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Seminar by FANS at JNRM LG terms Islands as 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' & fulcrum of 21st Century



Port Blair, Dec. 29
The seminar on 'Andaman and Nicobar - A fortress to a spring board for India's engagement with Asia Pacific' organised under the aegis of Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS) held at the auditorium of JNRM here today discussed threadbare the potential of A&N Islands to be a spring board for India's engagement with Asia Pacific. The Lt. Governor, Lt. Gen. A.K. Singh (Retd.) was the chief guest of the seminar. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand Prakash were the guests of honour. Shri Inderesh Kumar, Marg Darshak, FANS and General Secretary, RSS was the main speaker.

Addressing the gathering, the Lt. Governor dwelt at length on the major developments which have taken place and others which are in the pipeline. Opining that India is now becoming a major player on the world stage, he said that A&N Islands will play a major role in India's Look East Policy. The 21st Century belongs to Asia Pacific as the attention of the world has shifted to this part of the region and expressed the hope that in a couple of years the Islands will fully be ready as a spring board. He said, the Islands are about 1200 nautical miles away from mainland whereas

it is just 100 kilometers from South East Asian Countries. The world's busiest trade is being done through Malacca Strait which is just 100 nautical miles and A&N Islands can play a respectable role in the Country's march to progress. He termed the Islands as 'unsinkable aircraft carrier' taking into account the Isles strategic location.

The Lt. Governor said, "the Islands can be developed as a major trading, shipping and tourist hub". The goal is to promote sustainable and inclusive growth while being sensitive to the fragile ecosystem and concerns of the indigenous tribes. The Lt. Governor outlined the four centres of gravity viz. the strategic nature of the Islands, the people and their aspirations, the environment and the original inhabitants Particularly Vulnerable Tribes (PVTs). If all these four centres live in harmony with each other nobody can stop the Islands marching ahead, he added.

Recalling the contribution of freedom fighters, the Lt. Governor said that the supreme sacrifices made by the freedom fighter have made the Islands as a place of pilgrimage. The Britishers could not dampen the spirit of the Indians despite the inhuman tortures meted upon them. He also said that he will re-look into the sound & light show arrangement at

Cellular Jail and in this regard a Committee will be constituted. The Lt. Governor also praised the spirit and courage of the people who were settled in the Islands. The Island truly exemplifies the principle of 'unity in diversity', he said.

The Lt. Governor mentioned that 30% of Exclusive Economic Zone rests in A&N Islands and the focus is on deep sea fishing. Mentioning about the future plans, the Lt. Governor said, a Transshipment Terminal for building and repairing ships will be established at Port Blair. The work for laying optical fibre cable will be completed within a couple of years and this will help IT industry to flourish in the Islands. Expressing the hope that the airfare will come down, the Lt. Governor said that the Administration is working to chalk out an action plan in this regard.

The Lt. Governor during the speech also touched upon the developments which has taken place since his taking over as the Lt. Governor of A&N Islands in the year 2013. Medical College, Andaman College and Community College has been successfully established and now the Administration is planning to establish a Law College by next year. The runway of Diglipur and Campbell Bay is being

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Circuit Court from Jan 4

Port Blair, Dec. 29
Justice Harish Tandon and Justice Debi Prosad Dey, Judges of the Calcutta High Court shall be holding Circuit Court at Port Blair on and from Jan 4 to 18, 2016, a communication from the Registrar, Circuit Bench, High Court, Calcutta said.

AATO hails decision to provide addl. ferry service

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Andaman Association of Tour Operators (AATO), Port Blair has expressed gratitude to the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands for providing additional boat services for Ross & Smith Island at Diglipur and also deploying

additional boats for Neil & Havelock Island. The President of the Association, Shri M. Vinod stated that providing additional ferry service this peak season will go a long way in helping tourism industry to further grow in Isles.

LG condoles death of football player from Carnic

Port Blair, December 29:
Hon'ble Lt Governor, Lt Gen A K Singh (Retd), has expressed his condolences on the death of Herbert Kanoen, alias Sen, an International level football player from Car Nicobar, who passed away on December 28, 2015.

The legendary football player played for the Dempo Sports Club, Goa and was also a member of the Goa State team which won the Santosh Trophy in 1984. Later on, he became the Manager of the Dempo Football team.

Tourist boats to be operated from Junglighat Terminal

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The general public and others concerned have been informed that from January 1, 2016 onwards tourist boats operating from Aberdeen Jetty to Ross Island, North Bay and Viper Island etc. shall be operating from newly constructed Junglighat Terminal instead of Aberdeen Jetty.
However, Out Boat Machine (OBM) boats/FRP boats plying with the permission of Director of Tourism, A&N Administration to ferry tourists shall continue to be operated from Aberdeen Jetty, a communication from the CPA, PMB said here today.

Union Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment on visit to Isles



Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI, Shri Krishnapal Gurjar arrived at Port Blair on 28th December, 2015 on a three-day visit to the Islands.
The Minister held meeting with officers of Urban Development/Rural Development/Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare/PBMC regarding the implementation

of the schemes being run by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, in the conference hall of ANTRI and also with the Hon'ble Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray.
The Minister will be meeting with the Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands at

Raj Niwas on 30th December, 2015. He will also address a press conference in the conference hall of Megapode Resort on 30th December, 2015 at 1630 hours.
On completion of visit, the Minister will leave for the mainland on 31st December, 2015.

Valedictory function of National Consumer Day celebration

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The valedictory function of weeklong programme organised as part of National Consumer Day celebration by the Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs will be held on Dec. 30 at 5 pm in the auditorium of Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anand

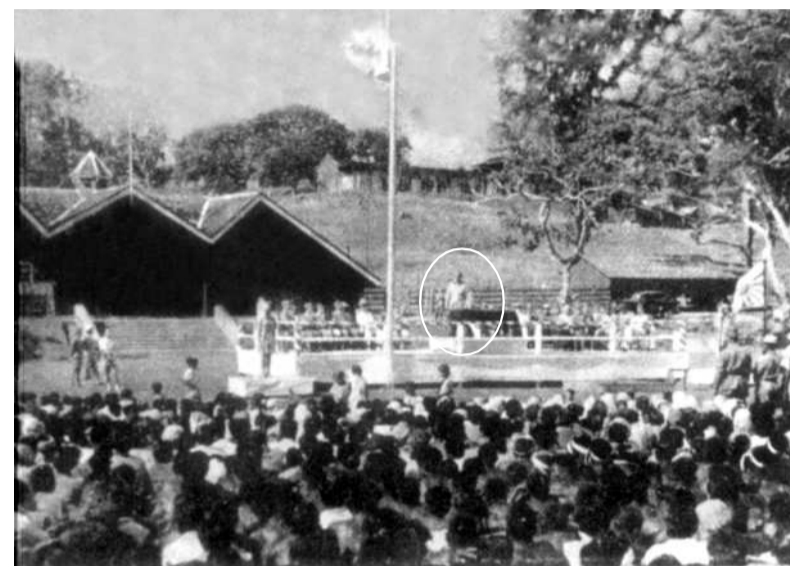
Prakash will be the chief guest on the occasion.
Meanwhile, the Department of CS & CA conducted a skit and dance competition etc. amongst the government & private school students of South Andaman District on the topic of 'Safe and Healthy Food: Combating Food Adulteration' today.

Commemorative function of first flag hoisting on Andaman Soil today

Port Blair, Dec. 29
To commemorate the first flag hoisting by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the year 1943 in Port Blair, the Lt. Governor, A&N Islands, Lt. Gen A.K. Singh (Retd.) will hoist the National Flag at the 'Memorial of 30th December', opposite Netaji Stadium tomorrow (Dec. 30) at 8.30 am followed by Guard of Honour.

Prior to this, the Chairperson, PBMC shall pay tribute to the Netaji Statue, 1857 Memorial and Battle of Aberdeen Memorial between 8.10 and 8.20 am. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration will lay wreath at the Martyrs' Column, Cellular Jail at 8.20 am on 30th December, 2015.

On this day in the year 1943, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as Head of the Provisional Government of Azad Hind hoisted the National Flag for the first



Archival photo: Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose hoisted the National Flag at Gymkhana Ground (present Netaji Stadium) on 30th December, 1943 amidst a large gathering.

time at the Gymkhana Ground (present Netaji Stadium). All have been requested to attend the function.

FANS members to participate: A team of 25 delegates from the Forum for Awareness of National Security (FANS)

is on its third 'Shaheed, Swaraj Dweep Samooh Naman Yatra' under the guidance and leadership of

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Minister of Communication & Information Technology arriving today

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Minister of Communication and Information Technology, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad will be arriving here tomorrow (Dec. 30) on a five-day visit to the Islands. Soon after arrival, the Minister will visit National Memorial Cellular Jail and lay wreath at Martyrs' Column. Thereafter, he will inaugurate the SGSN (Serving GPRS Support Node) a core equipment of GSM systems used for the data communications at Telephone Exchange near DAG Colony on Dec. 30 at 12.15 pm.

The Minister will lay the foundation stone for new Telephone Exchange at Radhanagar, Havelock Island on Jan 1 at 11 am. The

Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray will also attend the function. The new telephone exchange building at Radhanagar will also house submarine cable landing station besides state-of-the-art communication systems and microwave links for the Havelock Island, one of the most attractive tourist destination.

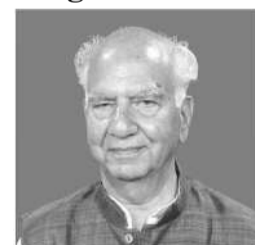
The Minister will hold meeting with BSNL, DOT, NIC, Postal, IT Department in the conference hall of Megapode Resort on Jan 3 at 11.30 am.

According to CGM, A&N Telecom Circle, the visit of

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Chairman of Committee on Public Undertakings on visit

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings and Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Shanta Kumar arrived here today on an eight-day visit to the Islands. During his stay, he will visit various places of tourists and historical importance in and around the Islands. On



completion of visit, he will leave for mainland on Jan 5, 2016, a communication said.

41 persons license suspended for driving under intoxication

Port Blair, Dec. 29
As per Section 185 of CMVA, 1988 driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is a punishable offence. The Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety has also recently issued direction to the States and UTs to take stringent action against drunken driving. Accordingly, a special drive against drunken driving was conducted by the enforcement

agency and 41 persons were found driving under the influence of alcohol. The Licensing Authority has suspended the driving licence of all these 41 persons during the month of Dec, 2015 for a period of three months. All drivers have been advised to refrain from driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol to avoid penal action against them, a communication said.

SPORTS

Footballer's death condoled

Herbert Kanoen of Nicobar was Dempo's midfield wizard

Panaji, Dec. 29
Dempo Sports Club's great midfielder Herbert Kanoen alias Sen passed away on Monday in Nicobar, his native place. Herbert was a member of the Goa team that won the Santosh Trophy in 1984. "Herbert was the one who passed the ball to me to score the winner in the 1984 Santosh Trophy which we won for the first time," recalls Dempo SC veteran Camilo Gonsalves.

Herbert first represented Goa in the Santosh Trophy in 1978 when they lost to Bengal 0-1 in the finals in Srinagar. Thereafter, he was a member of the Goa team. Herbert represented India against Fortuna Koln and from West Germany and Lokomotive (Moscow) in Calicut, Madurai and Trivandrum.

"It is a sad day for me. He was my senior in the team. He mesmerised opponents with his body feints and his unexpected through passes. He was a great controller of the game and had a very robust body for those days. God will look after him now," stated Camilo Gonsalves.

"Really a sad day for Goa football. Herbert was the most humble football player I met. He was a player devoid of any controversy. He was kind and helpful to all of us. Even when he was appointed the manger of Dempo SC, he was the easiest person to approach," stated former colleague and present coach of Dempo SC Mauricio Afonso.



Herbert Kanoen alias Sen

Herbert smiled when he played and that made it difficult to judge what he was up to next. He was crafty, fast and sometimes looked intimidating but was actually the softest guy. A very clean player. I will miss the good times with Herbert," stated Brahmanand Shankwalkar who was at the receiving end of Herbert's shots at goal.

Herbert was spotted by Dempo coach Ratnam and even played under Bob Bootland from England when the latter tried to introduce total football into the Dempo SC set up in those years.

He was part of the Dempo team in the late seventies and went on

to play until the early nineties. After playing, he was appointed as manager- a post he held on for a year before returning to his native Nicobar Islands. Herbert - for those who knew him as a player - was an intelligent midfielder who filled the vacuum in the defence and moved upfront to help his teammates. He was hardworking and when not playing was seen with the ball outside the old Dempo players' quarters near the Panaji market. When free, he would sit with his legs stretched on the wall smiling at all who passed. At play, his mind could hardly be read.



LG terms Islands ...

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extended. Night landing of flights will begin shortly and this will improve the connectivity to the Islands to a large extent.

Urging the Islanders to keep the interest of the Islands on the fore, the Lt. Governor said, "we are the custodians of these Islands". He called upon the Islanders to collectively work for taking the Islands on the path of growth and prosperity. The safety of the Islanders is the top priority and the disaster management in the Islands has been strengthened to deal with any disasters.

The Lt. Governor concluded his speech by Swami Vivekananda's quote "Arise, Awake and Stop not till the goal is achieved".

In his keynote address, Shri Inderesh Kumarji, Marg Darshak, FANS and General Secretary, RSS stated that this is the third Shaheed, Swaraj Dweep Samooh Naman Yatra by FANS- Forum for Awareness of National Security to hoist the tricolour tomorrow to celebrate the flag hoisting by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on Dec. 30, 1943. He said, flag hoisting function should be organized in a broader scale with the participation of masses, like the Republic Day celebration. The UT Govt. should declare Dec. 30 as holiday to enable people from all walks of life to attend this prestigious and historical function. The sacrifice made by our freedom fighters to liberate India from the shackles of foreign rulers must be celebrated by all, he opined.

These Islands are the best example of peace and brotherhood and if an award is instituted for social harmony then no doubt these islands will get the social harmony award, he said praising the unity in diversity prevailing in these islands. People should visit these islands not only for

New Year celebration by Chinmaya Mission

Port Blair, Dec. 29
On the eve of New Year Chinmaya Mission, Port Blair will be organising Shri Vishnu Sahasranama Archana on Dec. 31 from 10 am to midnight 12 am at Mission auditorium. The programme will start at 10 am with chanting of Mantras followed by archana. At midnight 12 am, arati will be performed followed by prasad distribution, a communication said.

tourism purpose but they should also come to pay their obeisance to the great patriots of the motherland who sacrificed their lives in the infamous Cellular Jail.

In his address on the occasion, the Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray said, it was due to the personal effort made by Shri Inderesh Kumar this programme materialized and FANS organisation got root in these Islands. Giving information about some of the developments, the Member of Parliament said that due to special initiatives taken by the Power Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal, these Islands will become total green Island by 2017 by installing Solar Power projects replacing diesel power generation. The MP further informed that the National Highway project will be started in Isles soon. The tender for two bridges in Middle Strait and Humfry Strait will be floated in the month of January 2016, he added. The MP further stated that two polytechnics one each at Diglipur and Car Nicobar will be established soon and the fund amounting more than Rs.12 crore has been sanctioned by the Govt. of India.

Ms. Nishu Kumari Singh, a student of JNRM in her vibrant speech on the topic of the seminar gave valid reason on how these Island can be turn from a fortress to a spring board for India's engagement with Asia Pacific.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Principal, JNRM, Dr. Francis Xavier who is also a Member of FANS A&N Chapter briefed about the activities of FANS and highlighted on the importance of A&N Islands.

The seminar concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the President, FANS A&N Chapter, Shri Girish Arora.

The dignitaries felicitated eminent persons from the Islands for their contributions. They included Dr. Rohindra Lal, Smt. Pritam Kumari Nanda, Capt. Kundan Lal Mahajan and Ms Deborah in absentia.

The function was also graced by the Adhyaksha, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Smt. Minati Biswas, the Chairperson PBMC, Smt. Sheela Singh, Smt. Sarla Singh, National Gen. Secy. FANS, Smt. Rupa Ray, the State President, BJP, Shri Vishal Jolly, Shri Pradip Joshi Kshetriya Pracharak, RSS, senior officers from Civil Administration, members of the FANS team from mainland and a good number of students and general public.

Tenants advised not to seek assistance of middle man/agents

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Tehsil Office, Ferrargunj has been making efforts to deliver timely services viz. issuance of all certificates & etc. In this connection, the tenants were appealed to approach to Tehsil Office in person or through recognized agents for collection of certificates. It has come to notice that certain persons claiming to relatives/close associates of tenants have been approaching the Tehsil Office to get the documents on the regular basis. Complaints have also been received from the recorded tenants regarding



ANCOL students advised

Port Blair, Dec. 29
As per the communication received from Pondicherry University, the revised date for the postponed examination of BPA Music (first semester) scheduled on Dec. 18 for the subject 'Analytical Study of Raags and Taals-I MT1(1) PK5 11 NRR' will be held on Jan 5, 2016 (F/N). Students have been advised to contact the Examination Wing of ANCOL for more details, a communication said.

Deaths condoled

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The Non-Gazetted Govt. Officers Association, A&N Islands has condoled the death of Shri Dharendra Nath Paul, r/o Madhupur, Diglipur who died on Dec. 27. He was 95.

Meanwhile, the Secretary, Rajya Sainik Board, Col. (Retd.) D.S. Godara and all staff of A&N Rajya Sainik Board have mourned the demise of Shri Jai Chand Lal, ex-Naik (EME), R/o Panipat, Bambooflat, an ex-Servicemen who died on Dec. 25.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy sky with possibility of early morning haze/mist. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 26°C respectively on Tuesday 29/12/2015
Observational data for Port Blair in last 24 hours
Maximum Temperature (°C): 31.3
Minimum Temperature (°C): 26.2
Relative Humidity (%) at 0830 IST: 077
Relative Humidity (%) at 1730 IST: 080
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0538
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1706
Rainfall upto 0830 hrs of date (last 24 hrs) in mm: 000.3
Rainfall upto 1730 hrs of date in mm: 000.0
Rainfall (Progressive total from 1st January 15: 2887.9 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

CINEMA
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Following is the Schedule for Week Dec 18 - 24
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INTER ISLAND SECTOR:-
Due to technical reasons the scheduled sailing of MV Chowra for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry has been postponed by a day. Now the vessel will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar & Nancowry on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2016 (Sun) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route.
MV Sentinel will sail for Car Nicobar via Hut Bay on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.01.2016 (Fri) at 0800 Hrs from Car Nicobar via Hut Bay.
FORESHORE SECTOR:-
30.12.2015 (WEDNESDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 30.12.2015 (Wed) 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 30.12.2015 (Wed) 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 Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 30.12.2015 (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 Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 30.12.2015 (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 Bambooka will sail for Neil Island on 30.12.2015 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1415 Hrs from Neil Island. (Additional Service)
Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public on 30.12.2015 at STARS Counters.
MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Havelock on 30.12.2015 (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 Bambooka will now sail for Havelock on 30.12.2015 (Wed) at 1630 Hrs instead of 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1900 Hrs instead of 1630 Hrs from Havelock.
MV Kamorta will sail for Havelock on 30.12.2015 (Wed) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock. (Additional service)
HUT BAY
MV Dering will sail for Hut Bay on 30.12.2015 (Wed) at 2000 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 0800 Hrs from Hut Bay.
RANGAT & DIGLIPUR
MV Rani Changa will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 30.12.2015 (Wed) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
Due to administrative reasons the schedule sailing of MV Kamorta for Diglipur on 30.12.2015 has been cancelled. Passengers those who have already purchased their tickets for the above sailing are advised to cancel their tickets and get refunded from STARS Counters.
31.12.2015 (THURSDAY)
HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND
MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
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MV Jolly Buoy will sail for Neil Island on 31.12.2015 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.

Minister of Communication....

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Hon'ble MoC & IT will help improve the overall telecommunications/ ICT facilities in the entire A & N Islands. BSNL is going to migrate to latest state-of-the-art IP (Internet Protocol) based satellite communications systems. IP based technology is the future for all sort of communications and the entire world is migrating to it.

The Minister will also visit various places of tourist interest in and around the Islands before leaving for mainland on Jan 3.

Commemorative function....

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Shri Inderesh Kumarji, Marg Darshak, FANS to participate in the commemorative programme at Netaji Stadium tomorrow. On Dec. 31 at 1845 hrs, 'Samudra Pojan' will be conducted by the Forum at Aberdeen Water Sports Complex
FANS is a non-religious and non-political organization with its Head Office in Delhi and has enrolment of prominent citizens from different walks of life including retired defence personnel, as its members.

Science, Arts & Craft exhibition held

Campbell Bay, Dec. 29
Science, Arts and Craft Exhibition 2015-16 of Campbell Bay Educational Zone was held today. Shri Nagender S. Pati Tripathi, Assistant Commissioner, Great Nicobar inaugurated the exhibition. Smti. Manjula Lakra, Pramukh, Panchayat Samiti, Campbell Bay was the guest of honour, a communication said.

LPG consumers advised

Port Blair, Dec. 29
The LPG consumers attached with CCS Ltd. have been informed to submit a photo copy of Aadhaar Card to CCS LPG Section, Delanipur or CCS LPG Extension Counters/Branches at Out Stations for linking their Aadhaar number with a LPG connection account, a communication said.

Departure time of MV Nicobar revised

Port Blair, Dec. 29
Due to administrative reasons, the scheduled departure time of the vessel MV Nicobar for Kolkata via Mayabunder on 19th Jan., 2016 at 0900 hrs from Port Blair has been revised. Now the vessel is planned to sail for Kolkata via Mayabunder on 19th Jan., 2016 at 1600 Hrs instead of 0900 hrs from Haddo Wharf. Medical examination and embarkation of passengers will commence from 1300 hrs. to 1500 hrs. on 19.01.2016.

PRESS NOTE

In order to cater to increased rush of tourist for weekend / New Year Holidays in the destinations of Havelock and Neil Island, the Hon'ble Lt. Governor has directed the Directorate of Shipping Services to deploy additional sorties, in the above sector, to avoid any disruption of tourist traffic.

Complying to the above direction, the Directorate of Shipping Services has arranged additional services of speed vessel to Havelock and Neil Island as per the following.

A. Port Blair & Havelock

Date	Departure	From	Departure	From
30.12.2015	0620 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	0900 hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
	1400 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	1630 Hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
31.12.2015	0620 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	0900 hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
	1400 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	1630 Hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
01.01.2016	0620 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	0900 hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
	1400 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	1630 Hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
02.01.2016	0620 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	0900 hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
	1400 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	1630 Hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
03.01.2016	0620 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	0900 hrs	Havelock to Port Blair
	1400 Hrs	Port Blair to Havelock	1630 Hrs	Havelock to Port Blair

B. Port Blair - Neil

Date	Departure	From	Departure	From
30.12.2015	1200 Hrs	Port Blair to Neil	1415 Hrs	Neil to Port Blair
31.12.2015	1300 Hrs	Port Blair to Neil	1515 Hrs	Neil to Port Blair
01.01.2016	1200 Hrs	Port Blair to Neil	1415 Hrs	Neil to Port Blair
02.01.2016	1200 Hrs	Port Blair to Neil	1415 Hrs	Neil to Port Blair
03.01.2016	1300 Hrs	Port Blair to Neil	1515 Hrs	Neil to Port Blair

The above services are in addition to the standard shipping connectivity provided by this Directorate to Neil and Havelock Island.
It also advised that tourists proceeding to these places must ensure that :-
a) They visit these places in the beginning of their itineraries to ensure spare days are available in case there is last minute disruption in the shipping schedule due to inclement weather or technical faults.
b) All tourists must also ensure that they buy their return tickets at Port Blair itself to avoid inconvenience later.
c) Tourist visiting Havelock and Neil Islands are kindly requested to adhere to the above advice for their own convenience. It is also pertinent to mention that all boats have fixed passenger capacity and additional passengers cannot be carried on board, as it is unsafe.

Deputy Director (SS)