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## Republic Day celebrated befittingly in Isles

# LG calls for collective efforts to take Isles on the path of progress; gives away LG's Commendation Certificates to 11 persons



Port Blair, Jan.27  
Spectacular parade, tableaux display and colourful cultural programmes marked the 67th Republic Day celebration all over the country yesterday (Jan.26, 2016). In these Islands too, Republic Day was celebrated with befitting programmes. The main function was held in the historic Netaji Stadium, in which the Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen. A K Singh (Retd.) unfurled the National Tri-Colour as the chief guest and took salute from the parade contingents. The Lt. Governor also distributed LG's Commendation Certificates to eleven persons from different walks of life, who have been selected for the Certificates for their extra-ordinary sense of responsibility, professional skills and devotion to duty, and

have contributed to the cause of the Isles in their respective fields. Addressing a huge gathering on the occasion, the Lt. Governor reiterated his commitments to serve the people of the Isles and ensured greater joy and betterment in their lives. He said that his own guiding motto; "Islands and the Islanders before self", will remain unchanged. The Lt. Governor said, "Let us resolve to always keep the interest of the Isles to the fore. Let us rise above our self and ego, to collectively work and take the Isles on



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the path of progress". He also appealed to the officers of the Administration to continue to work not only with their minds, but also with their hearts, to serve the people of these Isles. The Lt. Governor mentioned that under the dynamic leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, the country has witnessed all-round development. Similarly, in the Isles too, efforts have

also been made by the A&N Administration in taking the Isles towards faster development, with the guidance and support of Govt. of India. Highlighting the successful implementation of all national schemes in the Isles, during the past one year, the Lt. Governor stated that all the schemes launched by Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, have been implemented in these Isles with great

enthusiasm and vigour. However, there is still scope for improvement, and our people must take full advantage of these schemes. To ensure that the benefits of all flagship programmes reach every nook and corner, the Administration is making constant efforts, in coordination with the banks, insurance companies and other agencies, he said.

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## Second night charter flight by Go Air landed on Jan 26 Chartered flight on Kolkata-Port Blair-Kolkata sector to start in Feb

Port Blair, Jan 27  
The second night charter flight by Go Air operated smoothly on 26th January, 2016. Despite overcast and rain, the Go Air charter flight with 137 tourists landed safely at the recently upgraded Port Blair airport at 1:35 am on Jan 26, 2016 from Bengaluru and departed for Bengaluru with 154 outgoing tourists, who visited Port Blair in the first charter flight on Jan 21. Reacting quickly on the constraints of shortage of CISF manpower for security services at the airport during the extended operational hours at night, A & N Administration under the able guidance of the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Lt. Gen. A.K. Singh (Retd) took up the matter with AAI headquarter and arranged for

immediate deployment of 24 additional CISF personnel to work during the extended night hours. The third charter flight by Go Air will be operated on 31.01.2016.

Further, as conveyed by Air India, the much awaited charter flight on Kolkata-Port Blair-Kolkata sector is expected to start in February, 2016. The Civil Aviation Department of

A&N Administration is pursuing this matter vigorously, a communication from the Secretary (Home/ Civil Aviation) said here today.

## District Planning Committee meeting begins Deliberates on draft District Plan proposals under Annual Plan 2016-17

Port Blair, Jan 27  
The three-day meeting of District Planning Committee, South Andaman District began today under the Chairmanship of Smti. Minati Biswas, Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman in the Conference Hall of ZPSA to discuss and deliberate the draft District Plan proposals under Annual Plan 2016-17 of all departments of A & N



Administration. The meeting was attended by the DPC Members, Shri. Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament, Shri. N.K. Sharma, Secretary (Panchayat), Shri. Ajay Kumar Singla, Secretary (Contd. on last page)

## First Lady inaugurates UTCPCR Office; interacts with Members of the Commission

Port Blair, Jan 27

The First Lady of A&N Islands, Smti Suneeti Singh inaugurated the office of Andaman & Nicobar UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights (UTCPCR) today. The new office has been established in the premises of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (ANIIDCO). The First Lady cut the ceremonial ribbon and lit the ritual oil lamp to mark the inauguration.

Interacting with the members of the UT Commission for Protection of Child Rights, the First Lady made some valuable suggestions pertaining to children's education. She emphasized the need for imparting practical know-how to students apart from academic knowledge, proper assessment of a child's learning capacity and academic progress besides need for specialized care and personal contact with needy children.

Expressing her views about the Flea Market that she visited the other day, the First Lady also suggested that more space be provided for the



participants of the Flea Market so that they can display more variety of products for sale.

Smti. Rupa Ray, Shri M.N.Murali, Chairman, UTCPCR, Members of UTCPCR, Ms. Rubina

Siddique and Smti. R. Geeta Raj, Director, Deptt. of Art & Culture, Dr. R. Devdas, other social activists and officials & staff of Social Welfare Department were present on the occasion.

## ANC celebrates 67th Republic Day

Port Blair, Jan 27

On the occasion of 67th Republic Day, a ceremonial parade was held at Birchgunj Military Station, Port Blair yesterday. Vice Admiral PK Chatterjee, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar Command, reviewed the Parade. It was led by Colonel Vijay Vir Singh Dahiya. Contingents of the four components of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard alongwith NCC, Navy Children School and Kendriya Vidyalaya participated in the Parade. The Veterans' contingent in particular drew special applause for their enthusiasm from the huge audience.

Each marching contingent comprised of one officer, three Junior Commissioned Officers and twenty four Other Ranks. The assets providing cutting



edge to the ANC such as Army's BMP-I tracked amphibious troop carrier, MI-17 V5 Utility helicopters of the Air Force and Dornier aircraft of Navy and Coast Guard were also on full display. Naval and Coast Guard ships completed the show as they sailed through the sea in the picturesque background.

The contingent led by Capt Alok Thakur was adjudged the

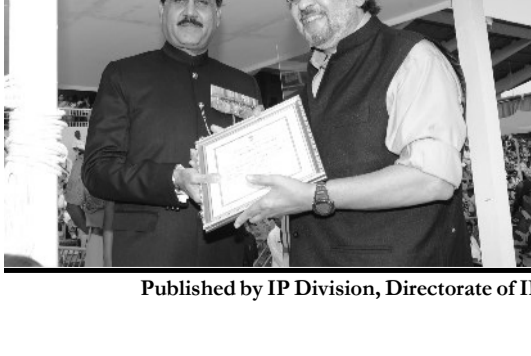
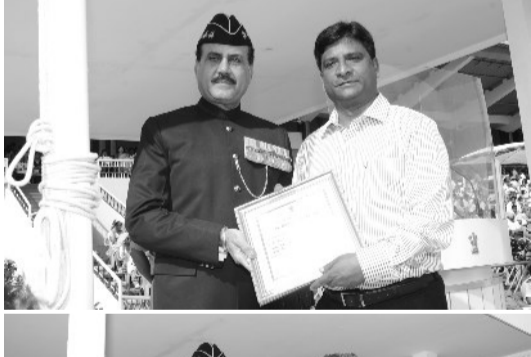
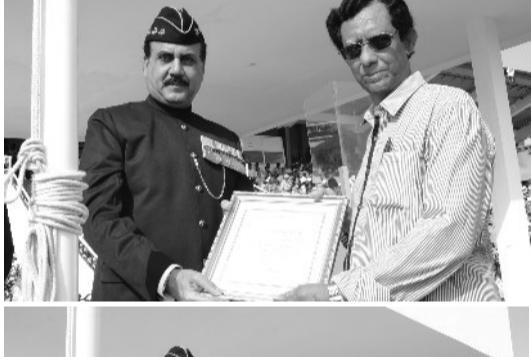
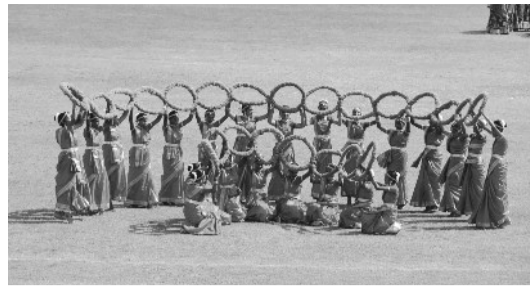
"Best Marching Contingent" of the Parade. Whilst marching standards of respective contingents reflected the ubiquitous competitive spirit, the synergy on display amongst participants of four Services during the entire event brought to fore the level of integration achieved by the Andaman and Nicobar Command, a communication said.



The Judges of the Calcutta High Court presently holding the Circuit Bench at Port Blair, Justice Indra Prasanna Mukerji and Justice Arijit Banerjee unfurling the National Flag on Republic Day at the High Court premises in the presence of Registrar Shri Prasenjit Biswas, District & Session Judge, Shri Subhendu Samanta, Judicial Officers, Bar Members and Office staff on 26.01.2016.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash unfurling the National Tricolour at the Secretariat on the occasion of the 67th Republic Day on 26.01.2016.

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**LG calls for ...**  
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The Lt. Governor also mentioned that the Islands are receiving every help from the Central Government under the leadership of the Prime Minister for taking these Islands forward. "We have attained great success in the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, under which 66,000 accounts have been opened, most of which are active. Besides, schemes viz. Suraksha Bima Yojana, Jeeva Jyoti Yojana and Mudra Yojana are also being encouraged", said the Lt. Governor.

The Lt. Governor reiterated the commitment of the Administration in ensuring that the fruits of development reach the common man in tune with the vision of the Prime Minister 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'. The Lt. Governor expressed his gratitude to the Islanders as well as the elected representatives for their contribution and their support to the Administration in its developmental works.

Referring to the recent 'Khaas Mulaqat' programme broadcast over Doordarshan, the Lt. Governor highlighted the notable achievements of 2015.

In the governance sector, the citizen charter was introduced which is being implemented by the Departments of Administration. The Lt. Governor invited suggestions from the people for improving the citizen charter. He also mentioned about the 'Prashsan Aapke Dwar' programme, under which the Administration makes an effort to reach the people. The Lt. Governor assured that the Administration will make concerted efforts, as directed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, to live up to the expectations of the general public.

About the employment sector, the Lt. Governor stated that steps have been initiated to provide employment to the unemployed youth in government as well as private sectors. Accordingly, vacancies in the Army have been increased, and expected to cross 300 mark this year. The Self Help Groups are also being encouraged by way of providing soft loans and marketing support etc., he said and exhorted the banks to implement the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Scheme in true spirit, under which small farmers and entrepreneurs will be benefited.

The Lt. Governor assured the youth of providing suitable opportunities for materializing their dreams. For this purpose, the A&N Administration will focus on skill development in the current year, he said. While the Govt. is implementing several schemes for the farmers, welfare of fishermen community is also under focus, he said.

Turning to the tourism sector, the Lt. Governor underlined the need for establishing a Tourism Development Corporation in the Islands, in view of the income generating activities and employment opportunities in the sector here.

Assuring the people of improving the connectivity sector in the Islands, the Lt. Governor mentioned about the chartered flight between Port Blair-Chennai and the night flight facility that commenced recently. He also assured that chartered flight between Kolkata-Port Blair will also commence soon. Informing about his vision, the Lt. Governor mentioned that the Administration plans to station an ATR aircraft of Air India at Port Blair so that regular air service can be provided to Campbell Bay, Car Nicobar and Diglipur. This service will begin as soon as the extension of air fields at Diglipur and Campbell Bay is complete. The Administration will also modernize its shipping service under which orders for procuring new ships have been approved by the Shipping Ministry.

Regarding the infrastructure development in the Islands, the Lt. Governor mentioned about the construction of bridges for two straits in North & Middle Andaman District, construction of which will commence soon, he said expressing his gratitude to the Prime Minister and Shri Nitin Gadkari, the Shipping Minister. He also mentioned that Port Blair will become Smart City soon.

Mentioning about the visit of the Union Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad to the Islands, the Lt. Governor stated that the work of undersea cable connection between Chennai and Port Blair and five other Islands will commence soon.

About the power sector, the Lt. Governor mentioned about his meeting with the Union Power Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal following which a decision was taken to turn A&N Islands into 'Green Islands'. For this, renewable, non-polluting energy sources will have to be utilized in a phased manner, he said.

Speaking about the health sector, the Lt. Governor stated that the dream of Medical College in the Islands has been fulfilled and in the first batch of the college, 91 students from these Islands got admission. The Lt. Governor also mentioned about the ANISHI scheme under which 367 patients have been benefited so far. "Super Specialty services in GB Pant Hospital have been upgraded", he said adding that from the present 450 bed, the GB Pant Hospital will be upgraded to a 500 bedded hospital, with addition of burn patients', terminally ill cancer patients' and eye wards; which will be taken up in the near future. Simultaneously, other facilities will also be upgraded, he said.

Referring to the education sector, the Lt. Governor stated that under 'Samsaad Adarsh Gram Yojana', 'Smart Classes' will be introduced in Govt. Model Sr. Sec. School, Ferrargunj (class XI & XII), which will provide IT enabled quality education to students.

The Lt. Governor also mentioned about the opening of Medical College, ANCOL and Community College in the Islands while a Law College will be introduced from the 2016-17 session. The Administration is also introducing a 'laptop scheme' for the meritorious students of the Govt and Govt. aided schools, said the Lt. Governor.

About the security of the Islands and the Police Department, the Lt. Governor mentioned that in order to strengthen coastal security, 10 interceptor boats have been procured while 10 marine operational centres are being established. Besides, 10 big ships, 23 rigid inflatable boats are being procured to strengthen the infrastructure. He also appreciated the A&N Police for their dedicated services.

Referring to corruption, the Lt. Governor stressed the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister 'zero tolerance towards corruption', which

**WEATHER**

Partly cloudy sky with possibility of light rain at few places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Thursday 28/01/2016

**Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours**

Maximum Temperature (°C): 29.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C): 23.7  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 097  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 082  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0544  
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1720  
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 051.9  
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 002.0  
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 16: 68.6 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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**INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-**

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 04.02.2016 (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.

MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 03.02.2016 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.02.2016 (Thu) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 01.02.2016 (Mon) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 01.02.2016 (Mon) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consignors are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 06.02.2016 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 07.02.2016 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 04.02.2016 (Thu) at STARS Ticketing Counters. MV Chowra will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 06.02.2016 (Sat) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 10.02.2016 (Wed) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 04.02.2016 (Thu) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets will commence from 04.02.2016 (Thu) between 0900 Hrs to 1300 Hrs at Commercial Wing. All the consignors are advised to book actual quantity of cargo to be transhipped, as no excess cargo will be allowed.

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**Arrival & departure of MV Nancowry**

Port Blair, Jan 27  
MV Nancowry is expected to arrive here from Chennai at 6 pm on Jan 28, 2016. She has on board 909 passengers and 499.44 MTs of cargo. On arrival, the ship will be berthed at Haddo Wharf.

Meanwhile, MV Nancowry will sail for Chennai at 4 pm on Jan 30, 2016 from Haddo Wharf. Excess baggage loading, medical examination and embarkation of passengers will be done from 1 pm to 3 pm on Jan 30.

**Deliberates on ...**

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(Finance), Shri. Rakesh Bali, Secretary (Planning), Shri. Ramesh Varma, Chief Executive Officer & Ex-Officio Secretary(DPC), Zilla Parishad Members, Municipal Councillors of PBMC, Pramukhs, Panchayat Samities, South Andaman, Secretaries and Heads of Departments of various Plan Implementing Department of A&N Administration.

During the meeting, the sectoral plan proposals / schemes and other developmental infrastructure of various departments i.e., Agriculture, AH&VS, Fisheries, Police & District Jail, Social Welfare, Industries, RCS, Labour Employment & Training were discussed.

During the discussion, the Heads/Officers-in-charge of the above departments briefed about their fund projection, plan schemes and physical target for Annual Plan (2016-17). Members of the District Planning Committee suggested various proposals to be included in the Annual Plan (2016-17).

is the motto of these Islands too, he said exhorting all citizens and govt officials to refrain from any corrupt practices.

The Lt. Governor congratulated the awardees of the LG's Commendation Certificates and expressed hope that they continue to work and serve the people of these Islands in selfless manner. He also complimented the marching contingents, the school children and the tableaux, for their excellent standard. The Lt. Governor also congratulated Shri Naresh Chandra Lall, Theatre Director and Film Maker from these Islands, on being selected for the prestigious Padma Shree award for his works in the field of art, theatre and cinema.

The Lt. Governor, on behalf of the Islanders, thanked the Hon'ble Prime Minister for his visionary leadership, guidance and support, under which the Islands have achieved so much during a short span of time.

The Lt. Governor also thanked the Member of Parliament, elected representatives, political parties and the people of A&N Islands for their contribution in the development of the Islands. He also lauded the A&N Command and Coast Guard for their support to the Civil Administration. The Lt. Governor also thanked the media for their contribution in developmental activities and also lauded the A&N Administration, under the leadership of the Chief Secretary for all its efforts.

A spectacular march past was presented by the parade contingents, led by Major S Navneet Ganesh. The contingents included Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, A & N Police, Police Fire Services, Home Guard, NCC Cadets, and contingents from different schools of Port Blair and its adjacent areas.

Tableaux were also displayed by the Departments of the Administration. These included Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Election Office, Environment & Forest, Fisheries, Health, Industries and Shipping Services. A demonstration on rescue and relief operation was also conducted by the Department of Disaster Management and A & N Police Fire Services. Besides, a colourful cultural programme, depicting the diverse cultural heritage of the Islands was presented by the school children from various schools of the town.

The Republic Day celebration, which was attended by senior officers from A&N Command, A&N Administration, Adhyaksha Zilla Parishad, Chairperson PBMC, councilors and eminent personality amidst large multitude, concluded with the National Anthem.