

## Induction Ceremony of MV Nalanda Today

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Port Blair, Oct 26: After a long wait, the 500 pax special trade passenger vessel MV Nalanda will be inducted into service by Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Admiral (Retd.) D K Joshi. The Induction ceremony will be held at Haddo Wharf, Port Blair tomorrow at 10.00 AM.



As per the official confirmation from the Office of the Directorate of Shipping Services, Port Blair, all the repair works of MV Nalanda have been completed.

On 18th August the new vessel MV Nalanda reportedly hit Haddo Port's RCC structure while berthing at Gate No. 04 in Haddo Wharf. The im-

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## Member of Parliament sanctions 20 Lakh Rupees for purchase of special bus for Divyang Islanders

Port Blair, Oct 26: Considering the inconvenience being faced by Divyang brothers and sisters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and their family members, in reaching the Composite Regional Centre for Skill

Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, GoI, Brookshabad, the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri.

Kuldeep Rai Sharma has sanctioned purchase and supply of one special bus under MPLADS fund to the CRC Brookshabad.

The Member of Parliament came to know

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## 7 Cops awarded Ati-Utkrisht Seva Medal and 16 cops awarded Utkrisht Seva Medal

Port Blair, Oct 26: The Director General of Police, A&N Islands has awarded Union Home Minister's Ati-Utkrisht Seva Padak and Utkrisht Seva Padak to many Police/IRB officers/personnel.

The recipient of Ati-Utkrisht Seva Medal are ADGP Anil Shukla, IPS, SSP Shivendra Kant Tiwari, SI D K Seal, ASI Jagadish Prasad, HC/1570 Thohakai, HC/756 S Ramani, PC/770 G Ravi.

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## Ajoy Bairagi demands adequate compensation for Fire victims of Aerial Bay & fixing responsibility on Fire Brigade personnel for delay in reaching spot

Port Blair, Oct 26: In a bid to highlight the matter of the fire victims of Aerial Bay, Diglipur Mr. Ajoy

Bairagi, shot a letter to the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Secretary and the Di-

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## Central Crime Station Seizes 4.320 Kgs of Ganja, Arrests One Drug Peddler

Port Blair, Oct 26: Acting on a specific intelligence input received from a reliable source, a Police team from Central Crime Station consisting of SI M.A Rasheed, Head Constables Sanjay Kujur and Constables N.Thangaraj & Raja Rao intercepted one person namely UtpalDhali S/o Mr.PatitpabanDhali R/o Netaji Palli, Barasat, North

24 Parganas at ITF Ground, VIP Road who arrived at Port Blair from Kolkata on 26/10/2022 by flight. During checking of his personal belongings, 4.320 Kgs of Ganja which was clandestinely concealed in the bag was seized and the accused person was arrested observing all codal formalities.

A case under relevant sections of NDPS Act-1985 has been registered at

PS CCS and investigation is on.

The general public is requested to inform about any credible information pertaining to sale or possession of contrabands or any other illegal activity on the following telephone numbers- 100, 232586, 233307, 9474290250.

The identity of the informer will be kept secret.

## Hall Tickets for the combined recruitment written examination for filling various Group C posts

Port Blair, Oct. 26: In continuation to the Vacancy Notice dated 01.08.2022, the Hall Tickets for the combined recruitment written examination for filling various Group C posts under the A & N Administration scheduled to be held on 20.11.2022 in two shifts has

been released and will be available online w.e.f. 27.10.2022 from 4pm onwards.

Accordingly, the applicants may visit the Portal: <https://karmic.andaman.gov.in/> and <https://andaman.nic.in/> for downloading the Hall Tickets.

## Changes in COVID-19 protocols by Administration

Port Blair, Oct. 26: In supersession to earlier orders and circulars issued from time to time by A&N Administration regarding COVID management in A&N Islands following are the COVID-19 protocols to be followed for travellers in A&N Islands with immediate effect:

- All asymptomatic children below 12 years of age are exempted from RT-PCR test to travel to A&N Islands by sea/air route.
- People above 12 years of age intending to travel from mainland who are not vaccinated /partially vaccinated against COVID-19 will have to undertake RT-PCR test in

mainland within 48 hours before commencing such journey to A&N Islands. They will also be tested at Point of Entry.

- All asymptomatic passengers undertaking journey to inter-island sectors are exempted from any type of COVID-19 testing irrespective of their vaccination status.

- All symptomatic passengers travelling from mainland or travelling to inter-island sectors must undergo RT-PCR testing within 48 hours of commencement of journey irrespective of their age group and vaccination status.

## Brazil's Lula da Silva widens lead over Jair Bolsonaro in polls

Brazilian presidential candidate Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's lead over President Jair Bolsonaro has widened to six percentage points less than one week ahead of a runoff vote, a poll by Genial/Quaest showed on Wednesday.

Former President  
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## 'Matter of pride for us in India': Sonia Gandhi wishes Rishi Sunak as new UK PM

Former Congress party president Sonia Gandhi on Wednesday extended her greetings to Britain's newly appointed Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, saying she was "delighted" at the Indian-origin Tory leader's elevation. "It is certainly a matter of pride for all of us in India," Gandhi said to the UK PM, who is the first person of colour to rise to the ranks.

"Indo-British relations have always been very special and I am confident that they will be further deepened during your tenure," Gandhi wrote in her letter.

The Congress leader's message came on a day when she handed over her position as the party president to the newly elected Mallikarjun Kharge.

Several other Indian leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had extended their wishes for Sunak. Modi congratulated



the UK PM on Twitter and said that he looked forward to working closely together on global issues, and implementing Roadmap 2030.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor called Sunak's feat "extraordinary", while adding that "Britain has outgrown their racism" and hitting out at the Modi-led BJP government in India for not giving enough representation to the minority communities in the country. Britain's Conservative Party Monday chose Sunak as their leader – making him the first Asian, Indian-origin and Hindu Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. Sunak held his first cabinet meeting with his new set of ministers on Wednesday.



## Seats Vacant in Tagore College

Port Blair, Oct 26: One seats each in Category III (a) and IV in B.A.B.Ed. English, one seat each in Category III (b) and III (c) in B.A.B.Ed. Hindi, one seat under Category II in B.A.B.Ed. History and one seat under PwD in B.A.B.Ed. have fallen vacant in Tagore Government College of Education, Port Blair.

Similarly, one seat under Category IV in B.Sc.B.Ed. Computer Sci-

ence, one seat each under Category III (a) and V in B.Sc.B.Ed. Maths and three seats under EWS category under B.Sc.B.Ed. have also fallen vacant in the College.

Counseling for admission to all these vacant seats will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 at 9:30 a.m. in the College Seminar Gallery. If any seats are vacant after the issue of this notice, those seats will also be distributed during this counseling. There-

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Commodore Atul Kumar Rastogi, Deputy Director General, National Cadet Corps, Directorate of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andaman & Nicobar alongwith Col. Jarnail Singh, Group Commander, National Cadet Corps Gp HQ Madras 'A' on their visit to A&N Islands called on Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas.

## Sant Nirankari Mission Branch Celebrates Deepawali with Children of Sewa Niketan Ashram (Orphanage) Diary Farm

Port Blair, Oct 26: On the auspicious Occasion of Deepawali, with the blessings of Satguru MataSudiksha Maharaj, the Sant Nirankari Mission Branch, Port Blair, shared the joy of festival with young children of Sewa Niketan Ashram (Orphanage)Diary Farm. On this occasion the children and volunteers from the mission, distributed Sweets, Crackers, Candle, Diya and Study material among the children of Ashram in the presence of Sector In charge and SewadalSanchalak. Mr. A. Chakraborty, In-charge

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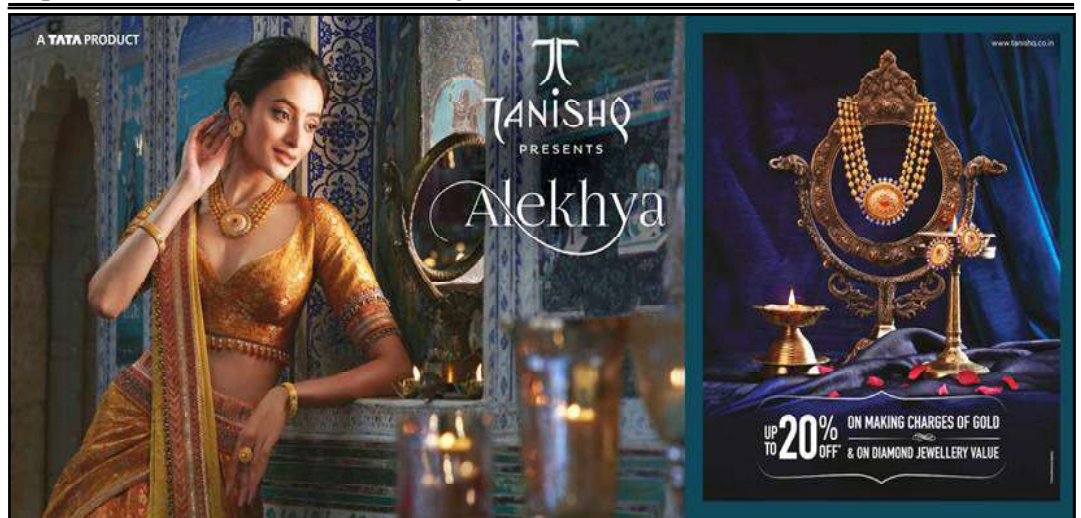
## HRD Programme on Integrated Pest Management on Field Crops (Kharif-2022) At Ferrargunj, by CIPMC, Port Blair



Port Blair, Oct 26: A two days HRD Programme on impact of pesticide residues on field

crops was conducted by Central Integrated Pest Management Centre

(CIPMC), Ministry of Agri. & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India (See page 4)



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Shri Bhagwanth Khuba, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers and New and Renewable Energy and Member of Lok Sabha from Bidar Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka on visit to A&N Islands from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Oct., 2022 met Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency today at Raj Niwas. Discussed various Infra/Developmental Mega projects being implemented by Andaman & Nicobar Administration under the aegis of Islands Development Agency.

## IGNOU B.SC (Life Science, Physics and Chemistry) Practical Classes and Exam

Port Blair, Oct 26: The Practical Classes and Exams for B.SC (old scheme) for (Life science - LSE 4L, LSE8L, LSE11L, LSE14L, Physics-PHE-08L, PHE-12L, BPHL-108, PHE3L/BPHL103, chemistry-CHE3L, CHE7L, CHE8L, CHE11L AND CHE12L) programme of Indira Gandhi National Open University is scheduled from 31<sup>st</sup> October,

2022 to 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. The practical classes & exams will be conducted at JNRM, College, Port Blair. The list of examinees, subject wise dates of practical classes and exam has already been uploaded in the social media websites i.e. Port Blair Regional center, face book, twitter and in the notice board of the Study Center-0201, JNRM and Regional Center. For more details

about practical classes /exams, learners may contact the Study Center-0201, JNRM, Port Blair on 03192-237078 or the IGNOU Regional Center, Port Blair, over Phone: 03192-242888 or 03192-230111 or Email: [reportblair@ignou.ac.in](mailto:reportblair@ignou.ac.in) or. A communication from the Regional Director, IGNOU Port Blair Regional Center said.

## Annual General Meeting 2022-23 of IEI, ANSC

Port Blair, Oct 26: The Annual General Meeting 2022-23 of The Institution of Engineers (India), Andaman & Nicobar State

Center will be held on Saturday, 29 October 2022 at 06:30 PM at Hotel TSG Emerald View, Phoenix Bay, Port Blair. All the Corporate

Members attached to the Andaman & Nicobar State Center are requested to attend the Annual General Meeting.

## Seats Vacant...

fore, all eligible aspiring candidates are advised to attend the counseling on the date and time mentioned above. If no candidates are available under a particular cat-

egory, it will be distributed to other eligible categories as per the existing rules. The candidates who are provisionally selected for admission to these courses will have to submit all

the original certificates along with one set of Photostat copies and requisite amount of fees on the day of counseling failing which they will not be considered for admission.

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## Sant Nirankari...

Sewa Niketan Ashram, Diary Farm appreciated the good gesture and work being done by the young children of Sant Nirankari Mis-

sion. Mr. A. Chakraborti said that those who share happiness with others are themselves happy from within. He added that

this type of service can be done only by the followers of the true spiritual master and they are also inspired from such spiritual master.

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## HRD Programme...

dia, Port Blair in collaboration with Department of Agriculture at Panchayat Hall, Ferrargunj, South Andaman.

The focus of the programme was on the IPM Technology, where Mrs. D. Adailaxmy, AA, Dept. of Agri. in her welcome address, briefed on the importance of IPM in agriculture crops. Mr. Ramesh, H.P, PPO (E), CIPMC, Port Blair addressed the concern over adverse effects of pesticides residues above MRL and discussed safe use of pesticides. Dr Janardan Saikia (APPO), PQS, Port Blair

spoke upon the major insect pest management in field crops through IPM practices.

Mr. Navashakthi, A.O, Dept. of Agri., suggested the farmers on the importance of Integrated Farming System, IDM, IPM, ATMA model to ensure all the inputs required for agriculture which are organic in nature and can be derived from field by integrating livestock, poultry and fish cultures. During the technical session Mrs. Lipika Mandal, BTM (ATMA), Mrs. Sunitha Kumari, ATM (ATMA) and Mrs. Meena Kumara, ATM (ATMA) were the resource

persons and covered different topics like seed treatment, pest and disease management on different crops with IPM Technology.

Mr. Edmond Baa, Up-Pradhan, Ferrargunj Gram Panchayat in his welcome address talked on the importance of organic farming with all the participants and Panchayat Secretary, Ferrargunj Gram Panchayat was also present.

The training programme was successfully concluded with 60 participants including women farmers.

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## Taiwan expects greater China pressure after Xi Jinping cements power: Minister

Beijing will step up efforts to pick off Taiwan's last remaining allies after Xi Jinping secured a third term in power, as Chinese officials up the ante to show loyalty to the president, Taipei's foreign minister said Wednesday.

A major gathering of China's communist leaders at the weekend saw Xi cement his status as the country's most influential leader since Mao Zedong.

Beijing claims self-ruled Taiwan as part of its territory and has vowed to take control of the island, by force if necessary.

It has spent decades encouraging Taiwan's diplomatic allies to break ties in favour of China.

"It is conceivable that our diplomatic situation will become grimmer," Taiwan's

top diplomat Joseph Wu said Wednesday.

He anticipated China would step up pressure on the 14 countries that still maintain diplomatic relations with Taiwan as a way for Chinese officials to "show loyalty" to Xi.

"We have seen some warning intelligence... We hope our diplomatic relations will not be influenced by China," Wu said at a parliamentary session.

"All of our embassies and missions are on tight vigilance now... We will verify the intelligence and take advantageous measures to consolidate diplomatic relations."

Tensions between Taiwan and China soared to their highest level for years in August after Beijing staged huge and unprecedented mili-

tary drills to protest against a visit to the island by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Beijing lashes out at any diplomatic action that might lend Taiwan international legitimacy and has responded with growing anger to visits by Western politicians.

When asked by a lawmaker if Beijing is speeding up its timeline for taking Taiwan, Wu said the military threat has been "rapidly growing" in recent years.

"Whether China decides it's next year, the year after next year, 2025, 2027, 2030 or whatever time they see the conditions as mature to attack Taiwan, the most important thing for us is to be well prepared to defend ourselves," he said.

## Kremlin may transfer assets in annexed Ukraine regions to Russian companies



The Kremlin on Wednesday said that assets in the four Ukrainian regions that Russia said it had annexed last month may in future be transferred to Russian companies.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it was obvious that "aban-

doned assets" could not be left inactive, and the government would deal with the issue.

Ukraine, its Western allies and an overwhelming majority of countries at the U.N. General Assembly have condemned Russia's declared annexation of the four regions as illegal.

## IMF chief expects UK PM Rishi Sunak's government to stick to fiscal discipline

IMF chief Kristalina Georgieva said on Wednesday she expects new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to steer Britain towards fiscal sustainability and said he was right to warn the public of difficult decisions ahead.

Speaking to Reuters in Berlin, Georgieva welcomed what she said was Sunak's clarity and constructive attitude that she knew from his time as finance minister.

She expects to speak to the recently appointed finance minister Jeremy Hunt in coming days.

"The new prime minister comes with a platform that he has shaped during his days as a chancellor, and it is one of being very prudent in bringing fiscal discipline in the UK," she said.

"I listened carefully



to him talking to the British people, and this is a message that should resonate across the world. These are tough times, and tough times require tough decisions."

Rishi Sunak became Britain's third prime minister in two months on Tuesday and pledged to lead the country out of a profound economic crisis and rebuild trust in politics. The Times newspaper has reported that Sunak might delay a planned fiscal state-

ment next week in order to fill a hole of 40 billion pounds (\$46 billion) in the UK's finances.

Foreign minister James Cleverly said on Wednesday a short delay would be no bad thing to make sure the government gets the fiscal statement right.

Asked about the issue, Georgieva said she did not expect any change in plans to publishing the statement.

## Very impressed: UAE minister to Jaishankar for work on India's foreign policy

A minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Wednesday showered praises on external affairs minister S Jaishankar during a conference at a Delhi-based think tank, Observer Research Foundation (ORF).

Omar Sultan Al Olama, UAE's Minister of State for Artificial Intelligence, said he was impressed by Jaishankar's

positioning of India's foreign policy on the global stage amid the current geopolitical conflicts.

The minister made the remarks at CyFY202, a virtual event attended by several Indian ministers and parliamentarians. The meeting, hosted in the national capital, discussed issues related to technology, security, and society.

Olama said that In-

dia and the UAE can work together to expand their global trade and investment footprint, adding commerce is very important in today's world. In a response to a question about how he deals with the geopolitical headwinds, Olama said, "Historically, the world was unipolar, bipolar or tripolar, where you had to choose sides. I am

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## Now is the time to deliver, tweets Rishi Sunak on first full day as UK PM

Rishi Sunak, Britain's newly elected Prime Minister, on Wednesday said he is confident that his government can rise to challenge that lay before the cabinet and deliver for the whole United Kingdom. He said now is the time to get to work and earn the trust of the British people.

"This morning I set out to Cabinet the enormous task we face, and why I am confident that this government can rise to the challenge and deliver for the whole United Kingdom," he wrote in a tweet.

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Sunak held his first Cabinet meeting earlier in the day with his new team



before facing the opposition in Parliament, also a first as Britain's PM, as he sought to provide assurances that his new government would offer economic stability and continuity after his predecessor Liz Truss' tax plans triggered an upheaval in the market. A day ago, Sunak was appointed the PM by King Charles III, days after Truss exited 10 Downing Street - the PM's official residence, amid a massive economic crisis. Soon after his appointment, Sunak named his key team that has allies with experienced ministers from the administrations of his two immediate predecessors, Boris Johnson and Truss.

## Brazil's Lula...

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Lula has 48% of voter support, up from last week's 47%, while Bolsonaro remains at 42%.

The second round of Brazil's presidential election is scheduled to happen on Sunday, Oct. 30.

Pollsters were

widely criticized after the first-round vote for significantly underestimating support for Bolsonaro. The survey by pollster Genial/Quaest interviewed 2,000 people between Oct. 23 and 25 and has a margin of error of two percentage points.





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## Member of...

about the regular struggle of Divyang Islanders and their parents in reaching the Composite Regional Centre Brookshabad.

He has noticed that it is difficult for Divyang people to travel in buses to reach Brookshabad area

for Rehabilitation sessions and in most of the cases parents have to book an auto and other vehicles to reach Brookshabad, which is not only time consuming but also unaffordable for many parents.

The approximate

cost of the Bus is nearly Rs. 20,00,000 (Twenty Lakhs) and it will be of great use for persons with disabilities for all transportation needs as it will have special provisions for Divyang brothers and sisters.

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## Ajoy Bairagi...

rector General of Police, A & N Islands, yesterday, demanding adequate compensation to the Fire Accident victims of Aerial Bay, Diglipur & fixing responsibility upon the concerned Fire Brigade personnel for unimaginable delay in reaching the Accident spot.

"It is extremely sad to place the facts regarding the extensive losses suffered by the victims of the fire accident that took place on 18th October, 2022 at Aerial Bay, Diglipur, North & Middle Andaman District." the letter read.

He wrote in the letter that, upon receipt of the information regarding the aforesaid fire accident on 19th October, 2022, he immediately rushed to the place of occurrence and met the victims. He then found that altogether nine shops were completely gutted in the fire and except ashes nothing was left, he claimed in his letter.

During his visit, he came to know from the local people of that area how massive the fire was; he was also informed by them that the basic reason due to

which the same could not be controlled was the unimaginable delay in reaching the spot by the Fire Brigade personnel, Mr. Bairagi mentioned in the letter. "It was reported to me by several local people of that locality who witnesses the incident that, despite receipt of information immediately regarding the Fire, the Fire Brigade reached the spot after more than one hour, whereas the distance from the Fire Brigade to the spot is hardly (10)ten minutes.", the BJP State President claimed in his letter.

"Such delay is neither acceptable nor condonable and therefore I humbly request your good selves to kindly fix responsibility upon the Fire Service officials & take appropriate action, as deemed fit under the law.", Mr. Bairagi wrote.

Mr. Bairagi urged the Lieutenant Governor to impress upon the concerned authorities to conduct a proper assessment of damages sustained by the fire victims.

The BJP State President

also included a list of the 09 (nine) fire victims as-

Shri. Subal Kirtonia-

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Pleading with the Governor, Mr. Bairagi implored the LG and other higher authorities to direct the concerned officials to conduct proper assessment of damages caused due to the aforementioned Fire accident, fix responsibilities upon the Fire brigade personnel and properly rehabilitate the victims by awarding adequate compensation from Lt. Governor's relief fund or any other authorized sources, as deems fit and proper, the letter further read.

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## Induction Ceremony...

pact was so hard that the new ship suffered major dents.

Talking to Andaman Sheekha, a senior Official of the DSS said today that the ship is ready in all respects, repair works as well as its thorough survey by the of-

ficials of SCI and MMD have been done. He further said that trial runs have already been completed, and the CSL team gave the required training to the crew members as well. "The DSS has arranged an induction program at Haddo Jetty

where the honorable Lieutenant Governor will inaugurate the ship in presence of officials of CSL, SCI and other senior officials of the Administration.

The sailing program of the vessel will be released soon," the official said.

## Very impressed...

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very impressed by your minister of foreign affairs – I see some of his speeches. One thing is very clear for both the UAE and India is that we don't need to choose sides."

During the event, he also discussed the India-UAE relationship and how the two countries are linked by ingrained roots. He said there are numerous areas for cooperation, with a particular emphasis

on collaboration between startups in both countries.

He also mentioned the I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA) Group as a great example of collaboration, and added that just because the UAE is working with India does not mean it cannot coordinate with the United States. Over the next three days, around 150 speakers from 37 countries will participate in the CyFy2022 conference, along with Q&A sessions.

## 7 Cops awarded...

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The recipient of Utkrisht Seva Medal are IGP, Sanjay Kumar Jain, Inspector Abita Bachan, Inspector Sahil Shamsuddin, SI G Mohan Rao, ASI Surya Narayan, ASI K Ram Babu, ASI Jagadeesh Babu, HC/

2409 P. Senthil Kumar, PC/ 2440 Basanta Pal, ASI U Ramesh, HC M A Vinod, HC E Chandra Sekhar, CT V Venkateshwar Rao, CT A Janki Rao, CT Dheerendra Kumar Pandey, CT P Bhimeshwar Rao.

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