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Weather

Light rainfall likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 24°C respectively on Wednesday 01/01/2020. Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 30.0
Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 26.1
Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 077
Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 078
Sunrise Time for tomorrow (in IST): 0539
Sunset Time for tomorrow (in IST): 1706
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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Lt. Governor interacts with PRIs and general public at Little Andaman



Port Blair, Dec. 31
Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency during his visit to Little Andaman, interacted with the PRIs and heard the grievances of general public. The Lt. Governor also discussed about the forthcoming mega tourism projects being undertaken through IDA, with the support of NITI Aayog.

Islanders greeted on New Year-2020 Lt. Governor wishes prosperity, good health and happiness to all Islanders

Port Blair, Dec. 31
Yet another year has rolled by paving the way for New Year. The bygone year has witnessed discernible progress in many sectors in the Islands. Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency has greeted the people on the occasion of New Year-2020.

In his greetings on the occasion, the Lieutenant Governor expressed his gratitude and sincere thanks to all Islanders for their support to the Administration and their participative role in development of the Islands. "I wish that this New Year brings prosperity, good health and happiness amongst the lives of all the Islanders and these Islands may always spearhead on the path of progress and prosperity", the Lt. Governor said.

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GREETINGS

I extend my warm wishes to all the Islanders on the occasion of New Year-2020.

Every New Year inspires us to endeavour with a new Zeal for the progress and happiness of all the Citizens. On this occasion, I express my gratitude and sincere thanks to all Islanders for their support to the Administration and their participative role in development of the Islands. I also firmly believe that this year too all the Islanders will give their significant support in the development of our Islands.

I wish that this New Year brings prosperity, good health and happiness amongst the lives of all the Islanders and these Islands may always spearhead on the path of progress and prosperity.

Heartiest wishes for the New Year to all

Sd/-
(Admiral D K Joshi)
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lt. Governor, A & N Islands
&
Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency



GREETINGS

On the joyous occasion of New Year, 2020 I convey my warmest greetings and good wishes to all my respected Islanders.

I hope that the New Year will inspire all to make every effort for the creation of a progressive society where knowledge is converted into social good and economic wealth. Let us make our mind to make it a year, in which the people of these Islands in all their rich diversity unite to work towards the collective goal for overall development and growth.

Sd/-
(Kuldeep Rai Sharma)
Member of Parliament, A&N Islands



General Bipin Rawat to be first Chief of Defence Staff



New Delhi, Dec 31
General Bipin Rawat has been named the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). CDS will function as a single-point advisor to the Government on matters related to the military and will focus on better synergy between the Army, Air Force and the Navy. General Rawat retired as Army Chief today. The Defence Ministry had recently amended the Army, Air Force and Navy rules by bringing in a new clause

that allows the Chief of Defence Staff to serve upto a maximum age of 65 years. Recently in a landmark decision, the Union Cabinet had given its approval to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff in the rank of a four-star General with salary and perquisites equivalent to a Service Chief. The Chief of Defence Staff will also head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), to be created within the

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Major step towards de-dieselization of power generation in SA Secretary (Power) reviews progress of Solar Power Plant of 20MWp at Dollygunj & Attam Pahad

Port Blair, Dec. 31
The Secretary (Power), A & N Administration, Shri. Sudhir Mahajan has reviewed the progress of the first of its kind Solar Power Plant at Dollygunj and Attam Pahad yesterday. This power plant of capacity 20MWp shall have a battery storage system of 8MWhr/16MW which shall allow smoothening of solar energy power export to the grid due to cloud intermittency and shall enable the reaction time the grid demands when there is a sudden change in power output.

The power plant is spread over 41.5 hectares



at two project sites, each project site accommodating 10MW each. The annual generation from this power plant is expected to be around 26 MU. This plant shall be operated and maintained by Neyveli

Lignite Corporation, NLC. The Deputy General Manager of NLC updated the Power Secretary that 90% of work is completed in respect of laying of solar panels and the test run activities shall start from 15th March onwards to meet the target date of its commissioning i.e. 31st March, 2020. With the commissioning of this plant, the day demand of entire South Andaman can be largely met by renewable power except for few DG sets that would be required for grid reference and for base load, a communication from the Executive Engineer (NRSE) said.

SHG Mela held at Tiranga Park

Provided platform to women SHGs to market their products

Port Blair, Dec. 31
The three-days 'New Year SHG Mela' organized by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rural Livelihood Mission (ANIRLM) attached to Directorate of RD, PRI's and ULB's from Dec 29, concluded today at Tiranga Park. In the Mela, a total of 50 Self Help Groups of South Andaman and North and Middle Andaman Districts formed under DAY-NRLM, NABARD, A&N State Cooperative Bank, NGO's, NuLM and other institutions participated and sold their handmade products i.e. handicrafts made of coconut shell, bamboo & cane, ladies hand bag made of pearls,



decorative door hangings made of wool, embroidered table cloths, food items, fish pickle, honey, local spices, broom sticks, coir products, foot mats made of waste cloths etc. The SHG stalls have received good response from general public as the people were seen thronging the stalls for

purchase of local handmade products. The Mela provided a platform to the SHG Ladies for sales/marketing of their products. The SHG Members participated in the Mela have earned sufficient income and also requested to conduct regular 'SHG Melas' for sale of their handmade

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Good Vibes

Dustbins created by using thrown away plastic bottles

Plastic pollution is a big menace and is also affecting our pristine Islands. In order to ensure plastic thrown in creeks doesn't affect beautiful beaches and enter into mangrove forests, Baratang Forest Division has started an initiative to fight against plastic pollution. As per DFO Baratang, concept is based on traditional 3R concept in which initially general public and tourists would be sensitized to Reduce the use of plastics through community engagement as well as social media campaigns, and also regular cleaning up of jetty area would be taken by involving all local stakeholders. In next phase, Reuse would be promoted. Recently, dustbins have been created by use of thrown away plastic bottles, which on one hand promote reusability while on the other raise awareness. In order to ensure plastic doesn't affect our biodiversity as well as environment, it is also appealed to avoid plastic in our daily life.



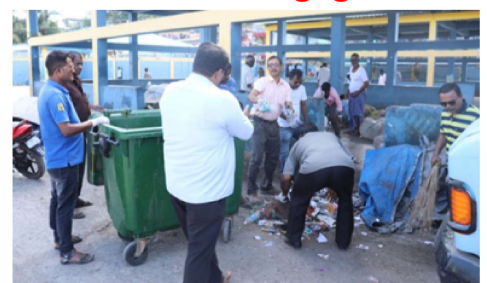
Vehicle owners advised to install side mirrors for rear view & remove dazzling lights

Violators to be dealt strictly under M.V. Act

Port Blair, Dec. 31
Increasing road accidents and fatalities have become a cause of serious concern and it has been observed that one of the reason for accident by medium and heavy trucks are due to non installation of side/rear view mirrors making the drivers unable to see the vehicles approaching/over taking from behind. Another cause is the dazzling lights fitted on vehicles distracting the drivers of vehicles approaching from front. In view of this, all vehicle owners have been advised to install side mirrors for rear view and remove the dazzling lights, if fitted on, the vehicles to avoid accidents. The owners of commercial vehicle have also been advised to install retro-reflective tapes in their vehicles to ensure visibility during night hours which is mandatory

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Cleanliness drive conducted at Fish landing Centre & Fish market at Junglighat



Port Blair, Dec. 31
A cleanliness drive was organized by the Department of Fisheries in connection with the commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Fish Landing Centre, Junglighat involving local fishermen community of the area. The

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SPORTS

6500 athletes from 37 teams to take part in 3rd Khelo India youth games

Guwahati, Dec 31
6500 athletes from 37 teams will take part in the 3rd Khelo India youth games in Guwahati beginning from 10th of January. Participating in an AIR talk show last night, Chief Executive Officer of the event Avinash Joshi said that lawn ball and cycling will be included in the Khelo India for the first time. He said that total of 20 competitions will be held at 11 venues in and around Guwahati. The host Assam will have a strong contingent of 650 players in the event. Mr



Joshi said, the Assam government will give 1 lakh rupees for Gold, 75 thousand for silver and 50 thousand rupees for bronze medalist Assam players. The CEO added that cultural events from Assam, North East and rest of the country along with exhibition of indigenous games will be held from 13th to 15th January. Mr Joshi said that a mega inaugural ceremony is being planned at Sarusajai on 10th of January. He mentioned that all the games and inaugural ceremony can be enjoyed free of cost.

Cristiano Ronaldo beats Lionel Messi to bag best men's player award in Dubai

Dubai, Dec 31
Star footballer Cristiano Ronaldo ended the year by winning the best men's player at the Dubai Globe Soccer Awards here. Ronaldo did not win the Ballon d'Or this year, finishing behind Lionel Messi who bagged it for the record sixth time and Liverpool's Dutch defender Virgil van Dijk. But the 34-year-old, widely regarded as one of the best footballers of his generation, got his fourth successive prize at



the awards after helping his club Juventus claim the 2018-19 Serie A title in his first season in Italy while also playing a key role in Portugal winning the Nations League. "Honoured to receive one more time Globe Soccer Award! A very emotional moment for me to share this award with my family. Grateful for all the hospitality, see you soon Dubai!" he tweeted. England international Lucy Bronze was awarded the best women's player of the year, while Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp was named the best manager.

DGP congratulates Fire Service team for winning medals in 2nd National Fire Service Games

Port Blair, Dec. 31

The Fire Service personnel continued their winning streak by bagging Gold medals time and again in national and international championship and brought laurel to the Islands. In a highly competitive event, '2nd National Fire Service Games & Fire Service Meet' having more than 300 participants from many States/UTs, the A & N Fire Service personnel have brought outstanding result through their sheer dedication, determination, hard work. PC KP Mammu won 2 Gold & 1 Silver medal in 100 meter sprint, Long Jump and High Jump respectively, while PC Jagannath Rao bagged 2



Bronze medals in Badminton singles & doubles and PC Thirunavukarasu clinched 1 Bronze medal in Badminton doubles. The DGP, A&N Islands have congratulated all the participants for their exceptional achievement and for bringing laurels for these Islands. These sports persons of A&N Fire Service are great inspiration for aspiring athletes of the Islands and their achievements are testimony to the fact that great heights can be achieved through hard work, perseverance and commitment, a communication said.

Carlson wins world blitz title, Humpy 12th

Mumbai, Dec 31

Newly-crowned World Rapid champion Koneru Humpy lost steam in the final rounds as she missed a chance of completing a grand double in the King Salman World Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships in Moscow on Monday. Kateryna Lagno of Russia won with 13 points, defending the title she won last year in St Petersburg, Russia. In the Open section, Magnus Carlsen of Norway, who too won the World Rapid Championship on Saturday, defeated close rival Hikaru Nakamura in a two-game playoff to complete a hat-trick of titles in the annual World Blitz Championship. Nakamura had tied for the top spot after winning his last round game to join Carlsen at the top with 16.5 points after 21 rounds. The first game of the



two-game playoff ended in a draw but the Norwegian won the second to clinch the issue. However, things did not end on a positive note for Humpy. Defeats in the last three rounds dashed her hopes as she finished 12th overall with 10.5 points. But it was still a memorable trip to Russia for the Indian Grandmaster as she claimed her first World Championship on Saturday, breaking the jinx of missing out on the title in Classical chess on many occasions. At one point on Monday, Humpy, who was placed joint second after nine rounds, was sharing the lead with top seed Kateryna Lagno of Russia after Round 13 in the 17-round tournament. Both had 10 points with each suffering only one defeat and the fifth-seed Indian was in a perfect position to go for the kill in the next four rounds as Lagno, who had taken over the lead from Humpy after the seventh round, lost to Alisa Galliamova of Russia in the 13th round.

Maisnam, Tasnim crowned junior national badminton champs

New Delhi, Dec 31

Manipur's Maisnam Meiraba Luwang and Gujarat's Tasnim Mir won the boys' and girls' titles in the 44th Junior National Badminton Championships at Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh on Monday. Chattisgarh's Ishaan Bhatnagar claimed a doubles double, in boys' doubles and mixed doubles. Meiraba, who recently won the Bangladesh Junior International Series title, extended his fine form and celebrated his 17th birthday by registering a 21-18, 21-19 win over ninth seed Rohan Gurbani



of Maharashtra in the boys' final. Tasnim had to work hard for girls' title. The reigning U-15 Asia champion and second seed defeated Karnataka's Vietha Harish 14-21, 21-18, 21-13. The boys' doubles final lived up to expectations with top seeds Bhatnagar and Telangana's Vishnu Vardhan Goud Panjala effortlessly beating the fifth seeds Achutaditya Rao Daddavarapu and Edwin Joy 21-14, 21-15.

Kalpa Taru Day celebrations at RK Mission

Port Blair, Dec. 31

Kalpa Taru Day will be celebrated in the Shrine of Ramakrishna Mission, Port Blair on Jan. 1, 2020 at 6 pm with special arati, special offerings, special prayer with devotional songs, discourses on the significance of the day, a communication said.

New Managing Committee of CCWS Ltd. formed

Port Blair, Dec. 31

A meeting of the newly elected Managing Committee of the Central Cooperative Welfare Society Ltd, Port Blair was held at its premises at Aberdeen Bazaar under the Chairmanship of Shri. Prem Singh Meena, Administrator, CCWS (Assistant Commissioner, Settlement). In the meeting, Shri. Om Prakash was elected as Chairman of CCWS while Shri. M. Veeranna and Shri. Nand Kishore Singh were elected as, Vice Chairman and Secretary respectively, a communication said.

Ashish Nehra names his pick for 'performance of the decade'

New Delhi, Dec 31

Former Indian cricket team fast bowler Ashish Nehra picked teammate VVS Laxman's 96-run knock against South Africa during the second Test in Durban in 2010 as the 'performance of the decade'. The innings proved crucial for the visitors as they won the encounter by 87 runs to level three-match series 1-1. "I was torn between between VVS and Nathan Lyon's 8 for 50 in Bengaluru. Lyon's was a great performance because it came against Indians batting in India. Importantly, it was the first day of the Test match. Yes, there was a little moisture in the pitch, and because of that he was getting turn, but that was only for the first hour or 90 minutes. Nehra said that Australia



spinner Nathan Lyon's 8/50 against India in Bengaluru in 2017 was a close second but Laxman's knock edged past it because of its importance and how difficult the conditions were. "VVS' innings was crucial: it was the reason India could set a formidable target of close to 300 for South Africa to chase. The Durban wicket was very tough to bat on, against a South African bowling attack that had Dale Steyn and Mome Morkel, who were on top of their game at the time. Other than VVS, nobody barring Viru [Virender Sehwag] even touched 30." "Some might say VVS has played similar innings before. But that innings was very special. He batted along with the tail, including stitching a partnership of about 70 with Zak [Zaheer Khan]. And VVS was the last man to get out."

Sharapova to return next month as Brisbane wildcard

Sydney, Dec 31

Former world number one Maria Sharapova will return to tournament action at the Brisbane International next month after being awarded a wildcard to play in the Australian Open warm-up. The five-times Grand Slam champion, who last played a competitive match in the first round of the U.S. Open in August, has dropped to 133rd in the world after a season in which injuries restricted her to eight tournaments. The 32-year-old Russian will join current world number one Ash Barty, Naomi Osaka and



Karolina Pliskova in a strong field at the Queensland Tennis Centre from Jan. 6-12. Sharapova's lowly ranking means she will also need a wildcard to get directly into the main singles draw for this year's Australian Open, which begins on Jan. 20. Sharapova won her third major title at Melbourne Park in 2008 but also tested positive for a banned substance at the tournament in 2016 and served a 15-month suspension from the game.

General Bipin Rawat... (Contd. from page 1)

Ministry of Defence and function as its Secretary. The Chief of Defence Staff, apart from being the head of the Department of Military Affairs, will also be the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. He will act as the Principal Military Adviser to Defence Minister on all tri-Services matters. The three Chiefs will continue to advise Defence Minister on matters exclusively concerning their respective Services. CDS will not exercise any military command, including over the three Service Chiefs, so as to be able to provide impartial advice to the political leadership. CDS will also bring about reforms in the functioning of three Services aimed at augmenting combat capabilities of the Armed Forces by reducing wasteful expenditure.

Islanders greeted ... (Contd. from page 1)

The Chairperson, Municipal Council, Shri. N.K. Udhaya Kumar has greeted the citizens on the occasion. In his greetings, he said, "May this year fulfill all your dreams and desires". He also assured that the Municipal Council will work in full swing and keep no stone unturned to provide better and advanced civic amenities to the Islanders. The Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Subir Chander in his greetings on the occasion wished that the new year bring lots of joy, happiness, good health and wealth to citizens. The Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, North and Middle Andaman, Shri. Dipankar Mistry has wished the people specially North & Middle Andaman good health, happiness and success. The Up-Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri Gagandeep Singh Grewal and ex-Adhyaksh, Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Shri. Jaydeep Kumar Dey have also greeted the Islanders on the occasion.

Firing practice

Port Blair, Dec. 31

The Chintre Long Range at Brichgunj will be used for small arms firing practice on Jan 13, 2020 Indian Coast Guard Station Port Blair. The firing will commence at 9.30 am and will terminate by 5 pm. The local population have been advised to keep themselves and their vehicle/livestock from the firing range, a communication said.

Death condoled

Port Blair, Dec. 31

Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Member of Parliament & President of Pradesh Congress Committee and all senior leaders of the Congress Party have mourned the death of Shri K Babu Rao (62 years), Ex-President, Bodhisattva Ambedkar Cultural Association, r/o Dairy Farm and Shri Anand Panigrahi (Kishor), (60 years), r/o Dairy Farm, a communication said.

SEVA SUCHNAYEIN 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 (Thu) 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 Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 01.01.2020 (Wed) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Little Andaman.
MV Campbell Bay will sail for Little Andaman on 03.01.2020 (Fri) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 04.01.2020 (Sat) at 0900 Hrs from Little Andaman. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 01.01.2020 (Wed) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.
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 (Thu) 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 (Thu) from 0900 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's.
01.01.2020 (WEDNESDAY)
SWARAJ DWEEP & SHAHEED DWEEP
MV Bambooka will sail for Swaraj Dweep on 01.01.2020 (Wed) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Swaraj Dweep.

Vehicle owners...

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as per Rule 104 of CMVR'1989. If vehicles are not fitted with side view mirrors it is violation of Rule 2 of 125 and if fitted with dazzling lights it is clear violation of Rule 106 of CMVR'1989. Action would be initiated as per the provisions under the existing rule provision of M.V.Act/Rule on violation of rules, a communication from the Registering Authority, A & N Administration said.

Cleanliness drive ...

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drive was inaugurated by the Director of Fisheries, Dr. Utpal Kumar Sar. During his address, he emphasized on relevance of Gandhian thoughts and its importance in the modern day life. He pointed out the need of maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in our surroundings as well as the Fish Landing Centres for maintaining the quality of fish. During the programme, the staff of Department sensitized the local vendors and fishermen who are working in net mending sheds and boat building yards regarding importance of keeping the area neat and tidy. The campaign against single use plastics was the main highlight of the programme. The active participation of fishermen in the Fish Landing Centre made the programme a success. Heaps of garbage was collected by the active participants from the Fish landing centre which was later transported to designated dumping sites for further recycling and management, a communication said.

Provided platform ...

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products. The ANIRLM Cell of Directorate of RD, PRI's and ULB's, A&N Administration, has also planned to organize regular 'SHG Melas' every month in all the three Districts of this UT to provide marketing facilities to the SHGs for sale of their handmade products.