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LG visits Mayabunder

Interacts with Karen Community, inaugurates Subhash Mela-2016

Port Blair, Jan 24
The Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), yesterday visited Mayabunder and interacted with the members of the Karen Community at the Zilla Parishad Community Hall. He was accompanied by the Chief Secretary and senior officers of the Administration. The Karen Community were elated to find the Lt Governor amidst them and expressed their gratitude to him for fulfilling their demands. They raised their additional problems and grievances, which the Lt Governor patiently heard.

Speaking on the occasion, he extended his best wishes to the Karen Community and conveyed the greetings of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi. He stated that Karen people, as the meaning suggests are very polite and good hearted. It is their biggest strength and they should not lose it in the fast moving world. He also appreciated their great nationalism which comes before caste and religion.

Turning to the demands of the Karen Community like Community hall and roads, the Lt Governor requested the Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad,



N&M Andaman to hand over the community hall of Gram Panchayat for the use of Karen people which the Adhyaksha agreed stating that the same shall be done after passing a resolution. The Lt Governor noted with appreciation that many of the demands made by the Karen Community during his visit on March 2015 have been fulfilled and assured that the remaining demands as well as the new demands shall also be reviewed by the Administration. He further informed that Rs 53 lakhs have already been approved for the road maintenance and the work will begin soon. A tourism project at Karmatang has been approved and work will start shortly. Directions were given to the Deputy Commissioner (N&M Andaman) to send

talented youth of the community to Port Blair so that these youth can study and prepare for competitive examinations and also appear in various recruitment examinations conducted at Port Blair from time to time basis. Directions were also given to Secretary (RD) and DC (N&M Andaman) to provide outlets to the people engaged in carpentry works. Their products of superior quality can also be displayed and sold in the Sagarika emporium, he said. He also directed the Forest Department to give permission for construction of dugout dinghy for domestic fishing and commercial purpose by the Karen people. Later, the Lt Governor



inaugurated the 15th Netaji Subhash Mela-cum-Exhibition-2016 at Netaji Sport Complex, Mayabunder. He also visited various Govt as well as private stalls, interacted with the stall owners and evinced keen interest in the

exhibits displayed in the exhibition. A colourful cultural programme was presented on the occasion. Addressing the gathering, he stated that along with the country, the A&N Islands have

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LG attends 'Gayatri Maha Yagya' at ITF Ground

Spirituality uplifts thinking of an individual to a different level; says Lt Governor

Port Blair, Jan 24

The three-day '51 Kundiya Gayatri Maha Yagya', organized for prosperity and well being of the Islanders under the aegis of Shantikunj, Haridwar concluded here this afternoon at ITF Ground. The Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen. A.K. Singh (Retd.) graced this occasion and offered prayers. The 'Yagya' began on Friday under the direction and blessings of Dr. Pranab Pandya (MD Medicine), Head, All World Gayatri Parivar, Chancellor-Dev Sankriti Vishwa Vidyalaya and Director-Brahm Varchans Research Centre.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the Lt. Governor said, 'spirituality may not lead to financial gains, but it certainly uplifts the thoughts of an individual to a different level altogether. "God has given us only one life and every man & woman is born in this world with a mission to accomplish. Sadly, the homosapiens are so engrossed in their day to day activities that they have forgotten the very purpose of life", he said.

Describing Dr. Pranab Pandya as a renowned personality who has scaled



many heights, the Lt. Governor said, he has given India's cultural traditions and values a scientific foundation. Dr. Pandya has attended the World Religious Conference, which Swami Vivekananda had attended way back in the year 1890, recollected the Lt

Governor. The atmosphere created by Dr. Pranab Pandya is a treasure for the country; the Lt. Governor said, complimenting the entire team from Haridwar as well as the local team for organizing the 'Maha Yagya' in the Islands

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MESSAGE

Today is National Voters' Day and on this occasion, we are reminded of the fact that we are living in one of the most vibrant and free democracies in the world. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate all citizens, especially the newly enrolled voters, on the historic occasion of the 6th National Voters' Day on 25th January 2016. The electoral process in India is truly unique and this has been achieved only because of the enormous participation of the people throughout this country from all walks of life.

On this day, I call upon every single person of these Islands who has attained the age of 18 as on 1st January 2016 to come forward and enroll themselves as a voter. I request them to ensure that they receive the Electors Photo identity Card (EPIC) and, most importantly, I also call upon them to exercise their right to vote at the appropriate time. Through consistent efforts, we have achieved an electoral roll of 2.76 lakhs voters in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands following the recently concluded Roll Revision exercise.

I once again convey my best wishes to every Indian citizen on this happy occasion of National Voters' Day.

(Signature)

Lt Gen A K Singh
Lieutenant Governor
Andaman & Nicobar Islands

National Voters' Day celebration in Isles today

Port Blair, Jan 24
6th National Voters' Day will be celebrated throughout Andaman and Nicobar Islands tomorrow (Jan 25), like other parts of our country. It will be celebrated at polling station level, Tehsil level, District HQ level and UT level.

The function at UT level will be celebrated in the Auditorium of JNRM at 9.30 AM. The Chief Electoral Officer, A & N Islands Shri Vijay Kumar

Bidhuri will be the chief guest on the occasion.

The theme of this function is 'Inclusive and Qualitative Electoral Participation'. Pledge will also be administered in the forenoon to the officers and staff in Offices and Departments of A&N Administration as well as in educational institutions to promote democratic electoral participation.

Night landing of flights in Isles

ACCI President expressed gratitude to LG, Administration

Port Blair, Jan 24
The Andaman Chamber of Commerce & Industry has expressed its gratitude to the Lt. Governor, Lt Gen AK Singh (Retd), A&N Administration, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Andaman & Nicobar Naval Command and Airports Authority of India for making the night landing facility in Isles a reality. In a press release

received here today, the ACCI President, Shri Girish Arora said, the dreams of the Islanders have materialized with the arrival of the night flight by the GoAir with tourists from Bangalore on 21st January, 2016. This has added another feather in the cap of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor Lt Gen AK Singh, he said. Terming it as a red letter day in the history of Andaman, Shri Arora said, the

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The First Lady of the Island Smt. Suneeti Singh made a surprise visit to Flea Market being held at Marina Park road on Jan. 24, 2016 and saw the exhibits.

Multi-specialty health camp at Kamorta Island on Jan 29

Port Blair, Jan 24
The seventh multi-specialty health camp will be conducted at Kamorta Island on Jan 29, 2016 as part of Republic Day celebrations by the Andaman and Nicobar Command. The ANC has been regularly conducting health camps in

consonance with the vision of the CINCAN, Vice Admiral PK Chatterjee to improve the health of children on the islands.

The health cards issued to children attending the camp will be digitised so that a data

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'Ek mulaqat- chitrakaron ke saath'

First lady interacts with artists at Art Gallery & Studio; felicitates winners of painting competition



Port Blair, Jan 24

An interactive programme-'ek mulaqat- chitrakaron ke saath', was organized by Kala Kendra- a Society under the Department of Art & Culture, A&N Administration, at the Art Gallery & Studio at Gandhi Park here this evening. The First Lady of A&N Islands, Smti. Suneeti Singh graced the occasion as the chief guest. The programme was also attended by Smt Rupa Ray, Smti Sheela Singh Chairperson, PBMC, besides a number of prominent women social workers, Director, Deptt of Art & Culture, Dr. R Devdas and officers from the A&N Administration.

The First Lady took a round of the studio, evincing keen interest in the paintings and sculptures, on display there. She also interacted with the artists on the occasion. Presently 46 paintings and sculptures of nineteen renowned visual artists of the

Islands are on display at this Gallery.

The First Lady also interacted with the team of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School that won first prize in the Visual Art category during the Kala



Utsav held at New Delhi recently. One of the participants also explained about their display in Kala Utsav, which is a combination of 2D & 3D visual art on the theme 'Hidden Art of our Tribes

(Jarawas & Onges) - Body and Accessory Painting'.

The First Lady also gave away prizes to the winners of the painting competition organized for school children

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Large number of enthusiasts participate in 'Patriotic Run' by Indian Coast Guard

Port Blair, Jan 24

Headquarters Coast Guard Regional (A&N) organized a 5 Km 'Patriotic Run' (Mini Marathon), as part of Republic Day celebration, here this morning. This event was simultaneously organized by the various organizations of MoD in all major cities across the country. At Port Blair in an impressive ceremony, the 'Patriotic Run' was flagged off by Vice Admiral PK Chatterjee, the Commander-in-Chief Andaman & Nicobar Command from the historic cellular jail at 6 am.



The run received overwhelming response from all quarters, for the first ever such patriotic run organized in the A&N Islands. Over 4000 men, ladies & children from local populace, Govt. &

Civil organization, College & School Children, NCC Cadets, NGO's (Rotary Club) and police & Defence forces enthusiastically participated in this rally.

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Your vote decides your future.

SPORTS

**Sports meet of Mannarghat Gram Panchayat held
CS highlights significance of sports for
all-round development of individual**



Staff Reporter,
Port Blair, Jan 24

The closing ceremony of the first annual sports meet 2015-16 of Gram Panchayat Mannarghat was held in the premises of GSSS Mannarghat here this evening. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash was the chief guest while the Secretary, RD and PRIs, Shri NK Sharma was the guest of honor of the event. The dignitaries also witnessed some of the final sports events and gave away prizes to the winners and runners of the annual sports which started on January 3, 2016. The Lt. Governor Lt. General AK Singh (Retd) had sent a memento for the Pradhan of Mannarghat Panchayat, which was handed over to him by the Chief Secretary.

In his address of the occasion, the Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash while showering all praise for the Panchayat in organizing the sports event, said the event was a great success which is evident from the fact that people of all ages gathered at the venue to witness the closing ceremony. The Chief Secretary further said, sports is an integral part of our life and is essential for the all-round development of an individual. He also appreciated the 100 meter sprint event and the Tug of War and said

that both these events were of high standard. The Chief Secretary also assured the Pradhan that the issues brought up by him concerning Mannarghat area will be looked into. He also gave away prizes to the student toppers of class X and XII of Mannarghat Panchayat and presented prizes to Irshad Ali and Nazma for their medal winning performance in the sports, at National level.

The Adhyasha Zilla Prishad South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas also graced the occasion.

In his address of his occasion, Shri NK Sharma, Secretary RD and PRIs noted with appreciation that Mannarghat Panchayat, under the guidance of the Pradhan, has taken up various developmental activities for the benefit of the people. He also informed the gathering that soon after the formation of Panchayat, after Election in September, the Administration, in association with NIRD, organized training programme so that the newly elected members are well acquainted with the rules and regulations to effectively carry out their day-to-day official works without any hiccup. In his welcome address, the Pradhan, Mannarghat Gram Panchayat, Shri O. Basheer thanked the Chief Secretary for gracing the valedictory function. He said that about 6000 people from



different communities reside in Mannarghat Panchayat with perfect peace and harmony. The Pradhan also urged the Chief Secretary to introduce computer education as well as starting remedial classes for the students of Mannarghat school. The commentary for the sports events and compeering for the

closing ceremony done by Shri Sulaiman impressed one and all present at the ground. In the 100 meter Sprint, three brothers KP Mammu, KP Mustafa and KP Nafi won the first, second and third prizes respectively while in the tug of war finale, the team of Malapuram defeated Padauk bageecha team.

First lady interacts
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on the theme 'Netaji in Andamans' by Kala Kendra recently. Addressing the gathering on the occasion, the First Lady said, this Art Gallery & Studio is a good opportunity and platform for all the artistes here. She suggested that the Art Gallery & Studio be kept open for tourists and more collections be added. She also advised that the paintings of each artist be displayed in a proper manner, along with the Artist's name and price of the paintings. She lauded the creative talents of the artistes and wished them luck. The First Lady also painted a stroke on the canvas on the occasion.

V.Naveen of IX B, SSS Nirmala, Asmita Lal of IX B, SSS Carmel, Anal Majhi of VIII, SSS Carmel secured the first, second and third prizes respectively while Y.Vineet Narayan of VIII, St. Mary's School and Nupur Barui of VII B, Govt. Model Ferrargunj were awarded the consolation prizes. The Asst Director, Deptt of Art & Culture, Dr. Rashida Iqbal conducted the programme.

Interacts with Karen
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also witnessed extensive progress and development during the last one and half years. The Nation is on the move under the leadership of our Prime Minister, therefore, the Islands cannot afford to remain behind.

Referring to good governance, he said in tune with the directions of our Prime Minister, a programme titled 'Prashasan Apke Dwaar' was organized. Chief Secretary was asked to constitute a team and proceed to all the Districts. A number of issues have been resolved and initiatives are being taken to resolve the remaining issues.

Pointing out some of the major projects for Mayabunder Tehsil, he stated that the first pilot project of de-salination plant will be set up within one year. Tugapur Bailey Bridge has been constructed costing around Rs 4 crores. The DC office building shall be completed by October this year. Estimate for the RCC Bridge at Tugapur has been submitted. In the Health sector, orders have been placed for two ultra sound machines for Mayabunder and Diglipur and technicians are being trained. A Gynecologist shall be available at Dr. R. P. Hospital, Mayabunder and she shall visit Rangat and Diglipur also. In Swadesh Nagar, a specially designed bridge has been constructed for pedestrians and two wheelers and directed the Deputy Commissioner to open the bridge for the general public from today.

He also apprised the people of the very beneficial schemes started by the Central Govt under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister and urged the people to take full advantage of them. Emphasizing the need for ensuring cleanliness in the area, he stated that directions have been given to the Secretary (RD) for construction of toilets in Mayabunder, under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. He called upon the PRIs, general public and Govt officials to work collectively to keep the area neat & clean. The visit of the Lt Governor, his interaction with the residents and directions for time bound solution of the issues were greatly appreciated by the people of Mayabunder.

On completion of the visit, the Lt Governor returned back to Port Blair today.

Large number of...
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The school children were enthralled to participate and waived the National Flag enroute to encourage the runners. The run was organized in seven different categories for the women, children, senior citizen, men (Islanders & Defence Services). The run culminated at Corbyn's Cove in presence of large number of dignitaries from the Defence Services and the Civil Administration. The first three winners in each category were also felicitated by the Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) Shri Bishnu Paddha Ray and Shri Rajesh Malik, Director General of Police (A&N Islands). The children from 3 schools and NGOs presented theme based cultural programme during the closing ceremony and created patriotic zeal amongst the audience.

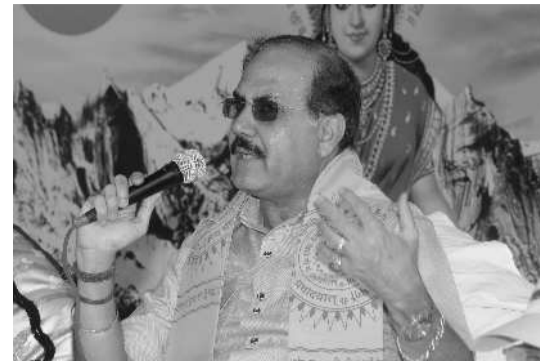
Speaking on the occasion Inspector General Kuldip Singh Sheoran, Commander Coast Guard Region (A&N) thanked A&N Administration, State Transport, Traffic Police, Electricity Department, Directorate of Tourism and Health Services, PBMC, and all sponsoring agencies for their cooperation and support for organizing this event flawlessly, a CG press release said here today.

ACCI President

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long felt need of the people has come through with the landing of the night flight.

The ACCI President also thanked 'Make My Trip', which pre-booked 13 round trip with GoAir between Jan 20 and Mar 20, 2016. "Without this commercial initiative this pioneering venture would not have been possible. MMT continues to put A&N Islands in the National and International tourism map with their aggressive marketing and for the last 5 years, it has been the leading inbound operator in the Islands with an average of almost 8000 - 10000 guests year on year", he said expressing hope that this additional chartered service will definitely increase the number of tourists arrival in Andaman & Nicobar Islands and provide the much needed connectivity to Bangalore.

Spirituality uplifts
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successfully. In his thought provoking speech, the Lt. Governor also mentioned that humanity is the only 'art of living' for the people of A&N Islands.

The Lt. Governor reiterated that the Islands are on the march ahead and under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, the Islands has achieved unprecedented progress. He expressed his gratitude to the Prime Minister for his blessings, support and guidance. He said that the credit for success of various projects in the Isles goes to every Islander, adding that the support of each Islander, whether as critic or in support, has been vital. He said that it is the end result that matters which virtually had been a combined endeavour. The Lt. Governor also visited the exhibition organized by the organization in the premises of ITF and evinced keen interest.

In his vibrant and eloquent speech, Dr. Pranab Pandya said it is for the first time in the Islands that 'Gayatri Maha Yagya' was organized. He said it has been a unique programme as it was conducted free of cost. 'Gayatri Mantra' is a scientifically practical Mantra. Through 'Gayatri Mantra' moral values like truth, courage, wisdom etc. are developed in human beings and it is regarded as the way of life, he added.

Dr. Pandya further stated that 'Sanskar Kendras' will be established in the Islands to impart door-to-door value education to the Islanders.

The Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash, Secretary, RD/Civil Aviation, Shri N.K. Sharma, PBMC Councillors, PRI members and a large number of people from all walks of life attended the 'Maha Yagya' programme.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy sky. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 29°C and 25°C respectively on Monday 25/01/2016

Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 30.5
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.7
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 074
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 079
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0544
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1719
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: 0.0 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA

DIVIYUM TALKIES
Following is the Schedule for week Jan 22 - 28
Airlift - (Hindi UA) - 1.00 PM, 4.30 PM & 7.30 PM
Kya Kool Hain Hum 3 - (Hindi A) - 4.00 PM
Nannaku Prematho - (Telugu UA) - 12.30 PM
Tharai Thappattai - (Tamil A) - 7.00 PM
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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

The vessel MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 26.01.2016 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs instead of 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 27.01.2016 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 25.01.2016 at STARS Ticketing Counters.

Similarly due to above changes, further announced schedule of MV Dering for Hut Bay on 27.01.2016 has been cancelled.

MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 30.01.2016 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 31.01.2016 (Sun) at 0700 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Reservation of passenger tickets for the above sailing will commence from 28.01.2016 (Thu) onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters.

25.01.2016 (MONDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will sail for Havelock on 25.01.2016 (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 25.01.2016 (Mon) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 25.01.2016 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.

**PV Sindhu crushes Kirsty Gilmour to win
Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold title**

New Delhi, Jan 24

PV Sindhu cruised to a win in the final of the Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold with a 21-15, 21-9 win over Kirsty Gilmour Third seed Sindhu was in exquisite form, as he won her 1st title of 2016. This was her fifth Grand Prix Gold title. Only two women's singles players (Saina Nehwal and Sung Ji-hyun) have more GP Gold titles than Sindhu. The Indian had lost to Gilmour in 2013 French Open in their only meeting but on Sunday she showed why she is considered to be one of India's most revered women's singles shuttler as she avenged her loss with a dominating 21-15 21-9 win in a 32-minute clash

to clinch her fifth Grand Prix Gold title. This is her second Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold title, having won it in 2013 as well. She also completed a hat-trick at the Macau Open Grand Prix Gold in November last year. Sindhu, who had an unbeaten streak at the Premier Badminton League (PBL), produced a dominating performance as she showed better court coverage and cut down on her errors to outclass her opponent in the summit clash. In the opening game, Sindhu made early strides, moving to 5-2 and then sped away with her superior game plan. She had a healthy 12-6 lead which she increased to 18-10.

**Serena to meet Sharapova in
quarterfinals of Australian Open**

Melbourne, Jan 24

World No. 1 Serena Williams wasted little time in going past Russia's Margarita Gasparyan 6-2 6-1 on Sunday, setting up an Australian Open quarterfinal showdown with Maria Sharapova. Williams was broken in the first game of the fourth round match, only the

second time she had dropped serve in the tournament, before she rattled off the next four games and went on to seal the set in 30 minutes.

The 34-year-old defending champion barely got into second gear against Gasparyan and breezed through the second set to seal the match in less than hour.

Multi-specialty health

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base on the health status of the children on the islands is available. A Dermatologist from Command Hospital, Kolkata, a Psychiatrist from Base Hospital Tezpur, and an Ophthalmologist, two Medical Officers and Paramedical staff from INHS Dhanvantari, will participate in the health camp. The Psychiatrist would also conduct a lecture on 'Management of Adolescent Stress' for school children at Kamorta, a communication said.