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PM meets ailing Swami Atmasthananda Maharaj, President of Ramkrishna Math



Kolkata, Apr 17 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today met the ailing Swami Atmasthananda Maharaj, President of the Ramkrishna Math and Mission Order, whom he considers his 'guru'. This was Shri Modi's second visit after May 9, last year to the Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan in Kolkata, where the 98-year-old monk is recovering from age-related illness. Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan Secretary Swami Satyadevananda Maharaj said that the Prime Minister spent about 15 minutes in the hospital. The two asked about each other's well-being during the short exchange, as the senior monk was not in a condition to talk much. Shri Modi used to get spiritual guidance from Swami Atmasthananda when both of them were in Rajkot.

India has created favourable investment climate: Finance Minister



Washington, Apr 17 Union Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley has said, India created a favourable investment climate in all sectors which has resulted in a hefty increase in FDI in the last two years. Addressing the meeting of the development committee of the World Bank in Washington, Shri Jaitley said, India has liberalised foreign investment policies and created a very favourable climate for investments across all segments of economy under major initiatives of 'Make in India', 'Start Up India' and 'Digital India'. He said, FDI inflow in India has witnessed hefty increase of over 30-40 per cent in last two years, catapulting India into 7th largest FDI destination in the world.

Centre to increase monthly minimum wages to Rs. 10,000 for contract labourers

Hyderabad, Apr 17 Union Labour Minister Shri Bandaru Dattatreya has said that the government has decided to bring out an executive order to increase minimum wages to 10,000 rupees per month for contract labourers across the country. He said a gazette notification will be issued within a week in this regard. Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad today, Shri Dattatreya lamented that though the government wanted to bring amendment to Minimum Wages Act to ensure hike in the wages of contract labourers, inordinate delay has occurred in the passage of amendment to this Act in Parliament due to non-cooperation from opposition parties. He said the executive order is being issued keeping in view the interests of contract workers and made it clear that all state governments are expected to implement the order without fail. The Union Minister further said that six regional conferences will be held next month to review all labour laws in the country.

Observance of Fire Service Week A&N Fire Service well equipped to meet eventualities

Staff Reporter Port Blair, Apr 17 As we observe the Fire Service Week from April 14 to 20, a number of programmes have been chalked out by the A&N Fire Service to spread awareness on prevention of fire mishaps and methods of dealing with fire exigencies. Speaking to the DT Reporter, the Chief Fire Officer, Shri M.K.Shukla said, "A&N Fire Service is well prepared and has deemed equipments to meet any eventualities". The Fire Service Unit of A&N Police is functioning 24 hours in two shifts while the Fire Control Room is



active 24 hours too, he said, adding that apart from attending fire calls, the Fire Service Unit also attends to special service calls during emergencies viz. grass fire, felling of trees, removing of felled trees, rescue of animals etc. "In a day, an average 3 to 4 calls are received by the Fire Service during peak season", said Shri Shukla. Giving information about the Fire Stations in the Islands, Shri Shukla said altogether 23 Fire Stations are functioning in A&N Islands, with every station having a minimum of one

fire tender. Rangat has 2 Fire Tenders and one ambulance, Diglipur has 2 Fire Tenders, Mayabunder has 1 Fire Tender, Havelock has 2 Fire Tenders, Campbell Bay has 2 Fire Tenders, Port Blair (HQ) has 2 Water Bouzzer, 1 Rescue Tender, 1 Foam and Co2 Tender while

Blind hit & run case solved by Police Drivers of heavy vehicles cautioned against rash driving

Port Blair, Apr 17 A blind hit and run case was registered at PS Pahargaon on Apr 13. According to the statement of one witness, an oil tanker which came from Brookshabad area in a rash and negligent manner dashed a pedestrian. The driver of the aforesaid tanker fled away from the spot. Later the road users of the area evacuated the said victim to G.B. Pant Hospital for treatment where he succumbed to his injuries. Immediately, the Police team of PS Pahargaon swung into action and apprehended the driver of said oil tanker namely Biatho Tirkey, R/o Namunagar and during sustained interrogation

he confessed to his crime. Accordingly, he was arrested and the said oil tanker bearing registration No. AN01/H-8427 was seized. Investigation of the case is in progress. Meanwhile, drivers of heavy vehicles have once again been directed not to drive their vehicles rashly and beyond the permissible speed limit, failing which, strict action will be initiated against them, a communication from the SP, South Andaman District said here today.

Art exhibition on 'Heritage' on World Heritage Day



Port Blair, Apr 17 As part of World Heritage Day celebrations, an exclusive 'Art Exhibition on Heritage' will be inaugurated on Apr 18, 2016 at 6 pm in the Art Gallery & Studio in the premises of Gandhi Park. Art professionals and art lovers have contributed their paintings for the

theme based art exhibition. An Art Gallery & Studio has been set up in the Gandhi Park premises which provides a platform to the artists of the Islands to display their artwork. Renowned artists of the Islands namely Shri R.K.Biswas, Shri Alok Adhikari, Shri Mahananda Gomasta, Shri D. Neelakantan, Shri Yogeswar Rao, Shri Ali Akbar, Shri B. Parameswar Rao, Shri S. Mohan Rao, Shri Krishnendu Chakraborty, Smti. Geeta Rani Bairagi, Shri Sujit Kumar Roy, Shri P. Senthil Kumar, Smti. Shampa Ray, Shri Suresh Kumar, Shri S.N.Sreeparkash and Shri Jai Prakash have been contributing their artworks for the Art Gallery & Studio, a communication from the Director (Art & Culture) said here today.

Golden Jubilee of Kendriya Vidyalaya - I celebrated



Port Blair, Apr 17 The Golden Jubilee of Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 was celebrated befittingly on Apr 16. The celebrations began with golden jubilee torch rally that was flagged off from the National Memorial Cellular Jail by the ex-teacher of late 70's, Shri Krishnan Kutty. From

the National Memorial, the torch reached Model School, the erstwhile premises of MP School/ Kendriya Vidyalaya. The alumni conducted prayer and re-collection of memories there. Later, the torch reached the existing premises of Kendriya



The second day of this weekend's 'Flea Market' saw a huge number of enthusiasts thronging the market with their family & friends checking out different stalls and enjoying cuisine and other items on sale. Children too had an equally good time during the Flea Market.

NE gets its fastest supercomputer in Sikkim

Kolkata, April 17 Built at a cost of over Rs 2 crore, northeast has got its fastest supercomputer with a peak computing power of 15 Teraflops. Housed at the National Institute of Technology Sikkim's campus, near Gangtok, the supercomputer, 'PARAM

A&N KVIB to organise special awareness campaign on Apr 21

Port Blair, Apr 17 The A&N Islands Khadi & Village Industries Board shall organise an awareness campaign on Apr 21, 2016 at 10 am at the community hall, Gram Panchayat, Wandoor clubbed with 'Civil Service Day' with special emphasize on four



operation of UNESCO World Heritage Convention & Committee etc., as well as extending knowledge to become delegates of the State, National or International Heritage bodies in future. Besides several other activities during the 5-day long heritage convention, Ankur Podder shall make a presentation on all heritage sites of A&N Islands including Narcondam Islands, Chatham Saw Mill etc., while focusing on the most prominent one - Cellular Jail, the National Memorial.

identified programmes of the Govt. of India, namely, 'Swachh Bharat (Gramin)', 'Swachh Vidyalaya', 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana' and 'Soil Health Card'. The programme will be organised in collaboration with all concerned departments in a meaningful and befitting manner. This will be organised in addition to the awareness campaign-cum-people's education programme on PMEGP and other govt. sponsored self employment schemes, a communication from the Joint Secretary (Ind.) & Member Secretary, A&N KVIB said.

SPORTS

Messi, Bolt, Serena among top contenders at Laureus awards

Berlin, Apr 17
From soccer genius Lionel Messi to sprint king Usain Bolt, a shimmering array of the world's greatest sports stars are in the race for top honours at the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards — also called the 'Oscars of Sport' — to be presented in Berlin on Monday. The generous sprinkling of stars is not just limited to the men's nominations with the women's category also featuring iconic names like tennis queen Serena Williams and track and field's "Pocket Rocket" Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce among others. In the men's category, three-time winner Bolt and five-time Ballon d'Or winner Messi, are joined by tennis No.1 Novak Djokovic, triple Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton along with first time nominees Stephen Curry, star of NBA's Golden State Warriors,



and golf's world No.1 Jordan Spieth, who has also been nominated in the 'Breakthrough of the Year' category. In the quintet, Messi is perhaps the biggest star to have never won this coveted trophy even though he has been nominated in five previous editions. Winner of the Ballon d'Or for a fifth time, the Argentine genius played a crucial role in Barcelona's outstanding season last year, in which the Spanish giants won the Champions League, La Liga and the Copa del Rey treble. Among his 43 goals in La Liga, he scored a record 32nd hat-trick for Barcelona. Djokovic, who won this award in 2012 and '15, clinched three Grand Slams — Australian, Wimbledon and US Open — last year and was finalist in the French Open.

He became only the third man to reach all four finals in the same year and also the first to win six Masters 1000 events in one year. In 2015, he reached 15 consecutive finals and won 11 titles.

Bolt, on the other hand, reaffirmed his status as the greatest sprinter the world has ever seen by defending his 100 metres, 200 metres and 4x100 metres titles at the World Championships. The Jamaican superstar took his career tally to 17 world and Olympic gold medals in the year gone by. Among the women, Serena will once again be a top contender for the coveted trophy after securing her 10th Laureus nomination. The American icon sparked in the year gone by with three Grand Slams.

On the other hand, Fraser Pryce continued to rule the 100 metres event with her second straight World Championships gold medal, which took her overall tally to third. The 28-year-old is the only woman to be crowned 100m world champion three times (2009, 2013, 2015).

Nico Rosberg extends win streak in Shanghai, Lewis Hamilton seventh

Shanghai, Apr 17
Nico Rosberg claimed a dominant win in an action-packed Formula One Chinese Grand Prix on Sunday to extend his championship lead over Mercedes team mate Lewis Hamilton, who battled up to seventh with some feisty driving after starting last. Rosberg crossed the line a mammoth 37.7 seconds ahead of German compatriot Sebastian Vettel, who recovered after colliding with his Ferrari team mate Kimi Raikkonen at the first corner, to

claim his third win from three races this season. Daniil Kvyat finished third to score Red Bull their first podium finish since September's Singapore Grand Prix but the Russian had to defend himself after the race when an angry Vettel blamed him for the collision between the Ferraris. Sunday's win was the 17th of Rosberg's career and extends his streak of race victories to six, dating back to last November's Mexican Grand Prix. The German now leads Hamilton at the top of the

standings by 36 points with 18 rounds of a record 21-race season to run. Hamilton, who had started from dead last after failing to set a time in Saturday's qualifying session due to an engine problem, finished seventh, running into further trouble at the start when he lost his front wing in a first-corner collision. The Briton used some good-old fashioned racing nous and clever strategy from Mercedes to work his way up to third, but his challenge faded in the later stages of the race.

Rangana Herath retires from limited-overs cricket

New Delhi: Sri Lanka's veteran spinner Rangana Herath on Sunday announced his retirement from limited-overs cricket. "Every cricketer has to stop at the right time, I feel it's time to make room for fresh talent to be groomed with the 2019 World Cup in view," Herath wrote in a letter to SLC. "Wherever I go, I try not to

Sri Lankan fast bowler out of IPL 9 with knee injury



New Delhi, Apr 17
Tournament's leading wicket-taker Lasith Malinga has been ruled out of the Indian Premier League season nine on Sunday. The Sri Lankan fast bowler has been struggling to recuperate from a niggling knee injury which forced him out of the recently concluded Asia Cup T20 and ICC World Twenty20 tournaments. According to a report in ESPNcricinfo, the Mumbai Indians' medical team deemed him unfit for at least another four months. The fast bowler returned to Sri Lanka after undergoing medical tests in Mumbai, and Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) doctors will now assess Malinga to determine whether surgery is required, the report added. "Mr. Malinga will present himself

before the SLC panel of expert doctors on Wednesday (April 20) and depending on the outcome of the said medical examinations, he will be required to face a match fitness grading, after which SLC will take the next appropriate steps," a release from the board said.

RSC Open Volley Ball tourney from May 15

Port Blair, Apr 17
RSC Open Volley Ball tournament will be held from 15th May 2016. Teams can register their names with Organising Secretary Shri. Y. Venkatraman. The last date for submitting entry is 25th April 2016. For further details, volleyball players can contact the Organising Secretary over cell number 9434282295, a communication said.

Four Indians qualify for Rio Olympics

Chennai, Apr 17
After Soumyajit Ghosh and Manika Batra, who qualified for the Rio Olympics through the South Asian quota in the Asian Olympic table tennis tournament in Hong Kong, veterans Sharath Kamal and Mouma also joined the young duo on Saturday to make it the biggest Indian contingent for the quadrennial extravaganza since the 1992 Olympics. In the Barcelona Games, a four-member Indian team comprising Kamlesh Mehta, Chetan Baboor, Sujay Ghorpade (men's doubles with Kamlesh) and Niyati Shah had taken part.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 33°C and 25°C respectively on Monday 18/04/2016
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 33.7
Minimum Temperature (°C): 25.7
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 065
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 066
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0506
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1731
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: 107.4 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES
Following is the Schedule for Week April 15 - 21
FAN (Hindi - UA) - 10:45 AM, 4:30 PM & 7:45 PM
Theri (Tamil - U) - 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM
The Jungle Book (Hindi - UA) - 2:00 PM
Sardar Gabbar Singh - (Telugu UA) - 11:30 AM
Online booking at www.ticketnew.com
For queries only 8373010002

SEVA SUCHNAYEIN

The cargo vessel MV Badam will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 19.04.2016 (Tue) at 1800 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.
18.04.2016 (MONDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 18.04.2016 (Mon) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 18.04.2016 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 18.04.2016 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 18.04.2016 (Mon) 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 18.04.2016 (Mon) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
RANGAT, MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Kadamtala and Long Island on 18.04.2016 (Mon) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 19.04.2016 (Tue) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
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New BRICS-supported bank approves first loans

New Delhi, Apr 17
A new multilateral lender set up by the BRICS nations has approved its first set of loans valued at 811 million US dollars for renewable energy projects in four of its member countries. The New Development Bank, which formally launched full operations in February, is backed by the BRICS countries - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. A bank official said, the first batch includes



four projects, one each in Brazil, India, China and South Africa. According to a statement, the first group of projects approved by the bank's board are in the

area of green and renewable energy. The bank has been viewed as a challenge to other international institutions such as the World Bank.

7.8-magnitude earthquake hits Ecuador, at least 77 killed

Ecuador, Apr 17
Death toll has risen to 77 in the powerful 7.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Ecuador yesterday. Vice President Mr Jorge Glas has confirmed the death toll. He said, it was the worst seismic

movement they have faced in decades. President Mr Rafael Correa, on a visit to the Vatican, sent a message of support on Twitter. He said, authorities are already out evaluating damage and taking action as needed.

Andaman Mopla..... (Contd. from page 1)

Dr Francis Xavier, Principal, JNRM addressed the gathering as the chief guest elucidating about the progress made by the community.

Dr Prem Kishen, President, Local Born Association addressing the gathering appealed to the Pre-42 communities to come together and protect the rights of the early settlers.

Many senior members as well as youth of the community actively participated in the panel discussions and also suggested a roadmap for the future march of the community.

Shri K M Hanif, President AMSO chaired the morning session. Shri O Abdur Rahman, General Secretary presented a brief report of the activities of the organization. Earlier, Shri K P Aboobacker, Executive Committee Member welcomed the gathering and Shri C P Mohammed, Advisory Member proposed vote of thanks, a communication said.

India demands IMF's next MD from emerging economy

Washington, Apr 17
India has demanded for selecting International Monetary Fund - IMF's next managing director from an emerging economy and not from Europe, which traditionally has been the case. In Washington, Union Finance Secretary Shri Shaktikant Das said, India has informed the IMF that in the next round, the top

post in the global financial body should go to a non-European. Considering today's global economic reality, it is time that the post goes to an individual from an emerging economy, said Shri Das during his media interaction in the US Capital. He was speaking on the sidelines of the annual Spring meeting of the IMF and the World Bank.

Annual conference of NGGOA held



Port Blair, Apr 17
The two-day Annual Conference of the Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers' Association, Andaman and Nicobar Islands held on Apr 9 & 10 at Port Blair has

elected Shri P. Sathyapal as President, Shri TS Sreeekumar as General Secretary and Shri D.S. Clement Stephn as Finance Secretary of the Association, a communication said.

A&N Fire Service..... (Contd. from page 1)

Garacharma has 1 Water Tender & 1 Bouzer and Haddo Fire Station has 1 Water Tender & 1 Dry Chemical Powder (DCP) Tender.

So far no major fire incident has been reported in these Islands, said the CFO adding that grass fire though is a major concern due to careless smoking.

Trainings on first aid and fire fighting are also being imparted to school students, Government officials and private persons in all the Fire Training Centres across the Islands by A&N Fire Services.

Calling upon one and all to adhere to fire safety measure, the CFO urged the public to take all safety precautions at home & workplaces.

He said, knowledge on operating fire extinguisher installed in public buildings is a must, besides trainings are being imparted in all Government offices to avert initial fire incidents. Stating that short circuit is the common causes for fire mishaps in these Islands, the CFO urged the public to use certified and standard electric equipments.

Ephedrine worth Rs 2,000 cr seized

Mumbai, Apr 17
Thane Police has seized over 18,000 kgs of ephedrine powder, also known as party drug Meow Meow, from a factory in Solapur. The powder is believed to be worth 2,000 crore rupees. Five people have been arrested in this connection. The seizure followed a week-long investigation that began with the arrest of a Nigerian national for possessing 500 grams of ephedrine in Navi Mumbai on the 10th of this month.

Isles' Architect..... (Contd. from page 1)

After having experience as an Archivist on heritage sites at the National Capital, Ankur is currently engaged in research-based project on vernacular shelters and their methods as a Heritage in India including Indian Smart Cities, being the Chapter Founder-cum-Head of Community Communications of WikiHouseIND, New Delhi, the non-profit India Chapter of WikiHouse, UK.

This selection and participation on 'World Heritage Day', representing the A & N Islands at the UNESCO aided World Heritage Forum at New Delhi, is of great importance for the A&N Islands, a communication said.

Over 150 countries begin switching to different polio vaccine

New Delhi, Apr 17
More than 150 countries have begun switching to a different polio vaccine, an important milestone towards polio eradication. Health campaigners say, the new vaccine will target the two remaining strains of the virus under a switchover 18 months in the

planning. Stephen Cochi, from the US-based Centers for Disease Control said the current vaccine contains live weakened virus relating to three types of the new vaccine. Thousands of people will monitor the changeover in 155 countries during the next fortnight.

NE gets its..... (Contd. from page 1)

Kanchenjunga' is a collaboration between Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and the Ministry of Communications and IT.

India has created (Contd. from page 1)

The Finance Minister also addressed the International Monetary and Financial Committee. He called on the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to examine the adequacy of its resources and whether they are sufficient for future proofing the global economy against recurrence of financial crisis.

Noting that global growth has weakened further and financial market conditions have worsened, Shri Jaitley said global recovery is affected by subdued growth and low productivity in Advanced Economies and elevated risks faced by Emerging Market Economies. He said, increasing potential growth and productivity, while remaining vigilant about risks to macro-financial stability are needed to secure a sustainable global recovery.

Shri Jaitley is on a week-long visit to Washington to attend the annual Spring Meeting of IMF and World Bank. As the meetings wound up, World Finance Ministers pledged to boost growth. Pounding home the message that each country needs to take action to ramp up growth, and following another week of relative calm in financial markets, the IMF leadership said they were positive about the outlook, even as they warned of high risks.

Golden Jubilee of (Contd. from page 1)



Vidyalaya. Friendly table tennis, volleyball and cricket matches were played between the present students and alumni.

Later, in the evening, the students of KV-I presented a colourful cultural programme. Silence was also observed on the occasion in memory of the departed souls of ex-teachers and ex-students. The alumni also presented a colourful cultural programme on the occasion.

A good number of ex-students from within the Islands and the country and also from abroad attended the programme, a communication said.