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Government to come out with comprehensive MSME Policy

New Delhi, Jan 9
Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Ministry has decided to come out with a comprehensive policy for MSMEs, which will be drafted by a high powered committee to be headed by former cabinet secretary Shri Prabhakar Kumar.

Kalraj Mishra, Union minister for MSME said the committee will submit its report as early as possible. At the moment there is no integrated approach for the development of MSME despite the fact that it accounted for 40 per cent of India's manufacturing and 45 per cent of exports.

"The idea is to integrate various policies pertaining to the sector and come out with one comprehensive policy," Mishra said after launching a new web portal <http://smepost.com/> which is dedicated to celebrate the good work done by MSMEs in the country.

New Delhi, Jan 9
New Delhi World Book Fair began today at Pragati Maidan. Human Resource Development Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated it. Besides International agencies like WHO and UNESCO, a total of 30

countries are taking part in the nine-day event. The theme for this year is Cultural Heritage of India. China is the Guest Country. Over 1,000 titles in major Indian languages on philosophy, language and literature from ancient to contemporary times are on display. A series of programmes including panel discussions, classical and folk dances, workshops, authors' meets and seminars will be organised during the fair.

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Accessible India: Govt to ensure disability related facilities in 48 cities

New Delhi, Jan 9
Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot has said the government will ensure disability related facilities in 100 buildings in 48 cities across the country under Accessible India Campaign.

programme, Shri Gehlot said, under it, the Centre will also include buildings in districts and tehsil levels to make them more friendly for persons with disabilities. He said, 75 railway stations across the country will soon be equipped with disabilities related facilities.

Principals & toppers of class X felicitated



Staff Reporter
Port Blair, Jan 9

In order to facilitate the head of the institution for their valuable and commendable services to the community and the school toppers of class X (2014-15), a felicitation function was organized by Port Blair Sahodaya School Complex in

association with LIMRA overseas education at the auditorium of Carmel Sr here. Sec. School here this afternoon. The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray was the special chief guest while the PBMC Chairperson, Smti Sheela Singh was the chief guest of the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the Member of Parliament lauded the efforts of the Heads of the Institutions and the teachers for their relentless efforts in imparting education to the students who are the future of the country. The students may utilize the opportunity offered by LIMRA for pursuing PG Courses in the field of medicine, he said.

In her address, the PBMC Chairperson said, felicitation ceremonies provide a good platform for honouring meritorious students and dedicated Head of the

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'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao'

Candle march and nukkad natak organised at Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Jan 9
As part of the decision taken by the District Task Force Committee constituted for implementing the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme, the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Tribal Project, Car Nicobar organized a Candle March and Nukkad Natak on Jan 7 at Kinyuka Village of Car Nicobar, a Sansad Aadarsh Gram of Nicobar District. The march culminated at the

community hall of Kinuka village with a function. The Secretary (Labour) Shri. Ramesh Verma was the guest of honour on the occasion while the Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, Smti. Neha Bansal was the chief guest.

Speaking on this occasion, the Secretary (Labour) applauded the villagers about the care and efforts made by the tribal community

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Zonal level Science, arts & craft exhibition held



Rangat, Jan 9
A 2-Day Zonal Level Science, Arts and Crafts Exhibition 2015 was organised by the Deputy Education Officer, Middle Andaman, Rangat at Lower Block of GSSS Rangat on Jan 7 & 8.

The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, N & M Andaman, Ms. Prabhavati Biswas, who was the chief guest on the occasion, appreciated the children for their hard work and blessed them for their active participation in such exhibition in future. He also appreciated the teachers who encouraged, helped and guided the children for making

exhibits.

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Flower show at ITF Ground on Jan 13

Port Blair, Jan 9

During the Island Tourism Festival (ITF) 2016, the Department of Agriculture in association with National Horticulture Mission is organizing a 'Flower Show' on 13th January 2016 at ITF Ground, Port Blair.

Categories and the timing are:

Fresh Flower Arrangement:	9.00 am to 9.50 am
Dry Flower arrangement:	10.00 am to 10.50 am
Flat Bouquets:	11.00 am to 11.50 am
Garland:	12.00 noon to 12.50 pm
Rangoli:	1.00 pm to 1.50 pm
Display of Potted Plants:	10.30 am

All the participants are requested to actively participate and get recognition through awards. For further details, one can contact Assistant Director (Agri), HVADA, Directorate of Agriculture, Haddo. Ph.No.03192-210099/237284.

Grand musical show of ITF-2016

Amit Sana, Amardeep Singh captivate huge crowd with their stupendous performances

Port Blair, Jan 9

It was a perfect weekend evening for the Islander here when the Netaji Stadium came alive with performance of celebrity artists from the entertainment industry. The splendid ambience saw the crowd serenaded to the beats of the music as the Indian Idol runner-up Amit Sana set the stage on fire, while a dance troop ensured that things were lively from the word go. Amit Sana is a trained classical singer which allows him to make a distinct impact while singing modern Bollywood songs. He is also a great dancer, and his performances are always a high energy spectacle. Amit sang some peppy numbers, much to the youngsters delight.

Amit Sana started with a song 'chal diye- chal diye'..... and later on went on to sing 'tumko jo paya to jeena aaya'....., 'jiya jaye na jaye na ore piya re'..... which were all



received by the huge crowd gathered to witness the live performance by the famed artiste, with huge applause. In his brief interaction with the audience in between the programme, Amit Sana acknowledged the innocence and warmth of the people of the Islands and expressed joy to have visited this picturesque Islands and singing before

a very big crowd, making the evening a memorable one. The Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash, Smti Rupa Ray besides senior officers of the Administration were witnessed the event. India's dancing superstar robotics dance Amardeep Singh Nath, with his stupendous performance on the song 'pehla nasha pehla khumar' and other items,

compelled the youngsters to shake a leg in tandem with the performances on stage. Local artists from 'Dance Nritya Academy' also presented a couple of items besides local singers Arup and Zahid, receiving appreciation of the audiences. Ms. Sakshi Varma anchored the program beautifully.

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Tented accommodation at Long Island; bookings open

Port Blair, Jan 9

Three tented accommodation (Surmai Reef) which was inaugurated by the Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands at Long Island is ready for use by general public and tourists on normal payment basis.

For bookings, one can contact Range Officer, Long Island over phone no.03192-215599 during working hours 6 am to 2 pm with valid documents.



They may also send the request on fax No.03192-269054. The booking will

be accepted on first come first serve basis, a communication said.

Maiden vaccination of Jarawa tribe by DHS & AAJVS

Port Blair, Jan 9

A maiden step was taken by Administration through Directorate of Health Services and Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti (AAJVS) in the field of preventing and controlling the vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) for Jarawa's under-five children and pregnant women. Regional Medical Research Centre (RMRC) Port Blair conducted a study on the immunity status of Jarawa recently and based on the findings the maiden



vaccination of Jarawa under five children and pregnant women began on Jan 6 at PHC Kadamtala.

Around 29 children and 01 pregnant woman were

administered vaccines one by one as per the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). The team of specialists consisting of Dr Omkar

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SPORTS

Islands team wins more medals

Port Blair, Jan 9
Island School Sqay Martial Art and Tang Soo Do team added one silver and three bronze medals in the final day of the 61st SGFI National school Sqay Martial Art and Tang Soo Do championship being concluded at New Delhi today.

Sl. No.	Name of the Student	Class	School	Tang Soo Do		Medal won
				Weight Category	Age group	
1.	Imanuel .M	XI	GSSS.Boys	-66 Kg (Middle)	U-19(Boys)	Silver
2.	Deepu Kumar	XI	SSS.Carmel	Fin-42 Kg	U-19(Boys)	Bronze
3.	Bimal Royi	XI	GSSS.Boys	Feather -54kg	U-19(Boys)	Bronze
Slno	Name of the Student	Class	School	Sqay Martial Art		Medal won
				Weight Category	Age group	
1.	Saniya Subash	VIII	SSS.NCS	AS1	U-17(Girls)	Bronze



Now the final medal tally has become sixteen, i.e. one gold, three silver and twelve bronze medals. Principal Secretary (Education), Secretary (Education) Senior Officers of Directorate of Education, Staff of Sports Section and Physical Education Teachers has congratulated the Team members, coaches and managers for their outstanding performance in this Championship at New Delhi. The 56 member contingent of Island School Sqay Martial Art, Tang Soo Do and Yoga Team shall leave New Delhi today for Chennai for their return journey.

Annual athletic meet of GSS Delanipur held

Port Blair, Jan 9
The 14th Annual Athletic meet (2015-16) of GSS Delanipur was held on Jan 6 at Anarkali Play Ground. The Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri Ingit Pratap Singh was the chief guest while the Deputy Education Officer, South Andaman Shri.H.Nathaniel was the guest of honour. Smti. Anita Bala, JE, APWD, Delanipur Section was the special guest.



The chief guest declared the meet open and highlighted the importance of games and sports. Later, the guest of honour Shri.H.Nathaniel, DEO, South Andaman released the Annual Sports Bulletin of the Meet.

Shri. Ramzan Ali, Ward Councilor, Ward No.3 was the chief guest while Smti.Firdosh Bibi, ex-Chairperson; PBMC was the guest of honour of the closing ceremony. Special Guests were Shri. Gokul Debnath, Chairperson, SMC and Shri. Mustafa, Vice-Chairman, PTA. Hornbill House won the Overall Championship Trophy. The chief guest and the guest of honour appreciated the Headmistress and the teachers for promoting scholastic and co-scholastic activities among the students. Later the meet was declared closed by Ward Councilor, Ward No 3 Shri. Ramzan Ali, a communication said.

A&N Contingent to participate in National Youth Festival

Port Blair, Jan 9
The Andaman & Nicobar Islands contingent consisting of 29 male and 14 female artists are proceeding to participate in the 20th National Youth Festival scheduled to be held at Raipur (Chhattisgarh) from Jan 12-16, 2016. The team is lead by Shri G. Nagesh Rao, PET/Coach Netaji Stadium as contingent manager and Smt. Mary E, PST, GDMS, Port Blair as assistant manager of the contingent. A brief sending off ceremony was held at Netaji Stadium yesterday. The Director (Sports), Shri Ingit Pratap Singh was the chief guest. He conveyed his best wishes and blessed all the participants. Further, he assured the participants to extend all possible help and hoped that they will bring laurel for these Islands. The function was also attended by Assistant Director (Sports), a communication said.

Athletic meet of St. Mary's School held

Port Blair, Jan 8
The annual athletic meet - 'Spectacle' 2015-16 of St. Mary's School(s) was conducted in the School Ground Bathubasti today. The chief guest Shri H. Nathaniel, DEO, South Andaman declared the meet open by releasing the ball. Students participated enthusiastically in event like dumbbells, aerobic drill, mass PT, karate etc.

Impressive cultural patriotic dance dedicated to Pathankot terrorist attack was the eye catching programme. In the senior group Kumar Mohd. Salman of class X bagged individual championship in girls. Hornbill house stood winner for sports while Megapode House bagged first in for CCA.

Shri S. Prashobhanan, Vice Principal, GSSS Bathubasti declared the meet close.

Cricket tournament Grand Master Deep Sengupta to play on Jan 10

Port Blair, Jan 9
Youth of New Pahargaon will be organising New Pahargaon Champions Trophy (Cricket Tournament, Rubber Ball), league-cum-knockout tournament from Jan 17, 2016 at New Pahargaon Ground. Interested teams can contact Vishal (9679555135) or Vinnarasana (9531811471), a communication said.

Port Blair, Jan 9
Grand Master (GM) Deep Sengupta will play simultaneous game with the players in Hotel TSG, Phoenix Bay, Port Blair on Jan 10, 2016 at 9:30 am, thereafter an interaction session with the players and parents in connection with the development /promotion of game of chess in the Island. Registered players are requested to reach the venue in time and GM will also conduct coaching classes for the players on 11th and 12th January 2016, for more details please contact over phone number 9434270905/9434281709.

'Beti Bachao Beti' (Contd. from page 1)

for all-round development of Girl Child. The Dy. Commissioner described on all the efforts being made by the District Administration for implementation of the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme

Shri. Akhil Kumar, Assistant Commissioner (HQ), Car Nicobar, Shri. Ved Prakash Mishra, Education Officer, Car Nicobar, Shri. Othniel Timothy, 1st Headman and Smti. Raheela Aboobaker, Lady Representative of Kinyuka Village, besides huge gathering from Car Nicobar witnessed the programme.

Earlier, Smti. Indira Devi, Child Development Project Officer flagged off the rally. Thereafter, a Nukkad Natak performed by the Anganwadi Workers and Helpers in the Community Hall organized for awareness of Villagers to uplift the girl child in all walks of their life.

Shri. Othniel Timothy, 1st Headman of Kinyuka Village and Smti. Raheela Aboobaker, Lady Representative of Kinyuka Village expressed their happiness over the large turnout of gatherings and for organizing such functions.

ITF 2016; DHS(Contd. from page 1)

2nd & 3rd will be awarded during valedictory function on the concluding day at ITF Ground. The name of the winners will be published/broadcast/telecast through Daily Telegrams, All India Radio & Doordarsha, a communication said.

MORE NATIONAL/LOCAL NEWS

Amit Sana, Amardeep Singh captivate huge..
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The programme was organised by Department of Tourism, A & N Administration while the event was managed by Andaman's event management firm 'Ecstasy', which is managed by local talented youths, and organises reality shows.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Jan 9
The unit 108 Mtn Bde Camp, Pin 908108 C/o 99 APO Port Blair will utilize the Chinthe 200m long range Brichgunj on Jan 11, 28 & 29, 2016 for small arm firing from 9.30 am to 2 pm.

Meanwhile, the 23 Rajput Pin 912123 C/o 99 APO Port Blair will utilize the Chinthe 200m long range Brichgunj on Jan 15 & 27, 2016 for small arm firing practice from 6 am to 4 pm.

Chinthe Long Range, Brichgunj will be used for firing practice on Jan 18, 2016 by the Coast Guard. The firing will commence at 9.35 am and terminate by 2 pm.

All concerned have been warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the mentioned date and time, communications said.

Death mourned

Port Blair, Jan 9
The President, Pradesh Congress Committee, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma and the senior party leaders of the party have mourned the demise of Shri Kannan, 80, R/o Buniyadabad, father of Shri K. Murugan, Chief General Manager, A & N State Cooperative Bank, Port Blair who left for heavenly abode yesterday, a communication said.

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Department to take immediate necessary action in this regard, a communication said.

JNRM to....
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NET/SLET qualified candidate, Candidates with Ph.D., M.Phil Degree or having required percentage of marks in PG and atleast 50% in UG shall be considered.

Interested candidates can attend "walk-in-interview" in the Chamber of the Principal JNRM at 10 am on Jan 13, 2016. Candidates are requested to report alongwith all original certificates and one set of self attested Xerox copies with resume mentioning qualification and experience, a communication said.

Maiden vaccination... (Contd. from page 1)

Singh, CMO (NFSG) Medical Specialist GB Pant Hospital, Dr Amitabha De, Deputy Director (Tribal Welfare /Malaria), Dr Avijit Roy, Deputy Director (Health) /State Immunization Officer, Dr Tapash Kumar Dakuya, Epidemiologist, IDSP and Padmashree Shanti Lakra, ANM are monitoring the programme. Special protocol and arrangements were made by MO i/c PHC Kadamta. The vaccinated children and women were under observation for a day and later discharged.

The Aung Sena of Jarawa played a vital role in educating the Jarawa for getting vaccinated and it was also observed that the Jarawa volunteers and AAJVS staffs helped in bringing beneficiaries to the centre. In continuation of the vaccination it was also decided to administer vaccines to other Jarawa to in different parts of the Islands. The programme was conducted under Government of India "Mission Indradhush", a communication said.

Zonal level Science...(Contd. from page 1)

Earlier, Shri Shushen Mallick, Deputy Education Officer, Middle Andaman Rangat appreciated the students for showing their hidden talent. Shri S. Sankaran, Principal, GSSS Balkultala also spoke on the occasion.

Altogether 31 Schools from Orakatcha to Basantipur took part and 95 exhibits were displayed in the science exhibition. From these 95 exhibits, 21 exhibits were selected to be displayed in the state level science exhibition to be held at Port Blair from 13th to 15th January 2015.

The inaugural function ended with vote of thanks proposed by Smti. Rita Banerjee, Principal GSSS Rangat.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky with possibility of rain at isolated places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 25°C respectively on Sunday 10/01/2016

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 30.5
Minimum Temperature (°C): 22.3
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 064
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 060
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0542
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1711
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 16: 0.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES
Following is the Schedule for Week Jan 8 - 14
Wazir - (Hindi UA)
1:30 PM, 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Star Wars The Force Awakens - (English U)
12:30 PM & 7:00 PM
Dilwale - (Hindi UA) - 3:30 PM
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SEVA SUCHNAYEIN
ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 15.01.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 16.01.2016 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 13.01.2016 (Wed) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 13.01.2016 (Wed) 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.

10.01.2016 (SUNDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 10.01.2016 (Sun) 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 in place of MV Jolly Buoy on 10.01.2016 (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 North Passage will sail for Neil Island in place of MV Jolly Buoy on 10.01.2016 (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 North Passage will sail for Havelock on 10.01.2016 (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 Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 10.01.2016 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1515 Hrs from Neil Island. (Additional Service).

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 10.01.2016 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Havelock on 10.01.2016 (Sun) at 1430 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2030 Hrs from Havelock.

Sailing of MV Sentinel extended upto Campbell Bay

Port Blair, Jan 9
Due to administrative reasons, the announced schedule of MV Sentinel for Hut Bay on 13.01.2016 has been extended up to Campbell Bay. Now the vessel is planned to sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 13.01.2016 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 15.01.2016 (Fri) at 1900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 11.01.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

Similarly, due to the above changes, further announced schedule of MV Sentinel for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 15.01.2016 has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

Principals & toppers (Contd. from page 1)

Institutions. She urged the students to draw inspiration from the life of late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and emulate the same in transforming their dreams into reality. She also stressed on the need for imparting quality education to students.

Shri V.Ponraj, Advisor to late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam shared his memorable association with Dr. Kalam. He exhorted the students to follow the four mantras viz. Learn, listen, see and share. He also urged them to strive hard to achieve their dreams with confidence and perseverance.

Shri Delhi Ganesh, Actor, Brand Ambassador of LIMRA also spoke on the occasion.

The special awardees from the field of Education, Business Development, Social Service, participants of National children Science Congress 2016, Head of the Institutions and 54 toppers of Class X 2014-15 from various schools of Port Blair and its suburb were felicitated by the dignitaries on the occasion.

An interactive session was also held for the gatherings while cultural programmes were presented by the students on the occasion.

Earlier, the Principal, Kamaraj School, Smti V.S.Beena welcomed the gathering.

New Delhi World (Contd. from page 1)

The fair is jointly organised by National Book Trust and India Trade Promotion Organisation. Organisers have made arrangement for 20 shuttle services inside the fair to ferry visitors to various pavilions. Tickets are priced at 20 rupees and will be sold from today. School children and differently-abled persons will be given free entry.