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Dear Sir,

I am very happy to inform you that the **Video conferencing network over NICNET connecting all the TEN islands in Lakshadweep** including the geographically isolated and remote island of Bitra which having a population of only 300 people is **launched today** (ie on independence day) by the Hon. Administrator of Lakshadweep Sri.B.V. Selvaraj IAS on a function held at Secretariat, Kavaratti.

The Hon. Administrator addressed the Deputy Collectors/Sub Divisional officers/Chairpersons of Village Dweep Panchayats who were present in all the islands of Lakshadweep. This is the first time an Administrator is addressing the people of all the islands live and interacting with them.

The Lakshadweep Union Territory has got the unique distinction of having at least one video conferencing facility in all the Village (Dweep) Panchayats.

The Hon. Administrator very much appreciated the outstanding work done by National Informatics Centre for installing the VC systems and integrating the isolated islands using technology. The Hon. Member of Parilament Dr. P. Pookunhi Koya and Sri. U.C.K. Thangal, Chief Counsellor cum President District Panchayat who were present on the occasion also appreciated the good work done by National Informatics Centre to make this a memorable event.

This facility is provided through the NIC Skyblaster VSAT's installed in all the islands and Sky Blaster VSATs installed by NIC in Bitra island as part of PORTNET project. We have used video conferencing equipments, videophones and plasma screens installed in various islands along with video streaming technique for this function.

This is for your kind information.

Yours faithfully

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