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Picture shows the newly constructed jetty at Gandhi Nagar in remote Campbell Bay in the Great Nicobar Island. Built by ALIW at a cost of Rs 15 crores and inaugurated by the former Lt. Governor of these islands, Lt. General AK Singh (red.) in 2015, the jetty was built as an alternative berthing facility to facilitate movement of residents in the event of any natural disaster. The initiative was implemented after the 2004 earthquake and tsunami tragedy which claimed many lives and property in the southern-most part of the country. (PIX: BALRAM SINGH)

## IDO delegation takes stock of concerns in Tushnabad



**PORT BLAIR, DEC 31/--/** A delegation of Island Development Organization led by Mr. BK Chauhan, Secretary General along with Mr. Selvam, Joint Secretary, Mr.

Raj, Unit Secretary, IDO, Tushnabad Unit explained the condition of the road near Mr. Ratan Lall House located at Hobdipur, Ward No.02 which is in worst condition and poses serious threat to commuters. "The road construction project sanctioned by the Zilla Parishad commenced in the year 2014, but after completion of 40% of the work, the project was stalled in 2015. The issue was raised in the Gram Sabha meetings as also at appropriate levels in the local administration, but all efforts seeking resumption of the crucial project proved futile," informed Mr Raj to the delegation. The IDO delegation assured the villagers to take necessary steps for redressal of their grievances.

### EVENTS TODAY

**SHOW:** Bubble Show at Science Centre, Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove road at 5.30 pm.  
**3D:** Special 3D Show at Science Centre, Goodwill Estate, Corbyn's Cove road at 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6 pm.  
**FEST:** Beach festival at Amkunj beach at Rangat in the North Andaman region.

## Amkunj Beach Fest to promote tourism in N&M: CS



**PORT BLAIR, DEC 31/--/** The Chief Secretary, Mr. Anindo Majumdar inaugurated the three-day mega beach festival at Amkunj Beach at Rangat in the North & Middle Andaman District on Friday. In his address, The Chief Secretary praised the unified effort of govern-

Festival will surely boost the prospects of tourism in the area," he said. Welcoming the gathering, Dr. Monica Priyadarshini, Assistant Commissioner, Rangat briefed the motive behind organizing the Beach Festival. She appreciated the joint effort of District Administration, other department of the Administration and PRI's in organizing the event. Mr Arava Gopi Krishna, Deputy Commissioner, North & Middle Andaman presented a memento to the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration. A colorful cultural programme was presented by the students of various educational institutions and the Anganwadi workers of the District. The synchronized, impressive and rhythmic

## New Year greetings

**PORT BLAIR, DEC 31/--/** The Adhyaksh of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Mr. Jaydeep Dey has greeted the islanders on the occasion of Happy New Year. "Let us forget the evils of the past and join together to work for making our beautiful islands a heavenly abode for our children," said Mr Dey in his message.

The PCC President, Mr. Kuldeep Rai Sharma and all leaders of Congress party also conveyed warmest greetings and good wishes to the islanders on the joyous occasion of New Year 2017. As we celebrate the end of one year and beginning of another, let us make our mind to work together towards making of a strong, united and prosperous islands and have feelings of brotherhood for each member of the society. May the New Year bring new hope, aspirations and freshen us up with peace, good health, happiness and all round prosperity wished Mr Kuldeep. The former Adhyaksha of Zilla Parishad, South Andaman, Ms VK Mariyam Bibi was extended her warm greetings to the islanders on the occasion of New Year 2017. In a message, Ms VK Mariyam Bibi wishes peace and prosperity for the islanders.

## Rampant encroachment in Dollygunj; revenue officials unmoved

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**PORT BLAIR, DEC 31/--/** Dollygunj, located 7 to 8 km away from the city is a fast growing area within the municipal limit. Encroachment in the area leading from the Shiv Colony in Dollygunj is becoming rampant with the revenue officials turning a blind eye to it. A few encroachers even constructed RCC building. All this are happening right under the nose of officials in the district. The rampant encroachment is posing a serious threat and authorities concerned are yet to take any serious efforts to put an end to the problem. Several RCC houses have come up in the cluster of areas which have been encroached. These encroachers have already been provided with electric and tap water connections. Because of encroachment, the entire



area has been converted into a big colony with no drainage toilets and improper disposal of wastes. This area is polluting very fast with more and more area being encroach.

Encroachers have occupied huge cluster of revenue land lying vacant for years with authority clueless about the land. Construction is going in the encroached land and when some rev-

enue officers decide to check this activity, they are made silent by offering bribes. Even reports of these encroached revenue land changing hand have also been reported.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Echo of India group of publications wishes its esteemed readers and all islanders happy and prosperous New Year 2017. We will remain indebted to all our well-wishers whose immense support has ensured our growth as one of the leading dailies of these islands. We are and will remain committed to the welfare of the people of these islands and solicit support from all in this regard. WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Editor

### GREETINGS

On the occasion of the New Year-2017, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to the people of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. May the New Year-2017 usher progress and prosperity in the Islands, revitalize our energy and spirit of commitment towards achieving excellence in all walks of life. Let us all work together to bring happiness, good health and strengthen bonds of communal harmony. I wish the people a bright and happy New Year-2017. Prof Jagdish Mukhi Lieutenant Governor Andaman & Nicobar Islands

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