



President launches mobile app 'Selfie with Daughter'

New Delhi, Jun 10

The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee launched a mobile Application 'Selfie with Daughter' at Rashtrapati Bhavan yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated Shri Sunil Jaglan on the launch of the mobile-app 'Selfie-with-Daughter'. He said that Shri Jaglan's efforts in initiating this campaign in Haryana are praiseworthy. Selfie-with-Daughter has become a world-wide movement against female foeticide and sex selection. He hoped that this would eventually help in dealing with the problems arising out of gender imbalance. He stated that



the App is an innovative concept and an act of gentle persuasion. He urged people to take photographs with their daughters and upload on the App to make the campaign a success.

The 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign was started by Shri Sunil Jaglan in June 2015 in village Bibipur, Jind, Haryana. A former Sarpanch, Shri Jaglan has been working in the field of women

empowerment and village development. The aim of the campaign is to motivate society to feel proud to be parents of a girl child which will result in improving the child sex ratio.

SC upholds law making Aadhaar mandatory for PAN, ITR

New Delhi, Jun 10

The Supreme Court today upheld the validity of the law making Aadhaar mandatory for allotment of PAN and filing of Income Tax (IT) returns but exempted those without it for now until the larger privacy issue is decided.

In effect, those who possess an Aadhaar card must link it to their Permanent Account Number (PAN) card and those who have enrolled and not yet got their Aadhaar card are also exempted from mandatory linkage and the penalising invalidation of their PANs if they don't link it.

The apex court while upholding the validity of a fresh provision in the Income Tax (IT) law making Aadhaar compulsory for allotment of PAN and filing of IT returns imposed a partial stay on it till its constitution bench decides the right to privacy issue connected with it.

A bench comprising Justices A K Sikri and Ashok Bhushan, which upheld the legislative competence of the Parliament in enacting the law to this effect, said there was no conflict between the impugned provision of the Income Tax Act and the Aadhaar Act. It said that PAN card without Aadhaar number would not be treated invalid till the Constitution bench decides the larger issue of Right to Privacy.

The bench said that previous transactions won't be affected or nullified with partial stay on the new law till privacy issue linked to Aadhaar is decided. The bench also asked the government to take appropriate steps to ensure there was no leakage of data from the Aadhaar scheme as apprehensions have been expressed that there was a possibility of the data being compromised.



SBI cuts interest rate on home loans above Rs 75 lakh by 10 bps

New Delhi, Jun 10

The State Bank of India, country's largest lender cut interest rate on home loans above Rs 75 lakh by 10 basis points (bps) to 8.60 percent. For salaried women borrowers, the loans will be offered at 8.55 percent. SBI, in a statement said that the new rates will be effective from June 15.

The home loan rates offered are lowest in the industry. The statement added that taking a cue from the recent

RBI reduction in risk weightage on home loans, SBI is passing on the benefit to its customers by reducing its interest rates on home loan above Rs 75 lakh. SBI has the largest share on the home loan market. The rates were reduced for the third time in 2017. Last month, SBI had reduced interest rates on home loans up to Rs 30 lakh to be offered at 8.35 percent for women borrowers and 8.40 percent for others.

GST Council to hold 16th meeting today

New Delhi, Jun 10

The GST Council will hold its 16th meeting tomorrow. The meeting is likely to review some of the rates on which industry has expressed displeasure. The council can also make amendments to the draft rules. A Finance Ministry release said, main agenda items of the scheduled meeting include confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting on the 3rd of the last month. Various industry

associations have sought a review of the tax rates saying that the proposed GST will be much higher than the present level of taxation. The GST Council has fitted all goods and services taxable under it in slabs of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent. However, precious metals, gold coins and imitation jewellery are proposed in the 3 per cent tax slab and rough diamond at 0.25 per cent. The GST will be rolled out from 1st of July.

Birsa Munda remembered by Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram

Port Blair, June 10

Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Port Blair organised a Shradhanjali Sabha to pay homage to the great tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda (1875-1900) on his Martyrdom Day at his premises yesterday. The Shradhanjali Sabha began with the lighting of the lamp by the office bearers of State Committee of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, A&N Islands and floral tributes.

The District Organizing Secretary, Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Shri Ratikant Pradhan, while speaking highlighted on the life of Birsa Munda.



The Member of the State Executive Committee of Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram, Shri Shalu Hemrom also spoke. The Shradhanjali Sabha concluded with Bhajan - Kirtan and Shanti Path by all the participants, a communication said.

'Prakash Utsav' of Sri Guru Har Govind Singh celebrated

First Lady extols peace & harmony exhibited by Islanders

Port Blair, June 10

The 'Prakash Utsav' of Sri Guru Har Govind Singh was celebrated at Dr. Diwan Singh Gurudwara, Gurudwara Line here today. To mark the occasion, a programme was organized by the Stree Satsang Sabha, Port Blair which was graced by the First Lady of A&N Islands, Smti. Prem Mukhi as chief guest. Smti Rupa Ray, the Secretary (Social Welfare), Smti Rashmi Singh, Chairperson (SSWB) Dr. Poonam Arora, ex-SSWB Chairperson, Smti Ratna Kannan, members of Stree Satsang Sabha and a good number of Sikh devotees were present on the occasion.

Addressing the gathering, the First Lady expressed happiness in being part of the auspicious occasion of the Sikh community. She also extolled the exemplary communal harmony being exhibited by the Islanders hailing from various communities, which, she said, cannot be seen and felt anywhere else in the country. She lauded the peace and the serene environment of the Islands which not only fosters the true feeling of unity in diversity but is a living example for the rest of the country to emulate. The First Lady also lauded the various activities being



carried out by the Stree Satsang Sabha, since the inception of the Gurudwara and assured further support in their future endeavors.

Smti. Rupa Ray, while speaking, recalled her childhood days of her association with the various activities organized in the Gurudwara. She also extended support to the Stree Satsang Sabha and conveyed the blessings of the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary, Social Welfare, Smti. Rashmi Singh also threw light on the significance of the day. She also highlighted about the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padoo Programme' of the Government which aims at empowering girl child and said, the disparity between



a girl and a boy child has now narrowed down. She stated that women are progressing in society and today they can be seen excelling in various walks of life. Bestowing her blessings on the children present in the function, she urged them to excel in life with confidence.

In her address, the Chairperson, SSWB, Dr. Poonam also recalled her association with the Gurudwara and

highlighted about the various activities being organized in the Gurudwara. She also encouraged the women folk to forge ahead in life and never to underestimate their roles in society.

The members of Stree Satsang Sabha also presented sarapas and mementoes to the First Lady and other dignitaries present on the occasion.

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Mock exercise on earthquake & tsunami preparedness at Havelock

Port Blair, June 10

The National Disaster Response Force, District Administration (S/A) and the Directorate of Disaster Management will jointly organize a Table Top Exercise and Mock Exercise on Earthquake & Tsunami preparedness at Havelock Island on June 11 & 12, 2017.

The Mock Exercise will begin with blowing of Sirens followed by search & rescue operation, establishment of Medical First Response (MFR) to

Training in first aid & disaster preparedness

Port Blair, June 10

In order to improve Police-Public relation and to increase community outreach, the A&N Police Fire Service will be conducting a training programme in 'First Aid Fire Fighting, Disaster Preparedness & Medical First Aid' to general public, Govt. Servants of various Departments under A&N Administration, South Andaman about sale of contraband tobacco products at Garacharma, a team of Food Safety Officials led by the District Food Safety Officer, South Andaman raided the premises of Rajan Store, Garacharma recently. During the raid, the officials found contraband tobacco products in the possession

provide medical aid and further deployment of victims to Hospital and evacuation to relief camps & shelters to check response, assess the preparedness level of stakeholders/ line departments, interdepartmental coordination at Havelock Island on June 12, 2017, a communication from the Dy. Director (DM) said.

490 GCs from 10 countries passed out from Indian Military Academy

Dehradun, Jun 10

As many as 490 Gentleman Cadets (GCs) including 67 foreign GCs from ten friendly countries passed out from the Indian Military Academy at Dehradun today.

The Chief of Army Staff, General, Bipin Rawat reviewed the passing out Parade. The Gentleman

Cadets displayed tremendous enthusiasm, vigor and zeal, putting up an excellent show, marching with pride and élan. Out of 423 GCs who have commissioned into the Indian Army today, the highest number of 74 GCs is from Uttar Pradesh followed by 49 from Haryana and 40 from Uttarakhand.

FSOs conduct raids; contraband tobacco products seized



Port Blair, June 10

On a tip of information received in the District control Room of District Administration, South Andaman about sale of contraband tobacco products at Garacharma, a team of Food Safety Officials led by the District Food Safety Officer, South Andaman raided the premises of Rajan Store, Garacharma recently. During the raid, the officials found contraband tobacco products in the possession

of Food Business Operator which was seized and the premise sealed immediately after observing the formalities. The Food Business Operator has been charged under the relevant sections of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 and further legal proceedings are on.

Meanwhile, a consignment containing 584 pouches of contraband tobacco products namely Baghban 69 (45 gms each)

was seized from possession of two passengers namely Shri Saif Rehman, S/o Shri. Abdul Rehman, R/o Palm Avenue, Kolkata and from Shri. Saruf Khan, S/o Shri. Feroz Khan, R/o Palm Avenue, Kolkata on their arrival at VSI, Airport, Port Blair from Kolkata.

As per the information given by the passengers, the contraband tobacco products were brought to Port Blair for selling in the

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is a government-backed accident insurance scheme in India. It was originally mentioned in the 2015 Budget speech by Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley in February 2015. It was formally launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 9 May in Kolkata. As of May 2015, only 20% of India's population has any kind of insurance, this scheme aims to increase the number. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is available to people between 18 and 70 years of age with bank accounts. It

Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana

Accident Insurance worth ₹2 lacs at just ₹12 per annum

- ▶ All bank account holders whose age is between 18 to 70 years are eligible
- ▶ Insurance amount can also be availed if in a handicapped state

has an annual premium of Rs 12 exclusive of taxes. The Service tax exempted on Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana. The amount will be automatically debited from the account. The accident insurance scheme will have one year cover from June 1 to May 31 and would be offered through banks and administered through public sector general insurance companies. In case of accidental death or full disability, the payment to the nominee will be Rs 2 lakh and in case of partial Permanent disability Rs 1 lakh. Full disability has been defined as loss of use in both eyes, hands or feet. Partial Permanent disability has been defined as loss of use in one eye, hand or foot. This scheme will be linked to the bank accounts opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana scheme. Most of these account had zero balance initially. The government aims to reduce the number of such zero balance accounts by using this and related schemes. Now all Bank account holders can avail this facility through their net-banking service facility at any time of the year.

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower likely to occur at many places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30 °C and 25 °C respectively on Sunday 11/06/2017

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.6
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 23.4
 Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 083
 Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 080
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0455
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1743
 Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 018.0
 Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.3
 Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm 17 788.5

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 12.06.2017 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 13.06.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 10.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. The vessel will not carry any cargo during the above voyage.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 15.06.2017 (Thu) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 17.06.2017 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 14.06.2017 (Wed) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (perishable items only) will commence from 14.06.2017 (Wed) between 0900 Hrs to 1200 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 16.06.2017 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 17.06.2017 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 15.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. The vessel will not carry any cargo during the above voyage.

HUT BAY SECTOR:-

MV North Passage will sail for Hut Bay on 13.06.2017 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Bambooka will sail for Hut Bay on 14.06.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV North Passage will sail for Hut Bay on 15.06.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings to Hut Bay will be issued to the general public on 12.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 13th, 14th & 15th June, 2017 will be issued to the general public from 12.06.2017 from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.

11.06.2017 (SUNDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 11.06.2017 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 11.06.2017 (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 North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 11.06.2017 (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 North Passage will sail for Havelock on 11.06.2017 (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 Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 11.06.2017 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

Weather forecast for Isles; fishermen advised

Port Blair, June 10 between 35 and 45 kmph gusting to 55 kmph generally rough to very rough seas is likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coast. Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the sea, a communication said.

Petrol, diesel prices ...
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consumers every day including daily publishing of the prices in newspaper, prominent displays of prices at the retail outlets and sending of price-related SMS. Many developed countries are already revising the prices of Petrol and Diesel on a daily basis.

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and direct them to attend the programme on the mentioned dates and venue. The nominations may be sent to the Office of the Chief Fire Officer latest by June 12, 2017, a communication from the Dy. SP (Fire Service said).

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market of Port Blair. The consignment has been seized and further legal proceedings under relevant sections of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 is under way.

The Commissioner Food Safety has warned the Food Business Operators once again not to store/stock/display or sale any contraband products in their premises and storage area and if the enforcement staff on their inspection, find any contraband tobacco products, stringent action will be initiated against the errant FBOs including sealing of premises and cancellation of licenses.

General public have been requested to pass on contraventions found, if any, on food safety to the Commissioner of Food Safety, A&N Islands over phone Nos. 03192-231024/9434280018 or contact District Control Room over phone No.1070 for strict actions against violators, a communication from the Joint Commissioner (Food Safety) said.

SPORTS

ICC Champions Trophy 2017

Acid Test For Captain Virat Kohli As India Face South Africa In Do-Or-Die Clash

London, June 10
 Virat Kohli will be facing the toughest battle of his nascent ODI captaincy career when defending champions India take on South Africa in a do-or-die virtual 'quarter-final' of the ICC Champions Trophy, in London on Sunday. Their confidence shaken after Sri Lanka effortlessly out-batted them in a high-scoring encounter, the Indian team and Kohli in particular will be keen to ensure that South Africa are continued to be known as "chokers".

Call it irony, if India lose the game, it will be defending champions making an exit even before the semi-final. If the Protease loses, then the current No.1 ranked ODI side would be ousted before the last four stages. A defeat will have the skeptics blaming the speculated off-the-field issues for the performance. In such a backdrop, Kohli will be under huge pressure with margin of error being next to nil. For AB de Villiers, it will be an opportunity to prove that self-imposed exile from five-day game has not affected his limited over's skills. With three quality left-handers – Quinton de Kock, JP Duminy and David Miller – in the South African line-up, Kohli can't afford to keep Ravichandran Ashwin in cold storage. More so after knowing



what can happen to Ravindra Jadeja when there is absolutely nothing in the strip. Ashwin at least has some natural variations, including the off-break which is his stock ball. The proud performer that he is, Ashwin will be smarting after being excluded in the first two games and it can only work positively in India's favour. However, skipper Kohli's leadership acumen and understanding of the current situation will be under scrutiny depending upon the kind of playing XI he opts for the next game. Ashwin's entry into the playing XI looks logical but he certainly won't replace Jadeja as two spinners are likely to play against the Protease, who is not known to be comfortable against slow bowlers. The other big factor

is Jadeja's electric fielding inside the circle and the powerful arm from anywhere at the boundary line. Jadeja can save at least 15 runs per match which makes him an useful player in this format. Neither can Hardik Pandya be dropped as his pyrotechnics at No 7 is just what is needed from a batsman used as a floater in the order. Jasprit Bumrah is another specialist bowler, who is a certainty in the playing XI, with his ability to bowl Yorkers at will at the death. In the second Powerplay overs during the Sri Lanka match, India had conceded over 200 runs, something Ashwin will be asked to check as a marauding AB de Villiers will be itching to score big. With scores of 319 and 323 in the two games, the batting has a

settled look. All the top-order batsmen have got a decent hit including the opening duo of Rohit-Sharma-Shikhar Dhawan, who conjured back-to-back century partnerships. **Squads India: Virat Kohli (captain), Shikhar Dhawan, Rohit Sharma, Yuvraj Singh, MS Dhoni (wk), Hardik Pandya, Kedar Jadhav, Ravichandran Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Umesh Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Dinesh Karthik, Ajinkya Rahane. South Africa: AB de Villiers (captain), Hashim Amla, Quinton de Kock (wk), David Miller, JP Duminy, Faf du Plessis, Imran Tahir, Keshav Maharaj, Farhan Behardien, Chris Morris, Wayne Parnell, Andile Phehlukwayo, Dwayne Pretorius, Kagiso Rabada. (SA)**

IOC approves new events for 2020 Tokyo Game



INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

New Delhi, Jun 10
 The International Olympic Committee has approved new events for the 2020 Tokyo Games, including a number of mixed gender competitions. The IOC's Executive Board made the decision at a meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland yesterday. The choices reflect the IOC's focus on gender equality and appeal to young people. The additions include a mixed team event for judo. Each team will consist of 3 men and 3 women, all representing different weight classes. Team events have already taken place at the judo world championships, but never on a mixed-gender basis. Table Tennis will also get a mixed doubles competition. The event was featured in the recent world championships in Germany. A Japanese pair won gold. Three-on-three basketball is an example of the IOC's focus on youth and urban sports. The

10-minute match on a half-sized court is known for its speed. The International Basketball Federation adopted it as an official discipline with common rules in 2007, to make it popular around the world. The IOC has recommended awarding the hosting rights for both the 2024 and 2028 Games at the same time. The US city of Los Angeles and Paris, France are bidding to host the 2024 Summer Games. IOC President Thomas Bach expressed hope that the two cities will both be awarded the hosting rights in a dual allocation. This came after Rome, Hamburg and Budapest withdrew their bids for the 2024 Games because of the massive costs they would have to shoulder to organize the event.

Sapling plantation drive by PBMC

Port Blair, June 10
 On the occasion of World Environment Day, the PBMC organized sapling plantation drive in the office premise of the JE (Water Supply) Division at Dollygung Ward No. 17. The Sr. Vice Chairperson, Shri N.K. Udhy Kumar and Junior Vice Chairperson, Shri Dharmendra Narayan planted over 200 saplings in the office premises in the presence of staffs of Water Section. The programme was organized with the support of the Division Forest Officer, Range Officer and staff of Forest Extension Publicity Department, a communication said.

Prakash Utsav of ...

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day at the Gurudwara included bhajan, kirtan and a special langar. Earlier, Smti Gurjeet Kaur welcomed the gathering and briefed about the significance of the day and the various activities undertaken by Stree Satsang Sabha, since 1978. The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the President of the Stree Satsang Sabha, Smti Satinder Pal Kaur.

International Day of Yoga 2017

Yoga is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with ourselves, the World and Nature

Yoga is an invaluable part of ancient Indian tradition. It includes every aspect of life and body through postures, pranayama and meditation. It is a holistic approach to health and well-being.

Come....., participate in '3rd INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA' on 21st June, 2017 from 6:40 am to 8:00 am at your nearest location:

South Andaman District				
Govt. Girls School Auditorium	Tagore College, Auditorium	Chinmaya Mission	JNRM Auditorium	Multipurpose Hall, Netaji Stadium
Khetan Kalyan Mandapam, Junglighat	Community Hall, Shadipur	Community Hall, Shadipur	Community Hall, Buniyadabad	Community Hall, Haddo
Community Hall, Anarkali	Community Hall, Delanipur	Sarawati Shishu Mandir	Community Hall, Prothrapur	Bengali Club Hall
Community Hall, Garacharma (Old Panchayat bldg.)	Panchayat Hall, Ferrargunj	Panchayat Hall, Wimberlygunj	Community Hall, Ograbraj	Community Hall, Manglutan
Community Hall, Bambooflat	Yoga Hall, AYUSH Hospital			
North & Middle Andaman District				
Zilla Parishad Hall, Mayabunder	Auditorium, MG Govt. College, Mayabunder	Community Hall, Tugapur (Lal Tikry)	Community Hall, Webi	Community Hall, Jaipur, Billi ground
Zilla Parishad Hall, Rangat	JNV Hall, Panchavati	Community Hall, Bakultala	Forest Hall, Baratang	Multipurpose Hall, Diglipur
Panchayat Community Hall, Kadamtala	Govt. Model School, Sitanagar	GSS School Hall, Kalighat	Panchayat Community Hall, Keralapuram	Panchayat Community Hall, Ramnagar
Nicobar District				
Priyadarshini Hall, BJR Stadium, Tamaloo, C/N	Katchal	Bengali Village, Teressa	Nancowry (Kamorta)	Campbell Bay

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