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Home Minister chairs second meeting of Island Development Agency

IDA approves holistic development of 9 Islands

Shibpur Naval Air station to be converted into Joint User Airport

New Delhi, Nov 8

The Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh chaired the second meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) here today. The Island Development Agency reviewed the concept development plans and detailed master plans for holistic development of 09 Islands (four in A&N Islands i.e. Smith, Ross, Long, Avis) and (five in Lakshadweep i.e. Minicoy, Bangaram, Thinnakara, Cheriya, Suheli). The project being steered by NITI Aayog aims at promoting and implementing development based on sustainable approach to building a thriving maritime economy of the project Islands.

The Union Home Minister expressed satisfaction at the progress made since its last meeting held on July 24, 2017, when directions were given to identify and execute infrastructure and connectivity projects together with provisioning of water and electricity. It was noted that site development potential reports have clearly mapped and delineated environmentally sensitive zones in the project Islands and considering the unique maritime and territorial bio-diversity of the Islands, enhanced



The Union Home Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh chairing the second meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA), in New Delhi on November 08, 2017.

connectivity has been recommended as one of the key priorities. Accordingly, it was decided that the Naval air station at Shibpur near Diglipur in northern Andaman & Nicobar Islands would be co-used as Joint User Airport. During the meeting, it was also decided to develop a PPP package including an airport (Joint User Airport) at Minicoy Island, to unlock the tourism potential. It was agreed to promote tuna fishing industry for improving livelihoods in Lakshadweep.

The Union Home Minister directed all concerned to expedite implementation of ongoing key infrastructure projects in the Islands and develop community based tourism in consultation

with local stakeholders. NITI Aayog was also asked to drive the formulation of PPP projects and proposed detailed guidelines to boost private sector participation. The IDA was set up on June 01,

2017 following the Prime Minister's review meeting for the holistic development of Islands. The meeting was attended by Lt. Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Admiral D.K. Joshi, Former Navy

Chief (Vice Chairman of IDA), Cabinet Secretary Shri P. K. Sinha, CEO, NITI Aayog Shri Amitabh Kant, Union Home Secretary Shri Rajiv Gauba, Secretary, Environment, Forest & Climate Change,

Shri C. K. Mishra and representatives of Ministries of Tourism, Power, Defence, Health, Telecommunications and Civil Aviation. The Directorate of IP&T, A&N Administration has decided to award/felicitate the media houses and media persons of A&N Islands, on the occasion of National Press Day, on 16th November 2017. The criteria for the awards will be for Best Newspaper in terms of getup and content; Best Chief Editor/Editor; Best Reporter; Best Photographer & Popular

rejection of the application. The application can also be submitted through Common Service Centre (CSCs) that will be available very soon. In case of any query, one may contact the General Section of the Directorate of Education on 03192-234938. The SRM has been designed and developed by DBRAIT with the inputs provided by the Directorate of Education, a communication said.

Thereafter, the team visited Machi Line area where a proposal for construction of approach road towards South point which will connect both the area, was inspected. This road will diminish the distance and give relief to the populace of that area. The Chairperson also issued necessary directions to the concerned Engineer to take up the work and complete it in a time bound manner, a communication said.

Heavy rainfall forecast

Port Blair, Nov. 8
Heavy rain (07-11) cm is very likely to occur at isolated places Over Andaman & Nicobar Islands tomorrow, a communication said.

Directorate of IP&T to felicitate media persons on National Press Day

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Choice Award. The selection for the awards will be done in a transparent manner, through a process of voting conducted by the IP Department. Nominations for all these categories will be received till 10th November, 2017 during office hours and voting will be done on 11th November, 2017. The results will be announced during the function of

National Press Day on 16th November, 2017. The media houses, newspaper organizations may submit their nominations in one or all given categories, to the Public Relations Officer (IP&T) by 4 PM of 10th November, 2017. The nominations to be submitted must be regarding the period from 1st November, 2016 to 1st November, 2017, a communication said.

Skill development & awareness training prog. on handicrafts & other MSME products of Isles

Port Blair, Nov. 8
The Directorate of Industries in association with Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Kolkata will be organizing a 3-day Skill Development and Awareness Training Programme and Demonstration on 'Packaging of Handicrafts and other MSME Products of Andaman & Nicobar' for the stakeholders of the MSME Entrepreneurs from Dec 20 to 22, 2017.

The training will disseminate latest trends & technologies of quality

control, branding & packaging for different handicrafts and food products. The contact details of different packaging material suppliers will also be provided to the entrepreneurs / potential entrepreneurs.

Two resource persons from IIP, Kolkata will be conducting the training programme. The Indian Institute of Packaging is a Premier Institute established in the year 1966 jointly by

Ministry of Commerce, Government of India and the Packaging and Allied Industries in the country.

Unemployed youths / potential entrepreneur / entrepreneurs of these Islands, interested to participate in the programme may apply in the prescribed format available in the Training Cell, Directorate of Industries, Middle Point, Port Blair latest by Nov. 30, 2017, a communication said.

Vigilance Awareness Week observed by ICAR-CIARI

Port Blair, Nov. 8
Vigilance Awareness Week-2017 with theme 'My Vision-Corruption Free India' was organized befittingly in ICAR-Central Island Agricultural Research Institute. The Secretary (Agri. Fishery & AHVS), Shri Ramesh Verma was the chief guest at the valedictory function, held recently.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary

highlighted the need to inculcate the spirit of honesty and integrity in our day to day life. He mentioned that efforts should be to become role model for our society for leading India towards a developed nation. The Director, CIARI Dr. A. Kundu while speaking, highlighted the need for high moral standards in public life and participation

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Career guidance prog. held at Neil Island

Employment Exchange to be transformed into Model Career Centre soon

Port Blair, Nov. 8

The Employment Exchange at Port Blair conducted a career guidance programme at GSSS, Neil Island yesterday. The Assistant Employment Officer, Shri Dinesh Moorthy while speaking, highlighted about the activities of Employment Exchange and informed that Employment Exchange will soon be transformed into Model Career Centre and will start functioning at the earliest. Young

Professional from the Employment Exchange, Shri Siddharth Nayak spoke on the topic 'What after 12th pass' and employment opportunities in private sector, through video clippings. He also briefed about the transformation of Employment Exchange into Model Career Centre (MCC) and discussed about MCC and its various features and facilities. He also explained about National Career Service Portal

(www.ncs.gov.in) and its salient features and encouraged the students to register themselves on NCS portal. The students actively participated with enthusiasm. Shri Abdul Shakir, LGC guided the students for NCS registration and about 135 students from class X, XI and XII have registered themselves.

Earlier, Shri Provas Ranjan Mondal (Principal Incharge) welcomed the gathering, a communication said.

PBMC Chairperson visits Ward No.10



Port Blair, Nov. 8
The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri Indrapal Singh along with Smti Sheela Singh, Councillor, Ward No.10, Shri Ganeshan, EE-II (Works) with the Engineering staff of the Council visited Police Line command tank area and inspected a footpath to be constructed there yesterday. Taking a strong note on the issue, the Chairperson directed the Engineering Wing to take up the construction work of foot path immediately, as the residents are facing immense problem due to lack of approach path. Administrative approval and expenditure sanction for the said work has already been accorded.

Camp for physically challenged persons Free distribution of artificial legs, arms & callipers

Port Blair, Nov.8

The Rotary Club of Port Blair and Goenka Foundation, Port Blair in collaboration with Mahavir Seva Sadan, Kolkata will be organizing a camp for the physically challenged

persons at the Social Welfare Department's Integrated Complex for Divyang at Brookshabad from the Nov. 10 to 18. at 10.30 am.

Free distribution of artificial legs, arms and callipers will

take place during the camp. Specialists and technicians of Mahavir Seva Sadan will be arriving from Kolkata for this camp and will stay here for the entire duration of the camp, a communication said.

Revision of Parliamentary Electoral Roll w.r.t. 01.01.2018 commenced from 31/10/2017 and eligible electors can enroll their name upto 30/11/2017, if not already registered.

SPORTS

'Magnificent Mary' claims historic fifth gold at Asian C'ships

Vietnam, Nov 8
Indian boxing stalwart M C Mary Kom (48kg) clinched an unprecedented fifth gold medal but Sonia Lather (57kg) settled for silver at the Asian Championships, here on Wednesday.
Up against North Korea's Kim Hyang Mi, the five-time world champion and Olympic bronze-medallist Mary Kom prevailed in a unanimous 5-0 verdict to add another accolade to her already crowded cabinet.
However, world championship silver-medallist, Sonia, had to be content with a runners-up finish for the second time at this event after she went down in a split verdict to China's Yin Junhua in the final.



India thus signed off with a gold, a silver and five bronze medals at the continental showpiece. This was Mary Kom's first international gold medal since the 2014 Asian Games and her first medal in over a year.
With Wednesday's gold,

she kept her excellent record at this event intact, having made the final in all of her six appearances with only one ending in a silver. Mary Kom's previous gold medals at this meet had come in 2003, 2005, 2010 and 2012. "I am really happy the way

this Championship has panned out. I would like to dedicate this victory to all those who have supported me even though the world had written me off. I would like to thank my coaching staff who worked hard with me over the last few months," Mary Kom said after the triumph.
In Hyang Mi, the 35-year-old Manipuri found her most aggressive opponent so far in the tournament but she was up for the task.

HS Prannoy beats Kidambi Srikanth to win national title



Nagur, Nov 8
HS Prannoy outwitted World No 2 and title favourite Kidambi Srikanth in a thrilling finale to claim the men's singles title at the 82nd Senior National Championship, here on Wednesday. Second seed Prannoy, who achieved his career-best ranking of World No 11 last week, saw off top seed Srikanth 21-15, 16-21, 21-7 in a 49-minute clash to return the favour after his semi-final loss to his compatriot at the French Open Super Series last month.
Satwik Sai Raj R and Ashwini Ponnappa, who decided to pair up just six months back,

showed their prowess by beating top seed and World No 16 Pranaav Jerry Chopra and N Sikki Reddy 21-9, 20-22, 21-17 to clinch the mixed doubles crown. Ashwini added women's doubles title too to her name as she and Sikki Reddy, top seeds, defeated Prajakta Sawant and Sanyogita Ghorpade 21-14, 21-14 in the final.
Excitement soar high once Srikanth and Prannoy made it to the finals and the match turned out to be an exhilarating one as the duo displayed their repertoire of strokes and athleticism during the fast-paced rallies during the match.

Student of GSSS Mohanpura shines at National Yoga Sports C'ship



Port Blair, Nov. 8
A 14 Year old student of class IX of GSSS Mohanpura, Kumari G. Priya has excelled in the discipline of Yoga by participating and winning many prizes at the national level competition held at Uttar Pradesh recently.
She had won third position in Yogasana in the age group (11-14 Years, female), fourth

position in free yoga dance in the open age category and sixth position in artistic yoga competition in the age group (8-17 years female) at the 42nd National Yoga Sports Championship 2017-18 conducted by the Yoga Federation of India at Uttar Pradesh.
The GSSS



Mohanpura fraternity has congratulated Kumari Priya for her excellent performance and for bringing laurels to the institution as well as the Islands, a communication said.

TRAI tells DTH operators to enable online payment system

New Delhi, Nov 8
The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has asked all Direct-To-Home (DTH) operators to enable online payment system to promote digital transaction. In its advisory, TRAI has said, DTH sector is a vibrant sector and has a large consumer base. Enabling bill payments in such sector, through digital means, will certainly provide convenience to consumers. It said, the initiative will help in promoting a less-cash economy. The TRAI said, DTH operators should enable online payment system using BHIM, UPI and Bharat QR code.

Health screening camp organized at Hope Town

Port Blair, Nov.8
A Health screening camp was conducted at Panchayat Hall, Hope town yesterday by the health team of Community Health Centre, Bambooflat to give health services at the door step of general public. Altogether 72 patients were examined, treated while medicines were also given to the needy patients. Besides Allopathy, Homeopathy and Ayurveda services were also provided in the camp by the concerned Medical Officers and patients were examined for blood pressure and diabetes.

Fire Safety demonstration held at Iqra Public School

Port Blair, Nov. 8
Fire safety measures were demonstrated for students and staff of Iqra Public School by the Fire Service Department, Bambooflat in the presence of Shri T. Suresh Kumar (ASI) and the team members in the school premises today. The team demonstrated safety measures and rescue operation and highlighted the need for fire safety. The students gained practical knowledge on fire safety during the demonstration.

Twitter is ending its 140-character limit; giving nearly 280 characters

Mumbai, Nov 8
Twitter has said, it is ending its iconic 140-character limit and giving nearly 280 characters. Users tweeting in Chinese, Japanese and Korean will still have the original limit as of tweets written in English hit the writing in those 140-character limit.



EC bans exit poll for Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat assembly elections till 14th December evening

New Delhi, Nov 8
Election Commission has banned the Exit poll for Himachal Pradesh and Gujarat assembly elections till evening, 14th of December. The single-phase assembly election in Himachal Pradesh will be held tomorrow.
While the first phase of polls in Gujarat will take place on 9th of December and the second phase on 14th of December. In a statement, the poll body yesterday said, exit polls showing outcome of the

Himachal Pradesh polls cannot be shown till both the phases of Gujarat polls are completed. It said, conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicising by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner shall be prohibited. It also said displaying any election matter, including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited 48 hours prior to the election day.

Year's worst air quality leaves Delhi gasping

New Delhi, Nov 8
Delhi's air quality was at the season's worst yesterday. A combined effect of smoke from stubble burning and moisture turned the city into a gas chamber leaving people gasping and prompting authorities to announce closure of primary schools among a series of sweeping measures.
The Indian Medical Association said, the capital was witnessing a public health emergency. The Delhi government has also issued a health advisory for high risk people, including

children, the elderly, pregnant women and those suffering from asthma and heart ailments.

M.V. Nancowry arriving today

Port Blair, Nov.8
The vessel M.V. Nancowry is expected to arrive here tomorrow (Nov. 09) at 0900 hrs. from Chennai. On arrival, the vessel will be berthed at Haddo Warf and Passengers will be disembarked immediately. She has on board 196 passengers and 437.50 MT of cargo, a communication received here said.

Vigilance ...

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of all to eradicate the corruption. The weeklong programme was organized by Dr. R. K. Gautam, Vigilance Officer & Organizing Secretary and Dr. P.K. Singh, Co- Organizing Secretary, a communication said.

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30 °C and 25 °C respectively on Thursday 09/11/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.1
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 25.3
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 071
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 086
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 05:14
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 16:52
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 008.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 002.4
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 17) 2932.6 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

REVISED SEVA SUCHNAYEN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
INTER ISLAND SECTOR:
MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 12.11.2017 (Sun) at 1500 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 14.11.2017 (Tue) at 2100 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry, Car Nicobar & Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 10.11.2017 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 10.11.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 15.11.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 16.11.2017 (Thu) at 1000 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 10.11.2017 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 10.11.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.
CARGO SERVICE:
The cargo vessel MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 14.11.2017 (Tue) at 1900 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.
HUT BAY SECTOR:
MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 10.11.2017 (Fri) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 11.11.2017 (Sat) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 11.11.2017 (Sat) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 12.11.2017 (Sun) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 13.11.2017 (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 10th, 11th & 13th Nov., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 09.11.2017 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's.
FORESHORE SECTOR:
Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 10th, 11th, 12th & 13th Nov., 2017 will be 13.11.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.
09.11.2017 (THURSDAY)
BARATANG
MV Katchal will sail for Baratang on 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Baratang.
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island on 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island on 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Strait Island will sail for Havelock 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.11.2017 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
10.11.2017 (FRIDAY)
BARATANG
Due to administrative reasons the scheduled sailing for Baratang on 10.11.2017 (Fri) has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused is regretted.
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HUT BAY
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RANGAT
MV Katchal will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 10.11.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
11.11.2017 (SATURDAY)
BARATANG
Due to administrative reasons the scheduled sailing for Baratang on 11.11.2017 (Sat) has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused is regretted.
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
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HUT BAY
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 11.11.2017 (Sat) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 12.11.2017 (Sun) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT, DIGLIPUR
MV Katchal will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 11.11.2017 (Sat) at 0600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1315 Hrs from Ragat via Havelock.
Due to administrative reasons the scheduled sailing for Diglipur on 11.11.2017 (Sat) has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

Virat Kohli, Jasprit Bumrah lead ICC's T20I Rankings



Dubai, Nov 8
Virat Kohli further cemented his position on top of the ICC rankings for batsmen in T20Is, while Jasprit Bumrah led the bowlers after India claimed the three-match T20I home series against New Zealand 2-1 on Tuesday. India won the rain-hit third T20I in Thiruvananthapuram by six runs, as the bowlers put up a stunning show to defend an average total of 67 in the eight-overs-a-side match that marked the return of international cricket to Kerala's

capital city. In total, Kohli scored 104 runs in the series, which fetched him 13 points to widen the gap on Australian opener Aaron Finch to 40 points. Indian openers Rohit Sharma and Shikhar Dhawan also made noteworthy jumps. Rohit moved up three places to 21 while Dhawan leapt 20 places to reach No. 45. In the bowling charts led by Man-of-the-Series Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar moved up two places to 26th and legspinner Yuzvendra jumped to 30th position. Left-arm

spinner Akshar Patel also moved 17 places to be 62nd. In team rankings, Pakistan displaced New Zealand to become the new No. 1 team. The series defeat against India cost the Kiwis five points - dropping from 125 to 120, as Pakistan took their points tally to 124. New Zealand are ahead of third-placed West Indies on decimal points while India have gained three points from the series but remain behind England on decimal points, in the fifth position.

Sri Lankan cricket team arrive in Kolkata

Kolkata, Nov 8
Dinesh Chandimal-led Sri Lankan squad today arrived for their six-week tour of India, which starts here with the first of the three-Test series, beginning on November 16.

Sri Lanka will play three Tests, three ODIs and three T20 Internationals against Virat Kohli's India. The 15-member squad will hit the nets from tomorrow ahead of their two-day practice game against a third-

string Board President's XI at the JU (2nd Campus ground), starting November 11. "They will take rest today and hit the nets tomorrow afternoon," the local manager added.