

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parliament to resume session today

New Delhi, Jan 1 Parliament will resume its business tomorrow after a brief recess of three days on account of weekly holidays and New year. Since it is the last week of Winter Session of Parliament, the government will push hard to complete its legislative agenda. The crucial Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriages) Bill 2017 has been listed in tomorrow's legislative business of the Rajya Sabha.

Arunachal Pradesh declared Open Defecation Free

Itanagar, Jan 1 Arunachal Pradesh has been declared Open Defecation Free. It has become the second state in the North East after Sikkim to achieve the status.

Laposcopic Sterilisation Camp

Port Blair, Jan.1 A Laproscopic Sterilisation Camp was conducted at CHC Rangat from Dec.27 to 29, 2017 covering cases from CHC Rangat, PHC Kadamtala, PHC Baratang, PHC, L/ Island by a team of doctors comprising of Dr. M K Shukla Consultant Gynaecologist (Retd), Dr. A L Janardan, consultant Anaesthetist and four nos. of staff from G B Pant, P/ Blair. They were assisted by Dr. Shiny Vargheshe, CMO PHC K/Tala and Dr. Rekha Varma, MO CHC Rangat and staff of CHC Rangat.

Filling up of post of Craft Instructor urged

Port Blair, Jan.1 The State General Secretary of Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh, Shri Ashok Kumar, in a letter addressed to the Secretary (Education), A & N Administration, a copy of which has been released to the press has requested for filling up of the vacant post of Craft Instructor in the Directorate of Education. He also urged to fill other vacant posts also in the Department at an early date.

Fishermen advised

Port Blair, Jan.1 Due to high swell waves along and off Nicobar coasts, fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing in to the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures.

SBI cuts base rate by 30 basis points

Mumbai, Jan 1 The State Bank of India on Monday reduced the base rate and benchmark prime lending rates by 30 basis points each, which will benefit nearly 80 lakh customers on the old pricing regime.

Use vernacular languages in promoting science communication: PM Modi

New Delhi, Jan 1 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today pitched for using vernacular languages in promoting science communication in a big way to develop love of science in the youth, saying language should not be a barrier but a facilitator. Addressing the curtain-raiser ceremony of the commemoration of professor Satyendra Nath Bose's 125th birth anniversary in Kolkata via video-conference from New Delhi, he said Bose was a crusader for teaching of science in vernacular languages and had started a Bengali science magazine.



He said, the fundamental importance of his work may be gauged from the fact that several Nobel Prizes in Physics have been

awarded subsequently to researchers carrying forward his ideas to diverse physical applications. The Prime Minister also asked the scientists to use their fundamental knowledge to help the general public in today's life. He said it is important in today's world that the

innovation and research should be judged for their positive impact on the lives of poor people. He asked scientists to determine their subjects of research keeping in mind the socio-economic challenges faced by the country. Shri Modi said, the scientific community and anyone associated with

science and technology must focus their innovation and research towards building a New India. He said, science and technology works as an extraordinary engine for Development, Growth and Transformation. Shri Modi said, for various reasons, India missed the

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US President Trump threatens to cut Pakistan aid

Washington, Jan 1 US President Mr. Donald Trump suggested on Monday that he would cut off foreign aid to Pakistan, accusing Islamabad of harboring violent extremists and lying about it. "The United States has foolishly given Pakistan more than 33 billion dollars in aid over the last 15 years, and they have given us nothing but lies & deceit, thinking of our leaders as fools," Trump said in his first tweet of 2018. "They give safe haven to



the terrorists we hunt in Afghanistan, with little help. No more!" Last week, The New York Times reported that the Trump administration was seriously weighing

whether to withhold \$255 million in already delayed aid to Islamabad over its failure to better crack down on terror groups in Pakistan. US-Pakistani ties

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Islanders usher in New Year-2018 amidst fanfare

Staff Reporter Port Blair, Jan 1

Festivities marked the New Year celebrations in the capital town of Port Blair and elsewhere in these Islands. People from all walks of life welcomed the New Year -2018. They participated in different programmes in the town and its suburbs. As the clock struck 12 in the midnight signaling the advent of New Year, people were seen exchanging New Year greetings. Young and old came out of their houses and joined the New



Year revelers on the streets. New Year was celebrated in a very befitting manner with dinner parties accompanied with musical bands and various modes of entertainment at many places. The dignitaries of the Administration and political leaders also extended their greetings to the citizens. People also gathered at their respective religious places to offer prayers. Special prayers and night mass was observed in Churches. At the dawn of New Year there were bursting of crackers, shouts of joy, dance, greetings and celebrations.

Online applications invited for post of Patwari in Revenue Department

Port Blair, Jan.1 The District Administration, South Andaman had invited online application for the post of Patwari in the Revenue Department of A & N Administration. The written examination will be held on 25th February 2018. Further, it is to be informed that the submission of on-line application for the post of Patwari in the Revenue Department published in 'The Daily Telegrams' on 07th December 2016 and as well as in website http://recruitment.andman.gov.in has now been extended from 01.01.2018 to till 20.01.2018 midnight. It is further informed to the candidates who had

applied for the post earlier doesn't need to apply again. The candidates whose application was

rejected earlier may however be able to apply again for the post.

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Isles Dentist Awarded



Port Blair, Jan.1 Indian Health Professional Award-2017 ceremony was held at New Delhi on Dec.23, 2017 for honouring and encouraging the dynamic and renowned Doctors and Health

professional practicing in India. Over and above 250 doctors from various parts of the country attended the event. The event was graced by Padma Shree Jeev Milka Singh and Shri

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Police solves five cases of theft; one arrested

Port Blair, Jan.1 On the intervening night of 28th December, a PCR call was received where it was told that a person was caught by the public after he had committed theft in a house and a shop. Also, a mobile phone, some cash packets of cigarette were found from his possession and the said thief was handed over to PCR which brought him to PS Aberdeen.

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ANC evacuates critical patient from Havelock



Port Blair, Jan.1 The Headquarters Andaman and Nicobar Command received request from Deputy Director Health, Dr Abhijit Roy on Dec.31 for medical evacuation of one foreigner patient Mr Peter Wilhelm, male, 57 Years old of Denmark from Havelock

Blue Revolution Scheme Fishers to get assistance for purchase of safety & communication equipments

Port Blair, Jan.1

Considering the high potential in fisheries sector, the Govt. of India has called for a revolution in the fisheries sector in the country and named it as 'Blue Revolution'. The 'Blue Revolution' scheme provides focused development and management of fisheries, covering inland fisheries, aquaculture, marine fisheries including deep sea fishing, mariculture and activities undertaken by National Fisheries Development Board.



purchase of safety and communication equipments such as GPS, Distress Alert Transmitters, Fish Finders,

Eco-sounders, etc. @ 75% of the cost of item. The programme will be implemented through A&N

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Pondicherry University Vice Chancellor visits ANCOL



Port Blair, Jan.1 The Pondicherry University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Gurmeet Singh, visited Andaman College (ANCOL) today. He inspected the college and visited Admission &

Examination Cell, Library, Office, Classrooms, and had a brief interaction with the faculties, in the Conference Hall. In his address, Prof. Gurmeet Singh, informed the

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Nukkad Natak on 'Open Defecation' staged



Port Blair, Jan.1 Carrying the sense of importance of disseminating the message of making a society which is totally free from open

defecation, the students of Govt. Senior Secondary School, Diglipur staged a Nukkad Natak in the premises of GSSS, Diglipur

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My first hour: living in spiritual union with birds: As usual, Shri Govind Behari Mathur, nick named as 'Birdman of the Islands' feeding the pigeons in front of Hanuman Mandir, Aberdeen Bazaar on the first day of New Year-2018.

SPORTS

Star Sports bags broadcast rights of Khelo India School Games

New Delhi, Jan 1
Star Sports has bagged the broadcast rights of the Sports Ministry's flagship Khelo India School Games (KISG) for a period of five years from 2018 to 2022.
The inaugural Khelo India School Games 2018 will be held from January 31 for under-17 age group (boys and girls) across 16 sports disciplines.
"After careful deliberation and following a transparent bidding process, we are delighted to announce that Khelo India School Games 2018 will be partnering with Star Sports for the broadcast of the event. It will be the first time that school games will be broadcast LIVE simultaneously on TV and digital platform," Sports Minister Col Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore said in a statement.
The revamped Khelo India



was launched to achieve the twin objectives of broad basing of sports and achieving excellence in sports.
In line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision, Khelo India aims to infuse a culture of sports at the grassroots level. Such systematic pursuit of sports offers multiple opportunities, namely, holistic development of children and youth, community development, gender quality, a healthier nation, national pride and economic opportunities related to sport development. Khelo India will also act as a catalyst to usher in a change in

the mindsets of parents and teachers towards sports. The event is expected to host around 6000 athletes and officials in its first edition. The best talent selected through the competition will be among the 1000 budding athletes eligible for a scholarship worth 5 lakh each per year for a period of eight years.
Every year, new athletes will be added under the Khelo India scheme. The games will be conducted at par with international level competitions so as to give the best experience to players and other stakeholders.

Vidarbha win maiden Ranji Trophy title; beat Delhi by 9 wickets



Indore, Jan 1
Vidarbha could not have picked a better day to win their maiden Ranji Trophy title. On the New Year's Day, the team completed a terrific win over seven-time champions Delhi to lift their maiden Ranji title. The perfect gift for New Year's was made better when veteran batsman Wasim Jaffer scored the winning runs for his team with three consecutive boundaries. But it was a collective team effort throughout the season and especially in the final against Delhi which gave them an emphatic nine-

wicket win in Indore. The fourth day in Indore saw Delhi being bowled out inside a day when Vidarbha played 8.4 overs in the morning and five overs in the final session to win the game. The champions deserved to win the game as their were consistent from day one. Rajneesh Gurbani, their best bowler took a hat-trick in the final. When Delhi closed-in to bowl them out with small lead in the first innings, their lower-order made sure they bat Delhi out. In the second innings, Vidarbha bowlers bowled Delhi out and the 29-run target

was chased down quickly so that the team can celebrate the win on the first day of the New Year itself. Resuming at an overnight score of 528 for 7, Vidarbha added only 19 runs to it and were bowled out for 547 in the first innings. But that score gave them a lead of 252 runs. Delhi had more than two sessions on Monday to bat and they looked good to get a lead in the second innings when Nitish Rana and Dhruv Shorey scored half-centuries. But both fell moments before Tea and third session saw them lose the remaining six wickets in quick succession.

Qatar Open to kick start 2018 season sans big stars

Doha [Qatar], Jan 1
Serbian tennis maestro and defending champion Novak Djokovic made a late withdrawal from the Qatar Open as one of the season's traditional curtain-raisers is all set to begin here, on Monday. The former world number one, who successfully defended his title last year by thrashing British tennis maestro Andy Murray in three sets, pulled out of the tournament in the wake of his continuous problems with a nagging elbow injury.

The injury has also cast doubts over Djokovic's participation in the first major of the season - Australian Open.
The 12-time Grand Slam winner has not played a competitive match since his withdrawal from the Wimbledon quarterfinal against Tomas Berdych due to injury.
In the absence of Djokovic, the top seed has been given to world number five Dominic Thiem of Austria. Thiem, who recently broke

into the top five in the rankings for the first time in his career, will be hoping to make a winning start to his campaign when he takes on Evgeny Donskoy of Russia.

Shikhar Dhawan ruled out from 1st test against South Africa, KL to open with Vijay

Johnesburg, Jan 1
India opener Shikhar Dhawan has been ruled out from 1st test against South Africa according to reports. The report further added that Murali Vijay and KL Rahul will open the innings in the first game of the series. Earlier,

India Head Coach, Ravi Shastri had confirmed that it would be Vijay and Dhawan who would be opening the innings but with Dhawan being ruled out, the opportunity will come to Rahul, who lost his place to Vijay in the third Test against Sri Lanka this month.

Islands Chess players to participate in National Tournament



Port Blair, Jan. 1
The Andaman Nicobar Chess Association has selected four players to represent Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the upcoming 16th Delhi International Open Grandmaster Chess Tournament to be held at New Delhi from Jan.9 to 16,

2018. The player selected are Shri M Koteswar Rao, D/Farm, Shri Dhanraju, Junglighat, Shri M Sanjay Kumar, Forest Dept., Shri P S Satish, PAO, ALHW. Shri H Dinesh, ALHW will be the Manager-cum-Coach, a communication said.

Johanna Konta beats Madison Keys; Elina Svitolina advances in Brisbane

Brisbane, Jan 1
Johanna Konta opened her season with a tough 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 win over US Open finalist Madison Keys at the Brisbane International on Monday. Fifth-seeded Konta entered the Australian Open tuneup tournament after losing her last four matches in 2017, including a first-round exit at the U.S. Open.



After dropping the first set, Konta hit form quickly and had decisive service breaks early in the second and third sets before clinching it on her second match point, breaking Keys' serve to finish off in just over two hours.
"To get the chance to play such a high-quality match so early on is only a good thing to me," Konta said. "And to be able to

come through in a three-set match as well and to get that much court time, it's a good thing."
Keys, playing just her second match since her career-best run at the U.S. Open, had 11 aces and hit 37 winners but made 38 unforced errors and in humid conditions on Pat Rafter Arena.
"It was good tennis today _ I haven't played a match in four

Shenzhen, Jan 1
Maria Sharapova and top-ranked Simona Halep opened their 2018 seasons with straight sets wins on Monday at the Shenzhen Open.
Sharapova finished off a 6-3, 6-0 win over Mihaela Buzarnescu with a powerful forehand winner, and Halep started her bid for a second Shenzhen title with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Nicole Gibbs.
"It's my first victory this year as No. 1 in the world, so I'm just happy and enjoying the time," said 2015 champion Halep, who will play China's Duan

Maria Sharapova, Simona Halep advance at Shenzhen Open



Yingying in the next round. Sharapova dropped an early service game but recovered quickly to dominate her match. "It's always nice to start off the year with a victory. Overall I thought, besides a few breaks stepped up and finished the match off well," Sharapova said.
The five-time major winner will next play 2017 Shenzhen

finalist Alison Riske, who opened beat fifth-seeded Wang Qiang on Sunday.
"She beat a crowd favorite yesterday, so I know I have a tough match ahead," Sharapova said. "But I just want to keep playing better, and keep improving no matter who is across the net."
No. 8-seeded Tima Babos had a 6-1, 6-1 win over Wang Xiyu.

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MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2018 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 04.01.2018 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay.
Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings for Hut Bay on 2nd & 3rd Jan., 2018 will be issued to the general public from 01.01.2018 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's.
02.01.2018 (TUESDAY)
BARATANG
MV Strait Island will sail for Baratang on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1515 Hrs from Baratang.
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
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Use vernacular languages ...

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first Industrial revolution but it can not miss similar opportunities today. He said, upcoming sectors such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics, Machine Learning, Cyber-physical systems, Genomics, and Electric Vehicles are new challenges that require attention and scientists need to ensure, that as a country, India keep pace with these emerging technologies and innovations.
He said, the way India's scientific community tackles these challenges, it will determine it's success in smart manufacturing, smart cities, Industry 4.0, and the Internet-of-Things. He said, country's scientific ecosystem must connect directly with innovators and entrepreneurs to cultivate, channelize and empower them.
Physicist S N Bose is best known for his work on quantum mechanics in the early 1920s. Bose discovered what is known as bosons and worked with Albert Einstein to define one of the two basic classes of subatomic particles.

Police solves five ...

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Another complaint was received from the house owner, who identified the mobile recovered from the accused. The accused was then arrested and was also found to be involved in cases of theft committed in a shop at Prem Nagar near Kalimandir and in a pan shop at Phoenix Bay. The entire operation took place under the direction of Insp. A. K. Singh, SHO PS Aberdeen and overall supervision of SDPO (SA) Shri Nishant Gupta, a communication said.

Online applications...

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The fresh candidates having requisite educational qualification who intend to apply for the post have been informed that the instructions mentioned in the Recruitment Notice dated 06.12.2016 may be strictly followed before submission of online application. However the instructions has been uploaded in the website http://erecruitment.andman.gov.in
The online application submission is permissible only till 20.01.2018 at 12.00 midnight. No extension of time whatsoever shall be given after the said date. For any clarification please contact District Control Room No.238881, a communication said.

Blue Revolution Scheme ...

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Fisheries Coop. Federation Ltd., and Panchayat Samities in A&N Islands. The cost of various safety and communication equipments has been assessed by the Department from open market and communicated to the implementing agencies to fix the subsidy limits for different items and funds are released to them to implement the programme in their respective areas.
The safety equipments would immensely benefit the fishers during any distress call and bad weather condition at sea. The equipments would also help in identifying potential fishing grounds thereby resulting in increasing fish production and income of the fishers. The scheme is expected to benefit more than 1300 nos. of motorized/mechanized boats operational in the Islands, a communication said.

Nukkad Natak...

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on Dec.29. Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh, Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur was the chief guest on the occasion. The Nukkad Natak was presented with the help of prerecorded track which added a flawless flow in the performance of the students.
Earlier, Shri Shashi Kumar, Deputy Education Officer, Diglipur welcomed the gathering and spoke about the necessity of propagating message of free from open defecation. Shri Shailendra Kumar Singh while addressing the gathering after the Nukkad Natak expressed his happiness and congratulated the students for their dazzling performance and advised them to be the ambassadors of carrying forward this message to culminate the habit of open defecation and to encourage the parents and villagers to construct toilets in their respective homes for which the financial assistance is extended by the GoI. On the same day, students of GMSSS, Sitanagar also presented a Nukkad Natak in the Gram Panchayat Complex in the presence of PRI members, a communication said.

Isles Dentist ...

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Haribhai Choudhary, Minister of State (Coal and Mine), GoI.
A young Islander Dentist Dr. Shanti Vijay Kumar (BDS FAFO) was facilitated with three Awards viz. Young Dental Achiever of the Year, Versatile Dentist of the Year and Best Dental Clinic (Single Chair) for the Clinic 'Dr. Shanti's Dental Care Centre' located at Bhatu Basti, a communication said.

US President Trump ...

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have taken a nosedive under Mr. Trump, who in August declared that "Pakistan often gives safe haven to agents of chaos, violence, and terror." Last month, Mr. Trump had already hinted that he may cut off the aid for good. "We make massive payments every year to Pakistan. They have to help," he said in unveiling his national security strategy. And in late December, Vice President Mike Pence told American troops during a visit to Afghanistan: "President Mr. Trump has put Pakistan on notice."

Pondicherry University ...

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gathering that the purpose of his visit to these Islands is to see and resolve the problems faced by the colleges of these Islands affiliated to Pondicherry University. He opined that we can achieve excellence in higher education with collective efforts. Dr. N. Lakshmi, HOD - Hindi, put forth the proposal of opening a UG in Hindi in ANCOL and also to start PG courses for the existing UG courses in ANCOL, to which Prof. Gurmeet Singh, has given a positive assurance. The Principal (I/c.), Smti. Ajitha Narendran, welcomed the gathering while Ms. Jochibed Vincent, HOD, English proposed the vote of thanks, a communication said.