



The Daily Telegrams

EXCHANGE RATES

RBI Reference Rate
 INR / 1 USD : 68.5990
 INR / 1 Euro : 75.6784
 INR / 100 YEN : 61.0100
 INR / 1 GBP : 95.5721

Capital Market
 S&P BSE Sensex: 23088.93*
 Nifty 50 : 7018.70*
 * as on previous day

Bullion Rate
 22ct Gold per 10 gram 27460
 Silver per 1 kg 43000

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Rail Budget presented No hike in passenger fares, Senior citizens quota up by 50%; Wi-Fi at 100 stations

New Delhi, Feb 25
No hike in passenger and freight rates, over 65,000 additional berths, wi-fi services at 100 stations, improvement in passenger amenities including cleanliness, make rail a safer means of travel specially for women are some of the highlights of this year's Railway Budget 2016-17.



The other highlights include that Railway will generate 9 crore man-days employment by 2017-18 and 14 crore man-days by 2018-19. Shri Prabhu said it will bring all major stations

three key mantras for his ministry. Proposing a plan size of one lakh twenty one thousand crore rupees in 2016-17, Shri Prabhu said by 2020, long felt desires of the common man are to be fulfilled. They are reserved accommodation on trains availability on demand, time tabled freight trains and high end technology to improve safety record among others. In another milestone for the Railways, the minister said Tejas trains will operate at speeds of 130 kilometre and above.

Various facilities provided to tribal population of A&N Islands: Minister

New Delhi, Feb 25
The A&N Administration has opened various channels of communication with the Jarawas so as to ascertain their present concerns as well as their future needs within the framework of Government of India's Policy. This has yielded promising results in terms of the communities' greater confidence in sharing information relating to poaching, encroachment and other forms of abuse they have had to face. The Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, Shri

Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava stated this in a written reply in Rajya Sabha yesterday. With regard to Sentinelese tribes, the A&N Administration has adopted an 'eyes-on and hands-off' policy to ensure

that no poachers enter into the island. A protocol of Circumnavigation of the North Sentinel Island has been made and notified in consultation with Government of India, which have yielded meaningful results.

The tribe-wise population of Scheduled Tribes in Andaman and Nicobar Islands as per Census 2011 is given below: -	
Tribes	Population
Andamanese, Chariar, Chari, Kora, Tabo, Bo, Yere, Kede, Bea, Balawa, Bojigiyab, Juwai, Kol	44
Jarawas	380
Nicobarese	27168
Onges	101
Sentinelese	15
Shompens	229

Exclusive medical wards in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) located near the Jarawa Reserve at Tushnabad, Kadamtala and GB Pant Hospital, Port Blair have been set up for treatment of Jarawas. Such wards are also declared as Tribal Reserve under the Protection of Aboriginal Tribes Regulation, 1956 to prevent any interaction of the unauthorised non-tribals with the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). Medical Sub Centres have been established by the A&N (Contd. on last page)

Yet another milestone achieved in Civil Aviation First night chartered flight to Kolkatta takes off from Veer Savarkar Airport

Euphoric passengers express satisfaction



Staff Reporter, Port Blair, Feb 25
The first chartered flight on Port Blair-Kolkata route took off from the Veer Savarkar International Airport here today. The operation of the Air India Chartered flight, AI 3708 in Port Blair-Kolkata sector, has fulfilled a long pending demand of the people of A&N Islands especially



the Islanders residing in West Bengal and its adjoining States. A water cannon salute was given as soon as the flight approached towards the parking bay. The starting of the chartered flight to Kolkata has been possible due to special initiative taken by the Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen. A K Singh (Retd), the Chief



Secretary, Shri. Anand Prakash, the Secretary Civil Aviation, Shri NK Sharma and the Civil Aviation Department of the A & N Administration. The Chartered flight from Kolkata arrived at 11.00 PM and departed for Kolkata at 11:40 PM. Passengers on arrival were given a warm welcome and offered with rose petals. The entire

premise of airport terminal building was brightly illuminated to mark the occasion. The passengers expressed their satisfaction over the starting of the chartered flight. A great excitement was seen among the passengers & others inside the Veer Savarkar International (Contd. on last page)

'Adivasi Adi Bimb' - 2016 CS to inaugurate 3-day festival of Tribal Dance, Music & Theatre at ITF Ground today

Port Blair, Feb 25
The three day -Festival of Tribal Dance, Music & Theatre will be inaugurated by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash at ITF ground, VIP Road tomorrow (Feb 26) at 6 pm. The Secretary Art & Culture, Shri Rakesh Bali will be the guest of honour while Shri Ratan Thiyam, Chairman, National School of Drama will preside over the programme. The Director, National School of Drama, Prof. Waman Kendre will also be present on the occasion. The mega event titled 'Adivasi Adi Bimb' - 2016



26 to 28. About 180 artists from mainland will participate and showcase their tribal art & culture. Local artists from the Karen & Nicobari communities will also showcase their beautiful traditional dances during the festival. The objective of 'Adi Bimb' is to create awareness and spread the taste of the rich heritage of tribal culture among the new generations.



Shri Ashok Vardhan Shetty, Vice-Chancellor, Indian Maritime University, Chennai meeting with Chief Secretary, Shri Anand Prakash and concerned officers of A&N Administration at Secretariat on 25.02.2016.

Seminar on 'production and value addition of spices' by CIARI

Port Blair, Feb 25
ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair is organizing a District level seminar on "Production and value addition of spices from Feb 26 & 27, 2016 at its Garacharma Research Complex CIARI, in collaboration with Directorate of Arecanut and Spices Development Board (DASD), Calicut. The aim of the district level seminar is to create awareness among the

stake holders about the importance of spices cultivation and the scope of developing spices as an important income earning venture for the Island farmers and entrepreneurs. The Secretary, Industries, A&N Administration, Smti. Rashmi Krishnan will be the chief guest and inaugurate the seminar at 10.30 am at the conference (Contd. on last page)

50th death anniversary of Freedom Fighter Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar to be observed today

Port Blair, Feb 25
Maharashtra Mandal, Port Blair will be observing the 50th death anniversary of Great Freedom Fighter Veer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar tomorrow (Feb 26) at 4.30 pm at Maharashtra Mandal premises. Dr. Sachidanand Shevade a famous orator from Mumbai, Maharashtra will be the chief guest on the occasion while Captain Nilesh Gaikwad, Pramukh Shivsang Pratishthan, Pune, Maharashtra, will be the guest of honour. About 400 followers of Veer Savarkar from



Maharashtra State have reached Port Blair to attend the function. Meanwhile, a rally will be organised at 8.20 am on Feb 26 from Maharashtra Mandal to Cellular Jail, a communication said.

Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Camp held at PHC Manglutan



Port Blair, Feb 25
A team headed by Dr (Smt.) Anita Shah, Deputy Director (Ophth) / Joint Secretary (NPCB), GB. Pant Hospital, Port Blair conducted 2 days Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Camp at PHC Manglutan on Feb 17 & 18 to manage blindness due to diabetic retinopathy in Islands. In this regard, a sensitization programme was held at PHC Manglutan on Feb 17, which was inaugurated by Smti. Minati Biswas, Zilla

Parishad Adhyaksha, South Andaman District. Smti. Sohail Mary, Pradhan. (Contd. on last page)

Solemn function at Holi Memorial

Port Blair, Feb 25
A solemn function will be held at 'Holi Memorial' Junglighat near Junglighat School on Feb 29 at 4.30 pm to pay rich tributes to six youths of Junglighat who had lost their life on a tragic incident on the day of Holi festival at Corbyn's Cove on Feb 29, 1972, a communication said.

Stress management workshop for police personnel conducted



Port Blair, Feb 25
Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair in collaboration with Police Department organised a one day 'personality development and stress management workshop for police personnel' at Mission auditorium. The workshop started with yogasana session which was conducted by noted social worker, Smt. Komal Anand. During the workshop, the (Contd. on last page)

Process of implementation of e-PDS in progress; PDS shop owners advised

Port Blair, Feb 25
The Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is undergoing the process of implementation of e-PDS of the shop dealing with PDS Food grains. In this regard, it is noted that in several cases the original licensee has left the shop due to various reasons and the shop is being managed by a second party. Such FPS dealers have been informed that appointing manager or any other person for managing the FPS without intimating the licensing authority is an offence under PDS control order.

In view of this, all such shopkeepers have been directed to submit a copy of photograph of the person by whom the FPS is presently managed alongwith a proof of identity, original solvency certificate issued in favour of that person and a sample of his/her thumb impression to this Directorate at the earliest. Violation of the license rules, if any, found later on will be viewed seriously and action will be initiated against such shopkeepers, a communication from the Dy. Director (CS&CA) said.

Kali Mela at Havelock



Port Blair, Feb 25
The 23rd Kali Mela is being held at Kalapathar village in Govind Nagar Gram Panchayat, Havelock Island. The Kali Mela was inaugurated with great pomp and show by Shri. Apurba Chandra Roy, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Prothrapur yesterday in the presence of Shri. Ajit Kumar Roy, Pradhan, Gram

Panchayat, Govind Nagar and other Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions. The students of Govt. Middle School Kalapathar presented cultural programmes which was appreciated by one and all. A large gathering of general public was also present to witness the mela. The Kali Mela will be held upto 28th February.

