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Nation faces shortage of leadership with nobility: President

New Delhi, Nov 02

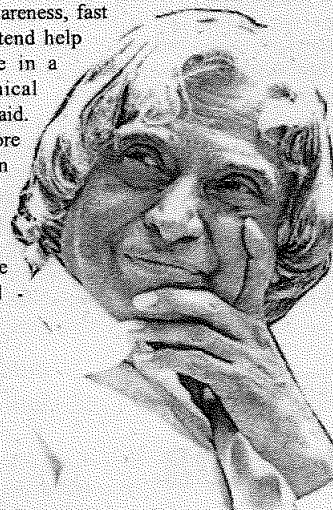
President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam has said there is a "shortage of leadership with nobility" in society, due to which people are looking up to the judiciary for protection of human rights. "Our society is going through unique dynamics where the impacts are felt due to the shortage of leadership with nobility. It is said that a nation fails not because of economic progress but because of an increase in decision-makers with small minds," he said while delivering the 12th Justice Sunanda Bhandare Memorial Lecture in the capital.

"As the dynamic judicial system is catching up with societal and technological evolution, the citizens of India look up to this institution with hope as the ultimate protector of human rights and the final resort for dispensation of justice." Dr Kalam said the multiple dimensions of judiciary can play a significant role along with other organs of democracy for ensuring an economically strong, safe and secure India. The judiciary, as provider of justice, has to be the conscience keeper of citizens in enabling

equity. It should provide legal awareness, fast and cost-effective resolution, extend help to the needy, dispense justice in a transparent manner and set ethical standards for society, Dr Kalam said. Dr Kalam said the challenges before the nation call for leadership in every walk of life where individuals rise above themselves to fulfill responsibilities.

Emphasising the need to provide justice at the doorstep of poor rural citizens, Dr Kalam said mobile legal aid and Lok Adalats can be helpful in achieving this goal. Praising the functioning of these forums as alternate disputes redressal mechanisms in Bihar and Gujrat, he said, "This is one method of taking justice to the doorstep of rural citizens who constitutes 70 percent of the Indian population and a good justice delivery system for rural areas is the need of the hour."

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New legislation against 'all aspects' of communal violence: PM

New Delhi, Nov 02 get a fair share in govern- should be "concrete priority area of educational schemes for setting up of ment and private sector jobs secondary and higher education, attended by Home Min-

Union Minister arriving on a 3-day visit to islands today

Port Blair, Nov 02

The Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India, Smt. Subbulakshmi Jagadeesan, will be arriving at Port Blair on November 03, 2006, on a three-day visit to the islands. The Minister will inaugurate the Disability Camp organized by the A & N Administration in coordination with the National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disability, Chennai at GSSS Girls hall on November 03, 2006, at 1030



hours. Thereafter, she will be meeting the Chief Secretary

and senior officers of the A & N Administration regarding Tsunami Relief/ Rehabilitation programme with focus on women and children, child line service etc at the Raj Niwas.

On November 05, 2006, the Minister will visit Orphan Home for girls at the G.B. Pant Hospital Complex, Port Blair and thereafter interact with the representatives of public at Raj Niwas. On completion of visit, the Minister will leave for Chennai on November 05, 2006, in the afternoon.

Anti-Corruption Unit intensifies its bid to weed out corruption

Port Blair, Nov 02

These islands continues to be plagued by the scourge of corruption as it is evident from the number of complaints being received by the Anti-Corruption Unit functioning here since 2000. Of the 619 complaints received so far the unit has

registered so far which are under investigation. In addition to complaints received, the unit also develops source to take action against culprits. Based on enquiries conducted by the Unit, the Central Vigilance Commission has recommended major penalty

by a Superintendent of Police and assisted by a Dy.SP and two Inspectors has been conducting enquiries against public servants. It also draws technical persons from various departments on case to case basis to assist the investigators, a communication from the Superd of

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JNV wins best school award

Port Blair, Nov 2

The Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalay Panchawati, has, for the second consecutive year, won the 'Best School' award in the rural category in 2005-06. The Parent Teacher Council of the school has congratulated the Principal and his team for their collective efforts in achieving this feat.

Apollo consultants to visit

Port Blair, Nov 02

Consultants from Apollo Group of Hospitals will be available at Apollo Hospitals Information Centre at Indian Airlines building near DC Office for review of old cases and for fresh consultations. Accordingly, Dr. P Rajaseker, Ortho Surgeon will be available on Nov 4 and 5 while Dr. Satish Rao, Cardiologist on Nov 19, 2006. For further details, Apollo Hospitals Information Centre can be contacted on Ph:233550/09332407725.

Ensuring security of tourists urged

Port Blair, Nov 02

The Hotel & Restaurant Association (HRA) of A&N Islands has urged the