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Govt considers proposal to construct museum on Indian PMs

New Delhi, Dec 19
The Government is considering a proposal for the construction and setting up of a new museum on all the Prime Ministers of India in the premises of the Teen Murti Estate in

New Delhi. Culture Minister, Dr Mahesh Sharma informed the Lok Sabha in a written reply yesterday that the museum will showcase the life and works and significant contribution of

all the Prime Ministers to nation building. He said the idea behind the concept is to have a dedicated museum highlighting the contribution of all the Prime Ministers of India.

Govt constructs more than 5 crore toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission

New Delhi, Dec 19
The Government has constructed more than five crore toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission. Minister of State for Drinking Water and Sanitation, Shri Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi told Rajya Sabha that the government has

built more than 5 crore 61 lakh toilets under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural). He said, over 29 lakh toilets were constructed under the MGNREGA and seven states/UTs were declared Open Defecation Free. In a written reply, he said

Swachh Bharat Mission was a demand-driven scheme and hence state-wise funds were not allocated. The Minister stated that States/UTs had to first furnish details of utilised and unutilised funds for release of central funds under SBM.

160 crore man-days generated under MGNREGA

New Delhi, Dec 19
The Government has informed Parliament that 160 crore man-days has been generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) so far in the 2017-18 fiscal. Union Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Ram Kripal Yadav said this yesterday while replying to a query in the Rajya Sabha regarding rural

development schemes with employment potential being implemented in the country. In a written reply, the Minister said 56 lakh households have been mobilised in to 4.84 lakh self help groups under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojna-National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) and 83,745 candidates have been trained under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen

Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) of which 46,654 candidates have been placed. The DDU-GKY is a sub-scheme of the DAY-NRLM. He said that the government is implementing flagship programmes such as the MGNREGA and the DAY-NRLM to provide employment and self-employment opportunities to those living in rural areas.

Lt. Governor visits Great Nicobar Islands Interacts with PRI, Tribal Council Members; inspects infrastructure facilities



Port Blair, Dec.19
On the second day of his visit to the Southern Group of Islands, the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Admiral D.K. Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), accompanied by Secretary to LG, Dr. Ajay Kumar Singla, and Deputy Commissioner, Nicobars, Shri Awanish Kumar, reached

Campbell Bay today. They were received by SP Nicobars and AC Campbell Bay along with local Heads of Offices at the helipad. The Lt. Governor had a brief interaction with the officials from Navy and Coast Guard. The Lt. Governor was accorded a Guard of Honour by the contingent of A&N Police at APWD Guest House. Thereafter the

Lt. Governor visited GSS School, Campbell Bay and inspected the school infrastructures and interacted with teachers and students. Subsequently, he visited PHC, Campbell Bay and inspected the facilities of the hospital. He also interacted with the patients, medical staffs, and the attendants. The Lt. Governor also made a visit to the area going to be affected in the

proposed extension of runway at INS Baaz. Later, the Lt. Governor chaired a public meeting-cum-interaction with all the local heads of offices, PRI members, Tribal Council Members, and Ex-servicemen settlers. Many issues regarding shipping, availability of POL, electricity supply, transportation, Islanders identity card, BSNL connectivity,

health, education, tourism potential, etc were raised during this meeting. The Lt. Governor directed the concerned Departments to take up the matter for their resolution at the earliest. In the evening, the Lt. Governor visited South Bay (Galathea Wildlife Sanctuary). On the way, he was briefed by GREF

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Short term action plan initiated to stabilize power supply in Port Blair & South Andaman

People urged to cooperate & conserve power



Port Blair, Dec. 19
The Administration is making best efforts to maintain un-interrupted power supply for the consumers of these Islands. Short term action plan for power generation for stabilizing the power supply in Port Blair & South Andaman has been initiated. As part of the initiative, under the existing agreement for procurement

of 10 MW power from M/S Sudhir Ready Gensets consortium, New Delhi (signed on 27.07.2017), the firm has 10x1.6 MW DG set in operation; capable of delivering 11 MW in the evening peak hours. The firm is enhancing its capacity by adding 2x1.6 MW. This will take about 45 days. Once it materializes, about 13MW power will be available

during evening hours, informed the Commissioner-cum-Secretary Power, Shri Sanjeev Khirwar while interacting with the media persons in the conference hall of the Megapode Resort here today. Addressing the press conference, the Commissioner-cum-Secretary Power informed that at present the peak

evening demand is 38 MW and the present generation capacity is 29.5MW. The remaining deficit in generation capacity is managed by one hour rotational load shedding in the evening peak hours (Contd. on last page)

SPHQ designated as PRO for Police Deptt

Port Blair, Dec.19
The Superintendent of Police (HQ) is the Public Relation officer for Police Department. For any information related to major Crime, Law & Order incident, important detections, recoveries and other notable achievements of the Police, the Public Relation Officer can be contacted on ph nos 9531856175, 03192-230841anpolice@gamil.com, an official communication said.

Skill development & awareness trng. prog. by Industries Deptt.

Port Blair, Dec.19
A three days skill development and awareness training programme and demonstration on 'Packaging of Handicrafts and other MSEME Products of Andaman & Nicobar' will be organized by the Directorate of Industries in association with Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Kolkata, from Dec 20 to 22, 2017. The inaugural function will be held in the conference hall of Directorate of Industries at 10 am tomorrow wherein, Smti Rashmi Singh, Secretary (Ind)

will be the chief guest. Thirty artisans/entrepreneurs will be attending the training programme. The training will disseminate the latest trends & technologies of quality control, branding & packaging for different handicrafts and food products. The contact details of different packaging material supplier will also be provided to the entrepreneurs/potential entrepreneurs. Three Resource Persons from IIP, Kolkata will be conducting

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Union Territory Level Bankers Committee meeting held CS urges bankers to improve performance in priority sectors & complete Aadhaar seeding & authentication



Port Blair, Dec.19
The Union Territory Level Bankers Committee (UTLBC) meeting was held in the conference hall of Megapode Resort here yesterday. The Chief Secretary, A & N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar was the chief guest of the meeting while the General Manager, SBI, LHO, Kolkata, Shri Mahesh Goel, who is also the Convenor of UTLBC, presided over the meeting. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Secretary, lauded the performance of all the banks in achieving their targets during the September quarter, despite various constraints such as connectivity. He said that process for tender of undersea cable is in progress and it will be floated on 28th December 2017. He urged the bankers to improve their

performance in priority sectors. Referring to housing loan and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), he asked the bankers to sympathetically look into the matter and extend lending to the desired persons. He also said the applications under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) have been sent to various banks through Lead Bank and requested bankers to sanction them at the earliest. More efforts are

also needed in the implementation of Govt's schemes like Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)-mainly in shishu category and Stand up India (SuI); the Chief Secretary said urging

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Shopping Complex at Bambooflat; foundation stone laid



Port Blair, Dec.19
Shri Vishal Jolly, Member, Home Ministry Advisory Committee and Smti Baby Fareeda, Adhyaksha, Shri Gadadhar Majumdar, Up-Adhyaksh of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman along with other ZP Members, Executive Engineer, Shri Yashvi Parekh, and other officers of Engineering Wing, ZPSA laid foundation Stone for the work 'Construction of

Shopping Complex', at Bambooflat by Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, in presence of the villagers on today. They also assured the villagers that all the works pertaining to Zilla Parishad will commence in time to provide basic essential amenities to the rural people. The tendered amount of the work is 63,89,844 /- and time of completion of work is 18 months.

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Scintillating cultural prog. marks diamond jubilee celebration of Nirmala School

Port Blair, Dec.19
The Nirmala Senior Secondary School here is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. The inaugural function of the Diamond Jubilee celebration was organized in the school auditorium, packed with parents, ex-students and invitees, on Dec 16. On this jubilant occasion, Most Rev. Alex Dias, SFX, Chairman of the School and Bishop of Port Blair Diocese was the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Visuvasam Selvaraj, Vicar General,



Diocese of Port Blair was the guest of honour. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guest highlighted the aims and objectives of Nirmala School and urged teachers and students to make more efforts to take the school to

greater heights. Dr. (Mrs.) Caroline Mathew Principal of the School welcomed the gathering and spoke on the importance of the jubilee year.

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SPORTS

1st T20I: Rohit Sharma, MS Dhoni lead India's young guns against Sri Lanka

Cuttack, Dec 19
The bench strength is expected to be tested but India won't lower the intensity when they take on Sri Lanka in a three-match Twenty20 series starting here on Wednesday, aiming to extend their dominance in the shortest format as well.

The Test series in pocket, India, without inspirational skipper Virat Kohli, hardly broke a sweat in the decider to clinch the one-day series 2-1. Rohit Sharma & Co. will look to polish off the T20I series on an even better note.

Sri Lanka have been no match for India barring their one-off spectacular bowling effort in Dharmasala that won them the first ODI of the three-match series. After India bounced back in Mohali, Sri Lanka had their best chance in Visakhapatnam but they collapsed from 136/1 to be bundled out for 215. A resilient India quickly got into the act after



an inspirational stumping by MS Dhoni. This was followed by the spin twin of Kuldeep Yadav and Yuzvendra Chahal running through the Lankan batting to claim three wickets each.

However, Twenty20 is a different ball game and India will look for a smooth transition to the shortest format, having endured a batting disaster in the first one-dayer.

SQUADS
INDIA: Rohit Sharma (c), KL Rahul, Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey, Dinesh Karthik, MS Dhoni, Hardik Pandya, Washington

Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammad Siraj, Basil Thampi and Jaydev Unadkat.

SRI LANKA: Thisara Perera (c), Upul Tharanga, Angelo Mathews, Kusal Janith Perera, Danushka Gunathilaka, Niroshan Dickwella, Asela Gunaratne, Sadeera Samarawickrama, Dasun Shanaka, Chaturanga de Silva, Sachith Pathirana, Dananjaya De Silva, Nuwan Pradeep, Vishwa Fernando and Dusmantha Chameera.

Results of event held on 19.12.2017 for the 63rd SGFI National School Sqay Martial Art championship for U-17 (Boys & Girls) being held at Port Blair

Port Blair, Dec. 19
December 2017 for the 63rd SGFI National School Sqay Martial Art championship for U-17 (Boys & Girls) being held at Port Blair.

RESULTS OF U-17 (BOYS):				
Sno	Name of the student	state	Weight category	Medal won
1.	Santhosh Kr. Chauhan Sahil Soreng Harpreet Singh S.K.Abdul Wahid	Goa A & N Islands Punjab Odissa	-40 KG(Boys)	Gold Silver Bronze Bronze
2.	Ch.Hemawati Himani Kamala Purohit Mayuri Belekar	A & N Islands Delhi Goa Maharashtra	-36 KG(Girls)	Gold Silver Bronze Bronze
3.	Haran Singh Rajawat P.Y.Dipati Babi Varma Anees Iftikar Prabhjeet Singh	Delhi Telengana A & N Islands Punjab	-44 KG(Boys)	Gold Silver Bronze Bronze
4.	Naina Mann Sakshi Sonu Sawant R. Shruthi Snehhalatha Majhi	Delhi Goa A & N Islands Odisha	OPEN (GILRS)	Gold Silver Bronze Bronze

Firing practice

Port Blair, Dec. 19

The unit 282 (I) Fd Wksp copy EME, will utilize the Chinthe 200 M long Range Brighgunj on Dec.21, 2017 for small arm firing from 0930 hrs to 1300 hrs.

All concerned are here by warned to keep themselves and their vehicle or livestock away from the firing range during the above mentioned date and time.

Harshavardhana to sail for Vizag

Port Blair, Dec. 19

MV Harshavardhana will sail for Vizag at 1600 Hrs from Haddo Wharf Dec.22, 2017. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 Hrs to 1600 Hrs on Dec.21, 2017. Embarkation of passengers will be done from 1300 hrs to 1500 hrs on Dec. 22, 2017. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a communication received here said.

Observance of Human Rights Day by TPMHRWA

Port Blair, Dec.19

Along with other parts of India, Tunighata Peoples Movement of Human Rights Welfare Association, observed International Human Right Day on Dec 10, at Kailghat Panchayat Hall, Diglipur under the guidance of Shri Sanjib Kanjilal (National Secretary) and Shri Mithun Das (State President, Andaman Branch). The programme was also attended

by Smti. Usha, Principal Kalighat School, Smt. Seema Bowmick (Sub. Inspector Kalighat Thana), Smt. Pusp Rani Mondal, Pradhan Kalighat. The speakers spoke on the theme 'empowerment of women of rural areas and saving children from clutches of child labour and child abuse'. A similar programme was also organised at Port Blair Science Coaching center at Shadipur.

Rough seas predicted; fishermen cautioned

Port Blair, Dec.19

Under the influence of steep pressure gradient, strong Northeast to Easterly wind speed between 25 to 35 km per hour gusting to 45 km per hour and moderate to rough seas likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coast. High waves in the range of 3.0 - 3.2 meters are forecasted till 11.30 pm of Dec 21-12-2017 along the west coast of Andaman Islands from Ten Degree Channel to Coco Channel. Current speeds may vary between 66 - 112 cm/sec. Similar high waves are forecasted along the west coast of Nicobar Islands from Ten Degree Channel to Great Channel. Current speeds vary between 111 - 136 cm/sec.

and in case of any emergency, they may contact over the following phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres.
State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline).
District Control Room: 03192-238881
EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020
EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222
EOC (N&M): 03192-262960
EOC (Hut Bay): 03192-284014
EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241
EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030
EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527
EOC (Neil): 03192-284511

MV Nancowry to sail for Chennai

Port Blair, Dec.19

MV Nancowry will sail for Chennai at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf Dec.20, 2017. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 Hrs to 1600 Hrs on Dec.19, 2017. Embarkation of passengers will be done from 0700 hrs to 0900 hrs on Dec. 20, 2017. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel, a communication received here said.

Death mourned

Port Blair, Dec. 19

The Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has condoled the demise of Smti. Jameela Bibi, 91, W/o Late K.S.A.Gani, R/o Phoneix Bay, Port Blair who passed away at her residence today, after prolonged treatment.

Skill development...

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The training programme. The Indian institute of Packaging is a premier institute established in the year 1966 jointly by Ministry of Commerce, Government of India and the Packaging and Allied Industries in the country.

Scintillating cultural...

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A colorful cultural programme was presented by the students of the school and was appreciated by one and all present. The programme concluded with vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. Fr. Anugrah Prakash Lugun, Manager, Nirmala Sr. Sec. School. Later on a Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist was celebrated at Stella Maris Cathedral, Prem Nagar, Port Blair.



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WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower very likely to occur at few places. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 20/12/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 29.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 25.8
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 059
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 061
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0534
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1700
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm 17 3273.2

SEVASUCHNAYEIN

ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar on 22.12.2017 (Fri) at 1800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 23.12.2017 (Sat) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 21.12.2017 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's.

HUT BAY SECTOR:

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 21.12.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 19th, 20th & 21st Dec., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 18.12.2017 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.

**20.12.2017 (WEDNESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 20.12.2017 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 20.12.2017 (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 Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 20.12.2017 (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 Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 20.12.2017 (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 20.12.2017 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

RANGAT

MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 20.12.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 21.12.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Katchal will sail for Diglipur on 20.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

**21.12.2017 (THURSDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**

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Lt. Governor visits .. (Contd. from page 1)

officials regarding the ongoing North-South Road Project. He directed the concerned Departments to work in a coordinated manner to complete the project at the earliest. He also expressed his desire to explore the tourism potential of the Great Nicobar Islands.

Union Territory Level ... (Contd. from page 1)

account on priority basis. Bankers were also asked to distribute more POS machines to their merchants. The Chief Secretary in formed that the Administration will allot land in Nayashahar under Ferrargunj Tehsil for R-SETI and also look into the matter of issuing mortgage permission, which will be sorted out soon.

In his keynote address, the UT/LBC Convenor Shri Mahesh Goel, General Manager, SBI, LHO, Kolkata, highlighted the progress and achievements made by the bankers during the second quarter for FY-2017-18 and also urged bankers to improve their performances, especially in financial inclusion, financial literacy and priority and services sectors.

The meeting was addressed among others by Shri. Udit Prakash Rai, Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman, Shri Suddhasattawa Ghosh, General Manager, FIDD, RBI, Kolkata, Shri. B.V.S. Prasad, GM, NABARD, Port Blair, Shri Anindya Sunder Paul, DGM, SBI, LHO, Kolkata, Dr. U K Sar, Director, Fisheries Department and Shri Anil Goel, Executive Member, ACCL. Earlier, Shri Bipin Kumar Sahu, Regional Manager, SBI, Regional Office, Port Blair welcomed the gathering while the meeting concluded with the vote of thanks, proposed by Shri Bidyut Binod Adhikari, Chief Manager (Credit), SBI.

Phone-in prog. ...

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Listeners can participate in this programme by calling on telephone number 232336 or 232558. This programme will be moderated by Mrs. Bably Sharma and Produced by Programme Executive, Shri P.S. Saighal.

Pujara grabs third spot in ICC Test Player Rankings

Dubai, Dec 19

India's middle-order batsman Cheteshwar Pujara improved a place to grab the third spot in the latest ICC Test Player Rankings here today.

Pujara, who has scored 4,396 runs at an average of 52.96 in 54 Tests, currently has 873 points in the list of Test batsmen, headed by Australia captain Steve Smith, who continued to top the rankings for almost two years.

Top-ranked Smith moved closer towards Don Bradman's highest-ever ranking points after a match-winning double-century in the third Ashes Test against England in Perth. The Australia captain's innings of 239, which helped his team regain the Ashes by taking an unassailable 3-0 lead in the



five-match series, has seen him reach a tally of 945 points to take joint second position in the all-time list along with Len Hutton. Smith is within 16 points of Bradman's tally of 961 points, has had a minimum of 918 points over the past 12 months, which is 25 more than what second-placed Virat Kohli's

current total. Smith is already ahead of Bradman with regard to the number of Tests at the top. He has now been number one for 114 Tests, which is the fifth-most in a list led by Gary Sobers (189 Tests) and with Viv Richards (179), Lara (140) and Tendulkar (139) the others ahead of him.

Short term action ...

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and load shedding in the day time for maintenance of DG sets and other system in power plants, whenever required.

The Secretary said, the Administration is seized with the problem being faced by the people, especially students, due to load shedding. The present load shedding being exercised due to the fact that the Surya Chakra Power Corporation at Bambooflat, out of its 20 MW installed power generator sets is generating only 2.5 MW power. He said continuous efforts are being made to further supplement the power generating capacity to solve the problem. Accordingly, a new agreement for procurement of 5 MW power from M/s New Bharat Engineering, Navi Mumbai signed on 27.09.2017 is delivering 4.0 MW presently with 6x1 MW installed DG sets. The firm is augmenting its capacity by adding 4x1 MW of which 2x1 MW received at Port Blair on 17.12.2017. Installation and commissioning of these 2x1 MW will take about 30 days and the firm will be able to deliver 6-7 MW. The remaining 2x1 MW DG sets will reach Port Blair in 30 days and installation will take another 15 days. The firm will be in a position to deliver about 8 MW by 15th February, 2018.

The Secretary informed that to maintain un-interrupted power supply, the Administration issued the Letter of Award for establishment of 15 MW Hiring Power Plant to M/s Perennial Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Pune on 01.09.2017. However, the firm has backed out from executing the project and did not execute the agreement which has further contributed to the power crisis.

Now, the Electricity Department has again floated two separate open tenders for purchase of 10 MW and 5MW power. The technical bid will be opened tomorrow (Dec. 20) and after opening the price bid the LI bidders will be selected and agreement will be executed. The target date of delivering power is 120 days for 10 MW and 90 days 5 MW from the date of signing of the Agreement, the Secretary added.

The Secretary Power also appealed to the citizenries to conserve power in best possible manner and cooperate with the Electricity Department to maintain better power supply. He also urged for conserving power in all the Govt. Deptts including schools. The load shedding will continue till these Power Plants are put into operation. The Deputy Commissioner South Andaman, Shri Udit Prakash Rai and the SE Electricity Department Shri U K Paul were also present. The long term action plan to augment power generation include a proposal for establishment of 30 MW LNG Based Power Plant extendable upto 50 MW at Hopetown, South Andaman. The feasibility study on LNG based Power Plant was carried out by M/s Petronet LNG Ltd. and the space near Hope Town Jetty & Command Point has been finalized. The Ministry of Power, during a meeting, directed NTPC, CEA, PGCIL and POSOCO to study and propose the best energy mix for these Islands.

Apart from this, in place of the outdated DG Units of Chatham Power House commissioned during 1990-91, a proposal was submitted for revamping it by establishing 15 MW Diesel/Dual fuel generating sets through Grant-in-Aid from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). This proposal was earlier forwarded by Ministry of Power to MNRE but on the request of the Administration, it was withdrawn and submitted to CEA for the comments. CEA after examining the proposal recommended one of the four options comprising of 3x5 MW DG Sets, 1 Mwh Battery storage, One Power House Building, One Set Power System Stabilizer and SCADA. The team from JICA is likely to visit during January, 2018 in this regard.

Regarding achievement in Solar Power Plants, it was informed that the Solar Rooftop Power Plant in 18 different Govt. buildings already commissioned and are generating power. Till date these Solar Rooftop Plants have generated about 477880 units. Simultaneously, 50 Kwp Solar Power Plant is also installed at Raj Niwas and has already generated 61041 units.

In the scheme of 1-10 Kwp Rooftop Solar Power Plant in private domestic residence, the empanelled firm M/s Ujaas Energy Pvt. Ltd., Indore have already received materials equal to 24 units of solar rooftop plant and 10 rooftop plants have been already shifted to the premises of beneficiaries who have completed formalities and also paid 30% cost of the plant. Two rooftop plants have already been installed and rest will be installed in the days to come.

The SECI through open bidding selected three bidders for installation of 11.21 MWp Solar Rooftop in Government Buildings. M/s Mundra Solar, Gujarat, M/s Suryam and M/s Eswar Cables with per unit cost as Rs.2.2. M/s NLC through open bidding got Rs.9.71 per unit cost of power from 20 MWp Solar Power Plant which is proposed to come-up as 2x10 MWp in Attam Pahad and Dollygunj. This 2x10MWp Solar PV Plant will collectively have Battery Backup of 8 MW 32 Mwhr. (Energy saving tips given on page 5)