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## PM attends NITI Aayog's interaction with economists on "Economic Policy – The Road Ahead"

New Delhi, Dec 27  
The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today attended an interactive session with economists and other experts, organized by NITI Aayog, on the theme "Economic Policy – The Road Ahead." During the session, participants shared their views on various economic themes such as agriculture, skill development and job creation, taxation and tariff related matters, education, digital technology, housing, tourism, banking, governance reform, data driven policy, and future steps for growth.



Speaking about the budget cycle, he said this has an effect on the real economy. He said that in our existing budget calendar, the authorization of expenditure comes with the onset of the monsoon. This he said, results in government programmes being relatively inactive in the productive pre-

In his intervention, the Prime Minister thanked various participants for their suggestions and observations. In particular, he called for innovative approaches in areas such as skill development and tourism.

## Sealing of Indo-Bangla border to be completed by mid 2018: HM

New Delhi, Dec 27  
Union Home Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has said that the sealing of Assam-Bangladesh border will be completed within one to one and half years. Attending a

program in Guwahati today, he said that cases of violence in Assam have been decreased recently. Shri Singh also announced that government is ready for talks with militant groups but made it clear that government would not tolerate violence. He also said that the updation of National Register of Citizens will be completed soon in Assam.

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## 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of First Flag Hoisting Day by Netaji to be celebrated in a grand manner

### LG to hoist National Flag on Dec. 30

Port Blair, Dec. 27

The day of 30th December has tremendous significance not only for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands but for all Indians. On this day in the year 1943, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hoisted the National Flag for the first time at the Gymkhana Ground, present Netaji Stadium.

The A&N Administration is all set to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of First Flag Hoisting Day on 30th December in a befitting manner ensuring participation of general public. The main function will be held at the Memorial of 30th December, near Netaji Stadium, opposite Andaman Club wherein Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Prof. Jagdish Mukhi will hoist the National Flag at 8.30 am.

The Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises

(MSME), GoI, Shri Giriraj Singh, Margdarshak, FANS and the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray will also attend the function.

The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao will pay floral tributes at Netaji Statue at Marina Park and lay wreath at 1857 Memorial, Marina Park and Memorial of Battle of Aberdeen between 8.10 am and 8.20 am.

The Chief Secretary, Shri Anindo Mazumdar will lay wreath at Martyr's Column, Cellular Jail on Dec. 30 at 8.20 am.

Senior citizens will be felicitated by the Lt. Governor on the occasion.

In order to create awareness on the significance of the day of 30th December among the general public and students, a series of events is being organised by the Administration. The Department of

Education is conducting school level quiz, essay and painting competitions on the significance of the day across the Islands. A seminar on the theme Netaji and Freedom Struggle will be organized at JNRM.

In order to add festivity to the occasion, ships will be illuminated and placed near Ross Island. Free entry will be extended to all citizens and tourists to visit Cellular Jail from 9 am to 4 pm on 30th December 2016. The Department of Art and Culture through local Cultural organizations is staging Street Plays and Nukkad Nataks from 23rd December 2016 onwards in public places such as Marina Park, Gandhi Park, Bus Stand etc. Virasat -a multimedia presentation on the history and culture of the island is also planned to be staged at the Cellular Jail on 30th December.

## Meeting of DPC of South Andaman held

## Important projects should be prioritized; says Chief Secretary

Port Blair, Dec. 27

A meeting of District Planning Committee, South Andaman District was convened under the Chairmanship of Shri. Jaydeep Kumar Dey, Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman today in the Conference Hall of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman to discuss and deliberate on 15 year vision upto 2030, 7 years strategy from 2017-18 to 2023-24 and 3 year Action Plan (2017-18 to 2019-20) of Departments of A & N Administration.

For the first time in the history of DPC, the inaugural session was graced by the Chief Secretary, Shri. Anindo Majumdar, who inter-alia stated that the DPC should discuss the schemes and



finalize it according to availability of funds. He further said that important projects should be prioritized taking into consideration benefits the general public would derive out of it.

The meeting was also attended by DPC Members, Shri. Bishnu Pada Ray, Member of Parliament, Shri

B. Eswar Rao, Chairperson, PBMC, Shri. Raajiv Yaduvanshi, Principal Secretary (Planning/ Finance), Shri. Udit Prakash Rai, Secretary (Panchayat), Shri. Ramesh Verma, Chief Executive Officer & Ex-Officio Secretary(DPC), Zilla Parishad Members, Councillors from Municipal Council,

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## DLTFC recommends 20 cases under PMEGP scheme

Port Blair, Dec. 27

The 59th meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (DLTFC) was held yesterday under the chairmanship of Shri Mahesh Kumar Gupta, Assistant Commissioner (HQ), District Office, Port Blair for processing the loan applications received from the rural area of South Andaman District under PMEGP scheme of KVIC.

The loan cases of 20 beneficiaries were placed before the DLTFC and all the 20 loan proposals duly involving of an amount of Rs.109.12 lakh as project cost were recommended for consideration of

finance under PMEGP scheme during the current financial year 2016-17. Some of the projects which were recommended during the DLTFC meeting are mfg. of hollow block, steel fabrication unit, tailoring unit, purchase & ply of tourist vehicle and plying of auto rickshaw etc.

All the 20 loan cases will now be forwarded to the concerned bank branches of commercial as well as A&N State Co-operative Banks through Lead Bank Office, SBI, Port Blair for consideration of finance under the captioned scheme, a communication said.

## Kerala Samajam to celebrate X-Mas & New Year

Port Blair, Dec. 27

The Kerala Samajam, Port Blair will be celebrating X-Mas 2016 & New Year 2017 jointly in a befitting manner on Dec. 29, 2016 at 5.30 pm with variety of cultural programme at Kerala Samjam hall. The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao will be the chief guest on the occasion. Ref. Abraham Thomas, St. Thomas Marthoma Church, Port Blair and Rev. Fr. Liju K. Thomas, St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral, Port Blair will grace the occasion as guest of honour, a communication said.

## Minister of State for MSME arriving today

Port Blair, Dec.27

The Minister of State for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME), GoI, Shri Giriraj Singh will be arriving here on a four-day visit to the Islands tomorrow (Dec. 28). The Minister will attend Mudra Loan Distribution & Solar Charkha demonstration at Dr. BR Ambedkar auditorium tomorrow at 3 pm.

The Minister will hold review meeting with the officials of KVIC, NSIC, MSME at Raj Niwas on Dec. 29, 2016. On Dec. 30, the Minister will attend the first flag hoisting ceremony to be held at Memorial of 30th December, near Netaji Stadium and also pay tributes to Netaji Subash Chandra Bose at Marina Park on Dec.30, 2016.

The Minister will also visit various places of historical and tourists importance in and around the town. On completion of visit, the Minister will leave for mainland on Jan.01, 2017, an official release said here today.



## Vikas Mela at Diglipur from Jan 14

Port Blair, Dec. 27

The Diglipur Vikas Mela 2017 in collaboration with PRIs and various other Departments under A&N Administration will be organised at Vivekananda Stadium from Jan 14 to 20, 2017. During the seven day mela, different Departments will put their departmental stalls depicting various developmental activities/ works in their respective sectors.

Cultural programmes will be performed by local artists. Sports and other activities such as volleyball, badminton, table tennis, kabaddi, tug of war etc will also be organised, a communication from the President, Diglipur Vikas Mela said.

## Cashless transaction during ITF - 2017

Port Blair, Dec. 27

All entrepreneurs/firms/ individuals/Government Departments, who have been allotted stalls for the forthcoming Exhibition-cum-Trade Fair at ITF ground, VIP Road, Port Blair (06th to 15th January, 2017) have been informed that they will have to do cashless/ less cash

transaction during Island Tourism Festival - 2017. State Bank of India, Port Blair has agreed to help the Tourism Department in this mission.

In this connection, all the allottees have been directed to attend the workshop scheduled to be held in the conference hall

of the Directorate of Tourism on 29.12.2016 at 04.00 pm, wherein officials of SBI will give hands on training (in SBI buddy, SMS banking etc.) which can be used for this purpose of cashless economy, a communication from the Director (Tourism) said here today.

## Case under Food Safety booked; fine imposed

Port Blair, Dec. 27

A case under Food Safety was booked u/s 58 of FSS Act, 2006 yesterday and heard on the same date against Shri. C. Subramaniam, S/o Chitambaram & one Shri. Jag Narayan, S/o Late Sevi Ram, both employees of Shri. Krishna Kumar, Caterer, M.V. Nicobar. The

accused were found carrying banned tobacco products on board M.V. Nicobar from Kolkata and were imposed with a penalty of Rs. 30,000/-.

Similarly, another case was filed on Dec. 16, 2016 and

was adjudicated on Dec. 26 against Shri. Ajay Saha, R/o New Pahargaon, Prop. M/s Baba Lokenath products for selling imported ready to serve food product of

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## GP Rating Course for new entrants

Port Blair, Dec. 27

In accordance with Rule 67 of A&N Islands IV Rules 2016, 'G.P. Rating Course for New Entrants' is scheduled to be conducted at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Information Technology, Dollygunj in the month of Jan-Feb 2017. All willing candidates, who have not completed G.P. Rating course may apply for this course along with documents viz. photo

ID card (Aadhaar/Pan card/ driving license/voter ID etc.) and high school or 10th certificate/ marksheet.

Those candidates who have already applied for G.P. Rating course, need not apply again. Candidates must provide their mobile number on their application form, a communication from the Chief Examiner, Port Management Board said.

## Quiz competition on 'history of Andaman' held

Port Blair, Dec. 27

As part of celebration of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji on 30th December, a Zonal Level Quiz Competition on the topic 'history of Andaman' was conducted today at DEO's conference hall, Wimberlygunj. Altogether six Senior Secondary Schools of Wimberlygunj Zone participated in the competition in which the teams of Crescent Sr. Sec. School Wimberlygunj, MES School Azad Nagar and GMSS Ferrargunj

bagged the first, second and third positions respectively.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Gyan Sheel Dubey, Education Officer, Wimberlygunj who was the chief guest appreciated the students for their best performance. Shri Mohd. Irshad Ahmed, AD (Sports) was the guest of honour. Shri S.L. Vinjit was the quiz master while Shri Murgesan, BRP was the scorer. Shri O. Hassainar, AIOS proposed the vote of thanks, a communication said.

## Spiritual congregations by SNM

Port Blair, Dec. 27

Rev. Raj Kapoor Ji, Advocate (Supreme Court, Delhi) and Legal Administrator H.Q Sant Nirankari Mandal (SNM), New Delhi, Gyan Pracharak Sant Nirankari Mission arrived here on a five day visit to these Islands yesterday. During his stay, the Sant Nirankari Mandal, Branch Junglighat, Port Blair will be organizing spiritual congregations (Satsang) in

different places. Accordingly, the satsang will be held on Dec. 28 at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Chouldhari from 5 pm to 7 pm with guru ka langar, at Sant Nirankari Satsang Bhawan, Junglighat on Dec. 29 from 5 pm to 7 pm with guru ka langar and at Community Hall, Brookshabad on Dec. 30 from 5 pm to 7 pm with guru ka langar, a communication said.

SPORTS



**Virat Kohli pips Steve Smith as Cricket Australia's ODI captain of the year, Jasprit Bumrah in final XI**

Melbourne, Dec 27  
Accolades continue to pour in for India's dynamic Test captain Virat Kohli, who was today named skipper of Cricket Australia's ODI team of the year which also featured young yorker specialist Jasprit Bumrah.  
Kohli, who was earlier also picked captain of the ICC's ODI team of the year, was preferred over Australia's very own Steve Smith. Smith was, however, picked in the 'All-Star' team.  
"India's skipper played only 10 ODI matches in 2016, but he again underlined his status as one of the best in the 50-over format," CA said in a statement.

"The right-hander scored 45 or more in eight of his 10 innings for the year, notching back-to-back centuries in a run feast against Australia in January and then a magnificent 154 (not out) in a successful pursuit of 289 against New Zealand, more than half of his team's total.  
"He now averages an incredible 90.10 in 59 successful run chases for India, and has been out in the middle for the winning runs on 20 occasions," it added.

CA said Bumrah made the cut riding on his consistency.  
"India's unorthodox paceman Jasprit Bumrah was a stand-out in 2016, his first year as an international player.  
"While nine of his 17 wickets for the year came against Zimbabwe, it was his ability to keep scoring to a minimum that impressed us the most; he conceded more than 40 runs in an innings just once all year and his extraordinary economy rate of 3.63 is easily the best in the world for 2016," the CA stated.

**Cricket Australia's ODI Team of Year:**  
Virat Kohli (India, captain), David Warner (Australia), Quinton de Kock (wk) (South Africa), Steve Smith (Australia), Babar Azam (Pakistan), Mitchell Marsh (Australia), Jos Buttler (England), Jasprit Bumrah (India), Imran Tahir (South Africa).

**Samit Gohel scores 359 to set world record for highest score by an opener in first-class cricket**

New Delhi, Dec 27  
Its raining triple centuries in Ranji Trophy this year, as Samit Gohel or Gohil became the latest name to be added in the list. The Gujrat batsman became the fifth player to score a triple century this Ranji season. The right handed opener hit his maiden triple century this morning in the ongoing match between Odisha and Gujrat, scoring 359 runs off 723 balls with the help of 45 fours and 1 six.  
With this milestone, Gohil also became the highest individual run-getter in Ranji Trophy, surpassing the record of SM Gungale who scored 351\* runs in the match against Delhi this season.  
Five triple centuries has been hit so far first in this Ranji season:-  
1. SK Kamant of Goa who 304\* runs against Services,  
2. RR Pant of Delhi who scored 308 runs against Maharashtra.  
3. PK Panchal of Gujrat who scored 314\* runs against Punjab  
4. SM Gungale of Maharashtra who scored 351\* runs against Delhi  
5. SB Gohel of Gujrat who still unbeaten on 359\* runs against Odisha.  
The right-hand batsman who was being considered as 'stroke-less wonder' has often been criticized by the experts for his over defensive attitude and limited shot range, with his lack of confidence often being cited as the prime reason. Before the match against Odisha, his average in first class was just 33.61 as he had only managed to score 1412 runs in 27 matches with only two hundreds.  
Proving his mettle, Gohel silenced all his critics, as the triple century not only help him improve his first class records but also earn an image of being a batsman who can deliver at the right time for the team. With this feat, he also become the second Gujrat batsman to score triple century only after PK Panchal (314\* runs).



**Garacharma wins volley ball tournament**



Port Blair, Dec. 27  
As part of the birth anniversary celebration of former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee, the State Yuva Morcha of BJP organised a Volley Ball tournament at the School Ground of GSSS Junglighat.  
The final match of the tournament was played today in which the Deputy Commissioner South Andaman, Shri Udit Prakash Rai was the chief guest. The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri B. Eswar Rao was the Special Invitee. The President, Yuva Morcha, BJP and Councillors of PBMC were also present to witness the final match.



In the final, Garacharma defeated Dairy Farm by 25-20, 25-22, 25-22. Prizes were distributed to the winners and runners up team.

**Cooperative Bank Golden Jubilee Football Cup**

Port Blair, Dec. 27  
In the ongoing Cooperative Bank Golden Jubilee Football Cup, two matches were played today, in the 1st match 15 Assam defeated Eliz Sporting Club Team by 1-0 goal while in the 2nd match Chowra Team defeated Hut Bay Team by 1-0 goal.  
On Dec. 28, two matches will be played. In the 1st match United Sporting Club will lock horns with FCB Team at 1 pm while in the 2nd match Wimberlygunj Team will clash with Islands Infotech Team at 2 pm, a communication said.

**Annual sports of VKZPV held**

Port Blair, Dec. 27  
The Annual Sports of Vivekananda Kendra Zilla Parishad Vidyalaya, Port Mout was held in the school playground on Dec. 24. The Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri. Jaydeep Kumar Dey was the chief guest. Shri Bhanudasi, General Secretary, Kanyakumari, Shri. Subir Chander, Member, Zilla Parishad, Tushnabad Constituency, Shri. Mohan Halder, Pradhan, Gram Panchayat, Chouldari, Shri. Vijay Kumar, Principal, Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Lamba Line were also present.  
Smti. Sita Das, Principal welcomed the gathering. The programme started with the welcome song and it was followed by March Past.

**Multipurpose hall to remain closed**

Port Blair, Dec. 27  
The multipurpose hall at Netaji Stadium will remain closed from Dec. 28 till further notice for conducting open badminton tournament for (men & women) to be organised by Regional Sports Council and Department of Sports, a communication said.

**WEATHER**

Rain or thundershower likely to occur at few places. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25°C respectively on Wednesday 28/12/2016  
**Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours**  
Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.1  
Minimum Temperature (°C): 24.9  
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 074  
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 084  
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0538  
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1705  
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: 3650.1 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

**CINEMA**

**DIVIYUM TALKIES**  
**Schedule for Week Dec 23 - Dec 29**  
Dangal (Hin U) - 12:00 PM, 1:00 PM, 3:30 PM & 7:00 PM  
Anthamaan (Tam U) - 4:30 PM  
Kathhi Sandai (Tam U) - 7:30 PM  
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**REVISED SEVA SUCHNAYEIN**

**ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITIONS**  
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 1100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at 0700 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route.  
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Chowra, Teressa & Nancowry on 02.01.2017 (Mon) at 1100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at STARS Ticketing Counters. Similarly booking of cargo tickets (for perishable items only) will commence from 30.12.2016 (Fri) 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.  
**HUT BAY SECTOR:**  
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 28.12.2016 at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 31.12.2016 (Sat) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 29.12.2016 at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 02.01.2017 (Mon) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 31.12.2016 at STARS Ticketing Counters.  
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 03.01.2017 (Tue) at 2000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.01.2017 (Wed) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 02.01.2017 at STARS Ticketing Counters.

**FORESHORE SECTOR:**  
**NOTE: Passenger tickets for the Foreshore Sector vessels scheduled on 29th & 30th Dec., 2016 will be issued to the general public from 28.12.2016 onwards at Stars Counters.**  
**28.12.2016 (WEDNESDAY)**  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.  
MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 28.12.2016 (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 Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 28.12.2016 (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 Katchal will sail for Havelock on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.  
Due to administrative reasons the vessel MV Rani Lakshmi will now sail for Havelock on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 1600 Hrs instead of 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1830 Hrs instead of 1630 Hrs from Havelock. Inconvenience caused to the passengers is regretted.  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Neil Island on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 1130 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Neil Island. (Additional service) Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 28.12.2016 from 0900 Hrs at STARS Counters.

**RANGAT & DIGLIPUR**  
MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.  
MV Kamorta will sail for Diglipur on 28.12.2016 (Wed) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Diglipur.

**29.12.2016 (THURSDAY)**  
**HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0830 Hrs from Havelock.  
MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.  
MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.  
MV Katchal will sail for Havelock 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional service)  
MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island. (Additional service)  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 1600 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1830 Hrs from Havelock.

**HUTBAY**  
MV Bharat Seema will sail for Hut Bay on 29.12.2016 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Hut Bay.  
**30.12.2016 (FRIDAY)**  
**HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND**  
MV Rani Lakshmi will sail for Havelock on 30.12.2016 (Fri) 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 Havelock on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional service)  
MV Katchal will sail for Neil Island on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.  
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MV Katchal will sail for Havelock on 30.12.2016 (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 Kamorta will sail for Neil Island on 30.12.2016 (Fri) at 1130 Hrs. from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1330 Hrs from Neil Island. (Additional service)

**Huge quantity of banned tobacco products seized**

Mayabunder, Dec. 27  
The Food Safety officials of North & Middle Andaman and Police personnel with the help of PMB staff of Mayabunder conducted thorough check of each and every hand baggage, extra baggage and bulk cargo packages manually at Mayabunder jetty on the arrival of MV Nicobar on Dec. 21 from Kolkata. While checking 10 bottles of quimam (tobacco paste) from hand baggage of one shopkeeper from Rangat and about 1.5 kg of tobacco leaf, eleven packets of Gopal zarda (each 45 g), two tins (50 g each) of zarda were found from the passengers.  
Further, during search of cargo baggage 2 kg and 5 pkts (50g) each tobacco leaf were found in two bulk cargo packages containing cloths and other articles. All the prohibited articles were seized and action as per law is being initiated.  
Further, about 500g of ganja was also found from one bulk cargo package and handed over to Police for further action.  
Meanwhile, one Bar Owner of Diglipur has been adjudicated by the Adjudicating Officer (District Magistrate), North & Middle Andaman for contravention of various provisions of FSS (Licensing and Registration of Food Business) Regulation 2011 and a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- fine has been imposed on the Food Business Operator.  
Meanwhile, the general public have been requested to co-operate with the Food Safety officials and give information regarding storage and sale of prohibited chewing tobacco to Food Safety Officers/ District Administration, a communication from the Designated Officer (Food Safety) said.

**Police holds meeting with tour, boat & diving operators**

Port Blair, Dec. 27  
A meeting with the Tour, Boat and Diving operators of South Andaman was organized on Dec. 16 in the conference hall of the Superintendent of Police South Andaman District, in which Shri R. K. Pandey, SP (CID) and Shri Atul Kumar Thakur, SP (South Andaman) briefed them on various safety measures to be taken by them during ferrying tourists at sea and ensure adequate safety measures like provision of life jackets, life buoy on board and to take precautions during diving activities.  
Hoteliers were also asked to inform police on suspicious movements of tourists. The tour operators also raised certain issues and they were advised to put forth their problems before the appropriate authority. At last, it was urged to ensure safety of the tourists at sea and to be more alert from any suspicious activity, a communication said.

**RBI: Farmers get additional 60 days to repay crop loans**

Mumbai, Dec 27  
In a relief to farmers hit by demonetisation, the Reserve Bank of India, RBI, has given an additional 60 days to repay their crop loans due in November-December and said that prompt repayment would be eligible for the extra 3 per cent interest subsidy.  
RBI said in a notification in Mumbai yesterday that in view of the constraints faced by the farmers on account of withdrawal of legal tender status of old 500/1,000 rupees notes, Government has decided to provide an additional grace period of 60 days for timely repayment of loan dues. It said a prompt repayment incentive of 3 per cent would also be admissible to those farmers whose crop loan dues are falling due between November 1 and December 31, 2016, if such farmers repay the same within 60 days from the above period.

**Case under Food .. (Contd. from page 1)**

Bangladesh without proper regulatory clearance and was charged u/s 26(1), 26(2)(ii), 26(2)(iii), 26(3), 27(3)(d). A fine of Rs. 40,000/- was imposed against the Food Business Operator.  
The case was heard at the Court of Additional District Magistrate (Adjudicating Officer), South Andaman both the amount imposed as fine has since been realized, a communication from the District Food Safety Officer, South Andaman District said.

**Important projects.. (Contd. from page 1)**

Pramukhs of Panchayat Samities, South Andaman, Secretaries and Heads of Departments of various Plan Implementing Departments of the Administration.  
During the meeting, the 15 year Vision upto 2030, 7 years strategy for 2017-18 to 2023-24 and 3 year Action Plan (2017-18 to 2019-20) proposals /schemes of departments viz. Agriculture, AH&VS, Fisheries, Industries, Electricity, Social Welfare, Civil Supplies and District Administration were discussed and suggestions made.  
The meeting will continue on Dec. 28 & 29, 2016, where District Plan of the left out Departments will be discussed and finalized.

**Gram sabha**

Diglipur, Dec. 27  
The gram sabha meeting of Gram Panchayat Gandhinagar will be held on Dec. 28 at 10 am at Panchayat Bhawan, Gram Panchayat Gandhinagar, Aerial Bay, a communication said.

**PM attends NITI.. (Contd. from page 1)**

expenditure is authorized by the time the new financial year begins.  
The meeting was attended by the Finance Minister Shri Arun Jaitley, the Minister of State for Planning Shri Rao Inderjit Singh, the Vice Chairman NITI Aayog Shri Arvind Panagariya, and senior officers from the Union Government and NITI Aayog. It was also attended by economists and experts including Prof. Pravin Krishna, Prof Sukhpal Singh, Prof Vijay Paul Sharma, Mr. Neelkanth Mishra, Mr. Surjit Bhalla, Dr. Pulak Ghosh, Dr. Govinda Rao, Mr. Madhav Chavan, Dr. N.K. Singh, Mr. Vivek Dehejia, Mr. Pramath Sinha, Mr. Sumit Bose, and Mr. T.N. Ninan.