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India, Nepal will not allow misuse of open borders by terror elements, criminals: PM

New Delhi, Feb 20 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that India and Nepal will not allow misuse of open borders by terror elements and criminals. In his press statement after holding delegation level talks with his Nepalese counterpart Shri K P Sharma Oli in New Delhi Saturday afternoon, Shri Modi said, the security agencies of the two countries will intensify their cooperation. The Prime Minister said, peace, stability and development in Nepal is the priority for both the nations. He said the new Constitution of Nepal after a decade of strife is a significant achievement for the Himalayan nation. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that Nepal will be able to scale new heights of peace and stability by resolving all Constitutional issues



through political dialogue and by taking along all sections of Nepalese population. Shri Modi said, India's assistance has always been constructive and in line with the priorities of people of Nepal. The Prime Minister said the two countries are working on hydro projects with combined capacity of seven thousand Mega Watt. He said quick and successful completion of the projects can be gateway to Nepal's economic prosperity. Shri Modi said, trade and investment are strong pillars of relations between the two neighbours therefore early completion of Integrated Check Posts and construction of road in Terai region will boost trade infrastructure. The Prime Minister also

promised India's support for opening Ayurveda College in the Himalayan nation. In his statement, Nepal Prime Minister Shri K P Sharma Oli said the main reason for his visit is to clear the misunderstandings that have settled in last few months. He said India is Nepal's biggest trade partner. Saying that India is now emerging as an economic power house, he said India's transformation is an inspiration to Nepal. He expressed hope that Indo-Nepal relations will benefit from the discussions. Shri Modi and Nepal PM Shri Oli also inaugurated 400 kilovatt India(Muzzafarpur)-Nepal (Dhalkebar) transmission system. The two countries also inked nine agreements in fields like road infrastructure, arts and culture and railways sector.

National Food Security Act would be implemented across the country by April this year: Minister

Guwahati, Feb 20 The Union Food and Public Distribution Minister Shri Ram Vilas Paswan said that the National Food Security Act would be implemented across the country by April this year. Talking to newsmen in Guwahati on Friday, Shri Paswan said that as of now, 28 States and Union Territories have implemented the Act. He said that the Centre is keen that beneficiaries should get food grains. The Minister said online



allocation of food grains has been started in 20 states to make the distribution system leakage free. Shri Paswan said that storage capacity of over 62 thousand MT has been created in North East. He also urged the Assam government to speed up the implementation of Food Security Act in the state.

Tickets for chartered flight on Kolkata-Port Blair sector available; flights on every Thursday

Port Blair, Feb 20 The chartered flight on Kolkata-Port Blair-Kolkata sector will be operated on every Thursday w.e.f 25.02.2016. As per the schedule, Air India will operate weekly one charter flight on every Thursday with 144 seater Airbus aircraft from 25th February, 2016 during night hours. Accordingly, the Air India flight AI 3707 will depart from Kolkata at 9 pm and reach Port Blair at 11 pm. On its return, the flight AI 3708 will depart from Port Blair at 11.40 PM to reach Kolkata at 01.40 A.M. Initially, advance ticketing will be done for the flights scheduled up to March, 2016. The flights will be available on Feb 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2016. The reservation will be done on first come first serve basis by the respective reservation offices in Kolkata and Port Blair. Advance ticket (Contd. on last page)

Semi submarine underwater exploration tourist vessel launched



DT Correspondent Port Blair, Feb.20 A semi submarine underwater exploration tourist vessel - 'Coral Safari M.V. Sea Shine', has been pressed into tourist services in the Islands. The vessel was formally launched by the Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash, at a simple function held at Phoenix Bay Jetty here today. Tourism service providers, other senior officers from ANMs/LHVs was trained for the first time in A & N Islands under Rashtriya Kishore Swasthya Karyakaram. The training was imparted by the tutors of ANM Training School namely Smt. Jharna Roy

the administration were also present during the launch ceremony. First of its kind in India, the specially designed customized Semi Submarine has been acquired by 'Heaven on Ocean Tourism Private Ltd.', for taking tourists on an underwater safari, jointly by S/Shri Prasanna V, Gautam Jairam and V N Ravi. Designed by Sub Sea System USA, the 100 seater vessel is sink proof, having comfortable entry and exit for all age group. Fully air conditioned, the vessel has huge glass windows inclined at 45 degree angle to provide the best viewing experience of watching rarest species of fish and colourful corals from close quarter.

Yog camp at Neil Island
Port Blair, Feb 20 The Patanjali Yog Samity and Bharat Swabhimani (Andaman and Nicobar Unit) is organizing free yog camp for five days in the Community Hall of Neil Island from 5 am to 7 am and 5 pm to 6.30 pm from Feb 20 to 24, 2016. During the camp, the people of the Neil Island will be given special attention to get relief from diseases, addictions, stress management, negative thinking, bad habits, and lack of memory

National seminar on 'Geopolitics and Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean: An Indian Perspective' concludes

CS stresses need for a vibrant & strong economy to take Isles forward

Staff Reporter Port Blair, Feb 20 The two-day national seminar on 'Geopolitics and Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean: An Indian Perspective' concluded with a valedictory function held at the Seminar Hall of DBRAIT today. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash was the chief guest of the concluding function. Delivering the valedictory address, the Chief Secretary expressed hope that the two day long seminar will yield a positive outcome and he thanked the organizers and participants for having organized such an important seminar here in the A&N Islands. Speaking about the Indian Ocean, the Chief Secretary remarked that there have been divergent views on the security as well as the A&N Islands and the Indian Ocean. "Since time immemorial, Indian Ocean has been a hotbed of maritime activities with 15 trillion dollar economy trolling around here", he said. Turning to A&N Islands' strategic location, the Chief Secretary said that A&N Islands is like an aircraft carrier which is situated in a very strategic part of the world. He also touched upon the importance of Malacca Strait which is the busiest sea passage, wherein a bulk of the world's oil passes through this route. Mentioning about the 10 Degree Channel, he said that it is a hotbed of



activities of ships moving to and fro. Pertaining to Islands' development, the Chief Secretary said that there have been two views viz. the islands have to be kept as pristine pure and clear due to its forest resources and hotspots of biosphere with bare minimum economic activities. On the other hand, the unemployed youth, nearing about 50 to 60 thousands require jobs. Keeping this in view, a reasonable amount of activity is required, said the Chief Secretary. Similarly, the Islands are situated on high seismic zone and it requires sustenance, he added. The Chief Secretary emphasized that the Islands security has to be ensured due to its far off distance from the mainland. The Islands have to be self sustaining and security comes only with vibrant and strong economy, he remarked. He also called (Contd. on last page)

NULM extended to 4,041 statutory urban local bodies in India

New Delhi, Feb 20 The National Urban Livelihood Mission has now been extended to cover all the 4,041 statutory urban local bodies in India. With this, all the urban poor across the country will now be assisted with livelihood opportunities. Introduced in 2013, the scheme was till now implemented in 791 cities in India covering all district headquarters, cities and towns with a population of above one lakh.

Relief disbursed to fire victim of N&M Andaman

Mayabunder, Feb 20 A fire accident occurred on Feb 17, 2016 at about 10.30 am at Tugapur village in the house of Shri Nitai Ch. Haldar. The Fire Brigade team reached the spot and controlled the fire from further spreading. The house was totally gutted in the fire. However, there was no casualty. The District Administration, North & Middle Andaman District has immediately taken action to assess the damage of the victim and based on the assessment of Tehsil wise Committee for damage assessment for natural calamity, the Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman has sanctioned and disbursed an amount of Rs.53,800/- to the victim Shri. Nitai Ch. Haldar within 24 hrs on Feb 18, a communication said.

Intl symposium on tourism for global peace held

Port Blair, Feb 20 An International Symposium on 'Fostering Tourism for Global Peace: Opportunities & Challenges' was held at Bhubaneswar recently. Organised by the School of Hotel Management, Faculty of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University, Bhubaneswar in association with the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (India Chapter) and Indian Tourism & Hospitality Congress, the programme



saw Dr. Toni Atanasovski, Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to India as the chief guest while Prof. (Dr.) Amit Banerjee, Vice Chancellor, Siksha 'O' Anusandhan University presided over the event. (Contd. on last page)

Devotees take part in Mahamaham festival

Kumbakonam (TN), Feb 20 Over 23 lakh people have taken the holy dip as part of the Mahamaham festival here, known as the Kumbh Mela of the South, in the last seven days. The Mahamaham festival, held once in 12 years, commenced on February 13 with the hoisting of a flag. (Contd. on last page)

IGNOU entrance tests for Management Programmes

Port Blair, Feb 20 Indra Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will be conducting Entrance Tests for Management Programmes (Openmat-xxxix), for the sessions starting from July, 2016, on Feb 28 (from 10 am to 1 pm). The Test is being organized at 79 Examination Centres spread all over the country and accommodating 5208 candidates. The hall-tickets have already been uploaded on the university website (www.ignou.ac.in) and the candidates have been informed through SMS to download the hall ticket for appearing in the 28th February, 2016 entrance test of the university by entering name and date of birth and report to the Examination Centre. In case candidates are (Contd. on last page)

UPSC declares result of Civil Services (Main) Examination

New Delhi, Feb 20 programme for the Union Public Service Commission, UPSC, has declared the result of the Civil Services (Main) Examination. In a press release issued on Friday, it said the Personality Test for selected candidates is likely to commence from 08th of March. Detailed (Contd. on last page)

SPORTS

Befitting event marks 'PRAVAH' Techno Sports Fest 2016



Port Blair, Feb 20

PRAVAH - 2016, the 10th Techno Sports Fest of BRAIT was conducted in the Netaji Stadium with full fervour and pride today. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash was the chief guest for opening ceremony. Twelve contingents representing their respective departments gave their salute to the chief guest during the splendid march past. Last year sports champion, Ms. Anisha and Shri Amit Dey administered the oath to the marching contingents. Later, the chief guest declared the meet open followed with the flying of the balloons.

Earlier in the morning, to mark the auspicious beginning of Techno-Sports, the ceremonial torch was lit by using direct rays of sun at the institute followed by the rally. The torch traversed the route, starting from institute's campus via School Line, Junglight, Middle Point, Aberdeen Bazar and entered from the Marina Park to the historic Netaji Stadium. The torch was carried by a slow bike rally of students & staff accompanied by the students holding their departmental flags and plaque cards highlighting the SoCh activities, an initiative started by BRAIT for addressing social challenges.

The day long various track and field events followed by special events were conducted at

Netaji Stadium. Later, the chief guest for the closing ceremony, Shri Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Principal Secretary (HR), A&N Administration declared the sports meet closed. Shri Amit Dey of B.Tech, Civil Department has been declared the best sports boy and Ms Anisha Kala of B.Tech Computer Department has been declared the best sports girl for this Techno-Sports Fest 2016.

B.Tech Computer Department has been adjudged the best department for girls and B.Tech Civil Department has been adjudged the best department of boys. The Mechanical Department has been adjudged best contingent for the march past.

The Techno-Sports 2016 was also attended by the parents of the academic toppers. The veteran sports present on the occasion were felicitated. The prizes to the winners of various events were given away by the veteran sports persons and parents of the academic toppers.

Smt. S. Raji, Lecturer (Civil) proposed the vote of thanks at the end, the communication received from Shri Sanjay Malhotra, Dean, Students Affair and Convener of the Techno Sports 2016 said.

India women clean sweep 3 match ODI against Sri Lanka

Ranchi, Feb 20

India women completed a 3-0 clean sweep of the three match One Day International cricket series against Sri Lanka today. Medium-pacer Deepthi Sharma grabbed six wickets haul before Veda Krishnamurthy scored a half-century after India posted a comfortable seven-wicket win over Sri Lanka in the third and final ODI in Ranchi today.

Sri Lanka got off to a good start after electing to bat, but the visitors were bundled out



for 112 in 38.2 overs. India's chase started in a shaky fashion as the home team lost both openers Poonam Raut

Mayookha wins gold in Asian Indoor Athletics

Doha, Feb 20

Long jumper Mayookha Johny fetched India a gold medal while sprinter Dutee Chand settled for a bronze after shattering national record in 60m dash in the Asian Indoor Athletics Championships here.

Mayookha controlled the long jump competition from the very outset and finished on top of the podium with a leap of 6.35m, an effort that propelled her to India's first Asian indoor title in the event.

Bui Thi Thu Thao of Vietnam took the silver with

a 6.30m jump while Olga Rypakova of Kazakhstan finished third with an effort of 6.22m.

Dutee, meanwhile, won a bronze in women's 60m dash with a time of 7.37 secs in the final. Earlier, she had set a national record while winning her heats in 7.28 secs.

Viktoria Zybalkina of Kazakhstan overcame a sluggish start to win the final race in a Championship record of 7.27 secs, well clear of China's Yuan Qiqi (7.33 secs).

Sugandha Kumari brought the third medal for India as she

and Smriti Mandhana cheaply. India then cruised to the target with 123 balls to spare.

In women's pentathlon, Swapna Burman was at second spot after three events with 3285 points. She finished second in the first event of 60m hurdles, clocking 8.85 secs. She then finished third in shot put with a best throw of 11.38m before clearing 5.74m in long jump.

NZ's McCullum hits fastest test century, off 54 balls



Christchurch, Feb 20

New Zealand captain Brendon McCullum hit the fastest century in test history, from 54 balls, in his last international match as the home side put on a display of power hitting today, the first day of the second test against Australia.

McCullum beat the previous mark of 56 balls shared by West Indies 'Master Blaster' Viv Richards and Pakistan's Misbah-ul-Haq, and his

innings led New Zealand to a creditable 370 after being sent in on a green pitch. In reply, Australia was 57-1. McCullum raced from 80 to 100 in just four balls, with two sixes and two fours off Josh Hazlewood, reaching the record with a four through extra cover. McCullum was eventually out for 145, superbly caught at deep square leg by Nathan Lyon off James Pattinson, off 79 balls with 21 fours and two sixes.

Workshop on disaster management held

Mayabunder, Feb 20

A one day workshop for Heads of schools and In-charges of disaster management committees of schools under Mayabunder Educational Zone was held today at Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School Mayabunder by Directorate of Disaster Management, Port Blair. Shri Mammen Thomas, Deputy Education Officer Mayabunder, was the chief guest. Addressing the participants, the chief guest reiterated the need for disaster preparedness in schools and community and asked them to work in tandem with PRIs for

mitigating the probable threats during various natural calamities.

Earlier, Shri V Ranjith Kumar, Block Sports Officer, N & M Andaman District welcomed the gathering. Later, Shri, Gyan Singh, AD (Log) DM, Shri. Janik Ram, AD (admin.) DM and Shri. Deen Mohammed, Safety Officer (DM) sensitized the participants through power point presentations.

The programme ended with vote of thanks proposed by Shri Deen Mohammed, Safety officer (DM), Directorate of Disaster Management, a communication said.

Intl symposium ... (Contd. from page 1)

Speaking as a special invitee in the symposium, the Managing Director of Sheikh Trading Company, Port Blair, Shri Sheikh Farooq Alam highlighted the unique social environment i.e. complete linguistic and communal harmony of A&N Islands. Our Islands are the best place for peace & patriotic tourism, he added.

The Indian Tourism & Hospitality Congress is looking forward to hold its next annual international conference at Port Blair later this year, a communication received here said.

Devotees take ... (Contd. from page 1)

Since then, a total of 23.55 lakh pilgrims have taken the holy dip in the sprawling Mahamaham Tank here till yesterday. The most important event of the festival 'theerthavari' falls on February 22, when a huge rush of devotees is expected as it is considered most sacred to take a holy dip in the Mahamaham Tank here on that day.

IGNOU Entrance ... (Contd. from page 1)

unable to download the Hall-Ticket, they can contact the Regional Centre, Port Blair and obtain the information of Examination Centre allocated and report to the Examination Centre with a proof of submission of Entrance Test application form along with recent passport size photograph.

For any information or queries regarding the OPENMAT Exam, candidates may contact the Regional Centre, Port Blair by Feb 26, 2016, a communication from IGNOU Regional Centre said.

JNRM - inter departmental volleyball & badminton competition held

Port Blair, Feb 19

The Department of Physical Education organized Inter

Departmental Volleyball for the students of JNRM competitions for boys and from Feb 8 to 18. In the final open Badminton competitions results are as follows:

1. Volleyball Boys	
Winner	Department of Physical Education (BPE)
Runners Up	Arts - A
2. Badminton Boys (Singles)	
Winner	Tapan Halder BPE-III
Runners Up	T. Krishna BPE-III
3. Badminton Girls (Singles)	
Winner	Nazma BPE-I
Runners Up	Srithi BPE-III
4. Badminton Boys (Doubles)	
Winner	Tapan Halder BPE-III & T. Krishna BPE-III
Runners Up	Mohammed Sabir BPE-II & Sujith Bengra BPE-II
5. Badminton Girls (Doubles)	
Winner	Srithi BPE-III & Nazma BPE-I
Runners Up	Baisakhi Sarkar BPE-III & Sweta Dangol

Sale of vegetables

Port Blair, Feb 20

Sale of onion @ Rs.28/- per kg and Chennai Potato Rs.25 per kgs besides white onion, fruits and vegetables will also be available for sale to the general public from Feb 22, 2016 onwards in the ANCOFED Green Shop, Goal Ghar. For further details one can contact over ph. No. 237508, a communication from the General Manager, ANCOFED said.

MV Campbell Bay arriving on Feb 23

Port Blair, Feb 20

MV Campbell Bay is expected to arrive here from Chennai via Campbell Bay and Nancowry at 10 am on Feb 23, 2016. She has on board 470 passengers. On arrival, the ship will be berthed at Haddo Wharf.

Yog camp at ...

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and also be provided with useful tips from time to time to live a peaceful and stress free life.

All the residents of the Island have been requested to attend the camp and get maximum health benefit. Regular Yog Classes are also being conducted at various places in and around South Andaman by Patanjali Yog Samity and Bharat Swabhimam Trust, a communication from the Rajya Prabhari, Patanjali Yog Samity said.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 32°C and 25°C respectively on Sunday 21/02/2016

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours

Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.8
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 075
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 082
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0539
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1728
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
Lovesudda - (Hindi UA) - 1:30 PM
Miruthan - (Tamil UA) - 4:30 PM
Sethupati - (Tamil U) - 7:30 PM
Online booking at www.ticketnew.com
For queries only 8373010002

SEVASUCHNAYEIN 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 consignors are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

21.02.2016 (SUNDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 21.02.2016 (Sun) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 21.02.2016 (Sun) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1515 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 21.02.2016 (Sun) 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 21.02.2016 (Sun) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 21.02.2016 (Sun) 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).

MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 21.02.2016 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

HUTBAY
MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 21.02.2016 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

22.02.2016 (MONDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 22.02.2016 (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 22.02.2016 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island. Cargo booking will commence from 20.02.2016 onwards at Commercial Wing. All the consignors are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 22.02.2016 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

