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NEWS IN BRIEF

Muslim women delegation thanks PM for Triple Talaq Bill

New Delhi, Dec 26
A delegation of Muslim women has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for initiating the Triple Talaq Bill, which criminalises the practice of instant divorce.

Vijay Rupani sworn-in as CM of Gujarat

Gandhinagar, Dec 26
Shri Vijay Rupani was today sworn in as the chief minister of Gujarat for the second consecutive term after the BJP won the recently-held Assembly elections in the state. Rupani, 61, and his Deputy Shri Nitin Patel were administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Shri O.P. Kohli at a grand ceremony in Gandhinagar.

India tops list of migrants living abroad: UN

New York, Dec.26
India has topped the list of people living abroad at 17 million with about 5 million Indians residing in the Gulf region alone. Mexico, Russia, China, Bangladesh, Syria, Pakistan and Ukraine also have large migrant populations living abroad, ranging from 6 to 11 million each.

Indian Troops kill five Pakistani Soldiers

Jammu, Dec 26
Indian Troops killed five Pakistani Soldiers in cross border firing across LoC in past 24 hours, 4 Indian soldiers were martyred last Saturday in unprovoked ceasefire violation by Pakistani forces in Rajouri Sector of Jammu and Kashmir.

Top JeM militant killed in encounter in J&K

Jammu, Dec 26
Wanted Jaish-e-Mohammad militant Noor Mohammad Tantray was killed in an encounter in Samboora area of Pulwama district of Jammu and Kashmir today. Acting on a tip-off, a crack team of Jammu and Kashmir police cordoned off a house where two JeM militants were believed to be holed up, the police said.

Veteran actor Partha Mukhopadhyay passes away

Kolkata, Dec 26
Veteran actor Partha Mukhopadhyay, who had acted in many Bengali classics, died of cardiac arrest at a city hospital in Kolkata on Monday. He was 70. Mukhopadhyay had portrayed a number of roles in classics like Atithi, Balika Badhu, Amar Prithivi, Baghbandir Khela, Agniswar and had made his mark as a character actor in 1970s and 1980s.

13th anniversary of Tsunami observed LG, others pay homage to Tsunami victims at Tsunami Memorial



Port Blair, Dec. 26

The people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands today paid homage to all those who fell victim to the Tsunami disaster on this day thirteen years ago. A solemn function was held at the Tsunami Memorial, Andaman Water Sports Complex here this morning in which, the Lt. Governor, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd) laid wreath and offered floral tributes.

The Chief Secretary, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Adhyaksha



Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. Baby Fareeda, Councillors of PBMC, Senior Officers of the Administration & Defence, prominent citizens and relatives of the victims also offered floral tributes at the Memorial.

An All Religions Prayer Meeting (Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha) was also held on the occasion, in which, the holy scriptures were read. This was followed by a two minutes silence to pay homage to the departed souls.

MP briefs media about welfare oriented schemes launched by Govt for betterment of the people

Staff Reporter,
Port Blair, Dec. 26

The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray today briefed the media about the govt. schemes especially the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) and other ongoing developmental activities in these Islands.

Addressing a press conference at the MP Bhawan here, Shri Ray, informed that PMMVY is the scheme under which government would provide Rs. 5000 financial aid to pregnant and lactating mothers for the first live birth. The two main objectives of the scheme are providing the partial compensation to working women against their wage loss and ensure their proper rest nutrition. Improving the health of



pregnant women and lactating mothers and reducing the effects of under-nutrition through cash incentives. The scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Women and Child Development has started in these Islands too, the MP disclosed. Informing about the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana, Shri Ray stated that the scheme would benefit pregnant women and lactating mothers for the birth of their first live child. The benefit amount would be sent directly to the bank account of the beneficiary through DBT mode. He said that the payment would be made in installments as 1st Installment: Rs. 1000 at the time of registration of pregnancy, 2nd Installment: Rs 2,000 if they carry out at least one antenatal check-up after six months of pregnancy and 3rd Installment: Rs. 2,000 when the birth of

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Tsunami Day observed at Tsunami Memorial Car Nicobar

Port Blair, Dec.26

Tsunami Day was observed today at Tsunami Memorial, Jayanthi Village, Car Nicobar. Government Officials, Secretary, Tribal Council, Car Nicobar, Village Headmen, Tribal populace and students gathered to pay homage to all those who lost their lives in Tsunami on Dec.26, 2004.



was followed by lighting of Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha was also held.

Birthday of former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee celebrated

Port Blair, Dec.26

Former Prime Minister and one of the most respected politician Shri. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was born on December 25, 1924 in Gwalior. His birthday is celebrated by the government as Good Governance Day since 2014. In this connection, BJP A&N Islands

celebrated the week with various programmes which includes volley ball tournament, Blood Donation Camp. Sweets were distributed at GB Pant Hospital and Orphanage. The valedictory function was organized by Shri B.K Vinod, State President Yuva Morcha, BJP at BJP

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Flag hoisting by Netaji Subash Chandra Bose on 30th December, 1943 Patriotic yatra to A&N Islands by FANS; 150 delegates from Mainland to participate

Port Blair, Dec.26

The Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS) is a registered NGO, which is comprehensively working towards sharing the information and knowledge among the masses on various critical issues of national security, integrity and veneration of our motherland.

For the last four years, FANS has been organizing the annual patriotic yatra for A&N Islands the pilgrimage place as 'Shaheed Swaraj Dweep Samooch Naman Yatra' to hoist the Tricolour on 30th December to celebrate the Flag Hoisting done by

Netaji Subash Chandra Bose on 30th December, 1943 - First ever Tricolour on the Indian Territory. Hundreds of nationalists participated in various programmes and tours during 29th December to 2nd January under the leadership of Mananiya

Indresh Kumarji, Margdarshak FANS. As was done in previous years, this year under the leadership of Mananiya Indresh Kumarji, Margdarshak FANS is organizing the patriotic yatra to A&N Islands



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Meeting to review maintenance of National Highways held

Port Blair, Dec.26

A meeting of the National Highway Maintenance Review Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner, South Andaman District was held on Dec.22, 2017 in the Panchayat Bhawan, Bhawan, more time as the estimate Ferrargunj. The meeting of the same has not been approved by the NHIDCL (HQ). The Deputy Commissioner, South

The meeting reviewed the decisions taken in the last meeting. During the meeting, Shri. Alok Jha of NHIDCL stated that the repair work of the Bailey bridge at Jodakalan and Sippighat needs some more time as the estimate

Adhyaksha ZPSA visits Little Andaman; inspects developmental works

Port Blair, Dec.26

Smti Baby Fareeda, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman along with Shri Yashvi Parekh, Executive Engineer, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman visited Little Andaman from Dec.21 to 23. During her visit, she met Smti Anita Mondal, Zilla Parishad

Member, R.K Pur Constituency and Shri Vasudevan Nair, Zilla Parishad Member, Hut Bay Constituency. She also inspected various developmental works of Little Andaman and interacted with the youth of Hut Bay. The general

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Atal Innovation Mission selects additional 1500 Schools for establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs

New Delhi, Dec.26

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), Government of India's flagship program to promote innovation and entrepreneurship nationwide in schools, universities and industry, has selected additional 1500 Schools for establishment of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs). The addition of these schools will give a major boost to realize the vision of the mission to 'Cultivate One Million children in India as the Innovators of tomorrow'. With this announcement of the new Atal Tinkering Labs, the AIM has selected 2441 Schools across India to

establish ATLs to date since it began its operations over a year ago. ATLs are innovation play workspaces for students between Grade VI to Grade XII, stimulating innovations combining science & technology. These open-ended innovation workspaces equipped with state of the art technologies like 3D printers, Robotics, Sensor Technology Kits, Internet of Things, miniaturized Electronics etc enable the students to learn and solve local community problems using emerging Technologies. Students are encouraged to explore and experience Design Thinking and

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'Patriotic Film Festival' by DIPT

Port Blair, Dec.26

To foster spirit of patriotism, the Directorate of Information, Publicity and Tourism will be organizing 'Patriotic Film Festival' at the auditorium of Anthropological Survey of India (ASI) and at Corbyn's Cove beach from Dec.28 to 30 in the evening hours. Daily two shows will be screened during the festival.

DGP inaugurates Police Family Quarters at Diglipur

Port Blair, Dec.26

About 30 nos. newly constructed Govt. Quarters (24 nos. Type-II and 06 nos. Type-III) of A & N Police constructed at Madhupur, Diglipur were inaugurated by Smti Nuzhat Hassan, Director

General of Police, A & N Islands in the presence of Shri Ingit Pratap Singh, Superintendent of Police, N & M Andaman District, Commandant, Shri. S.C Patnaik, Commander, Coast Guard,

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PBMC Chairperson visits Ward No.5

Port Blair, Dec.26

Shri Indrapal Singh, Chairperson, PBMC alongwith Smti S. Selvi, Councilors with engineering staff of the Municipal Council visited Ward No.5. The Ward

Councilor apprised that consequent on heavy rainfall a retaining wall at Atlanta Point has collapsed. During inspection, it was observed that there is every

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SPORTS

India rise to second place, Virat Kohli slips to third in T20I rankings

Dubai, Dec 26
India captain Virat Kohli lost his pole position in the latest ICC T20 Rankings as his absence due to personal commitments led to loss of 48 ranking points. India's 3-0 win over Sri Lanka enabled them to move up from their pre-series tally of 119 points to 121 points. They have leapfrogged England, New Zealand and the Windies to move from fifth to second position in a list led by Pakistan with 124 points. Among Kohli, who was at the top with 824 points previously now has 776 points as he did not take part in the three-match series against Sri Lanka. As players lose two per cent of their rating points for each T20I missed, Kohli is now behind Australia's Aaron Finch (784)



and West Indies opener Evin Lewis (780). India's KL Rahul gained significantly to be placed fourth in the table for his back to back half centuries in the just concluded series. In the bowlers' list, Jasprit

Bumrah not playing the final T20 International saw him slip to third place behind Pakistan spinner Imad Wasim and Afghanistan's Rashid Khan. Among other bowlers, leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal's

eight wickets in the series have helped him move up 14 slots to reach 16th position while Hardik Pandya (up 40 places to joint-39th) and Kuleep Yadav (up 48 places to 64) have also moved northwards after taking six wickets each.

India women's cricket team to host England and Australia for T20I series in 2018

New Delhi, Dec 26
India will host England for three ODIs in April as part of the ICC Women's Championship, the BCCI announced. The matches will be played on April 8, 11 and 14. The ODI series will be played after the T20 tri-series also involving England and Australia. India had narrowly lost to England in the World Cup final in June. "The England Women's Cricket Team that will tour India in March 2018 to take part in the T20I Tri-Series featuring India Women and Australia Women will also play a three-match ODI series as part of a bilateral agreement between the two Boards. The ODI series between India Women and England Women will be played after the completion of the T20I series," announced BCCI in their media release. It was



announced earlier that India will host Australia for a three-match ODI series from March 12 to 18. India play their ICC Women's Championship opener in South Africa from February 5 to 10. They have not played since the loss in the World Cup final.

WEATHER

Rain or Thundershower likely to occur at isolated places over Nicobar Island. Weather most likely dry over Andaman island. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Wednesday 27/12/2017
Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date : 30.6
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date : 24.2
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 086
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 084
Sunrise Time for tomorrow(in IST): 0537
Sunset Time for tomorrow(in IST): 1704
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.0
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.4
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm 17 3273.2

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ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS

INTER ISLAND SECTOR:

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 29.12.2017 (Fri) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 29.12.2017 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 30.12.2017 (Sat) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 27.12.2017 (Wed) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 27.12.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay & Nancowry on 01.01.2018 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2018 (Wed) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 29.12.2017 (Fri) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (perishable items only) will commence from 29.12.2017 (Fri) between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Bharat Seema will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 02.01.2018 (Tue) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2018 (Wed) at 1600 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 29.12.2017 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 29.12.2017 between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consigners are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

CARGO SERVICE:

MV Chuglam will sail for Campbell Bay via Hut Bay, Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0600 Hrs from Haddo/Chatham Wharf and will sail for Port Blair and will sail for Port Blair immediately after discharging/loading of Cargo at respective ports.

HUT BAY SECTOR:

MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 30.12.2017 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2000 Hrs from Hut Bay.

MV Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 31.12.2017 (Sun) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.01.2018 at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.

Note: Passenger tickets for the above sailings for Hut Bay on 30th & 31st Dec., 2017 will be issued to the general public from 28.12.2017 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counters & CSC's.

FORESHORE SECTOR:

Note: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 29th, 30th, 31st Dec., 2017 & 1st Jan., 2018 will be issued to the general public on 28.12.2017 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Counters & CSC's.

27.12.2017 (WEDNESDAY)

BARATANG

MV Rani Changa will sail for Baratang on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1515 Hrs from Baratang.

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

MV North Passage will now sail for Havelock in place of MV Bambooka on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock. MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island. MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.

MV North Passage will now sail for Havelock in place of MV Bambooka on 27.12.2017 (Wed) 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 Coral Queen will sail for Hut Bay on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay.

RANGAT

MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 28.12.2017 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

MV Katchal will sail for Diglipur on 27.12.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

Shubhankar Sharma bags Tour Championship, ends 2017 on a high

Kolkata, Dec 26
Continuing his dream run, Shubhankar Sharma rallied to snatch the Rs 1.5 crore McLeod Russel Tour Championship 2017 in Kolkata on Sunday to sign off the season with three wins. The 21-year-old from Chandigarh, who recently became the youngest Indian to win on the European Tour, prevailed over Delhi's Rashid Khan by one

shot in a thrilling finish at the PGTI season-ending championship at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. Trailing by two shots till the 14th hole, Shubhankar turned it around in the final stages to end up with a round of 68 and a winning total of 17-under-271. He thus took home his sixth professional trophy and the winner's cheque of Rs 22,50,000. The 26-year-old Rashid (71)

led the last two days but only to finish with a total of 16-under-272. Shamim Khan of Delhi bagged his second PGTI Order of Merit title after finishing tied fourth at eight-under-280 this week. Khan, who had earlier won the title in 2012, closed the 2017 season with earnings of Rs 51,64,233 to finish number one in the money list by a fair distance. He won three titles during the season.

13th Anniversary of Tsunami observed

Port Blair, Dec.26
The Pradesh Congress Committee observed the 13th Anniversary of Tsunami 2004 today in the premises of Gandhi Bhavan, Port Blair. Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, PCC President offered floral tributes followed by other senior Congress Party leaders and others. All Religion Prayer Meeting (Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha) was also held, a communication said.

Fishermen advised

Port Blair, Dec.26
Under the influence of trough of low over Southeast Bay of Bengal & neighborhood, strong Northeasterly wind speed between 25 to 35 km per hour gusting to 45 kmph and moderate to rough seas is likely along and off Andaman & Nicobar coasts. Fishermen have been advised to be cautious while venturing into the sea. The general public have been advised to take precautionary measures and in case of any emergency contact in

the following phone numbers of State Control Room, District Control Room and Emergency Operation Centres viz. State Control Room: 03192-238880 (Tele-Fax), 1077(Helpline), District Control Room: 03192-238881, EOC (Campbell Bay): 03193-264020, EOC (Kamorta): 03193-263222, EOC (Car Nicobar): 03193-265241, EOC (Havelock): 03192-282030, EOC (Ferrargunj): 03192-266527, EOC (Neil): 03192-284511, a communication said.

Nukkad Natak presented by students at Nilambur Jetty



Port Blair, Dec.26
Shouldering the responsibility to do something for the cause of the society, the students of GSSS Oralkatcha, Baratang staged a beautiful and very edifying Nukkad Natak at Nilambur Jetty on Dec.20, 2017 to educate the general public about the ill-effects of Open Defecation. Embellished with meaningful dialogue and songs and dance, the troupe could attract a good number of people from all walks of life and exhorted them through their performance 'to stop open defecation and to facilitate their homes with toilets', that would give them a sense of pride for

their family members programme 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', a Government's Flagship communication said.

Atal Innovation Mission ...

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Innovation, using a do-it-yourself approach, and develop innovative solutions to India's social, community or economic problems. The young students who have already got exposure to creative technology platforms to nurture their curiosity, creativity and imagination from ATLS in their schools, have already started designing prototype solutions and started creative projects such as better irrigation management, waste management, and sensor based solutions using IOT devices and Robotics in their Labs. ATLS will help our country to transform Young students to Young Innovators. This will be big opportunity for students to build the 'New India' of their dreams by 2022. The active participation by Schools and their students in ATL will power the transformations of 'New India' through their creativity and innovation. The labs are designed to spur the spark of creativity, and go beyond regular curriculum and text book learning. The labs will also enable students explore skills of future such as design and computational thinking, adaptive learning and artificial intelligence.



India Vs South Africa 2017 Schedule & Time Table

Date/Day	Match	Venue	Time (GMT/Local)
Dec 30, Sat	South Africa vs India, Warm up Match	Paarl	08:00 AM/10:00 AM
Jan 05, Fri- Jan 09, Tue	South Africa vs India 1st Test	Cape Town	08:30 AM/10:30 AM
Jan 13, Sat- Jan 17, Wed	South Africa vs India 2nd Test	Centurion	08:00 AM/10:00 AM
Jan 24, Wed- Jan 28, Sun	South Africa vs India 3rd Test	Johannesburg	08:00 AM/10:00 AM
Feb 01, Thu	South Africa vs India 1st ODI	Durban	11:30 AM/01:30 PM
Feb 04, Sun	South Africa vs India 2nd ODI	Centurion	08:00 AM/10:00 AM
Feb 07, Wed	South Africa vs India 3rd ODI	Cape Town	11:30 AM/01:30 PM
Feb 10, Sat	South Africa vs India 4th ODI	Johannesburg	11:30 AM/01:30 PM
Feb 13, Tue	South Africa vs India 5th ODI	Port Elizabeth	11:30 AM/01:30 PM
Feb 16, Fri	South Africa vs India 6th ODI	Centurion	11:30 AM/01:30 PM
Feb 18, Sun	South Africa vs India 1st T20I	Johannesburg	12:30 PM/02:30 PM
Feb 21, Wed	South Africa vs India 2nd T20I	Centurion	04:00 PM/06:00 PM
Feb 24, Sat	South Africa vs India 3rd T20I	Cape Town	04:00 PM/06:00 PM

3rd ODI: New Zealand beat West Indies by 66 runs, sweep series

Christchurch, Dec 26
New Zealand completed a clean sweep of the West Indies in their one-day international (ODI) series with a commanding 66-run (D/L) victory in a rain-affected third and final match in Christchurch on Tuesday. (Full Scorecard) With the match reduced to 23-overs-a-side, the West Indies were set a revised target of 166 in reply to New Zealand's 131. At the end, they were 99/9, after recovering from an initial

collapse which saw them at nine for five and threatening Zimbabwe's world record ODI low of 35. Captain Jason Holder revived the innings with a quick 34 off 21 deliveries. But there was little other resistance as fast bowlers Trent Boult and Matt Henry, along with spinner Mitchell Santner, took the batting apart.

The latest drubbing, following New Zealand's five-wicket win in the first ODI and a 204-run

victory in the second, continued a miserable tour for the West Indies who also lost the Test series 2-0.

New Zealand elected to bat first and were 83/3 after 19 overs when rain forced the players from the field. They added 48 in the four available overs after the resumption. Ross Taylor ended unbeaten on 47 while Tom Latham made 37.

Deaths condoled

Port Blair, Dec.26
The State President of BJP A&N Islands, Shri. Vishal Jolly and Shri. Sanjiv Rangiya, President, Sarkari Karmachari Maha Sangh A & N Islands have condoled the death of Smti. Lakshmi Devi, Age 62 yrs, R/o Dollygunj, Sister of Shri. Dharmendra Narayan, Councillor Ward No. 17 PBMC who passed away on Dec. 25.

Meanwhile, the State President of BJP and Shri. V.K. Abdul Manaf, Chairman CCS Ltd. have also condoled the death of Shri. N.Ali Seaman and brother of N.Sulaiman Ex-Councillor R/o Manarghat South Andaman who passed away at GB Pant hospital yesterday, a communication said.

MP condoles death

Port Blair, Dec.26
The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray has condoled the death of Shri Suren Baroi, R/o Manpur, an old senior worker of BJP who expired on Dec.25 after prolonged illness at MIOT Hospital, Chennai.

State level Skating Open Championship



Port Blair, Dec.26
Sai Yoga Education & Charitable Trust and Andaman & Nicobar Skating Association will be jointly conducting 2nd State Level Skating Open Championship and skating marathon on 30th Dec. 2017 and 31st 12.2017 at Marina Park here from 5 pm to 8 pm. The Competition will be held

under different categories which include 05 to 07 years (Boys & Girls), 07 to 09 years (Boys & Girls), 09 to 11 years (Boys & Girls), 11 to 14 years (Boys & Girls), 14 to 16 years (Boys & Girls). Skating Marathon for 12 to 14 years (15 Km. Marathon), 14 to 16 years (21 Km Marathon) will be held, a communication said.