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Dry weather most likely to prevail over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 22°C respectively on Monday 30/12/2019. Maximum Temperature (°C) of Date: 31.0  
 Minimum Temperature (°C) of Date: 22.4  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 0830 IST 064  
 Relative Humidity(%) at 1730 IST 077  
 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 3219.4 upto 0830 hrs (of date) in mm

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## Mann Ki Baat: Young India will play key role in building modern India in coming decade: PM

New Delhi, Dec 29

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has said that the young India will play the role of a catalyst in the growth and development of the nation. Sharing his thoughts in the 60th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' programme of All India Radio today, Shri Modi said, coming decade will witness the active contribution of the youth born in the 21st century, in the progress of the nation. He added that a proud nation eagerly awaits this generation to elevate the country to greater heights.

The Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed confidence that the new decade for India will be marked by the development and progress of the youth and also harnessing the collective power of the youth. He said,



**My dear countrymen,** this is the final episode of "Mann Ki Baat" in 2019. We will meet again in 2020. New Year, new decade, new resolutions, new energy, new enthusiasm, new zeal - come let's move forth. Let's enable ourselves to fulfill our resolutions. We have to walk far, we have to achieve a lot, we have to take our country to new heights. Let's show immense faith in the pursuits (actions), the abilities and the resolve of 130 crore countrymen, and come - let's move forth. Many many thanks, many many good wishes.

the generation next will play a major role in modernizing India.

Shri Modi said, the youth today is extremely talented

and aspires to dream for something new and different.

Hon'ble Prime Minister said, the youth have

opinions of their own and the best part is they appreciate and follow the system.

Lauding the response of the youngsters, the Prime Minister said, it is really heartening to note that they question the system to deliver the goods. He said, country's youth detests anarchy of any sort. Shri Modi said, they despise any element of lack of governance and instability, abhorring any shades of nepotism, casteism, favouritism or gender discrimination.

Hon'ble Prime Minister said, the new generation is an embodiment, a reflection of a new system, new order, a new age and a new thought.

Hon'ble Prime Minister said, on the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda on the 12th

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## Commemoration of 76th Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare and Lt. Governor, A&N Islands to hoist National Flag at Flag Point today

Port Blair, Dec. 29

**T**oday is yet another historic day in the history of the great Indian Freedom Movement. It is the 76th anniversary of the hoisting of the National Tri-colour for the first time on the Indian soil by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. It was on this day i.e. December 30, 1943, that one of the greatest freedom fighters in the history of modern India, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had hoisted the National Tri-colour Flag for the first time at Port Blair, the capital of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, declaring the Islands, the first Indian Territory freed from the British rule.

A function will be organized to commemorate the 76th Anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at Port Blair on Dec. 30. Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Government of India and Admiral D.K.Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency will hoist the National Flag at Flag Point, Port Blair on 30th December, 2019 at 7.30 am.

**This Day that Year**



Netaji's arrival at Port Blair

At mid-day on 29th December 1943, Netaji accompanied by Sarvashri Anand Mohan Sahay, Captain Rawat - ADC and Col. D.S. Raju, personal physician of Netaji, landed at the Port Blair aerodrome in the Andamans. He was received by the Japanese Admiral at Port Blair. The enthusiastic Indians and Burmese also accorded a warm reception to him. Netaji went around the historic Cellular Jail where the walls told him, in silence, the woes of the political prisoners who were tortured there. He also saw the courage and enduring spirit that braved the vehemence of the British authorities. Netaji paid glowing tributes to the noble sacrifices of the Indian heroes.

On the following day, 30th December 1943, the National Flag was hoisted by Netaji on the liberated Indian soil, an act first of its kind in the history of the oppressive British rule in India. All the ceremonies of retrieving the lost territory from the enemy were held with joy, pride and jubilation. The National Anthem i.e. the anthem of the Azad Hind Fauj (The Indian National Army) was sung in chorus by all present, which added to the gravity of the occasion.

## CAA has nothing to do with people of any religion, says Minister

Port Blair, Dec. 29

The Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey today said that Citizenship Amendment Act has nothing to do with the people of any particular religion. He stated that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) brought by the Government was aimed at giving citizenship to the persecuted minorities who migrated to India from neighboring countries. The Minister said this while addressing a seminar on the topic 'Infiltration a threat to National Security' organized by the Forum for Awareness of National



Security (FANS) held at Megapode Resort here this evening.

The Minister mentioned that people should not fall prey to the

misinformation being spread about the CAA by people with vested interest.

The Minister further clarified that the CAA will not take away the

citizenship of minorities. He also expressed his unhappiness about the violence and the properties damaged in the name of CAA.

Speaking about these Islands, the Minister recalled the contribution of the freedom fighters in the freedom struggle of India. The Minister disclosed that he could not stop his emotion when he visited Veer Savarkar Cell in the National Memorial Cellular Jail.

In his address on the occasion, the

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## National Startup Awards 2020 Outstanding startups and ecosystem enablers to be rewarded

Port Blair, Dec. 29

The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) has announced 'National Startup Awards' which seek to recognize and reward outstanding startups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative products or solutions and scalable enterprises, with high potential of employment generation or wealth creation, demonstrating measurable social impact.

National Startup Awards seek to recognize and reward outstanding startups and ecosystem enablers that are building innovative products or solutions and scalable enterprises, with high potential of employment generation or wealth creation, demonstrating measurable social impact in various categories such as Agriculture, Education, Enterprise Technology, Energy, Finance, Food,

Health, Industry, Space, Security, Tourism, urban service besides Special Category awards in Women Led Startups, Rural Development and Campus Startup.

A cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh shall be awarded to one winning DPIIT recognized Startup, Rs. 15 Lakh shall

be awarded to one winning Incubator and Rs. 15 lakh shall be awarded to one winning Accelerator.

The details of the award manual are available in the website www.startupindia.gov.in. The last date for applying is 31st December, 2019, a communication said.

## Nominations invited for 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'; last date Jan. 7

Port Blair, Dec. 29

The Government of India has been celebrating International Women's Day every year by felicitating eminent women, organizations and institutions for the distinguished services rendered by them in the field of women empowerment with National Awards call 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'. Accordingly, on March 8, 2020 i.e. on International Women's Day, Nari Shakti Puraskar for the

year 2019 will be awarded. Nearly, 40 Nari Shakti Puraskar's will be awarded to individual/groups/institutions etc in recognition of their exceptional work towards the cause of women empowerment, especially for vulnerable and marginalized women. The guidelines of the Puraskar can be accessed from the website of Ministry of Women & Child Development. Online nominations/applications

submitted on www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in portal would be considered by the Ministry. The last date of submission of nominations/applications is Jan 7, 2020.

Individuals/groups/institutions giving details of the distinguished services rendered by them in the field of women, for the cause of women may apply directly on the gov portal mentioned above, a communication from Welfare Officer (Women) said.

## Bye election for Gram Panchayat Ward Members held; counting of votes today

Port Blair, Dec. 29

The bye election for the following Gram Panchayat Ward Members under Ferrargunj, Port Blair and Diglipur Tehsil respectively was held today from 0800 hrs

to 1700 hrs. After the election process was held in completion of the polling a free, fair and transparent manner.

The poll percentage for identified Strong Rooms in the respective Gram Panchayat Ward Member Stations and the entire Constituencies is as under-

Sl No.	Name of the GPM Constituency	Total Poll Percentage
1	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Wimberlygunj-8 of Wimberlygunj Constituency under Ferrargunj Tehsil (Seat-General)	62.86%
2	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Govindnagar-2 (Swarajdweep) of Govindnagar Constituency under Port Blair Tehsil (Seat-General)	79.30%
3	Gram Panchayat Ward Member Milangram-2 of Laxmipur Constituency under Diglipur Tehsil (Seat-General)	86.06%

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One individual may die for an idea, but that idea will, after his death, incarnate itself in a thousand lives. - Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

SPORTS

# India's Koneru Humpy becomes women's world rapid chess champion

Moscow, Dec 29  
Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy claimed the World Women's Rapid Chess Championship title after drawing the Armageddon game against Lei Tingjie of China here. The 32-year-old Indian made a stunning comeback, winning the 12th and final round game against another Chinese Tang Zhongyi, to force the tie-breaker against Tingjie. "When I started my first game on Day 3 I did not imagine I would be at the top. My hope was to reach top three. I didn't expect to play the tie-break games," said Humpy, who had taken a two-year sabbatical from 2016 to 2018 after she became a mother, in an interview with FIDE. "I lost the first game on time but came back in the second game. It was a gambling game, but I won. In the final game, I had a better position and it was

a comfortable win." Starting as the thirteenth seat, Humpy scored 9 points in all to match Tingjie and Ekaterina Atalik of Turkey. Humpy had a good beginning to the event scoring 4.5 points in the first five rounds, and then a loss against Irina Bulmaga of Russia pulled her back a little. Needing a strong finish, Humpy won the last two rounds. However, the Indian ace required a little luck as Tingjie had to lose to Atalik, which happened. The drama was still not over as Humpy lost the first tie-break game, and then won the second to reach the Armageddon. Humpy drew black colour, which meant that a draw was enough for her to clinch the gold. Tingjie had to settle for the silver and bronze went to Atalik. Humpy got a winning position after a tactical stroke that netted



her queen for a rook by move forty. Twenty-six moves later Tingjie agreed to draw in a hopeless situation. After Vishwanathan Anand won this title in the open section in 2017, Humpy is only the second Indian to win the rapid gold in the current format. Meanwhile, Magnus Carlsen of

Norway won the open section scoring 11.5 points out of a possible fifteen rounds. Iranian star Firouza

Alireza, who played under FIDE flag, won the silver ahead of American Hikaru Nakamura.

## A&N Police organizes Chess Tournament in collaboration with A&N Chess Association



Port Blair, Dec. 29  
The Andaman & Nicobar Police in collaboration with Andaman & Nicobar Chess Association organized a Chess Tournament under Yuva initiative of Andaman & Nicobar Police. Yuva is aimed at channelizing the energies

of youth on constructive activities and bringing delinquent youth in right direction. The tournament was held today at JNRM Auditorium with a participation of 140 candidates including 12 school dropouts. It was held in various categories i.e under-7, under-9, under-11, under-14, under-18 and open-for-all based on Swiss System of 7 rounds. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Shri. Manoj C, Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District, Shri. Bhaskar, President, A&N Chess Association, Shri. Dinesh, Secretary, A&N Chess Association and others. The tournament was announced open by the Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District. The closing ceremony was attended by Deputy Inspector General of Police, Shri. Vijay Singh. He gave away the trophies to winners of various categories i.e under-7 (Boys-Lohit Akash & Tarun, Girls-Varanya), under-9 (Boys-Mithun Vettayar & S.P.N. Darshan, Girls-Kavyaraj), under-11

(Boys-M.A Dhinakar & V. Yashwant, Girls-R Shruti & B. Kavya), under-14 (Yuvan Singh, M. Venkatesh, P. Manvender Rao), under-18 (D. Shubham Rao, D. Dhruva Kumar, Harsh Mourya). In the open-for-all category, R. Kasthuri Bai, M. Sanjay Kumar, Shailender Singh, Ramchander Raha, S.M. Dhan Raju secured first, second, third, fourth & fifth positions respectively. He encouraged youth to engage more and more in sports and games. Apart from this, two Andamanese namely Bulbu & Olek was identified as 'Talent Identification' during the function. The overall tournament was successfully organized by Smti. Sandhya Swamy, SDPO South Andaman, Shri. Narra Chaitanya, SDPO Bambooflat alongwith Yuva Coordination team in collaboration with A&N Chess Association. Certificates were also given to all the participants. The school dropouts and talented children will be further trained under the aegis of Yuva, a communication from Superintendent of Police, South Andaman District said.

## CAA have nothing...

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Margdarshak, FANS, Shri. Indresh Kumar spoke on the topic of the seminar and said that CAA does not affect any citizen of India of any religion. No Indian should worry regarding this Act, he added.

## Bye election for Gram Panchayat...

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As per schedule, the counting of votes of the aforesaid Gram Panchayat Members shall be held on 30/12/2019 from 8 am onwards at their respective Counting Centres (i.e., Conference Hall of Assistant Commissioner's Office, Diglipur, Conference Hall of Assistant Engineer's Office, Swaraj Dweep and the Hall of Indoor Stadium, Nayapuram at Wimberlygunj, a communication from the Officer-In-charge (Elections) said.

## Rising Youth Club wins Volley Ball tournament

Port Blair, Dec. 29  
A knockout Volley Ball Tournament as part of the Block Level Sports Meet was held from 26th to 29th December 2019 at Indoor Stadium Kanyapuram, Wimberlygunj. The meet was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Port Blair in association with Yuva Sangh Youth Club, Wimberlygunj. The final of the tournament was held today between SHAI'S Youth Club, Stewartgunj and RYC (Rising Youth Club), Lalbijan, Wimberlygunj in which RYC defeated SHAI'S Youth Club. During the final match, Shri Subir Chander, Zilla Parishad Adhyaksh, South Andaman was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, he appealed to the youth to involve



in sports activities for their physical fitness as well as good health. Earlier, Shri Mohd. Tarique Shah, District Youth Coordinator, Nehru Yuva Kendra, Port Blair welcomed the gathering. The chief guest gave away Winner's and Runner's up Trophy as well as certificates. The President of Yuva Sangh Youth Club proposed the vote of thanks, a communication said.

## Annual Sports Meet of VKV

Port Blair, Dec. 29  
Vivekananda Kendra Vidyalaya, Port Blair will be organizing 34th Annual Sports Meet 2019 at Lamba Line Vidyalaya premises. The Member of Parliament, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma will be the chief guest on the occasion. The sports meet will be declared open at 8 am on Dec. 31, 2019, a communication said.

## All India Civil Services Badminton Tournament



Gandhi Nagar, Dec. 29  
The All India Civil Services Department won his second round match against M.P. Singh of Bihar by 15-06, 15-12, while in women's section, Shoney Soloman of Education Department won her second round match against Poyal Arya of Uttarakhand by 15-06, 15-07 and entered the pre quarter finals, a communications said.

## SEVA SUCHNAYEIN

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**INTER ISLAND SECTOR**  
MV Chowra will sail for Car Nicobar via Little Andaman on 31.12.2019 (Tue) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 01.01.2020 (Wed) at 1200 Hrs directly from Car Nicobar. MV Campbell Bay will sail for Campbell Bay via Nancowry on 31.12.2019 (Tue) at 1000 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 02.01.2020 (Thurs) at 0900 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. MV Chowra will sail for Campbell Bay via Car Nicobar, Chowra, Teressa, Katchal & Nancowry on 03.01.2020 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 06.01.2020 (Mon) at 2000 Hrs from Campbell Bay via same route. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 01.12.2019 (Wed) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. Similarly, booking of cargo will commence from 31.12.2019 (Tue) onwards between 0900 Hrs to 1200 Hrs at Commercial Wing. 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 Coral Queen will sail for Little Andaman on 30.12.2019 (Mon) at 2100 Hrs from Haddo Wharf and will sail for Port Blair on 31.12.2019 (Tue) at 0900 Hrs from 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. Passenger tickets for the above sailing will be issued to the general public from 30.12.2019 (Mon) from 1000 Hrs onwards at STARS Ticketing Counter & CSC's. 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.

## Five Indian women boxers book their place for Olympic Qualifiers

New Delhi, Dec 29  
Five Indian women boxers booked their place for the Olympic Qualifiers at the Indra Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. Mary Kom defeated Nikhat Zareen 9-1 in the final bout of the 51kg category while in 57kg Sakshi Chaudhary outclassed her opponent Sonia Lather 9-1. In the 60kg event, Simranjit Kaur won her bout against Sarita Devi in split decision 8-2. In the 69kg and 75kg category, Lovlina Borgohain and Pooja



Rani won their respective matches by unanimous decision and registered their spot in the Indian squad. The female boxers competed in six

categories. The Olympic Qualifiers Asia-Oceania for the women will take place from February 3 to 14, 2020 in Wuhan, China.

## Mann Ki Baat: Young India ....

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of next month, which is celebrated as National Youth Day, every youth should give a thought to their responsibilities. Hon'ble Prime Minister said the youth have set new benchmarks in community mobilization and inspired others to follow the suit. In this context, striking an emotional chord with the people, Shri Modi recalled how the alumni of 1995 batch of K R High School in Bettiah, Bihar organised 'Sankalp-95', a public health awareness camp for the local people at Bhairavganj health centre as part of their annual meet to give back to the society. Hon'ble Prime Minister spoke about the Himayat Programme in Jammu and Kashmir under which eighteen thousand youths have been trained in seventy-seven different trades during the last two years. In this programme, teenagers and youth from 15 to 35 years of age who could not complete their studies have been trained as entrepreneurs through vocational education. He cited the example of Parveen Fatima of Kargil who has now become supervisor cum coordinator in garment unit in Tiruppur in Tamil Nadu. Hon'ble Prime Minister said, it is very important for everyone that the citizens of the country become self-reliant and live with dignity. Hon'ble Prime Minister called on people to buy only local products, prioritize them in the shopping, link-local products with the status and pride and become a medium to bring prosperity to the fellow countrymen with this spirit. In this context, he cited example of the women of Phulpur in Uttar Pradesh who learned the skill of making footwear through a Self Help Group and later with the help of Gramin Ajivika Mission established a footwear manufacturing plant. Shri Modi congratulated the local police and their families, who encouraged these women entrepreneurs by purchasing footweares for themselves and their families made by these women. Shri Modi mentioned that President Shri Ram Nath Kovind visited Vivekananda Rock Memorial recently and Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu visited the Desert Festival held in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat. He said, when the President and Vice President are visiting such important tourist destinations in India, it is bound to inspire the countrymen. He urged people to travel and visit these places. Hon'ble Prime Minister also called for understanding the ancient knowledge in astronomy as India is quite advanced in the field. He said the country has taken path-breaking initiatives like a giant meter-wave telescope near Pune and powerful telescopes located in Kodaikanal, Udagamandalam, Guru Shikhar and Hanle Ladakh. Shri Modi recalled that in 2016, the Belgium Prime Minister and he had inaugurated the 3.6 metre Devasthal optical telescope in Nainital, known as Asia's largest telescope. Hon'ble Prime Minister said the Indian Space Research Organization, which has an astronomical satellite ASTROSAT is planning to launch a satellite called Aditya to study the Sun. He said the planetariums in the country, in addition to increasing the understanding of the night sky, also motivate people to develop star gazing as a hobby. Hon'ble Prime Minister also lauded Parliamentarians for making the Parliament session productive and breaking records of the last 60 years. In his final address of 2019, Hon'ble Prime Minister said the New Year and new decade brings new resolutions, new energy, new enthusiasm and new zeal. He said, based on the sun's motion, various festivals will be celebrated throughout the country next month. He said, festivals of Makar Sankranti, Uttaraayan, Lohri, Pongal, Maagh Bihu will be celebrated with great fervour. Shri Modi said, the festivals are considered a symbol of energy and they have a close link with the prosperity of farmers and their crops. He said, these festivals remind the people about unity as well as its diversity. Meanwhile, School teachers Sathyapriya and Thilagavathi, in the remote Pachal village of Namakkal district in Tamilnadu, have said that the importance given by Hon'ble Prime Minister to education and skill development of women, in his monthly 'Mann Ki Baath' programme, has encouraged them in a big way. They said, Hon'ble Prime Minister's suggestion that alumni associations should take up socially relevant programmes in their areas have been enthusiastically received by the public. The teachers also expressed happiness on Hon'ble Prime Minister's mentioning about Fathima, from Kargil, who is now working in a weaving establishment in Tiruppur. Hon'ble Prime Minister's reference on Pongal festival and Thiruvalluvar Birth anniversary has also struck a congenial note with the general public in Tamilnadu.