



Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh at the Annual Conference of State Minorities Commissions, in New Delhi on November 02, 2006.

here on Thursday. Addressing the conference of the State Minorities Commissions here, the Prime Minister said his United Progressive Alliance government was "carefully considering" suggestions from the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) on the issue. He said minorities should

be maintained and the minorities get a fair share in central and state government jobs and in private sector," he said. Interestingly, there was no reference to the private sector in the printed speech distributed to the media. There

engineering courses should be started beginning Nov 22.

**Dr Manmohan Singh - the first Prime Minister to address the State Minorities Commissions in 28 years - said his government would deal firmly with those who create communal disharmony. In an apparent reference to media reports about the Gujarat government's failure to rehabilitate the victims of the 2002 sectarian violence, Dr Manmohan Singh said, "Those who are affected by communal riots must be provided with effective relief and rehabilitation assistance."**

## Golden jubilee of formation of Kerala celebrated

Port Blair, Nov 02  
The Golden Jubilee Celebrations of 'Kerala Privavi' was organized by Kerala Samajam here in a befitting manner on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. In a colourful function held at Dr. B

R Ambedkar auditorium, Shri P K Subhash, Director, Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair was the chief guest. For the first time in the history of these Islands, the function was enriched with a comedy show by renowned Cinema/ Serial/ Comedy Artists from Kerala, who were especially brought for the purpose. Large number of people from all walks of life enjoyed the songs, dances, magic shows and comedy skits performed by these artists. The applause and enthusiasm of the audience at the end of each programme itself was sufficient to establish the standard of performance presented by these Artists. The function witnessed a rare gesture when eminent public personalities, of Kerala Origin settled in these islands, were felicitated by the Samajam. About 12 members of Zilla Parishad, Pramukhs of Panchayat Samities, Pradhans of Gram Panch-ayats and Councilors of Port Blair Municipal Council were honoured by the Kerala Samajam on this occasion.

## St. Gregorious day celebration

Port Blair, Nov 02  
St. Gregorious Day will be celebrated at the St. Mary's Orthodox Cathedral on November 4 and 5, 2006. To mark the day, a candle light procession will be carried out in the evening on November 4. Augen-Mar-Dionysius, Metropolitan Iduki District, Kerala will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

According to the programme, the procession to be participated by the members of the church and others will start from the church premises soon after an evening prayer at 5 pm. The procession will pass through Light House, Delanipur, Prem Nagar, Goalghar, Middle Point, Bengali Club and culminate at the Church Primises.

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in the court of District and Sessions Judge. This year, four criminal cases including one trap case have been

Chief Vigilance Officer, A&N. The Unit is awaited prosecution sanction in respect of one case. The Unit headed

## One dies of electrocution in city

Staff Reporter,  
Port Blair, Nov 02

**One person died of electrocution in the PMB office campus today morning. The incident occurred when the deceased Madhu Nair (40), a driver of PMB, after washing his vehicle went to urinate at around 7.45 am where an electric cable apparently with pinhole leakage was lying. He got electrocuted while urinating. He was thereafter rushed to the hospital but died on the way. Senior Police officials and the Superintending Engineer, Electricity visited the spot of the incident. A leakage in the power cable is believed to be the cause of the tragic incident.**

**Meanwhile, the Police have registered a case of unnatural death and the body was sent for postmortem. Further inquiry in the case is in progress, said the SP, District, Shri Jaspal Singh.**

approach in the teaching and learning. IGNOU Regional Centre here has organized a unique and innovative live phone in tele-induction programme on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 at 6.30 pm sharp in Doordarshan for the students of IGNOU in the islands.

Realizing the need for having a multimedia approach of reaching the unreached, this unique programme has been organized under the aegis of the Doordarshan Kendra, Port Blair. Informing this, the Regional Director, IGNOU, Shri S Saunand said that this is for the first time that such a programme has been organized for the students of IGNOU in the islands.

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## People asked to refrain from entering into tribal areas without valid pass

Port Blair, Nov 02  
Andaman and Nicobar Islands is the abode of 5 primitive tribes namely Sentinelese, Shompen, Jarawas, Onges and Great Andamanese besides Nicobari Tribes. For the Protection of the Tribes and the area where these tribal are living have been notified as protected areas under A & N (PAT) Regulation 1956.

Further as per sec 7 of this

regulation and notifications issued under this section anyone who enters the protected area without any valid pass issued by the Deputy Commissioner is punishable under Sec 8 ibid. However the penalty under this section was imprisonment upto one year or fine upto Rs 1000 and more often than not the court used to let the offenders by imposing only fine.

Imprisonment of such violators who entered those areas was very rare. Keeping various points in view regarding welfare of these tribal groups and the area they are living, the said Section 8 was amended on the advice of various expert bodies and other concerned persons who were involved in the welfare of these tribes.

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letter issued by the Association President, Shri Sanjay Chowdhury also put forth few suggestions for strengthening the welfare of the tourists. Notable among them include engaging life guards at Corbyn's Cove, Radhanagar and other important beaches; ensuring supply of life saving equipments, small & big boats run by the Govt. as well private sector and strengthening Tourist Police and activating them in tourist destinations.

## Separate SP for N&M district urged

Port Blair, Nov 02  
The Rastriya Janata Dal has urged the Administration to post a separate Superintendent of Police for the district of North & Middle Andaman. In a letter to the Chief Secretary, its State President, Shri K N Singh said, it was necessary to make available the services of an SP for the district on a regular basis.

## 3 more guilty in 1993 Mumbai blasts case

Mumbai, Nov 02  
A TADA Court convicted two former customs officers and an aide of absconding prime conspirator Tiger Memon for complicity in the 1993 serial bomb blasts that killed 257 people here. This was the first time that customs officers were found guilty under the TADA Act for aiding and abetting terrorist acts.

## Weather

Max. Temperature: 30.8°C  
Min. Temperature: 25.6°C  
Relative Humidity 68%  
at 0830 hrs & 74% at 1730 hrs.  
Sunrise: 0512 hrs IST (04.11.2006)  
Sunset: 1653 hrs IST (03.11.2006)

Rainfall 000.6 MM upto 0830 hrs 000.0 MM up to 1730 hrs on 02-11-2006.  
Total rainfall recorded since 01-01-2006 Up to 02-11-2006 = 2959.6 MM

## LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

Mainly clear sky, becoming partly cloudy sky with Haze/Mist in the early morning. Maximum and minimum temperature will be around 31°C and 25.0°C respectively on 3rd November, 2006.

## Helpline Numbers

Time & Heights of High & Low Waters		POLICE CONTROL ROOM:100	
Friday, Nov 03, 2006		FIRE SERVICE : 101	
Time		AMBULANCE : 232102/233473	
(hrs)		DC ANDAMANS : 1077/231945	
Height (mtr)		SHIPPING : 245555	
0101 0.55		POSTAL HELP LINE: 232346/ 232890	
0657 2.00		WOMEN : 1091	
1316 0.32		CHILDREN : 1098	
1930 2.17		COAST GUARD : 155211	
		DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONTROL ROOM : 1070/238881	

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