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Air Chief Marshal, Arup Raha, PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC who is on a visit to these Islands called on the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), at Raj Niwas on 16.02.2016. Issues relating to Defence and security were discussed. Hon'ble Lt Governor thanked the Air Chief Marshal for all the support provided to the people of the Islands by the Andaman and Nicobar Command. He also assured him that the Administration would meet the genuine requirements of the Command.



The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry, which is on a visit to these Islands, called on the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), at Raj Niwas on 16.02.2016.



## LG inaugurates Diglipur Vikas Mela-2016 Administration committed for all-round development of Diglipur: LG



Port Blair, Feb 16  
 The Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), yesterday inaugurated the Diglipur Vikas Mela at Vivekananda Stadium, Diglipur. The Lt Governor also visited various Govt as well as private stalls put up in the mela, interacted with the people and witnessed the exhibits displayed in these stalls. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, PRI members, senior officers of the

Administration and people of Diglipur in large numbers were present on the occasion. Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the mela, the Lt Governor reiterated the words spoken by the Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad that "Diglipur Vikas Mela" itself means that Diglipur has been progressing and will continue to progress in the future. Emphasizing the need to involve PRIs in the development process, he said both the Administration and

PRIs should work collectively for taking Diglipur on the path of progress and development. Referring to the pace of developments witnessed in the Islands in the past one and half year, he said all national schemes, launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, have been implemented in the Islands with full enthusiasm & vigour. The UT Administration has been receiving all assistance and guidance from the Central

Govt., under the leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, in its efforts to carry forward the development activities. Under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme equal opportunities are being given to the women so that every girl of the Islands could contribute towards the progress and development of the Islands. The Swachh Bharat scheme has been implemented in right earnest. However, there are various

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## Administration concludes ship building contracts for 10 harbour crafts vessels; to be delivered in 12-15 months

**Contracts for 2 Inter Island & 2 Mainland-Island vessels to be concluded by mid March**

Port Blair, Feb 16  
 The Directorate of Shipping Services, A&N Administration has concluded Ship Building Contracts with the Technical Support of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) for 10 passenger ferries for providing services in the Harbour sector. Induction of these passenger ferries will vastly improve the intra Harbour connectivity and

services at Port Blair as well as other important harbours of the A&N Group. The vessels include 6x250 passengers and 4x150 passengers boats and the delivery would take about 12-15 months. Under the dynamic leadership of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi and with active support from the Ministry of Shipping, under the leadership of Hon'ble

Minister for Shipping Shri. Nitin Gadkari and with the guidance of Hon'ble Lt. Governor of the Islands, the A&N Administration has been now able to put the Ship Acquisition Plan on track, which will make a vast impact on the overall situation, said the Director of Shipping Services in a press release received here today. Further, the Central

Government has also approved the construction of 2x500 Inter Island and 2x1200 Mainland Island vessels to be constructed by Cochin Shipyard, under the "Make in India" initiative of the GoI. The Ship Building Contracts for these ships are in final stages of vetting and are likely to be concluded by the middle of March 2016, where after the ships are likely

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## Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry arrives; holds meetings

Port Blair, Feb 16

The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry headed by its Chairman, Shri K.C. Tyagi arrived on a three days visit to A&N Islands today. The other members of the committee include S/Shri Narendra Budania, Vivek Gupta, Shamsher Singh Manhas, Ashk Ali Tak, Pramod Tiwari, E.T. Mohammed Basheer, Birendra Kumar Chaudhary, S.P. Muddahanume Gowda, Rabindra Kumar Jena, Bidyut Baran Mahato, Konda Vishveshar Reddy, Raj Kumar Saini, Y.V. Subbareddy, Rameshwar Teli, Dr. Chandrapal Singh Yadav, Smt. Savitri Thakur and Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh.



On arrival the committee held meeting with representatives of Ministry of Civil Aviation department of Public Enterprises (Ministry of Heavy Industries & Public Enterprises) Ministry of Corporate Affairs and Airports Authority of India on the issue of corporate governance, in the conference hall

of Peerless Portico, Corbyn's Cove. The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray was also present during the meeting.

Meetings were also held with representatives of Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Ministry of Finance (Department of

Financial Services Union Territory, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and State Bank of India on the implementation of Prime Minister's Employment Generation (PMEGP) in A&N Islands and with representatives of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Union Territory Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and Coir Board on skill development

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**Public Hearing at Raj Niwas**  
 Port Blair, Feb 16  
 The Public Hearing by the Lt Governor will be held at 11.30 AM at Raj Niwas on 17.02.2016 (Wednesday).

## LG interacts with PRI members at Diglipur Outlines vision and perspective of the Administration for Isles development



Port Blair, Feb 16

The Lt. Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), during his visit to Diglipur yesterday, interacted with the PRI Members of Diglipur. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, Chief Secretary, senior officers and HODs of the line Departments were present in the APWD, Guest House, Diglipur. The Lt Governor patiently heard the problems and grievances of the PRIs and gave appropriate replies to their queries and also issued necessary directions to the Administration.

The Lt Governor further outlined the vision and perspective of the A&N Administration for the future

development of A&N Islands. He informed the gathering that a chartered flight service from Kolkata to Port Blair will start w.e.f. 25.02.2016 and the Administration is also in advance talks with Pawan Hans to engage bigger Helicopters with a capacity of 25 passengers to boost tourism. The work on ATR bridges would be starting soon as the tender has been floated. The Lt Governor also advised the PRIs to dedicate themselves to the service of the general public and keep on raising relevant issues which affect the general public at large.

The Lt Governor also instructed the HODs of line Departments to work in close co-ordination with the PRIs

and resolve their problems on priority, always, as the PRIs are the representatives of the people and resolution of their problem should not be delayed

### DSS appeals CDC holders to withdraw proposed agitation

Port Blair, Feb 16  
 The Directorate of Shipping Services has appealed to all the un employed CDC holders enrolled in the Directorate of Shipping Services, to withdraw the proposed agitation on 17th Feb. 2016, and not to resort to any industrial action that would disrupt the essential shipping services, which is considered the life line of the islands.

In a press release received here

un-necessarily. He also requested all to take advantage of the schemes taken out by the Central Government.

today, the Director of Shipping Services has mentioned that the DSS has received a Notice dated 08.02.2016 from a group of Unemployed CDC Holders enrolled on contractual basis in the Directorate of Shipping Services, intimating that they will hold an agitation on 17th Feb. 2016 at Tiranga Park /in Front of Directorate of Shipping Services to press their demands of enrolment of

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issues like solid waste management and sewage disposal which needed attention, he said, and added that the Administration is looking at ways and means to tackle these problems. He further said that the Mudra Yojna is another important scheme, under which people willing to start their own self employment ventures, can avail loan without any surety. He directed the DC (N&M Andaman) to ensure that people get loans from the Bank and any reluctance on the part of banks is brought to the notice of Chief Secretary.

Referring to the Agriculture Insurance Scheme announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, he said directions have been given to Secretary (Agriculture) to organize an event in the first week of March to disseminate information about the schemes to the farmers of the Islands.

Opening of the Medical College, introduction of Medial Insurance Scheme, plans to open Law College by July 2016, construction of two bridges on the ATR route connecting Port Blair and Diglipur, undersea cable project to improve connectivity are some of the major projects implemented/sanctioned during the period, he said. He also informed the people that from 25th of February, chartered flight services between Port Blair-Kolkata will start. Directions have been given to Secretary (Civil Aviation) and DC (N&M Andaman) that out of the 140 seats available, 30 seats should be reserved for the people of North & Middle Andaman, he said.

The Lt. Governor further informed that initiatives are being taken to encourage organic farming in Diglipur. In tune with this, a 'Kisan Mandi' will be set up for the farmers so that they get a proper place to store their produce and sell them. Further, 'Kisan Mandi' will also be established at Port Blair along with setting up of a Cold Storage so that the farmers from Diglipur and other places can come to Port Blair to sell their produce and store their agriculture produce in the Cold Storage. Further, a fish market is being constructed at Subhash Nagar and two fish markets will be made in Port Blair.

Emphasizing on strengthening the Panchayati Raj System in the Islands, he said that PRIs are the root of a democracy. If we make the PRI system fully successful, it would be great democratic example in the country. Our PRI system is satisfactory, but requires a lot of improvement in function, functionaries and training. Referring to tourism, he said tourism has a great potential in Diglipur. "Tourism at present is confined to Port Blair, Havelock & Neil and our effort is that it should spread to Diglipur, Baratang, Long Island, Hutbay and Campbell Bay. The construction of the two bridges and improvement in the ATR will help the tourism grow. The airstrip of ANC in Diglipur would be extended and an ATR aircraft of Air India would be permanently kept at Port Blair which will fly daily to Diglipur. Further, a helicopter with a seating capacity of 26 persons is being planned. Eco-tourism is being promoted in Ross & Smith Island. In a few years time Diglipur will take off as a major tourist destination. That is my vision", said the Lt Governor.

Turning to employment, he said last year more than 100 youth joined the Armed Forces. This year also around 250-300 youth would be provided employment in the Armed Forces. Employment opportunities under Police, Tourism and other departments of the Administration are also being provided. Stating that Govt jobs are limited, he called upon the youth to form Self Help Groups and start their own enterprise by availing benefits of various welfare schemes implemented by the Govt.

In his address, the Member of Parliament, Shri B P Ray raised various developmental issues related to PRIs in Diglipur. He requested the Administration to execute developmental works in consultation with the PRIs, so that the joint effort can achieve success.

The Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad (N&M Andaman), Smt Prabhavati Biswas expressed her gratitude to the Lt Governor for addressing the developmental issues of North & Middle Andaman, and said that in the last two years many needs and requirements of the people have been met. The vote of thanks was given by Pramukh of the Panchayat Samiti of Diglipur.



**Free yog classes for ladies at Mithakhari**

Port Blair, Feb 16 Andaman & Nicobar Islands Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti is going to start free yog classes for ladies and girls at the community hall at Mithakhari village from 4 pm to 6 pm daily from Feb 18, 2016. Similar classes will also be started very shortly at Haddipur village.

Free yog classes are already being run at Junglighat, Ograbraj and Tushnabad village. Besides these, Patanjali

Yog Peeth Haridwar is going to start basic yog training programme for yog teacher here soon. Interested ladies have been requested to enrol their names at Patanjali Office, Gurudwara Line, Port Blair. For further enquiries, one can contact over mobile nos. 9434281565, 9474201147, a communication from the Rajya Prabhari, Mahila Patanjali Yog Samiti, A&N Islands said here today.

**National Deworming Day observed**



Port Blair, Feb 16 All children between 1 to 19 yrs of age in all the schools, anganwadis, orphanages and maddras in A & N Islands have been given dose of Albendazole on Feb 15 (Mop up). There was no report of any side effect from anywhere in the islands. The response was tremendous and satisfactory, a communication from the Deputy Director (FW/Health Education) said.

G B Pant Hospital. The left out children including those of tribal outreach areas were given Albendazole on Feb 15 (Mop up). There was no report of any side effect from anywhere in the islands. The response was tremendous and satisfactory, a communication from the Deputy Director (FW/Health Education) said.

**DSS appeals...**

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unemployed CDC Holders in Administration Company Roster and engagement of Local Crew in Administration vessels namely MV Nicobar, MV Akbar and MV Harsahavardhana.

In this connection, the Director of Shipping Services has clarified that at present around 357 unemployed CDC holders of these Islands are enrolled in this Directorate who are engaged on board various vessels of this Directorate on contract basis, on rotational basis. By virtue of above policy of engagement, all unemployed CDC holders get on an average about six months of engagement every year against the maximum of 9 months for a rostered crew. Also a writ petition W.P No. 328 of 2014 (Kabir Amzad and others) has been filed by some of the crew members before the Hon'ble High Court, challenging the recruitment procedure / process for selection crew for rostering in the Administration vessels. The Directorate is awaiting the Hon'ble Courts decision in this matter.

As regard engagement of Local crew in the Mainland vessels such as MV Nicobar, MV Akbar and MV Harshavardhana, the matter has already been taken up by the Administration with the Shipping Corporation of India, the released added.

**Attukal Pongala on Feb 23**

Port Blair, Feb 16

Like every year, this year also Haindava Seva Sangathan will be organizing 6th year celebration of Attukal Pongala on Feb 23, 2016 in the Durga Puja Pandal Ground, Junglighat. The pooja will commence from 9.30 am and all women devotees will cook pongal or other prasadam for Bhagawathy Attukal in front of the deity. The prasadam samarpanam will be at 1.30 pm followed by annadanam to all the devotees. Interested devotees can book the coupon. For details, one can contact over ph. no. 9434267007.

**Puja celebration**

Port Blair, Feb 16

Shiv Mandir Pooja Committee and Seva Sakthi Sangathan will be organising its yearly pooja celebration on Feb 18, 2016 at 11 am at Shiv Temple Dollygunj. The Mandir Committee will organise pooja and prasad distribution. Mahabhog will be distributed by Seva Sakthi Sangathan on the same day.

**Issuance of unutilized tickets**

Port Blair, Feb 16

The unutilized/surrendered tickets from the reserved quota for the scheduled sailing of MV Nancowry for Chennai on Feb 18, 2016 will be issued to the general public on Feb 17 from 2 pm onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters, Phoenix Bay.

**INS Vikramaditya reaches Maldives on 4-day goodwill visit**

Maldives, Feb 16

India's largest aircraft carrier, INS Vikramaditya, accompanied by two battleships, INS Mysore and INS Deepak reached Maldives yesterday on a four-day long goodwill visit. Maldivian Foreign Minister has termed the visit a powerful symbol of the strength of relationship between India and Maldives. Later, Maldivian Defence Minister Adam Shareef Umar Adhi visited the ship and held interactions with the officers. This is the second international port of call for the pride of India's fleet, aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, since its commissioning in Indian Navy last year. India's largest Naval ship had visited Colombo port last month before participating in the International Fleet Review at Vishakhapatnam last week.

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to be delivered to the A&N Administration within a period of about 4 years. These 4 ships will provide the much needed replacement for the ageing ships such as MV Akbar, MV Harshavardhana, MV Sentinel and MV Chowra. The newer ships would be more modern with much better passenger amenities and capable of doing speeds upto 18 knots.

In addition to the above, the DSS alongwith the SCI is also progressing tender formalities for construction of 3x300 foreshore sector vessels which would provide services from Port Blair to the nearby islands such as Havelock Neil, Hut Bay, Rangat, Mayabunder, Diglipur etc. in the coming years, the release added.

**Department Related ...**

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programme. From the A&N Administration's side the meeting was represented by the Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash and other senior officers from Administration and senior officers from KVIC, Coir Board and State Bank of India.

**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 23°C respectively on Wednesday 17/02/2016

**Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours**

Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.7  
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.7  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 071  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 069  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0540  
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1727  
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: 71.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

**CINEMA**

**DIVIYUM TALKIES**

**Following is the Schedule for Week Feb 12 - 18**

Fitoor - ( Hindi U ) - 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
Sanam Re - ( Hindi U ) - 1:30 PM, 4:30 PM & 7:30 PM  
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For queries only 8373010002

**SEVA SUCHNAYEIN**

**ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**

The cargo vessel MV Badam will sail for Neil Island and Havelock on 26.02.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.

Note: Booking of cargo tickets for the above sailing will commence from 22.02.2016 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.

**INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-**

Due to administrative reasons the vessel MV Sentinel will now sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 17.02.2016 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs instead of 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 18.02.2016 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 26.02.2016 (Fri) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 28.02.2016 (Sun) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via Nancowry. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 24.02.2016 onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 24.02.2016 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Sentinel will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 20.02.2016 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 22.02.2016 (Mon) 0700 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 18.02.2016 (Thu) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 23.02.2016 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 24.02.2016 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 20.02.2016 (Sat) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 20.02.2016 (Sat) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Chowra will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 26.02.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.03.2016 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 24.02.2016 (Wed) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 24.02.2016 (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.

**FORESHORE SECTOR:-**

17.02.2016 (WEDNESDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 17.02.2016 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Rani Changa will sail for Neil Island on 17.02.2016 (Wed) 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 17.02.2016 (Wed) 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 17.02.2016 (Wed) 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 17.02.2016 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUT BAY

MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 17.02.2016 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

RANGAT & DIGLIPUR

MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 17.02.2016 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 18.02.2016 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Kamorta will sail for Diglipur on 17.02.2016 (Wed) a 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

18.02.2016 (THURSDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 18.02.2016 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 18.02.2016 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 18.02.2016 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 18.02.2016 (Thu) 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 18.02.2016 (Thu) 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). Cargo booking will commence from 17.02.2016 onwards at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

**SPORTS**

**Mary Kom, Sarita strike gold at SAG**

Shillong, Feb 16

M.C. Mary Kom and Pooja Rani knocked out their respective opponents while L. Sarita Devi survived a scare as India grabbed all the three gold medals on offer in women's boxing for an overall clean-sweep of top honours in the 12th South Asian Games on Tuesday.

On a comeback trail after recovering from a shoulder injury, London Olympics bronze-medallist Mary Kom (51kg) packed a powerful punch against her Sri Lankan rival Anusha Kodituwakku Dilrukshi to be adjudged winner via Technical Knockout (TKO) in a bout lasting less than 90 seconds. With Mary landing some powerful blows, Anusha lost her balance and injured her right knee. This forced her to take a medical break before attempting a comeback. However, a booming jab from the five-time world champion sent her almost out of the ring before the referee intervened.

The injury to Anusha will take about two-three months to heal. "Anusha has sustained medical collateral ligament tear which would take about two three months to recover," the Sri Lankan team doctor told PTI.

When asked about her opponent, Mary Kom said, "I'm so happy when anyone challenges me, I don't comment before the bout. But deep inside, I was very positive." "After children, the comeback is not easy.

**I'll be fit for ICC**

**World T20: Watson**

Sydney, Feb 16

Australia all-rounder Shane Watson has expressed confidence that he would fully recover from his abdominal injury and be eligible for selection for the ICC World T20, starting early next month.

The mega-event is scheduled to be held in India from March 8 to April 3. Watson is one of four members of Australia's 15-man squad for the World T20 currently on the sidelines due to injury, with Aaron Finch, James Faulkner and Nathan Coulter-Nile also looking to get back to full fitness.



I still do training to motivate myself. I'm thankful to my entire team," she said. Sarita Devi, returning to the ring after her one-year ban following the infamous Asian Games meltdown, faced a stiff challenge from another Sri Lankan opponent in M. Vidushika Prabadhi. The

Incheon bronze-medallist overwhelmed the Lankan in the first two rounds but her opponent came back strongly in the third round with some powerful blows leading to Sarita falling twice before the Indian won by a narrow 39-36 margin to be adjudged winner 3-0.

**Annual athletic meet of DIET held**



Port Blair, Feb 16 The Annual Athletic Meet 2015-16 of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan District Institute of Education & Training (DIET) was held today at Mini Stadium, Garacharama. Shri H.Nathaniel, Deputy Education Officer, South Andaman inaugurated the meet. Mass display and cultural programme were presented by the trainees.

The chief guest distributed the prizes to the winners. Smt. Anand Kumari, Principal, GSSS Garacharama, Shri. S.Prashobhanan, Vice Principal, GSSS Bhatubasti and Heads of various other institutes attended the

inaugural function and also gave prizes to the winners.

Smti. Rubana Aziz, Counsellor, Ward No.18, Garacharama, Port Blair was the chief guest of the closing ceremony while Shri Rajesh Pal Govind, Ex-Pradhan, Garacharama was the guest of honour. The Councillor gave away the prizes to the winners. The Sunbird House bagged the winners trophy while Bluebird House became runners up. The individual championship of boys and girls were won by Earnest Jeffrey of Sun Bird House and P.Saira, Blue Bird House respectively, a communication said.