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People buying gold jewellery on the occasion of 'Akhaya Tritiya', in Chennai on Saturday.

## LG raises Islands' development issues



**NEW DELHI, APRIL 29** - Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A & N Islands, Prof Jagdish Mukhi attended a meeting of Ministers / Secretaries (MSME/Khadi/Coir) of all the States / UTs held under the chairmanship of Union Minister Shri. Kairaj Mishra, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt. of India on Friday at National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) Exhibition Complex, NSIC Bhawan, Okhla Industrial Estate, New Delhi. During the meeting, Lt. Governor of A & N Islands raised issues relating to granting special package to A & N Islands at par with the North Eastern State on the ground that the Islands is categorised as Industrially Backward area by virtue of its geographical isolation, environmentally and V sensitive on defence point of view, limited land area availability for commercial, industrial, agricultural and other purposes. He emphasised the need for opening up of branch office of NSIC at Port Blair to enable the

budding and new entrepreneurs to get assistance, guidance and support under various schemes of Govt. of India through them. The other points that were discussed in the meeting was related to re-instating Regional Office of KVAFSU at Port Blair for implementing PMEGP and other schemes of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, establishment of Business Incubator at Central Islands Agricultural Research Institute Campus, Port Blair for developing new value added products on coconut and augmenting the limit of margin money allocation from existing 10% to 50% of the allocated budget for considering the projects under business/Trading sector. Considering the level of constraints existing in the Islands for the entrepreneurs due to various factors, the minister assured to look into the matter and directed the officials to put up the matter at the appropriate level. Smt. Rashmi Singh, Secretary (Ind) A&N Administration also accompanied the Lt. Governor.

## PBMC grants 283 daily rated mazdoors casual status

**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 29** - As many as 283 senior Daily Rated Mazdoors (DRMs) of the Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) have been granted casual status and will get 1/30th pay plus DA under the 7th Central Pay Commission scheme. In this connection, the PBMC organized a function in its auditorium here this evening. The Member of Parliament, Shri Bishnu Pada Ray, chief guest of the function, the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Anindo Majumdar, Chairperson PBMC, Shri B Eswar Rao, HMAC Member & BJP State president, Shri Vishal Jolly and other dignitaries presented the orders of the incentives to 20 Works Section and 20 Sanitary Section DRMs of the Council. With this, the DRMs' wages will now be enhanced from the existing wages of Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 19,000 per month. The incentive is being granted with effect from May 1, 2017. Addressing the large gathering of PBMC DRMs and their family members, the MP lauded the efforts of the councilors and officers of PBMC in working out the



proposal for grant of incentives to the mazdoors and got it approved for their benefit. He said that apart from enhanced wages, the mazdoors will get DA and will largely be benefitted by the scheme. He also mentioned the contribution of different mazdoor unions' leaders, who worked tirelessly for the cause of the mazdoors. Shri Ray also lauded the Council for the turnover of Rs. 19.75 crore which it had gained from various sources such as food courts etc. during the financial year 2016-17. He expressed hope that the benefit of the scheme will also be extended to DRMs of other Departments as also

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## Sharp rise in divorce cases in the isles

**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 29** - The once unthinkable act of dissolving a marriage has turned out to be a common phenomenon in these islands. According to reports, the court here has recorded a sharp rise in the cases of divorces specially by young couples. Alcoholism, domestic violence and extra-marital affairs are among other factors that attribute to the growing number of failed marriages in these islands.

According to sources, around 100-150 divorces applications are filed every month in the District and Sessions Court here. "The number of divorces cases has spiralled in the recent years and increasing numbers are filed these days. In majority of the cases, alcohol addiction is stated to be the main reason for the failed marriage. In some cases, extra marital affairs or disagreement over various issues lead to the separation. Several women in the age-group of 24-30 years have separated from their husbands over such issues in the recent years," said a staff of the District and Sessions Court requesting anonymity. "Couples fall in love early and decide to tie the knots only to discover soon that it was a flawed decision. Parents should exercise caution before marrying off their sons and daughters and ascertain the background of the family properly. Alcohol addiction and domestic infighting are said to be major reasons for divorces in these islands. Another reason that leads to dissolving a marriage is extra-marital affairs by either of the partners. Many couples these days do not want to force themselves in a relationship which has collapsed and are not very willing to adjust all the time just for the sake of societal pressure. Such increasing divorce cases are a matter of concern. Couples who file divorce cases should be properly counselled before courts approve the separation," said a family counselor.

## No resting space for the dead at Christian graveyard

# Gravediggers reuse existing one for fresh burials

**EOI BUREAU**  
**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 29** - Amidst the trauma of the loss of a loved one, grieving relatives have to undergo anxious hours of waiting for space for burials at the Christian Graveyard near Netaji Stadium, established during the British occupation, now facing acute shortage of land and gravediggers often reuse existing ones to make room for fresh burials. In the process, skeletons of old grave are often dug up creating resentment among relatives for tampering with their graves. Repeated requests from the management of

the Christian Graveyard for an alternate site for the graveyard have till date proved futile. "Ugly scenes prevail during burials at the Christian Graveyard these days. As the cemetery faces shortage of space, gravediggers reuse existing graves and dredge up human skeletons in the process. Such repeated occurrence is hurting the sentiments of the Christian community as well as Nicobarese who also lay to rest their loved ones at the graveyard. The cemetery established during the British era assumes historical importance. Late Captain Arthur Beale, who settled in these islands after a long

illustrious career in the merchant navy, was also laid to rest at the Christian Graveyard. However, the administration is paying no heed to the sentiments of the Christian community," said some residents of Aberdeen Bazar. The UT Administration should immediately look into the issue and allocate a separate location for the Christian Graveyard. According to sources, the administration has already identified a parcel of land and the same should be immediately allocated for the Christian Graveyard to prevent further sufferings for the people.

## Suspension of bars fuels sale of spurious liquor in city, triggers unrest

**EOI BUREAU**  
**PORT BLAIR, APRIL 29**: Every action draws an equal but opposite reaction, says science. The principle has applied perfectly here after the recent crackdown on bars. Spurious liquor has gone up significantly in various parts of the city particularly in areas like Haddo and Dairyfarm. IMFL is also reportedly being sold to alcohol addicts in houses in such areas for monetary gain triggering unrest in the areas. The sudden crackdown on bars over violation of excise policy has also raised question on the integrity of the officials of the District Administration who for the past more than a decade have openly overlooked the violations of bar licenses despite the permits being granted after observing all official formalities.

According to reports, sale of spurious liquor has shot up significantly in thickly populated areas like Dairyfarm and Haddo. The population in these islands most from the labour class are openly practicing the trade and sell spurious liquor to customers. IMFL procured from ANHDCO outlets also being sold in households of these islands. Massive unrest have started taking shape in these islands where residents have become apprehensive of chaos as the trend is harmful particularly for children and senior citizens of the areas. "The recent crackdown on bars in the city has raised several apprehensions among the citizens. The licenses to operate bars in the city was being granted and renewed

on yearly basis after observing all official formalities like inspection of premises, parking facilities etc for more than a decade now. The sudden suspension of bars over certain violations of the excise policy indicates that the liquor vending outlets were in operation in blatant violation of the provisions in all these islands and concerned officials of the District Administration had been ignoring the violations. Or, is there some foul play behind the entire process," question some residents of Haddo. "The sudden crackdown on bars has directly goaded sale of liquor illegally in different parts of the city. Spurious liquor or IMFL are being

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