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Udhampur encounter: One militant captured alive, one killed; two jawans also killed

Srinagar, Aug 5
In Jammu and Kashmir, security forces today captured one suspected Pakistani terrorist alive and killed another in Udhampur. An Ak-47 rifle was also recovered from the arrested militant. The security forces launched a search operation to see whether any more terrorists are hiding in the nearby forest. This followed a terror attack that left two BSF constables dead on the crucial Jammu-Srinagar highway in Udhampur this morning. The terrorists fired at a BSF convoy on the highway at Simrol around 8 AM. Eleven other personnel were injured



in the attack BSF jawans retaliated killing one terrorist while another managed to escape towards a village in the nearby hills where he took three villagers hostage. Commissioner (DC) Udhampur, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary said that the terrorist was caught alive

after he was pinned down by two of the people he had taken hostage, giving the Indian security establishment a prize catch. Shri Danish Rana, IGP Jammu Zone, said that all the hostages have been set free while the arrested militant is

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IITs initiate actions to minimize dropout rate: HRD Minister



New Delhi, Aug 5
Human Resource Development Minister Smt Smriti Irani has said the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have initiated corrective actions to minimize the dropout rate from the premier Institute. Replying to supplementaries in the Lok Sabha today, Smt Irani said a total of 757 IIT students discontinued their

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Fulfillment of announcement made by LG School children from N&M Andaman to participate in the ensuing state level Monsoon Festival

Port Blair, Aug 5

During the visit of the Lt. Governor to North & Middle Andaman in February and March this year, the Lt. Governor witnessed a cultural programme presented by the school children and announced that in view of the immense talent among the children of North & Middle Andaman, they would be provided an opportunity to demonstrate their talent at state level cultural programme to be organized at Port Blair.

Accordingly, the Department of Art & Culture has invited school children of North & Middle Andaman to perform during the ensuing Monsoon Festival, being organized from Aug 7 to 9, 2015. About 60 school children from Rangat,

Mayabunder and Diglipur are expected to reach Port Blair to participate in the festival. During his visit to North & Middle, the Lt. Governor also announced a grant of Rs. 5 lakh for the promotion of art and culture in Rangat and Diglipur. Accordingly, the amount has

been provided by the Department of Art & Culture to Deputy Commissioner (North & Middle Andaman). About twenty registered Cultural organizations, comprising of two hundred artists will also present programmes based on folk,

classical and semi classical presentations during the Monsoon Festival. All are invited to come and enjoy the festival and also encourage our artistes and school children, a communication from the Director (Art & Culture) said here today.



Dr Madhavi Vaidya, Chairperson of Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Mahamandal (ABMSM), along with other representatives called on the Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), at Raj Niwas on 05th August 2015.

Skill Development Centres to be set up in LS constituencies: Minister

New Delhi, Aug 5
Skill Development Centres will be set up in each of the Lok Sabha Constituencies to impart skills among youth. Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy said this during Question Hour in the Lok Sabha today. He said eight more Regional Vocational Training Institutes have been set up in states such

as Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Bihar and Tripura beside the existing 10 RVTIs across the country and they will be commencing training from this month.

Replying to a supplementary, he said the Constituency level committees will identify the skill development programmes needed for the local requirements. He also said over one lakh fifty thousand women will be imparted skills every

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The Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), releasing the first issue of quarterly magazine 'Zilla Sandesh' brought out by Zilla Parishad South Andaman at Raj Niwas on 05th August 2015. Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash, Adhyaksha, ZPSA, Ms V K Mariyam Bibi and CEO, ZPSA were also present.

SSWB interview postponed

Port Blair, Aug 5

Due to administrative reasons, the personal interviews for selection of candidates for the position of Chairperson and non official members of Andaman & Nicobar State Social Welfare Board, scheduled to be held on Aug 8, 2015 has been postponed. The fresh date and time for the interview will be intimated later, official sources informed here today.

Free coaching centre established by ASSS



Port Blair, Aug 5

As a part of its welfare programmes and to encourage the needy and deprived students, the Andaman Sai Seva Samiti, established a free coaching centre at Shri Saraswathi Shishu Vidya Mandir,

Pathergudda 4 for IX and X Class students (Hindi and English medium) from Aug 3.

The Chairperson, UT Commission for the Protection Children Rights, A&N Islands, Smti Sheela Singh was chief guest on the

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Cabinet approves direct release of wages to MNREGA workers

New Delhi, Aug 5
Union Cabinet today approved direct release of wages to workers' accounts under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employee Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). Official sources said, the decision in this regard was taken by the Cabinet in New Delhi this evening. It would benefit all stakeholders and improve overall efficiency of implementation of the scheme. The workers would be assured of payment of wages on the second day of the pay order generation and gram panchayats empowered to take up work according to

their labour budget without struggling for release of funds. The decision would enable states to spend more time in planing and improving the efficiency and Centre would gain by releasing what is actually spent. It would also lead to greater transparency in

Rains lash Isles; Met Office forecast more downpour for A&N

Staff Reporter
Port Blair, Aug. 5

The A&N Islands are experiencing in good rainfall since the last couple of days. The Met Office, Shadipur recorded the total rainfall (July 25 to August 5) at 91.1mm at Port Blair. Met Office sources further informed that Mayabunder has recorded rainfall at 129.8mm, Long Islands 138.3mm, Car Nicobar 13mm, Nancowry 39mm and Hutbay 94.2mm.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall & fisherman warning issued by the IMD says heavy to very heavy rain would occur at a few places with extremely heavy rain at isolated places over A&N Islands during next 24 hours. Under the influence of strong southwest monsoon current, strong Southwesterly wind speed between 35 and 45 kilometer per hour gusting to 55

movement of funds. Despite implementation of electronic fund management system, delays in payment have been increasing and this has called for steps to improve the system and assured timely availability of funds as per demand.

kilometer per hour and rough to very rough seas likely along and off Andaman and Nicobar coasts. Fishermen are advised not to venture in to the sea. LCS III is kept hoisted at Port Blair Port. 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: 0 3 1 9 2 - 2 3 8 8 8 1 , 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 and EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030.

Science miracle show at Science Centre

Port Blair, Aug 5
The Science Centre here will be organizing a Science Miracle show on Aug 6 & 7, 2015 from 5.30 pm to 6 pm. The programme is specially designed for all age groups in which one may understand the science of day to day life in a very simple & fun filled way. The entry fee for the Show is Rs.10/- per head. Further there shall also be Planetarium shows at 5 pm & 6 pm on Aug 6 & 7 with entry fee of Rs.10/- per head, a communication said.

'Florence Nightingale' awardee Sarojini pledges to continue serving patients with compassion

Port Blair, Aug 5
Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. The award was conferred on her in public recognition of valuable services to the community as Nurse. Sharing her memorable journey to Rashtrapati Bhavan, Smt. Naik said it was a mixed feeling of happiness and nervousness, since it was her first time meeting the President in person. "Many people have the desire to meet the leaders of the country while not many are so fortunate, but I am glad that I got the opportunity to receive the award from the President", said a humble looking Sarojini Naik. Smt Naik, alumni of Girls School did her Nursing Training from Mission Hospital Ambala, Punjab in 1978 and started her career as a staff nurse back in 1981. "I always wanted to take care of people who are ill. My first

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visit to GB Pant Hospital during my childhood and seeing the nurses taking care of the patients with warmth and kindness prompted me to take up nursing as a profession, she said. My idea of nursing is that we should treat patients with compassion, only then they will also develop empathy towards others. Half of the pain of the patients will be reduced if the nurse attends them with warmth", she says.

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Police cautions against high beam while driving/riding

Port Blair, Aug 5
The A&N Police has cautioned against using of high beam headlights by motorists causes irritation to the eyes of the drivers coming from opposite direction and also affecting aircraft operation during night. In this regard, a notification has already been issued by the District Magistrate, South

Andaman through electronic and print media for the information of general public that while plying their vehicles at night from Dairy Farm Junction to Bhatu Basthi and vice versa they shall ply their vehicles on low beam only.

Members of general public have once again been requested to ply their

vehicles in low beam on the mentioned stretch of road. The Traffic Police will conduct special drive against the drivers/owners after a week from the publication of this press release. Violators are liable to be prosecuted as per law, a communication from the SP, South Andaman District said here today.

S P O R T S

BCCI should be brought under RTI: Sports Minister

New Delhi, Aug 5 Sports Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal has said that the Indian Cricket Board, BCCI need to be made accountable and transparent in its functioning like any other sports federation of the country. He was speaking during a felicitation function organised for the Indian archers in New Delhi. When asked whether BCCI should be brought under

the purview of Right To Information Act, the Sports Minister said that as per the observation of the Supreme Court, BCCI is a public body and it is the expectation of the sports lover of the country that transparency and accountability should be there in the day-to-day affairs of all the sports federations.

For long the BCCI has been maintaining that it is a private entity as it does not take any funds from the government. But the Supreme Court has ruled that the BCCI is a public body and that its actions are open to judicial review, thereby providing fresh arsenal to the government to bring the cricket body under the RTI Act.

Australia 'A' thrashes South Africa 'A' by 9 wickets

Chennai, Aug 5 A superlative all-round performance from Australia A helped their side to a nine-wicket victory over South Africa A in the triangular one-day series at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai on Wednesday.

Opting to bat did not turn out well for the Proteas as they were bowled out for 171 in 48.4 overs. In reply, Australia 'A' made full use of their experience as they romped home to victory with 114 balls to spare.

Unlike South Africa 'A', the Australian side has been in India for some time as they had also played two four-day first class matches against India 'A' prior to the 50-over tournament. They also beat the hosts in the second game to take the series 1-0.

Chennaiyin FC sign Eder Monteiro Fernandes

Chennai, Aug 5 Chennaiyin FC on Wednesday announced the signing of Brazilian central defender Eder Monteiro Fernandes for the second season of the Hero Indian Super League football. Eder, who will turn 32 in September, was last playing for Nea Salamis Famagusta in the topmost league of Cyprus. He spent two seasons with the Cypriot outfit.

The Brazilian has spent the majority of his career in his home country with the most notable stint at giants Vasco Da Gama, where he made 79 appearances between 2005 and 2007.

England look to seal Ashes, Australia aim for comeback

Nottingham, Aug 5 England are aware that another commendable all-round display will be enough for them to win the Ashes series, but know fully well that opponents Australia will not easily yield in the fourth Test starting in Nottingham on Thursday. England currently leads the five-Test match series 2-1 after a superb all-round effort at Edgbaston cricket ground enabled them to win the third match by eight wickets.

Special court issues non-bailable warrant against Lalit Modi

New Delhi, Aug 5 A special Mumbai court today issued a non-bailable warrant against former IPL boss Lalit Modi. The Enforcement Directorate has moved the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act - PMLA court in Mumbai seeking a non-bailable warrant after Modi did not respond to the summons sent to him. During the arguments special judge PR Bhavake had yesterday sought to know why the agency was not arresting him and whether a warrant can be issued during the

investigation. Observing that ED was yet to file a charge sheet naming Lalit Modi as an accused, Judge Bhavake wondered whether the court can issue warrant against such a person. ED's lawyer Hiten Venegoankar said Lalit Modi was not available in India and had not complied with the summons issued to him since 2009. He further cited the Supreme Court ruling saying that a non-bailable warrant can be issued during the investigation.

Free dive champion, Natalia Molachanova feared dead



Ibiza, Aug 5 World record breaking free dive champion, Natalia Molachanova is missing after failing to surface from a dive near the Spanish island of Ibiza. She is presumed dead.

The family said it was feared she got into difficulties in the strong underwater current. Natalia, widely regarded as the greatest free diver in history, who holds 41 world records could halt a breath for nine minutes.

India's Bajrang, Babita enter World Wrestling Championship

Las Vegas, Aug 5 Asian Games and Commonwealth Games silver medallist Bajrang Kumar on Tuesday qualified for the 2015 World Wrestling Championship to be held in Las Vegas in the United States from September 7-12 in the 61 kilogram free style category, while 2014 Commonwealth Games gold medallist Babita Kumari also booked her berth for the championships. The final trial for the category was conducted by the Wrestling Federation of India at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) training centre. Kumar

defeated Sonu 4-0. Kumar, who won the bronze medal in the 2013 World Wrestling Championship said, "I am feeling better now and during the past few days I have worked hard on my back injury. I have already won bronze medal in the World Championship but this time my target will be to win gold and qualify for Rio Olympic Games 2016. We still have a month left for the World Championship and our coaches are working hard in every area." Kumari beat Nirmala Devi 6-2 to book her berth for the championships in the women's 53 kg category.

Indian archers to have Yoga sessions with Baba Ramdev for 2016 Rio Olympics

New Delhi, Aug 5 In a sport like archery where archers need better body positioning, enhance breathing techniques, and above all, an unflinching concentration, Yoga may come handy. After a strong showing at the recently concluded Archery World Championships in Denmark, Archery Association of India (AAI) is ready to help its archers by introducing Yoga to strengthen their minds. According reports, AAI president Vijay Kumar Malhotra, who is also a senior Bhartiya Janata Party leader, has approached Baba Ramdev to conduct Yoga sessions for Indian archers, keeping in mind the upcoming 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics. "We have

realised that our archers need yoga sessions in order to become mentally strong during intense competitions. This, I feel, will help our archers win medals at the Rio Olympics next year," Malhotra was quoted as saying. It's also learnt that India's medal hopeful at the Rio Games, Deepika Kumari herself has requested the AAI to hold yoga lessons. Her move also reportedly got the backing of team-mate Rimil Buriuly. Malhotra added, "I will speak to Baba Ramdev in a day or two. I am sure he will help our archers." But he did share the association's predicament, "AAI doesn't have funds. The government has suspended us."

Sikkim to contribute towards hydro-power generation to fulfill country's need

Gangtok, Aug 5 Sikkim has been trying its best to contribute towards hydro-power generation to fulfill the country's need for clean and green energy. With the opening of this sector for the Private Developers, the state is now looking forward for exploiting its huge hydro-power potential which has

MORE LOCAL / NATIONAL NEWS

Kerala has all indicators for first child-friendly state in country: UNICEF

Thiruvananthapuram, Aug 5 Kerala has all the social development indices in its favour to declare it as the first Child-friendly State in the country. This was stated in Thiruvananthapuram today by UNICEF Southern Regional Head Job Zachariah. He said UNICEF has made this assessment, based on the remarkable strides Kerala has made in the field of education, health and hygiene, sanitation, cleanliness and safe drinking water supply. He disclosed this during the joint declaration of cooperation between the Parliamentary Studies Training Institute of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and UNICEF.

Confidence building exercise for farmers

Bengaluru, Aug 5 The Karnataka government has launched a full-fledged confidence building exercise to instill confidence among farming community in the state. Hence 10 days campaign is kicked off in all the districts to counsel farmers against suicide using audio visual medium and social media. Chief Minister and his council of ministers are visiting villages where farmers committed suicides.

Old Delhi to have tram network

New Delhi, Aug 5 As part of its efforts to augment transport infrastructure, Delhi government has decided to run trams in several walled city areas including Lal Quila, Jama Masjid and Old Delhi Railway Station. Officials said, government has started preliminary works for laying of tram network besides carrying out several development projects in the Old Delhi area. They said, the tram network will also link New Delhi Railway Station and several other localities.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Aug 5 The 20 Grenadiers C/o 99 APO will be utilizing Chinthe 200m Long Range, Brichgunj on Aug 17, 25 & 26, 2015 for small arms firing from 0931 hrs to 1600 hrs.

Meanwhile, the unit of 23 Rajput, C/o 99 APO will utilize Chinthe 200m Long Range firing, Brichgunj on Aug 6, 7, 18, 27 & 28, 2015 for small arms firing from 0600 hrs to 1600 hrs. All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range.

Presiding over the function, Speaker N Sakthan said Kerala Legislative Assembly has the credit of

setting up a study centre for Parliamentary studies, the first of its kind in the country.

Cleanliness drive undertaken

Port Blair, Aug 5 As part of Swatch Bharat Abhiyan, various activities were carried out by teachers, staff & students of GSS Delanipur recently. All the Houses of the school cleaned the surroundings of the school.

The Science teachers of the school explained to the students about clean food and hygienic habits. A medical team from Directorate of Health Services created

awareness among the students about personal hygienic.

The PBMC Sanitary Section, Delanipur and the school SCM, teachers and students participated in the drive. Similarly, the APWD workers cleaned the existing drinking water tank.

Earlier, the Vice-Principal of the School, Smti. Sobha Roy emphasized the importance of cleanliness in our day to day life, a communication said.

Foreshore/Inter Island shipping services; DSS advises passengers

Port Blair, Aug 5 Due to adverse weather conditions and hoisting of cautionary Signal No. III at Ports, the Directorate of Shipping Services, keeping in view the safety of the passengers and the vessel, may suspend or cancel the announced schedule in respect of Foreshore/Inter Island Sector.

Similarly, in the prevailing weather condition operation of Harbour/Vehicle ferry services between Chatham, Bambooflat, Dundas Point, Panighat & Phoenix Bay is becoming difficult and considered unsafe. In view of this, Directorate may be forced to suspend the Harbour/Vehicle Ferry Services at short notice

depending upon the weather condition. The general public have been requested to cooperate with this Directorate, a communication from the Dy. Director (SS) said here today.

Addl. ferry service on Aug 15

Port Blair, Aug 5 On the occasion of "69th Independence Day Celebration" on Aug 15, 2015 to facilitate the commuters of Bambooflat and its adjoining areas the Directorate of Shipping Services will be operating additional ferry services on Aug 15 between 6 am and 6 pm. The commuters of the above areas can avail the above service.

Skill Development ...

(Contd. from page 1) year through women ITIs. In addition, 25 thousand women are getting upgraded skills through various Entrepreneurship Programmes. Replying to another supplementary, Shri Rudy said all North Eastern States have been covered under the skill development programmes through 98 training centres and 11 mobile training centres.

'Florence Nightingale'...

(Contd. from first page) Smt Sarojini had rendered services in various parts of the islands including Nicobar, Nancowry, and Neil Islands, apart from Port Blair city and its suburbs. During the 2004 Tsunami, she stayed at PHC Ferrargunj for six days leaving her family (old mother and husband) alone and helped in restoration of normalcy for the affected population.

Asked whether the award she received has done justice to the services rendered by her, a well satisfied Sarojini said the award indeed brought her a sense of accomplishment and she felt she had done her best with what she could. Only 9 months away from retirement, Smt Naik said, "I shall continue to render my best and take care of the patients with utmost compassion". Smt Naik acknowledges the unflinching support of her husband Shri SB Naik working in STS Department, during her nursing career so far.

Echoing her message to fellow nursing sisters on selfless dedicated services to humanity, Smt Naik's said "a smile can do a lot, hence it is necessary that we do so while dealing with patients and remove some of their pains. "Dealing with patients is quite a challenge as the requirement of each patient is different from the other. We have to cooperate and embrace them with warmth", she added.

Apart from caring for the in-patients at CHC, Bambooflat, Smt Naik also cares for her ailing bed ridden mother Sittamma (76 years), juggling between work place and home. "In a day we have 18-25 in-patients, apart from 250-290 out patients that visits the CHC, she said, however the support received from the CMO and my fellow colleagues is tremendous so far in my career", she added. Smt Naik also had a word of praise for the DSS staff for their immediate response & support in all time for shifting the referred patients in vehicle ferries.

The Florence Nightingale awards are given to the outstanding nursing personnel employed in Central, State/UTs, and Nurses working in Government, Voluntary Organizations, Mission institutions and the private institutions. The Florence Nightingale Awards carries Rs.50, 000/- cash, a certificate, a citation certificate and a Medal. (Interviewed by: Mary Pee)

WEATHER

Moderate rainfall will occur at many places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Thursday 06/08/2015

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 27.6
Minimum Temperature (°C): 22.7
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 093
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 100
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0509
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1744
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 029.1
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 034.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 15: 1428.6 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week Jul 31 - Aug 6
Drishyam - (Hindi UA) - 3:30 PM & 7:00
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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

MV Kalighat will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 11.08.2015 (Tue) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 12.08.2015 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 08.08.2015 (Sat) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 08.08.2015 (Sat) 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 & Nancowry on 12.08.2015 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 14.08.2015 (Fri) 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 10.08.2015 (Mon) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of excess baggage will commence from 10.08.2015 (Mon) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All passengers are advised to carry out only the booked baggage as no excess baggage other than the booked will be allowed.

MV Kalighat will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 14.08.2015 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 15.08.2015 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 11.08.2015 (Tue) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 11.08.2015 (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 Kalighat will sail without Air Condition during her above voyages. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

06.08.2015 (THURSDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 06.08.2015 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 06.08.2015 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

Udhampur encounter...

(Contd. from page 1) being interrogated to ascertain details. He said that search operation has been called off.

Today's attack came a week after the terror strike in Gurdaspur by three Pakistanis in which they and seven Indians were killed.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gen. Subrata Saha, general officer commanding of the Army's 15 Corps, has expressed confidence that the army will be able to pre-empt attempts by terrorists to infiltrate into India. He told media on the sidelines of a function in Srinagar today that so far this year, 17 terrorists have been eliminated while trying to infiltrate. Lt Gen. Saha also said, Infiltration has been curbed due to efforts to the soldiers on the ground, improved surveillance grid and a good intelligence network.

ITIs initiate ...

(Contd. from page 1) studies in 2014-15 compared to 697 in 2013-14. The minister attributed the dropouts to medical and personal reasons and shifting to other colleges.

She said the performance of students is continuously monitored through class and laboratory tests and supplementary examinations. Additional classes are arranged for academically weaker students. Smti Irani said effective counseling is also being given to de-stress the students. They are also encouraged for extra curricular activities like yoga, sports and environment related activities.

Free coaching ...

(Contd. from page 1) occasion who inaugurated the centre by lighting the traditional lamp in presence of Shri Ghan Shyam, President, ASSS, the Management of SSVM.School, parents and students from various schools.

Smti Sheela Singh appreciated the efforts of Sai Samiti in various activities and also informed about establishment of UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights in these Islands.

The gathering also paid homage to Late Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, the former President of India, by keeping two minutes' silence.