

Jolly inaugurates Dhobi Ghat Shed

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ In a solemn function on Wednesday at Prem Nagar (Ward No. 7) Mr. Vishal Jolly, member Home Minister's Advisory Council inaugurated Dhobi Ghat Shed in presence of Mr. Indra Pal Singh, Chairperson, PBMC. The function was also attended by Mr. B. Eswar Rao, Mr. Dharmendra Narayan, Mr. Keshava Moorthy, Mr. L. Murthy, Ms. Rubana Aziz, councillors and senior officials of the Council. The shed will resolve the present problem of the community as they use it to earn their livelihood. Welcoming the gathering Mr. Omprakash, general secretary, Dhobi Welfare Association informed that presently the dhobi communities from Dairy Farm, Junglighth and Prem



Nagar were facing immense problems due to lack of the facilities, and now after construction of the shed

they can earn their livelihood without problems. Mr. Indra Pal Singh, Chairperson

directed the engineering wing to construct the approach path to shed within a stipulated time.

B.Ed. supplementary exams

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ B.Ed. supplementary examinations of Pondicherry University shall be held in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair from December 18. Detailed time-table of these examinations is available on the College Notice Board. The last date of remitting the examination fee is December 8. All eligible candidates are requested to obtain the prescribed forms and to deposit the prescribed fees to the Cashier of the College before the scheduled dates.

Sri Sarada Devi Puja at RK Mission

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ The birthday Tithi Puja of Sri Sarada Devi will be celebrated on Saturday, December 9 in the Prayer Hall of Ramakrishna Mission, Port Blair with special puja, havana, devotional songs, reading from the life and teachings of Sarada Devi and distribution of prasad. All are cordially invited.

Naresh Lal inspires students at Manargahat, Wright Mo

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ Ambassador of Swachh Bharat Mission, A & N Islands Mr. Naresh Chandor Lal visited Senior Secondary, Middle and Government Primary Schools at Manargahat and Wright Mo on Tuesday and interacted with the students on Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan and ill-effects of tobacco and alcohol on the human body.

4 judges for Andaman Beauty Pageant Grand Finale



PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ Four illustrious personalities from the field of fashion and glamour who will grace the occasion as Judges of Grand Finale of the Andaman Beauty Pageant 2017 by Wized Craft Events Mumbai, a search for Beauties with Brains are Ms. Kavita Parwani, Mr. Manoj Saravanan, Ms. Shubh Malhotra and Mr. Tejas P. Gandhi, a fashion

designer from Kolkata. Kavita is the Director of Crizaa Advertising and Modelling Agency from Chennai, hip fashion designer Manoj is the MD of ADF Studios in Coimbatore, fashion stylist Shubh is the CEO of Chai Koffi Entertainment in Mumbai and versatile Tejas is a reputed fashion designer from Kolkata. These four top-flight fashion pros are just the icing on the cake of the Grand

Finale the islanders are waiting with bated breath. The brainchild of Managing Director Mr. Mukesh Singh and inspiring efforts by Senior Event Manager Mr. Rahul of 'Neon Spark Events & Entertainment' (Owner Mr. Sumit Nandy), Andaman Beauty Pageant 2017 is turning out to be the most dazzling event ever witnessed in the Islands.

Devotees in large numbers at Ram Katha Event



PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ The seven-day Ram Katha Programme is being attended by large number of Sanatan devotees, had discourse about greatness of Shri Ram Charit Manas and of the greatest poetic epic written by Goswamy Tulsidas Maharaj on the first day. Renowned orator Sadhvi Pragma Bharti explained the importance of Ramayan in a very simple way for common people and made the devotees understand the meaning of seven chapters of Shri Ram Charit Manas as part of Lord Shri Ram, The Bhajans and Singing of Sadhvi enthrall the devotees in a magical way and the bliss of spirituality could be felt in the disciplined crowd.

On the third day Sadhvi Pragma Bharti started the Balyakaand, the first chapter devoted to birth of Lord Shri Rama. Sadhvi will be explaining the next chapter on Ayodyakand, Aranya Kaand in the following days. All Sanatan devotees are requested to attend this historic

programme to understand the simplicity of Shri Ram Charit Manas and its value to make life more meaningful and blissful. The devotees may reach the venue Junglighth at 5.15 pm. Arrangements for Prasad has also been done

for all devotees. The Ram Katha will continue for another three days till December 9 and valedictory function will be on December 10 which will be moderated by Mr. Subramanian Swamy MP (RS).

Apne Panchayat Se on AIR

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ Every second and fourth Monday of the month, All India Radio, Port Blair is broadcasting a series named 'Apne Panchayat Se' with an aim to bring Administration closer to the people. In the next episode, Secretary (RD, PRI & ULB) Mr. Udit Prakash Rai, will be LIVE on AIR on Dec 11, 2017.

In the programme, developmental activities going on in Uttara Gram Panchayat and Kadamtala Gram Panchayat Ms. Saraswati Bawali and Pradhan of Kadamtala Gram Panchayat Mr. Suklal Mondal will also be present in the Studio to answer to the queries of listeners.

Listeners can participate in this programme by calling on phone number 232336 or 232558. It will commence at 7.15 am and continue till 7.55 am which will be moderated by Ms. Jaitsheela J. Lakra and produced by Mr. P. S. Saigal.

Entries invited for Photographic Exhibition-cum-Competition

PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ Kala Kendra Studio is going to organise 'Photographic Exhibition cum Competition' in the Art Gallery and Studio, Gandhi Park, Port Blair on the theme 'Land & People of A&N Islands' which will commence from 20th December 20 for a month.

There will be First, Second and Third Prize of Rs. 5,000, Rs. 3,000, Rs. 2,000 respectively and two Consolidation Prizes of Rs. 1,000 each. The prize winning entries will be decided by an eminent Jury.

Interested photographers may submit their photographs 12"x18" (inch) or 20"x16" (inch) size with self certification that it is the original work of the respective photographer. The last date for receipt of photographs is December 15 at the Office of the Kala Kendra, C/o, Directorate of Art & Culture, Cellular Jail Complex, Port Blair. For more query Mr. Sujit Kumar Roy, Artist of the Department of Art & Culture may be contacted over mobile number 943267269.

Three Pakistanis among eight LeT operatives awarded life term

JAIPUR, DEC 6/-/ Eight members of Pakistan based terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), including three Pakistanis, were awarded life imprisonment by a local court here today.

The LeT members were arrested in 2010 and 2011 by the Rajasthan Anti-Terrorist Squad. An additional district and sessions court in Jaipur pronounced the sentence today.

The accused were awarded life imprisonment under sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act along with a cash penalty of 3 lakh each, Mahaveer Jindal, special public prosecutor told reporters. They were convicted under sections 13 (abetting unlawful activity), section 18 (punishment for conspiracy), section 19 (B) (recruiting for terror act) and section 20 (punishment for being member of terrorist gang or organisation) of the UAPA last week, he added.

The Pakistani LeT members Asgar Ali, Shakkar Ulla and Shahid Iqbal were accused of recruiting persons for various anti-national activities. The other five accused are Babu alias Nishachand Ali, Hafiz Abdul, Pawan Puri, Arun Jain and Kabil, Jindal said. Babu and Pawan Puri came into contact with Asgar Ali in Bikaner Jail, he said adding that Kabil came into touch with Shahid Iqbal in a Punjab jail.

All of them were in touch with a LeT commander based in Pakistan through mobile, Jindal said. The Rajasthan ATS had swung into action on receiving an alert from central intelligence agencies intercepting telephonic conversation between the LeT men lodged in jails and Lashkar commander in Pakistan in 2010.

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All the sailings are subject to weather conditions

07.12.2017 (THURSDAY)

BARATANG
MV Katchal will sail for Baratang on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Baratang.

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 07.12.2017 (Thu) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

08.12.2017 (FRIDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Strait Island will sail for Neil Island on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Strait Island will sail for Havelock on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

RANGAT & DIGLIPUR

• MV Chouldari will sail for Rangat via Havelock and Long Island on 08.12.2017 (Fri) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1300 Hrs from Rangat via same route.

09.12.2017 (SATURDAY)

HAVELOCK & NEIL ISLAND

- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0620 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0900 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0630 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 0845 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Neil Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 1100 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1600 Hrs from Neil Island.
- MV Chouldari will sail for Havelock on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 1300 Hrs from Neil Island Jetty and will sail back to Neil Island on the same day at 1445 Hrs from Havelock.
- MV Bambooka will sail for Havelock on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 1400 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 1630 Hrs from Havelock.

RANGAT, DIGLIPUR

- MV Strait Island will sail for Rangat via Neil, Havelock, Strait Island and Long Island on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0615 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on 10.12.2017 (Sun) 0615 Hrs from Rangat via same route.
- MV Katchal will sail for Diglipur on 09.12.2017 (Sat) at 0700 Hrs from Phoenix Bay Jetty and will sail for Port Blair on the same day at 2100 Hrs from Diglipur.

Saplings planted at CG residential area



PORT BLAIR, DEC 6/-/ Indian Coast Guard conducted a Tree Plantation drive at Coast Guard Residential Area, Panipat Road, Haddo on Wednesday under the flagship programme 'Swachhata Pakhwada'. The aim of the event was to create awareness and enthusiasm among masses for green India and environmental protection.

The event was conducted by Coast Guard Ship Rajveer wherein approximately 75 saplings were planted including medicinal, flowering and other perennial trees. The saplings were supplied by

the Department of Forest Extension and Publicity, Port Blair, Indian Coast Guard Region (A&N) has been conducting plantation drives at regular intervals.

The initiative is an action plan to maintain environmental balance in the area. The service has been effectively contributing towards Prime Minister's visionary step of clean India campaign 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.

Woman, daughter beaten, stabbed to death in Noida

GREATER NOIDA, DEC 6/-/ A 42-year-old woman and her 12-year-old daughter were beaten and stabbed to death at their apartment in a residential complex here, the police said today.

The 15-year-old son of the woman, who is missing after the last night incident, is a suspect in the case. The police are searching for him, station house officer (SHO), Bisraksh, Ajay Sharma said. The officer said that the bodies were found wrapped in a blanket by a police team that entered the apartment by breaking its lock. The woman and the girl were beaten with a bat and stabbed with a screw driver, he said, adding that the

apartment during the incident, the deceased and the boy the SHO said. "The woman's husband has gone out of the city on a business tour and the elderly members of the family are in Uttarakhnad," Sharma said. The police said that CCTV camera footage showed that the woman and her daughter had gone out at 7:15 pm on Monday and came back at 8 pm, but after that they were not seen outside.

The husband had called last night after he could not contact his wife. When I tried to call the family through the intercom, the calls went unanswered. I then called the police. The police came and broke the lock of the apartment, a resident close to the family said.

BSP fared badly where paper ballots were used in UP civic polls: State EC

LUCKNOW, DEC 6/-/ Even as BSP supreme Mayawati advocated the use of ballot paper in future elections instead of EVMS, data released by the State Election Commission based on the recently concluded Uttar Pradesh civic polls showed that the BSP fared poorly where paper ballots were used.

According to the civic poll results, BSP candidates contested on all 16 municipal seats and won two. Aligarh and Meerut. Its candidates forfeited deposits in 11 seats. In the mayoral polls, the voting was done through EVMS and 68.7 per cent of BSP candidates lost their deposits. This can be termed better compared to the BSP's performance in Nagar Palika Parishad and Nagar Panchayat polls, where ballots were used, the data showed. The BSP contested in 357 seats in which the Nagar Palika Parishad, in which 131 (70.43 per cent) of its candidates had to forfeit their deposits. Similarly, in the Nagar Panchayat chairman polls, the BSP contested in 357 seats in which 268 (75 per cent) of its candidates lost their deposits.

A day after the civic polls results were released, Mayawati had challenged the BJP that the saffron party would lose the general elections due in 2019 if ballot papers were used instead of EVMS. "If the BJP claims that they enjoy the mandate of the people and the entire country is with them, then they should set aside the EVMS and hold the elections through ballot paper. And I can say with full confidence that if the 2019 Lok Sabha polls are held by ballot paper, (the BJP) will not come to power," the BSP chief said. She alleged that the government machinery was "misused" in the urban local body polls. "Otherwise, more of our candidates would have become mayors in the state... and we would have won more seats," she said.

Chief minister Yogi Adityanath, making light of Mayawati's charges, said she should ask her mayors to resign and contest those two seats again in ballot-based elections. The Samajwadi Party too has blamed EVMS for its poor performance. As per election results, SP candidates forfeited deposits in 10 out of 16 seats. The SP however, fared better than the BSP in the seats where ballot papers were used. In the Nagar Palika Parishad, of the 190 candidates fielded by the SP, 83 (43.68 per cent) lost deposits and in Nagar Panchayat Chairman polls, 207 SP candidates (54.47 per cent) lost their deposits in the 380 seats the party contested in.

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