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India trying to engage Pak in meaningful dialogue but will never drop guard on security: PM

Kochi, Dec 16
 The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that India is trying to engage Pakistan in a meaningful dialogue to build a peaceful relationship with the aim to promote stability and prosperity in the region. Chairing the Combined Commanders Conference on board INS Vikramaditya off Kochi coast in Kerala yesterday, Shri Modi said that the country will never drop its guard on security and judge the progress of the dialogue on the neighbouring country's commitment on the terrorism. This was for the first time that the Combined Commander's conference was held outside Delhi.



Later, addressing a gathering at Kollam in Kerala, the Prime Minister expressed concern over the frequent disruption of

Parliamentary proceedings by the opposition. On the occasion, Shri Modi also unveiled a statue of

former Chief Minister of Kerala Shri R Sankar. Recalling the contribution of Late R Shankar, Shri Modi

said, some people serve in positions for many years but are not remembered, but
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ZP Adhyaksha submits issues of North & Middle Andaman with PM & other Ministers

Mayabunder, Dec. 16
 The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, North & Middle Andaman, Smt. Prabhavati Biswas, who was in New Delhi recently, met the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on Dec. 10 and put forth issues relating to the development of A&N Islands. The Prime Minister is said to have assured to look into the matter on priority basis. He also assured to make a visit to Andaman & Nicobar Islands shortly, a communication from the Adhyaksha, ZP N&M said. Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament, Smti. Sheela Singh, Chairperson PBMC, Smti. Minati Biswas, Adhyaksha, ZP, South Andaman, Smti. Sima Sarkar, Pramukh, Little Andaman & Shri Shyamal Mondal, Pramukh Diglipur were also present on the occasion.



Earlier, they met Shri Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Minister of Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation & Parliamentary Affairs and Shri Haribhai Parthibhai Choudhary, Hon'ble Minister of State for Home Affairs, for allotment of more funds to the PRIs for the sustainable development and also discussed various security
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MP raises setting up of polytechnics in Lok Sabha

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 The Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani, in reply to unstarred question raised by the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray in Lok Sabha regarding establishment of two new polytechnics, one each at North & Middle Andaman District and Nicobar District, has stated that under the scheme namely 'Sub-Mission on Polytechnics under Coordinated Action for Skill Development' launched during the 11th plan, the Ministry provides one time financial assistance upto Rs.12.30

crores per polytechnic to the State/UT Governments. The assistance is given for setting up of new polytechnic in 300 un-served and under-served districts of the country. The Minister further said that two districts were identified in A&N Islands initially under the scheme. However, presently there is no plan to undertake any further action since A&N Administration has intimated that setting up of new polytechnics is not viable since there is unutilized capacity of seats in the Islands, a communication from the Office of the MP said here today.

Minister of Road Transport & Highways holds high level meeting

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 A high level meeting was convened under the Chairmanship of Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways in his chamber on Dec. 10, 2015, wherein Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament, A & N Islands, Smti. Minoti Biswas, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smti. Prabhavati Biswas, Adhyaksha, N & M Andaman,

Smti Sheela Singh, Chairperson, PBMC, Pramukhs of Little Andaman & Diglipur and the Sr. Officials of MoRTH and Ministry of Shipping were present. In the meeting, the assurance of the Hon'ble Minister of RT&H which was given in a meeting held in Raj Niwas on 17.02.2015 for releasing of Central Road fund (CRF) of Rs. 100 crores for construction of Roads and

Bridges at different locations of A & N Islands was reviewed. During the discussion, a list of 21 bridges which are required to be constructed under the Central Road Fund (CRF) at different locations in A & N Islands to facilitate the connectivity for the benefit of the villagers to upgrade their livelihood was also presented by Shri Bishnu Pada Ray.
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CS to inaugurate XIX State School Games today

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 The Directorate of Education, A & N Administration is going to inaugurate the XIX State School Games -2015 and 4th State Level competition for CWSN at Netaji Stadium Sports Complex from 17th to 21st December 2015. The Chief Secretary, Andaman & Nicobar Islands shall be the chief guest during the Opening Ceremony of the prestigious

State School Games 2015 at 3 pm on Dec. 17, 2015. Altogether 972 participants from nine different Educational Zone and about 200 teachers shall participate in this mega event. The main attraction of the State School Games 2015 will be colourful presentation of group Dance by school children of headquarter and Wimbrygunj area.
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Girls' school students congratulated



Port Blair, Dec. 16
 The team of Govt. Girls' Sr. Sec. School which bagged the first prize in the 'Kala Utsav' in New Delhi recently, was accorded warm welcome at Veer Savarkar Airport today. The Deputy Education Officer, South Andaman, Shri. H. Nathaniel, Project Officer

SSA/RMSA, Shri. P.K. Singh, the Principal of the school, Smti Sangeeta Chand and other faculty members of the Department of Education and school were present. They congratulated the students Shivani Dua, Kusum Mondal, R. Divya, T. Valentina, Smitha
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Smart City Mission

Final SCP of Port Blair City submitted; MoUD to scrutinise proposals received from various cities

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 The Government of India, Ministry of Urban Development launched a Smart City Mission during June, 2015 with a vision to develop various cities in the country as Smart City. The A & N Administration has forwarded the credentials in the form of score card of Port Blair Municipal Council at stage I competition, thereafter, Port Blair city was selected one among the 100 cities for second stage challenge by the MoUD.



To prepare the Smart City Proposal (SCP), M/s. NCPE Infrastructure Limited, Hyderabad was appointed as consultant to assist the Port Blair Municipal Council (ULB) and A & N Administration. As the citizen participation was the fulcrum of formulating SCP, the A & N Administration and PBMC has launched various modes to make the programme citizen participatory. On these lines,
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Unique project of Social Welfare Deptt.

Mobile tableau on ill-effect of drugs flagged off; lifestyle camp from Dec. 19

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 As a part of the campaign against 'Ill-effects of Drug Abuse (Substance) & Alcoholism', the Directorate of Social Welfare, A & N Administration in association with Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, has launched a mobile exhibition and audio visual presentation in a decorated vehicle today. The Director, Social Welfare, Shri M.N. Murali and Sister Sharmista of Brahmakumaris, jointly flagged off the Mobile tableau, from the premises of Social Welfare Department, Goalghar this evening. The function was attended by large gathering of public and the staff of Social Welfare Department.



The decorated vehicle held its shows at Tiranga Park and various places in the town and concluded its last show at Dairy Farm today. Similar shows will be organised on Dec. 17 & 18, 2015 from Chouldhari to Junglight. Meanwhile, Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, in association with the Directorate of Social Welfare will be organizing a 7 day camp on the theme 'Welcome to Healthy and Happy Lifestyles' from 19th to 26th December, 2015 in the conference hall of Agriculture
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Sawn timber available for sale at Chatham Saw Mill

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 The Govt. Chatham Saw Mill presently has sufficient stock of sawn timber in the different categories. Any individual, organization or unit who require the sawn timber for his/her/their own use, can purchase the same from Chatham Saw Mill on Govt. prescribed rates.
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Meeting of Works & Development Committee of ZPSA held



Port Blair, Dec. 16
 A meeting of the Works & Development Committee of Zilla Parishad South Andaman was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Shri Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Chairman to finalize the prioritization of list of developmental works to be undertaken during 2015-16. The meeting was graced by the

Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas, Up-Adhyaksh, Shri Subir Chand, Smt. Rashmi Krishnan, Chief Executive Officer & ex-Officio Secretary and Committee Members. After due deliberations, the Committee finalized the list of developmental works to be
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Geeta Jayanti at Chinmaya Mission

Port Blair, Dec. 16
 Shri Geeta Jayanti will be celebrated at Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair on Dec. 20, 2015 from 3 pm to 7.30 pm. The programme will begin at 3 pm with 'Geeta parayan' (chanting of all 18 chapters of Bhagwat Geeta) followed by talks by eminent speakers on the topic 'the relevance of

Bhagwat Geeta in our day to day life'. At 7.30 pm, arathi will be performed followed by prasad distribution. There are altogether 700 shlokas in the Bhagwat Geeta. Mission is trying to gather equal number of people to chant the shlokas, a communication received here said.

SPORTS

Supreme Court gives green signal for Premier Badminton League

New Delhi, Dec 16
The Supreme Court on Thursday allowed Badminton Association of India to hold Premier Badminton League which is scheduled from January 2.

with Meghalaya High Court staying the tournament scheduled to be held from January 2 to January 17.

appearing for the association, pleaded a bench of Justices M Y Egbal and C Nagappan to stay the HC order. He said that HC had no jurisdiction to entertain the petition and the court erred in staying the tournament.

Tendulkar, Ganguly in Warne's greatest Indian Test XI

Melbourne, Dec 16
The iconic Sachin Tendulkar was an expected pick for the No.4 slot while Sourav Ganguly was preferred in the leadership position in Australian spin legend Shane Warne's greatest Indian Test XI.



Mohammad Azharuddin for the No.6 position. "This was the hardest team to select as I played against a few legends at the end of their careers like Vengsarkar, Sanjay Manjrekar, Ravi Shastri, Manoj Prabhakar as well as current players like Zaheer Khan too," Warne wrote on his Facebook page.

The hardest position to select for me was the number 6 spot between my great friend VVS or Azharuddin." The maverick bowler said it was this confusion which prompted him to name a 12-strong squad for India.

Yusuf Pathan eyes T20 World Cup squad berth

New Delhi, Dec 16
Having honed his all-round skills, swashbuckling all-rounder Yusuf Pathan is eyeing a berth in India's world T20 squad on account of his batting prowess and a good showing during the Ranji season and IPL.

every match (Vijay Hazare), so things are moving in the right direction. Wickets are coming my way and I am also getting runs when I am batting.

Sarkar and K. Kastori for securing the receiving trophy and a cheque of Rs. 1,25,000/- by the Union Minister HRD, Smti. Smriti Irani in a mega event of Kala Utsav held at New Delhi on Dec. 11.

Minister of Road Transport...

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In the meeting, it was also placed on record by Shri Ray that out of the UT's entitlement of Central Road Fund (CRF) of Rs. 60 crore, the Ministry has already sanctioned the estimates of Rs. 17.23 crores for construction of roads at various locations.

India trying to....

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Shri R Shankar served as Chief Minister for around two years but is remembered fondly. The Prime Minister also said, Shri Shankar always walked on the path shown by Sree Narayana Guru.

ZP N&MA Adhyaksha...

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issues of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The delegation also attended a meeting of the Fourth Finance Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri Narayanswamy and raised the issues of non allotment of fund as per the recommendation of 3rd Finance Commission to these Islands, the release added.

MORE LOCAL / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Google's Sundar Pichai unveils plans for India, to open new campus in Hyderabad

New Delhi, Dec 16
Google CEO Sundar Pichai today announced that the company will build new campus and ramp up engineering presence in Hyderabad to make products for India.



Chennai born Pichai said Google will help women from three lakh villages across the country to get online in three

years. The Google CEO is visiting India to hold sessions with media, developers, entrepreneurs and marketers.

Cleanship drive conducted at Cinque Island by ANC



Port Blair, Dec. 16
Andaman and Nicobar Command organised various activities as part of the recently concluded Navy week celebration. A cleanliness campaign was conducted at Cinque Island by the ships of the Naval Component under the aegis of the Andaman and Nicobar Command on Dec. 9.

of the beaches and thereafter personnel were transferred onto the beach using the ships boat.

Officers and men of the ships carried out extensive cleaning of the beach and its surrounding areas. Apart from the Naval Week, the Indian Navy has been carrying out such activities on numerous other occasions at various locations to emphasise the need for a clean and healthy environment, a communication said.

Girls' school ...

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It was all possible by the relentless efforts put up by the Guide teacher, Smti. Shampa Ray (PGT Fine Arts), who had planned and executed the whole project, Smti. Vidya Manoj (PGT Maths) helped in documentation and Smti. Lata Kumar (PGT Pol Sci) had put her efforts in preparing the e-Project, a communication said.

Williamson moves up rankings

Dunedin, Dec 16
Williamson is now just three points off South Africa's AB de Villiers in second place, thanks to two consistent knocks of 88 and 71, helping New Zealand extend its winning streak to 12 home Test victories in a row, after it beat Sri Lanka by 122 runs.

CS to inaugurate XIX....

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The various games and events for U-16 Boys & Girls to be conducted are Basket Ball, Hockey, Volley Ball, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Badminton, Table tennis, Yoga, Swimming, Road Race, Road Cycle Race and Athletics Events and 4th State Level competition for U-16 (Boys & Girls) for Child With Special Need to be conducted are 100 Mtrs sprint (MR), Long Jump (HI), Shot Put (OH) and Cycle Race (MR/OH/HI).

Meeting of the

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undertaken on priority basis during 2015-16 and also decided to take up installation of RO Plant at Wandoor, construction of multipurpose hall and testing lab at Zilla Niwas in a phased manner while the Committee already inspected all on-going works under ZP, South Andaman, a communication received here said.

Science Magic Show at Science Centre

Port Blair, Dec. 16
The Science Centre will be organizing a Science Magic show on 17th & 18th December from 6 pm to 6.30 pm. The programme is specially designed to unravel the mysteries behind each magic & its scientific value in a very simple & fun filled way for all age groups.

Further there shall be special 3D Show at 5.15 p.m, 6.15 p.m & 7 p.m on 17th & 18th December, 2015 with entry fee of Rs.20/- per head, a communication said.

Humanitarian gesture



Port Blair, Dec. 16
In a noble gesture, a wheelchair has been donated by the management of M.V.Mark Marina to the Tourism Department to help the physically challenged tourists who travel to this beautiful Islands, a communication received here said.

Sawn timber available...

Category	Availability
IB (Padauk containing 10% or more sapwood)	Available in sufficient quantity in both Long length as well as Short length.
II (B) (Chemically treated)	
III (Chemically treated)	
IV (Chemically treated)	
V Sawn fuel	Sufficient quantity

The above mentioned categories of Sawn timber can be used for various purposes, as details below-

Categories	Species(Chemically treated)	Usage
I (B)	Hind class padauk	Furniture / paneling works etc.
II (B)	Gurjan	Constructions & repairing purpose.
III	White Chuglum	
	Badam	
	LaiChini, Red Bombwe, Ywegi, Nabbe, Thinkla etc.	
IV	Titpok, Papita, Red dhup etc.	
	Didu, Papita, White dhup etc.	

For the above purpose Range Officer(Yard), Chatham Saw Mill may be contacted on any working days between 6.30 AM to 3.00 PM (Phone numbers- 233060, 240496, Mobile-9434269821).

Final SCP of

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series of meetings / workshops / interaction and group discussion were carried out in the municipal area. After detailed consultation with Member of Parliament, elected representatives of PBMC and various Departments of A & N Administration as well as various sections of citizens of Port Blair, a SCP for Port Blair was prepared and presented before the High Powered Steering Committee (HPSC) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary on Dec. 10, 2015 and got it approved.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky with possibility of early morning mist/haze. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 23°C respectively on Thursday 17/12/2015

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.3
Minimum Temperature (°C): 23.4
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 083
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 078
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0533
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1700
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 15: 2878.1 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES

Following is the Schedule for Week Dec 11 - 17

Hate Story 3 (A - Hindi) - 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Eetti (U - Tamil) - 4:00 PM
Urumeen (UA - Tamil) - 12:30 PM & 7:30 PM
Prem Ratan Dhan Payo (U - Hindi) - 3:30 PM
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SEVA SUCHNAYEIN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

MV Nancowry will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 19.12.2015 (Sat) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 20.12.2015 (Sun) at 1700 Hrs directly from Campbell Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 17.12.2015 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets only for Campbell Bay will commence from 17.12.2015 between 0900 Hrs & 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.

Due to delay in arrival of the vessel from Campbell Bay, the scheduled sailing of MV Sentinel for Nancowry via Car Nicobar, Chowra & Teressa on 17.12.2015 has been postponed by a day. Now the vessel is planned to sail for Nancowry via Car Nicobar, Chowra & Teressa on 18.12.2015 at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 21.12.2015 (Mon) at 0600 Hrs from Nancowry via same route.

Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted. Due to administrative reasons the scheduled sailing of MV Kamorta for Neil Island on 18.12.2015 (Fri) at 1300 Hrs from Port Blair and back on the same day at 1515 Hrs from Neil Island has been cancelled.

MV Kamorta will sail for Mayabunder on 18.12.2015 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2200 Hrs from Mayabunder. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 15.12.2015 (Tue) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 18.12.2015 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty in place of MV Kamorta and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

17.12.2015 (THURSDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 17.12.2015 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

Unutilized tickets

Port Blair, Dec. 16
The unutilized/surrendered tickets from the reserved quota for the scheduled sailing of MV Nicobar for Kolkata on Dec. 18, 2015 (under voyage No. 712) will be issued to the general public on Dec. 17 from 1400 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay, a communication said.

Sailing of MV Nancowry postponed

Port Blair, Dec. 16
Due to Administrative reasons the scheduled sailing of MV Nancowry for Chennai on 21.12.2015 (under voyage 1158) has been postponed by a day. Now, the vessel is planned to sail for Chennai on Dec. 22 instead of Dec. 21 at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. Medical examination and embarkation of passengers will commence from 1300 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs on Dec. 22, 2015, a communication said.



Unique project of Social...

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Office, Goal Ghar.
Speaking to our Correspondent, Sister Sharmista of PPIVV, said that the objective of the camp is to create awareness among the people to lead addiction free and tension free life, as also how to develop positive personality, which will lead to a healthy and happy life.

She said that the rally aims at informing the general public about the benefit of the camp and to invite them to attend and take benefit from it.

Sister Urmila also informed about the significance of the camp and said that efforts are being made to draw public attention from all walks of life to attend the camp and make benefit of it through the rally as also through mobile van.

Sanjit, Gyaneshwar and Trinath, camp organizing members led the rally, which was attended by large number of people including members of the Brahmakumaris. The rally went through vantage points of the town. A mobile van is being used for publicity of the event, which will go daily to conspicuous places like Tiranga Park, upto 18th December 2015 and invite general public to attend the camp.