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Recycling of water can minimize water woes: Minister

New Delhi, Dec 11

Expressing concern over ground water pollution in the country, Minister for Water Resources Shri Nitin Gadkari today said that recycling of water can minimize the water woes. Addressing 7th International Conference on Ground Water in New Delhi, Shri Gadkari said, micro water management like drip irrigation is the need of the hour. He said, the Centre is committed to provide clean drinking water to the people. Minister for Drinking Water and Sanitation Ms. Uma Bharti in her address said, people have to understand their responsibility towards



water. She also stressed on bold steps to manage water imbalances. Ms Bharti said, Israel can be role model of India in water conservation and recycling. The three day international

conference is being organized on the Ground water issues with the theme "Ground Water Vision 2030- Water Security, Challenges and Climate Change Adaptation".

Delegates from 15 countries are participating in the conference. 250 research papers will be presented during the conference which includes 32 Keynote papers.

Well implemented Universal Health Coverage will lead to reduced healthcare burdensome expenditure: Health Minister

New Delhi, Dec 11

Health Minister Shri J P Nadda has said a well implemented Universal Health Coverage (UHC) will lead to reduced healthcare burdensome expenditure. Addressing a function organised to mark UHC day in New Delhi, Shri Nadda, said UHC aimed at ensuring equitable access for all to affordable, accountable, appropriate health services of assured quality, will significantly enhance the efficiency of health system. He said, Government is committed to advance the UHC agenda in the country and States need to ensure there is adequate



budgetary expenditure in the health sector. He said, this year, the Day is significant as it follows the approval of National Health Policy- 2017. Shri

Nadda said, the government has increased budget for health sector by 27 percent in union budget this financial year. He said National health

Policy commits to increase health expenditure by government as a percentage of GDP from the existing 1.15 percent to 2.5 percent by 2025.

Footpath-cum-motorable road inaugurated at Dudh Line



Port Blair, Dec. 11

In a simple function held at Dudh Line, Ward No:12, Shri Vishal Jolly, Member, HMC today inaugurated a C.C. footpath-cum-motorable road with retaining wall and side drain in presence of Shri Indra Pal Singh, Chairperson, PBMC and Shri SNN Gregory, Councillor Ward No.12. The function was also attended by Smti Vinitha

Malhotra, SVC, S/Shri K. Ganeshan, S. Karunakaran, K. Arubadi, Councillors and senior officials of the Council.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Vishal Jolly re-iterated the commitment of the Council and expressed his satisfaction that the Council has provided this facility which will immensely benefit about 300 people residing in that area and the commuters.

Fishermen urged to refrain from venturing into sea during bad weather

Port Blair, Dec. 11

It has been brought to the notice of the Department of Fisheries by the security agencies viz. Coast Guard/Marine Police Force etc. that in spite of repeated warning issued by the various agencies including the Department of Fisheries, fishermen are in the habit of venturing into

the sea for fishing, creating an awkward situation for the Department for ensuring safety of the fishers at sea during rough sea condition.

Therefore all the fishers of Andaman & Nicobar Islands are advised not to venture into the sea during bad weather warning (Contd. on last page)

AATO President highlights issues faced by tourism stakeholders

Port Blair, Dec. 11

The President, Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO), Shri M. Vinod, in a letter addressed to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, a copy of which has been released to the press, has highlighted the problems faced by various tourism stakeholders in the Isles. The issues he mentioned include implementation of

Goods & Service Tax, introduction of passenger service by PMB, issuing of all permits for visiting all National Parks from the single window counter of the Tourism Department which will help the Tour Operators as well as the visiting tourists, submission of Identity Card during the time of boarding the boat, as (Contd. on last page)

Cleanliness fortnight by 'Island Terriers'



Port Blair, Dec. 11

The Territorial Army battalion- 'Island Terriers' is observing cleanliness fortnight at Birchgunj Military Station, under the Andaman & Nicobar Command, from Dec 1 to 15, 2017. Island Terriers have started a drive of tree plantation, waste management, cleanliness and beach clearing at Birchgunj and

Campbell Bay. The drive has not only ensured general cleanliness in the area but also increased awareness about waste management. This has further lead to massive reduction in waste output at the station. The measure is directed towards furthering Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command's vision for Clean & Green Nation.

Workshop for capacity building of all Disaster Management Functionaries

Port Blair, Dec. 11

With a view to create disaster awareness amongst the stakeholders so that they can respond to any disaster, the Directorate of Disaster Management, A&N Administration, in coordination with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad will be organizing a one day workshop for capacity building of all Disaster Management Functionaries of this Union Territory, on Dec. 13, 2017, in the conference hall of Megapode Resort.

The Lt Governor, A&N Islands, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) will inaugurate the workshop at 9.30 am. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration and the Principal Secretary (DM&RR) will also be present on the occasion, a communication said.

Dr. Subramanian Swamy addresses press conference

Port Blair, Dec. 11

The matter regarding implementation of Inner Line Permit for A&N Islands to check population influx will be taken up at appropriate levels including in the upcoming Parliament Session, said the BJP leader and the Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), Dr. Subramanian Swamy, while speaking to the media persons at Junglighat Puja Pandal here this morning.

Addressing the press conference, he said that his visit to these Islands was aimed at addressing Virat Hindu Sammelan and



inform the people about Ram Mandir at Ayodhya. Regarding the issue of non-supply of sugar common man under PDS, the BJP leader and MP

requested for giving the grievances in writing so that he can take up the matter with the concerned Ministry at New Delhi. When the matter of

religious conversions was brought to his notice by a scribe, he directed that such matters should be informed to the Police first.

SSA Online Monitoring System launched Education Secretary highlights need for monitoring & proper utilization of funds



Port Blair, Dec. 11

In an attempt to improve the monitoring system of State Project Office, SSA UT Mission Authority, the Secretary (Education), A&N Administration, Ms Tanvi Garg, launched the SSA Online Monitoring System (SOMOS) at the Mini Conference Hall of Secretariat today. The

Special Secretary (IT), Shri Utpal Sharma, Officials from Department of IT and senior officials of Education Department were also present during the launch. Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary (Education) stressed upon the importance of transparency and

monitoring of the funds allotted by the MHRD to the UT and its proper utilisation. She also lauded the efforts made by the officials of Departments of IT and Education in this regard.

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Declaration of Summer Vacation 2018 urged

Port Blair, Dec. 11

The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, A & N Islands has urged the A&N Administration for early declaration of Summer Vacation 2018 for the schools. The General Secretary of the Association, Shri.T.S.Sreekumar in a letter addressed to the Secretary-cum-Director of Education, A&N Administration has mentioned that due to delay in declaration of summer vacation, the teachers and other government employees face hardships in booking of flight tickets within their entitlement, a communication said.

Annual Geeta Gyana Yagna by Chinmaya Mission



Port Blair, Dec. 11

The Annual Geeta Gyana Yagna organized by Chinmaya Mission Port Blair began here with lighting of traditional lamp and flag hoisting at Mission's Auditorium yesterday. Major General

(Retd.) Shri R.P.Chaubey, Director, Andaman & Nicobar Islands Institute of Medical Sciences was the chief guest on the occasion. Swami Chidrupanandjee Acharya Chinmaya (Contd. on last page)

CPA urges tour operators to inform tourists about facilities available at the Port

Port Blair, Dec 11

Following a news item published in a local daily regarding poor port services in the Isles, the Chief Port Administrator of Port Management Board, in a press release received here today has clarified that more than 250 passenger trolleys are available at the security checking point i.e. entry point for the Port. Toilets for men & women

are also available at the jetty-one at Passenger Hall and the other inside the Security Hall. These services are available on free of cost basis to every passenger. The tourists are unaware about these facilities because they do not pass through the ports frequently and most of the tour operators also do not inform them about the (Contd. on last page)

Disability camp organized at N&M Andaman

Port Blair, Dec. 11

On the occasion of International Day for Person with Disabilities, a disability camp was organized under National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness by the Directorate of Health Services in Middle

& North Andaman District recently. About 121 patients were screened and audiometry evaluation was done for the hearing impaired and necessary certificates were issued to them for procuring hearing aids. Those suffering (Contd. on last page)

'The Daily Telegrams' invites photographs from its esteemed readers to be published in the paper as 'photo of the day' or 'photo of the week'. The photos must be related to the Islands, and should have suitable captions or description. The photos can be mailed at thedailytelegrams@gmail.com or can be send to the Office of the Chief Editor, The Daily Telegrams, News Wing, Govt. Press South Point, Port Blair.

-Chief Editor

SPORTS

Government to launch 'Khelo India' programme to bring sports into mainstream

Bhubaneswar, Dec 11
Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore has said, the government will launch a 'Khelo India' programme at a cost of 1,756 crore rupees for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20. He said the initiative marks a watershed moment in the history of Indian sports, as the programme aims at mainstreaming sports as a tool for individual development, community development, economic development and national development. Col Rathore said, the initiative will impact the entire sports ecosystem, including infrastructure, community sports, talent identification, coaching for excellence, competition structure and sports economy. He was addressing the Yuva Sambardhana Utsav organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, at KIIIT Campus, Bhubaneswar yesterday. Highlighting some salient features of the programme, the Union Minister said, a new Pan Indian Sports



Scholarship scheme, which will cover 1,000 most talented young athletes each year across select sports disciplines will be introduced. He said each athlete selected under the scheme will receive an annual scholarship worth 5 lakh rupees for 8 years. He said, as per the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the sports will be given priority in Schools and Colleges under Khelo India Campaign. Col Rathore said, the year 2018 will be celebrated as Year of Sports. The Khelo India campaign aims to promote 150 select

Final of 'Tsunami Memorial Open Football Knock-out Tournament'

Port Blair, Dec. 11
Due to administrative reasons, the final match of the 'Tsunami Memorial Open Football Knock-out Tournament', being conducted by the Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, has been postponed. Now the match will be held at 3 pm at Netaji Stadium, Port Blair tomorrow (Dec 12). The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri. Anindo Majumdar will be the chief guest of the closing ceremony, a communication said.

Afghanistan to play their first ever Test in India

New Delhi, Dec 11
India will host Afghanistan for their first ever Test in 2019-2020, the BCCI announced here on Monday. Afghanistan earned their Test status alongside Ireland this June. "Afghans were scheduled to play their first Test in 2019 versus Australia but considering the historic relationship between India and Afghanistan, we decided to host their first Test," said BCCI acting Secretary Shri Amitabh Choudhary after the Special General Meeting. Afghanistan and Ireland were made full members of the International Cricket Council



(ICC) in June, becoming the sport's 11th and 12th Test-playing nations. Besides welcoming them into five-day cricket, the BCCI has extended a helping hand to Afghanistan on a number of occasions. The team from the war-

Indian cricket team to play 81 home matches across all formats between 2019-2023

New Delhi, Dec 11
India will be hosting 81 international matches - 30 more than the current Future Tours Programme (FTP) - across all formats between 2019-2023. However, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) said after the Special General Meeting (SGM) in New Delhi on Monday that the total number of matchdays will go down from 390 to 306 (excluding ICC World Cup and Champions Trophy which India will host during the

period). This means India will play more limited-overs cricket than Tests over the next four years. The new FTP will mainly include matches against Australia, England and South Africa. Earlier, Indian cricket team skipper Virat Kohli complained about his team's hectic international schedule ahead of their crucial tour of South Africa. The BCCI also decided to revoke the four-year suspension of the Rajasthan

India's tour game in South Africa cancelled

New Delhi, Dec 11
India's two-day tour game ahead of their three-match Test series in South Africa has been cancelled, Cricket South Africa (CSA) said on Monday.

The Indians have instead, as per CSA, opted for training sessions on those days. "Please be advised that the two-day warm-up match for India at Eurolux Boland Park will no longer be taking place. India have opted for training sessions on those days," the CSA said in a release.

Shakib named Bangladesh Test captain

Dhaka, Dec 11
Allrounder Shakib Al Hasan has been named Bangladesh's Test captain, replacing Mushfiqur Rahim. His first assignment will be the series at home against Sri Lanka. Middle order batsman Mahmudullah will be Shakib's deputy. Mushfiqur had been Bangladesh's captain in the longest format since September 2011, but after the team's disastrous tour of South

Africa, he has been replaced by Shakib. Mushfiqur captained Bangladesh in 34 Tests, starting against West Indies in Chittagong. He led Bangladesh to seven Test wins and nine draws while losing 18 Tests. He oversaw his side's historic triumphs against England and Australia recently. This will be Shakib's second stint as captain of the Test team, having been replaced by Mushfiqur in 2011.

schools in as many districts, and 20 universities across the country, as hubs of sporting excellence, which would enable talented sportspersons to pursue the dual pathway of education and competitive sports. The Minister said the programme would cover about 200 million children in the age group of 10-18 under a massive national physical fitness drive. Under the scheme, a campaign will be launched from January 31, 2018, to February 8, 2018, to spot sports talents under 17 years in schools, which will be telecast live.

Shubhankar Sharma wins Joburg Open for first European title



New Delhi, Dec 11
Indian golfer Shubhankar Sharma has won his first title on the European Tour, claiming the \$1.2 million Joburg Open on Monday. With 11 holes remaining in the final round, played on Monday after rain curtailed play on Sunday, Sharma carried a five-shot lead over South African Erik van Rooyen. Sharma, ranked 462

Dubai Super Series Final: Easy draw for Sindhu; Srikanth, Axelsen in same group

Dubai, Dec 11
Rio Olympic silver medalist shuttler PV Sindhu will begin her campaign against lower ranked Hi Bingjiao of China in the women's singles event of the season-ending Dubai Super Series Finals starting on Wednesday. World number three Sindhu has been clubbed along with number two ranked Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, Sayako Sato (world number 15), also of Japan, and Bingjiao (world number nine) in Group A. All the four players will meet each other in a round-robin format. The other group

has world number one Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei, Sung Ji Hyun of Korea (world number 5), Ratchanon Intanon (world number 6) of Thailand and Chen Yufei (world number 8) of China. Olympic gold medalist Carolina Marin of Spain and world champion Nozomi Okuhara have withdrawn from the elite competition. Sindhu is going into the tournament with a lot of confidence having clinched the India Open Super Series and Korea Open Super Series, besides bagging the silver at Glasgow World Championship and finishing runners-up at Hong Kong Open this season. Meanwhile, world number four Kidambi Srikanth has been placed in Group B of men's singles event along with world number one Viktor Axelsen of Denmark, Chou Tien Chen (world number 7) and Shi Yuqi (world number 8). Srikanth will be up against Axelsen in first match of the tournament on Wednesday. Srikanth has also been at the peak of his powers this season as he became the only Indian, and the fourth player ever, to win four Super Series titles in a calendar year.

Education Secretary ... (Contd. from page 1)

monitoring application has been developed by the Department of Education under the technical guidance of DBRAIT. The application will allow the State Project Office to monitor the utilisation of funds allotted to various Blocks, Clusters and Schools which it receives from the MHRD, GoI under various interventions. The State Project Office will also be able to view the works undertaken by stakeholders. SOMOS will be available online for the users of State, Block, Cluster and School with effect from the first week of January 2018.

Annual Geeta ... (Contd. from page 1)

Mission, Noida is conducting the Yagna. Speaking on this occasion Swami Chidrupanandajee said that purification of mind is very essential for meditation. Swamijee said, as human beings, we cannot run away from action, however, all our actions should be surrendered to God. Swamijee will be speaking on 6th Chapter of Bhagwat Geeta from 6 to 7.30 pm, while morning pravachan will be held from 7 to 8 am. The yagna will continue till 16th December. Earlier the resident Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair Swami Shuddhananda Saraswati briefed the audience about the activities of the Mission. Shri Surendra Prahldka welcomed the gathering, while Shri Manohar Singh proposed the vote of thanks.

Intl. Day for Divyang celebrated



Port Blair, Dec. 11
The International day for Divyang was celebrated by ICDS Project Diglipur at Vivekananda Stadium, Diglipur recently. The Pramukh Diglipur, Shri Shyamal Mondal, was the chief guest on the occasion. Various sports events, song and drawing competitions were organized for all categories. Prizes were distributed among the winners of various competitions. A large number of Divyang persons along with their

Death condoled

Port Blair, Dec. 11
The President, PCC, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma and the PBMC Councilor, Ward No. 13, Smti Upasana Prasad have condoled the death of Govindo Chakarvarty, 70, H/o Krishna Chakarvarty, R/o Deen Street Junglight who passed away today at G.B.Pant hospital, a communication said.

Disability camp ... (Contd. from page 1)

from ear ailments were checked and were briefed on prevention of noise pollution. The camp was conducted by Dr. Sanjay Kumar, ENT Specialist (CHS) and Shri Jonathan Lalchwilena, Audiologist, GBPH, a communication said.

CPA urges tour... (Contd. from page 1)

facilities available at the Port. All the facilities available inside the Port can be utilised by the passengers if they are informed and they wish to use. Therefore, all tour operators are requested to inform their guests/tourists about the facilities available at the Port. Similar facilities are available at the Haddo Wharf also, the CPA added in the press release.

Fishermen urged ... (Contd. from page 1)

issued by the concerned Department through television, radio and local news papers. The family members are also required to inform about fishers' whereabouts to the concerned agencies in case any fisher does not return back to his house within the predetermined date of arrival during bad weather warning period. The fishers have been asked to follow the instructions strictly to avoid any unforeseen incident to the fishers at sea, a communication from Deputy Director of Fisheries said.

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at few places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Tuesday 12/12/2017

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.5
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.4
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 080
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 081
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0529
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1656
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 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm 17 3266.4

SEVASUCHNAYEIN
ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

HUT BAY SECTOR:
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.

12.12.2017 (TUESDAY)
BARATANG
MV Katchal will sail for Baratang on 12.12.2017 (Tue) 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 12.12.2017 (Tue) 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 12.12.2017 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
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MV Strait Island will sail for Havelock on 12.12.2017 (Tue) 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 12.12.2017 (Tue) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

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RANGAT
MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 13.12.2017 (Wed) at 0600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 14.12.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Katchal will sail for Diglipur on 13.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

14.12.2017 (THURSDAY)
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AATO President... (Contd. from page 1)
practiced in Airport and other jetties, operating of tourist spots on all days, issuance of advance tickets for Jolly Buoy/Redskin Island, plying of boats for additional trips for Jolly Buoy Island.

Further, he also informed that the Directorate of Shipping Services (DSS) has introduced a system of issuing return tickets for Tourists Visiting Neil & Havelock Island which is a welcome step as the tourist will not get stuck at any destination in the absence of return tickets. However, he requested for ensuring issuance of tickets to guest for both ways by DSS. Regarding the shortage of Boats, the AATO President requested for a bigger capacity vessel for Havelock during peak tourist season besides regular boat service to Neil Island. Reviewing the present system of issuing tourist permits for new vehicles, relaxation of CRZ regulation for these Islands, e-Visa facility at Port Blair Seaport & Airport etc were also highlighted.