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PM unveils operational guidelines for Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

Digital Platform for National Agriculture Market to be launched on Babasaheb Ambedkar's birth anniversary on April 14th

Raipur, Feb 18
 The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today unveiled the operational guidelines for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at a massive farmers' rally in Sehore in Madhya Pradesh. Explaining the benefits of this comprehensive crop insurance scheme to the farmers, the Prime Minister said it can provide a solution for the farmers' problems, in times of difficulty. He said care had been taken to eliminate the shortcomings of previous crop insurance schemes, and create trust among farmers with regard to crop insurance. He said technology would be used extensively with this

scheme to ensure early settlement of claims, and exhorted farmers to take benefit of this scheme. The Prime Minister outlined several other initiatives that have been taken by the Union Government for the welfare of farmers. He mentioned the steps taken to clear the pending dues of the sugarcane farmers, which had mounted to many thousands of crore rupees. Speaking about the Digital India movement, the Prime Minister said welfare of the farmers is at the core of this initiative. He announced the launch of the digital platform - National Agriculture Market - from the 14th of April, 2016, on



the birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar. This would enable farmers to get a better price for their produce.

The Prime Minister also mentioned other major initiatives taken in the agriculture sector, such as the soil health card scheme,

the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, organic farming, and ensuring adequate availability of urea.

CS launches e-Procurement software for use of Government Departments under A&N Administration

Port Blair, Feb 18
 The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration Shri. Anand Prakash today launched the e-procurement portal of Andaman & Nicobar Administration in a simple function held at conference hall of Secretariat in the presence of Pr. Secretary (Edn), Secretary (Health), Secretary (GA), Special Secretary (IT) and other Senior Officers of A & N Administration. Speaking on the occasion the Chief Secretary lauded the efforts of IT Department for implementing the e-Procurement solution despite connectivity constrains that is prevailing in the Islands. He advised the Department of IT to provide all support that may be required for



implementing the e-Procurement application by the Departments in a consistent manner. Earlier, Dr. Utpal Sharma, Special Secretary (IT) briefed the gathering about the e-Procurement application and the hybrid architecture that have been adopted for implementing the application. He

support of M/s KEONICS (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise), covers the full lifecycle of public procurement from the publishing stage to award and execution of contracts. The solution is a vibrant end to end solution for buying / selling of products and services through tendering process. It supports A - Z activities of tendering based on proactive work flow concept. Fine details of tendering like vendor

Foundation Day of NABCONS today

Port Blair, Feb 18
 NABARD Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd. (NABCONS) is a wholly-owned subsidiary company of NABARD. NABCONS will be celebrating its 19th Foundation Day on Feb 19, 2016 at 11 am. The Secretary (Industries), Smt. Rashmi Krishnan will be the chief guest on the occasion, a communication said.

DCC/DLRC meeting for South Andaman District today

Port Blair, Feb 18
 The District Consultative Committee/District Level Review Committee (DCC/DLRC) meeting for South Andaman District for December 2015 quarter will be held on Feb 19, 2016 at 3.30 pm in the conference hall of District Office, Port Blair under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman to review the performance upto

A&N Pollution Control Committee to hold public hearing

Port Blair, Feb 18
 The Andaman Nicobar Pollution Control Committee, Department of Science and Technology has received a proposal from Andaman Lakshadweep Harbour Works, Port Blair for conducting a public hearing for environmental clearance to extension and widening of jetty at Neil Island, South Andaman. The public hearing is scheduled to be held at 10 am at Neil Kendra Panchayat Hall, Neil Island under the

One sentenced to life imprisonment for committing murder

Port Blair, Feb 18
 The Ld. Sessions Judge of A&N Islands, Shri Subendu Samanto on Feb 10, 2016, convicted accused, Swapan Kumar Majumder, S/o Nara Hari Mazumder, R/o Shibpur within the PS Diglipur, for murdering one Rita Ojha in 2007. The accused was sent to Jail Custody for reflection of his mind to hear him on the point of sentence to be imposed upon him on Feb 15. The accused was produced from the Jail Custody on Feb 15 and after hearing him, the Ld. Sessions Judge imposed

punishment to the accused to suffer rigorous imprisonment for life for commission of offence U/s 302 of IPC and to pay fine of Rs.10,000/-. The Ld. Sessions Judge also imposed punishment upon Swapan Kumar Majumder for commission of offence U/s 201 IPC and imposed rigorous imprisonment for 3 years and to pay fine of Rs.3000/-, a communication from the Senior Advocate, Govt. Pleader & Public Prosecutor, Shri S.K. Mandal said.

LG to inaugurate National seminar on 'Geopolitics & Maritime Security in Indian Ocean' today

Port Blair, Feb.18
 The Indian Ocean Resource Center, a chapter of the Institute of Social & Cultural Studies (ISCS), Kolkata, in collaboration with the A & N Administration and Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya will be organizing a national seminar on "Geopolitics and Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean:

An Indian Perspective" on 19th and 20th Feb. 2016 at Dweepika Hall and DBRAIT auditorium respectively. The Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen. A.K Singh (Retd.) will inaugurate the seminar at 10 am at Dweepika Auditorium tomorrow (Feb 19). Informing more about the seminar, at a press conference

held at Circuit House, South Point this evening, the Academic Coordinator of the seminar of ISCS, Shri Deba R Mohanty said that the seminar will deliberate on security and economic aspects of the Indian Ocean besides the strategic importance of these Islands. (Contd. on last page)



Commodore V K Garg, VSM, DDG, NCC (TN, P&AN), called on the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd.), at Raj Niwas on 18.02.2016. The officers and cadets of NCC presented a memento to the Hon'ble Lt Governor.

M/s Larsen & Toubro to train 30 Islanders Ocean of opportunities to be available on completion of training in construction industry: CS

Port Blair, Feb 18
 For the first time, the Department of Labour has tied up with prestigious construction giant, M/s Larsen & Toubro for the Training and Placement of 30 candidates, selected out of a group of 100, drawn from all parts of A & N Islands. Tribal candidates also form a part of the trainee group. The prospective trainees would be provided free boarding and lodging at the Construction Skills Training Institute (L&T-CSTI) at Kanchipuram in Tamil Nadu. The training component is free of cost and the trainees are given small stipend too. The first batch was seen off by the Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash today. The



Secretary (Labour) Ms. Rashmi Krishnan, the Labour Commissioner, Shri Madhusudan Baidya and the Principal of ITI, Shri Venkatesh.Ch. were also present on the occasion. In his address to the trainees, the Chief Secretary shared with them his personal experience of L&T's Institutes and

motivated them to empower themselves by this programme. He conveyed to them his confidence that, after completion of training programme there will be an ocean of opportunities for them in the construction industries both within India and abroad. (Contd. on last page)

Special Aadhaar enrolment for left out students from today

Port Blair, Feb 18
 Special Aadhaar Enrolment Centres are scheduled to be set up in schools of South Andaman and Wimblygunj Zone to enrol the left out students from Feb 19 to Mar 8, 2016 as per the schedule (given on page 2). For enrolment of students school ID Card, Ration Card, Parents Aadhaar Card etc. are required to be furnished. Students who do not have Proof of Identity (PoI) / Proof of Address (PoA) documents to get enrolled as per the norms of UIDAI, shall be issued with supported proof of identity and address by the Principal/Head Master

of the educational institution under the letterhead containing name and address of the student having his /her photographs with seal. Necessary instructions to this effect have been issued to the Department of Education. All concerned have been urged to make use of this opportunity and get their wards enrolled at the special enrolment centres being setup at school to have universal coverage of Aadhaar. Similar centres are also being setup in other zones of this UT, a communication from the Officer-in-Charge (Aadhaar) said here today.

Road to Mount Harriet Rest House repaired

Port Blair, Feb 18
 The general public and tourists have been informed that the road to Mount Harriet Rest House has been repaired and shall be opened for public and tourists with effect from Feb 20, 2016, a communication from the DFO, South Andaman said.

Chartered flight for Kolkata Thirty seats allotted to N&M Andaman

Mayabunder, Feb 18
 The A & N Administration has allotted 30 seats to the District Administration, North & Middle Andaman in respect of the Chartered

Flight service for Kolkata to Port Blair & Port Blair to Kolkata sector scheduled to commence from Feb 25, 2016, for the Islanders belonging to North &

Middle Andaman District/ Non-islanders. Accordingly, the following quota of tickets has been allotted for Mayabunder, Rangat and Diglipur Tehsils:

Sl no	Tehsil	Quota	Office where the application is to be submitted
1.	Mayabunder	10	DC office Mayabunder
2.	Rangat	10	Tehsil Office, Rangat
3.	Diglipur	10	AC Office, Diglipur

The passengers may apply in the prescribed format available on A & N Administration's website www.andaman.gov.in. (Contd. on last page)

SPORTS

Sachin Tendulkar's autobiography enters Limca Book of Records

New Delhi, Feb 18
He might have bid adieu to cricket but Sachin Tendulkar continues to make records with his autobiography 'Playing It My Way' entering the Limca Book of Records for being the best-selling adult hardback across both fiction and non-fiction categories. The book, published by Hachette India, was released on Nov 6, 2014 and has broken all records for an adult hardback across both fiction and non-fiction categories with 1,50,289 copies confirmed on order subscriptions.



crore with its cover price being Rs 899.

The book's orders, on day one, already saw it pulling ahead of both pre-order and lifetime sales of the world's top adult hardbacks Dan Brown's Inferno, Walter Isaacson's Steve Jobs and JK Rowling's Casual Vacancy. Boria Majumdar was the co-author of Tendulkar's autobiography. It also holds the record in retail value terms having logged up Rs 13.51

Volleyball tournament held

Port Blair, Feb 18
Youth of Junglighth organised an Under 19 league-cum-knockout volleyball tournament on Feb 17 at Junglighth Shiv Mandir Ground. In the tournament, School Line team defeated Garacharma team. The ANTC President, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma was the chief guest on the occasion. The ex-Councillor, Ward No.7, Shri Mahinder Prasad was also present on the occasion, a communication said.

India beat China in Badminton Asia Team championships

Hyderabad, Feb 18
India on Thursday defeated a depleted China 3-2 in the men's category of the Badminton Asia Team Championships at the Gachibowli indoor stadium in Hyderabad. K. Srikanth, Ajay Jayaram and H.S. Prannoy emerged triumphant in their respective singles matches to give India the victory. In the five-match tie, India won the three singles but lost the two doubles matches. India's men's and women's teams have already made it to the quarterfinals of the tournament. In the first singles match, Srikanth, currently the top ranked player for India at No.9, gave a great start to his team's campaign with a superb 2-0 (21-11, 21-17) win over China's Houwei Tian.

Four cities launch bid for 2024 Olympic Games

Paris, Feb 18
Four major cities — Paris, Rome, Los Angeles and Budapest — have launched their bid to host the 2024 Olympic Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) confirmed. "Los Angeles, Rome, Budapest and Paris are all submitting projects fully in line with Olympic Agenda 2020," said IOC President Thomas Bach on Wednesday. The vote for the host city will take place on September 13, 2017 in

Vijender to fight for WBO Asia title in India



New Delhi, Feb 18
Unstoppable so far, star Indian boxer Vijender Singh will now gun for his maiden title in the professional circuit when he fights for the WBO Asia belt come June in front of home fans in the national capital. The middleweight boxer, who earned worldwide fame by becoming India's first Olympic and World Championships medalist at the amateur level, has exhibited rampaging form even in the pro arena. Since his debut in the circuit last October, the 30-year-old from Haryana has won all his three pro

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India, Myanmar conduct fourth coordinated patrol

New Delhi, Feb 18
The Fourth Edition of the India - Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) was successfully undertaken from February 13 to 16, 2016 along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) in the Andaman Sea. Navies of the two countries have conducted Coordinated Patrols along the Maritime boundary since 2013 as part of the ongoing India-Myanmar defence relations. Indian Navy Ships Saryu and Bitra along with Union of Myanmar Ships Aung Zeya and FAC 563 participated in the 4th IMCOR. During the Closing Ceremony of 4th IMCOR, the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for IMCOR was also signed between Indian Navy and Myanmar Navy. Cmde Atul Anand VSM from Indian Navy and Cmde Aung Zaw Hlaing from Myanmar Navy signed the document in the presence of Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, the Ambassador of India to Myanmar.

country with which India will facilitate smooth conduct of coordinated patrols between two friendly neighbours that share a long maritime boundary in the strategically significant Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Trainers training programme for SHGs concludes



Port Blair, Feb 18
The two days' trainers training programme (TOT) for SHGs sponsored by NABARD and organised by Rajiv Gandhi Cooperative Training Centre (RGCTC) under A&N State Cooperative Union concluded today at Zilla Parishad community hall, Rangat, Middle Andaman. Shri Hemant Songedkar, DGM, NABARD as chief guest emphasized the need of capacity building programme for SHGs and emphasized that SHGs should make use of various schemes and skill development programme for their self employment generation which will be a benefit for them and to the society. Earlier, Miss Anamika Mondal, Faculty RGCTC welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of this TOT. Altogether 20 participants from different SHGs attended in the training programme, a communication said.

Missing of lady & child reported

Port Blair, Feb 18
On 01.02.2016 at 1455 hours Shri Sainath S/o Late Bhajannath (40 yrs) R/o Janakpur lodged a missing report of his wife namely Smt. Renukanath (30 yrs) and his child namely Ritanath (18 months), at PS Rangat, stating therein that on 23.01.2016 at 0540 hours his wife along with child went to Port Blair with his sister. After 3-4 days when he contacted his sister, she informed that his wife got off at Ferrargunj and went to her brother's house. Thereafter he enquired about her from his brother-in-law and came to know that she did not reach there. Upon this, a missing report vide No. 01/16 dated 01.02.2016 has been entered at PS Rangat and search of missing woman along with her child is continuing in A&N



Islands by Police Department. The descriptive role of the missing woman is as follows:- Height - 4' 3", complexion - shallow, hair - black and straight, body - normal, wearing - light yellow colour saree. The general public is requested to inform nearest Police Station or on Telephone Nos. 100, 232100, 273344, 274239, 274646 if she is sighted anywhere, a communication said.

Power break

Port Blair, Feb 18
The Electricity Department will carry out maintenance, replacement work on Panther-I & Panther-II main transmission line at Bambooflat, Dunduspoint and Garacharma on Feb 20. In view of this, if required, an half an hour rotational load shedding will be carried out in Port Blair and South Andaman area from 8 am to 1 pm.

Meanwhile, the power supply will remain suspended at Minnie Bay, part of Old Pahadgaon and part of School Line from 8 am to 2 pm on Feb 20, 2016, a communication said.

Death conolded

Port Blair, Feb 18
The PCC President, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma and all senior leaders of Congress party have mourned the demise of Shri S. Kasim, aged 77 years, R/o Dairy Farm, ex-Seamen of Directorate of Shipping Service who passed away today.

LG to inaugurate ...

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The three sessions of the seminar will deliberate on strategies to be adopted, both with regard to security and economic aspects, initiatives to be adopted for up-gradation of Maritime Forces in the region and the role of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as strategic assets, he said and informed that eminent resource persons, for the seminar, have been drawn from Defence, A&N Administration and academicians from JNRM. The Open session of the seminar will be held at DBRAIT auditorium on Feb 20, wherein the Principal Secretary (Education/Urban Development, Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi will be the main speaker.

Cricket T20 Asia Cup Schedule

NO	MATCHES	DATE	TIME	MATCHES
1	India vs Bangladesh	24 February 2016	19:00 IST (13:30 UK time)	India vs Bangladesh
2	Sri Lanka vs Qualified team	25 February 2016	19:00 IST	Sri Lanka vs Qualified team
3	Bangladesh vs Qualified team	26 February 2016	19:00 IST	Bangladesh vs Qualified team
4	India vs Pakistan	27 February 2016	19:00 IST	India vs Pakistan
5	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka	28 February 2016	19:00 IST	Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
6	Pakistan vs Qualified team	29 February 2016	19:00 IST	Pakistan vs Qualified team
7	India vs Sri Lanka	01 March 2016	19:00 IST	India vs Sri Lanka
8	Pakistan vs Bangladesh	02 March 2016	19:00 IST	Pakistan vs Bangladesh
9	India vs Qualifier team	03 March 2016	19:00 IST	India vs Qualifier team
10	Pakistan vs Sri Lanka	04 March 2016	19:00 IST	Pakistan vs Sri Lanka
11	Asia Cup Final	05 March 2016	19:00 IST	Asia Cup Final

M/s Larsen & Toubro to train 30...

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He also said that their experience could very certainly make them masters in their respective fields, and many of them might consider opening ventures of their own. The Administration is primed to address the issue of unemployment and underemployment in a concerted manner. To begin with, the Employment Officer would be connecting with registered unemployed candidates to reassess the actual position of unemployment and arrive at a more accurate assessment of the number of unemployed, the sectors in which they exist, as well as the skill sets available. The Administration will also be organizing a job fair, sometime in the middle of March 2016, through a one stop platform aimed at bringing together prospective employers and employees in a bid to attempt on the spot hiring. M/s Larsen & Toubro Limited is a multimillion dollar international conglomerate, having projects all over the world. The trainings given by them in the construction sector are of international standards, and equip their trainees for employment in the most ambitious of projects, requiring specialized skills. The present training has been arranged through Sh. Manoharan Kumar, Director of the L&T-authorized NGO, Vidya Yuva Kendra, based in Port Blair, and promises 100% placement to the trainees, a communication said.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 24°C respectively on Friday 19/02/2016

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.0
Minimum Temperature (°C): 25.3
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 075
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 083
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 19 - 25

Neerja - (Hindi U) - 1:00 PM, 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Loveshudda - (Hindi UA) - 1:30 PM
Miruthan - (Tamil UA) - 4:30 PM
Sethupati - (Tamil U) - 7:30 PM
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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.

19.02.2016 (FRIDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 19.02.2016 (Fri) 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 19.02.2016 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island. 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.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 19.02.2016 (Fri) 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 19.02.2016 (Fri) 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 19.02.2016 (Fri) 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.
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 19.02.2016 (Fri) 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 19.02.2016 (Fri) at 2000 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 20.02.2016 (Sat) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT, MAYABUNDER
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 19.02.2016 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Mayabunder on 19.02.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2200 Hrs from Mayabunder.
20.02.2016 (SATURDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 20.02.2016 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

DCC/DLRC ...

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December 2015 under Annual Credit Plan 2015-16 and various govt. sponsored schemes. The meeting will also be attended by higher authorities from Reserve Bank of India, FIDD, Kolkata, NABARD and Banking Sector apart from senior officials from the Govt. Departments and developmental agencies, a communication said.

CS launches of...

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registration, tender announcement and corrigendum, tender form processing, opening, negotiation and tender awarding are supported in a real time interactive environment. As a pilot the e-Procurement is being implemented in five Departments viz. Director of Shipping Services, Transport, DBRAIT, Director of Health Services and Store Division of APWD. Based on the feedback and after carrying out required modification, the application will be extended to all the departments in phased manner. Due to poor internet bandwidth, the e-Procurement application is implemented following hybrid architecture. The application can be accessed by Departments through intranet while the prospective bidders can access the application through internet at www.eproc.andaman.gov.in. Those bidders from A & N Islands who do not have internet facility can avail the services of e-procurement through the nearest Common Service Center or from special counters set up at concerned Departments. The application can be accessed by vendors from mainland through the portal www.eproc.andaman.gov.in. The Department has also set up a helpdesk at o/o SOVTECH BRAIT Campus for providing continuous support to the Departments in implementing the application and for assisting the vendors/bidders.

