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generally cloudy sky and light rain likely over Port Blair Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30° C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 17/08/2023.

Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 29.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 23.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST : 085
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST : 090
Sunrise time on 17.08.2023 (in IST): 0509
Sunset time on 17.08.2023 (in IST): 1738
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs)- in mm: 043.9
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 002.1
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 23 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm: 1367.1 mm



Weather Report

Supreme Court shuts contempt case on Lt. Governor, A&N Islands & Chief Secretary

Direction to the LG to deposit Rs 5 lakh even though the contempt proceeding was still to be heard finally is plainly unsustainable: SC

Directions issued by the High Court for suspension of the Chief Secretary were grossly disproportionate: SC

Moreover, such a direction is extraneous to the exercise of contempt jurisdiction: SC

New Delhi, Aug 16

The Supreme Court on Monday closed the contempt proceedings initiated by the Calcutta High Court against Andaman and Nicobar Islands' Lt. Governor, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd) and the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra for not complying with an order granting benefits to the DRMs as per Circular dated 22nd September, 2017.

The Supreme Court in its order passed on Aug 14, 2023 has maintained that "the directions issued by the High Court for the suspension of the Chief Secretary were grossly disproportionate. Moreover, such a direction is extraneous to the exercise of the contempt jurisdiction. The direction

to the Lieutenant Governor to deposit Rupees five lakhs even though the contempt proceeding was still to be heard finally is plainly unsustainable."

The top court, which had stayed the High Court order on August 4, closed the contempt proceedings on Monday and asked the Andaman and Nicobar Islands' Administration to comply with the directions of the Calcutta High Court on payment of arrears and framing of a regularization scheme for workers by November 30.

The bench took note of the additional affidavit of the Chief Secretary and observed that "The Administration has during the pendency of these proceedings taken steps to withdraw the offending

clauses of its Order dated 9 May 2023. Order 2276 states that the enhanced wages shall be implemented with effect from 1 September 2017. Moreover, Order 2276 stipulates that arrears shall be payable from 1 September 2017 to 8 May 2023 to 4010 DRMs. The Administration has requisitioned funds to the tune of Rupees three hundred crores under the 'wages head' which is under consideration before the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. Moreover, it has been stated that the regularization scheme would be framed in terms of the statement which was made before the Division Bench of the High Court."

"In this view of the matter, we are of the view that the exercise of contempt

jurisdiction would not be warranted. All action in compliance shall be completed positively by 30 November 2023. The contempt proceedings before the High Court shall stand closed", the Bench said.

While staying the High Court order, the top court had earlier taken note of the submissions of Attorney General R Venkataramani, appearing for the Chief Secretary and the Lt Governor, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

The High Court had earlier passed the order on December 19 last year and awarded higher pay to nearly 4,000 Daily Rated Mazdoors (DRMs) employed by the Island Administration.

(Source: inputs from indiatoday.in/order of Supreme Court)

77th Independence Day celebrated with patriotic fervour in Isles; Hon'ble Lt. Governor hoists National Flag at historic Netaji Stadium

Hon'ble Lt. Governor outlines transformational projects completed and in progress under IDA and A&N Administration in last 5 years

IDA has taken lead role in ambitious development of the Islands to make it a 'Global Growth Destination': Lt. Governor



Port Blair, Aug 16

The 77th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour across the Islands on August 15, 2023. The main function was held at the historic Netaji Stadium wherein Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, hoisted the National Flag and took the salute of the Independence Day Parade. The parade and Guard of Honour comprised of Contingents from A&N Command, A&N Police and School Students. The Defence helicopter showered flower petals at Netaji Stadium, the venue of the main function of the Independence Day

celebration. The function was attended by Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, DGP, Shri Devesh Chandra Srivastva, IPS, Senior Officers of Defence & Civil Administration, public representatives and general public.

Addressing the Islanders on the occasion, the Lt. Governor extended his hearty congratulations and best wishes on the 76th Anniversary of Independence and recalled the contribution of all the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for India's Independence. The Lt. Governor also paid tributes to the heroes who fought for the country in later years and sacrificed their lives for the cause of the motherland.

The Lt. Governor further said that today in the 'Kartavya Kaal', A&N Islands along with the country is rapidly moving towards fulfilling the vision of 'Developed India'- 'Viksit Bharat', of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi.

The Lt. Governor said that it is a matter of great pride for us that last month itself, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi fulfilled the long standing expectation of the Islanders by inaugurating the newly built terminal building of Veer Savarkar International Airport at Port Blair with an investment of about Rs. 710 crores. Apart from this, with operationalization of OFC and other visionary and ambitious projects, our Islands are rapidly transforming for the realization of a 'Viksit

Bharat', he said. The Lt. Governor said that Copra procurement with more than 100 percent increase in MSP under "Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay-Sanrakshan Abhiyan" in the Islands has paved the way for the progress of the farmers.

The Lt. Governor stated that under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister and under the aegis of Island Development Agency (IDA), this strategically important archipelago with an investment of more than Rs 95,000 crores in Infrastructure in the last 5-6 years is progressing rapidly in the direction to become a 'Global Growth Destination' which, the Lt. Governor said, is unprecedented and historic.

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Hon'ble Lt. Governor outlines transformational projects completed and in progress under IDA and Administration ...
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Regarding the projects completed under the IDA, the Lt. Governor said, despite the archipelago's remoteness from the mainland and logistic challenges, 15 out of 44 (34 per cent) IDA projects have been completed. The CANI Submarine OFC project, with an investment of Rs 1232 crore, has been a game changer for the strategic network connectivity of the Islands by being implemented two years ahead of schedule. The Lt. Governor further said that projects like 'Azad Hind Fauj Setu' on Humphrey Strait, with an investment of Rs 203 crore and 20 MW Solar Power Projects in the direction of sustainable green energy with an investment of Rs 138 crore have further strengthened the developments in Isles.

Informing about the ongoing IDA projects, the Lt. Governor said that 29 projects of Island Development Agency (IDA), (66 per cent) are rapidly moving towards completion and will give new dimensions to the progress of the A&N Islands. Among these, the work of Floating Solar Panels at Kalpong River at Diglipur with an investment of Rs 27 crores is in progress.

He said that the airport in INS Kohasa of Shibpur is ready for civil operations where 'Passenger Terminal' and basic facilities have been completed with an investment of Rs 206 crores. He further stated that approximately 800 km apart along the North-South Axis of these Islands, there are four airports, each with an average distance of 230 km. With the completion of Runway extensions at GNI and Shibpur airports, these four dual-use strategic airports, equipped with runways of over three kilometers, will be capable of handling operations for large aircraft and will be a game-changer from a geo-political perspective, for the country.

The Lt. Governor disclosed that operators have been selected under the RCS-UDAN scheme to start sea-plane operations soon from Port Blair to Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Long Island sectors with an investment of about Rs 60 crores. In addition, operators have also been selected to start fixed-wing aircraft services soon, on Port Blair to Shibpur, Car Nicobar and Campbell Bay routes. "Our proposal for fleet upgradation by new 12-seater, large capacity Sikorsky Helicopters has also received financial approval from SFC", the Lt. Governor said.

The Lt. Governor further informed that in the Tourism, Hospitality & Services sector, works are in progress for the development of Megapode, 4 Islands project and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose National Memorial, with the appointment of Consultants. He further stated that Master Plan is in final stages of package IV Islands/11-sites in North and Middle Andaman and South Andaman. The A&N Administration is making efforts to develop eco-friendly resort in PPP mode at the Radhanagar Beach of Swaraj Dweep besides developing a Chatham, Viper and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island Heritage Tourism Circuit. Apart from this, work on Lighthouse Tower on the Invisible Bank Rani Laxmibai Shila is in progress and will be completed by March, 2024.

Mentioning about other projects under IDA, the Lt. Governor said there are many ambitious projects of IDA in which preliminary costing has been done and the process of various clearances, consultancy reports, DPR, EIA etc. are in various stages. He further informed that following the Hon'ble Prime Minister's directives, several visionary projects with investments totaling approximately 78,663 crore

rupees in the GNI Project, such as the International Container Transshipment Terminal, Greenfield International Airport, Power Plant, and Township, will not only establish these Islands as an economic hub but also serve as a force multiplier in establishing India's dominance in the Indo-Pacific region.

The Lt. Governor further stated that several projects fall under the category of Policy Decisions whose intangible benefits will have a multiplier effect on the economy, besides setting benchmarks for the all-round development of the Islands in the times to come. The projects include:

- Making 30 Islands free from Restricted Area Permit and Visa-on-Arrival/e-visa facility has proven to be important for tourism in the Isles. The 'No Development Zone' has been reduced from 50 meters to 20 meters to encourage developmental activities in small Islands.
- In order to increase the exports of Fisheries and Marine Products, the A&N Administration is working towards establishing trade-link with South-East Asian countries through direct sea and air transport.

Turning to other projects being implemented by the A&N Administration, the Lt. Governor informed that apart from the IDA projects, many infrastructure, connectivity and development projects being implemented independently by the A&N Administration are in various stages of completion in the last 5 years. The Lt. Governor said, projects such as construction and improvement of rural roads with an investment of about Rs 74 crores, District Hospital Complex with an investment of Rs 24 crores in Garachrama, Hostel facility with an investment of about Rs 13 crores in Bakultala of Middle Andaman, ITI Academic block including staff quarter, etc. gave impetus to development in the Islands.

The Lt. Governor expressed happiness that the Police Administration of the Islands has been bestowed with three Police Medals for Meritorious Service. He also extended his best wishes to the contingents of the parade, school children and everyone present.

Congratulating all those honored with Commendation Certificates, the Lt. Governor expressed hope that their commitment to duty will grow stronger.

He also expressed gratitude to the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, for his full cooperation to the Administration. He congratulated the PRI members, elected representatives of various parties and all those who have supported the Administration.

He expressed his gratitude to the Andaman and Nicobar Command for providing assistance and cooperation to the Civil Administration whenever the need arose. The Lt. Governor also appreciated the works being carried out by the Administration under the leadership of the Chief Secretary, DGP & PCCF.

The Lt. Governor assured that under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, he and his Administration are committed for the all-round development of the Islands, so that the #NewAndamans can fully play its role in realizing the dream of a developed India-'Viksit Bharat'.

The highlight of the Independence Day celebration was the Dog Squad of A&N Police participating for the first time in the Independence Day Parade.

Earlier, the Lt. Governor presented President's Police Medals and Lt. Governor's Commendation Certificates to the recipients for their outstanding contribution.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands presenting LG's Commendation Certificates to the recipients on the occasion of 77th Independence Day



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Nirmal Kumar Roy, Veterinary Compounder, Veterinary Dispensary, Manglutan, AH&VS Deptt.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Ajoy Kumar Biswas, Pharmacist, Health Deptt.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Balbir Singh, PGT, GSSS Karmatang-10, Mayabunder, Education Deptt.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Sandeep Kumar, Junior Research Officer, Directorate of Tribal Welfare.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Anirudra Mondal, Inspector, (GD), IRBn, Office of SP (District), N&M Andaman.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Sandeep Kumar Singh, Assistant Sub-Inspector/Radio Operator, Police Radio (HQ).



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri Govind Behari Mathur, Social Worker and Founder, Pashupakshi Sanrakshan Sanstha.



LG's Commendation Certificate was also awarded to Shri Ankit Yadav, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman. Shri Vaibhav Rikhari, AC (HQ) received the award from Hon'ble Lt. Governor on behalf of Shri Ankit Yadav.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Dr. Anil Agarwal, DANICS, Special Secretary, Personnel/Mission Director, NHM/NAM.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Dr. R Kiruba Sankar, Senior Scientist, Fisheries Resource Management, ICAR-CIARI.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Ms R. Kashthuri Bai, Chess Player.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Shri C. Arvind, DANICS, Secretary, (Personnel/Finance).



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Wg Cdr Rahul Sharma (Pilot), Indian Air Force.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Cdr Hanumantu Krishna Chaitanya, Commanding Officer, INS Kardi, Nancowry.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Sgt Ankur, Sergeant in Indian Air Force.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting LG's Commendation Certificate to Comdt (JG) Rohit Kulkarni, Commanding Officer, ICGS Kamorta.

District Administration to hold Revenue Camp Court at Swaraj Dweep on Aug. 18 & 19 at Govindnagar Gram Panchayat

Port Blair, Aug. 16

The District Administration, South Andaman has started a new initiative to organize revenue camps at every village of the District to reach the doorsteps of citizens for delivery of various services to redress the grievances pertaining to Revenue Department. As a part of such initiative, the District Administration shall be holding Revenue Camp Court at Swaraj Dweep at Govindnagar Gram Panchayat on 18.08.2023 and 19.08.2023 from 1100 hrs onwards. All concerned officers/officials of the line departments shall also be present during the Camp Court at Swaraj Dweep.

The general public are advised to use the platform for redressal of pending grievance or any other pendency/issues related to line departments so that the same could be placed before the appropriate forum. For the public outreach camps, all villages of the South Andaman District would be covered in a phase wise manner every week schedule of which shall be announced in the next week. The District Administration, South Andaman is committed to provide better service to tenants through this outreach programme at the grassroot level, a press release from DC(SA) said.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting President's Police Medal to Shri Shashi Prakash Dubey, Inspector, (Technical), A&N Police Radio Organization.



Hon'ble Lt. Governor presenting President's Police Medal to Shri M. Mageswaran, Assistant Sub-Inspector (Driver) A&N Police.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor hosts 'At Home' function on Independence Day at Raj Niwas Diverse set of invitees take part; Frontline Workers felicitated for exemplary contribution



Chairperson, PBMC, Smt. S. Selvi, Senior Officers of Defence & Civil Administration besides public representatives. Achievers in various fields, people who made exemplary contribution to society etc. also attended this function.

On the occasion, the Lt. Governor felicitated the frontline workers who rendered their dedicated service in A&N Islands. The recipients were Ms Shaheen, Anganwadi Worker, Social Welfare Deptt., Ms Pandi Meenal, Anganwadi Worker, Social Welfare Deptt., Ms Sheela Kumari, ANM, DHS, Ms P. Laxmi, ASHA Worker, DHS, Shri M. Krishnamurthy, Accountant, District Health Society, South Andaman, Shri S. Vishwanathan, Work Charge Welder, APWD, Ms Yasmin, DRM, Jal Jeevan Mission, APWD, Shri Rakesh Kumar, Regular Sanitary Mazdoor, PBMC, Shri Janeshwar, Casual Sanitary Mazdoor, PBMC and Shri Path Kumar, Mazdoor, PBMC.

The Lt. Governor also felicitated best achievers awards to Pradhans / Councilors for implementing the schemes of Govt. of India in A&N Islands. The recipients who received the award are Smti Mili Roy, Pradhan, Urmilapur Gram Panchayat, N&M Andaman, Shri Shymal Debnath, Pradhan, Madhupur Panchayat, N&M Andaman, Smti Rasheeda Bibi, Pradhan, Hope Town Panchayat, Smti Jyoti, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat Sippighat, Shri Babul Das, Pradhan,

Netaji Nagar Gram Panchayat, Shri G. Venkat Rao, Pradhan, Govind Nagar Gram Panchayat, Nicobar District, Shri Rajesh Ram, Councilor, Ward No. 22, PBMC and Shri Vetrivelu, Councilor, Ward No. 19 for implementation of important schemes/projects of Govt. of India.



The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, A&N Administration Shri Nikhil Kumar, IAS hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of 77th Independence Day in the premises of Secretariat on 15.08.2023.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor pays tribute to martyrs for their supreme sacrifice at Martyr's Column Hoists National Flag at National Memorial Cellular Jail as part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign



Port Blair, Aug. 16

Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, visited the National Memorial Cellular Jail on the occasion of 77th Independence Day and placed wreath at the Martyr's Column there and paid homage to the Martyrs who have made supreme sacrifices for the cause of the motherland.

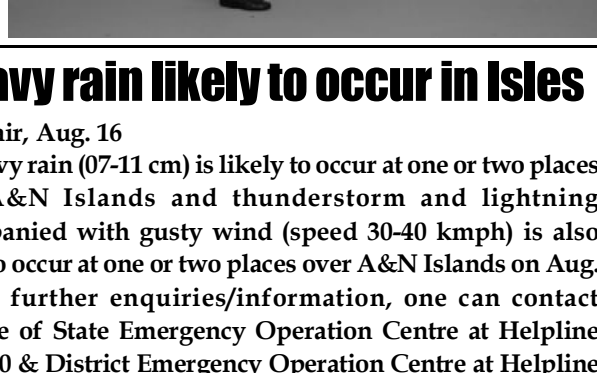
The Lt. Governor hoisted the National Flag at the National

Memorial Cellular Jail as part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign.



Hon'ble Justice Amrita Sinha, Judge of High Court Calcutta hoisted the National Flag in the premises of Circuit Bench of Calcutta High Court at Port Blair, District and Sessions Court and at ADR Centre (PRAYAS) on 15.08.2023.

Hon'ble Lt. Governor felicitating the frontline workers for their dedicated service during 'At Home' function held in Raj Niwas on 15.08.2023



KVIB advises candidates

Port Blair, Aug. 16

The Visually Handicapped (VH)/ Cerebral Palsy & Persons with Benchmark Disability (PwBD) who have applied for the vacant post of Supervisor in the establishment of Andaman and Nicobar Khadi & Village Industries Board have been advised to visit <http://andaman.gov.in> Portal for guidelines on opting for scribe, a press release from ANIKVIB said.

Heavy rain likely to occur in Isles

Port Blair, Aug. 16

Heavy rain (07-11 cm) is likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands and thunderstorm and lightning accompanied with gusty wind (speed 30-40 kmph) is also likely to occur at one or two places over A&N Islands on Aug. 17. For further enquiries/information, one can contact helpline of State Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1070 & District Emergency Operation Centre at Helpline No. 1077. For any emergency/assistance at sea, call Coast Guard SAR Agency at Toll Free number 1554, a press release from Directorate of Disaster Management said.

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