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LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS



Left to Right: Mr. J.P.S. Verma, Dy. Secretary, MHA; Mr. Muthu Koya, SDO; Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY, Chairman of the Organising Committee; Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya, Member of Parliament; Mr. P.M. Dastidar, IGP(C) Govt. Of Assam; Mr. Ashok Sharma, India Tourism Releasing VU7RG QSL Card.



Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya, Member of Parliament inaugurated the convention.



Mr. Ajeer Vidya receiving MAR's Rajiv Gandhi Award for his meritorious services to Amateur Radio.



Mr. Prabir K Dastidar, IGP (Communications) & Director of Police Communications, Assam



Mr. Frank, DL4KQ, Germany



Mr. P. Chandrasekharan, Asst. Wireless Advisor to Govt. of India.



Mr. J.P.S. Verma, Dy. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

- 1,10,067 Radio contact made-
- 4 Islands activated with VU7RG & VU7MY Callsigns

- Over 100 DX & Indian Participants
- 33 Foreign operators from 11 countries and several Indian operators.

This event was appropriately dedicated in the memory of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi, VU2RG Former Prime Minister of India, who was not only an enthusiastic Radio Ham but also helped establish National Institute of Amateur Radio in Hyderabad for promotion of amateur radio activity in the country.

Some Glimpse of Hamfest (A Convention of HAM Radio operators) at Kadmat



Mr. Ashok Sharma, India Tourism, Cochin,



Mrs. Kyoko Miyoshi, JR3MVF of Japan
presenting her paper at the Convention



L to R: Mr. Muthukoya, SSO Kadmat,
Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya, MP, Shri S. Suri, Chairman & Director NIAR,
Shri Ashok Sharma, India Tourism & others



Mr. J. Shankar, VU2DET, Ex. Mayor,
Vijayawada, GC Member, NIAR



Mr. Steve Wright, VE7CT



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Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY



Mr. S.B. Ram, VU2LIC



Mr. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH



Mr. P. Chandrasekharan, Asst. Wireless
Advisor to Govt. of India, Mr. Sushil Kumar
Dhingra, VU2LFA on computer



Mrs. Ellen J Parker, WA6UVF of USA
addressing the delegates



Mr. Frank, DL4KQ receiving Medal from the Chief
Guest Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya on behalf
Shri Ajeer Vidya, Joint Secretary (retd.), D/T



Mr. S. Sathiyapal, VU2FI, Bangalore



Dr. Suresh, VU3KHR, Bangalore



Hamfest Delegates VU7RG

From Chairman's Desk....



Dear Friends,

We have just gone through a memorable event - the **Hamfest 2007, VU7RG** held at **Lakshadweep Islands** from 15th to 25th January 2007. It was the first International Amateur Radio event of its kind to be held in the Islands of Lakshadweep for many years. While you will be reading the highlights of the event in the other pages of the newsletter I would like to congratulate and thank all those persons and organisations who made such an event an astounding success, particularly Minister of Communications & I.T., Mr. Dayanidhi Maran, VU2DMK, Department of Information Technology, Ministry of Tourism, Lakshadweep Administration, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs and Dept. of Telecommunications.

And it is now time to consider what we have achieved from this Hamfest.

Firstly, it was a very unique feature of this Hamfest that four Islands got activated simultaneously which has never happened anywhere in the world so far. History was created by NIAR and India. We have noted that nearly 1,10,000 contacts that were made by VU7RG/ VU7MY Radio stations were heard and responded from nook and corner of the world. This in itself speaks volumes about the level of the Hams 'professionalism' considering that poor propagation conditions in the Islands had been forecast by many experts.

The foreign Hams with their vast experience in setting up and operating Ham stations in difficult terrains in different parts of the world, could teach new skills to the new Hams. These skills coupled with High Technology equipment controlled through Programmes stored in Laptops provided us good practical training material.

Most of the Antennas used at the Ham sites displayed ingenuity of Design and Fabrication using readily available materials. The team work and the ingenious ways of installation were simply admirable. Looking at the way the stations were being set up and operated was itself a great source of inspiration for many of the local youngsters.

The Hamfest 2007 also highlighted the importance of these Islands as important Tourist Resorts that are bound to give a fillip to this activity in the days to come. Thus the scenario that appears before us suggests the a number of actions that ought to be taken in the near future. This was the consensus emerged from all the International and National delegates including senior Government officers who were present in the deliberations. The recommended actions, in brief are as follows.

- 1. Propagation Studies:** There is an urgent need to carry out propagation studies throughout the country including all Islands covering all seasons of the year. India will not only get a valuable data base for effective communication all round the year for Disaster Management but also for connectivity Maps. There is need for national register of updated data from time to time. This valuable resource can be shared by the Ministries of Communication, Defence, Home Affairs and even the Private Telecoms.
- 2. Training of Indian populace:** In general people in all walks of life, particularly the youth and unemployed need to be given training to become Radio Hams. It was suggested to NIAR to approach Govt. of India to take necessary initiatives in this regard. It was felt that much needed employable skills can be developed through amateur radio activities to benefit students & unemployed.

NIAR may consider sending a request to the Government of India on these lines.

- 3. Amateur Radio Networks:** It was also recommended that there is need to develop professionally competent Nation-wide networks of Amateur Radio and NIAR should prepare detailed proposals in this regard for consideration of the Government of India and the State Governments.

Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY
Founder & Chairman
National Institute of Amateur Radio

HAMFEST 2007 - Discussions, Demos, Lectures, Exhibits, Dxpediton and Tourism - A multi dimensional approach to promote Amateur Radio

National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR), is committed to foster growth of science and technology through various programs in the field of amateur radio. Amateur Radio has a unique advantage of showcasing the best available talents in the field of wireless communication technologies with a broad based talent pool among youth that provides an excellent competitive and creative environment to bring innovative ideas and overcome the challenges in the field.

Hamfest-2007 was a very successful & unique event conducted in Lakshadweep Islands with special event callsign "VU7RG" & "VU7MY". The 3 day event was formally inaugurated by Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya, Hon'ble Member of Parliament on 15th January 2007.

The Amateur Radio Service has a long and rich history of technical innovation. The benefits derived from the effective utilization of radio spectrum resource by amateur radio operators and their study on propagation conditions for terrestrial communication around the globe is a reference to make better-informed decisions about the management of this important resource. The success of continuous technical experimentation on contemporary techniques of wireless transmission and reception has transformed the way we communicate speech and image signals. The Department of Telecommunications, Government of India issued a special permission to foreign and Indian hams to operate their amateur radio stations from Lakshadweep Islands. A special callsign VU7RG was issued for radio amateurs to operate from Kadamat, Agatti and Bangaram and a special callsign VU7MY was issued to Indian Hams operating from Minicoy. The amateur radio operations were permitted from Lakshadweep islands during 15-25 January 2007 for foreign Hams and 15-31st for Indian Hams. Hamfest is unique, 4 Islands of Lakshadweep got simultaneously activated by 33 International Hams and over 50 Indian participants. This was certainly an excellent display of technical and operating skills by hams, even when propagation conditions were predicted to be unfavorable; the world community of Hams proved that successful two-way radio contacts can be made with other amateur radio stations around the world. 1,10,067 contacts around the world, proves that in any kind of Disaster Management, Ham radio can establish reliable communication to and from any remote region of the world.

The concept of organising an International HAMFEST started as a multi dimensional approach to promote Amateur Radio among youth to empower themselves with the knowledge and skills on economical models of alternate channels of

communication. The humanitarian assistance provided by hams using amateur radio technologies in times of disaster, explain the social relevance of this technical activity. The information exchange on local culture, people and places encourages tourism through amateur radio.

Hamfest 2007 featured forums for technical discussions on latest trends amateur radio communication technologies used by Hams around the world in combination with amateur radio operations. The outcome of this event has provided a strong basis of International support to future programs for development of amateur radio activity in this region. The highlight of this event has been the professional make up of teams for amateur radio operation and their dedication to compete among themselves and prove to the world that their skills in the art of two-way wireless communication are second to none even under most unfavorable HF propagation conditions during this period. The success of any event lies in the strength of its organization.

The International Hamfest was organized by NIAR under the Chairmanship of Mr.S.Suri VU2MY as a well coordinated effort of International community of Hams that worked beyond organizational and personal affiliation. The International Advisory committee formed with eminent Hams including Mr.Frank Rosenkranz DL4KQ, Germany, Dr. Glenn Johnson W0GJ, USA, Mr.Jiro Miyoshi JA3UB, Japan and others steered the course for efficient organization. India is a vivid kaleidoscope of landscapes, magnificent historical sites and royal cities, golden beaches, misty mountain retreats, colorful people, rich cultures and festivities. At any part of the year India can offer a dazzling array of destinations and experiences. Lakshadweep is one of the world's most spectacular tropical island systems. Thirty-two sq. km of land spread over 36 islands surrounded by 4200 sq. km of lagoon rich in marine wealth. All the islands are endowed with the beauty of coral reef, sandy beaches, unpolluted and clear water and hospitable settings, most of these differ in terms of facilities and services offered, others have been developed so that people enjoy the charm of relaxation and natural enjoyment. NIAR is grateful to all its sponsoring and supporting agencies as well as Individual hams around the world for contributing to this success of this event in the true spirit of spreading International relations and promoting amateur radio in this region. India, always warm and inviting, is a place of infinite variety - one that favors any one with a different facet of its fascination every time a visit is made. NIAR invited International Hams on a journey to India for amateur radio and tourism.

INAUGURATION at KADMAT ISLAND

The Hamfest Convention was inaugurated in Kadmat Island by Hon. Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya, Member of Parliament as the Chief Guest, on 15th January 2007. In his inaugural address the Chief Guest highly appreciated the voluntary service by the Hams through their radio contacts. He said that such contacts added great value towards rendering service to the society by passing vital information at a critical juncture when a disaster strikes and normal communication channels are disrupted. He said that it was a historic occasion for Lakshadweep Islands when such a large gathering of International Hams was organised at Kadmat for observing what he termed as the 'World Radio Day' for the first time in these Islands. He desired that the communication system be improved further by motivating the local youth of the Islands for providing better and secure system of communication within the Islands.

PARTICIPATION & DELIBERATION The Hamfest participants were granted special permission to operate their radio stations in Lakshadweep Islands from 15-25th January 2007, by Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications & IT, Government of India. The event was attended by over 80 delegates from India and abroad. The participants included representatives of Brahma Kumaris centre at Mount Abu, as well as those from the central and state governments and some of the colleges. Hamfest-2007 was a unique event in that 4 Islands of Lakshadweep got simultaneously activated by 33 International Hams and over 50 Indian participants. It is a record created in the entire world. The event is remarkable in that while the lowest propagation conditions were predicted,

the world community of Hams proved that they can make contacts even under such limiting situations. This is certainly a demonstration of the rare human skills possessed by the Hams. The fact that over 1,00,000 contacts were made all over the world is a proof. The dependability of Hams under any kind of Disasters situations any where in the world is proved once again.

Some of the distinguished speakers at the Convention included:

Mr. Frank Rosenkranz, DL4KQ, of Germany,
Mr. Steve Wright, VE7CT of Canada,
Mr. Prabir M. Dastidar, IGP, Govt. of Assam
Ms. Kyoko Miyoshi, JR3MVF of Japan, and
Ms. Ellen J. Parker, WA6UVF of USA

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Frank Rosenkranz, as a representative of International Hams, emphasised that more Hams were willing to spend nearly 15-30 days in the Islands and impart their skills to the local youth if an opportunity is provided to them with adequate advance notice. Shri Prabir M. Dastidar, IGP (C) Government of Assam, gave a power point presentation outlining the activities of Police Communication system in Assam. He said that there were plans to promote Amateur Radio in the Police Department of the State. He appreciated the fact that the Hamfest was an exhibition of innovative designs of Communication Antennas. Amateur Radio services can be effectively used in the metros and large cities in case of unforeseen calamities, he said.



Equipments sent for loading on Ship, Cochin



Mr. Siegfried Presch, DL7DF, Germany



Ham Radio Equipment at Kadmat



Mr. Rob Srieder, PA2R, Netherlands

A REPORT OF HAMFEST 2007 "VU7RG"

*By B.K. Yashwant & B.K. Krushna, Mt. Abu, and B.K. Arun, Shantisarovar
from BRAHMA KUMARIS, Intl. HQ. Mount Abu*

This is wonderful Expedition which was organized by NIAR, a registered NGO and renowned institution for Hams in India. This was the International Hamfest 2007 in which participants have come from 11 foreign countries like Germany, Poland, USA, Japan, Holland etc. and India Hams also present. Chief guest of this International Hamfest 2007 was Dr.P.Pookunhi Koya, M.P. of Lakshdweep Islands.



Left to Right Mr.S. Suri VU2MY, Mr.B.K. Yashwant, VU2YOR, Mr.J.Shankar VU2DET Ex.Mayor, Dr.P. Pookunhi Koya, MP

There are 36 Islands grouped to name as Lakshdweep. Kavaratti is the capital Island. In 10 islands people are living. The Conference was held at KADMAT ISLAND. Expedition Team were divided into three parts. The main part headed by Mr. Suri, VU2MY, Chairman of NIAR was in Kadmat Island. Mrs. Bharati Prasad, VU2RBI, at Minicoy Island headed the second team, third team was in Bangaram Island and the fourth team was in Agatti. Ham Radio is the alternative way of communication to the peoples around the World. There was very good interactive session made between the Hams from the globe.



Mr.B.K. Arun Kumar VU3VGP

Mr. Suri, VU2MY especially marked about the importance of Ham Radio and effectiveness at the time of Disaster. He also vividly described the contribution of late Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi towards ham operation in India. Each participant at the conference including us enjoyed and learns many things for the growth of Ham Community.

B.K.Yashwant, VU2YOR, has spoken about BRAHMA KUMARIS ham operation activities at Mount Abu. He mentioned that last 20 years he has

operated at Mount Abu which is situated at 5000ft high from sea level at Arravali Mountains, Rajasthan, India. They have 20 wings for the service of mankind at different levels in the whole world. They are almost in all countries of the world with a very large network of peoples at International Level.



Going for Snorkling (Water Sports)



B.K. Yashwant, VU2YOR Examines Antenna

Chief of Scientist and Engineering Wing of BRAHMA KUMARIS B.K.Mohan Singhal was very happy to accept the invitation by Mr. Suri of NIAR and also interested to arrange seminars and discussion of Ham Radio Project Development in India and International Level from the Disaster Management point of view and also one of the very essential and cost effective way of communication around the Globe. Also the importance of mental communication will be emphasized. The entire participants were keen to know more about BRAHMA KUMARIS and their operations & activities around the Globe.

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MY KADAMAT EXPERIENCE



Mrs. Nisha M. Mohan, VU2NIS Operating CW mode from Kadmat

I was really excited when I came to know that the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) had got permission for me to operate Ham Radio from Lakshadweep Islands during the Hamfest being held there in January 2007.

Our team boarded the ship M.V.Tipu Sultan from Cochin port on 13th Jan 2007 around 11.00 am. It was a memorable trip for me as it was for the very first time that I was travelling in a ship. We reached Kadmat Islands the next day afternoon. In Kadamat, there is no jetty. So the ship anchors in the sea and we had to get in small boats to reach the Island. The trip in the small boat took about 45 minutes. It was really an adventurous experience. We were given a traditional welcome by the Tourist Department. I stayed in a tourist hut, along with my sister in law VU3LMS, which was situated near the beach. The local language is Malayalam which is also my mother tongue. So I felt at ease.

I had carried my Yaesu FT 757GX transceiver, Homebrewed power supply and Antenna which were required to install the Ham Radio shack. With the help of a local boy Musthafa, I installed my simple Homebrewed "Inverted V" antenna on a bamboo pole.

Foreigners in the nearby huts and were equipped with very sophisticated antennas and latest equipments. We were permitted to operate from 15th Jan 2007 onwards. Exactly at midnight, I started listening and could hear the foreigners operating from the nearby huts. I had to struggle with my modest equipments to overcome the neighbourhood signal strength till I got a chance to

let the world know that a young Indian woman was trying to make Dx contacts. I was very happy that there were many on the band to encourage me from many nations. I decided that I will have to make good use of my modest equipment and simple antenna.

In the mornings of 15, 16 and 17 Jan 2007, I controlled the "Charminar Net", the popular HF net of South India conducted daily on 7080 kHz at 7.00 to 8.00 am IST and contacted my friends from India and Sri Lanka. Many DX stations from North America and South America also checked in the net. Then I went to attend the HAMFEST-2007, the international conference of Amateur Radio operators organised by NIAR. It was again a wonderful opportunity to attend a very well organized decent function with all the Indian and foreign hams. I was excited when I saw a foreigner receiving "Rajiv Gandhi" Gold Medal for making the highest number of contacts from VU4AN station in Andaman & Nicobar Islands during a similar Hamfest held last year. I could not attend that Hamfest even though NIAR had arranged license for me to operate from there. In my mind all thoughts since then was how to get permission to operate from Andaman Islands so that one day I can also operate from there. NIAR Chairman Mr. Suri announced that there will be very special awards during silver jubilee celebrations of NIAR in Hyderabad in 2008 and asked everyone to work well.

In the afternoon I returned to my hut and started operating in Morse code (CW). At a stretch I could contact more than 100 stations in 21 MHz from different countries. During night I contacted my husband OM Madhu, VU7MY/VU2UWZ and brother OM Jose, VU7MY/VU2JOS who were operating from Minicoy Islands as part of the Hamfest. I contacted YL Bharati, VU7RG/VU2RBI, while she was demonstrating Ham Radio to the Government officials from Minicoy Islands. They were excited when they heard me talking in their mother tongue, Malayalam. The next day afternoon OM Gregor Fisser, DF2IC, a German Ham invited me to their CW shack and allowed me to operate from there. They had a very good HEX- Beam antenna and I could contact 288 stations in Morse code at a stretch and was very much thrilled. Now

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Demonstration at AG & SG Siddhartha Degree College of Art & Science, Vuyyuru



A Demonstration of Amateur Radio Communication & Interaction was organised at AG & SG Siddhartha Degree College of Art & Science, Vuyyuru, Krishna Dist. Andhra Pradesh for peer team consisting of top class educationalists from National Assessment Accreditation Council Bangalore on 4th January 2007.

Several students, parents, Alumni, public, staff and the Management were present during the programme. Mr. D.V.Satyanarayana, VU2DSV

conducted the Demo and C. Vamsidhar, VU3VBM Physics Lecturer, Incharge of Amateur Radio Club Activities coordinated this programme.

This club was initiated by NIAR as part of the DIT Programme on Digital Connectivity through Amateur Radio Communication to Urban / Rural & Remote Areas Project during the year 2004-2005.

my determination was strong that I wanted to achieve more. I did succeed a lot. It was nice to interact with Indian and Dx hams during the Hamfest.

Mr. S. Suri, Chairman NIAR Hyderabad, Mr Prabir M. Dastidar, I.G.P (Commn.) Assam & Director of Police (Commn), Mr. C. Raja, Police Communications Hyderabad, Mr. S. Ram Mohan, Addl. Director NIAR Hyderabad etc. visited my station and appreciated my efforts. I was the only YL Indian ham who installed my own separate station and operated in CW from Kadamat during the Hamfest although many other Indians worked from other stations established by NIAR and foreigners.

On the morning of 17th January 2007 before leaving the Island, I completed 733 contacts from stations in 55 countries. It was for the first time that I made so many contacts in a short time. I could have done more but for the DX stations who were working on better equipment and antennas from the nearby shack simultaneously. VU3LMS helped me a lot. I enjoyed my stay there in Kadmat Islands and I was reluctant to come back, but my ship came on time and so we had to return.

I am working as a Physics Teacher in Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 2, Uppal in Hyderabad teaching in Plus two. I got my Amateur Radio license in 1986 with the call sign VU2NIS and since then I am active Ham mostly in CW. Recently, the Central Board of Secondary Education has introduced Disaster Management as a topic in which Amateur Radio is also included. I pass on many information about Amateur Radio to my students regularly. I am also a Guide Captain and here also Amateur Radio is being used. We have conducted Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) and Amateur Radio demonstrations in the past in our school with the help of NIAR.

I thank NIAR for organising such an interesting international Hamfest and for spreading international good will. I also thank my Principal, staff and students for encouraging me on this adventurous trip. NIAR is the only organization in India that has proper infrastructure and conducts not only national but many international events. Their encouragement to me and other members of our family is exceptional.

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SITE 1: KADMAT ISLAND, VU7RG - ACTIVITIES



Foreign delegates at Kadmat



1st Kadmat Team with Mr. Raphael
(with walkie talkie) VU2CJY
M.V. Amindivi Ship Chief Officer



Mrs. Lissy Jose, VU3LMS



Mrs. B. Jayamma, VU2JMA



Mr. Ch. Srinivas, VU2CSV



Mr. Sridhar Babu, VU3IGG



Mr. C. Raja, VU2CRJ

SITE 1: KADMAT ISLAND, VU7RG - ACTIVITIES



Busy in planning for Expedition



S.V.B. Ramu SWL



M.V. Amindivi ship used by delegates



Mr. Frank, DL4KQ telling technical tips to delegates



Dr. Fazel Rehman, VK8FR,



Antenna Changer



Mr. Frank DL4KQ Giving Silver Medals to Tom & Tony



Equipments



SWR Meter for Antenna Testing



SWR/Power Meter

SITE 2: AGATTI ISLAND, VU7RG - ACTIVITIES



Dr. Glenn Johnson, W0GJ of USA



Mr. Jun Tanaka, JH4RHF/VU3RWP



Mr. S. Suri during his Visit to Agatti Island



Mr. Arno Metzler OE9AMJ, Austria



Agatti Ham Station



Mr. Mohammed Darwish, A61M, UAE

L to R - Mr. Franz Berndt DL9GFB,
Mr. S. Suri VU2MY, Ms. YaminiL to R - Mr. S. Suri VU2MY, DX.Ham
at AgattiL to R - Mr. Heinz-Josef Pick, DK5WL
Mr. S. Suri VU2MY, Ms. YaminiM.V. Tipu Sultan Ship in which
Delegates Travelled

Tool Kit



Lakshadweep Sea Beauty

SITE 3 - BANGARAM ISLAND, VU7RG - ACTIVITIES



YL Kyoko Miyoshi, JR3MVF YL Ellen J Parker, WA6UVF WA6UVF,
OM Jiro Miyoshi, JA3UB, OM Toshitaka Yokouchi, JA3NHL



Mr. Jiro Miyoshi, JA3UB, Japan



Mrs. Kyoko Miyoshi JR3MVF, Japan



Mrs. Ellen J. Parker, WA6UVF, USA



Installation of Antenna Mr. Jiro Miyoshi
JA3UB, Mr. K. Leela Krishna VU3LGX



Yagi Beam Antenna



Bangaram Island



Mr. Toshitaka Yokouchi, JA3NHL, Japan



Mr. Leela Krishna, VU3LGX



Bangaram Shack

SITE 4 : MINICOY ISLAND, VU7MY - ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



YL Bharathi, VU2RBI with Ham equipment waiting to be loaded in ship at Kochi



YL Bharathi, VU2RBI (Team Leader VU7MY) operating from Minicoy Island.



Bharathi, VU2RBI explaining Ham Radio to students of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya



Mr. Madhu, VU2UWZ



Mahatahi, VU3DSM, one of the youngest hams of India operating from Minicoy



Local boys in Minicoy are simply thrilled watching OM. Jose VU2JOS Making contacts in Morse Code



YL Bhanumathy VU2 BL making contacts from Minicoy



Minicoy Team (VU2BL, VU2UWZ, VU2JOS, VU2RBI, VU3DSM)



Jose, Mahathy, Bharathi, Bhanumathy with Panchayat Chairperson (Middle) at Minicoy



Mr. Madhu, VU2UWZ installing 7 Element Yagi Antenna



A view of Lighthouse at Minicoy



Mr. Shihabuddin of SPORTS, Kochi (Left) interacting with Mr. Madhu, VU2UWZ in the ship

Sumup Session on 26-Jan-07 at Hotel Avenue Regent, Cochin



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Barbican2007™ is the international Convention of Amateur Radio Operators and their Laboratories located in India during the month of January 2007. A Special call sign GURGO was issued for this event in memory of former Prime Minister Late Mr. P.V. Narsimha Rao for his contribution to Amateur Radio promotion in India and establish the National Day of Amateur Radio (NADR) celebration.

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The National Institute on Substance Abuse (NIDA) estimates that exposure to crack cocaine costs society \$52.6 billion annually in health care. The study took place during the 1990s, mostly from 1990 to 1992, in Boston, where 1000 people were interviewed. The participants were given a questionnaire that asked them about their drug use, their health, and their social and economic situation. The study found that people who used crack cocaine had a higher risk of being unemployed, having a lower income, and having a lower level of education than people who did not use crack cocaine.

These results suggest that the use of the H^+ and H_2 as a source of energy for the growth of *S. aureus* is not a general property of this bacterium. The results also suggest that the use of the H^+ and H_2 as a source of energy for the growth of *S. aureus* is not a general property of this bacterium.



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SOME MORE GLIMPSES



Mr. Madhu, VU2 UWZ (Left) & Mr. Jose VU2 JDS receiving Mr. Frank DL4KQ at Kochi airport.



Mr. S. Suri welcoming Frank, DL4KQ & Joe, AA4NN



Foreign delegates arriving at Cochin to a warm Reception at Cochin Airport by Jose, VU2JDS & others



Installation of Antenna by Mr. Joe L Blackwell, AA4NN and Mr. S.B. Ram VU2LIC is assisting him



A future Ham Moksh was garlanded by Mr. S. Suri VU2MY. On extreme right is Smt. Dastidar



"Do in Rome as Romans Do". OM Douglas N6TQS wearing traditional 'Lungi'



Enjoying Nature's Bounty. An array of solar panels Provide power at Kadmat Island



Selecting Bamboo for Installation of Antenna at Kadmat Jetty



Ham Radio Station at Kadmat



Raising Antennas at Kadmat



Operating Radio Station



Group of delegates ready to leave for Hamfest



Mr. S. Suri, VU2MY, Chairman, NIAR is specially invited to address in European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium during the opening ceremony "HAM Radio a European resource" Exhibition to be held on 5th March 2007

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