

development projects similar to bio-fuel projects which can be applicable for a large number of villages leading to employment generation through enterprises for at least ten million youth.

Banks should innovatively fund the 300,000 sick SSI units so that latest technology can be infused and they can overcome the present problems and become profitable ventures within the next three years.

Yeshaswini model followed by Karnataka and also attract medical tourists for cost effective treatment through our quality doctors.

They should participate in infrastructural development including provision of 100 million quality dwelling units with basic infrastructure in the rural areas in association with state urban development authorities.



Port Blair, Nov 10
Competitions for children were organised by the A & N State Social Welfare Board and the Directorate of Social Welfare at the auditorium of the Hindi Sahitya Kala Parishad here today in connection with the Children's Day which falls on November 14, 2004. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Prof. Ram Kapse, graced the inaugural function as the chief guest. The Chairperson, A & N State Social Welfare Board, Smt. Pritam Kumari Nanda, presided over the function.

Directorate of Social Welfare in the islands for the welfare of women and children. The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Prof. Ram Kapse, speaking on the occasion said that children are the future citizens of our country. All efforts needed to be made for their all-round development

and for nurturing their talents.

The Hon'ble Lt. Governor distributed crayons to the participants of the drawing competition. He also gave away gift hampers to children. Counsellor, A & N State Board, Smt. Geeta Raj, proposed the vote of thanks.

LG unveils statue of Birsu Munda



Port Blair, Nov 10
The Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Prof. Ram Kapse, unveiled the statue of the Freedom Fighter Birsu Munda, at a function held in the precincts of the Chotanagpur Bhawan here today.

Students of St. Mary School presented welcome song on the occasion. Shri

Louis Lakra of the Chotanagpur Association welcomed the gathering. Shri Agapit Kujur of the Chotanagpur Association threw light on the life of Birsu Munda. Speaking on the occasion, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor recalled the contribution of Birsu Munda for the welfare of the people.

Facility for Treatment of Jarawas at PHC, Kadamtala

Port Blair, Nov 10
An Eco-friendly hut using cane and bamboo materials was constructed in the premises of the Public Health Centre, Kadamtala in the year April 2000 at an expenditure of Rs. 74,082/-, which includes Rs. 26,031 towards internal electrical installation. Subsequently the following facilities viz Poca approach footpath-cum-steps, drain, bathing place with overhead tank were provided for the use of the Jarawas at an expenditure of Rs. 3,51,386/-. Hospital staff

has been rendering service to the Jarawas whenever hospitalisation is required. Jarawas are provided with special diet suitable for them during their period of stay in the PHC. Approximately Rs.2,58,490 had been spent during the last 5 years toward food items provided to the Jarawas during hospitalization. (Contd. On Pg. 4)

Seminar by ACCI held

Port Blair, Nov 10
The Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry with the support of Employees' Provident Fund organization organised a meeting at Bay Island Hotel yesterday. The Principal Secretary Labour, Govt. of West Bengal Shri A M Chakraborty graced the occasion as the chief guest.

Addressing the gathering, especially the members of the chamber, Shri Chakraborty was of the view that a development strategy has to be prepared which suits this archipelago. The local chamber here in consultation with the Administration should consult experts in tourism field to further promote Tourism Industry.

Referring to the tourism sector, the Principal Secretary suggested two types of been advised to collect their hall tickets from the centre. No candidate will be allowed to appear exams without hall tickets and identity cards, said the coordinator NIOS in a press release here.

NIOS Exams from Nov 17

Port Blair, Nov 10
The examinations for November/December-2004 secondary (Class X) and Sr. Secondary (Class XII) of the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) will be held from Nov 17, 2004. The data sheets received from the NIOS New Delhi have been displayed on the notice board of the respective examination centres.

The examination centres are AI 2301 (Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School) and AI 2303 (GSSS School Line). Both theory and practical exams shall be held at the respective centre only. The candidates may contact the exam centre for their practical exams on Nov 16, 2004.

The candidates, who have deposited their exam fee at AI 2301 (GSSS Model), for appearing these exams have

Sitting of State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Port Blair, postponed

Port Blair, Nov 10
The proposed sitting of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Port Blair, from 16th to 20th November, 2004, has been postponed till further orders.

Seriously ill boy evacuated from Hut Bay for medical treatment

Port Blair, Nov 10
Prompt action by the Directorate of Civil Aviation here has helped rush a seriously ill 13 year old boy to access the much needed medical treatment from Hut Bay to GB Pant Hospital.

Soon after receiving a crash message from the Health Department today at 1400 hrs about the seriously ill patient, the Pawan Hans Helicopter was pressed into action by the Department of Civil Aviation here to evacuate the boy from PHC, Hut Bay. He was brought at Port Blair at 1500 hrs and rushed to GB Pant Hospital, said the Director (Civil Aviation) in a release here.

Portrait, elocution contest and cultural programmes have been arranged for the celebration.

The school will also award gifts and certificates to the meritorious students from each class and section, according to releases here.

Environment for India's growth highly favourable: PM

India's development," Dr Singh said, terming EU as India's largest trading partner and the largest source of foreign investment.

"Wide-ranging decisions have been taken to give new momentum to our relations in the fields of cooperation in counter-terrorism, environment, energy security,

science and technology, outsourcing and trade," Dr Singh said, adding satisfactory conclusions have been reached on all these issues. India and the European Union entered a strategic partnership to upgrade their ties and pledged to bolster cooperation to combat international terrorism at the Summit.

Govt to shortly consider bill for oil sector regulator

New Delhi, Nov 10

A Bill to put in place a regulator for the oil sector will be put before the Cabinet for approval this month and presented to Parliament during the winter session, Petroleum Minister Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar said. "I will attempt to get the Bill to set up the

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board cleared by the Cabinet in a week to two weeks. The objective is to see that the Bill is cleared by the Parliament in December and a regulator put in place before the end of the fiscal," he told reporters on sidelines of a business conference here today.

The Board would oversee downstream oil refining and marketing of petroleum products, natural gas sales and transportation and gas pipeline. Upstream oil

and gas exploration and production business would be out of the purview of the proposed regulator, he said. The upstream business would continue to be regulated by the Directorate General of Hydrocarbon (DGH).

The Board would regulate the petroleum operations after the crude oil and natural gas production phase, and cover refining, processing, storage, transportation, distribution, marketing and sale of petroleum and petroleum products, as well as natural gas and its transportation through pipelines, the establishment and operation of LNG terminals, the setting up of city or local gas distribution projects, and activities incidental thereto. The common carrier is being introduced in the draft legislation.

'We are confident of Parliamentary system of governance'

Pune, Nov. 10

India is confident about the viability and acceptability of the Parliamentary system of governance, having successfully gone through 14 general elections and several elections to State Assemblies and local bodies, Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Somnath Chatterjee, said here today.

"It should not be forgotten that elections represent the heartbeat of democracy and that Parliamentary democracy can sustain itself only on the willing participation and constructive cooperation of all those who have a stake in it and have an abiding faith in the democratic way of life," Shri Chatterjee said, delivering the Jayantrao Tilak Memorial Lecture on "Relevance of Parliamentary Democracy in India".

The lecture was organised by the Working Journalists Union of Pune. The judiciary, press and the educational institutions have a significant role to play in ensuring a vibrant democracy, Shri Chatterjee said adding, an independent judiciary and a free press are products as also symbols of a democratic society.

Under the form of Government visualised in the Constitution, our Parliament is expected to occupy an important position in our political spectrum and our experience of more than half a century has vindicated our position, Shri Chatterjee added.

Children's Day Celebration

Port Blair, Nov 10

As part of the ensuing Children's Day celebration, Govt. Demonstration Multipurpose School (Primary) Middle Point has organised various competitions, such as drawing, dance & songs, essay and fancy dress competition in which all the students of the school participated. During these contests, the school also conducted the talent search programme.

Shri S.R. Singh, Principal, Boys Sr. Sec. School gave away prizes to the winners at a function held in the school today. A cultural programme was also presented on the occasion. Meanwhile, Govt. Secondary School, Junglighat will celebrate Children's Day on Nov 14, 2004. Various programme such as prabhav pherry garlanding of Nehru's

is not permitted from 10 pm to 6 am. There should be no bursting of crackers in the silence zone, it said.

While, sale or use of crackers generating noise level exceeding 125 dB (A) or 145 dB (A) (C) at 4 meters distance from the point of bursting is prohibited, the communication added.

Chopper service suspended for two Weeks

Port Blair, Nov 10

The services of Pawan Hans Helicopter will remain suspended for two weeks from 14th of November 2004 due to 0500 hrs scheduled 'T Inspection' of the Helicopter, said the Director of Civil Aviation in a communication here.

VKV wins science quiz contest

Port Blair, Nov 10

In the final round of the state level science quiz competition held yesterday at Shiksha Sadan, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya secured the first position while SSS Carmel and Naval Public School won the second and third place followed by SSS Model being the fourth. Shri Sasi Kumar, Principal, GSSS Oralkacha inaugurated the competition as the chief guest on the occasion.

Shri M S Tripathi, DEO, Middle Andaman gave away the prizes as the guest of honour of the function.

Bus service for students sought

Port Blair, Nov 10

The ANTCC has highlighted the need for operating adequate number of buses for the students. In a letter to the Lt. Governor, a copy of which was sent to the press, its General Secretary, Shri C Mohammad said that the students are facing extreme difficulty in the absence of adequate bus service, which also affects their study adversely. To do away with the problem, Shri Mohammad suggested for issuing route permit preferably to the interested unemployed youth cooperative societies and Self Help Groups.

Kali Puja at RK Mission

Port Blair, Nov 10

Shri Sri Kali Puja will be celebrated at Ramakrishna Mission, Port Blair on Thursday, the 11th November 2004 from 10.35 pm onwards. Pushpanjali at 12.30 midnight, distribution of cooked prasad at 1.30 midnight, homa at 2.30 midnight and immersion on 12th November 2004 after evening prayer at 6 pm.

Seminar by ACCI held

tourism i.e. eco-tourism and adventure tourism. For promoting these two types of tourism experts views have to be obtained. Tourism sector has the potential to take these islands in the path of economic development and minimizing the unemployment problem, he added.

Addressing on the occasion, the commissioner-cum-Secretary Labour, Shri Janak Dugal said that with the closure of wood based industries the focus has been shifted to tourism sector which is having immense job opportunities.

Tourism infrastructure has to be developed and there is need for improvement in transport and communication facilities. Trained manpower is also needed in the tourism sector, the Secretary added.

Dr. A Mahendra Raju, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Kolkata in his address informed the gathering about the new social security schemes of the Employee Provident Fund Organization (EPFO).

Welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, the President ACCI, Shri Mohd. Jadwet gave an overview of the economic scenario of the islands. Later, an interaction session was also held.