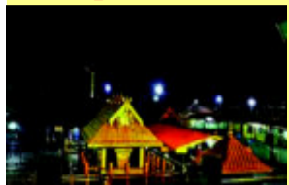


NEWS IN BRIEF

Age proof mandatory for women to offer worship in Sabarimala



Thiruvananthapuram, Jan 4
The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) has made authentic age proof document mandatory for women visiting the Lord Ayyappa Temple at Sabarimala in Kerala. TDB, which manages the shrine, has decided to make the age proof mandatory during the ongoing pilgrim season in view of the increasing instances of women devotees trying to trek to the hillock shrine defying the restrictions.

Vijay Mallya declared proclaimed offender by Delhi Court

New Delhi, Jan 4
A Delhi court today declared liquor businessman Vijay Mallya a proclaimed offender for evading summons in a FERA violation case. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Deepak Shehrawat passed the order after noting that Mallya failed to appear before it despite repeated summonses. The court said, Mallya failed to appear before it within 30 days, and no representation was made on his behalf, therefore his is declared to be a proclaimed offender.

Candidates advised

Port Blair, Jan.4
Candidates who applied for various post in District Child Protection Unit (SA) under Integrated Child Protection Scheme have been informed that the list of eligible candidates has been displayed in the notice board of office of Deputy Commissioner (SA). Claims and objections if any has to be submitted in hard copy with supporting documents to Room No. 19, Deputy Commissioner (SA) office within 14 days. The date of interview / trade test will be communicated shortly.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Jan.4
The 15 Assam Regiment, Pin 910415, C/O 99 APO Port Blair will utilize the Chinthe long rang Brichgunj on Jan.5 and 30, 2018 and Baffle range Brichgunj on Jan.9, 19 and 29, 2018 from 0930 hrs to 1300 hrs. All the concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the above mentioned date and time.

Health Camp at Bhatubasti

Port Blair, Jan.4
The Chennai Clinics (Unit of New Hope Medical Centre, Kilpauk, Chennai) will be organizing a Health Camp at Bhatubasti near Range Office in which Neuro Consultation will be provided. The Camp will be held on Jan.6, 2018 from 10.30 am to 2 pm. For registration contact no. 09965574140, 09840182078, 09933246148.

UIDAI dismisses reports of Aadhaar data leak

New Delhi, Jan 4
The Unique Identification Authority of India, UIDAI today dismissed reports of Aadhaar details being made available on payment of 500 rupees by anonymous sellers, asserting that its system is secure and any misuse can be traced and action taken as it maintains complete log of various functions. In a statement issued in New Delhi, the UIDAI reiterated that there has not

been any Aadhaar data breach. It said, the Aadhaar data including biometric information is fully safe and secure. The statement comes amid media reports that anonymous sellers were offering unrestricted access to Aadhaar details for 500 rupees over WhatsApp. The Aadhaar-issuing body said it has given the search facility for grievance redressal to designated personnel and state

government officials to help residents, that too only upon entering their Aadhaar number. It said, UIDAI maintains complete log and traceability of the facility and any misuse can be traced and appropriate action taken. The reported case appears to be instance of misuse of the grievance redressal search facility. UIDAI said, since it maintains full log and



traceability of the facility, legal action including FIR against the persons involved in the case, is being initiated. UIDAI said even its

grievance redressal search facility offers only limited access to name and other details and has no access to biometric details. (Contd. on last page)

State General Secretary of BJP meets Lt. Governor



Port Blair, Jan.4
The State General Secretary, BJP A&N Islands, Shri. Ajoy Bairagi and President, South Andaman District, Shri. Ram Das, met the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands on Jan.2 at Raj Niwas. During

this meeting, they requested the Lt. Governor to look into various issues which include repair and maintenance of Andaman Trunk Road, NH-4 from Port Blair to Diglipur, to issue sugar to APL families (Contd. on last page)

MP requests Home Ministry for promulgation of law of domicile to protect interest of bona-fide Islanders

Port Blair, Jan.4
The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has submitted a letter before Union Home Minister of India, Shri Rajnath Singh and requested to re-look into the proposal of the Administration for promulgation of Regulation "A & N Islands Public Employment (Requirement as to residents) under Act, 44 or through a Bill under Article, 371 (after Article, 371 K of Andhra



Pradesh)" for the benefit of local educated youth belonging to bona-fide residents of this Territory. In reference to previous all correspondences, Shri

B.P.Ray, MP further added that since UPA-I and UPA-II Govt., he is continuously in the process for promulgation of law of domicile. He clarifies that there is considerable anxiety amongst the youth on account of un-employment. As on date, out of almost 4 lakh population, around 50,000 educated youth have registered their names with the Employment Exchange, Port Blair, a communication from MP Bhawan said.

Third DG set at IPP develops technical fault Consumers urged to use power judiciously

Port Blair, Jan.4
The third DG set at IPP has developed technical faults, due to which this DG set has also become non-functional with effect from Jan.3, 2018. This has created an additional paucity of 2.5 MW power demand in addition to the existing deficit of about 7-8 MW in Port Blair and South Andaman. To cope up with the untoward situation, a rotational load shedding for 1 hr 15 mts to 11/2 hour will be exercised during evening peak hours from 5.00 pm to 11.00 pm and as and when required basis during day hours. The Electricity Department has appealed to all the residents of Port Blair and



South Andaman to consume power judiciously by rationalizing their power requirements by using minimal lights & other electrical gadgets and switch off all non-required lights, fans and other electrical gadgets etc. All the hoteliers and big consumers, who are having

Always turn the Air conditioners & other Electrical Gadgets off when not needed.
Air conditioners use about 150 times more power than lights.

are requested and strictly advised to run their DG Sets during evening peak hours 5.00 PM to 11.00 PM and help in mitigating the power crisis to Electricity Department and also to minimize the hour of load shedding. By doing so, the peak demand during

evening peak hours will be reduced which may certainly help the Electricity Department to reduce load shedding. This will also be beneficial for the students for their upcoming exams which is the need of the hour. During the evening peak (Contd. on last page)

Passengers safety will not be compromised at any cost; says CPA

Port Blair, Jan 04
The Port Management Board and the Directorate of Shipping Services are making concerted efforts in improving the passengers' services within the wharf to facilitate passengers as well as tourists. Arrangements have been made with regard to parking of tourists' vehicle for better movement and safety of the passengers, said the Chief Port Administrator (CPA), Shri R D Tripathi, while



addressing a press conference in the conference hall of PMB here today.

Referring to the passenger hall, the CPA said that a passenger hall of 500 capacity will be constructed, for which, the Govt. of India has sanctioned Rs. 27 crores. The construction for the Terminal Building will be started within three months as the Govt. of India has in (Contd. on last page)

Traders, transporters and C&F Agents advised Nationwide e-way bill system will be rolled out on trial basis by 16th January

Port Blair, Jan.4
All traders, transporters and C&F Agents of A&N Islands have been requested to take note that the nationwide e-way bill system will be ready to be rolled out on a trial basis by 16th January, 2018. This system can be used on a voluntary basis from that day. The rules for implementation of nationwide e-way bill system for inter-state movement of goods on a compulsory basis will be notified with effect from 1st February, 2018. Uniform system of e-way bill for inter-state as well as intra state movement will be implemented across the country by 1st June, 2018. This will have far reaching impact on the way goods move from one state to another state or from one place to another place in the same state if the distance exceeds 10 kms, and the value of the consignment is more than Rs 50,000/-. It is felt necessary that all the stakeholders get acquainted with the system well in advance in order to switch over to the new system painlessly. Anyone can approach the Office of UTGST, A&N Administration, Port Blair, for resolving any query in this regard, a communication from Joint Commissioner (GST) said here today.

Workshop on 'Rural Development and Youth' inaugurated

Port Blair, Jan.4
A three -days Training of Trainers (ToT) Program on 'Rural Development and Youth' organized by Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumbudur in collaboration with JNRM began here today at Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkiveya Mahavidyalaya.

While delivering the inaugural address, Prof. Madan Mohan Goel, Director, RGNIYD said that to ensure placements, reduce poverty and pollution (3P), we need to promote proper, productive and practical (3P) use of hands, head and heart (3H) as real education in India including rural areas. "The

higher voting rate in rural areas with more per capita consumption and income than urban areas reveals strengthened democracy which is good indicator but deserves to be made better", the Director, RGNIYD opined. To eliminate (not alleviate only) rural poverty, we (Contd. on last page)

PBMC embarks on massive encroachment removal drive More than two dozen road side encroachments removed

Encroachments in public areas/ roads will not be tolerated: PBMC Secretary

Port Blair, Jan.4
The Port Blair Municipal Council today removed more than two dozen road side encroachments from Mohanpura Vegetable Market, Tiranga Park, Aberdeen Bazaar and Delanipur areas. These encroachments were in the shape of kiosks, carts, counters, shops and tinsheds. The Port Blair Municipal Council has issued repeated Public Notice advising all concerned to clear the public roads/ areas otherwise these

would be removed without any further notice at the risk & cost of concerned persons. Shri. Yashpal Garg, Secretary, Port Blair Municipal Council informed that these encroachments were serious obstructions in the flow of traffic and public convenience. He informed that existence of such encroachments/illegal extensions in public roads/ areas are serious risk for public safety also. During last week, a recent fire incident in Mumbai has claimed more than a dozen human lives and encroachments/un-authorized constructions have been found to be one of the main factors leading to such type of unfortunate incidents. He said that the drive to remove the encroachments/public areas within the municipal

areas is a continuous exercise and will continue with more seriousness. The Secretary PBMC has also appealed to all concerned to immediately clear the public areas. He cautioned that there is every possibility that during demolition drive, removal of encroachments/illegal extension may lead to further loss to the concerned persons in (Contd. on last page)

Issuance of wheat flour/atta to PDS beneficiaries Consumers can register complaints about sub-standard quality & excess charging

Ganja seized by Police; one arrested

Port Blair, Jan.4
Upon receipt of a credible information by SHO Bambooflat on Jan.2 that one person namely Ashim Kr. Biswas resident of Tsunami Pahar is going to strike a deal of huge quantity of ganja with some persons, near Sub-Center, Tsunami Pahar, a raiding team led by SI Girish Kumar SHO PS Bambooflat, SI Nixon Isaac, PC V.Srinivas Rao, PC T.Anil and PC Arindam Dutta of Police (Contd. on last page)

Port Blair, Jan.4
All the PDS beneficiaries of the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands excluding the tribal belt of Nicobar District have been informed that consequent upon revised policy of the Govt. of India, wheat flour/atta is issued in packed form of 920 g, 1840 g & 4600 g as against the earlier packages of 1 kg, 2kg and 5 kg denominations respectively, as per the rate & quantity specified under:-

Category	Monthly Scale of fortified wheat flour	M.R.P per 920 g
Above Poverty Line (APL)	3680 g	₹ 21.50/-
i) 1 to 3 unit	5520 g	
ii) 4 & above unit		
Priority House Hold (PHH)	920 g (per unit)	₹ 3.60/-
Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)	3680 g (per card)	₹ 3.60/-

On automation of Fair Price Shops in many parts of this UT, the cash memo of the PDS items are issued through Electronic Point of Sale machine (ePoS). The updation of the software for sale of fortified wheat flour in new scale takes some time due to which the cash memo shows the quantity in kilogram in place of gram in old scale which may be considered as mentioned above. It is appealed to all the ration cardholders that in case of any complaints in (Contd. on last page)



'We've released 3.14 crore as allowance for 175 Target Olympic Podium athletes,' says Sports Minister

New Delhi, Jan 4
The government has released Rs 3.14 crore as out of the pocket allowance of 175 sportspersons under the Target Olympic Podium (TOP) Scheme in the last quarter of 2017, Sports Minister Col Rajyavardhan Rathore said today. The amount has been released from the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF) for the period from September to December last year, Col Rathore said in a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha. "The rate of Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) from NSDF is Rs 50,000 per month and it



is admissible with effect from September 2017 or from subsequent months of selection of the athlete whichever is later," he said. The TOP Scheme aims to identify, groom and prepare potential medal prospects for Olympic and Paralympic Games. The selected athletes

are provided financial assistance for their customised training at institutes having world-class facilities and for other necessary support. Answering another question, Col Rathore informed that 110 and 67 sportspersons failed dope tests in 2015 and 2016 respectively. The minister said

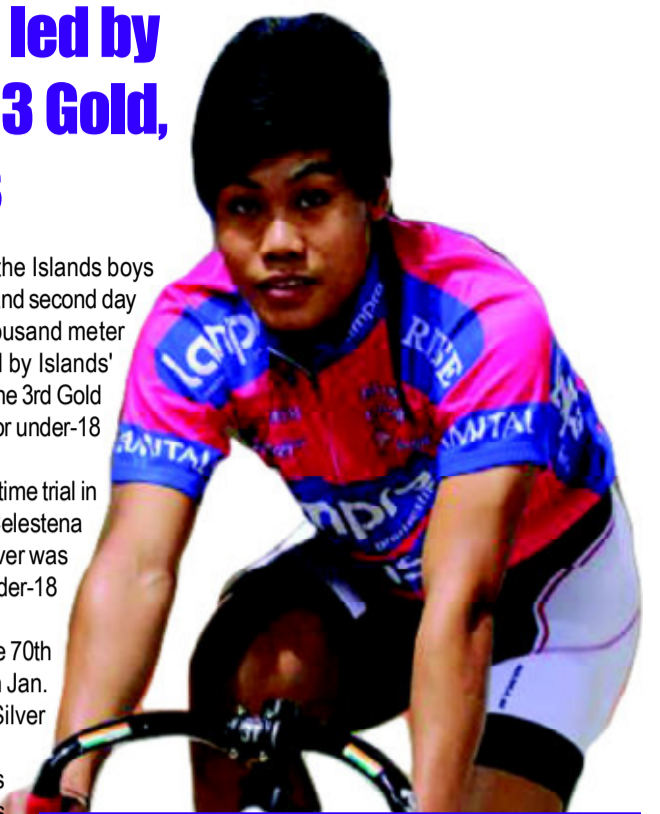
in a bid to eradicate doping, the government has decided to establish regional centres to spread awareness and impart anti-doping education. "Government of India has decided to establish five regional centres to increase the anti-doping education and awareness at all levels of sports in the country. One has already been established," he said.

Kabaddi Tournament

Port Blair, Jan. 4
The Youth of New Bimblitan area has decided to organize a Kabaddi Tournament on Jan. 7, 2018 at Govt. Middle School Playground, New Bimblitan, under Port Blair Tehsil, South Andaman District so as to provide an opportunity for the youths of A & N Islands to make their participation in the match. In this regard, youths who are interested to participate in the Kabaddi Tournament can register their names by contacting over Mobile No. 9531881818 and 9933208620, a communication said.

Islands Cycling team led by Ms. Deborah clinches 3 Gold, 3 Silver Medals

Port Blair, Jan. 4
During the 70th National Track Cycling Championship, the Islands boys and girls won three Gold and three Silver medals in the first and second day of the event. The 1st Gold won by Master Esow in one thousand meter time trial under-18 Boys category, while 2nd Gold bagged by Islands' Ace cyclist, Ms. Deborah in 500m time trial in women elite. The 3rd Gold was clinched by N. Nikitha in 6 km Scratch race women junior under-18 category. Similarly, the 1st Silver was won by David Backome in 500m time trial in Boys youth under-14 category. The 2nd Silver was won by Celestena in 500m time trial women Sub-junior category while 3rd Silver was won by Ms. Clerence in 6km Scratch Race women junior under-18 category. The Islands Cycling team stands in the second position in the 70th National Track Cycling Championship Medal tally as on 4th Jan. 2018 till evening. Manipur is leading with four Golds, one Silver and one Bronze medals. The Secretary Sports, Shri. Arawa Gopi Krishna has congratulated the outstanding performance of the Islands cyclists.



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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 05.01.2018 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 06.01.2018 (Sat) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 03.01.2018 (Wed) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 03.01.2018 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 Hut Bay, Chowra, Teresa & Nancowry on 08.01.2018 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.01.2018 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 05.01.2018 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 05.01.2018 (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. MV Coral Queen will sail for Car Nicobar on 09.01.2018 (Tue) at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.01.2018 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 05.01.2018 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 05.01.2018 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 Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 12.01.2018 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.01.2018 (Sat) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 05.01.2018 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 10.01.2018 (Wed) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 10.01.2018 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.

CARGO SERVICE:
The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Diglipur via Havelock, Rangat & Mayabuder on 05.01.2018 (Fri) at 1200 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after unloading/loading of cargo at respective ports. 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 Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 05.01.2018 (Thu) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 06.01.2018 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 07.01.2018 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay. MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 08.01.2018 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay. Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings for Hut Bay on 5th, 7th & 08th Jan. 2018 will be issued to the general public from 04.01.2018 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 09.01.2018 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.01.2018 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Ganja seized by ...
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Station, Bambooflat was constituted. The team reached Tsunami Pahad near Sub - Centre and intercepted Shri Ashim Kr. Biswas and recovered 1.110 Kg Ganja from the possession of accused Ashim Kumar Biswas and the accused was arrested on the spot under the relevant sections of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substance Act 1985 (NDPS Act). The general public have been requested to pass on any credible information pertaining to such illegal activities in the area on the following telephone no. 258411, 258019, 233077 & 100. The identity of the informer will be kept secret, a communication said. **PBMC embarks on ...**
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addition to other actions like lodging of FIR with Police and recovery of damage charges by PBMC. The encroachments/illegal encroachments in public areas/public roads will not be tolerated within the municipal area so that there is no compromise with the public safety and convenience, a communication said.

Issuance of wheat ...
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this regard, such as non-receipt of PDS fortified wheat flour/atta, sub-standard quality and excess charging of rate etc, the same may be brought to notice of the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Port Blair in writing. PDS beneficiaries can also lodge their complaints over Toll free Phone No. 18003453197 or Telephone No. 03192-230337, a communication said.

Ankita Raina to lead India's challenge in Fed Cup



Pune, Jan 4
The country's top singles player, Ankita Raina, will lead the Indian challenge at Asia/Oceania Group I in Fed Cup, to be hosted in New Delhi's DLTA from February 7 to 10. Raina, ranked 259 in the world, has been selected alongside the promising Karman Kaur Thandi (285), Pranjala

Yadlapalli (482) and Prarthana Thombare, who is India's second-highest ranked player at number 144 after Sania Mirza (12). Sania, who is carrying a knee injury and has already pulled out of the Australian Open, will not play in the event. The selectors also have reserves in the talented Zeel Desai and Rutuja Bhosale,

according to sources. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) is expected to announce the team after getting clearance from the ITF. The selectors discussed the names recently after which AITA sent the names to the world governing body. India will strive to qualify for the World Group II in the eight-team Group I.

The group features China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea and Thailand apart from the hosts. There will be two pools of four team each and the winners of each pool will play off against one another to determine which nation advance to the World Group II play-offs, scheduled for April 2018.

Confident India eager to shed poor travellers tag in South Africa

Cape Town, Jan 4
Towering giants in the sub-continent, India would be aiming to assert themselves as good travellers when they face South Africa in the opening chapter of a 12-Test overseas challenge, starting in Cape Town on Friday. The three-Test South Africa series is the first of a gruelling 2018-19 season that includes tours to England and Australia. The assignments are being seen as a make or break season for Virat Kohli and his men to prove their worth as a good travelling unit. India boast of a poor record in South Africa as they lost five out of six series with one drawn. Since 1992, India have only won two out of 17 Tests played on South African soil — in 2006-07 under Rahul Dravid and in 2010-11 under M.S. Dhoni. Ravindra Jadeja is a doubtful starter owing to viral illness and this puts R Ashwin in contention to take the lone spinner's spot in the playing eleven.



De Villiers was the stand-in captain versus Zimbabwe, but since then Faf du Plessis has regained full fitness. But the hosts are keen to play their talismanic batsman and could drop an all-rounder to fit in de

Villiers. In turn, this inadvertently closes the door on Steyn, who is just returning from a career-threatening injury he suffered while playing against Australia in November 2016.

Teams (from):

India: Virat Kohli (c), Shikhar Dhawan, Murali Vijay, KL Rahul, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Rohit Sharma, Wriddhiman Saha (wk), Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Ishant Sharma, Umesh Yadav, Mohammed Shami, Jasprit Bumrah, Parthiv Patel.

South Africa: Faf du Plessis (c), Deal Elgar, Aiden Markram, Hashim Amla, Temba Bavuma, Theunis de Bruyne, Quinton de Kock (wk), Keshav Maharaj, Morne Morkel, Dale Steyn, Chris Morris, Vernon Philander, Kagiso Rabada, Andile Phehlukwayo.

Match starts at: 2 pm IST.

Colin Munro tops batsman's T20 rankings, Virat Kohli third

Dubai, Jan 4
New Zealand duo Colin Munro and Ish Sodhi have topped the ICC T20I rankings thanks to their performances in the recently concluded three-match series against West Indies. Munro's elevation means that India captain Virat Kohli is now down to the third spot in the rankings behind second-placed Aaron Finch. Munro had scored a record third T20I century in New Zealand's third match against West Indies. In the process, he helped New Zealand to a total of 243/5, their highest in the shortest format of the game. Munro scored 66 off 30 balls in the second match that was eventually washed out and 53 off 48 in the first. Kohli, who is currently in South Africa with the Indian team preparing for a three-Test series, had last played a T20 against New Zealand in November 2016. He scored 65 in the second match that India lost but scored 13 in a frantic, eight-over a side match after that. He then chose to sit out the T20 series and the preceding ODI rubber against Sri Lanka and will next play a game in the shortest format against South Africa in February.

State General Secretary ..

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on subsidized rate through FPS, enhancement of old age widow, handicapped and destitute pension from Rs. 2000 to Rs. 4000, to increase the honorarium to Aganwadi Madam from Rs. 6000 to Rs. 10000 and Helper from Rs. 4000 to Rs. 7000 and to increase the honorarium to 10 Asha Group workers of Diglipur from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 10000. The Lt. Governor replied that, repair and maintenance of Andaman Trunk Road is under progress and the remaining issues shall be examined and favourable action shall be taken, a communication said.

UIDAI dismisses...

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The UIDAI said Aadhaar number is not a ecret number and is to be shared with authorised agencies whenever an Aadhaar holder wants to avail a service or benefit of government welfare schemes.