



## Exemplary Performance by POLNET

The nation was struck with the greatest ever disaster, Tsunami, on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004. It took the lives of thousands and left millions homeless and helpless.

Along with this lifeline destruction all possible means of communication was also washed away by Tsunami waves making A&N islands inaccessible to the rest of the world.

Out of the 4 POLNET stations namely PHQ Port Blair, ISPW Port Blair, Campbel Bay and

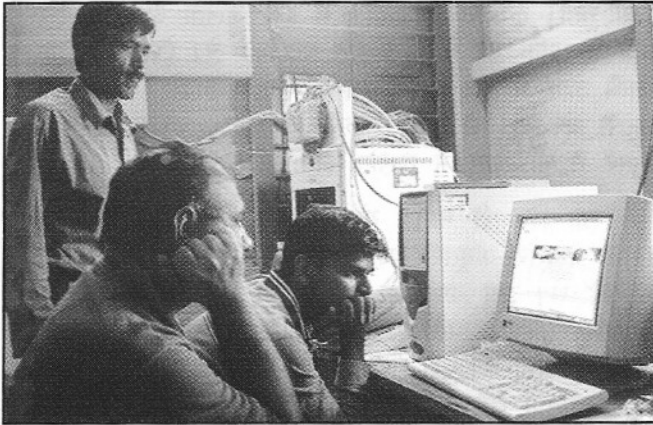
Carnicobar established by BEL-GAD at the islands, only 3 stations served as the sole communication link between the islands as well as with the mainland till the public communication was restored. One of the stations namely Campbel Bay was washed away by Tsunami.

Seeing the performance & usage of POLNET at A&N, Ministry of Home Affairs asked BEL management to reinstall the station at Campbel Bay and to put an additional station at Nancowrie.

A team of two persons from BEL, immediately rushed to A&N islands and were able to make the two stations work within the fastest possible time and restore normal communication of these islands with Port Blair and rest of the country.

Impressed by the performance of POLNET stations and active & quick action by BEL team, the IG Police Commissioner has requested BEL to put three more stations in A&N islands.

Home Ministry too has placed an order for Disaster Management to BEL which has recently been demonstrated successfully to Hon'ble Home Minister Shri Shiv Raj Patil.



*Polnet station at NANCOWRIE*

## Society

### BOLC (BEL Officer's Ladies Club)

The 'Vidyashilp Learning Centre' started by BEL Officers' Ladies Club (BOLC) Ghaziabad for underprivileged children of the neighborhood in December 2000 is now into its fifth year. It is now associated with **REACHA** a registered NGO. The centre today has a strength of 90 children being taken care of by 5 appointed teachers apart from volunteer members of BOLC.

All amenities being provided to the children



*Welcome song on Annual Day Celebrations - 17th February, 2005.*



*Visit to the Zoo - January 2005.*

are free of cost, and the expenses met through financial and material contributions from BOC, BOLC and individual donations. This year the children were taken for a visit to the Zoo. A cultural programme was presented by them as part of Annual Day celebrations. A few children will appear for primary class exams from National open schools.

## Maitreya Club Children Celebrate World Environment Day – 5th June 2005

The Children's Maitreya Club (CMC) run by BOC, in association with REACHA, a Voluntary Organisation under the jurisdiction of Delhi Government, celebrated the World Environment Day on 5th June 2005 at the BOC premises. Shri S.B. Kane, President, BOC, was the Guest of Honour. About 35 children and their parents were present on the occasion.



*Joyful Children.*



*Planting a Sapling.*



*Tiny Tots.*

CMC has been campaigning on various issues of social and ecological concern over the last 4 years. On this day, children emphasized the importance of Sustainable Development – a process of Human Development that ensures that present generations leave behind natural resources as legacy for future generations more than their fathers and forefathers did for them. Since practice is the need of the hour, the children planted trees on the BOC lawns, vowed to take care of them and gave them special names – Andromeda, Green Dream and Jumbo. This was followed by a drawing-cum banner making competition for the kids. CMC also proposed a garbage disposal system for the entire colony – based on recycling (segregation of bio-degradable waste at source, development of a composting pit, covering with cow dung and mud, followed by anaerobic decomposition for 4-6 months). The organic manure so produced can then be used by one and all – both within and outside the colony. Shri S.B. Kane has promised that the BOC committee will implement this system within the BOC premises/mess this year and thereby set an example for everyone.

*When faced with a mountain we will climb over, we will fly over, we will find a pass through, we will tunnel through, or we will dig deep and strike gold or diamonds.*

*Do one thing at a time and do that thing as if your life depended upon it. – Eugene Grace*