Rangat. On the occasion, inter school competitions in essay, speech, painting were organised. Sports events like cycle race, running and a cricket match were also organised as part of the celebration. A function was also organised at Zilla Parishad Auditorium, Rangat in which cultural events were presented by the local child artists. The Up-Pramukh, Rangat Shri Dayananda Biswas, who was the chief guest on the occasion spoke at length on the control measures of HIV/AIDS. Prizes were also distributed to the winners.

Rajinikant's birthday by Fan Club

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Rajinikant Fans Club, Port Blair will celebrate 58th birth day celebration of cine star Rajinikant at Tiranga Park, at 5.30 PM tomorrow. Shri R. Damodharan, Chairperson, PBMC, will be the chief guest and Smti S. Parameshwari, Chairperson, Education and Social Justice, PBMC and Shri R. Karunanithi, Chief Organizer, Human Rights Organization, Port Blair will be the guests of honour.

Natnl. level painting contest by DOP

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India Post A&N Islands is organizing a National level on the spot painting competition called Design a Stamp Contest - 2007 on 15th Dec 2007 at JNRM Vidyalaya from 10 am to 11 am. The subject of this years contest is "India Of My Dreams". The participants have to make an original design on this subject. The participation have been decided into three categories. These are Group I upto IV standard, Group II Vth standard to VIII std and Group III IX std

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CG apprehends 5 Indonesian poachers

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Coast Guard, in its intensified antipoaching patrolling, apprehended five Indonesian poachers off Little Nicobar island. A CG dornier, whilst on aerial surveillance of southern group of islands on Sunday, sighted one mechanised fishing boat, north west of Little Nicobar island. The pilots on closer look established the boat as a foreign one which on seeing the aircraft, started moving in the westerly direction and after some time the dinghy increased its speed and started moving in southerly direction to avoid apprehension.

The Coast Guard dornier immediately contacted coast guard ship Akka Devi, patrolling in the area, to intercept the suspicious vessel. Despite low clouds, bad weather conditions and poor visibility the aircraft kept track of the boat till the arrival of ICGS Akka Devi,

which intercepted it at about 1300 hrs 24 nm north west of Little Nicobar islands. On investigation, it emerged that the boat was Indonesian with 05



fishermen who were poaching in Indian waters. They had caught about one ton of red snapper.

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