



Prime Minister asks Secretaries to review Ease of Doing Business

New Delhi, Feb 23 Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has asked Secretaries of Central Government Departments and State Chief Secretaries to review the situation with regard to Ease of Doing Business. Referring to the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' Report yesterday, he asked the officials to assess the progress based on the parameters used in the Report. Shri Modi also asked senior officials of the Central Government to

review its progress on weekly basis. Interacting through PRAGATI, the Prime Minister also reviewed the progress of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and underlined the Government's commitment to provide Housing for All by 2022. He also asked the States to come up with strategies, time bound action plans and roadmap, and a monitoring mechanism to follow up on this goal. He called for the use of latest technology inputs to improve the pace

and quality of work. The Prime Minister reviewed the progress towards handling and resolution of grievances related to the telecom sector. He emphasized the need for improving efficiency, and fixing accountability at all levels to bring about a visible change in the situation at the earliest. Shri Modi also reviewed the progress of vital infrastructure projects in the railway, road, port, power and natural gas sectors, spread over several states.

WCD Minister urges Health Minister to mandate public disclosure of information regarding C-sections by hospitals

New Delhi, Feb 23 Women and Child Development Minister Smti Maneka Gandhi has expressed deep concern about the increasing trend of forced C Section surgeries of expecting mothers. An official release said the Minister yesterday received a petition in this regard signed by over one lakh women through www.change.org. Smti

Gandhi has taken up the matter with Health Minister Shri J P Nadda. In her communication to the Health Minister, she suggested that one of the methods to curtail this alarming trend is to mandate public disclosure of information regarding C-section surgeries as compared to the normal deliveries which take place in all hospitals and nursing homes. She has also

suggested that the Health Ministry, in collaboration with Women and Child Development Ministry, could take up an outreach campaign with the medical community and prospective mothers on this subject. The Minister pointed out that C-section surgeries have serious impact not only on the health of the mother but also on her ability to continue work after delivery.

Report crimes directly to NCPCR

A&N UTCPCR urges children to use POCSO e-Box

Port Blair, Feb 23 POCSO Act, 2012 was enacted by the Government of India to protect children from offences of sexual assault, sexual harassment and pornography; while safeguarding the interest of the child at every stage of judicial process by incorporating child friendly mechanisms for reporting, recording of evidence, investigation and speedy trial of offences through special courts. According to a study, it has been found that in



most cases the offender is a family member/near relative or a known acquaintance. The child victim generally does not report these incidences

and the sexual abuse may scar the psyche of the affected child for the entire life. National Commission for

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Framing of Solar Policy for A & N Islands

Harnessing solar energy through Rooftop Solar Plants in all sectors including private residential buildings

Port Blair, Feb 23 The residents of A&N Island are fully aware that the major portion of electricity in these islands is generated through costly diesel is provided to consumers at a highly subsidized rate. In order to reduce the dependency on diesel, A&N Administration under the able guidance of the Lt. Governor is in process of framing a Solar Policy with an aim of greening these Islands by harnessing solar energy through Rooftop Solar Plants in all sectors including private residential buildings. In this regard bids are being invited from the developers/manufacturers of Rooftop solar from a minimum of 1 KW to a maximum of 10 KW (aggregating to 2MW).

The owners of private residential buildings / community, institutional and Non-commercial establishments who are consumer of Electricity Department and interested to install rooftop solar plant shall be provided a subsidy of 70% on the benchmark price fixed by MNRE from time to time. The balance 30% of the benchmark price and the actual project cost has to be borne by the applicant / consumer. NRSE Division of the Electricity Department will provide all required support to the consumers who wish to install rooftop solar plant at their buildings / premises; in getting the loan sanctioned by the banks / financial institutions and in providing subsidy / CFA

(Finance Assistance) of 70% subsidy of the benchmark cost fixed by MNRE through ANREDA (A&N renewable Energy Development Agency). All interested consumers of A&N Islands may apply to Electricity Department in a prescribed format (Full format given on page 2), during all working days at NRSE Division office or through respective site offices. The application can also be downloaded through Administration's website i.e. www.andaman.gov.in. For more Information, one may Contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, NRSE Division, Prothrapur, Port Blair - Phone No. 03192-250930, and through email to eenrse@gmail.com, a communication received here said.

Lt. Governor makes aerial survey of Barren Island



Port Blair, Feb 23

The Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof Jagdish Mukhi today undertook an aerial survey, onboard Coast Guard Dornier aircraft, for assessment of volcanic activity at Barren Island. The Lt. Governor was accompanied by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Inspector General Kuldip Singh Sheoran, PTM, TM, Commander Coast Guard Region (A&N) and Secretary to Lt Governor, Dr A K Singla. Barren Island is the only live volcano in India, and there have been several reports of its eruption in past few days. The team observed a series of minor flame and smoke emissions at short intervals. There is no major eruption or lava flow observed on Barren Island at present. Coast Guard Ships and aircraft continue to maintain vigil in the area to monitor any major change in volcano activity, a communication received from PRO Coast Guard said here today.

Rs 194 crore credited to PBMC for Smart city project

Port Blair, Feb 23 The Member of Parliament, Shri. Bishnu Pada Ray met the Secretary (Smart City Project) in Delhi and briefed the essentiality and present scenario of the Islands. The Secretary, Smart City Project, New

Delhi has accordingly credited Rs 194 crore to PBMC sanctioned during 2014 for Smart city project and kept unutilized for 2 years, a communication received from MP Office said here today.

PBMC passes resolution on reduction of octroi rate on gold & silver

Port Blair, Feb 23 The Port Blair Municipal Council is charging octroi @ of 6% and 3% on gold and silver respectively, which are very high compared to the rates prescribed by other states/UTs. Thus the Gold and Silver Merchants Associations were persisting their demands to reduce the existing notified octroi rates at par with the rates of states/UTs upto 1%.

Accordingly, the Port Blair Municipal Council had convened a meeting on 21.11.2016. The Council, after having detailed discussion, had unanimously reviewed the existing resolution and considered to reduce the octroi of gold and silver from 6% and 3% to 01%. The Member of Parliament has welcomed the decision and appreciated the

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De-addiction counselling camp

Port Blair, Feb 23 Bharat Sevashram Sandha (BSS), Deen Street housing colony will be organizing a Counselling Camp on Feb 26, 2017, for de-addiction of alcohol and other drugs. Dr.

M.K.Mahato, an expert in de-addiction trained from Sydney will provide the counselling. Interested persons may contact over phone no.9474200757, a communication from the Secretary BSS, said.

'Good Morning Port Blair' by AIR on Feb 27

Port Blair, Feb 23 Member Secretary of 'Pollution Control Committee' Smti.Nabanita Ganguly, will be the guest in the 22nd episode of live programme of All India Radio entitled 'Good Morning Port Blair', to be broadcast on Feb 27, 2017. The topic of discussion will be 'Pollution Control Committee and its activities'.

Listeners can participate in this discussion by calling on telephone numbers 232336 or 232558 between 7.25hrs and 7.45 am on Feb 27. They may also mail their queries to e.mail ID goodmorningportblair



Pic shows the newly built Multipurpose Indoor Stadium at Kanyapuram, Wimberlygunj, which was inaugurated by the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi yesterday. The world class Indoor Stadium has the facilities to conduct badminton, table tennis, basket ball, volley ball and gymnasium activities. The indoor stadium has been constructed with an aim to develop an aptitude for sports among youth and to promote sports activities vigorously in the South Andaman District, especially Wimberlygunj Zone. The opening of the stadium has fulfilled the long pending demand of the youth, students, sportspersons and general public of the area for such a 'state of the art' sports facility.

DDUGJY to be implemented for strengthening of power distribution system in Isles

Port Blair, Feb 23 A meeting of State Level Committee for monitoring 'Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gram Jyoti Yojana' (DDUGJY), was held at Secretariat recently under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, A&N Administration in the presence of Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Commr-cum-Secretary (Power) and other senior officers of A&N Administration and Zonal Manager, REC, Kolkata on the aspects and contents of the Detailed Project Report prepared for implementation under DDUGJY.



The committee, after detailed deliberations, unanimously recommended the scheme to be implemented in these islands for strengthening of existing distribution system and metering of Feeders, Distribution Transformers and

Consumers in the rural area of South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman. This scheme will benefit the rural population of 2,02,992 and 49,966 households in South Andaman and North & Middle Andaman, a communication received here said.

Food Safety Official conduct surprise raids Huge quantity of contraband tobacco seized from Shopkeepers, people

Port Blair, Feb. 23 The officials of food safety conducted surprise raids at various places in South Andaman District, under the supervision of the Dy. Commissioner, (SA)/ Commissioner Food Safety, and recovered huge quantity of contraband tobacco products from shopkeepers as well as general public. According to a press release, during a surprise raid conducted at the food

premises of M/s.M.K. Eazy Shoppe, at Garacharama village today, contraband tobacco products were recovered and the accused has been booked under the relevant section of the Food Safety and Standards Act' 2006. Besides, as per information received from Central Crime Station, Port Blair a suspected unclaimed parcel was recovered from the Head Post Office, which was

opened in the presence of Post Master and police personnel and 56 pouches of Bhagwan 69 (40gm) zarda wrapped inside sarees, shipped from Surat, Gujarat to Bambooflat, were recovered. Later, the same was seized under relevant sections of the Act. In another incident, four unclaimed suspected parcels from DTDC Express Ltd, Port Blair were opened in presence of

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SPORTS

Timings for various sports in the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium, Kanyapuram fixed

Port Blair, Feb 23
The Director of Sports and Youth Affairs, A&N Administration has fixed the timings for various sports and games in the Multipurpose Indoor Stadium built in Kanyapuram, Wimberlygunj with immediate effect. The Sports facilities will be open on all week days and will remain close on Sunday and on Govt. Holidays.

Name of Discipline	Timing
Badminton	5.00 AM to 7.00 AM (Gentlemen), 7.00 AM to 8.00 AM (Family & Ladies), 3.00 PM to 5.30PM (Students /Coaching), 5.30 PM to 6.30 PM (Family & Ladies), 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM (Gentlemen)
Table Tennis	5.00AM to 7.00 AM (Gentlemen), 7.00 AM to 8.00 AM (Family & Ladies), 3.00 PM to 5.30PM (Students /Coaching), 5.30 PM to 6.30 PM (Family & Ladies), 6.30 PM to 8.30 PM (Gentlemen)
Gymnasium	5.00 AM to 7.00 AM (Gentlemen), 7.00 AM to 8.00 AM (Family & Ladies), 3.00 PM to 5.30PM (Family & Ladies), 5.30 PM to 8.30 PM (Gentlemen)
Volleyball	9 AM to 3 PM Volleyball Court will be provided for tournaments to Schools, Departments and Sports Associations only. However, three days before the commencement of the tournament, the Court will be provided for practice as per time indicated above.
Basketball	9 AM to 3 PM Basketball Court will be provided for tournaments to Schools, Departments and Sports Associations only. However, three days before the commencement of the tournament, the Court will be provided for practice as per time indicated above.

India's D Harika beats Nana Dzagnidze, enters women semis for third time in a row

Tehran, Feb 23
Indian Grandmaster D Harika came out strongly yet again in the rapid tiebreaker and put it across Nana Dzagnidze of Georgia to enter the semi-finals of the World Women Chess Championship for the third time in a row.
Harika was back to her best in the rapid games as she won the first game displaying some fantastic technique and then drew the second game to set up a semi-final clash against Tan Zhongyi of China.
Harika's was the only match that stretched to the tie-break stage after she squandered a full point lead against the Georgian.
But the Indians penchant for the faster version of the game yet again proved stronger than her



fourth opponent in a row. It may be recalled that Harika had won the first match against Bangladeshi Shamima Akter Liza in tiebreak, then defeated Dinara Saduakassova of Kazakhstan in tiebreak before getting past Sopiiko Guramishvili of Georgia also in the tiebreak.
With Dzagnidze out of the way, Harika now has to tackle ninth seed Tan Zhongyi

Australia 256/9 against India at stumps on day 1 of 1st Test

Pune, Feb 23
In the first Cricket Test match, Australia were 256 for 9 at stumps on day one against India, played at Pune.
Mitchell Starc with 57 and Josh Hazlewood on 1, the last pair, remain at the crease. After choosing to bat first, the visitors had a good first session but were pushed back post lunch.
The Indians took advantage of the home conditions post lunch and tea session as spinners R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja took couple wickets each.
However, it was paceman Umesh Yadav who turned tables in India's favour as he took 4 wickets. Umesh though



missed out on a hat-trick today, as he dismissed Steve O'Keefe and Nathan Lyon on consecutive balls but couldn't do the necessary to enter the record books.
For Australians, a half century and late fightback by Starc is the highlight as it helped them cross the 250 mark. Young Matt Renshaw is the other batsman with half century as he made 68. This is the first of 4 Test match of the Border Gavaskar trophy.

Inner Wheel Club organizes sports activities for 'Divyang' students

Port Blair, Feb 23
The Inner-wheel-Club of Port Blair organized sports activities for the Divyang students at Multipurpose hall of Netajee stadium here recently. Around 70 Divyang children participated in the sports event and other competitions like painting, tail cutting, sack race and singing.
Shri Jitendra Agarwal Director, Social welfare was the chief guest for the prize distribution while Smt. Kiran Tigga, Chairperson UTCCR, and Shri A.K.Tripathi, Director Sports and Youth Affairs were the guests honour.
Shri Agarwal congratulated Inner-Wheel Club for conducting programme and assured all the help from his Department. Smt. Tigga and Shri Tripathi also appreciated the activities of the club and encouraged the children and their parents for participation.



Dignitaries distributed the prizes to the winners. Earlier Smt. Anita Puria, President of the club welcomed the gathering and gave brief reports of the club activities. Smt. Farida Hassan, Secretary proposed the vote of thanks.

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Protection of Child Rights (NCPDR) is mandated to monitor the implementation of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.
POCSO e-Box is a major initiative by NCPDR to help children seek help and report such crimes directly to the Commission.
It is displayed prominently in the home page of the NCPDR Website where the user has to simply press a button names, POCSO e-box which will navigate to a page asking picture options, where they can click on submit to register the complaint.
With the increase in the cases related to crime against children like molestation, rape and child abuse, the A & N UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights (A&N UTCCPR) has urged children to use this facility to register complaints. It is most important for children to know that it is not their fault and they need not have to feel bad. The NCPDR/UTCCPR is their friend and always will help them.
Parents, on the other hand, especially of girls are advised to regularly monitor the activities of the child, their cell phone usage and its content, kind of movies and websites they are watching, any change in behavior patterns and keep a watch for any health issues, a communication from the UTCCPR said.

Folk, art & cultural festival organized at Diglipur

Port Blair, Feb 23
Nehru Yuva Kendra, Diglipur organized District Level Folk, Art & Cultural Festival in collaboration with Gram Panchayat, Radhanagar at School ground, Shyamnagar yesterday, which was participated by about 80 men & women from different youth club and Mahila Mandals of Diglipur zone. Smti. Sushma Biswas, Vice-Principal, Swarajgram was the chief

guest of the inaugural function while Shri Bhaskar Mazumder, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Radhanagar was also present as guest of honour.
Folk song, folk dance, patriotic song and one act play were presented by the participants. Shri Jagjeevan Ram, District Youth Coordinator welcomed the gathering and highlighted about the important of cultural programmes. Diglipur.

Special Sessoins on map reading held for Police trainees

Port Blair, Feb 23
For the first time, the Police Training School, A&N Islands introduced special session of 'map reading' for the newly recruited trainees at PTS, Prothrapur recently, as the Police personnel are being deployed at various strategical location around the A&N Islands, wherein they have to face many challenges while performing duties and surviving themselves in these islands. Keeping in mind, PTS, Prothrapur has taken an initiative to provide some basics of Map Reading to the trainees at the initial stage under the overall supervision of Smt. Geeta Rani Verma, Principal, PTS.

The main highlights of the course were objectives and aim of Map Reading, the importance of Map Reading for a Police officer, basic knowledge about the features like, conventional signs, land marks, etc., to find the actual position of a man (Day & Night Time) and limitations, basic idea/knowledge of survival in case of loss of the way, methods to find the directions, etc. Apart from above topics, the faculty member also shared real stories/instances of survivors, during the session. The session was coordinated by SI T. Hemavathi and Head Constable CH Joga Rao, IRBn.

Mock exercise on earthquake & tsunami conducted in Schools of Wimberlygunj Educational Zone

Port Blair, Feb 23
Mock Drills on earthquake and tsunami was conducted today in all Govt. & Pvt. Schools of Wimberlygunj Educational Zone by Directorate of Disaster Management in coordination with Education Department to promote a culture of disaster preparedness in Schools.
All students and teachers carried out 'duck-cover and hold' position after blasting of test sirens or school bell in continue manner for few minutes for earthquake safety. All activities like safe evacuation, head counting, search & rescue, first aid were done by the School Task Forces, Students and teachers under the command of Principal/Head of Schools. The main objectives of mock drill are to check School Disaster Management Plan/Response Plan of each school of Wimberlygunj Educational Zone.
The observation team of Directorate of Disaster Management observed the mock drills and the Team of National Disaster Response Force demonstrated the Search & Rescue techniques at GSSS, Tusnabad and Govt. Model Sr. Sc. School, Ferrargunj, a communication received here said.

Maha Shivaratri celebration

Port Blair, Feb 23
Sree Narayana Guru Dharma Pracharana Sabha, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Port Blair will be celebrating Maha Shivaratri on 24th Feb, 2017 from 5 pm onwards in Sree Narayana Guru Mandiram, VIP road, Port Blair with various programmes including deeparadhana, Vilakku Puja, Bhajan and prasad distribution.
Meanwhile, Sri Sri Shiv Mandir near Mazar sea shore road, Port Blair, will be celebrating Maha Shivratri on 24th Feb. 2017 from 6 pm to 12 midnight. Arti pooja, Bhajan and Maha bhoog will form part of the celebration.

Power break

Port Blair, Feb 23
Power supply will remain suspended in some of the areas on 25.02.2017 from 8 am to 2 pm for cutting of dangerous trees by forest department near road side at Ograbraj and H.T and L.T line clearance work and maintenance of T&D system at various places in South Andaman area.
The areas to be affected by power interruption under outer and tiger feeder are Sippigat, Nayashar, Guptapara, Wandoor, Humfrygunj, Ograbraj to Tirur, Tusnabad to Jirkatang and Ferrargunj to Jirkatang. The above works will be carried out subject to weather condition and if the work completes earlier the feeder will be charged accordingly, a communication received here said.

RCH camp at Shoal Bay

Port Blair, Feb 23
Under RCH programme, a mini Reproductive & Child Health (RCH) camp will be organized at Govt. Secondary School Building, Shoal bay-12 on Feb 25, 2017 from 9.30 am onwards by the Directorate of Health services in association with UT Health Mission, A&N Islands & Gram Panchayat, Shoal bay-12. The Paediatrician and Gynaecologist, Specialists will render their services in the camp free of cost. All the needy patients may avail the opportunity for consultation and treatment, a communication received here said.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Feb 23
Chinthe Long Range, Brichgunj will be used for firing practice by coast guard on Feb 24, 2017 from 9.35 am to 2 pm. All concerned have been asked to keep themselves, vehicles or livestock away from the firing range, a communication from Assistant Commandant, Gunnery Officer said here.

WEATHER

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Friday 24/02/2017
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.3
Minimum Temperature (°C): 25.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 067
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 073
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 17: 92.9 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVYUM TALKIES Schedule for week Feb24 March 2

Rangoon (HINDI UA)- 11:45AM & 3:30PM
Winner (Telugu UA)-12:30PM
The Ghazi Attack (HINDI UA)-4:00PM
Jolly LLB2 (Hindi UA)-7:00PM
Singam 3 (Tamil U)-7:30PM
www.ticketnew.com
For queries only 8373010002

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
NOTE: Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 25.02.2017 (Sat) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters.
Due to administrative reasons the announced schedule of MV Bharat Seema for Hut Bay on 27.02.2017 has been cancelled. Inconvenience caused is regretted.
24.02.2017 (FRIDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
MV North Passage will sail for Neil Island on 24.02.2017 (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 24.02.2017 (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 Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 24.02.2017 (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 Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT & MAYABUNDER
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 24.02.2017 (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 Chouldari will sail for Mayabunder on 24.02.2017 (Fri) at 0600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Mayabunder.

25.02.2017 (SATURDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
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RANGAT & DIGLIPUR
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
MV Chouldari will sail for Diglipur on 25.02.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 26.02.2017 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur.

PBMC passes ...

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Councilors and the Chairman of the PBMC for taking such decision for the benefit of Gold and Silver Merchants of these islands. The Member of Parliament has further briefed the above decision of PBMC to the Chief Secretary, A & N Administration and requested for early action in this regard, a communication received here from MP Bhavan said.

Huge quantity...

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the company staff and police personnel and 1.4 kg tobacco leaf, 9 pouches of Ratna brand No.69 zarda(50 gm each), 41 pouches of Ratna Brand No.64 zarda (50 gm each), 57 pouches Ratna Brand No.150 zarda(50 gm each) were recovered and seized. Similarly, Police Station, Chatham recovered 7 Kgs of contraband tobacco products and 22 pouches of Nevla Brand Tobacco, 2 zarda tins and 500 gms tobacco products from four passengers who arrived from mainland based ship, at Haddo Wharf. All the items were seized and legal proceedings have been initiated against the offenders under Food Safety and Standards Act 2006. Further, the general public as well as business communities are requested not to involve in trade of contraband tobacco products and if any information is available with them may be communicated to the Commissioner Food Safety, A&N Islands. On phone No. 9434280018 and 03192-238881