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Weather

Dry Weather most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 25°C respectively on Thursday 02/01/2020. Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.6
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.3
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 076
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 082
 Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0539
 Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1707
 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 3221.2 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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India to launch Chandrayaan-3 this year: Minister

New Delhi, Jan 1
 Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Dr Jitendra Singh has said that India will launch Chandrayaan-3 in 2020. Briefing reporters in New Delhi yesterday, Dr. Singh asserted that the mission cost will be less than Chandrayaan-2. He added that the experience gathered from Chandrayaan-2 and available infrastructure will bring down the cost of



Chandrayaan-3. Indian Space Research Organization had planned its landing on the South Pole of the lunar surface.

General Bipin Rawat assumes charge as first CDS; says three services will work as a team

New Delhi, Jan 1
 Chief of Defence Staff, CDS, General Bipin Rawat has said that all the three services will work as a team. After taking charge as the first CDS, General Rawat said, as per the task given to the CDS, to enhance integration and do better resource management will be a priority. General Rawat said Armed forces will be strengthened through synergy and integration. He said CDS will be neutral to all three services.



General Rawat said, how armed forces stay away from politics and work as per the directives

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Relaxation to Startups recognized by DPIIT Exemption granted from prior experience/prior turnover criteria in public procurement

Port Blair, Jan 1
 All startups that are recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) have been made eligible to get exemption from the prior experience/prior turnover criteria in public procurement. The Ministry of Finance, Department of expenditure with a view to provide a level playing field to startups vis-à-vis the established companies and enable startups to participate in tenders of public procurement, issued a directive vide OM

No. F.20/2014-PPD(Pt.) dated 20th September, 2016 to all Central Ministries/ Departments that all startups -- "micro, small enterprises or otherwise" -- may now be allowed relaxation in the condition of prior experience and

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Talk by CEO A&N Islands on 'summary revision of photo electoral rolls'

Port Blair, Jan. 1
 In a special episode of 'Morning Tea- Aapke Saath', the All India Radio Port Blair will broadcast a phone-in programme on the topic 'Summary revision of photo electoral rolls' on Jan 2, 2020 from 7.15 am to 7.55 am. The Chief Electoral Officer of A&N Islands, Shri K. R. Meena will be the guest in the studio and answer queries of the listeners on the topic. Listeners can call on phone numbers 232336 or 232558 to participate in this live programme

Results of bye election held for Gram Panchayat Ward Members declared

Port Blair, Jan 1
 The bye election to fill up the casual vacancies for the Gram Panchayat Ward Members under Ferrargunj, Port Blair and Diglipur Tehsil

respectively was held on Dec 29, 2019. A press release from the Director of Panchayat & Municipal Elections (Deputy Commissioner, S/A) here today said that after

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Joint exercise on earthquake conducted at CISF unit

Port Blair, Jan. 1
 A joint mock exercise on earthquake was conducted at CISF Unit ISTRAC Port Blair under the supervision of Assistant Commandant, Shri Kamal Kumar Singh yesterday. CISF personnel, ISTRAC staff, NDRF team and State Disaster Management officials participated in the joint exercise. During the joint mock drill, the NDRF team



conducted evacuation, search and rescue operation from a dummy collapse structure. Apart

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National Tribal Dance Festival held at Raipur

Nicobarese Tribal students mesmerized gathering with traditional folk dance

1800 participants from six countries, 25 States & UTs participated



Port Blair, Jan 1
 The National Tribal Dance Festival was organized at Raipur, Chhattisgarh from 27th to 29th December, 2019. A group of seven Nicobarese Tribal students from JNRM were deputed by A&N Administration to

participate in the National Tribal Festival. The team was led by Ms. Amrita Singh, Programme Officer, Kala Kendra. The Island artists had the opportunity to interact and appreciate Tribal art forms of Sri Lanka, Uganda, Maldives,

Thailand, Bangladesh, Belarus besides various Indian tribal art forms. More than 1800 participants from six countries, 25 States and Union Territories participated in the three days dance festival and various competitions

which were based on performance by Nicobarese students during the festival enthralled the audience. The programme was co-ordinated by Kala Kendra - a society under Art & Culture Department, A&N Administration.

Issuance of Islander Identity Card in Mayabunder, Rangat & Subashgram GP

Port Blair, Jan 1
 The photography for issuance of Islander Identity Card for the general public of Mayabunder, Rangat and Subashgram, Gram Panchayat is scheduled to be held from Jan 6, 2020 onwards. Only the

Islanders who have enrolled their names in the islander list are eligible for photography. During photography all are requested to bring a copy of Aadhar Card. (Details of the schedule is given on pg 3)

Transportation of live fish seeds Agencies authorized for issuance of Health certificate/SPF/ Quarantine certificate notified

Port Blair, Jan 1
 In accordance with the provision contained in Rule 16 (f) of the Andaman and Nicobar Island Marine Fishing (Amendment) Rules- 2019 for transport of live fish seed of freshwater/ brackish water / marine species of fishes and crustacean, freshwater ornamental fishes and any other aquatic flora and fauna from any accredited hatcheries/farm in

mainland (India) and in exercise of powers conferred to Director of Fisheries, A&N Administration under Rule 16(f) of the above said Rule, the agencies authorized for issuance of Health certificate/SPF/ Quarantine certificate for the transportation of live fish seed (spawn/fry/ fingerling) of freshwater / brackish water / marine

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Health awareness prog. under Fit-India Campaign held at Car Nicobar

Car Nicobar, Jan 1
 Under the banner of #Fit-India Campaign, the District Health Society (Nicobar) and BJR Hospital, Car Nicobar organized a unique health awareness programme titled 'Christmas Health Campaign- 2019' in Car Nicobar. A rally was organized in which the Health Team comprising of doctors, health and paramedical staff visited different

villages of Car Nicobar and delivered health awareness talk on various subject. Bad impact of alcohol consumption was also highlighted. A special health awareness song in Nicobari language was also presented during the campaign. The programme was flagged off by the chief guest, Dr. Monica Priyadarshini, Deputy Commissioner Nicobar

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Workshop on sexual harassment at work place held

Port Blair, Jan 1
 A workshop and an orientation on prevention of sexual harassment at work place was conducted recently at Labour Welfare

Centre, Marine Dockyard, Directorate of Shipping Services. Women Rights Activist, Shri Balaji Prem Kumar delivered a lecture

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Extension granted for plying of existing inland vessels, not built under Class

Port Blair, Jan. 1
 The Lieutenant Governor (Administrator), A & N Islands has ordered the extension of plying permission of existing inland vessels, not built under Class for a further period of one year from 06.01.2020 to 05.01.2021, in terms of Rule 4 of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Inland Vessels Rules, 2016, subject to the conditions that the boat owners submit a written letter/declaration specifying the date of

decommissioning of the existing boat/purchase order of new boat. Other conditions are that general examination of hull condition, hull out fittings, weather tightness of decks & water tightness of bottom and side shell are to be carried out at an interval of 06 months jointly by the Surveyors of IRS & A&N Administration and the recommendations of the Surveyors, if any, shall be complied with. Thickness measurement for steel vessels by IRS

approved firm would be carried out annually and report to be submitted to the satisfaction of the attending Surveyor. All decked vessel should have IRS approved stability document on-board and all the parameters mentioned in the stability appraisal letter has to be verified on-board to the satisfaction of the attending Surveyor. For FRP open boats, annual boat weighing a buoyancy foam

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Ring in New Year with flavours of Andaman 'Flea Market'-a platform to market unique handmade products

Port Blair, Jan 1
 To begin the New Year on a fun and frolic note, the Tourism Department will be organizing the next 'Marina Flea Market' on January 4 & 5, 2020 with the theme 'Andaman Flavour Fest' at Mahavir Singh Road, Marina Park from 5 pm to 10 pm. The Marina Flea Market is being organized by the Department to encourage the participation of the locals in promotion of tourism and also to showcase the local culture, cuisines, art & handicrafts besides



providing a platform to sellers to market their unique products. The flea market has evoked positive response from women as it provided them the opportunity to not only showcase their handmade/

homemade products of various kinds, but helped them in being financially strong. During the two day flea market, sale of Malabar Foods, special Chota

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Hindi workshop held at BSI

Port Blair, Jan. 1
 The Botanical Survey of India, Andaman & Nicobar Regional Centre conducted a two days 'Hindi workshop' recently for creating greater awareness about the use of 'Hindi' in the official works amongst the officers and employees. Inaugurating the Hindi workshop, Dr. Lal Ji Singh, Joint Director & HOO, emphasized upon the role of Government employees

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Date for verification of shareholders/members of CCS Ltd. extended

Port Blair, Jan 1
 All the shareholders/ members of the Consumers Co-operative Stores Ltd (CCS LTD) have been informed that the last date for verification/update of shareholder list of the CCS Limited has been extended up to March 31, 2020. The shareholders who have not yet submitted application for verification/ update have been

advised to submit their application in the prescribed format along with the copy of Aadhar card and one passport size photo in any branch or Head Office of CCS Ltd. The prescribed format of application is available in the Head office as well as all branches of the society, a communication from Secretary, CCS Limited

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SPORTS

Healthy start for 2020

A&N Police organizes cross country run under Yuva initiative



Port Blair, Jan. 1
The A&N Police organized a cross country run under the aegis of Yuva programme of the Department. 'Yuva', is an initiative of the Andaman & Nicobar Police which aims at channelizing the energies of the youth in constructive activities and bringing the delinquent youth on the right



track. The run was organized as a part of 'Fit India Movement' launched by the Prime Minister of India. Shri Manoj C., Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District flagged off the race from the Marina Park today. A total of 54 youth participated in the run.

The closing ceremony was attended by the Deputy Inspector General of Police, Shri Vijay Singh as the chief guest. He also gave away the trophies to the winners viz. M. Chendra Shekar, Bhaskar, Gunmadi Prathap & B. Seranju who secured first, second, third & fourth positions respectively. A special prize

Prize distribution ceremony of athletic meet of GMSSS held

Port Blair, Jan 1
The prize distribution ceremony of the Annual Athletic Meet of Govt. Model SSS, Aberdeen was held yesterday. The Chairperson, PBMC, Shri N.K Udhaya Kumar who was the chief guest on the occasion gave away the prizes to the winners. Smti. Selvi, Ward Councilor was the special guest. The students of class VI to VIII presented yoga display on the occasion.

In his address, the chief guest exhorted the students to actively take part in sports activities and stay fit. Smti. Selvi, Ward Councilor also addressed the students.



Earlier, the Principal, Shri G. Shara Chandran welcomed the gathering, a communication said.

Extension granted...

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verification and parameters mentioned in the stability letter has to be verified on-board to the satisfaction of the attending Surveyor. Material used for any repairs shall be IRS approved and repair work shall be under the supervision of IRS/A & N Administration Surveyor. Any additional fittings/modifications other than repair as mentioned in Sl. No. (6), after the approval of stability document, would not be allowed and in any case violation of the same will invalidate all reports/letters issued by IRS.

The vessels operation will be restricted to day light hours in settled and calm weather condition (i.e. significant wave height not more than 0.6 meter). All statutory requirements will be verified by the Surveyors of A & N Administration.

An undertaking to the effect that no modifications have been carried out since the approval of stability booklet is to be obtained from Ship Owner for every vessel prior to undertaking periodical survey. No extension of any kind shall be granted to the existing inland vessels not build under Class beyond 05.01.2021, a communication from the Chief Port Administrator, said.

Exemption granted from

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However, in circumstances such as procurement of items related to public safety, health, critical security operations and equipment etc. where procuring entities may prefer the vendors to have prior experience rather than giving orders to new entities; for such procurements wherever adequate justification exists, the procuring entities may not relax the criteria of prior experience/turnover for startups. Further, by amendment to the rule 170(i) of General Financial Rules (GFR) 2017, vide the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure OM No. F.20/2014-PPD (Pt.) dated 25th July, 2017, the Startups recognized by the DPIIT have been exempted from the Bid Security (also known as Earnest Money) in the tendering process, a communication from Directorate of Industries said.

Health awareness prog. ...

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District, Car Nicobar from St. Paul Church Perka on Dec 26, 2019 in the presence of Dr. Anwar Moosa, Medical Superintendent along with the First Headmen and Rev. of Perka Village, Car Nicobar.

The chief guest while expressing her views appreciated the good work of the Health Department of Nicobar District. The Bishop and members of the Tribal Council have also lauded the Medical Teams' innovative effort to reach out to the tribal communities with health messages, a communication said.

Agencies authorized..

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species of fishes and crustacean, freshwater ornamental fishes and any other aquatic flora and fauna, chilled or frozen fish and fishery products from mainland (India) to A&N Islands has been notified. The agencies authorized are all ICAR institute dealing with Fisheries Sciences and Aquaculture, all State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) dealing with Fisheries Science and Aquaculture, all KVKs under ICAR institute and SAUs dealing with Fisheries Sciences and Aquaculture, all Central/State Authorized Laboratories both in Public and Private sector dealing with Aquaculture, a communication from the Director of Fisheries said.

**National Kayaking & Canoeing Sprint C'ship
Neeta Sarkar of SAI congratulated
for bagging Bronze medal**

Port Blair, Jan 1
Ms. Neeta Sarkar, a trainee of SAI, SAG Centre Port Blair has won bronze medal in K - 1, 5000M (Junior Women) in the 30th Jr. & Sub- Jr. National Kayaking & Canoeing Sprint (B & G) Championship held at Bhopal from Dec. 27 to 30, 2019. The Centre In charge and Coaches of SAI, SAG Centre, Port Blair have congratulated her for achieving this feat. The Regional Director SAI, Kolkata has also congratulated the medal winner, a communication said.



**Open State Hockey
Championship-
cum-Selection Trail**



Port Blair, Jan. 1
The Hockey Andaman & Nicobar will be organizing an Open State Hockey Championship-cum-Selection Trail for senior men from Jan 4, 2020 onwards at Port Blair. Interested Teams/Clubs/Departments/Organizations/Institutions/Sports Associations have been requested to register their entries at State Olympic Association Office, Port Blair with nominal entry fee by Jan 3, 2020 during office hours. For further enquiries, one may contact over phone nos. 03192243001, 9933246274, 9531808874, 9933250572, a communication said.

34th annual sports meet of VKV held

Port Blair, Jan. 1
The closing ceremony of 34th annual sports meet 2019 of Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya was held yesterday. The Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma who was the chief guest on the occasion took keen interest in all the events and encouraged the participants. The Adhyaksh,

Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Subir Chander was the guest of honour. A colourful dance was presented by the children followed by Suryanamaskar, Yogaasanas and Mass PT. Rhythmic yoga, band display and pyramid by children were the highlight of the programme. The winners of various events

were awarded with prizes and certificates by the guests. Altogether 700 students participated in the event. Earlier, Dr. Archana Gupta, Vice-Principal welcomed the gathering while Shri Subhash, In-charge (Primary) proposed the vote of thanks, a communication said.

**Engagement of guest
faculties in TGCE**

Port Blair, Jan. 1
The Tagore Government College of Education (TGCE) has proposed to engage one guest faculties each in English and Mathematics discipline to teach in Four Years Integrated Programme in Education and Two Years B.Ed Degree Programme during the academic year 2019-20 @ Rs. 1,000/- per lecture to maximum Rs. 25,000/- per month or as per rates applicable and approved by the A&N Administration.

The eligibility and educational qualification include a good academic record with Master Degree in English/Mathematics with 50% marks (or equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed). M.Ed. Degree with at least 55% marks (or equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and any other stipulated prescribed by the UGC in the general norms including a pass in NET/SLET/SET prescribed in the regulation shall be mandatory or who have been awarded Ph.D. Degree in the concerned Subject in accordance with the UGC (minimum standards and procedure for Awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulation 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be, exempted from NET/SLET/SET.

Desirous candidates have been directed to attend a demo class at 9 am on Jan. 4, 2020 in TGCE, Port Blair along with Curriculum Vitae (CV), self attested copies of testimonials and a copy of photograph, a communication from the Principal, TGCE said.

Hindi workshop ...

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in working in Rajbhasha Hindi. Shri Prakash Horo, Junior Hindi Translator was the resource person, a communication said.

Joint exercise on...

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different technical skills, life saving techniques during disaster and displayed about the CPR procedure. Shri Gyan Singh, Assistant Director, Logistic, Shri Deen Mohammed, Safety Officer of Disaster Management A&N Administration and Shri Debdas Paik, Sr. Scientist Engineer SD were also present during the event.

Results of bye election ..

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as under:

Sl No	Name of the Gram Panchayat Member and Constituency	Name of the Contesting Candidates	Party Affiliation	Total votes polled to each Candidate	Name of the Candidate declared elected
1	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Wimberlygunj-8 of Wimberlygunj Constituency under Ferrargunj Tehsil (Seat-General)	C P Abdul Salam	INC	80	C P Abdul Salam
		N Sulaiman Haji	Independent	71	
2	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Govindnagar-2 of Govindnagar Constituency under Port Blair Tehsil (Seat-General)	Debrata Biswas	INC	99	Manmato Bairagi
		Manmato Bairagi	BJP	126	
3	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Milangram-2 of Laxmipur Constituency under Diglipur Tehsil (Seat-General)	Maina Rani Sarkar	BJP	72	Maina Rani Sarkar
		Rupali Das	INC	70	

**MV Nicobar to sail
for Chennai on Jan 3**

Port Blair, Jan 1
The vessel M V Nicobar will now sail for Chennai on Jan 3, 2020 at 1000 hrs from Haddo wharf. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs on Jan 2, 2020 i.e. one day prior to sailing of the vessel. The embarkation of passengers will commence from 0800 hrs to 0900 hrs on Jan 3, 2020. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel.

**IGNOU re- registration;
last date extended**

Port Blair, Jan. 1
The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has announced the extension of date for re-registration to its academic programmes for January 2020 session. For online re-registration, the students have been advised to log on to IGNOU site www.ignou.ac.in for timely payment of their 2nd year or 3rd year fees.

The last date for submission of the re-registration fee for January 2020 session in IGNOU, both on-line and off-line mode, has been extended upto Jan 20, 2020, a communication said.

**Prog. for children
on DDK**

Port Blair, Jan 1
The Doordarshan Kendra Port Blair will telecast a children's programme titled 'Fhulwari' on Jan 2 at 5 pm.

SEVASUCHNAYEIN
ALL THE SAILINGS ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER CONDITION (SHIPPING HELPLINE NO. 245555)

INTER ISLAND SECTOR
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 07.01.2020 (Tue) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 09.01.2020 (Thurs) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 04.01.2020 (Sat) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. Similarly, booking of cargo will commence from 04.01.2020 (Sat) onwards between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing.

LITTLE ANDAMAN
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Little Andaman on 05.01.2020 (Sun) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 06.01.2020 (Mon) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.
Note : Passenger tickets for the Little Andaman vessels scheduled on 5th & 6th January, 2020 will be issued to the general public from 03.01.2020 (Fri) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 07.01.2020 (Tue) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 04.01.2020 (Sat) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.

MAYABUNDER & DIGLIPUR
MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 02.01.2020 (Thurs) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 03.01.2020 (Fri) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via same route.
MV Coral Queen will sail for Diglipur via Mayabunder on 04.01.2020 (Sat) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 05.01.2020 (Sun) at 1400 Hrs from Diglipur via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 02.01.2020 (Thurs) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.

02.01.2020 (THURSDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV North Passage will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2020 (Thurs) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Strait Island will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 02.01.2020 (Thurs) at 0900 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1130 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.
MV Wandoor will sail for Shaheed Dweep on 02.01.2020 (Thurs) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Shaheed Dweep.

General Bipin Rawat assumes...

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of the government of the day. General Rawat also said that his focus as CDS will be to integrate the efforts of the three services and to work as a team. General Rawat said his focus will be to ensure best and optimal use of resources allocated to the three services. Army Chief Manoj Mukund Naravane, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhaduria and Navy Chief Karambir Singh and other senior officers were present on the occasion.

'Flea Market'-a platform...

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Nagpuri food by Ranchi Association group of Baratang & Port Blair, sweets of Bengal, South Indian dishes, Mumbai's vada pav, delicious local homemade pickles, snacks etc. would be the key attraction besides stalls of art and handicrafts etc. To add more fervor to the event, live musical programme will be organized for the entertainment of tourists/islanders by the local artists. A Karaoke booth will also be setup besides fun booth for visitors to indulge in fun moments. The Tourism Department has invited all to attend the forthcoming Flea Market and make it a success.

Workshop on sexual ...

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on 'Working Women Safety and Visaka guidelines'. The meeting was chaired by Shri R. Veeriah, Director of Shipping Services (In-charge) and convened by Shri Saravanan, Assistant Labour Welfare Commissioner(C), Directorate of Shipping Services, a communication said.