47th Independence Day celebrated in Isles
Lt Governor hoists National Flag at historic Netaji Stadium & lays wreath at Martyrs’ Column

Port Blair, Aug 16
Together with the rest of the Country, the 47th Independence Day was celebrated in these islands by the people which included the occasion with extra precautions and measures in view of the COVID-19 situation on Aug. 15.

The main function for the Independence Day was held at the historic Netaji Stadium wherein the Hon’ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands & Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency, Admiral BK Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, KS VSM (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag and took the salute of the Independence Day Parade.

The parade and guard of honour comprised of the armed contingents of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and A&N Police along with their bands.

The Govt. of India’s guidelines for the conduct of Independence Day celebrations as per the COVID-19 protocols was effectively followed during the main function of the Independence Day celebrations by ensuring social distancing, wearing of proper sanitiser, avoiding large mass gatherings, maintaining a safe distance, protecting vulnerable persons etc.

The Chief Secretary, A&N Administration, Shri Chetan B. Sanghi, IAS attended by the senior Officers from Defence & Civil Administration were present.

As a tribute to the brave soldiers and in view of the COVID-19 situation, the ceremony was also attended by the representatives of COVID-19 warriors viz. Doctors, Health Workers, Sanitary workers and COVID-19 cured person.

Various steps taken by Administration to take care of COVID-19 patients in Isles
Sets up 360-bedded COVID Care Center at ITI, Dollygunj

Port Blair, Aug 16
While on one hand we are facing the scourge of Corona Virus, on the other hand we are witnessing the outcome of human spirit in these islands to provide relief to those who are affected.

Among the series of steps taken by the A&N Administration in this regard is the COVID Care Center (CCC) set up by DBRAIT Campus. This facility is meant for symptomatic patients and presently comprises of 90 beds.

The COVID Care Center is equipped with CCTV cameras and a Central Room for monitoring of activities inside the Center on 24X7 basis. This Center also has a public address system for making important announcements and playing of soothing music from the Central Room.

All washrooms at the Center are fitted with gyers. In keeping with the safety guidelines, all bio-hazardous waste will be disposed of in pits specially dug for the purpose.

One unique feature which requires special mention is that the hand sanitiser provided outside the Center.

The DBRAIT COVID Care Center has been developed in PPP mode with generous contributions from organizations.

Andaman & Nicobar Islands among 6 UTs chosen for NDHM pilot launch
To bolster digital revolution in healthcare services

Port Blair, Aug 16
The Hon’ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi announced the launch of National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) on 15th August, 2020. The National Digital Health Mission (NDHM) aims to develop the backbone necessary to support the integrated Digital Health infrastructure of the country. It will bridge the existing gap amongst different stakeholders of Healthcare ecosystem through digital highways.

The vision of NDHM is to create a National Digital Health Eco-system that support universal health coverage in an efficient, accessible, inclusive, affordable, timely and safe manner. Every citizen will be provided with a Health ID that will serve multiple purposes and it is a comprehensive digital identity.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NDHM program has also been extended to all COVID19 patients. Under the NDHM initiative, every COVID-19 patient will be provided with a Health ID through which all their Medical Records seamlessly to Hospitals and Administrations to search all National and local records of patients.

The NDHM will help the doctors, Clinics, Hospitals and to seek their compliances in a simplified manner.

# Andaman Fights COVID 19 Use face mask & maintain 'do gaz ki doori' - Together we will fight COVID-19
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2 Daily Telegrams

Monday, August 17, 2020

English rendering of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s address to the Nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 74th Independence Day - August 15, 2020

My dear countrymen,

Today, we are gathered on this hallowed ground, in的是 a hearty tribute to the freedom fighters, martyrs and brave souls and their spirit and dedication to free Mother India.

There is another name: Aurobindo Ghose. Today is the birth anniversary of Aurobindo Ghose, who tread the path from being a revolutionary to a saint. He passed away in 1950, at the age of 72, after spending time in prison. The valiant soldiers of our armed forces, our paramilitary forces, our police personnel and our security forces–everyone is engaged in protecting our country.

I know that recently we have been passing through a number of crises. Floods, especially in the north-east, eastern India, south India and some parts of interior Assam, some areas in the north-west and north-east have been affected by heavy rainfall and flash-flooding. The effects of these floods have been minimal and are under control. The same is the case with the over 40 parts of the country, where we have been facing the challenge of drought.

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My dear countrymen, In the midst of the Corona pandemic, 130 crore Indians pledged themselves to become self-reliant. Today self-reliance is etched in the mind of every Indian. We have seen in the past few years how India has been able to produce a number of goods and products which were earlier imported.

In the period of corona, many of our brothers and sisters have been affected by this pandemic; many families have been affected; many have also lost their lives. I express my condolences to all such families, and I believe the indomitable will power and determination of 130 crore countrymen, the strong spirit of 130 crore countrymen, will help us in coming out of this pandemic.

The priority of a self-reliant India is a self-reliant farming sector and self-reliant farmers. And we cannot ignore them. We have seen the condition of a farmer in the past. We know that our farmers have struggled for a long time. The condition of farmers was such that if a farmer does not get a good price for his produce, he cannot make ends meet.

In the past few years, we have been working on this. We have started a programme called Farmers’ Produce Trade and Commerce (FPTC) Scheme, which ensures that farmers get the market price for their produce. If a farmer’s produce is not sold by the market, the FPO buys it first and then sells it in the market.

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My dear countrymen, we are working on a holistic approach to reduce pollution in the select 100 cities through an integrated approach and modern technology.

I can see the dawn of a new era for India, rise of new self-confidence, a bugle of echo of self-reliant India. Once again, I extend my heartiest best wishes and blessings to all of you, to our dear children, to our brave Jawans who stand guard at our borders.

Bharat mata ki Jai, Bharat mata ki Jai, Bharat mata ki Jai
Vande Mataram, Vande Mataram, Vande Mataram

Your memories will never be forgotten.