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## President presents President's Colour to the Submarine Arm of the Indian Navy

Vishakhapatnam, Dec 8

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the President's Colour to the Submarine Arm of the Indian Navy in Vishakhapatnam today. Speaking on the occasion, the President said that our maritime interests are directly linked to India's economy and security, and to the well-being of our people. Over 90 per cent of India's trade by volume uses the sea route. This enhances the role of the Indian Navy not just in national security but in the wider process of nation building. The Navy is India's primary instrument of sea power. It is also the guardian of our maritime interests, both military and civilian.

The President said that the sea is an unforgiving medium for those who do not respect it. No one knows this better than the valiant submariners of the Indian Navy, who operate their boats and perform their duties beneath the waves. All of them carry out their professional responsibilities with great skill and at grave risk. The nation is proud of their achievements and appreciates their contribution to national security.

The President said that the Colour is being presented today to the Submarine Arm of the Indian Navy in recognition of extraordinary service to the nation, in peace and war, in the past 50 years. He congratulated submariners on this achievement. He also paid homage to those Indian Navy submariners who have laid down their lives in the service of India and acknowledged the sacrifice of the families of submariners – past and present.



Govt ropes in ICICI Bank to enable cashless payments on e-NAM

New Delhi, Dec 8

The Government has engaged private lender ICICI Bank to enable online payments at 470 mandis integrated with the national portal of electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).

At present, e-NAM participants are doing payments through traditional ways via bank branches, debit cards and net banking. A senior

Agriculture Ministry official said that farmers have started trading online within mandi.

The official said, online payments should be smooth and without any delay which is why ICICI Bank has been roped in as a banker for e-NAM. The official also said, ICICI Bank will enable BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money) and Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on the e-NAM portal for making cashless payments.

## BJP State President writes to LG

Port Blair, Dec 8

The State President, BJP, A&N Islands, Shri. Vishal Jolly, has requested the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands for deletion of one of the condition 'Where the nature of work entrusted to the casual workers and regular employees is the same, the casual worker may be paid at the rate of 1/30th of the pay at the minimum of the relevant pay scale plus dearness allowance for work of 8 hours a day', mentioned in the Proforma of APWD vide the letter no. 10-1(22)/CE/PW/ES-III/mandays/2017/Vol.II/6502 dated 17.11.2017. He pointed out that, no such policy decision mentioned in GOL, Dept. of Per. & Trg., O.M. No. 49014/2/86-Estt.(c)

dated 7th June, 1988, Min. of Labour, O.M.No.53202/6/86-W.C.(M.W) dated 23rd August, 1988 and A&N Administration O.M.No.289 dated 22.09.2017. He also urged for regularizing the DRMs engaged in various Departments against the posts lying vacant since long, a communication, from the Convenor, Media Cell, BJP here said.

## Birth anniv. of Sri Sarada Devi

Port Blair, Dec.8

To mark the birth anniversary of Sri Sarada Devi, a 'dharma sabha' will be held from 6 pm onwards in the prayer hall of Ramakrishna Mission, Port Blair on Dec. 10. Special Arati, meditation, bhajan and discourses on the life and teachings of Sri Sarada Devi, followed by prasad distribution, will form part of the anniversary celebrations, a communication said.

## DLTFC recommends 12 cases under PMEGP scheme from Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Dec 8

The 70th meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) was held under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobar District, Shri Awanish Kumar, for processing of the loan applications received from Car Nicobar area under PMEGP scheme of KVIC today.

Altogether, 12 cases were placed before the DLTFC. All these loan proposals

involving of an amount of Rs 37.30 lakh as total project cost were recommended for consideration of finance under PMEGP scheme. All these 12 loan cases will now be forwarded online to the concerned bank branches of commercial as well as A&N State Co-operative Bank for consideration of finance during the current financial year 2017-18 under the scheme.

The Assistant

Commissioner (HQ), Shri Ajit Singh Thakur, Shri Lionald Nicomede, Vice Chief Captain and Shri L.Davidson, Executive Member, Tribal Council, Branch Manager, A&N SCB and SBI and representatives from Industries Department and NYKS were the other members present during the meeting, a communication from the Executive Officer, A&N KVIB said here today.

## Cleanliness drive by CGWWA

Port Blair, Dec. 8

Coast Guard Wives Welfare Association (CGWWA) A&N Region conducted a special Shramdaan at children's park in Tatrakshik Vihar, Panipapt Road today. The event was conducted as part of Government of India flagship programme 'Swachhta Pakhwada'. Smti Jayanthi Suresh, President



Tatrakshika (A&N) along with 25 CGWWA members participated in the event. The volunteers collected

the garbage including discarded plastics and polythene trash which was later disposed.

## Law does not sanction concept of merging woman's religion with her husband's faith after inter-religion marriage: SC

New Delhi, Dec 8

The Supreme Court has said that the law does not sanction the concept of a woman's religion getting merged with her husband's faith after an inter-religion marriage. A five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice Dipak Misra was yesterday dealing a legal question whether a Parsi woman loses her religious identity, if she marries a man from a different religion.

The bench said, there is no law which says that a woman loses religious



identity after marrying a man from another faith. It also said the Special Marriage Act is there and allows that two persons can marry and maintain their respective religious

identities. The bench said it was only the woman who can decide about her religious identity by exercising her right to choice. The bench asked senior advocate Gopal

Subramaniam, representing the 'Valsad Parsi Trust', to take instruction and apprise it on December 14, the next date for hearing in this regard. It asked whether Goolrokh M Gupta, a Parsi woman, who had married a Hindu, will be allowed to attend the last rites of her parents. Gupta has challenged the customary law, upheld by the Gujarat High Court in 2010, that a Parsi woman marrying a Hindu loses her religious rights in the Parsi community.

## Govt extends date for linking Aadhaar with PAN till March 31, 2018



New Delhi, Dec 8

Central Board of Direct Taxes, CBDT, has extended the date for linking Aadhaar with PAN till 31st of March next year. In a release, Finance Ministry today said, it has come to the notice that some of the taxpayers have not yet completed the linking of PAN with Aadhaar.

Therefore, to facilitate the process of linking, it has been decided to further extend the time for linking of Aadhaar with PAN. All

taxpayers having Aadhaar Number or Enrolment Number are required to link the same with Permanent Account Number.

## National Lok Adalat today

Port Blair, Dec. 8

National Lok Adalat will be held in the ADR Centre-PRAYAS and the District Court building on Dec.9 from 9 am onwards. Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Judge, High Court, Calcutta and Executive Chairman, State Legal Services Authority, A&N Islands will be present on the occasion.

## Financial assistance for eligible Cooperative Societies & Cooperative Unions announced

Port Blair, Dec.8

The Lieutenant Governor has approved the Pattern of Assistance for providing different types of financial assistance for eligible Cooperative Societies and Cooperative Unions of this Union Territory. The eligible Cooperative

Societies/Unions have been advised to contact the Inspector of Cooperative Societies and Assistant Registrar of Cooperative Societies of concerned zone for availing the financial assistance during this year, at the earliest.

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## Intl. Human Rights Day celebration

Port Blair, Dec.8

Youth for Human Rights India, A & N Islands will be celebrating International Human Rights Day on Dec. 10, 2017. This day commemorates the day on which, in 1948, The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Various programmes have been planned to celebrate the day which include awareness camp at 2.30 pm at JNRM Auditorium on Dec. 10, a walk for Human Rights on Dec. 11 starting from National Memorial Cellular Jail and concluding with a function at Junglighat Community Hall on Dec. 11 and awareness campaign in Schools and Colleges

across the Islands upto January 30, 2018, a communication received here said.

## Date for Haj application extended

Port Blair, Dec.8

The last date for issue & submission of Haj application form to the State Haj Committee for undergoing Haj-2018 has been extended upto Dec. 22, 2017. For further details, intending pilgrims may contact the Office of the Chairman, A&N Islands State Haj Committee, functioning in the second floor of the Directorate of Social Welfare building at Goalghar, during office hours, a communication received here said.

## National level trade committee meeting for devising trade syllabus under NCVT held



Port Blair, Dec. 8

A day long National Level Trade Committee Meeting was held recently in the conference hall of Govt. Industrial Training Institute (ITI), in association with Centre Staff Training and Research Institute (CSTARI), Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship for revising the course

curricula of Marine Fitter and Vessel Navigator trades under Craftsman Training scheme (CTS) for all the ITIs across the country and aligning them with National Skill Qualification Framework (NSQF).

The meeting was chaired by the Secretary (Labour, Employment & Training), Shri. Sandip Jacques and Secretary (Labour, Employment & Training), Shri. Arava Gopi Krishna.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri A.Gopi Krishna stressed upon the need for skilled manpower in the country and also underlined the need for organizing such specific courses in marine sector for these Islands to empower our youths and strengthening this sector, beside conducting conventional training courses. The ratio of skilled manpower is very less in

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## Sugar through PDS; Civil Supplies invites EoI

Port Blair, Dec.8

The Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has invited Expression of Interest from the interested firms for registration with the Department for supply of Sugar for distribution through PDS. The notice alongwith the terms or reference and registration form have been made

available on the eproc.andaman.gov.in. Interested firm can download the document and submit their request both through online through eproc.andaman.gov.in and also offline at the Office of the Directorate of CS & CA in sealed cover. The registration will close on Dec. 13, 2017 and the

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## Changing shift system in GSSS Bambooflat urged

Port Blair, Dec.8

The ex-Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Miss V. K. Mariyam Bibi, along with the Chairperson, School Management Committee, GSSS Bambooflat, Shri Raja, met the Chief Secretary recently and requested him to change the shift system

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SPORTS

## Sports Minister felicitates winners of AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship



New Delhi, Dec 8  
Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs & Sports Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore has asked the National Sports Federations (NSFs) to bring transparency in their activities. He was speaking at a function here organised to felicitate the Indian medal winners of the recently concluded AIBA Youth World Women Boxing Championship at Guwahati. The Minister said, federations should display on their

websites their funding, utilisation of funds and selection process of players for different events and result of such selection immediately after the selection is over.

Col. Rathore announced that a cash award of Rs.6.7 lakh each will be given by his Ministry to Gold medal winners of the Youth World Women Boxing Championship. The 5 winners in this category are Nitu, Jyoti, Sakshi, Shashi Chopra and Ankushita Boro.

The 2 Winners of Bronze Medal namely Anupma and Neha Yadav will receive a cash award of Rs. 2.70 Lakh each.

On this Occasion, the sports Minister also felicitated Gaurav Bidhuri who won Bronze medal at AIBA Elite Men World Championship held in Germany in September 2017. Congratulating all the winners of Youth Championship, Col. Rathore said despite odds and challenges all these girls have

shown the world what can be achieved by women with grit and determination in a tough game like Boxing. He said the government will provide all possible help and facilities to these young girls so that they can focus on Boxing to bring laurels to the country in future Olympic games. He said, his ministry has stated implementing recommendations of the Committee of the Task Force constituted by the Prime Minister for the next three Olympics so that medal prospects for India further brightens. Col Rathore said, CEOs and High Performance Directors will be appointed to strengthen professionalism in providing training and logistic facilities to the players so that they should fully concentrate only on their own field performance enhancement to achieve desired results.

India won 5 Gold and 2 Bronze at Guwahati and was declared Team Champion. Russia was 1st Runner Up followed by Kazakhstan.

## Asian Airgun Championships: India grab five medals on Day 1



Tokyo, Dec 8

India won five medals at the 10th Asian Airgun Shooting Championships in Japan today. On the opening day of the competition at Wako City today, Ravi Kumar won an individual bronze in the men's 10 metre air rifle while Arjun Babuta won individual silver in the corresponding junior men's event. India also bagged three team silver medals in each of the three air rifle events. However, Olympic bronze medalist Gagan Narang missed out on an individual podium finish. Overall, India had seven individual finalists across the three events

held today. This will be the same range where the shooting competitions for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics will be hosted.

## Tsunami Memorial Football Tournament

Port Blair, Dec.7

In the first quarter final match played today under Tsunami Memorial Open Knock Out Football Tournament at Netaji stadium, Chowra XI defeated Legion FC via tie breaker 5-4 as both the teams were goalless in the normal time. In the second match, MVFC defeated Future Boys by 3-0, a communication

## National level trade ...

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India as compared to other developed countries, he said. While speaking, Shri Sandip Jacques stated that, shipping is the life line of this UT, which has immense potential for shipping, marine tourism, fishing sectors etc, which in turn can provide more employment to the youths of these Islands, directly or indirectly. He also informed that the Government of India has taken initiative for development of the coast and coastal communities under Sagarmala project. India has vast costal area where, the people depend on sea based activities to earn their livelihood. Exploring and empowering them by developing and enhancing their skill is a big challenge. This shall also encourage startups and entrepreneurs in the unexplored potential area in the sector of shipping and their allied sectors, he said. Speaking on the occasion Shri B.V.S. Sessa Chari, Director, CSTARI, MoSDE, GoI briefed upon the role of devising the course curricula under the aiges of National Council for Vocational Training. Shri Nirmalya Nath, Assistant Director, CSTRARI explained modalities of devising course curricula. Earlier, Shri Venketesh. Ch. Principal Govt ITI, Dollygunj welcome the gathering and informed that ITI, Dollygunj shall shortly introduce Marine Fitter and Vessel Navigator trades for which a dedicated marine workshop building is under construction in the campus. He informed that ITI, Dollygunj is in the process to establish a state of art lab with world class standard. The said trades shall be introduced with the Technical Assistance from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), where they shall provide subject experts in the said trades to impart the training.

On behalf of employer organization Shri. C. S. Ashok, Director, M/s. MAK logistics / Inland Marine Works, Port Blair, elaborated upon the need of skilled tradesman in shipping sector with more of practical knowledge rather of theoretical and a tradesman should be able to handle situations independently.

The forenoon session had a fruitful discussion after which, Shri Madhu Sudan Baidya, Labour Commissioner and Director of Employment & Training concluded the session with his views.

The meeting was attended by over 40 representatives from various central / local government departments and eminent stake holders.

## Financial assistance...

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### Approved Pattern of assistance for 3 years Action Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20

#### Scheme No. 1 viz: 'Development & Strengthening of Coop. Societies and related activities'

**Govt Share Capital:** -Participation in all types of Cooperative Societies viz., (i) Primary Agricultural Service, Marketing and Plantation, (ii) Consumers (iii) Animal Husbandry, (iv) Industrial (v) Labour Contract (vi) Construction, (vii) Women, (viii) Fisheries, (ix) Transport, Travels and Tourism, (x) Unemployed, (xi) Multipurpose (xii) Tribal, (xiii) Thrift and Credit, (xiv) Hotel, Canteen, Restaurant & Cafeteria, (xv) Housing (xvi) Service. Quantum of assistance under the head will depend on requirement of each case subject to a maximum of Rs. 3.00 lakhs for primary and Rs. 10.00 lakhs for Apex/Central Coop societies at a time or phased manner over the plan period. The Govt share capital assistance will be on matching basis subject to the maximum limit of Rs. 3.00 lakhs for primary Cooperative societies and Rs. 10.00 lakhs for Central and Apex Level Cooperative Societies.

**Managerial Subsidy:** -1st Year 100%, 2nd Year 75% & 3rd Year 50% will be provided for the first three years subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh for the first year, Rs. 0.75 lakhs for the second year and Rs. 0.50 lakhs for third year respectively to all types of Primary Cooperative Societies including Tribal and Women Cooperative Societies.

**Risk Fund:** - Risk Funds shall be provided to all types of Cooperative Societies to cope up losses sustained/suffered on account of natural calamities/accidents. The quantum of assistance shall be maximum to the limit of Rs. 1.00 lakh for each primary cooperative and Rs. 3.00 lakhs to each Central/ Apex Cooperative.

**Reimbursement of establishment charges for PACS:** - Hiring/lease of building including establishment charges to be reimbursed @ 10,000/- per month (maximum) per PACS for a period of 5 years on production of necessary document/bills.

#### (Scheme No. 2) Strengthening of Cooperative Union and Training & Publicity & related activities

**Grant-in-Aid to Cooperative Union:** 50% of the expenditure incurred by the Cooperative Union on the annual programme of activities duly approved by the Administration subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per year

**Stipend:** - Stipend @ Rs.150.00 per day per head to the members, office bearers and employees of Cooperative Societies for attending training Programmes being conducted by the Cooperative Union.

**Subsidy:** - 100% of the total expenditure incurred for training, purchase of training materials, furniture and fixtures including purchase of vehicle (on lifting of ban on purchase of vehicle by GOI) and pay and allowances of the training personals, office staff etc. of the institute subject to maximum of Rs. 15.00 lakhs per year .

100% subsidy of the total project cost of the construction/extension/renovation of Cooperative Training College to a maximum of Rs.20.00 lakhs per year.

**Assistance towards Cooperative Week celebration:** - 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the Union subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh.

## WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Saturday 09/12/2017  
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 31.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 23.0  
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 083  
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 094  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0528  
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1655  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 013.2  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 003.5  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm 17 3253.3

## SEVA SUCHNAYEIN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

### INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 11.12.2017 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route.

MV Coral Queen will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 13.12.2017 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 15.12.2017 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry & Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 11.12.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 11.12.2017 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 Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 13.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 14.12.2017 (Thu) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 11.12.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 11.12.2017 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.

### HUT BAY SECTOR:

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 11.12.2017 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 12.12.2017 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.12.2017 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 14.12.2017 (Thu) at 0700 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 11th, 12th & 14th Dec., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 09.11.2017 (Sat) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's.**

### FORESHORE SECTOR:

**Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 10th & 11th Dec., 2017 will be issued to the general public on 09.12.2017 (Sat) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's. Similarly for 12th, 13th & 14th Dec., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 11.12.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.**

### 09.12.2017 (SATURDAY)

#### HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 09.12.2017 (Sat) 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 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

#### RANGAT, DIGLIPUR

MV Strait Island will sail for Rangata via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 10.12.2017 (Sun) 0615 Hrs from Ragat via same route.

MV Katchal will sail for Diglipur on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

#### 10.12.2017 (SUNDAY)

#### BARATANG

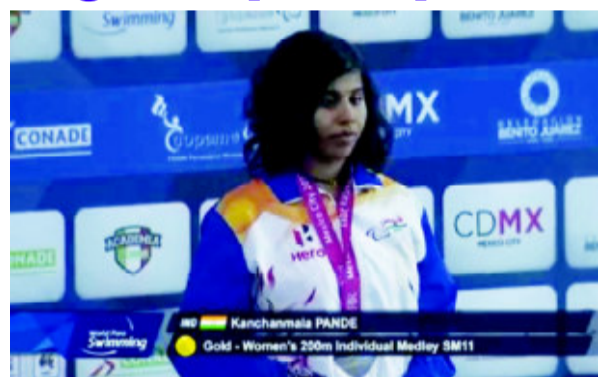
MV Katchal will sail for Baratang on 10.12.2017 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1430 Hrs from Baratang.

## Sugar through... (Contd. from page 1)

date of bidding for offline shall be communicated at the registered mobile number / e-mail of the prospective / interested firms, a communication said.

## Kanchanmala Pande becomes first Indian to win gold at World Para Swimming Championship

Mexico, Dec 8  
Visually impaired swimmer Kanchanmala Pande scripted history on Thursday by becoming the first Indian to win gold at the World Para Swimming Championship, taking place in Mexico. Pande, who works with Reserve Bank of India (RBI), stood first in the in 200 meters medley event in S-11 category. After the win, Pande said that even though she was expecting a medal at the Championship, the top-finish came as a surprise. She



was quoted by Times of India as saying, "I had prepared well for the World Championship. Pande, who missed the podium finish in 100m freestyle by a whisker,

was the only Indian swimmer to qualify in the women's category. She was also the fifth fastest in 100 meters breaststroke and backstroke.

## Cristiano Ronaldo wins his 5th Ballon d'Or award as best player

Paris, Dec 8  
Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo has won the Ballon d'Or award as soccer's best player of the year for a record-equaling fifth time, moving him level with Barcelona star Lionel Messi. Ronaldo won the trophy awarded by France Football magazine at a ceremony held at the Eiffel Tower on Thursday. He finished ahead of contenders Messi and Neymar, who left Barcelona in the off-season to join Paris Saint-Germain for a world record transfer fee of 222 million Euros (\$262 million).



Ronaldo was shown on television receiving the award while making the sign of five with his left hand as held the trophy in his right. Messi was runner-up behind him and Neymar was third. The 32-

year-old Portugal forward also took home the Ballon d'Or prize in 2013 and 2014, and in 2008 when playing for Manchester United. Messi won it from 2009-12 and again in 2015.

## Rabi Campaign

Port Blair, Dec.8

Department of Agriculture, Rangata zone in association with Union Territory Agricultural Technology Management Agency (UTATMA) is organizing Rabi Campaign for the Year 2017-18 in the entire Gram Panchayats of Rangata zone to promote pulses and vegetable cultivation after paddy in farmers' field. During the campaign awareness on Prime Minister's flagship programmes, schemes of RKVY, PKVY, Subsidy Pattern of PMKSY and package of practices of rabi crops are being created.

## Rough seas predicted

Port Blair, Dec 8

Under the influence of Deep Depression over West Central Bay, strong Southeast to Southerly wind speed between 25 to 30 kmph gusting to 40 kmph and moderate to rough seas likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venture into the sea. L.C.S-III has been replaced by D.C.S. I at Port Blair Port. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency, they may contact in the following phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres.

State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline).

District Control Room: 03192-238881

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

EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527

EOC (Neil): 03192-284511

## Power suspension

Port Blair, Dec. 8

The power supply will remain suspended from 9 am to 11 am at Old Pahargaon, part of Dollygunj, part of School Line, part of Lamba Line and Minnie Bay Defence area tomorrow (Dec. 9) in connection with upgradation of distribution transformer and maintenance of transformer structure at Old Pahargaon.

The upgradation work will be carried out subject to weather condition, if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly, a communication received here said.

## Sailing of MV Harshavardhana

Port Blair, Dec. 8

The vessel MV Harshavardhana will sail for Kolkata at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf on Dec. 10, 2017. Excess baggage will be loaded from 2 to 4 pm on Dec. 9, 2017. Embarkation of passengers will be done from 0700 hrs to 0900 hrs on Dec. 10, 2017. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a communication received here said.

## Changing shift ...

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in this school, which is running in 2 shifts i.e from 6.20 am to 11.45 am for Senior & Secondary students, and 12 noon to 4.45 pm for primary students. They apprised the Chief Secretary with difficulties faced by the students and parents with the existing double shift system and also informed that the sufficient staff, furniture and class rooms are available for making the school to run in a single shift.

The Chief Secretary is said to have assured them of looking into the matter and do the needful at the earliest.