

PM to deliver keynote address at India Ideas Summit today

New Delhi, July 21 (PIB)

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will deliver the keynote address at the India Ideas Summit tomorrow (July 22). The Summit is being hosted by the US-India Business Council. This year marks the 45th anniversary of the formation of the Council. The theme for this year's India Ideas Summit is



'Building a Better Future'.

The virtual Summit will feature high-level presence from Indian and US Government policymakers, state-level Officials, and

thought leaders from business and society. Other key speakers at the Summit include Minister of External Affairs, Dr. S Jaishankar, U.S. Secretary of State, Mr.

Mike Pompeo, Senator of Virginia and co-chair of Senate India, Caucus, Mr. Mark Warner, Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Ms. Nikki Haley, among others. The Summit will witness discussions on areas including India-US cooperation and future of the relation between the two countries in a post pandemic world.

Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon passes away



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Madhya Pradesh Governor, Lalji Tandon passed away this morning after prolonged illness. Shri Lalji Tandon was admitted to a hospital in Lucknow last month. He was 85. A veteran BJP leader, Lalji Tandon was a former

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First batch of five IAF Rafale likely to arrive in India by end of July

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The first batch of five Indian Air Force (IAF) Rafale is likely to arrive in India by end of July, 2020. The aircraft will be inducted at Air Force Station Ambala on 29th July subject to weather. No media coverage is planned on arrival. The final induction ceremony will take place in second half of August 20 wherein full media



coverage would be planned.

IAF aircrew and ground crew have undergone comprehensive training on the aircraft, including its highly advanced weapons systems and are fully operational now. Post arrival, efforts will focus on operationalisation of the aircraft at the earliest.

HRD Minister launches 'Manodarpan' initiative to provide psychosocial support to students

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Union HRD Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the Manodarpan initiative of HRD Ministry to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health and well-being in New Delhi today. Minister of State for HRD, Shri Sanjay Dhotre also graced the occasion. As part of Manodarpan initiative, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal



'Nishank' launched a National Toll-free Helpline (8448440632), a special web page of Manodarpan on the portal of HRD Ministry, and a Handbook on Manodarpan.

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IAF Commanders' Conference at New Delhi

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The Air Force Commanders' Conference (AFCC) will be conducted from 22-24 July, 2020, at Air Headquarters (Vayu Bhawan) New Delhi. The theme of the conference is 'IAF in the Next Decade'. Raksha Mantri is likely to inaugurate the AFCC tomorrow. The Defence Secretary and Secretary Defence Production are

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Tender invited for supply of stone aggregates in A & N Islands

Port Blair, July 21

Keeping in view the ecological and the long term environmental concerns, A & N Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO), on behalf of the A & N Administration, has invited bids for the import of stone aggregates from both Mainland India and South East Asian countries. The tendering process shall reveal the costing dynamics confirming or negating the perception of cost-effectiveness of the proposal to import stone aggregate.

The average annual requirement of stone aggregates in A & N Islands has been worked out to be 7.3

lakh MT. Major user departments in A & N Islands are APWD, A n d a m a n L a k s h a d w e e p Harbour Works (ALHW), NHIDCL, Military Engineering Services, AAI, PBM, Rural Development etc. There is possibility of increase in requirement of stone aggregates with the taking off of the PPP Tourism projects and holistic development of Little Andaman and Great Nicobar.

An estimated comparative analysis of the cost of import of construction materials from mainland India (Tuticorin, Vizag, etc) and from South East Asian Countries suggest that it can indeed be cheaper for the Southern Group of

Islands to import stone aggregates from South East Asian Countries. This is primarily due to the distance factor. The A & N Islands are located in close proximity to South East Asian countries. The distance between A & N Islands and closest ports of mainland India is approximately 723 NM as compared to Phuket (416 NM), Yangon (374 NM), Aceh (401 NM).

Around 20000 MT of stone aggregates has been imported to A&N Islands in last one year from South East Asian Countries. The import cost of construction materials may further come down by another 5-10 percent, if the request of A&N Administration to

declare ASEAN Coastal Voyage (NCV) is considered, as it would reduce cost of crew positioning. Import cost may further come down in case higher capacity ships are engaged.

Global competitive bids were invited in July, 2019 to procure stone aggregates for one year to be further supplied to user departments in different Islands of Andaman & Nicobar. Only 3 Indian firms participated in the tender and rates quoted by them were comparably higher than anticipated. Stakeholders were consulted to understand the reason for lack of global participation and higher cost. It was felt that the cost of import

can work out much cheaper, if the tender is awarded for atleast 3 to 5 years, as chartering of ships for one year works out comparably much higher including mobilization/demobilization cost, apart from other apportionments.

The global tender for procurement of construction materials has been accordingly revisited and floated on 07/07/2020 by ANIIDCO. The tender is open at <https://andaman.nic.in>, www.andaman.gov.in and the last date for the submission of bids is 01/09/2020.

Approximate requirement for the next five years is estimated to be 36.5

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Coast Guard recovers adrift Thai tsunami buoy from North Andaman Sea



Port Blair, July 21

On receipt of information from State Emergency Operation Centre, Port Blair regarding 'Deep Ocean Tsunami Detection Buoy', reported to be adrift in North Andaman Sea, the Indian Coast Guard immediately launched sea-air coordinated search operation to locate and recover the buoy. The Coast Guard aircraft deployed for aerial search, located the buoy on the shores of West Island, and relayed the coordinates to Coast Guard Ship operating in the area. Despite rough weather and high swell, Indian Coast Guard Ship Rajveer successfully recovered the buoy on July 19 and towed this important Ocean Observing Instrument to Diglipur.

The buoy was deployed by National Disaster Warning Centre (NDWC), Thailand in the Bay of Bengal for monitoring wave height



and to provide early Tsunami warning. The buoy is reported to be broken free from its mooring due to rough weather and drifted to North Andaman Sea making landfall on the shores of West Island. (Contd. on last page)

Surendra Prahaladka unanimously elected as President of ACCI

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Shri Surendra K. Prahaladka has been elected unanimously as President of Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ACCI) while Shri G. Dhinakaran and Shri Rajesh Puria have been elected as General Secretary and Treasurer respectively besides, 4 other Vice Presidents, 4 Joint Secretaries and 20 Executive Members, a press release from ACCI said.

Bringing Administration & governance to people through doorstep delivery of pension Social security pension to senior citizens; Social Welfare Deptt. disburses pension to 15644 beneficiaries for the month of June

Port Blair, July 21

The doorstep pension delivery is a step towards bringing Administration and governance to the people. In this direction, the Department of Social Welfare, A&N Administration is providing Old Age Pension @ Rs 2,500/- per month to Senior Citizens in the age group of 60 to 79 years and Rs. 3,000/- per month to Senior Citizens of 80 years and above. In A&N Islands, so far, 14972 beneficiaries between the age of 60 to 79 years and 672 beneficiaries of 80 years and above have received their monthly pension for the month of June, 2020.

The Social Welfare Department in view of COVID-19 pandemic had made arrangements for door step delivery of social security pension to senior citizens during the month of March, April and May, 2020. Out of the total 27680 beneficiaries, 20746 beneficiaries were contacted and 15323 beneficiaries, who opted for doorstep delivery were paid their monthly pension @ Rs. 2500/-per month. For remaining beneficiaries who didn't opt for doorstep delivery of pensions it was credited directly into their



bank accounts as per the practice.

To ease out the problems being faced by the senior citizens availing the benefit of social security schemes in getting their life certificate attested by a gazetted officer due to poor health condition or COVID-19, the CDPOs and Mukhya Sevikas along with Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers of their respective areas have been directed to ensure that the Life Certificates are collected from them and submitted in the Office of the CDPO's for



verification and record, a press release from Social Welfare Department said.

अंडमान तथा निकोबार प्रशासन ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ADMINISTRATION सचिवालय/SECRETARIAT			
Health Bulletin For Containment Of			
(No. 113/ 21 st July 2020) COVID-19 STATUS OF ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS AS ON 21.07.2020			
> Status of COVID-19 Cases :			
Total Confirmed cases	212		
Cured/Discharged from Hospital	159		
Death	00		
Active Cases	52		
Migrated	01		
> Clinical Management of Cases :			
Name of Hospital	Isolation Beds Available	Occupied	Positive Cases Admitted
G B Pant Hospital, Port Blair	50	38	38
INHS, Dhanvantri, Minnie Bay, Port Blair	48	11	11
COVID Care Center (SA)	67	03	03
Dr. RP Hospital, Mayabunder	05	00	00
BJR Hospital, Car Nicobar	06	00	00
* No cases are admitted at Private Hospital.			
> Status of Sample and Testing for COVID 19:			
Total Samples sent till date	20642		
Total Reports received till date	20405		
Total Pending Reports	237		
Rate of Testing Per Million	51013		
> House to House surveillance throughout South Andaman District including Containment Zones (Prothrapur, Shorepoint, Prem Nagar and Garacharma) are being conducted by District Administration with the help of Health Workers. 75896 population is being surveyed daily. > Intensive awareness is continued through print and electronic media. > 14818 Incoming Passengers screened at VSI Airport and 736 screened at Haddo Wharf by medical teams since 25.05.2020. > 18733 Outward Passengers screened at VSI Airport and 928 screened at Haddo Wharf by medical teams since 25.05.2020. > 7124 samples of vulnerable passengers (Persons of the age of 65 years and above, persons with co-morbidity, children age below 10 years, pregnant women, persons coming from mainland after treatment alongwith their attendant and persons who are destined to tribal areas of Islands) collected at VSI Airport/Harbour since 30.05.2020. > 11315 Calls received by Health Department through Helpline 102 till date to avail health services.			
SURVEILLANCE DATA (w.e.f 25.05.2020)			
1.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) under Self-Monitoring for 14 days till Date		3701
2.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Flight) completed 14 Days Self-Monitoring		11086
3.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) in isolation in Govt. Facilities.		NIL
4.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) put in Home Quarantine as on date		NIL
5.	Asymptomatic Passengers (Ship) completed 14 days Quarantine inclusive of journey period/isolation period		727
6.	Symptomatic Persons isolated in Health facility as on date		34
7.	Symptomatic Persons under Home Isolation as on date		01
8.	Symptomatic Persons completed 07 days in Home Isolation		10
9.	Contacts put under Home Quarantine till date		1092
10.	Contacts completed 14 days period of Home Quarantine		479
11.	Contacts (Symptomatic) put under Isolation in Government Facilities		01
12.	No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas quarantined in Govt. Facilities as on today		15
13.	No. of Passengers (Flight) of Outlying areas released from quarantined after they tested Negative as on today		196

COVID-19 से बचाव के लिये दिशा-निर्देश

अपने हाथों को नियमित रूप से और अच्छे से साबुन और पानी से धोएं

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(Source: Principal Secretary (Health), A&N Administration)

HRD Minister launches 'Manodarpan' initiative ...

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occasion, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' said that COVID-19 is understandably a challenging time for everyone around the world. This global pandemic is not only a serious medical concern, but also brings mixed emotions and psycho-social stress for all. With specific focus on children and adolescents, there are emerging mental health concerns that are often reported in such situations. Children and adolescents may be more vulnerable and may experience heightened level of stress, anxiety and fearfulness, along with a range of other emotional and behavioural issues.
Shri Pokhriyal informed that the HRD Ministry has felt that while it is important to focus on continuing education on the academic front, the mental well-being of the students also needs to be given equal importance. So, the Ministry has taken an initiative, named, 'Manodarpan' covering a wide range of activities to provide psychosocial support to students for their mental health & well-being during the COVID outbreak and beyond. He further informed that a working group, having experts from the fields of education, mental health and psychosocial issues as its members, has been set up to monitor and promote the mental health issues and concerns of students and to facilitate providing of support to address the mental health and psychosocial aspects during and after COVID-19 lockdown, through counselling services, online resources and helpline.
The Minister informed that the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, launched the AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT ABHIYAN and, the Manodarpan initiative has been included in it, as a part of strengthening human capital and increasing productivity and efficient reform and initiatives for the Education sector.
While addressing the participants, Shri Dhotre said that the pandemic has affected children as well as adults psychologically and emotionally. In such a climate, we need organised and institutionalized help. He said that the mental health has a reciprocal relationship with the well-being and productivity of a society and its members. Hence, it is essential for the well-being and functioning of individuals in such a climate we should also come forward as a more cohesive and mutually interdependent society. He also said, the Manodarpan initiative has been included in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan as part of a strengthening and empowering the human capital to increase productivity and efficiency through reforms and initiatives in the education sector.

Tender invited for supply of stone

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lakh MT. With sufficient global participation, the savings of around Rs.10-15 crores per annum is expected, if the stone aggregates are imported from South East Asian countries.
Apart from cost savings, long term perspective of balancing the development needs and the ecology & environment in A&N Islands is expected to be duly served by this effort, a press release from Executive Director, ANIDCO said.

IAF Commanders' Conference

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also expected to be present during the inauguration.
The AFCC will be chaired by the Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria. During the three day conference the discussions would take stock of the current operational scenario & deployments. The plan of action for operational capability enhancement of the IAF in the next decade will also be discussed.

Coast Guard recovers adrift Thai....

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NDWC, Thailand approached Directorate of Disaster Management, Port Blair to seek assistance of Indian Coast Guard for locating and recovery of the buoy.
The buoy is cylindrical in shape with 2.6 Mtr diameter and weighs around 4000 kgs approx. The buoy is being handed over to Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) for subsequent handing over to NDWC, Thailand, a press release from Coast Guard PRO said.

Madhya Pradesh Governor Lalji Tandon

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MP from Lucknow and former Cabinet Minister in the State Government. Uttar Pradesh Government has announced three day state mourning. The President, Vice President, Prime Minister and many leaders have condoled the passing away of Lal Ji Tandon. (Source: india.gov.in)

Ayurvedic Immunity Promoting Measures

- Take Chyavanprash 10gm (1tsf) in the morning. Diabetics should take sugar free Chyavanprash.
- Drink herbal tea / decoction (Kadha) made from Tulsi (Basil), Dalchini (Cinnamon), Kalimirch (Black pepper), Shunthi (Dry Ginger) and Munakka (Raisin) - once or twice a day. Add jaggery (natural sugar) and / or fresh lemon juice to your taste, if needed.
- Golden Milk- Half tea spoon Haldi (turmeric) powder in 150 ml hot milk - once or twice a day.

Directorate of Health Services and Andaman & Nicobar State AYUSH Society, A & N Administration

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITION (SHIPPING HELPLINE NO. 245555)

CARGO SERVICE
MV Chuglum will sail for Campbell Bay via Little Andaman, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 22.07.2020 (Wed) at 1700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf. The vessel will sail back to Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports. Booking of cargo for the above sailing has already commenced from 15.07.2020 (Wed) onwards at Commercial Wing of DSS. All the consignees are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

INTER ISLAND SECTOR
MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 24.07.2020 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 1500 Hrs from Car Nicobar via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 22.07.2020 (Wed) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. Similarly, booking of cargo will commence from 21.07.2020 (Tue) onwards between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing.
MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 28.07.2020 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 29.07.2020 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 24.07.2020 (Fri) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. Similarly, booking of cargo will commence from 23.07.2020 (Thu) onwards between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 28.07.2020 (Tue) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 30.07.2020 (Thu) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 24.07.2020 (Fri) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. Similarly, booking of cargo will commence from 24.07.2020 (Fri) onwards between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing.

LITTLE ANDAMAN
MV Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 24.07.2020 (Fri) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Little Andaman. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 22.07.2020 (Wed) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Little Andaman on 26.07.2020 (Sun) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 27.07.2020 (Mon) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 28.07.2020 (Tue) at 0900 Hrs from Little Andaman.
Note : Passenger tickets for the Little Andaman vessels scheduled on 26th & 27th July, 2020 will be issued to the general public from 24.07.2020 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.

DIGLIPUR & MAYABUNDER
MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 22.07.2020 (Wed) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 23.07.2020 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 20.07.2020 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 26.07.2020 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 23.07.2020 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.

23.07.2020 (THURSDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on 23.07.2020 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs directly from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Shaheed Dweep via Swaraj Dweep on 23.07.2020 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs directly from Shaheed Dweep. Note: Passenger tickets for the foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 21st, 22nd & 23rd July, 2020 will be issued to the general public from 20.07.2020 (Mon) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.

24.07.2020 (FRIDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on 24.07.2020 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs directly from Swaraj Dweep. MV Wandoor will sail for Shaheed Dweep via Swaraj Dweep on 24.07.2020 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs directly from Shaheed Dweep.

RANGAT
MV North Passage will sail for Rangat via Swaraj Dweep and Long Island on 24.07.2020 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

25.07.2020 (SATURDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs directly from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Shaheed Dweep via Swaraj Dweep on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs directly from Shaheed Dweep.

RANGAT
MV Wandoor will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep, Strait Island and Long Island on 25.07.2020 (Sat) at 0730 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.07.2020 (Sun) at 0730 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

26.07.2020 (SUNDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on 26.07.2020 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs directly from Swaraj Dweep. MV North Passage will sail for Shaheed Dweep via Swaraj Dweep on 26.07.2020 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs directly from Shaheed Dweep.

27.07.2020 (MONDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep via Shaheed Dweep on 27.07.2020 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1200 Hrs directly from Swaraj Dweep. MV Bambooka will sail for Shaheed Dweep via Swaraj Dweep on 27.07.2020 (Mon) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs directly from Shaheed Dweep.

RANGAT
MV Wandoor will sail for Rangat via Shaheed Dweep, Swaraj Dweep and Long Island on 27.07.2020 (Mon) at 0730 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 28.07.2020 (Tue) at 0730 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

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