



Islanders swim their way to glory amidst fanfare

Sea swimming competition should be made large-scale event in A&N Isles: LG



Port Blair, May 6

Enthusiasm filled the morning air at Rajiv Gandhi Water Sports Complex, as people from different walks of life gathered to witness the second 'Sea Swimming Competition-2017', which was organized by the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs, A&N Administration and State Sports Council at the Aberdeen Jetty here today. The atmosphere was euphoric, as the BSF Brass Band and the A&N Police Band presented melodious renditions adding fervor to the pleasant morning as well as to the event. The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi was the chief guest on the occasion. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Principal Secretary (Sports) Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, P BMC Chairperson, Shri B. Eswar Rao, Adhyaksh, ZPSA, Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, IG, A&N Police, Shri N.S. Bundela, Secretary (Law) Shri Pradip Banerjee and other senior officers of the Administration were also present on the occasion.

The Lt. Governor and other officers were present at the finishing line to cheer the participants. As the participants approached the finishing line, rousing cheers from the spectators present at the venue pepped up the spirit of the swimmers, who swam their way to glory from the historic Ross Island to RGWS Complex, covering a distance of 1.5km. As many as 100 swimmers participated in this competition.

Addressing the gathering during the prize distribution ceremony, the Lt. Governor remarked that the day began on a joyful note for the Islanders, as the second Sea Swimming Competition was successfully conducted today. He lauded the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs and State Sports Council for organizing the event in a well-planned manner. Lauding the participants, the Lt. Governor eulogized the spirit of sportsmanship and courage displayed by the swimmers, who successfully completed the 1.5 km distance, despite the challenges. He also extended special congratulations to the winners of all the categories.

The Lt. Governor also mentioned that it was the first time that he witnessed the sea swimming competition here in the Islands, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He said, the A&N Islands are isolated from the mainland India and there are difficulties in conducting sports competitions at large scale. However, the sea swimming competition is one such event, which by far, is the most convenient one for the Islanders and can be made a national event, added the Lt. Governor. He further stated that once the sea swimming event gains momentum at national level, the Islanders would surely lead the entire country, as they are par excellence in this event.

Desiring that the 'Sea Swimming Competition' be made a large scale event, the Lt. Governor directed the concerned officers of the Administration and the Department of Sports to ensure that swimming activities are encouraged among Islanders and given due importance. He remarked that sea swimming competition should be made a regular event in the Islands by involving participants from mainland as well. This way, he said, talented swimmers in the Isles will be encouraged to perform well not only in the Islands, but at national level too. "We must strive to create such atmosphere here, where sea swimming competition becomes a well known event across the country in the years to come", he said. The Lt. Governor lauded the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs and all the stakeholders for the successful conduct of the event.

The Lt. Governor and other dignitaries also handed over the cash prizes, medals and certificates to the winners of various categories and presented a special Certificate of Honour and medal to the oldest participants from above 50 years category, Shri Biswanath Nandi, 75, who successfully completed the open sea swimming competition. The Chief Secretary presented consolation prizes to all the participants on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said, the second Sea Swimming Competition was organized after a gap of three years, and saw more than 100 participants. He said, efforts will be made to ensure that the future event is even better, and

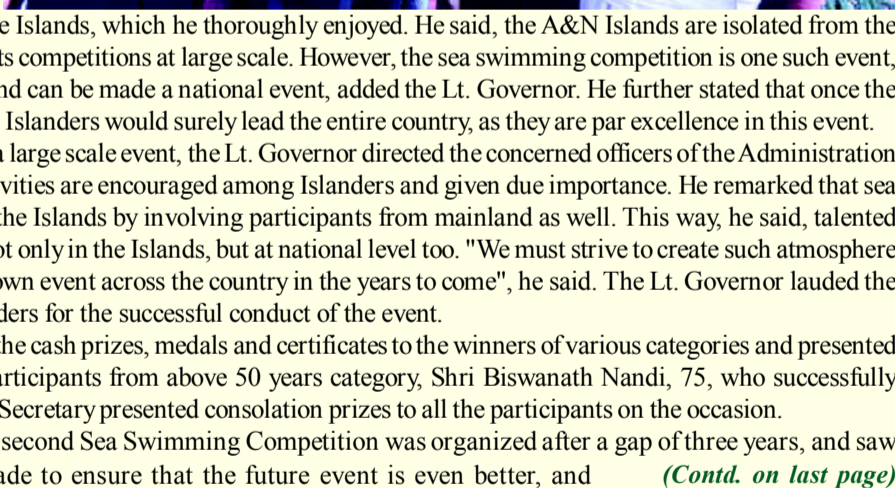
Chief Commissioners of CEST & Customs to visit Isles

Port Blair, May 6
The Chief Commissioner of Central Excise and Service Tax, Bengal, Odisha and A&N Islands, Shri R.K. Sharma and the Chief Commissioner of Customs, West Bengal & A&N Islands, Shri. S.K. Panda will be arriving here on a

Special Secretary to GoI arriving
Port Blair, May 6
The Member & Special Secretary to GoI, Smt Ananya Ray will be arriving here on a three day visit to the Isles tomorrow (May 7). During her stay here, Smt Ray will attend the GST Outreach programme to be held at DBRAIT auditorium on May 8.

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'Sthapna' of 12 Jyotirlinga
Port Blair, May 6
The idols of Shree Dwadash Jyotirlinga will be enshrined at Radha Krishna Temple, Junglighat, here from 7.30 am onwards tomorrow (May 7), followed by distribution of bhog prasad.



Committee on Petitions, Lok Sabha arrives on visit



Port Blair, May 6
The Committee on Petitions, Lok Sabha led by its Chairman, Shri Jitendra Singh arrived on a study visit to A&N Islands today. The other members of the Committee on Petitions include S/Shri Ram Tahal Choudhury, Chhedi Paswan, Kodikunnil

Suresh, Rajan Vichare, Chandra Prakash Joshi and Dr. K. Gopal. On arrival, the Chairman and the Committee members held an informal discussion with the representatives of the Ministry of Home Affairs on the representation of Shri Tintus Surin regarding

construction of Pakka road in Baratang, A & N Islands in the conference hall of Megapode Resort today. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar along with the senior officers of Administration was present during the

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Residential camp for girls by RSS concludes

First Lady exhorts women to play vital role towards development of family & Nation



Port Blair, May 6

The seven-day residential camp for girls, organized by Rashtriya Sevika Samity (RSS) A&N Unit concluded with a function held in the conference hall of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line here this evening. The First Lady of these Islands, Smt. Prem Mukhi was the chief guest of the valedictory

function. Addressing the gathering, the First Lady, while expressing happiness to be a part of the function said, camps of such magnitude provide an opportunity to the students to mingle with each other, stay together and share their thoughts, besides learning good values. The moral values

must be adopted in the right spirit by the students, for achieving success in life, she said.

The First Lady informed the students about the Cellular Jail where freedom fighters made supreme sacrifice for the cause of the Motherland. The ruthless tortures could not dampen the spirit of the

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Parliamentary Standing Committee on S&T, Environment & Forest discusses functioning of BSI & ZSI in Isles

Port Blair, May 6

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science & Technology, Environment & Forest led by its Chairperson, Smt. Renuka Chowdhury arrived on a study visit to A&N Islands today. The other members of the Committee include S/Shri E.T Mohammed Basheer, Ronald Sapa Tlau, Nagendra Singh, Sukhran Singh Yadav, Daddan Mishra, Pankaj Chaudhary, Prabhubhai N. Vasava, Prasanna Acharya, Nagendra Kumar Pradhan, Nana Patole, CP Narayanan



and Vikram Usendi. Soon after arrival, the committee proceeded for Havelock where a discussion with the representatives of Ministry of Environment Forest and

Climate Change, Zoological Survey of India and Botanical Survey of India on functioning of BSI and ZSI in Andaman & Nicobar Islands was held in

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Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disability Act

A&N Islands can become role model for the country: Chief Commissioner



Port Blair, May 6

The new Rights of Persons with Disability Act 2016, which is effective from 19th April 2017, can be easily implemented in these small Islands, where population

is less and hardly around 6,600 disabled persons have been identified. Moreover, the UT Administration has succeeded in issuing 100% Disability Certificates to persons with disabilities

through PHCs and CHCs spread across the Islands, observed the Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Dr. Kamlesh Kumar Pandey, currently on visit to the

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congratulated the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, State Sports Council and the stakeholders viz. A&N Police, Naval Wing, Coast Guard, Fisheries Department, APWD, IP&T, DHS, A&N Islands AIDS Control Society, Forest Department, A&N Diving Association for their concerted efforts in ensuring the smooth and successful conduct of the event. He said, sea swimming competition is a challenging event and the winners and participants have shown their courageous sportsmanship, which deserves appreciation.

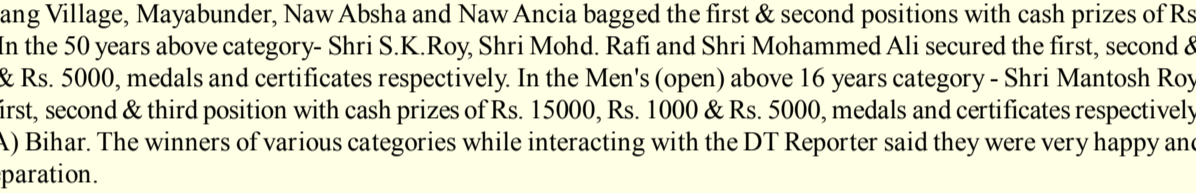
Welcoming the gathering, the Director Sports, Shri A. K. Trivedi said, this is the second open sea swimming competition being organized in the Island. He said, as many as 100 swimmers have participated in the event under various categories. He also expressed gratitude to the Administration and all the stakeholders for making the event a grand success.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Asst. Director (Sports) Shri Chandrashekar.

Earlier, the Chief Secretary, Shri Anindo Majumdar flagged off the competition from Ross Island in the presence of the Principal Secretary (Sports) Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Secretary (Sports) Shri Sandip J. Jacques and the Director (Sports), Shri A.K. Trivedi.

In the above 12-16 years category (Boys) - Didicus Frankline, L. Fertinon and Resanth secured the first, second & third positions with cash prizes of Rs. 15000, Rs. 10,000 & Rs. 5000, medals and certificates respectively. The winners are from Andaman Nicobar Sports Academy (ANSA). In the above 12-16 years category (Girls) -Irene Rachel Raji, Jasleen Kaur Bhora, Taran Deep Kaur Bhora secured the first, second & third positions with cash prizes of Rs. Rs. 15000, Rs. 10,000 and Rs. 5000, medals and certificates respectively.

In the women's (open) above 16 years category-, the sister duo hailing from the Karen Community of Karmatang Village, Mayabunder, Naw Absha and Naw Ancia bagged the first & second positions with cash prizes of Rs. 15000 & Rs. 10000, medals and certificates respectively. In the 50 years above category- Shri S.K.Roy, Shri Mohd. Rafi and Shri Mohammed Ali secured the first, second & third positions with cash prizes of Rs. 15000, Rs. 10000 & Rs. 5000, medals and certificates respectively. In the Men's (open) above 16 years category - Shri Mantosh Roy, Shri Sukdev Das and Shri Himanshu K. Rout secured the first, second & third position with cash prizes of Rs. 15000, Rs. 1000 & Rs. 5000, medals and certificates respectively. All the three winners are from 154 Infantry Battalion (TA) Bihar. The winners of various categories while interacting with the DT Reporter said they were very happy and would participate in such events in future with better preparation.



First Lady exhorts women...

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freedom fighters to make India free from British yoke, she said. Emphasizing that women can play a vital role towards the development of the family, society and the Nation, the First Lady said, children must be guided in such a way so that they can contribute towards Nation building. "Children must be taught that Nation comes first and we should do our best for the progress of our Country", she said, appreciating the parents for sending their wards for the seven day residential camp.

In her speech, the Akhil Bhartiya Sampark Pramukh, Ms Smita Haldekar said, we should feel proud that we are born in a Country which has given the message of humanity to the World. She also described A&N Islands as a place of pilgrimage where scores of freedom fighters have sacrificed their life for the cause of the Motherland. She informed about the life of Laxmibai Kelkar who was instrumental in the formation of Rashtriya Sevika Samity.

The students of the camp also presented prayer songs, yog asanas and demonstrated martial art on the occasion.

The function was also attended by Smt. Rupa Ray, the Chairperson SSWB, Dr Poonam Arora, the ex- Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. Sheela Singh and the ex- Chairperson SSWB, Smt. Pritam Kumari Nanda.

Ms Archana Harshe, Karyavahika Rashtriya Sevika Samity A&N Islands informed that the A&N Unit started functioning here in the year 2010 and every year residential camps and workshops are being organized. The total strength of the A&N unit is 103 while 70 girls participated in the residential camp which started on April 30, 2017.

Parliamentary Standing Committee...

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the conference hall of Dolphin Resort, Havelock.

On May 7, the Committee will hold discussion with the representatives of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Administration of Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and representatives of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change on environment issues of Andaman & Nicobar Islands at 3 pm at Megapode Resort. This will be followed by discussion with Administration of Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on G. M. Crops and its impact on environment at 4 pm there itself.

Implementation of Rights of Persons with Disability ...

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Islands, while addressing a press meet in the conference hall of the District Office here today. If swift actions are taken to implement the Act in the Islands, the UT can become role model for other states of the country to emulate, he said.

Highlighting the provisions of the Act, (PwD Act 1995) and the need for its implementation, the Chief Commissioner said that the National Policy recognizes that 'Divyangs' (disabled persons) are valuable human resources for the country and there is need to create an environment that provides them opportunities, protect their rights and ensures their participation in the society. He said that they are integral part of the society and best possible efforts and initiations should be made for their care, education, training, development, employment, participation and rehabilitation in the society. Dr. Pandey informed the scribes that he has met senior officers of the Administration, NGOs, PRI members and has suggested for an exclusive school for the 'Divyang' persons as also institute for special educators and teachers training to strengthen the community based rehabilitation programme for the PwD in these scattered Islands. He has also appealed to the NGOs to come forward and make concerted efforts for the participative development and rehabilitation of the persons with disability to enable them lead a respectable life in the society.

The Deputy Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Shri Rakesh Kumar and the State Commissioner (PwD) A & N Islands/Secretary DSW, Ms. Richa were also present during this press meet.

Committee on Petitions...

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discussion. Soon after the meeting, the Committee members left for Havelock in the afternoon.

According to an official communication, the Committee will hold an informal discussion with the representatives of the Ministry of Human Resource Development on the representation of Shri Mahender Singh regarding formulation of Recruitment Rules of DIET teachers in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, at 10.30 am at Megapode Resort on May 8, 2017.

SPORTS
Oorja 2017 CAPFS U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament

Port Blair, May 6

The result of matches played at Netaji Stadium, Port Blair, under the ongoing Oorja 2017 CAPFs U-19 Football Talent Hunt Tournament are as follows:-



BOYS TEAM (VENUE- NETAJI STADIUM):-				
Group	Team	Result	Won	Remarks
B	Rangat Zone V/S Nancowrie Zone	Goal - 00 Goal - 02	Nancowrie Zone	
B	Port Blair Zone V/S Wimberligunj Zone	Goal - 00 Goal - 00	DREW	
GIRLS TEAM (VENUE- JNRMSTADIUM):-				
Group	Team	Result	Won	Remarks
C	Car Nicobar Zone V/S Little Andaman Zone	Goal - Goal -	Little Andaman	Won by Walk Over
D	Maya Bunder Zone V/S Rangat Zone	Goal - Goal -	Rangat Zone	Won by Walk Over

The schedule for matches to be played on 07/05/2017 are as under :-

BOYS TEAM (VENUE - NETAJI STADIUM)			
Srl	Time	Team	Remarks
1.	0600-0740 Hrs	Maya Bunder Zone V/S Car Nicobar Zone	
2.	1500-1640 Hrs	Nancowrie Zone V/S Wimberligunj Zone	
GIRLS TEAM (VENUE - JNRM STADIUM)			
Srl	Time	Team	Remarks
1.	0600-0740 Hrs	Car Nicobar Zone V/S Wimberligunj Zone	
2.	1500-1640 Hrs	Maya Bunder Zone V/S KVS Port Blair	

Meeting by District Disaster Management Authority held

Staff Reporter
Port Blair, May 6

A meeting of the District Disaster Management Authority in connection with organizing mock drill and awareness programme was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Udit Prakash Rai in the conference hall of the Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning. The Assistance Commissioner (R&DM), South Andaman, Ms. Mitali Goel, representatives from Shipping Service, Health Services, PMB, Forests, Fire Services, Coast Guard, Power

Corporation, IOC and APWD were present on the occasion. During the meeting, it was decided that a fire mock drill would be conducted in Divyum Theatre and accordingly the Deputy Commissioner directed the Tehsildar, Disaster Management, Shri Jaladharan to coordinate with the Chief Fire Officer, Shri B. Seghal to draw out a comprehensive plan for conducting the mock drill at Divyum Theatre specifying the duties and responsibilities of the stakeholders besides the dates and timing of the mock drill to be conducted.

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 33 °C and 26 °C respectively on Sunday 07/05/2017
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 33.0
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 26.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST 078
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST 076
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0458
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1734
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 246.2

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week May 5 - 11
Baahubali - The Conclusion (Telugu UA) - 12:00 PM, 12:30 PM & 3:30 PM
Baahubali - The Conclusion (Hindi UA) - 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM
Baahubali - The Conclusion (Tamil UA) - 7:00 PM
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ANAND PARADISE MULTIPLEX

Schedule for the week from 05-05-2017 to 11-05-2017
Guardians of the galaxy
Screen 1 : 10.45 AM HINDI
Screen 1 : 02.00 PM ENGLISH
Baahubali-2
Screen 1 : 04.45PM 08.00PM HINDI
Screen 2 : 10.45AM 02.00PM HINDI
5.15 PM 08.30 PM TELUGU
Screen 3 : 10.30AM 01.45 PM TELUGU
05.00 PM 08.15 PM TAMIL
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REVISED SEVA SUCHNAYEN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
INTER ISLAND SECTOR:
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Chowra, Teresa & Nancowry on 09.05.2017 (Tue) at 1200 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.05.2017 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.05.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 08.05.2017 (Mon) 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 Bambooka will sail for Hut Bay on 09.05.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.05.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.
MV North Passage will sail for Hut Bay on 10.05.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.05.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.
MV Bambooka will sail for Hut Bay on 11.05.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 08.05.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:
Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 9th & 10th May, 2017 will be issued to the general public from 08.05.2017 from 0900 Hrs at STARS Counters.
07.05.2017 (SUNDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 07.05.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 07.05.2017 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 07.05.2017 (Sun) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 07.05.2017 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 07.05.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

08.05.2017 (MONDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 08.05.2017 (Mon) 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 08.05.2017 (Mon) 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 08.05.2017 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
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'Two thousand 7-teen' a Digital View
WONDER 7 of 'Number-Seven'

7 colors make Rainbow
7 tunes make Music, 7 days make Week
7th year of the 1940-decade made Indian Independence
(A Freedom of 7 decades)
7 letters : make Digital / take Forward - 'Digital India'
7 twists make Life Partner (A custom of Wedding)
'7 / saat samudro tyaro nadeer paar' - Indira Point, A & N Islands (A Place where human beings can hardly go)
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