

The Court of Sessions Judge Shri Mir Dara Sheko convicted a person named B Pandi, S/o Balwant Singh, resident of Bimblitan for commission of offence of attempt to murder of victim Pyare Lal under section 307 of IPC. After hearing the counsel of accused and Public Prosecutor, the Court of Sessions Judge, found the accused guilty. The Session Judge sentenced B.Pandi to suffer R.I. for 7 years subject to setting off his period of detention, if any, undergone by him and he will pay fine of Rs. 15,000/-. In default of payment of fine, he will suffer further R.I. for 2 years. If fine amount is paid, an amount of Rs. 5,000/- shall be paid to the victim Pyare Lal and rest amount shall be deposited in Government account. The Prosecution examined 13 witnesses to prove the guilt of the accused. The defence did not examine any defence witness. (Contd on last page)

Workshop on child centered disaster risk reduction held



Port Blair, Nov 20 A workshop on 'child centered disaster risk reduction' on the occasion of International Childs Rights Day was organized by SEEDS India in partnership with Save the Children at Hotel Sun Sea Resort here this morning. SEEDS is presenting involved in school safety initiative in collaboration with A&N Administration and in this regard the workshop was a healthy platform to get the feedback involving children.

The Director, R&R and Disaster Management, Shri Ashok

Sharma, who was the chief guest on the occasion, underlined the need for creating awareness among the student community about natural and man made disasters. Praising the initiative of both the NGOs, Shri Sharma said, the students can play a pivotal role in disseminating disaster related precautions.

Media persons from The Daily Telegrams, Shri Biju Nair and the Eco of India, Shri Amit Sengupta gave lectures on the role of media in creating awareness about disaster management.

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Artist camp & exhibition

Port Blair, Nov 20 The Dept. of Sports, Art and Culture, A&N Administration in association with EZCC, Kolkata is organizing 'Srijan' - an artist camp and exhibition from 21st to 30th November 2008 at Andaman Club. 20 visual artists of the islands will take part in the function. The camp will be inaugurated by Shri SN Jha, Secretary (SAC) on 21st November 2008 at 4 pm at Andaman Club, a communication said here today.

Coop week celebrations at Rangat

Port Blair, Nov 20 The 55th All India cooperative week celebration concluded in the Panchayat Samiti premises today. The Up Pramukh, Shri Dayanand Biswas, while speaking was the chief guest described cooperative movement as one of the main achievement in the economic development of the country, earlier the Incharge, NCUI, Rangat, Shri Surendra Nath Singh welcomed the gathering. The winners of essay and elocution competition were also awarded or the occasion. The representation of various SHGs, cooperative societies, PRIs also attended this programme that concluded with vote of thanks proposed by the ARCS, Miss Pronoti Nag.



Staff Correspondent Port Blair, Nov 20 Child Rights Day was celebrated in the islands together with the rest of the country and the world as well today. As such, a rally was organized by Prayas, an NGO under its project 'Child Rights' supported by Save the Children. The Secretary cum Director Social welfare, Ms SKP Sodhi flagged off the rally as the chief guest.

The rally, set off from the Directorate of Social Welfare premises passed through Middle Point, Lighthouse cinema, Tiranga Park, Clock Tower to Model Sr. Sec. School, Hotel Shompen to culminate at the starting place.

About 150 children from all corners of the town took part in the rally, with banners and placards in their hands and

shouting slogans for the protection of child rights, 'stop child labour', marriages and the safeguard for the girl child. The rally showed enthusiasm among the participating children and their awareness about their rights.

Meanwhile, the valedictory function of the weeklong programme on child rights organized by Share Education Rural Among People's Health Society (SERAPHS) was held today at RUAC hall, Bambooflat in which Shri Raja Ram, Up-Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad was the chief guest while Shri K Manikkam, Pradhan, Wimberlygunj and Aruna Chandra More, Pradhan, Bambooflat graced the occasion. Painting and essay competition and awareness rallies were organized as part of the celebration.

Hindi workshop concludes

Port Blair, Nov 20 The three day long Hindi workshop in the Directorate of IP & T concluded today. Speaking as the chief guest of the valedictory function, the Director, Tourism, Shri Vinay Bhushan suggested for one day training programmes to be held from time to time to provide the staff the knowledge of administrative dictionary. He also asked the officers and staff to execute the works according to the guidelines for achieving the target kept under Official Language Policy. He also constructed for bilingual publication of pamphlets by the Tourism Department.

The Senior Accounts Officer, Directorate of IP & T Shri Keshav Murthy, expressing his views urged the participants to implement the knowledge gained in the training in their official works.

Today's session of the workshop was coordinated by the Hindi Translator, Directorate of Industries Shri Biju Pillai.

The valedictory function concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Hindi Translator, I & P division, Shri Jai Nair.

Trng. prog. for PSTs, GTTs begins

Port Blair, Nov 20 A ten days training programme for the PSTs and GTTs of Wimberlygunj under the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan began today. The chief guest, Dr.J.L.Mourya, Principal, GSSS Bambooflat urged the teachers to utilize the knowledge gained in the training programme for uplifting the standards of education to the describe level. The guest of honour, Shri A Manikkam, Gram Pradhan, Wimberlygunj requested the teachers for making the process of teaching learning interesting. Earlier, the Deputy Education Officer, Wimberlygunj, Shri S K Dixit, while welcoming the gathering informed about the objectives of the training programme.

libraries. Shri Basu Kumar said that books are the best companions of human being and by reading books one not only enhances knowledge but get creative ideas as well. There are books which gives strength and keeps one's morale high, he added.

Smt Jageshwari Devi, guest of honour in the function gave away prizes to the winners of different competition in junior group. In-charge, State Library, Shri Abdul Naseem presented a report about the National Book Week. This week, he said is celebrated to remember the founder of the National Book Trust, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Book exhibitions and competitions were organized in schools throughout the islands to observe the week, he added. (Contd on last page)

Deliberations on CICT for agri-growth marks end of Cooperative Week

Staff Reporter Port Blair, Nov 20

The 55th All India Cooperative Week 2008 concluded today with a promise by the Cooperators and others to take the cooperative movement towards greater heights for the welfare of the people of these islands. The Cooperative Week observed by the A&N State Cooperative Union ended with a valedictory function held at the Kerala Samajan hall in which the RCS, Shri Sanjay Saxena was the chief guest. The topic for the concluding day was 'Cooperative Information Communication Technology (CICT) for agriculture growth and food security'.

Addressing the packed to capacity audience at the samajan hall, Shri Saxena traced the history of cooperative movement in these islands with the establishment of Rangachang Coop Society in the year 1946. Cur-



rently about 1220 coop societies are registered with the Coop. Department with a total of 84,000 members. While assuring that the Cooperative Department will provide all support for the development of coop movement in these islands, the RCS also urged the members, of the cooperatives to work with sincerity and dedication so that their respective cooperatives flourishes benefiting all people in the society. Shri Saxena also gave away prizes to the winners of various competitions held during the cooperative week celebration.

In his address on the occasion, the Chairman, A&N State Cooperative Union, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma said that during the Cooperative Week maximum functions were organized in the rural areas to educate the people there about the importance of cooperatives and its benefit. He said the suggestions received from various quarters will be presented before the RCS and the senior officials so that the coop movement which started in these islands achieves its desired goal.

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Auto, taxi drivers advised to get meters calibrated

Port Blair, Nov 20

All the owners, drivers of auto rickshaws & taxis have been directed to produce their fare meter to the Assistant Director (W&M) of the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs for calibration in new rate before 15th December 2008 failing which legal action will be initiated upon them prescribed under the standard of Weights & Measures (Enforcement Act, 1985).

The general public also have been advised that if any auto rickshaw/taxis are found functioning with faulty/unstamped meter, complaint can be lodged with the Assistant Director (W&M). Complaint can also be made over telephone No. 238774. The name of the complainant will be kept confidential, a communication said here.

Quiz contest begins at Shiksha Sadan

Port Blair, Nov 20

The Science Unit of Directorate of Education, A&N Islands is organizing a State Level Science Quiz Competition for the students of secondary and senior secondary level. The final round of two-day quizzing events was inaugurated today by the Director of Education, Shri Basu Kumar.

Addressing the gathering, the Director of Education, Shri Basu Kumar advised the students to take keen interest in quizzing to excel in academics and general awareness. He also congratulated the teachers for encouraging and guiding the students. The Senior Secondary level quiz was held today. The Secondary level quiz competition will be held on 21st November 2008. The Valedictory function of these events will be held on 21st November 2008 itself at the Shiksha Sadan auditorium.

The Principal, State Institute of Education, Shri R. Devdas and Assistant Director (Adult Education), Shri C Nachiappan also graced the occasion. The Deputy Education Officer (Science), Shri S.K. Sethi welcomed the gathering.

Port Blair, Nov 20

The martyrdom day of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahibji, the 9th Guru of Sikh, shall be observed at Police Gurudwara on Nov 24, 2008. The "akhand path" will commence at 8am on Nov 22 while the final ceremony (bhog) will begin at 8am on Nov 24. Shabad kirtan and speeches on the life of Guru Tegh Bahadurji, followed by 'Guru ka langar' will form part of the prog on Nov 24 while Guru ka langar will be served on Nov 22 & 23 as well.

Awareness prog. held

Port Blair, Nov 20

An awareness programme on 'Human Rights' was held at Diglipur on Nov 17. The programme was organized by the Human Rights Organization. The Vice Principal, GSSS Kishori Nagar, Shri P Mary Joseph was the chief guest on the occasion. He spoke on the different aspects of human rights. The other members spoke on the occasion included, S/Shri M K Patel, businessman, Keshab Barikdar, PRO, Kannan, Coordinator, HRO. A large numbers of people attended the function. Shri Bapi Saha proposed the vote of thanks.

Office bearers elected

Port Blair, Nov 20

The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Kadamtala has been reconstituted with S/Shri K L Hawalder as a Vice President, Tapan Kumar Sen as a Secretary, Ajay kumar Biswas as Joint Secretary. Besides, four other office bearers and 11 executive members have been elected. The General Secretary, Shri D Ayyappan and others addressed the meeting.

Deaths condoled

Port Blair, Nov 20

The State President of Bharatiya Janata Party, Shri Vishal Jolly and other party leaders and workers have mourned the demise of Shri R Chandra Shekaran Nair (72 yrs), a resident of Dairy Farm, who died today at GB Pant Hospital. Meanwhile, they also condoled the death of Shri K Makaiah (91 yrs), father of Shri K Balakrishna, Panchayat Samity member, who died on Nov 16, 2008, communications from BJP Office said here.