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On the occasion of 74th Republic Day, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency paid homage to the great freedom fighters at Martyr's Column, National Memorial Cellular Jail.

74th Republic Day celebrated with gaiety & patriotic fervour in Isles

Port Blair, Jan 26:

Impressive parade, colourful cultural programme, presentation of medals and Lt Governor's Commendation Certificates marked 74th Republic Day celebration in A&N Islands yesterday. The main function for the Republic Day was held at Marina Park road stretch wherein the Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency



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Beating Retreat marks culmination of Republic Day celebration in Isles

Hon'ble Lt. Governor felicitates Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team led by Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon

Port Blair, Jan.29

Impressive performances by bands of Navy, A&N Police, Colourful cultural programme, illumination of ships and spectacular fire power display formed part of the Beating Retreat ceremony that marked the grand finale of the Republic Day celebration-2023 at the historic Netaji Stadium here this evening. Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM,

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The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS unfurling the National Flag on the occasion of 74th Republic Day at Secretariat on Jan.26,2023.

Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum catering to complaints related to Electricity Deptt.

Port Blair, Jan. 29

A Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) has been constituted under the Electricity Act, 2003 for redressal of grievances towards all type of complaints

related to services of Electricity Department.

The electricity consumers having any complaints or grievance may lodge their complaint in writing, either in per-

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MP attends 42nd Annual Athletic Meet 2022-2023 of Ananda Marga School, Junglighat and inaugurates Science Lab

Port Blair, Jan 26:

The 42nd Annual Athletic Meet 2022-2023 of Ananda Marga School was organised on 25 January 2023 at the school ground, in which the Member of Parliament of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Shri. Kuldeep Rai Sharma was the Chief Guest

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EDITORIAL

Govt needs a 'rethink' on PLI scheme

While the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) given to chosen manufacturers in certain sectors has won many plaudits, many doubters have raised pertinent questions about the scheme. As anticipations grow that the government might extend the scheme to more sectors in the forthcoming budget, the Centre needs to consider the many 'shortcomings' experts have pointed out about PLI. The government has offered scheme benefits to manufacturers in 14 sectors since March 2020. Over 600 applications have been approved. Official data shows that till September 2022, investments worth Rs 41,000 crore had come under the scheme against the expected Rs 2.71 lakh crore, and around two lakh jobs have been created against the desired 60 lakh jobs.

Critics have questioned the scheme for various reasons, including allocating scarce government resources to the scheme, which may prove unviable in the long run in the absence of overarching reforms to attract investment into manufacturing sectors. Many sectors already under the PLI's ambit may not necessarily be labour or capital-intensive. Instead of offering incentives to all sectors, the government should focus on capital-intensive and job-creating sectors. Some say it has been extended to many sectors where India already has a good track record of manufacturing, like in pharma, steel and auto components.

The government has taken some tariff measures and is likely to take more to 'support' manufacturing in India. Some experts have pointed out that tariff measures like high customs duty on raw materials and intermediary goods could punish those PLI sectors that depend on importing these goods to manufacture in India. Others say that India needs a more predictable and stable regulatory regime for manufacturing to grow, and more favourable trade pacts for access to newer export markets. Without an enabling environment, there is a serious question of whether some manufacturers will continue producing in India after the scheme gets over in five years. There is also the ethical question of subsidising huge corporates at the cost of a large section of society which still has no access to good healthcare, habitation and education. Extending PLI to additional sectors means weaning more resources from areas like education and healthcare. Therefore, the government might also want to listen to the critics and not go the whole hog on the PLI scheme in the budget.

MP attends 42nd..... from page 1 of the closing Ceremony.

The Member of Parliament in his speech urged all the students to devote time for physical sports activities, to sharpen mind, enhance focus on studies and develop sportsmanship as well as leadership qualities.

The Member of Parliament later inaugurated the science lab of the school.

HEADQUARTERS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COMMAND ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COMMAND CELEBRATES – REPUBLIC DAY

Port Blair, Jan 26:

A ceremonial parade was conducted to commemorate 74th Republic Day on 26 Jan 2023 at Marina Park Road, Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The parade was reviewed by Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VSM, NM (Retd), the Chief Guest. The parade was led by Lt Cdr Rohul Rana Ameen of the Andaman and Nicobar Command and comprised contingents from Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and A&N Police.

The parade witnessed unfurling of the National Flag by the Chief Guest. Each parade contingent was represented by one officer, one Junior Commissioned Officer and fifteen other



Ranks. Joint Band of Indian Army and Indian Navy were in attendance during the parade along with buglers. The pride and josh of all participating contingents reflected a high level of integration and discipline.

The day concluded

with a spectacular illumination of ships of Indian Navy, Coast Guard, DSS and Marine Police at anchorage off Marina Flag Post. The ships were 'Dressed Overall' during the day and fired colourful flares and switched on contour illumination lights at sunset.

HEADQUARTERS ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR COMMAND MULTI-SPECIALTY MEDICAL CAMP – AT PHC CHOULDARI

Port Blair, Jan 28:

A Multi-Specialty Medical Camp was organised on 28 Jan 23 at PHC, Chouldari by INHS Dhanvantari under the aegis of HQ Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC). The camp was inaugurated by SurgCmde Sanjeev Tandon, Chief Staff Officer (Medical) of HQ Andaman and Nicobar Command. The Multi-Specialty Camp included Specialists of Medicine, Pediatrics, Gynecology, ENT and Dental surgery. Additionally, an Optometrist also attended. The Camp saw overwhelming response by the local populace and was highly



appreciated. During the Camp, awareness of lifestyle diseases and its prevention was emphasized to the local population. Dr Munni Singhania (Dte of Health Services), Mrs Tapasi Saha

(Panchayat Pradhan) and Dr Supriaya, posted at the PHC expressed gratitude and applauded the efforts of INHS Dhanvantari whilst extending full support to the Camp.

MULTI SPECIALITY MEDICAL CAMP AT CHOULDARI VILLAGE

Port Blair, Jan 28:

As a part of the Navy Week 2019 celebrations, under the aegis of Headquarters Andaman and Nicobar Command, a Multi Speciality medical camp was organised on 22 Dec 19 at Chouldari village, Port Blair by INHS Dhanvantari in co-ordination with Primary Health Centre (PHC), Chouldari, Port Blair.

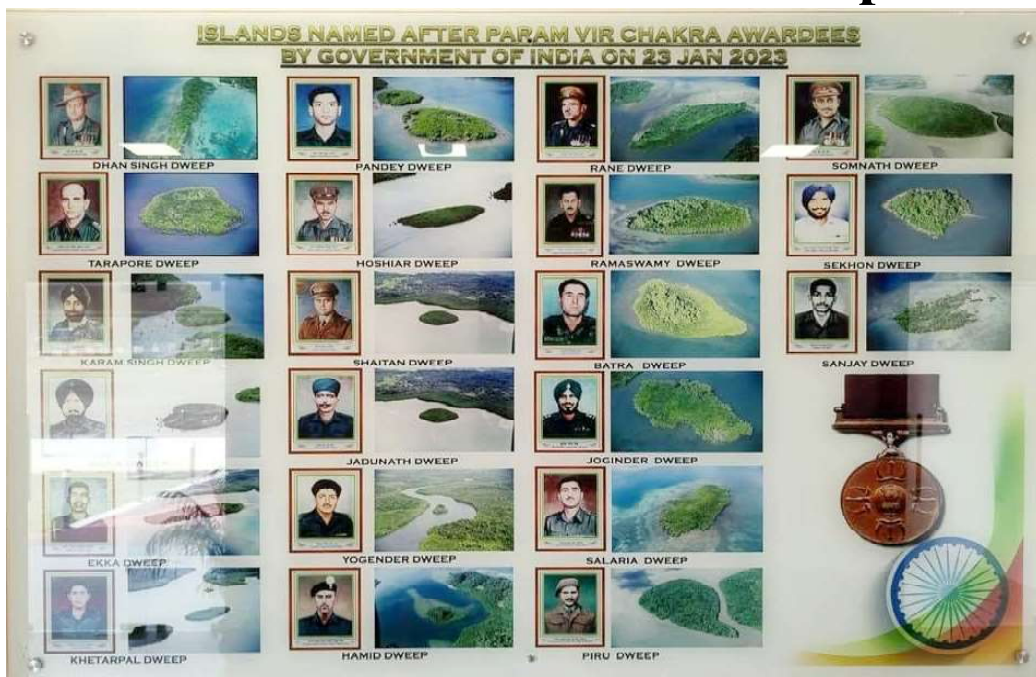
Seven specialists including Medical specialist, Surgeon, Paediatrician, Otorhinolaryngologist, Ophthalmologist, Dermatologist, Dental Surgeon and Pathologist along with one Medical Officer, two MNS Officers and twenty Medical assistants conducted the



Multi Speciality camp for the local populace. There was an enthusiastic response from the local population and about 70 patients availed the facilities of

the camp. The PHC extended full administrative support for the smooth conduct of the camp along with Logistic support from INHS Dhanvantari.

PM names 21 unnamed Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands after 21 Param Vir Chakra Awardees Unveils model of National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep



New Delhi, Jan. 23 (PIB)

On Parakram Diwas, the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has named the 21 unnamed Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands after 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees today via video conferencing. During the programme, the Prime Minister also unveiled the model of the National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose Dweep.

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Prime Minister greeted everyone on the occasion of Parakram Diwas and remarked that this inspirational day is celebrated countrywide on the occasion of the birth anniversary of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose. Hon'ble Prime Minister noted that today is a historical day for Andaman and Nicobar Islands and said, "When history is being made, the future generations not just remember, assess and evaluate it, but also find constant inspiration from it." Hon'ble Prime Minister informed that the naming cer-

emony of 21 Islands of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands is taking place today and they will now be recognised as the names of 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees. He further added that the foundation stone of a new memorial in honouring the life of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is being laid at the Island where he stayed, and remarked that this day will be remembered by future generations as a significant chapter in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal. Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that the Netaji Memorial and the 21 newly named Islands will be a source of constant inspiration for the young generations.

Throwing light on the history of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Hon'ble Prime Minister informed that the Tricolour was hoisted for the first time here and the first independent Government of India was formed. He further added that Veer Savarkar and many other heroes like him had touched the pinnacle of penance and sacrifice for the country on this very land. He said, "The voices of that unprecedented passion along with immense pain are still heard from the cells of the Cellular Jail today." Hon'ble Prime Minister lamented that the identity of Andaman was associated with the symbols of slavery instead of the memories of the freedom struggle and said, "Even the

names of our Islands had the imprint of slavery." Hon'ble Prime Minister recalled his visit to Port Blair four-five years ago to rename three main Islands and informed, "Today Ross Island has become NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose Dweep, Havelock and Neil Islands have become Swaraj and ShaheedDweep." He noted that the names, Swaraj and Shaheed were given by Netaji himself but no importance was given even after independence. Hon'ble Prime Minister interjected, "When the Azad Hind Fauj Government completed 75 years, our Government reinstated these names."

Hon'ble Prime Minister observed the 21st century of India which is remembering the same Netaji that was once lost in the pages of history after India's independence. He highlighted the sky-high Indian Flag which is hoisted today at the same spot where Netaji hoisted the Tricolour for the first time in Andaman and remarked that it fills the hearts of all countrymen with patriotism who visit the place. He noted that the new Museum and Memorial which is going to be built in his memory will make the trip to Andaman even more memorable. Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the Netaji Museum that was inaugurated at the Red Fort of Delhi in 2019 and said that place has

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PRESS RELEASE



It is brought to the notice of all concerned that in pursuance of Notification No. 5-2/EC/A&N/2022 dated 27.01.2023 issued by Election Commission (UTs) and the same was published in the Daily Telegram and Official Gazette of Andaman & Nicobar Administration. The Director of Panchayats and Municipal Elections called for a meeting with all the political parties of A&N Islands on 27.01.2023 at 11.00 AM in the Conference hall of the District Office, South Andaman. The Director of Panchayat and Municipal Elections discussed about the Model Code of Conduct by all the political parties during the ensuing Bye-election for which polling date has been declared on 27.02.2023 (Monday) to fill up vacant posts of Gram Panchayat Ward Members of Constituencies Hutbay-11 of Gram Panchayat Hutbay under Little Andaman Tehsil, Diglipur-3 of Gram Panchayat Diglipur under Diglipur Tehsil and Karmatang-3 of Gram Panchayat Rampur under Mayabunder Tehsil respectively.

(Suneel Anchipaka, IAS)

Director of Panchayat & Municipal Elections

Celebration of 74th Republic Day at various Child Care Institutions



Port Blair, Jan 26:

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at all the Child Care Institutions of South Andaman on 26th January 2023 along with entire country. The aim of this iconic celebration is to develop the feeling of patriotism, love and respect for the country among children. The children were sensitized on the importance of Constitution of India that gives equal rights to all the Citizen. The Ceremony began with the hoisting of the tricolour flag followed by the National Anthem to pay tribute to the motherland.

Cultural program was presented by the children, all together 285 children celebrated the event with great pride.

Further the "National Girl Child Day" was also celebrated at Bethany Children Home on

24th Jan 2023.

The main aim of this event to promote awareness about the rights of the girl child and to emphasize on the importance of girl education, their health and nutrition and also to promote the girls position in the society to make their living better in the society.

Smti. Ratna Kannan, Member Child Welfare Committee was chief guest of the programme whereas Dr. Nazma Siddiqui Member, Child Welfare Committee graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour. Smti. Ratna Kannan shared her views on the importance of girl's education, she said when girls receive quality educations, they can play multiple roles and build stronger families and communities. The program ended with vote of thanks.

Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah participated in a special function organized at Port Blair to mark 126th Birth Anniversary celebration of Netaji Subhas Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's effort to create a forever memory of our Param Vir Chakra Awardees is very encouraging for all the three forces: Home Minister



New Delhi, Jan. 23 (PIB)

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has named 21 unnamed Islands of Andaman & Nicobar Islands after 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees through video conferencing. During the programme he also unveiled model of National Memorial dedicated to Netaji to be built on NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose Dweep. On this historic occasion, Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah participated in a special function organized at Port Blair. He honored the family members of ParamVir Chakra Awardees Subedar Major Retired (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav, Subedar Major Sanjay Kumar, Naib Subedar Bana Singh and family members of other soldiers. Several dignitaries including Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Member of Parliament, A&N Islands, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Home Secretary, GoI, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra were also present in the programme.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that today is a very important day for all the tri-forces of the country because before this no other country in the world has honored the valor of soldiers by naming Islands after them. Today, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's effort to create a forever memory of our ParamVir Chakra Awardees is very encouraging for all the three forces. He said that today, the 126th birth anniversary of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose is

being celebrated as Parakram Divas across the country. On this occasion, it has also been decided to make a memorial for Netaji at SubhasDweep in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, where he stayed during the freedom movement. Shri Shah said that these two decisions taken by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will connect the memories of the independence of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands with the whole country and through these decisions, patriotism, bravery and valor will be instilled in the young generation of India for ages. The Union Home Minister said that sometimes a land has such an element that it attracts everyone's attention time and again. After the revolution of 1857, when the British started mercilessly torturing the freedom fighters, then on this land of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, our revolutionaries were kept in Cellular Jail, at that time this land of Andaman and Nicobar, consoled the freedom fighters like a mother. He said that Cellular Jail is a great place of pilgrimage for the freedom struggle and due to Netaji's efforts to liberate the country, 'Azad Hind Fauj' honored this part of country with freedom and Netaji hoisted the tricolor for the first time on this Island. The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that the Andaman and Nicobar Islands had already become a place of pilgrimage for freedom due to the Cellular Jail, then Netaji liberated and hoisted the tricolor on this holy land. Following the footsteps of Netaji, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi named ShaheedDweep, Swaraj Dweep and SubhasDweep and today, named 21 Islands in the name of those who fought for the freedom and sovereignty of the country by sacrificing their lives.

Shri Shah said that today, by naming 21 Islands after these brave hearts, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has honored their valor. Whenever the history of entire India will be written, then this incident will be written in golden letters.

Shri Amit Shah said that today, on the 126th birth anniversary of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose, who made unparalleled contribution in the country's freedom struggle, a Subhas memorial has also been announced. NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose traveled 15,000 kilometers from Kolkata to Berlin through minus 45 degree temperature and adverse weather conditions to liberate the country, but unfortunately many efforts were made to suppress his contribution for the cause of freedom. But it is said that heroes are not dependent on anyone for their memory, the memory is linked with their bravery. He said that after Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister, the statue of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose, the pride of our nation, is installed on 'Kartavya Path'. Home Minister said that 23rd January was declared as Parakram Divas and on this very day it is declared that SubhasDweep is going to be developed as Subhas Chandra Bose's memorial so that people can pay homage to NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose for generations. Shri Shah said that he would like to thank Hon'ble Prime Minister on behalf of the whole country for these two decisions. The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that the Amar Jyoti to be built in the memory of the revolutionaries who were in the Cellular Jail, was left incomplete, it was completed by the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to pay tribute to them for

ages. He said that today, from Major Somnath Sharma to Subedar Major Yogendra Singh Yadav, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has made these brave soldiers of country forever memorable from which many generations will take inspiration and imbibe these values of patriotism and bravery. Shri Amit Shah said that the Netaji Memorial has been announced at SubhasDweep, today. Apart from this, a museum, rope-way, laser light and sound show, amusement park and arrangements for eateries will also be made. He said that it is the effort of the Government of India to develop this memorial in such a way that many generations to come can take inspiration and imbibe the values from the bravery of freedom fighter Subhas Chandra Bose.

The Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that after the formation of Government under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, many steps have been taken for the Defense Forces since 2015. The issue of One Rank One Pension was resolved, historical changes were made in the administrative structure of the army, efforts were made to make the system self-sufficient and many steps were taken to equip all the three forces with modern weapons and modern communication system. Today, an important step has been taken to honor the 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees by naming the 21 Islands after them. Shri Shah said that both of these decisions will give message and values of patriotism and bravery to the young generation of India for ages.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Is-

lands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency stated that the glorious role of these Islands in the freedom struggle began with the first Penal Settlement at Chatham Island in the year 1857 and Viper Island is a witness to the cruelty where the prison and the hanging house were built by the Freedom Fighters to crush the freedom of the patriots. The Lt. Governor said that the 'Cellular Jail' built in 1906 was the Centre of inhuman torture, which is now regarded as a holy pilgrimage of freedom struggle. The Lt. Governor mentioned that on November 6, 1943, the Japanese Prime Minister, Hideki Tojo announced the handing over of these Islands to the Provisional Government of the Azad Hind Fauj. NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose as its Supreme Commander formally hoisted the tricolor in Port Blair on 30th December, 1943 and declared these Islands independent from the British Empire.

According to references available in Open Source Literature, the Prime Minister of Britain during whose tenure the decision to grant independence was made, Clement Attlee after a few years is stated to have said that "the reason for the 'British Empire to leave India was activities of the Azad Hind Fauj under the leadership of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose", the Lt Governor said. The Lt. Governor further informed that Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated 150 Feet Mast at Flag Point on 30th December, 2018, on the 75th anniversary of hoisting of the first Tricolor on Indian soil by Netaji. Fulfilling Netaji's wish, two Islands of A&N were named 'Swaraj' and 'Shaheed' besides an Island which was earlier known as Ross Island was renamed as NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose Dweep. The Lt. Governor said, the decision to name the 21 unnamed after ParamVir Chakra Awardees and setting up of Subhas Chandra Bose National Memorial is a befitting tribute to Netaji's patriotism and nationalism on the occasion of his 126th birth anniversary and expressed heartfelt gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister on behalf of all the Islanders.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by the Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra.

74th Republic Day celebrated with

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Agency, Admiral DK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) unfurled the National Tricolour. The function was attended among others by Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, DGP, Shri Neeraj Thakur, IPS, senior Officers of Defence & Civil Administration and public representatives.

In his Republic Day address to the Islanders at Marina Park road stretch, the Lt Governor while greeting the Islanders on the auspicious occasion of 74th Republic Day said, "This is an occasion to renew our commitments to our fundamental duties along with the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution. As the nation is celebrating 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', I pay my heartfelt tributes to the heroes of the freedom struggle, whose sacrifices and untiring efforts have established our nation as a strong Republic". "This year, the Republic Day celebration is special because on 23rd January, on the occasion of 126th Birth Anniversary of Netaji which is observed as Parakram Diwas, Honorable Prime Minister of India named 21 Islands after Param Vir Chakra Awardees and announced the setting up of grand Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Memorial at NSCB Dweep." With the naming of these 21 Islands after Param Vir Chakra Awardees, the resolve of "India First" and "Nation first" has now been immortalized forever in the name of these Islands.

Emphasizing on the immense potential and opportunities in Andamans, Lt Governor mentioned that Hon'ble Prime Minister had said that just as these Islands had given a new direction to the freedom struggle in the past, in the future, they would also give a new impetus to the country's development. Andaman is such a land where there is a wonderful confluence of water, nature, environment, effort, bravery, tradition, tourism, enlightenment, heritage, culture and inspiration. The Lt Governor said, under the guidance of Hon'ble Prime Minister and through the Island Development Agency (IDA), this strategically important group of Islands has progressed rapidly in the last 5 years towards becoming a Global Growth Destination.

The Lt Governor mentioned that the Islands have

made significant progress last year. The Lt Governor informed that A&N Islands was declared as the first 'Swachh Sujal Pradesh' of the country, which is a matter of great pride for all of us, he said, adding that with the active cooperation of public participation and PRI members, A&N Islands got the first prize in the category of small States/Union Territories in the 'Swachh Survekshan Grameen -2022' while South Andaman District was awarded as the First Ranked District in the Union Territory category. For these achievements, the Lt Governor congratulated the Islanders.

Highlighting the projects completed under IDA, the Lt Governor stated that despite the geographical distance of the Islands from the mainland, logistical challenges and constraints such as COVID, 14 out of 44 (32 per cent) IDA projects have been completed. The CANI Submarine OFC project with an investment of approximately Rs.1300 crore is proving to be a game changer for IT related activities. Projects like 'Azad Hind Fauj Setu' on Humphry Strait with an investment of Rs 200 crore and 20 MW Solar Power Projects in the direction of sustainable green energy with an investment of approximately Rs. 140 crore have further propelled the pace of development.

Mentioning about the ongoing IDA projects, the Lt Governor said that 26 projects (approx.60 per cent) are headed towards early completion and will add new dimensions to the progress of the Islands. Among these, the work of 50 MW LNG Power Plant with an investment of Rs 1650 crore and Floating Solar Panels on Kalpong river in Diglipur with an investment of Rs 27 crore are in progress. These projects are important in line with sustainable development through clean and green energy. The Lt Governor stated that 85% work of the new airport terminal at Port Blair has been completed and is progressing towards early completion. In Shibpur's INS Kohassa, with an investment of more than Rs. 200 crores, the development of passenger terminal and other basic facilities for civil operations, as well as the work of runway extension is in progress, so that all types of aircraft can operate from Shibpur.

Informing about several ambitious projects under IDA which are awaiting clearances, the Lt Governor said, the preliminary costing for various

projects has been done and the process for obtaining Clearances, Consultancy Reports, DPR (Detailed Project Reports), EIA etc. are at various stages of completion.

Under the direction of Honorable Prime Minister, the Lt Governor informed that approval for investment of about Rs. 72,600 crore for the ambitious Great Nicobar Project has been accorded. This investment will pave the way for execution of many visionary projects in Great Nicobar such as International Container Transshipment Terminal, Greenfield International Airport, Power Plant and Township which will make A&N Islands as an 'Economic Hub' in the progress of the nation. Taking the development steps forward, it has been decided that 'Expression of Interest' for the ICTT Phase-I in Great Nicobar Island with an investment of about Rs 18,000 crore will be floated this month itself. Along with establishing India's supremacy in the Indo-Pacific region, this project will prove to be a milestone for the nation's economic and social progress, the Lt Governor remarked.

The Lt Governor informed that the proposal for expansion and modernization of helicopter fleet is in the stage of approval. Under Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN scheme), he said, the routes for operating Sea Plane service between Port Blair, Swaraj Dweep, Shaheed Dweep and Long Island have been identified. To start this service, the Ministry of Civil Aviation has given Letter of Award to the selected Airline Operator through bids. For the construction of Water Aerodromes, the work for obtaining Environment and CRZ Clearance is going on.

Speaking about the intangibles projects under IDA, the Lt Governor said, there are many projects which comes under the category of Policy Decisions and whose intangible benefits will have a multifarious effect on the economy and prove to be the benchmark for the all-round development of the Islands in the days to come. The initiatives include lifting of Restricted Area Permit for 30 Islands, provision for Visa-on-Arrival/e-visa facility which have proved beneficial for boosting tourism. Furthermore, to encourage developmental activities in small Islands, the 'No Development Zone' has been reduced from 50 meters to 20 metres. Similarly, to increase exports of Fisheries



and Marine Products, the Island Administration is taking initiative to establish trade link with South-East Asian countries.

Under non IDA Projects, the Lt Governor stated that in the last 5 years, many projects of infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, hospitality and development have been implemented independently by the Administration which are either completed or in various stages of completion. Under this, to improve Inter-Island connectivity, Sindhu and M.V. Nalanda have been included in the shipping fleet with an investment of Rs. 475 crores. Apart from this, in the financial year 2022-23, works and projects worth about Rs. 460 crores approximately have also been approved by the Administration and are in different stages of progress. The Lt Governor said, an investment amounting to approximately Rs.90,000 crore has been ensured by IDA and Administration for various infrastructure, development, tourism, hospitality and connectivity projects, which are either completed or in various stages of completion. Such huge investment in the development of the Islands is not only unprecedented but also historic.

The Lt Governor remarked that it is also heartening to note that recently, three Police personnel of A&N Police have been awarded 'Police Medals for Meritorious Service' and two other Officers were also conferred 'Prestigious Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Police Training'.

The Lt Governor extended his best wishes to the Marching

Contingents, school children and other participants of the cultural programme. He also congratulated all the award winners and hoped that their commitment towards social service will become stronger and stronger. The Lt Governor also expressed his gratitude to the Honorable Member of Parliament, PRI members, elected representatives of various parties and all those who extended their cooperation to the Administration. He also expressed his gratitude to the Andaman and Nicobar Command under the leadership of CINCAN, who have always cooperated with the Civil Administration whenever needed. The Lt Governor also appreciated the tireless efforts being made by the Administration under the leadership of the Chief Secretary.

"On behalf of the entire Islanders, I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Honorable Prime Minister, under whose visionary leadership, our Islands is ready to play the role of an important, powerful engine of growth and economic driver in the nation's progress", he said. Concluding his address, the Lt Governor assured that he and his Administration is fully committed for the all-round development of the Islands in realizing the dream of #NewIndia, making the country a 5 Trillion Plus Economy and achieving a leading position in the category of developed countries in which #NewAndamans could play its role effectively.

Counseling for admission to Andaman Law College on Jan.30

Port Blair, Jan. 28

The counseling for one vacant seat in first year of the B.A.,LL.B. Degree Course in Andaman Law College will be conducted on Jan.30,2023 at 1.30 pm in Andaman Law College, PortBlair. Interested candidates have been requested to

attend the counselling session on the said date and time. The unfilled seat will be allotted in the order of general merit only. Any representation from candidates who failed to attend counselling on the said date will not be entertained thereafter.

PM names 21 unnamed Islands of

become a source of inspiration for the people. He also noted the special events that were held in Bengal on his 125th birth anniversary and the day being declared as ParakramDiwas. "From Bengal to Delhi to Andaman, every part of the country salutes and cherishes the legacy of Netaji", Hon'ble Prime Minister remarked.

Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the works related to NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose which should have been done immediately after independence and informed that they have been carried out in the last 8-9 years. He underlined that the first Government of independent India was formed in this part of the country in 1943 and the country is accepting it with more pride. He noted that the country paid homage to Netaji by hoisting the flag at the Red Fort on the completion of 75 years of the formation of the Azad Hind Government. Hon'ble Prime Minister emphasised the demand to declassify files related to Netaji's life for decades and noted that the work was done with full devotion. "Today, the grand Statue of Netaji in front of our democratic institutions and Kartavya Path is reminding us of our duties.", Hon'ble Prime Minister said.

Noting that the countries which connected their imminent personalities and freedom fighters with the public in due time and created and shared capable ideals, are the ones that went far ahead in the race of development and nation-building, Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that India is taking similar steps in the Azadi Ka AmritKaal.

Highlighting the unique message of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' behind naming the 21 Islands, Hon'ble Prime Minister said that it is a message of the immortality of the sacrifices made for the country and the bravery and valour of the Indian Army. The Prime Minister underlined that the 21 ParamVir Chakra winners had sacrificed everything to protect Mother India and noted that the brave soldiers of the Indian Army were from different States, spoke different languages, and dialects and lived

different lifestyles but it was the service of Maa Bharti and unwavering devotion for the motherland that united them. "Like the sea connects different Islands, the feeling of 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' unites every child of Mother India", Hon'ble Prime Minister remarked. "From Major Somnath Sharma, Piru Singh, Major Shaitan Singh to Captain Manoj Pandey, Subedar Joginder Singh and Lance Naik Albert Ekka, from Veer Abdul Hameed and Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran to all 21 ParamVir, everyone had only one resolve - Nation First! India First! This resolution has now become immortal forever in the name of these Islands. A hill in Andaman is also being dedicated in the name of Captain VikramBatra from the Kargil war", he said.

Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that the naming of the Islands of Andaman and Nicobar is not only dedicated to the ParamVir Chakra Awardees but also to the Indian Armed Forces. Recalling that our army had to face wars right from the time of independence, Hon'ble Prime Minister said that our Armed Forces have proved their bravery on all fronts. "It is the duty of the country that the soldiers who dedicated themselves to these national defence operations should be widely recognized along with the contributions of the army", Hon'ble Prime Minister continued, "Today the country is fulfilling that responsibility and it is being recognized in the name of soldiers and armies."

Throwing light on the potential of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Hon'ble Prime Minister said that it is a land of water, nature, environment, effort, bravery, tradition, tourism, enlightenment, and inspiration, and emphasised the need to identify the potential and recognise the opportunities. Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted the work done in the last 8 years and informed that the number of tourists visiting Andaman has doubled in 2022 when compared to 2014. He also noted the boost in employment and income related to tourism. Hon'ble Prime Minister drew attention to the fact that the identity of the place is also getting

diversified as curiosity about the history of independence related to Andaman is also increasing. "Now people are also coming here to know and live the history", he said. He also noted the rich tribal tradition of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and said that the memorial related to NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose and honouring the bravery of the army will create a new eagerness among Indians to visit.

"Whether it is our Himalayan States, especially the Northeast, or the oceanic Island regions like Andaman and Nicobar, the development in such areas was neglected for decades as these were deemed remote, inaccessible and irrelevant areas", Hon'ble Prime Minister remarked. He also observed that the account of the number of Islands and Islets in India was not maintained. Giving examples of developed Island nations like Singapore, Maldives and Seychelles, Prime Minister noted that the geographical area of these nations is less than that of Andaman and Nicobar but they have reached new heights with the right use of their resources. Hon'ble Prime Minister underlined that the Islands of India also have similar potential and the country is moving forward in this direction. Hon'ble Prime Minister gave the example of connecting Andaman with fast internet through 'Submarine Optical Fibre' which is giving rise to digital payments and other complex services and benefiting the tourists. "Now natural balance and modern resources are being taken forward together in the country", Hon'ble Prime Minister said.

Drawing an analogy with the Andaman and Nicobar Islands of the past that gave a new direction to the freedom struggle, Hon'ble Prime Minister concluded his address by mentioning that the region will also give a new impetus to the development of the country in the future. "I am confident, we will build an India that is capable, and will attain the heights of modern development", Hon'ble Prime Minister remarked.

Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah, Lieutenant Governor of Andaman and

Nicobar Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Member of Parliament, Shri Kuldeep Rai Sharma, Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM, Home Secretary, Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS were present on the occasion among others.

Background

Keeping in mind the historical significance of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and to honour the memory of NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose, Ross Island was renamed as NetajiSubhas Chandra Bose Dweep by the Prime Minister during his visit to the Island in 2018. Neil Island and Havelock Island were also renamed ShaheedDweep and Swaraj Dweep.

Giving due respect to the real-life heroes of the country has always been accorded the highest priority by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. Going ahead with this spirit, it has now been decided to name the 21 unnamed Islands of the Island group after 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees. The largest un-

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named Island will be named after the first ParamVir Chakra Awardee, the second largest unnamed Island will be named after the second ParamVir Chakra Awardee, and so on. This step will be an everlasting tribute to our heroes, several of whom made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the sovereignty and integrity of the nation.

These Islands have been named after the 21 ParamVir Chakra Awardees. Major Somnath Sharma; Subedar and Honorary Captain (then Lance Naik) Karam Singh, MM; 2nd Lt. Rama RaghobaRane; NayakJ adunath Singh; Company Havildar Major Piru Singh; Capt GS Salaria; Lieutenant Colonel (then Major) Dhan Singh Thapa; Subedar Joginder Singh; Major Shaitan Singh; CQMH. Abdul Hamid; Lt Col Ardeshir Burzorji Tarapore; Lance Naik Albert Ekka; Major Hoshiar Singh; 2nd Lt. Arun Khetrapal; Flying Officer Nirmaljit Singh Sekhon; Major Ramaswamy Parameswaran; Naib Subedar Bana Singh; Captain VikramBatra; Lt Manoj Kumar Pandey; Subedar Major (then Rifleman) Sanjay Kumar; and Subedar Major Retd (Honorary Captain) Grenadier Yogendra Singh Yadav.

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AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.) was the chief guest. The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, DGP, Shri Neeraj Thakur, IPS, Senior Officers from Defence & Civil Administration and good number of general public witnessed the performance. The Lt. Governor also felicitated the Surya Kiran Aerobatic Team led by Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon by presenting memento for their outstanding air display. Gp. Capt. G.S Dhillon also presented a memento to the Lt. Governor.

The ceremony set out with the bands of, Navy and A & N Police including women Police Pipe Band, marching in unison, playing popular marching tunes, followed by performing of various marching movement,

to form beautiful formations. This was followed by the lowering of the National Flag.

A combined colourful and mesmerizing cultural programme was presented by school students of GSSS Model, Bhatubasti & Nirmala on patriotic theme drew loud applause from the audience present in the Stadium.

As part of the Beating Retreat, Naval ships at the anchorage fired very's pistol and the fireworks illuminated the sky in front of the Stadium. This was followed by illumination of ships anchored between Marina Complex and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep. The Beating Retreat ceremony concluded with National Anthem.

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