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India's best scientific institutions should strengthen basic research in line with global practices: PM

Tirupati, Jan 3
Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today said, India will be among the top three countries in science and technology by 2030. Inaugurating the 104th Indian Science Congress at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh, Shri Modi said, his government is committed to supporting different streams of scientific knowledge. He said, science must meet the rising aspirations of the people, and infrastructure and social welfare ministries must make use of it. The Prime Minister said, India's best scientific institutions should strengthen basic research in line with global practices. He said, tomorrow's experts will come from investments we make today in people and infrastructure. Shri Modi emphasised the need



to keep an eye on the rise of disruptive technologies and be prepared to leverage them for growth. The Prime Minister said, seeding the power of ideas and innovation in school children will broaden the base of innovation pyramid and secure the future of the nation. He said, the role of science in planning, decision making and

governance has never been more important. The Prime Minister said, the nation is always grateful to its scientists for their creativity, toil and hard work for the betterment of the country. Shri Modi paid rich tributes to the distinguished scientist Dr. MGK Menon who passed away recently, for his yeomen services to

the nation. He said, some of the important challenges to mankind are in having clean water and environment which are going to pose several challenges in the days to come.

The Prime Minister also emphasised the need to catch up with knowledge in cyber and robotics and
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SHG meet & exhibition by NABARD held Self sufficiency of women vital for nation's progress: Lt. Governor

SHG movement in Isles hailed



Port Blair, Jan 3

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi has called upon the women of the Islands to take benefit of various schemes launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for their empowerment and upliftment. He said a country's progress cannot be achieved until women stand on their feet. He mentioned about schemes like 'Ujjwala', under which LPG connections are given in the name of women in BPL households across the country, 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' programme for ensuring survival & protection of the girl child and 'Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Yojana' for pregnant women, to name a few. The Lt. Governor was addressing a huge gathering of rural women who have formed Self Help Groups with the support of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in these Islands, in the



auditorium of DBRAIT here this morning. This programme of SHG meet and exhibition of products made by SHGs was organised by NABARD. The Chairman, NABARD, Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairperson, State Social Welfare Board, Dr. Poonam Arora and the General Manager, NABARD, Shri Hemant Songadkar were also present on the occasion. Earlier, the Lt. Governor and other

dignitaries also lit the ritual oil lamp to mark the commencement of the programme. Further speaking on the occasion, the Lt. Governor said, the efforts made towards making our country best in the world cannot see success unless and until our women are self reliant and they are empowered, which has been on the mind of our Hon'ble Prime Minister too, since day one and keeping this in mind, the Govt. has

launched several programmes for women empowerment. Turning to SHG movement in the country and in the Islands, the Lt. Governor said that this movement is also a way in the direction of women empowerment and expressed happiness that such a huge number of Self Help Groups are active in A&N Islands. He congratulated NABARD for its efforts in giving such
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Buses displaying financial literacy messages flagged off



Port Blair, Jan 3
With a view to earn Govt. Revenue as well as to spread important messages, the Transport Department has initiated the process of displaying advertisements on the exterior panels of buses owned by the Transport Department. In this regard an MoU has been

signed between Transport department and NABARD for displaying advertisements related to financial literacy for a period of two years on 100 buses. In this connection, 5 buses displaying the financial literacy messages were flagged off by Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman

(NABARD) along with Shri. Ramesh Verma, Secretary (Trpt), A&N Administration in a simple function from the Bus Terminus, Mohanpura here yesterday. The Chairman (NABARD) in his address stated that the country is fast moving towards cashless economy
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Closure of ATR on Jan 9 & 10

Port Blair, Jan 3
The Andaman Trunk Road will remain closed on Jan 9 & 10, 2017 for the major maintenance of ATR Road as requested by APWD. The general public, tour operators, tourist & all other concerned have been asked to reschedule their programmes to visit North & Middle Andaman accordingly. For any clarification, all concerned may contact the Control Room of the office of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, over Ph. No. 1070/ 03192-238881/ 240127, a communication from the Additional District Magistrate, South Andaman said here today.

Digital economy in Isles

District Admn. encouraging public for cashless transactions; meeting with traders & merchants held

Port Blair, Jan 3
Since the decision of Govt. of India to demonetization/digitalization and subsequently implementation of cashless transactions both in public and private, the A&N Administration has taken concerted efforts involving the Lead Bank, other banks, public, police, traders, students, teachers etc. for wider dissemination of information and awareness about cashless

transactions. Besides, the District Administration was able to reach out to all cross sections of societies to enable cashless transitions via Internet Banking, mobile banking, e-wallet and various other modes of cashless transactions. Accordingly, during the last month as many as 3000 transactions using internet banking, 2500 mobile banking, 531 e wallet were made while 205 POS were installed in the Isles during this

period. The District Administration has been continuously reaching out to the public for encouraging more cashless transactions. Also a meeting with traders & merchants was held to sort out issues & problems in implementing cashless economy.
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Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya to organise 'Yuvajantsav'

Foundation Day of Bharat Swabhiman Trust

Port Blair, Jan 3
The Foundation Day of Bharat Swabhiman Trust will be celebrated on Jan 5, 2017 at Vivekananda Kendra Hall premises at 5 am. Various programmes will be held as part of the celebration including hawan, sharing of

experiences by experts from different fields such as yoga, pranayam, ayurveda, medicinal plant etc. For further information regarding yoga classes, one can contact over ph. no. 9474270017, 9434279378.

Port Blair, Jan 3
The Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Port Blair will be organizing Yuvajantsav - Inter School Cultural & Sports competitions for the students of the schools managed by Vivekananda Kendra in Andamans. Altogether 900 students selected at school level are taking part in the finals to be held at Port Blair between Jan 4 to 9, 2017 with the Vidyalayas of Diglipur to Little

Andaman managed by Vivekananda Kendra. The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri. B. Eswar Rao will be the chief guest and will inaugurate the function at 8 am on Jan 4 at Lambaline Vidyalaya premises. The Councillor, Ward No.9, Smt. Anusia Devi will be the guest of honour. Ma. D. Bhanudasji, All India General Secretary, Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari will also grace the occasion.
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Awareness prog. on 'Cashless India' for coir artisans organised



Port Blair, Jan 3

In order to highlight the concept of Cashless India, one of the prime agendas of Hon'ble Prime Minister towards taking the nation on the path of development, an awareness programme was held in the conference hall of Yuvasakthi recently. During this programme, certificates to 40 artisans of

coir handicraft were also distributed. The Chairman, Coir Board, Ministry of MSME, Government of India, Shri C.P.Radhakrishnan was the chief guest while the Member of Parliament, Bishnu Pada Ray presided over the function. During his speech, the Chairman of Coir Board dwelt on various

schemes in place for the development of Coir Industry in these Islands. Recalling the grievances of local artisans on dearth of coir raw materials, the Chairman assured of a mobile coir fiber extraction

machine to be issued by the Coir Board free of cost soon. Addressing the gathering, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, following the appeal by the artisans and members for
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Skill test for panel of Prog. Co-Ordinator/Announcer

Port Blair, Jan 3

The Directorate of Art & Culture, A&N Administration proposes to empanel Stage Announcers/ Master of Ceremony for the programmes organized by the Directorate during Island Tourism Festival and other programmes throughout the year. Interested persons

having graduation degree in any discipline and command over Hindi / English language may attend the skill test scheduled to be conducted on Jan 4, 2017 at 5 pm at Andaman Club, opposite Netaji Stadium, Port Blair, a communication from the Director (Art & Culture) said here today.

Public urged to keep their surroundings clean

Port Blair, Jan 3

The Ambassador, Swachh Bharat Mission, A&N Islands, Shri Naresh Chander Lal has appealed to the people of the Islands to keep themselves healthy by avoiding alcohol and

tobacco. He appealed people for not ignoring health by involving in vices like alcohol and tobacco. He also urged the citizen to keep the Isles neat & clean.

SPORTS

Mithali Raj to lead India in Women's WC Qualifier

New Delhi, Jan 3

Mithali Raj will lead a 14-member Indian squad to the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifiers to be held in Colombo from February 3-21. The Indian team last played in the Asia Cup T20 in Bangkok where it defended its title with an unbeaten run. Their two main players, Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana, are currently playing the Big Bash in Australia. India's next big event will be the World Cup qualifier. They are in Group A alongside Sri Lanka, Ireland, Zimbabwe and Thailand while South Africa lead Group B comprising Pakistan, Bangladesh, Scotland and PNG. India will play a warm-up match against South Africa before their opening Qualifier against Sri Lanka on February 7. Each side will play four matches in the first round, following which the top three sides from each group will progress to the Super Six stage, while also carrying forward points they earn against sides which have progressed to the Super Six stage from their group. The top four sides from the Super Six stage, in which each side will play three matches against teams from the other group, will complete the eight-team line-up for the ICC Women's World Cup 2017, while the top two sides will battle it out for the title in the February 21 final. The World Cup will be staged in the UK from June 26 to July 23.

Team: Mithali Raj (captain), Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Thirush Kamini, Veda Krishnamurthy, Devika Vaidya, Sushma Verma (wicket-keeper), Jhulan Goswami, Shikha Pandey, Sukanya Parida, Poonam Yadav, Ekta Bisht, Rajeshwari Gayakwad, Deepti Sharma.

India storm into final of SAF Women Football Championship



Siliguri, Jan 2

India have entered the final of the SAFF Women's Football Championship. At the Kanchenjunga Stadium in Siliguri today, the hosts beat Nepal 3-1. At the interval, India

led 1-0.

The scorers for India were Kamala Devi, Indumathi and Sasmita Malik. For Nepal, Sabitra Bhandari scored the lone goal in the 75th minute from a penalty.

Table tennis Olympic champion Li Xiaoxia announces retirement

Kuala Lumpur, Jan 3

China's table tennis Olympic champion Li Xiaoxia has announced her retirement through social media. Li helped China win the team gold medal at the Rio Olympic Games last year when she also finished the runner-up in the singles event. She is the eighth table tennis Grand Slam winner in history with singles crowns from the 2008 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, 2012 Olympics in London and 2013 world championships in Paris. She also has several doubles and teams world titles to her name.

Kayaking & Canoeing team to participate in National C'ship

Port Blair, Jan 3

The Andaman & Nicobar Kayaking & Canoeing team contingent consisting of six male and 13 female players will be participating in the 27th National Canoe Sprint Championship Senior/Junior & Sub-Junior Men & Women schedule to be held at Indore from 9th to 13th January 2017.

The team is led by Smti. Srimati Bishnoi, PST attached to Govt. Sr. Sec., School, Port Mout as Sr. Team Coach/Lady Escort & Shri P. Venkata Raman, Lab Atnd as Team



Manager. A brief send off ceremony was held at Netaji Stadium today in which Dr. Mohd. Rehan Raza, Director (Sports & Youth Affairs) motivated the players and conveyed his best wishes. He also assured the participants to extend all possible help and hope that they will bring laurel for these Islands, a communication said.

ANCA Cup Cricket tournament gets underway

Port Blair, Jan 3

The ANCA Cup Cricket Tournament began today with its inauguration by Shri Mohd. Rehan Raza, Director, Sports & Youth Affairs in the presence of President, General Secretary and other members of ANCA. In the first match played today, PBMC XI defeated LMS Groups - XI by 38 runs. Meanwhile in the first match to be played tomorrow, Crazy Cricketers - XI lock horns with



H.B.C - XI while in the second match Fisheries Colony - XI will play against Youngstars - XI. In the third match Sufian - XI will meet Milkyway Avengers - XI, a communication said.

General public advised

Port Blair, Jan 3

The multipurpose hall, Netaji Stadium (evening session) is open from Jan 3 to 6, 2017 and will again remain closed on Jan 7 & 8 (for students only from 2.30pm to 5 pm for conducting Intra Region Badminton Championship organised by Indian Coast Guard.

Aleem Dar creates world record for officiating most International matches

New Delhi, Jan 3

Pakistan's Aleem Dar set the world record for having officiated in the most number of International matches across all formats of cricket. The 48-year-old, who is presently being assigned the duty of officiating in the South Africa-Sri Lanka

Test series, took charge of his 332nd international cricket match as an umpire, hence breaking the earlier record set by retired South African umpire Rudi Koertzen, who had the experience of 331 international matches.

Training on 'recent advances in production technology for maize' by KVK

Nimbudera, Jan 3

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (CIARI), Nimbudera is organizing a three days training programme on 'Recent Advances in Production Technology for Maize' for rural youth of N&M Andaman at Rampur from Jan 3 to 5. The training was inaugurated by Shri Anand Raj, Up-Pradhan, Rampur in presence PRI members and others. Shri B.L.Meena, Course Co-ordinator of the

programme discussed in detail about production technology of maize and Dr. Shailesh Kumar, SMS (Fisheries) highlighted the role of KVK for farmers in this district. The training is being conducted under the guidance and supervision of Dr. S. Dam Roy, Director, CIARI, Port Blair. Altogether 28 trainees participated in the training programme.

District Admn. encouraging..

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transactions. Further, a control room has been setup at District office with phone nos. 03192-238881 & Mobile No. 9434280018 for general public to convey any issues/ problems in processing digital transactions, a communication from the Additional District Magistrate said here today.

India's best..

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other related segments of science and technology where fast paced changes are happening every day. NITI Ayog, Shri Modi said, is evolving a charter to concentrate on 12 key sectors that need to be addressed in the country. He said, the Centre is according utmost importance for the progress of Science and Technology especially in education, medical, technology and infrastructure development. Earlier the Prime Minister released the 104th ISC Plenary Proceedings and a souvenir on the occasion and felicitated Nobel laureates and eminent scientists with gold medals and interacted with them. A host of scientific luminaries from several countries across the world will exchange their views on a wide range of scientific issues, both of national and international importance during the five-day conclave with the focal theme 'Science and Technology for National Development'. Many topics taken up for discussion resonate with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision for a better India, to transform the country through science and technology, such as Digital India, Swachh Bharat and Smart Cities, etc. A session on 'Frontiers of Defence Research' would address 'Make in India' too.

Buses displaying..

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and the citizens are required to be sensitized regarding the facilities available for making cashless transactions. He also appreciated the efforts of Transport Department and NABARD for using buses, which have a mass coverage, for spreading the message. The Secretary (Trpt) in his address stated that this is the first time in the UT that buses are utilized for displaying such kind of messages and it is a good medium to spread awareness among the citizen in all the Islands of this UT. Such display will be carried out in the buses plying not only in Port Blair but also in other outlying Islands. Earlier, Shri. Hemant B. Songadkar, General Manager (NABARD) welcomed the gathering and highlighted the need to promote digital financial literacy in the country.

Heavy rainfall..

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The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency they may contact over phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres viz. State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 03192-238881, EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020, EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222, EOC (N&M): 03192-262960, EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014, EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241, EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030 and EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527, a communication from the State Control Room, Directorate of Disaster Management said here today.

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 Wednesday 04/01/2017

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.1
Minimum Temperature (°C): 26.0
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 085
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 095
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: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 003.1
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 16: 001.3 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Schedule for Week Dec 30 - Jan 5

Dangal (Hin U) - 11:45 AM, 12:15 PM, 3:15 PM,

3:45 PM & 6:45 PM

Kathi Sandai (Tam U) - 7:15 PM

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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

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.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 07.01.2017 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 09.01.2017 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 06.01.2017 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 06.01.2017 (Fri) 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.

HUT BAY SECTOR:

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 06.01.2017 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 04.01.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 08.01.2017 (Sun) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 07.01.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 09.01.2017 (Mon) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.01.2017 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 07.01.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 5th, 6th & 7th Jan., 2017 will be issued to the general public on 04.01.2017 from 1400 Hrs onwards at Stars Counters.

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)

MV Strait Island will now sail for Neil Island in place of MV Rani Lakshmi on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island in place of MV Rani Lakshmi on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Strait Island will sail for Havelock on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 04.01.2017 (Wed) 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 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

RANGAT & DIGLIPUR

MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island in place of MV Strait 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.

05.01.2017 (THURSDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 05.01.2017 (Thu) 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 05.01.2017 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 05.01.2017 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

Awareness prog. on..

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providing a working shed for coir artisans, assured to take up the matter with the concerned departments. He also lauded the efforts of Yuvasakthi in development of handicraft in these islands by garnering the minimal availability of raw materials. The Member of Parliament has also listed out the developmental works taken up by him with the excellent initiatives of Lt. Governor on sectors like health, communication, infrastructure etc.

Earlier, in the morning, Shri Farooqui, Lead Bank Manager, State Bank of India was the resource person and informed the SHG members about the benefit of cashless economy. Earlier, an introductory cum welcome speech was delivered by the Founder Shri P. Senpaga Raja where he apprised the delegates of various schemes taken up by the Yuvasakthi with the inimitable support of Coir Board and the Member of Parliament. He also thanked the MP for having made Yuvasakthi a member of DISHA (District Infrastructure Scheme Advisory Committees). The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Shri R. Pancer Selvam, Member Secretary of Yuvasakthi.