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German strengths and India's priorities are aligned: PM

New Delhi, Oct 5
 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that Germany's strengths and India's priorities are aligned. The Prime Minister was addressing a press conference after holding inter-governmental consultations with the German Chancellor Ms Angela Merkel today in New Delhi. The two countries signed 18 MoUs and documents in various areas to enhance cooperation. The areas of cooperation include human resources development, skill development, civil aviation, disaster management among others. The Prime Minister said that India and Germany are natural partners and their collaboration has a lot to offer to the world.



The meeting comes at a time when global slowdown is emerging as a major concern. Shri Modi said that India is looking forward to partnership with German companies in manufacturing sector. The Prime Minister also

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District level meeting on New Education Policy

Themes on school education, higher, technical & teacher education discussed

Staff Reporter
 Port Blair, Oct 5
 The District Level Consultation Process on New Education Policy on School Education, Higher, Technical & Teacher Education of South Andaman District was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Vijay Kumar Bidhuri at TGCE auditorium here today. Addressing the gathering, the Chairman said, the New Education Policy focuses on

'bottom-up' policy, involving suggestions of people right from the grassroots to the highest level. Deliberations on new education policy are being held at various levels to impart quality education to all, he said and appraised one and all for active participation in the process and applauded the role of PRIs in the consultation process of New Education Policy. The Chairperson, PBMC, Smti Sheela Singh, ZPSA

Adhyaksha, designate Smti Minati Biswas, PBMC councillors, Nodal Officers of NPE, Senior Officers of Education Department and Faculty Members of BBRAIT, TGCE & DIET attended the programme and participated in the deliberation. In his introductory address, Dr. R. Devdas, Principal SIE highlighted the broad themes of school education higher, technical & teacher education.

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BSI Scientist discovers new species of banana from A&N Islands



Port Blair, Oct 5
 The Scientists of Botanical Survey of India claim to have discovered a new banana species in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The discovery by BSI Scientist is the result of plant exploration in the Little Andaman Island. During floristic explorations in the forested areas of Little Andaman, BSI, Scientist, Dr. Lal Ji Singh has collected some interesting specimens of wild banana from Krishna Nalah forest, Hut Bay. After critical examination, consultation of herbaria specimens and literatures, he concluded that the species could be described as novelty and new to science.

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Swimming Pool to re-open on Oct 7

Port Blair, Oct. 5
 The Swimming Pool at the Netaji Sports Complex shall reopen from October 7, 2015. Presently only the swimmers/members will be allowed to enter the pool for swimming. Life Guard and Coach will be positioned at the pool deck when the pool is in operation. The pool will remain open from 6 to 7.30 am in the morning and 5 to 8 pm in the evening. The pool will remain closed on Monday and public holidays. The pool will be a

prohibited area for any person, particularly for children who do not know swimming. The Pool was closed after the tragic death of a 13 year boy on 10th of April, 2015. The inquiry conducted by Sub-Divisional Magistrate revealed that the incident took place due to negligence of the staff attached to Swimming Pool. Administration is committed to take action against the guilty.

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Minister calls for stringent measures to reduce road accidents

New Delhi, Oct 5
 The Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping Shri Nitin Gadkari has emphasized the need to put in place an action oriented plan to bring down the number of road accidents in the country. Inaugurating a two day Regional Conference of the International Road Federation

(IRF) in New Delhi today, the Minister said that a multi-pronged approach is required to tackle the issue of road safety. While on one hand we need to build roads that are safe, with proper placement of curbs, under-passes and safety features for pedestrians, he said the automobile industry also needs to pitch in with

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2nd phase of Mission Indradhanush launched

New Delhi, Oct 5
 The Union Health Minister Shri J P Nadda today launched the second phase of Mission Indradhanush to achieve full immunisation of children below two years. However, the week-long programme will be implemented from Wednesday in 352 districts of the country. The objective of the Mission is to fully immunise those children who are either

unvaccinated or partially vaccinated against the seven diseases including Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus and Hepatitis B. Shri Nadda also reviewed the preparedness of the second phase of the mission with the States in New Delhi. During the interaction through video conferencing with the State Health

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Senior Citizens felicitated at Chinmaya Mission



Port Blair, Oct 5
 The Chairperson of Port Blair Municipal Council, Smt. Sheela Singh has said that it is responsibility of the family and society to take proper care of elderly people and provide them all necessary facilities. She was speaking at Chinmaya Mission Port Blair after felicitating Super Senior citizens (above 80 years). The programme was

organized by the Chinmaya Vanprastha Sansthan (a wing of Chinmaya Mission for senior Citizens) on the occasion of concluding ceremony of weeklong Bhagwat Saptah and International Elders day. The Director of Social Welfare, Shri M.N. Murali was the guest of honour on the occasion.

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ANC to conduct Multispecialty Health Camp at Kamorta & Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Oct 5
 Andaman & Nicobar Command will be conducting a multi speciality health camp at Kamorta on Oct 9 and at Campbell Bay on Oct 10 as part of the Command Raising Day celebrations. This health camp is a joint civil-military initiative. Eye specialist and Dental Surgeon from G B Pant Hospital will accompany the Armed Forces Medical Team. On Oct 9, the medical camp will be conducted at two places at Kamorta Community Health Centre Kamorta, from

9.30 am to 1 pm and from 10 am to 12 noon at Kakana. In this Medical Camp an ENT Specialist, Medical Specialist, Psychiatrist & Dental Officer will be available. Keeping 'School Children Health' as the thrust area, a lecture on adolescent stress will be given by the Psychiatrist in one of the schools at Kamorta. At Campbell Bay, the multispecialty health camp will be conducted at PHC Campbell Bay on Oct 10 from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm. ENT

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NTSE & NMMSS exam for students on Nov. 7

Port Blair, Oct 5
 The State Level National Talent Search Examination (NTSE) for the students presently studying in Class X and the State level National Means - Cum - Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) Examination for the students studying in Class VIII will be conducted in these Islands on 7th November, 2015 from 10 AM to 1 pm. About 1365 students for NTSE and 515 students for the National Means - cum - Merit

Scholarship Scheme examination are likely to appear from these Islands from Campbell Bay to Diglipur. The Zonal Officers/Heads of institutions have been requested to send their representatives for receiving the Admission Cards (Hall Tickets) from the Nodal Officer, Principal, SIE latest by 15th October, 2015. For further information one can contact over phone number 232730 during Office hours, a communication received here said.

LG reviews progress of work of ANCOL

Port Blair, Oct 5

The Lt Governor of A & N Islands, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), reviewed the progress of the work of the Andaman College which is being executed at Chakkargaon, at Raj Niwas today in the presence of Pr Secretary (PWD) and other concerned officers.

The Lt Governor was suggested some more improvement works in the College Campus such as parking spaces, landscaping by

involving Horticulture/ Agriculture Department. The Lt Governor has emphasised on timely completion of the project.

3 scientists from Japan, China and Ireland win Nobel Prize for Medicine

Stockholm, Oct 5
 Three scientists from Japan, China and Ireland whose discoveries led to the development of potent new drugs against parasitic diseases such as malaria and elephantiasis won the Nobel Prize for Medicine today. Irish-born William Campbell and Japan's Satoshi Omura won half of the prize for discovering avermectin, a derivative of which has been used to treat hundreds of millions of people with river blindness and lymphatic filariasis, or elephantiasis.

China's Youyou Tu was awarded the other half of the prize for discovering artemisinin, a drug that has slashed malaria deaths and has become the mainstay of fighting the mosquito-borne disease. The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden said these two discoveries have provided humankind with powerful new means to combat these debilitating diseases that affect hundreds of millions of people annually. The laureates will receive their prizes at a formal

ceremony in Stockholm on December 10, the anniversary of the death of prize creator Alfred Nobel.

Prize Distribution Function

Port Blair, Oct 5
 The prize distribution function of the Hindi Fortnight 2015 will be held in the conference of Tagore Govt. College of Education, Port Blair on 7th October, 2015 at 10 A.M. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash will be the chief guest on the occasion.

Pramukh & Up-Pramukh of Panchayat Samiti Diglipur elected



Mayabunder, Oct. 5
 Shri Shyamal Mondal, Nabagram constituency and Smti. Suniti Halder, Panchayat Samiti, Member, Kerlapuram constituency were unanimously elected as Pramukh and Up-Pramukh of Panchayat Samiti, Diglipur respectively. The first meeting to administer oath of office to the newly elected members of Panchayat Samiti, Diglipur and election to the office of the Pramukh & Up-Pramukh of the Panchayat Samiti, Diglipur was conducted by the Dy. Commissioner (N&MA) today.

(N&MA) assured the gathering that the District Administration will extend full cooperation to the newly elected team and all developmental works will be taken up expeditiously, a communication from the Assistant Commissioner, Diglipur said here today.

Counselling for GNM course on Oct. 9

Port Blair, Oct 5
 The final list of GNM course has been displayed on the notice board of the School of Nursing and website www.andaman.gov.in. The counselling for GNM course for the year 2015-16 will be conducted in the auditorium of G.B. Pant Hospital complex here at 10 am on Oct. 9, 2015. All the eligible willing candidates in the final list published on Oct. 5 have been asked to attend the counselling for getting admission for the GNM course. Those candidates who fail to attend the counselling on the

said date and time will not have any claim for seat, thereafter. Candidates must bring original documents at the time of counselling, failing which admission will not be considered. They have to deposit the fee immediately. Candidates may note that as per INC Guidelines, Science subject is preferable and in case of non availability of Science students other than science subject (Arts/Commerce) will also be considered for admission in GNM Course, a communication from the Principal, School of Nursing said here today.

Awareness camp on ill-effects of drug abuse held

Port Blair, Oct 5
 The Directorate of Social Welfare organised awareness camp on ill-effects of drug abuse and alcoholism in the community hall of Dairy Farm yesterday. Shri B. Eshwar Rao, Councillor of ward no.14 inaugurated the programme and expressed his happiness for organising such programme in his area. Over 250 people attended

the camp showing keen interest in the programme. Shri A.K. Biswas, Probation Officer of Social Welfare Department spoke about the various schemes of the Department including the Act and Rules made for the senior citizen. Shri Subash Mondal, Consultant from TISS spoke about the ill-effects of drugs, a communication said.

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SPORTS

SGFI Natl. Soccer Championship for Girls'

24 teams across the country to participate; event to kick-off on Nov. 21

Staff Reporter,
Port Blair, Oct. 5
The prestigious 61st School Game Federation of India (SGFI), National School Football Championship for Girls U-17 yrs will be held in Port Blair from 21-30 November, 2015. Chairing a meeting to assess the arrangement for the mega event, the Principal Secretary Education (i/c), Shri Arun Baroka urged all the departments to put their best effort to make this event a great success.



and they take a good memory of these Islands to their respective States.

Giving an overview of the event, the Secretary Education, Smt. Tanvi Garg informed that altogether 24 teams from different parts of the country are expected to participate in this

Closure of multipurpose hall

Port Blair, Oct. 5
The multipurpose hall will remain close from Oct. 6 to 18, 2015 for electrification / remarking of Badminton courts. The Department of Sports has requested the general public/ members and non-members to cooperate with the department, a communication said.

Anirban Lahiri aims for Malaysian double at CIMB Classic

Kuala Lumpur, Oct 5
Current Asian Tour number one Anirban Lahiri will be aiming to clinch a magical Malaysian double when he tees up at the USD 7 million CIMB Classic later this month. The 28-year-old Indian star is enjoying the season of his life where he has claimed two victories, enjoyed a career high tied fifth place finish in a Major and earned a debut appearance at the Presidents Cup.

Djokovic maintains top spot in ATP rankings

London, Oct 5
Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic, with 15,645 points, held on to the top spot in the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) world singles rankings released on Monday. Djokovic has led the world rankings for 167 weeks, with only three left to equal American legend John McEnroe, who retained the same position for 170 weeks. In this week's rankings, Spain's Rafael Nadal fell to eighth place with 3,770 points, while fellow Spaniard David Ferrer advanced to the seventh with 3,945.

Swimming Pool to re-open...

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FIR was lodged against the staffs and the Police have filed the charge sheet in the court of CJM in the month of June 2015. At the same time departmental actions are also being taken against the concerned staff. The pool is presently being opened for swimmers/ members hence, no members shall be allowed to enter the pool without their membership /Identity card, a communication from the Director (Sports) said here today.

District level meeting on New Education...

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He also touched upon the need for formulation of new education policy to assess the requirement of the present education system. This, he said is being carried out from the village and block level in which the discussions were held earlier.

In the first session, resource persons, Smti Sangeeta Chand, Principal, Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School, Dr. Deeraj, Principal, Model Sr. Sec. School and D.E.O, Wimberlygunj, Shri Gyansheel Dubey through PowerPoint presentation deliberated upon 13 themes on 'School Education'. In the second session, 20 themes were discussed by the resource persons, Smti G Parmar, HoD (E&CE), DBRAIT, Dr. S.K Vishwas, JNRM, Smti S.Raji and Dr. Shrabani Mallick, Lecturers from DBRAIT on 'Higher & Technical Education', while Shri Sukurajan from DIET deliberated on 'Teacher Education'. The deliberations were followed by question and answers on the themes presented.

Earlier, the D.E.O, South Andaman, Shri H.Nathaniel welcomed the gatherings. The meeting concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Smti Geeta Naveen Bhatt, Teacher Model. Sr. Sec. School.

MORE LOCAL NATIONAL NEWS

Zoological museum cum philatelic exhibition inaugurated

Port Blair, Oct. 5
A two days (Oct. 5 & 6), exhibition has been jointly organized by The Nature Club, Department of Zoology, JNRM and Environment and Forest Department on the occasion of wildlife week. Dr. Naveen Kumar inaugurated the exhibition in the presence of Director Postal Services, Shri S. Kandasamy, Principal, JNRM Dr. N. Francis Xavier and others. The exhibition aims at spreading the message of wildlife conservation and to protect the endangered and endemic species of these islands, creating awareness among new generation and

organize some activities to generate the interest and concern for flora and fauna. The exhibition was organized in various sections comprising different types of rare collection of butterflies of Dr. T. C. Khatri known as 'Butterfly Man' of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Stamp collection of Ms. Geeta and Shri Kandasamy on flora and fauna, rare endemic species of A&N Islands, Endangered and rare species of various vertebrate and invertebrate from rest of the world. The exhibition is open for all till 3 pm tomorrow in Department of Zoology, J.N.R.M.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan by NCC cadets

Port Blair, Oct. 5
As part of birth anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi, NCC Senior Division (Army & Navy) cadets of JNRM College led by Commanding Officer, PI Staff, ANOs and civilian staff conducted a Safai Abhiyan at the Fish Landing Centre, Port Blair on Oct. 2. A total of 104 cadets took part. Before the drive, cadets took the Non Violence Pledge and the Swacchata pledge to remain committed to the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and realize his dream of a Clean India. More than 5 truck-loads of solid garbage were collected. The Health Department of A&N Islands assisted the drive by providing masks, gloves, gash bags. PBMC provided man-power, tools and garbage trucks to clear the area. The Chairperson, PBMC along with the Councilor of the area and fisheries officials were present to motivate the cadets. Local fishermen and some children from the adjoining area came forward and extended a helping hand in the drive.

Symposium on 'Tech Zeal 2015' organised



Port Blair, Oct. 5
A one-day symposium 'Tech Zeal-2015' was organized by Electronics and Communication Engineering Department of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Pahargao in the conference hall of the institute on Oct. 3.

Various technical events were organized by the Electronics department, where in the students had to apply their technical knowledge and skill and be the winner in the competition. The events conducted were technical poster competition, Technical paper presentation, short film on the title 'Smart City', Fastest Genius, technical treasure hunt, advertisement making for technical items and technical quiz.

The symposium was inaugurated by Shri H.N.Singh, Manager, ISRO. A multimedia was presented during the inauguration highlighting the various technical events of the symposium. He appreciated the technical events organized by involving students which will boost up the confidence level of the students in the technical field of knowledge. The Principal DBRAIT, put thrust on organizing such technical events on continual basis to bring out the technical and analytical aptitude of students by involving them in technical competitions, which will help them in competing with students at mainland during placement.

Rough sea ...

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Operation Centres viz. State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 03192-238881, 1070(Helpline), 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, a communication from the State Control Room, Dte. of Disaster Management said here today.

Senior Citizens felicitated...

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The PBMC Chairperson said that Senior Citizens should not feel neglected and ignored. The society and young generation can learn a lot from their experiences. Speaking on this occasion Director of Social Welfare informed about the activities of the Department. Earlier, Elderly people Shri A.K.Thankappan Pillai, Smt. Anjini, Smt. B. Savitri Devi, Smt. Sarojini Konjamma, Shri Om Prakash Abrol, Smt. Raj Kumari Abrol, Shri K.D.Bose were presented shawls and mementos by the guests. The Resident Acharya of the Mission Swami Shuddhananda Saraswati and visiting Swami of Chinmaya Mission Coimbatore Swami Vignesh Chaitanya were also present on the occasion. The president of the Mission Shri Surendra Prahldka welcomed the gathering, while Shri R. Raghunath, secretary proposed the vote of thanks. The programme was coordinated by Shri S.C.Malhotra, President of the Sansthan, Shri Manohar Singh working President and Shri Tej Bahadur Singh. The week long Bhagwat Saptah organized on the occasion of 'pitrupaksh' and conducted by Swami Shuddhananda Saraswati also concluded yesterday with homam and annadanam.

WEATHER

Heavy rain may occur at isolated places over A & N Islands. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 28°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 06/10/2015

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 26.6
Minimum Temperature (°C): 23.6
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 097
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 097
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0509
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1708
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 020.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 002.2
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 15: 2402.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES
Following is the Schedule for Week Oct 2 - 8
Puli (Tamil U) - 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Singh is Bling (Hindi UA) - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Talvar (Hindi UA) - 3:30 PM
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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-
MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 06.10.2015 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 07.10.2015 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar.
MV Sentinel will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa and Nancowry on 09.10.2015 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 12.10.2015 (Mon) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 06.10.2015 (Tue) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 06.10.2015 (Tue) 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 Kaighat will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 12.10.2015 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.10.2015 (Tue) at 1000 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 08.10.2015 (Thu) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 13.10.2015 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 15.10.2015 (Thu) 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 09.10.2015 (Fri) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.
MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 16.10.2015 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 17.10.2015 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 13.10.2015 (Tue) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 13.10.2015 (Tue) 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.
Note: Due to technical snag in the Air Conditioning System, the vessel MV Kaighat will sail without Air Condition during her above voyage. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.
06.10.2015 (TUESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 06.10.2015 (Tue) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Havelock on 06.10.2015 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock via Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 06.10.2015 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

2nd phase of ...

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Secretaries, ShriNadda assured the States to provide all technical and logistic support to make the programme successful. Around 40 lakh children will be administered vaccines in this phase. The mission had been launched in December last year with the aim of expanding immunization coverage to all children across India by year 2020.

ANC to conduct...

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Specialist, Medical Specialist, psychiatrist and Dental Officer will be available in this camp.
All civilians at Kamorta and Campbell Bay can avail of the services at these camps where free consultancy and treatment will be provided. For further information, INS Kardip at Kamorta can be contacted on phone No - 263303, 263306 and INS BAAZ at Campbell Bay can be contacted on phone No - 294534, 264150, an ANC communiqué said.

German strengths ...

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expressed hope that Indo-German Partnership will yield concrete results during Paris meet on climate change later this year. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also thanked German Chancellor for supporting UNSC reforms and India's bid for permanent membership in UNSC.
Visiting German Chancellor Ms Angela Merkel said Germany was looking forward for cooperation with India in several areas like agriculture, internal security, development and defence. She said German companies are open to collaborate with their Indian counterparts and today's MoUs will expedite these processes.
Ms Merkel Said that India's IT sector has shown a remarkable growth and German manufacturing sector can benefit with their partnership. India and Germany are strategic partners since 2001. The German Chancellor's visit here comes around six months after Shri Modi's tour to Germany in April. Germany is India's largest trading partner in European Union and the seventh largest foreign investor in India. Earlier The German Chancellor was accorded a ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Speaking on the occasion, the German Chancellor said Germany fully supports Prime Minister Shri Modi's development plan for India.