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Jarawa Facts

In 1999 and 2006 the Jarawa suffered outbreaks of measles – a disease that has wiped out many tribes worldwide following contact with outsiders.

Your Nature Guide

Some Fish Food our Seas
Small pellets, beads, and other raw plastics are dumped into the ocean. Seabirds often mistake these pellets for fish eggs, fish eyes, or plankton and sometimes die from eating them.

Oil is a major killer of ocean life in large amounts. No one knows the total amounts of oil that spills into our seas from all the boats, trawlers and ships.

It is very important to remember that we have to keep the ocean clean, so we can continue to enjoy its beauty and all the many uses it provides for us. Why Water birds Don't Get Wet: Birds have a special gland called the oil gland situated near their tails. Oil from this gland is applied on the feathers with the help of their beaks. Oil and water do not mix and thus the oil prevents the birds from getting wet. This is very useful for water birds, especially the ones that dive into water to fish and get wet frequently. Some birds like cormorants and darters do not have oil glands, and have to dry their wings by spreading them out.

Treasured Islands - By Sunita Rao. Courtesy: Kalpavriksh, ANET (MCBT)

People's Voice

Ji tendra Narain Case kabaad jaise Andaman mein shaanti chaa gaya hai ...

- A Citizen



It seems the Centre has released funds for irrigation projects, roads, power...

79th Anniversary of Hoisting of National Tri-Colour Celebrated in the Islands

Port Blair, Dec 30: The 79th anniversary of the hoisting of the National Tri-colour for the first time on the Indian Soil by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was celebrated today. It was on this day i.e. December 30, 1943, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had hoisted the National Tri-Colour for the first time at Port Blair, declaring the Islands, the first Indian Territory freed from the British rule.

To mark the Day, a State Level function was organized by the Department of Art and Culture at Flag Point this morning, in which the Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Bharati P.



Pawar and Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt. Governor, A&N Islands and Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency hoisted the National Flag

amidst patriotic fervour. The Flag hoisting function was attended among others by the Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Shri Nikhil Kumar, Adhyaksha, ZPSA, Smt. Pramila Kumari,

Chairperson PBMC, Smt. Kavitha Udhaya Kumar, Senior Officers of A&N Administration, prominent citizens, tourists and general public.



Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Meets BJP Karyakartas

Port Blair, Dec. 30: Dr. Bharati P. Pawar, Hon'ble Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Govt of India, visited the BJP Headquarters at Middle Point yesterday evening and interacted with Office Bearers, Elected Representatives and Party workers.

The Minister listened to the grievances raised by party workers with regards to the Health Sector and also met representatives from Organizations related with Health Department.

The meeting began with welcome address by Shri M.



Vinod, State Vice President, BJP after which Shri K. Ram Das, State General Secretary of the party presented a representation with regards to re-introduction of Anishi Scheme in our Islands.

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Netaji's First Flag Hoisting Day Commemoration Program Held at Dilgipur

Dilgipur, Dec 30: To commemorate the historical day of 30th December 1943, various programmes were conducted at Dilgipur too, along with the rest of nation. School students of Dilgipur Senior Secondary School took out 'Prabhat pheri' from the school in the morning, which went through the different routes of Subhash Gram Bazar and culminated at Vivekanand Stadium. The Assistant



commissioner of the region, Shri Anuj Kumar Bharti hoisted the National Flag at the stadium. The students presented patriotic

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WITH YOU Comes to the Rescue of an Elderly Women, Shifts Her to Old Age Home

Port Blair, Dec. 30: The NGO (WITH YOU) identified an elderly woman Smti. Parvatamma at Haddo. She doesn't have a home to stay and she begs for food to survive. She has nobody else to turn to. Observing her situation, the President WITH YOU requested the Director

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2nd A&N State School Chess Championship Organised in Port Blair



Port Blair, Dec. 30: The 2nd A&N State School Chess Championship 2022 for school children was organised by Andaman Nicobar Chess Association (ANCA) in association with Rotary Club Port Blair today at Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School Auditorium, Port Blair.

Smti. Veddita Reddy, IAS, Secretary (Education & Sports) was the chief guest for the inaugural ceremony who made the first move to kick the Championship 2022 while Smti. Sangeeta Chand, Deputy Education Officer, South Andaman graced the occasion as the guest of honour

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Patriotic Musical Evening at Corbyn's Commemorates 79th Anniversary of First Tri-Colour Hoisting

Port Blair, Dec. 30: A number of patriotic songs dedicated to the motherland presented by the well-known artistes from these Islands entertained the audience at Corbyn's Cove Beach here this evening. The Tourism Department in association with the Department of Art & Culture & Kala Kendra Society organized a Patriotic Musical evening to commemorate the anniversary of First Flag Hoisting by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in these Islands.

The singers through their renditions paid rich tributes to the martyrs who fought for the cause of the motherland. The artistes of Melody Stars and Sur Saptak presented an array of

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Credit Challenges

The Reserve Bank of India's 'Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India', paints a picture of credit growth having rebounded smartly, with the consolidated balance sheets of Indian commercial banks showing double-digit expansion after a seven-year gap. While at first flush this would be reason for cheer, this growth came on the back of the pandemic-hit year, when economic activity including demand for loans was depressed. However, credit momentum seems to be sustaining in the current fiscal year too with loan growth logging a decade high in the first half. And in the fortnight to December 2, credit expanded 17.5% from a year earlier. Still, disappointingly, deposit growth lagged behind, increasing by only 9.9% in the period. With retail inflation and concerns about price stability eroding savers' real returns as well as confidence to save, banks have found themselves needing to redouble efforts to shore up deposits to help fund credit demand. Lenders would want to avoid finding themselves relatively short of lower-cost capital to lend, especially when the economy is facing the headwinds of a global slowdown.

With the quickening of credit growth, the RBI also urged banks to guard against loan slippages. Bank balance sheets have become healthier over the past few years thanks to the central bank's asset quality reviews, mandates for stressed assets recognition and write-offs by commercial banks, as well as loan recoveries under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. The bank's caution is salutary as the sector cannot afford to take its eye off the bad-loans status, especially after gross non-performing assets (NPAs) — which impinge on banks' ability to lend — saw a decline from the "peak in 2017-18" to 5% in September 2022. Banks' due diligence on borrowers and solid credit appraisal will help keep NPAs under control even while credit growth helps fund capital expenditure (capex). The Chief Economic Adviser had noted this month that private capex had touched ₹ 3 lakh crore in the first half of the year and if the same pace were maintained, full-year figures would be the highest in the last few years. Worryingly, he had also hinted that government capex need not continue to maintain the pace so as to allow private players the space to borrow and invest. However, even given the constraints of fiscal discipline, the Government should keep the tempo up on capex as it may take a while for private capex growth to find consistency. With industrial production still on a bumpy ride, having contracted in two of the seven months, policymakers must ensure credit flow and all-round capital spending stay supportive.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



New Year and the Vanishing Sheriff..!

Some of the saddest incidents that took place in the US, were blacks being lynched! Artist sketches of the macabre event showed terror on their faces and diametrically opposite expressions on the faces of those who'd decided to string him up. The poor man knew there was nothing he could do even if he was innocent since a posse of a white majority had decided he was guilty. The kangaroo court had made this decision based on the fact they were the majority here. Then into that scene of terror, rides the lone sheriff. The whites first try to bully the sheriff into leaving their way of justice alone, but finally realize that the arm of the law is more powerful and give their victim up, to be tried in court, where there was more chance of justice being meted out. Many times, the sheriff reached too late, or did not reach at all, or there was no sheriff around. Here, in our country, the sheriffs are getting fewer and I'm not talking of the police, who have now become part of the lynching party, but of judges. They are a fast disappearing species, and as they vanish, so also will democracy! We have one of the best constitutions in the world, but what use is it, if we don't have judges to implement the laws the wise constitution makers made? Most governments who come to power are happy about this sad state of affairs, because governments come in with a majority vote, and as long as they have that



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majority on their side, they know they can get away with almost anything, because the sheriff isn't around, and with rope in hand, they string those who oppose them from every tree and post.

It's a cleverly worked out situation, our founding fathers never thought could happen. Even as they made constituencies based on numbers, they should have also diligently applied their minds to see there were enough judges and courthouses for a specific number of people.

This has not been done and so the majority lynching party rules and not our Constitution!

Every time the collegium cries out for more judges, the elected representatives give excuses and see to it that vacancies are not filled, and that more and more cases pile up, so justice is meted out after decades.

Which is no justice at all.

Many of us, at the moment think all's well, because we are part of the majority lynching party, but slowly the hangman's rope will move from the weak and defenseless to you and me, and then when we cry out for the sheriff, we'll realize too late that it was we who made him vanish!

This New Year, let's get back our sheriffs before it's too late..!

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Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Meets BJP Karyakartas

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Dr Bharati Pawar after listening to all the points raised at the meeting addressed the party workers and assured to look into each and every issue raised by party leaders at the earliest.

The programme of Hon'ble Minister of State for Health

and Family Welfare at BJP office was coordinated by Shri M. Vinod, State Vice President and State Incharge for the programme along with Dr. R. Dev Das, State Secretary and Co-Incharge of the programme.

Shri Vinod expressed his gratitude towards Shri Ajoy

Bairagi, State President for arranging the above meeting at party office. He has also expressed his gratitude towards the Hon'ble Minister for visiting Party office and for giving Marg Darshan to the Party workers.

WITH YOU Comes to the Rescue of an Elderly Women, Shifts Her to Old Age Home

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Social Welfare to give accommodation for her in the old age home for women at Attampahad

Responding to the request made by NGO, the Department asked them to

shift the lady to the home. Ms V.K. Mariyam Bibi President along with members of WITH YOU after informing the police, shifted the lady to the Old Age Home along with some items of her basic needs.

Ms Mariyam bibi has expressed her gratitude towards the Social Welfare Department for providing shelter to the lady in the Home.

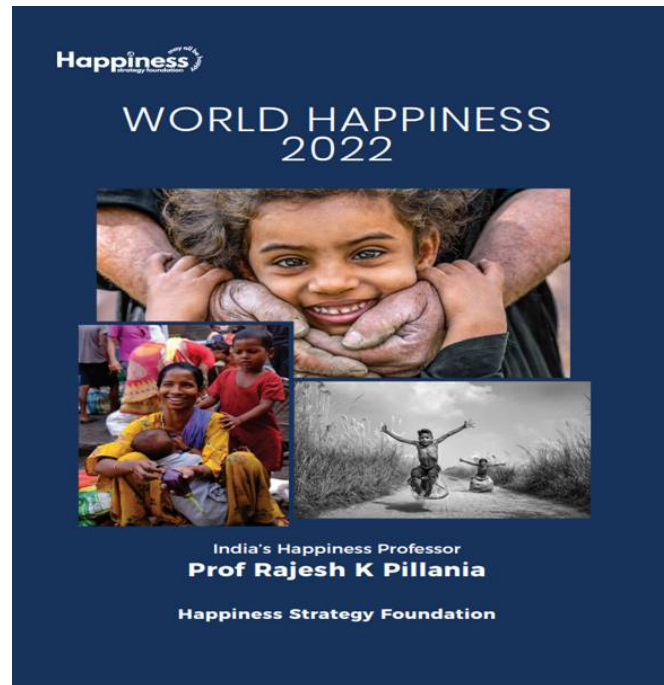
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World Happiness 2022: A book that inspires love, joy, goodness, and happiness

The 2nd annual World Happiness Photo Contest 2022 received participation from around the world and showed moments of people from different walks of life. The winning hundred photographs are shared in the book with the hope some of the photos might bring some smiles and happiness to people's life. Among the winning photos, the maximum number of photos are of relationships of family and friendship, followed by nature, animals, pets, ideas of freedom, sports and COVID-19. This was also observed in the overall photos received for the competition. The dominance of relationships in happiness photos goes well with the longest study on happiness which highlighted relationships as the main source of happiness.

The 100 photographs are selected by an esteemed global jury consisting of Dr Tali Sharot, Director, Affective Brain Lab, Professor of Cognitive Neuroscience, University College London, and Affiliate, Wellbeing Research Center, Oxford University; Ms Mandy Seligman, Photographer and Positive Psychology Expert, Founder of seeinghappy; Mr Luciano Manzo, President and CEO, Make-A-Wish International; Dr Laura Gurge, Assistant Professor of Behavioral Science, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and Contributor to HBR, Forbes, WSJ; Mrs Noof Aljneibi, Director, Emirates Center for Happiness Research & CEO, Happiness and Well-being, UAE University; Mr Greg Barton, Head of Digital Content, Reader's Digest Asia Pacific and Photographer, Designer; Ms Anne Mawathe, Chief Producer Visuals, Reuters Africa Former and Africa Health Editor, BBC; Ms Ximena Morfin, Photo Editor, ELLE México; and India's Happiness Professor Dr Rajesh Pillania, CEO, Happiness Strategy Foundation, India.

Besides 50 winning photos, the book has insights from Order of Australia recipient, Lea Waters AM, PhD, one of the world's leading experts on positive education, positive organisations and strength-based parenting and teaching; Professor Cassie Mogilner Holmes, UCLA's Anderson School of Management, award-winning teacher and researcher of time and happiness and author of Happier Hour; Dan Buettner, Founder of Blue Zones, New York Times bestselling author, public speaker and National Geographic Fellow; and Ms Natalia Alonso, Editora / Editor-in-Chief, Selecciones Reader's Digest, España. It also has practical exercises for experiencing happiness in daily life by India's Happiness



Professor Dr Rajesh K Pillania. We need to make happiness a part of our daily life.

The book is already getting positive reception and has got accolades from many experts.

"World Happiness 2022 is a beautiful book that inspires love, joy, goodness, and happiness", Tal Ben-Shahar, PhD., Best-selling author and a leading global expert on happiness, Taught the most popular course "Positive Psychology" at Harvard University.

"I congratulate India's Happiness Professor Dr Rajesh for bringing out an excellent 2nd edition of World Happiness 2022 to make diverse people understand happiness is in the way they are - happiness is in being not in having. This book is another testimonial of his hard work and innovative approach for bringing happiness to the world", Dr. Saamdu Chetri, Rekhi Foundation for Happiness and Founder Director, Gross National Happiness (GNH), Bhutan.

"I am delighted to know that the 2nd edition of World Happiness by Dr. Rajesh Pillania is out with a foreword by Prof. Kotler. As in previous editions, Dr. Pillania's compilation of 100 photographs and other related narrations is superb and I am sure it will be well received. I compliment Dr Pillania for championing the cause of happiness so very well. Best wishes for the success of this edition as well", Prof Prem Vrat, Founder Director IIT Roorkee and Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and IIT Mandi.

"I congratulate Prof. Pillania for creating awareness about the

importance of happiness in our lives. If individuals are happy, nations are happy, more productive, record fewer crimes and are in better health. Great initiative by Rajesh", Pradeep Kashyap, Founder, MART, Known as Father of Rural Marketing in India.

This is the 2nd annual World Happiness Book and the Happiness Strategy Foundation will put sincere efforts into learning and improving with each annual edition.

The Happiness Strategy Foundation is a not-for-profit think tank to make a meaningful contribution to the happiness of India and the world. It is based in Gurugram, India and is advised by leading global experts on happiness. For making a positive difference it is engaged broadly in five kinds of activities. To generate awareness and interest in happiness, it organises happiness photo contests and introductory sessions on happiness. Its focus is on researching and democratizing happiness research. The research work has contributions and endorsements from leading global experts on happiness. It carries out happiness studies of organisations. To take happiness research to the masses it is engaged in organizing happiness events such as India Happiness Festivals. To share research and engage with the industry it organizes events such as India Workplace Happiness Strategy Forums and conducts training programs for leaders. It also engages in consultancy and advocacy on happiness. It has also announced the plans for World Happiness Photo Contest 2023 here: <https://www.happinessstrategyfoundation.org/contest>

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Twitter Outage Hits Thousands of Users Globally



December 30: Twitter Inc suffered a major outage on Wednesday, leaving tens of thousands of users globally unable to access the popular social media platform or use its key features.

DownDetector, a website that tracks outages through a range of sources including user reports, showed more than 10,000 affected users from the United States, about 2,500 from Japan and about 2,500 from the UK at the peak of the disruption.

Reports of Twitter outages fell sharply by Wednesday evening, according to the website.

Twitter did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The social network's status page shows that all systems are operational.

During the outage, some users were unable to log in to their Twitter account via desktops or laptops. The issue also affected the mobile app and features including notifications.

Others took to Twitter to share updates and memes about the service disruption, with #TwitterDown trending as a hashtag on the social media site.

Some attempts to log in to Twitter from the desktop prompted an error message saying: "Something went wrong, but don't fret — it's not your fault. Let's try again."

Twitter CEO Elon Musk tweeted he was still able to use the service.

"Works for me," Musk posted in response to a user who asked if Twitter was broken.

The outage comes two months after Musk's \$44 billion takeover of Twitter, which has been marked by chaos and controversy.

Hundreds of Twitter employees quit the social media company in November, by some estimates, including engineers responsible for fixing bugs and preventing service outages.

Other big technology companies have also been hit by outages this year. In July, a near 19-hour service outage at Canada's biggest telecom operator Rogers Telecommunications shut banking, transport and government access for millions.

Bike Theft Case Solved Within 3 Hours

Diglipur, Dec. 30: The team of PS Mayabunder & Diglipur has once again cracked a theft case within 3 hours of registration and arrested the accused & recovered the stolen bike. A criminal case U/S 379 IPC was registered at PS Mayabunder on the complaint of Shri A.J. Ajay Nair, S/o Ajit Nair, R/o Webi, Mayabunder on theft of his motorcycle AN-01 K-2816. All the Police Stations of North

and Middle Andaman District was alerted. The same information was further disseminated to the informers of Police, mechanic shop and workers of fuel outlet. Due to swift and timely action by the Police, an information was received at PS Diglipur that one person namely Suroj Mazumder hurled down the stolen motorcycle at the Govt. Petrol Pump, Diglipur and escaped

from there. Soon Police team of PS Diglipur reached the Petrol pump and recovered the stolen bike and after an exhaustive search of two hours the Police staffs of Diglipur succeeded in apprehension of the accused namely Suroj Mazumder, S/o Ravi Mazumder (22) yrs, R/o Subash Gram, Diglipur behind the jungle of his house.

ICAR-KVK, South Andaman Organises Training on Balanced Nutrition

Port Blair, Dec. 30: The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, South Andaman conducted a three days training programme on "Importance of Balanced Nutrition for Women and Children" for Extension Functionaries from 27th to 29th December 2022 at its campus. The objective of the programme was to upscale the knowledge of Anganwadi workers regarding Food and Nutritional needs of Women and Children.

On the occasion, Dr B.K. Nanda, SMS (Agri. Engg.) and I/c KVK, South Andaman explained about the crucial role of Anganwadi workers working at grassroot level in spreading awareness among the rural women regarding the importance of consuming a healthy chemical free diet throughout life. He also explained about Recommended Dietary Allowances for different age groups and gender.



Dr N. Bommayasamy, SMS (Agronomy) highlighted about the functions of Nutrients in human body. He also emphasised about the importance of consuming Millets for better health.

Dr. Pooja Kapoor, SMS (Home Science), Course Director of the programme explained the benefits of consuming a well-balanced diet and ways of mitigating malnutrition among children and women.

The training programme also included demonstration on preparation of low cost

locally available recipes for infants, children and pregnant women. A total of 34 Anganwadi workers from different villages of South Andaman District are benefitted from the programme. The programme was organized under the guidance and supervision of Dr. Y. Ramakrishna, Pr. Scientist & Head, KVK and Dr Eaknath B. Chakurkar, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Port Blair.

2nd A&N State School Chess Championship

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More than 150 school children from different schools of Andamans participated enthusiastically in which the following players stood winners:

Under 07 Boys:

01) JAYDEN IMMANUEL GOMEZ, Carmel School stood First,

02) P JOSHIT, ST. Mary School, Port Blair, stood Second

03) D SHARAN, VKV Lambaline, secured third position

Under 07 Girls:

01) D CHARVI, VKV Lamabaline, stood First

02) KA LAKSHITAA, VKV Lamabaline, stood Second,

Under 09 Boys:

01) HARDIK CHAKRAVARTY, VKV Lambaline stood First.

02) T NIHANTH, KV 1, stood Second.

03) PRANJAL SANA, KV 1, stood third.

Under 09 Girls:

01) A THOKSHIKA, VKV Lambaline, stood First

02) KRISHNAPRIYA B RAJESH, Sagaritara School, Stood second.

03) D LALITYA, GMSSS, Port Blair, secured third position.

Under 11 Boys:

01) M TANISH, VKV Lambaline stood first,

02) SPM TARUN, Carmel School stood second.

03) K JAIVARDHAN RAO, VKV Ranchi Basti, stood third.

Under 11 Girls:

01) S VARANYA, KV 1, stood First.

02) K NIVRITHI, NCS, Port Blair, stood second.

03) AV SHREYA, Kamaraj School, secured third position.

Under 13 Boys:

01) R TEJASS, Sagaritara School stood First.

02) P MIDHUN VETTAIYAAR, Carmel School, stood second.

03) SPM DARSHAN, Carmel school, stood third.

Under 13 Girls:

01) KAVYA RAJ, VKV Lambaline stood first,

02) CHITTIBOINA MAGESWARI, GMSSS Port Blair stood second.

03) J KEERTHANA, VKV Lambaline, secured third position.

Under 15 Boys:

01) A CHIRAG KUMAR, NCS Port Blair secured first position

02) V YASHWANT, GMSSS Port Blair, secured second.

03) A DIVESH, VKV Lambaline Port Blair secured third position.

Under 15 Girls:

01) R KASHTHURI BHAI, GDMS Port Blair, secured First Position.

02) TANISHA RAJ, VKV Lambaline Port Blair stood second.

03) B KAVYA, Nirmala School Stood third.

Shri. B Dinesh Kumar, President Rotary Club Port Blair was the Chief guest for the closing ceremony while PP Rajesh Anand, Rotary Club Port Blair was the guest honour. They gave away the Trophies and Certificates to the winners. The winners are eligible to participate in the upcoming 11th National School Chess Championship 2023 scheduled to be held from 27th January 2023 at Hosur, Tamilnadu.

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Netaji's First Flag Hoisting Day Commemoration Program Held at Diglipur

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songs of 'Azad Hind Fauj', beautiful dances depicting the message of unity in diversity and a skit. The students of Sitanagar Middle School also presented patriotic songs.

Addressing the gathering, the Assistant Commissioner, Shri Anuj Kumar Bharti said that this day is written in golden letter in the history of our freedom struggle as this was the day in 1943, when our great freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose had hoisted the National flag at Port Blair for the first time in the country. He said that it's very inspiring to see students' turnout for the program in such a large number. Netaji was a passionate freedom fighter for whom the freedom of the country was the aim of his life. He had promised to himself while forming the Indian National Army in abroad that he would hoist the National Flag by the end of the year 1943 and he had succeeded in accomplishing that, when he had hoisted the flag in Gymkhana Ground

Port Blair, liberating Andaman & Nicobar from the British Rule. He had appointed the INA General A.D. Loganathan the first Governor of these Islands, explained the Assistant Commissioner.

"Nation First" should be the motto of every individual, Shri Bharti said. He called upon the students to study more about the life of the great Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and adopt his philosophy in their lives.

The Deputy Education Officer, Shri R.P. Pandey in his address said that on the call of Netaji - "Give me blood, I shall give you freedom", thousands of freedom fighters joined the newly formed Indian National Army and made sacrifices for the freedom of the country.

The Pradhan of the Subhash Gram Panchayat, Shri P. R. Singaram urged the students to always remember the contribution of the great freedom fighter Netaji and work for the solidarity of the society and country.

The Principal of the Subhashgram School, Shri M. Nehru and Shri Pradeep Das, Zila Parishad Member also spoke on the occasion.



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Registrar, SRD, IGNOU Interacts with Staffs of RC, Port Blair



Port Blair, Dec. 30: Dr. Himanshu Kumar Bose, Registrar, Student Registration Division (SRD), IGNOU, New Delhi paid a courtesy visit to Regional Centre Port Blair on 30th December 2022 and interacted with staffs.

In his address Dr. Himanshu Kumar Bose informed the gathering that admission cycle January 2023 has already announced and hopeful that like last years, this year too IGNOU will experience exponential growth in admission. He stated and exhorted that IGNOU has mandate to be a World's Largest University to offer ODL and Online courses.

Dr. Himanshu Kumar Bose, Registrar, SRD, IGNOU attended all the queries of the staff and motivated to work tirelessly for the overall growth of the university. Earlier Dr.RVR Murthy, Regional Director, RC, Port Blair welcomed the Guest and appraised about the activities of Regional Centre, Port Blair.

Road from RBV to Hawaghar to Remain Closed

Port Blair, Dec. 30: The road portion from RBV Vidyalaya Jn. to Hawaghar Jn. will be closed for all the vehicular movements for 10 days w.e.f. 2.01.2023. Hence, all the vehicles will be diverted through Hawaghar Jn., a notification issued by DM (SA) said.

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songs that not only were in praise of the nation, but also paid great tributes to the freedom fighters of the country. The musical renditions also focused on the heritage of India as well as the diversity and unity. Songs such as 'yahan har kadam kadam pe dharti badle rang', 'Aye mere watan ke logo' captivated the audience at the sprawling Corbyn's Cove Beach.



SPORTS

Transitions are Inevitable but Hardik Pandya has Ingredients to be Successful: Kumar Sangakkara

December 30: Transition period in an international team is always "difficult to handle" but India has abundant talent and a potentially good leader in Hardik Pandya to smoothly see through the phase in T20 cricket, feels former Sri Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara.

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"Every side goes through difficult transitions and we saw that in Australia. Saw that in NZ for considerable period some time back, even England. So you have all these sides go through transition and difficulty is a common theme," he cited the common phenomenon.

For the Lankan legend, it is important to give the fresh faces a long rope. "You have to have trust in players that you select, trusting them for long periods, giving them exposure and grounding they require, so that they can settle in international cricket and understand what it is all about."

For Sri Lanka especially, transition has been really difficult ever since the likes of Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene retired.

"India has a throng of young players coming through so it is just



about the selecting the best among them and giving them a longer run,"

Sangakkara observed. However, he waxed eloquent about Pandya having watched his captaincy for Gujarat Titans while being a mentor for Rajasthan Royals in the IPL.

"There is no doubt that his leadership is excellent and we all saw that in IPL. Now he has to melt that with on-field captaincy at national level. He has all qualities to be a leader although you don't necessarily need to be a captain to be a leader." But there are aspects of captaincy that Pandya has to be mindful of and Sangakkara handed a checklist for the Baroda man.

"Now captaincy on the field can be a different thing. To read moments, win moments and strategize, you have to be sharp, and I think Hardik has all ingredients to be a good captain.

"Hardest part is to inspire, talk and manage his players in a group together to play with a vision and rest will come with experience, captaining in close games," he added. As far as new the Indian T20 team is concerned, Sangakkara would follow Ruturaj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson. "I love watching Ruturaj Gaikwad's batting and he is one player who can bat correctly and yet have enormous impact in T20 cricket and of course Sanju Samson as I want to see Sanju getting a long run in this Indian side.

"Because he is a very special player, so they have got a good mixture of pace, spin and utility players. It will be a tough challenge for Sri Lanka but in T20 they have tools to match them." The Asian champions in this format are a force to reckon with. "You have skipper Dasun Shanaka, Chari th



Asalanka, Pathum Nissanka, Kusal Mendis. They have a top order that can allow SL to set big totals.

"A power house middle and late order with skipper Shanaka, Bhanuka Rajapaksa and Wanindu Hasaranga coming in. SL bat deep and we have the spin combo of Mahesh Theeksa and Hasaranga, topped up by raw pace of Lahiru Kumara and Dilshan Madhusanka." Rishabh Pant isn't apart of white ball games against Sri Lanka and Sangakkara believes that more than the batting, it is his keeping that warrants improvement. "I think for one Rishabh Pant can improve his wicketkeeping quite a bit. A lot of people only concentrate on his batting, and it is combination of two that increases confidence. I know it is hard and boring but he can really become good by concentrating on smaller moments and that in turn will help him in white ball cricket, and then he will become the keeper he is expected to become." When it comes to batting, Sangakkara wants him to be judicious in his choice of whom to attack and when to attack.

"In his batting, I have got no doubt that he has got all the shots, ability and talent but it is about understanding how you build an innings in T20 cricket, knowing which bowlers to attack and be a little smart." T20 is not just for young is T20 with its demands increasingly becoming a game where players pushing towards mid 30s or in late 30s are becoming less relevant?

"I never thought it is about age. I just look at skill and I think it's a game for most skilled players. Cricket is a game for highest skilled players and those who are best among highest skilled will only survive.

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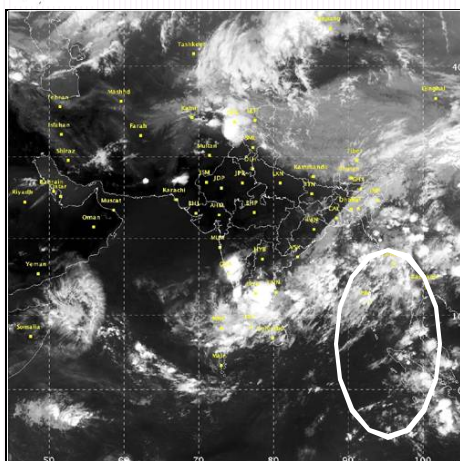
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Weather



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| Max. Temp: 30.0 °C | Min.: 22.0 °C |
| Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 68% | 1730 Hrs: 71% |
| Sunrise: 0539 Hrs. | Sunset: 1706 Hrs. |
| Rainfall upto 0830 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Rainfall upto 1730 Hrs (Last 24 Hrs.): | 000.0 mm |
| Total Rainfall (From Jan 1, 2022 till date): | 2585.6 mm |

Forecast

The weather will be dry over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30.0°C and 23.0°C respectively on Saturday 31/12/2022.

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