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INR / 1 USD	: 68.0225	Nifty 50	: 8185.80*
INR / 1 Euro	: 71.5121	* as on previous day	
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Administration focused on development of A&N Isles as all season tourist destination: LG

'Floating hotels', health tourism on cards

Port Blair, Jan 2

The A&N Administration is making all efforts to develop these Islands as an all season tourist destination where tourists can come 365 days of the year and enjoy the unique biodiversity of the Islands, its pristine beaches and take part in various activities, not only from different parts of the country, but from all across the world, said the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi while expressing his views on 'efforts to boost tourism in A&N Islands' through the 'Good Morning Port Blair' programme of the All India Radio, which was broadcast this morning.

Extending his best wishes to the people of the Islands at the beginning of the New Year, the Lt. Governor further informed about the various steps being taken by the Administration to boost tourism in A&N Islands. He thanked the Central Government for all the help and support in boosting the tourism sector in the Islands and informed that the Tourism Ministry has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 42.18 crores under 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme and the Administration has already received the first

instalment of Rs. 8.43 crores as part of it. Accordingly, a number of steps are being taken, which include upgradation of facilities at the National Memorial Cellular Jail. The Light and Sound Show of the Cellular Jail is also being upgraded under this scheme. The A&N Administration has also identified 8 beaches in different Islands which will be developed under this scheme. These beaches include Kalapathar and Elephant beaches in Havelock, Bharatpur

and Laxmanpur beaches in Neil Island, Balu Dera Beach in Baratang, Ross & Smith beach in Diglipur, Lalaji Bay in Long Island. These beaches will be further developed beautifully to promote ecotourism at these places, said the Lt. Governor. The wayside amenities along the Andaman Trunk Road in Baratang will also be further developed & improved. Besides, the e-rickshaw project will also be implemented in the five Islands selected by NITI Aayog under this scheme for introduction of eco-friendly



tourist transport. On the other hand, the A&N Administration is also going to establish Scuba Diving Training Institute so that safety of the people are ensured, he said. Steps are also taken for holistic development of the five Islands selected by NITI Aayog viz. Ross & Smith, Avis Island, Long Island and Little Andaman. The Lt. Governor further informed that with a view to provide better entertainment to tourists during evening hours, a world

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Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD who is on a visit to the Islands called on Hon'ble Lt Governor of A & N Islands, Prof Jagdish Mukhi at Raj Niwas on 2nd January 2017.

Island Tourism Festival-2017

LG to inaugurate ten-day long mega event on Jan 6; variety of events to be held across Isles

Port Blair, Jan 2

The much-awaited 'Island Tourism Festival' - 2017 will begin on Jan 6, 2017 with its inauguration by the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi at 6 pm at ITF Ground. This year, the festival will be held from Jan 6 to 15, 2017.

As part of the ITF, various competitions such as 'Healthy baby' show on

Jan 13, 'Flower show' on Jan 10, 'vegetable show' on Jan 11 and 'Dog show' on Jan 12 will be held at ITF ground. The other attractions will be the food courts, fun games, handicrafts, etc.

The performance of the cultural troupes from mainland (East Zone Cultural Centre, South Zone Cultural Centre, North Central Zone

Cultural Centre, Song & Drama Division) will help the Islanders renew their cultural ties with mainland India. The cultural troupes from mainland as well as Islands will also perform in outer Islands - North & Middle Andaman as well as in Nicobar groups of Islands apart from South Andaman. An International Cultural Group from

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Margdarshak FANS reiterates need for altering names of Islands

Port Blair, Jan 2

The Margdarshak, FANS, Shri Indresh Kumarji has reiterated the need for changing the names of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Addressing a press conference at Megapode Resort, here last evening, he said, this needs to be done keeping in view the sanctity of the Islands as the freedom fighters had undergone intolerable atrocities during the British rule. Highlighting the objective of the formation of Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS), Shri Indresh said it is to generate the feeling of patriotism in the people by visiting different parts of the country and can

broadly be classified as 'patriotic tourism'. He said the organization has completed four years and the visit to the Islands is under the banner 'Saheed Swaraj Dweep Samooh Naman Yatra'. This year too, the yatra, as usual, was organised from Dec. 29 to Jan 2, he said adding that the 73rd anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji was celebrated in a grand manner and hoped that in future too it will be celebrated the way Independence Day and Republic Day are celebrated in the country. He also spoke about the coming of Netaji to Port Blair in the year 1943 and hoisting the tri-colour. Shri Indresh mentioned

that the reference of Cellular Jail and the freedom fighters who were imprisoned in the jail should find place in the books of class V, VI, VII & VIII. "This will motivate as well as create awareness among the present generation about the struggle through which we got freedom", he said.

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Gratitude expressed

Port Blair, Jan 2

The Homfraygunj Martyrs' Memorial Committee (HMMC) has expressed gratitude to the Lt. Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi for felicitating the members of the Indian Independence League (IIL) and INA, Andaman Branch on Dec. 30 on the occasion of celebration of the First Flag Hoisting by Netaji, a communication from General Secretary, HMMC said here today.



The Chairman, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala calls on the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar at Secretariat on 02.01.2017.



The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, wishing all the officers and staffs of Secretariat on the occasion of New Year -2017 at Secretariat premises on 02.01.2017.

Moving into cashless economy

A&N Islands taking lead in promotion of digital payments; special Gram Sabhas, awareness camps held across the Isles

Port Blair, Jan 2

The promotion of digital payments has been the latest initiative by the Govt. of India towards achieving cashless economy. As per the directions of the Govt of India, this UT Administration of A&N Islands is taking a lead in promotion of digital payments for moving into cashless economy. Meetings, interactions and awareness camps at various levels have been taking place for sensitizing the islanders towards digital payments and cashless transactions. The traders are also being made aware and encouraged to accept digital payments.

The A&N Administration organised a training

programme at DBRAIT Auditorium on Dec 9, for the Trainers nominated from various Departments of A & N Administration. The objective of this training programme was to sensitize and train the staffs of the Administration about the various modes of digital payments, their modus operandi etc. Around 200 persons attended the training. These trainers have further trained the staffs of their respective Departments and also sensitized their circle of family and friends about cashless transactions. The training was provided by the expert trainers from State Bank of India. Another round of training was also held in the Auditorium of

Govt. Model Sr. Secondary School in which around 120 staffs of the Education Department participated. Further, under the Vitiya Saksharata Abhiyan (VISAKA) all the colleges in the Isles were imparted training and are further organising awareness programmes.

Apart from this, Special Gram Sabhas were conducted in all the 70 Gram

Panchayats across the A&N Islands, from 21st to 28th December 2016, for the promotion of digital payments. 5838 persons attended the special Gram Sabhas held in all over the A & N Islands. All the banks also participated in the Gram Sabhas and urged the people to go cashless. The traders have been urged to install e-POS machines and implement cashless

transactions. Altogether 217 awareness camps have been organised by Dec 29, 2016, which were attended by 11418 persons. The A&N Administration has further called upon all the citizens to make use of the incentive scheme launched by the Govt of India viz. Lucky Grahak Yojana for consumers and Digi-Dhan Vyapar Yojana for merchants.

Corporate Office of Cooperative Bank inaugurated

Port Blair, Jan 2

The renovated Corporate Office building of Andaman & Nicobar State Cooperative Bank, Port Blair was inaugurated today by Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD in presence of Shri. Ramesh Verma, Secretary (Cooperation)-cum-RCS, Shri. Bhagat Singh, Chairman, A&N State Coop. Bank and Shri Hament Bhasker Songadkar, General



Manager, NABARD. The programme was also attended by Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Vice Chairman,

ANSCB, Board of Directors of the Bank, Members of PACS (Primary Agriculture

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Skill development prog. in hospitality for differently abled person

Port Blair, Jan 2

A two month long skill development training programme in hospitality under 'Divyang Saksham' for differently abled persons will be organised by the Andaman and Nicobar State Social Welfare Board in collaboration with NABARD, Port Blair from Dec. 3 to Feb 3, 2017. It will be held in the conference hall of A&N State Social Welfare Board, VIP Road, from 2 pm to 5 pm on every working day. The training programme includes skill development in hospitality, housekeeping etc. About 22 differently abled persons

will be given training under this programme.

The Chairman of NABARD, Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala will visit the training programme, in the conference hall of A&N SSWB at 6 pm on Jan 3. The

NABARD Chairman will address the differently abled persons, which will be translated into sign language for the benefit of the differently abled persons, a communication said.

Birthday celebration of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib

Port Blair, Jan 2

The birthday of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib Ji will be celebrated at Police Gurudwara, Aberdeen Bazaar from Jan 3 to 5, 2016. The programmes include Sewa Nishan Sahib from 6 am to 7.30 am, followed by Sri Akhand Path Sahib at 8 am on Jan 3, which will

continue on Jan 4 also. 'Bhog Akhand Path Sahib Ji', 'Assa-Di-Bar', 'Shabad kirtan' and speeches on the life of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Sahib will be held from 8 am to 1.15 pm on Dec. 5.

Guru Ka Langer will be served on each day from Jan 3 to 5 upto 3 pm, a communication said.

SPORTS

Vaishnav & Sweta win RSC Open Badminton Men & Women singles title



Port Blair, Jan. 2
J.S. Vaishnav defeated G. Sandeep in the men's singles final while B. Sweta defeated Alisha Ahmed in the final of women singles final of the RSC Open Badminton organized by RSC, Port Blair & Department of Sports & Youth Affairs played

today at Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium. Shri Siddhartha Kanjilal, learned Districts Sessions Judge, A&N Islands was the chief guest while Shri UK Uday Kumar, Sr. Vice Chairman PBMC was the guest of honour. In the women's doubles final,

S. Prabhawati & B. Sweta defeated Khushi & Alisha Ahmed while in the men's double's final C.H. Rahul & J.S. Vaishnav defeated M. Tiru Murugan & R. Rajesh. In mixed doubles final, B. Sweta & G. Sandeep defeated S. Prabhawati & C.H. Rajesh. The Chief Secretary,

A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar was the chief guest on the occasion.

The prizes were given to the winners and runners up players by the chief guest. The chief guest lauded the players

for their brilliant performance in the tournament and encouraged them to do better in future tournaments.

Block level sports meet organised by NYK



Port Blair, Jan 2
The Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair organized Block Level Sports Meet of Knockout Football Tournament on Dec. 31 at Mathura in association with Veer Savarkar Youth Club, Kadakachang, South Andaman. Shri Thadius Kujur, Samity Member, Brindaban inaugurated the tournament in which total eight teams participated. The final match was played

between Madhura Youth Club and Shastri Youth Club in which Shastri Youth Club was the winner. Shri Shyamal Jaidhar, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Brindaban was the chief guest on the occasion. He presented trophies to the Winner & Runner teams. Shri Kundan Lal, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair proposed the vote of thanks.

Federer makes smooth return to action in Hopman Cup

Perth, Jan 2
Roger Federer showed no signs of rust in his first competitive match for six months when he outclassed Dan Evans 6-3 6-4 at the Hopman Cup on Monday. The 17-time grand slam winner underwent knee surgery in February and, after missing the French Open with a back injury, announced in July that he needed extensive rehabilitation and would be sidelined for the rest of the season.

Federer walked out to a standing ovation from more than 13,500 fans at the Perth Arena and breezed to an easy win over Evans, putting Switzerland 1-0 ahead in their match against Britain in the mixed team event. "The standing ovation coming in, it was very special. I'm here now enjoying and looking forward to the week of course," the 35-year-old said in a courtside interview. Asked what keeps him going, Federer said; "I guess it

depends also on how you get hurt. I got hurt filling up a bath for my children. It's not really the way I wanted to leave this game." The former world number one, who has slipped to 16th in the rankings, said he enjoyed the time out but had started to miss tennis. "You can't be more happy to return back on a Centre Court, taping your ankles, tying your shoes and walking out and getting that kind of welcome," he said. Federer has not won a grand slam title since Wimbledon in 2012.

Administration focused..

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class laser show is being initiated at the Radha Nagar Beach at Havelock. Similarly, beautiful tent accommodations, with most modern facilities will be provided at Lalaji Bay and Long Island to attract tourists while other lands belonging to ANIDCO will also be used for providing such tent accommodations, he said.

The Lt. Governor mentioned that in order to promote water sports activities in these Islands, non governmental bodies / private players are also being encouraged. Besides the scuba diving and seawalk activities, submersible water scooter and Para sailing will be started in the Isles soon, said the Lt. Governor; also emphasizing the need for up gradation of skills of the people involved in adventure water sports activities. Various training programmes are being organized in the Hospitality sector to upgrade skills of the people, he said.

The Lt. Governor also stated that A&N Administration proposes to reintroduce the services of Sea Plane in the Islands, for which a meeting with the CMD of Pawan Hans Ltd. has already been held. Efforts are also on to bring in private players in this field, he said.

The A&N Administration will also run new ships in the Islands to improve connectivity between different tourism destinations and thereby enhance connectivity facility for the tourists. Similarly, floating hotels will also be introduced in these Islands soon. To boost the concept of health tourism in the A&N Islands, the Administration proposes to introduce Ayurvedic Spa at different tourists spots in the Islands. All these facilities will not only boost tourism in the Islands during the marked season but will also project the Islands as an all season tourists destination, said the Lt. Governor.

He also appealed to the people of the Islands to come forward and participate in the tourism sector; develop their houses under schemes like 'bed and breakfast' etc. They should encourage their children to gain skills in the tourism & hospitality sector and earn their livelihood besides boosting the tourism industry in A&N Islands, said the Lt. Governor.

Corporate Office of ..

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Credit Societies) and a large gathering of people.

The Chairman, NABARD in his keynote address said that A & N State Coop. Bank has completed a long journey of 50 years of committed service in the field of banking for the people of this Island and appreciated the efforts of the bank. He further informed that today is a digital era of banking and there has been a substantial change in the field of digital banking. He further informed that the people/customers who were reluctant to use technology for banking are now shifting themselves for digital banking. He further urged the bank to promote digital financial literacy among the people and rural counter parts of these Islands. He opined that the A & N State Coop. Bank will be the first bank in India to introduce Rupay KCC for the farmers on a large scale.

The chief guest unveiled the plaque of the Renovated Corporate Office Building of A & N State Coop. Bank and also released a book on the Achievements and initiatives of the Bank since 1966 on the occasion.

Earlier, Shri Bhagat Singh, Chairman, A & N State Coop. Bank welcomed the gathering. The Managing Director, ANSCB, Shri. Ravinder Rao said the bank has introduced POS machine and through online one can use Debit Card of the bank. The Bank registered a CASA of 52.31% and retained 6th position among 33 State Cooperative Banks throughout the country. The Capital Adequacy of the bank registered at 25.98% and retained 4th position among 33 State Cooperative Banks. The bank is presently working on Rupay POS (Point of Sale), Rupay KCC and IMPS (Immediate Mobile Payment System), which shall be introduced shortly.

The programme culminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri. K Murugan, Chief General Manager, A & N State Coop. Bank Ltd. Later, a meeting was also held under the Chairmanship of Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman, NABARD with PACS, a communication said.

ANCA Cup Cricket tourney begins today

Port Blair, Jan 2
The Andaman and Nicobar Cricket Association in coordination with Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs will be organising Cricket League-cum-Knockout Tournament at Netaji Stadium on Jan 3, 2017. The Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Mohd. Rehan Raza will be the chief guest on the occasion. The first match will be played between PBMC and Laxmi Motor Services at 8.30 am while in the second match between A&N Police and Diamond Stars XI at 12 noon, a communication from Organising Secretary said here today.

Sindhu loses to Carolina Marin

Chennai, Jan 2
Rio Olympics gold medalist Carolina Marin began her campaign at the second edition of Premier Badminton League with a win against Olympics silver medalist PV Sindhu, guiding Hyderabad Hunters to 4-3 win over Chennai Smashers. The marquee match saw the Spanish girl having the last laugh winning the match 11-8, 12-14 and 11-2. Delighted with her win, Marin said it was a wonderful match and she felt overwhelmed by the crowd's support.

Heavy rainfall warning

Port Blair, Jan 2
Heavy rainfall (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Similarly, heavy to heavy rain (12-20 cm) likely to occur at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands in the next two days.

Under the influence of steep pressure gradient, strong Northeast to Easterly wind speed between 25 and 35 kmph gusting to 45 kmph and generally rough seas is likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency

Farewell accorded

Port Blair, Jan 2
The Principal, Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School Ferrargunj and staff bid farewell to Dr. Manoramawati, Vice Principal, GSS Namunagar, Smt. Neela Devi, PST, GPS Aniket and Smt. Padmawathi, PCC, GPS Dundaspoint on Dec. 31 at community hall, Ferrargunj. Dr. Manoramawati has been handed over a cheque on her retirement by DEO, Wimberlygunj.

Cartwright, O'Keefe included in Australia squad

Sydney, Jan 02
Australia has changed a winning line-up for the first time in three Tests, adding a second spinner and selecting all-rounder Hilton Cartwright to make his international debut as it pushes for a series sweep against Pakistan. Cartwright replaces struggling batsman Nic Maddinson at No. 6 and left-arm spinner Steven O'Keefe replaces paceman Jackson Bird in the two

changes to the XI which beat South Africa in Adelaide and then won the first two tests against Pakistan. "We're playing the two spinners, traditionally out here it does take some spin," Australia skipper Steve Smith told a news conference on Monday, on the eve of the third Test. Bird "bowed particularly well in Melbourne, but conditions sometimes change the team."

LG to inaugurate..

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Khazkhanistan will also perform at 6 pm at the ITF Ground on Dec 8, 2017.

A band of artists from mainland will also perform during the festival at North & Middle Andaman and also at Nicobar Group of Islands, besides South Andaman. The programmes in North & Middle Andaman viz. at Rangat will be held on Jan 13, at Mayabunder on Jan 14, Diglipur on Jan 15, 2017. Likewise, the Band group will perform at Hutbay on Jan 9, at Car Nicobar on Jan 8, at Campbell Bay on Jan 6 and at Nancowry on Jan 7. The Band will also perform at Wimberlygunj on Jan 11 and at Wandoor on Jan 10 apart from at ITF ground on Jan 12, 2017.

Pondi Varsity exam

Port Blair, Jan 2
The Pondicherry University Odd Semester Examinations Nov/Dec 2016 in JNRM which was postponed from Dec. 6 to 9, 2016 due to inclement weather in A&N Islands have been re-scheduled by the Pondicherry University and will now be held on Jan 4, 6, 7 & 9, 2017. The students concerned have been advised to take note of the revised schedule and appear for the examination on the said date.

WEATHER
Rain or thundershower very likely to occur at most places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 03/01/2017
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 29.3
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.8
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 086
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 086
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0540
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1708
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 001.3
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 16: 001.3 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA
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Schedule for Week Dec 30 - Jan 5
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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 07.01.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 08.01.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 06.01.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 06.01.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

In view of the above, further schedule of MV Bharat Seema for Hut Bay on 03.01.2017 at 2000 hrs has been postponed to 04th Jan. 2017 at 0800 hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 hrs from Hut Bay, a communication said.

03.01.2017 (TUESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional Service)
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Neil Island on 03.01.2017 (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 Rani Lakshmi will sail for Neil Island on 03.01.2017 (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 Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 03.01.2017 (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 Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional Service)
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUTBAY
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
04.01.2017 (WEDNESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 04.01.2017 (Wed) 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 Havelock on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional Service)
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RANGAT & DIGLIPUR
MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 05.01.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Kamorta will sail for Diglipur via Havelock on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 05.01.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur via Havelock.

Margdarshak FANS ..

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Shri Indresh further stated that the A&N Islands should be given a special package as it is a strategically located place. He also demanded that the airfare to the Islands should be controlled as it affects the development of the Islands as well as the flow of tourists to the Islands due to exorbitant rates of tickets.

The Margdarshak expressed his gratitude to the Administration for declaring December 30 as Holiday from 2017. He said, this will help in celebrating the event in a grand manner with the participation of more people.

Shri Indresh also stated that the motto of FANS is to culturize the society. He was making his reference while disclosing that FANS organised a Samudra Manthan programme in the Islands as part of New Year celebration. This he said, is being done to celebrate the day in a culturized manner. He urged the people to develop cultural values and not to get themselves involved in using abusive languages, and advocated for practicing yoga instead.

The National Vice President of FANS, the General Secretary, FANS, the President, FANS, A&N Chapter, Shri Girish Arora, Vice President, A&N Chapter, Shri Arun Goel, General Secretary, A&N Chapter, Smt. Rupa Ray were among others who attended the press conference.