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Jarawa Facts

The Jarawa have been living in the tropical rainforests of the Andaman Islands for up to 60,000 years. The islands, in the Bay of Bengal, were colonised by the British in the mid-nineteenth century, and are now part of India.

Your Nature Guide

Coral Colours: Common coral colours are attractive shades of blue, pink, violet, red, or a rust brown. These colours are not the corals' own. They are provided by the different types of single-celled algae living in the corals. The relationship between these algae and the corals is very interesting. The presence of the algae help the corals to secrete limestone at a rate much faster than they could have done on their own. In return for this service the algae stay in the protective skeleton of the corals. Dead coral colonies have only masses of limestone skeleton without the living polyps. They are a light grayish colour, sometimes tinged with shades of their original colour.

Coral Reef Communities: Living corals reefs are alive and busy with all kinds of creatures. Anemones, soft corals, sponges, algae, and other plants and animals live attached to the limestone rock created by the stony corals. An amazing variety of fish live in the reefs. They are of all sizes and colours, and have intricate patterns. Over 600 species of fish exist in the coral reefs of our islands.

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

People's Voice

Hamare LG sahab ko yaad toh aaya ki Diglipur se le kar Campbell Bay tak Islanders rehte hai ...

- A Citizen



It will badly affect the people who have money!

Lt. Governor to Hold Meeting with PRIs, Tribal Representatives and Govt. Officials at Kamorta

Kamorta, Jan. 15: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency arrived at Kamorta today. On arrival, Hon'ble Lt Governor was received by senior officials of A&N Administration, A&N Police & Tribal representatives. Hon'ble Lt Governor took passage in ICGS Rajtarang and visited LOP Tillang Chaung.

Hon'ble Lt Governor inspected the facilities and

interacted with personnel of A&N Police and Forest Department. He appreciated their hard work and commitment towards duty.

Tomorrow (Jan. 16), Hon'ble Lt Governor will hold meeting with PRI Members, Tribal Representatives, Govt. Officials and general public at EOC Hall at Kamorta at 9 am. On completion of the visit, Hon'ble Lt Governor will return to Port Blair in the afternoon tomorrow.



Lt. Governor Holds Meeting with PRIs and HODs at Little Andaman

Port Blair, Jan 15: Admiral D K Joshi, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.), Hon'ble Lt Governor, A&N Islands and Vice Chairman, Islands Development Agency held meeting with Public, PRIs & HoDs at APWD Guest House Little Andaman. Directed early examination & resolution of issues raised by PRIs. Hon'ble Lt Governor, ANI along with



Senior Officers of Andaman & Nicobar Administration also inspected Mini Stadium at R.K.Pur, Tourism and other infrastructure facilities.

CITU and Trade Unions to Organise Victory Processions to Celebrate the Court Case Won by ASNVMS

Port Blair, Jan 15: CITU and trade unions will organize Victory Processions all over the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands on 16th January 2023 to celebrate the Court case won by the Andaman Sarvajanik Nirman Vibhag Mazdoor Sangh (ASNVMS), affiliated to CITU, in the Calcutta High Court on the 1/30th of pay plus DA case to all the Daily Rated Mazdoors.

At Port Blair, the Victory Procession will begin from Tiranga Park, Aberdeen Bazar which after making a round of the important points of Port Blair will culminate in a public meeting at Tiranga Park. Workers from various trade unions functioning at Port Blair will participate in the victory procession.

The Division Bench of the High Court at Calcutta (Port Blair Circuit Bench)

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Armed Force Veterans Day Celebrated in the Islands

Port Blair, Jan 15: Together with the rest of the Country, Armed Forces Veterans Day was celebrated in these Islands too, in a befitting manner. Jan.14 every year is commemorated as Armed Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition to the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa, the first Indian Chief of Indian Army who retired from service on Jan. 14, 1953.

To mark the day, a felicitation function was organized by the Department of Art & Culture, A&N



Administration at the historic National Memorial Cellular Jail in which about 40 Armed Forces Veterans were felicitated in

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MESSAGE

On the occasion of Police Raising Day, I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all ranks of Andaman & Nicobar Police. The role of Police in maintaining law & order, prevention of crime and providing a safe & secure environment to the people of A&N Islands is praiseworthy.

It has been 70 years since Mr. Naushirwan Feroz Sauntook, an IPS Officer, assumed the charge of Superintendent of Police, A&N Islands on 16th January, 1953. Ever since, 16th January is observed as "Police Raising Day of Andaman & Nicobar Police".

It gives me immense pleasure to learn that Andaman & Nicobar Police is organizing various activities and programmes to improve Public Police Interface such as awareness drives on social and contemporary issues in schools, colleges & residential areas, cultural-cum-interaction programmes involving Public & Police families and performances by Police Entertainment Team & Police Band during this week.

On this occasion, I expect that A&N Police will continue to discharge their duties with utmost dedication and sincerity and will exhibit professionalism, transparency, integrity and sensitivity in their functioning.

I wish each and every member of A&N Police and their families the very best.

Admiral D K Joshi
PVSM, AVSM, YSM, NM, VSM (Retd.)
Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
& Vice-Chairman, Islands Development Agency

State Level Exhibition 'Gyanodaya' 2022-23 to be Organised Today

Port Blair, Jan. 15: A State Level Exhibition - 'Gyanodaya' 2022-23 will be organized by Education Department of A&N Administration tomorrow (January 16) at Govt. Girls Sr. Sec. School Auditorium. Shri Keshav Chandra, IAS, Chief Secretary, A&N Administration will inaugurate the exhibition at 9.30 am as the chief guest on the occasion. The closing ceremony of the exhibition will be held tomorrow (January 16) at 5 pm in which the Secretary (Education), Ms. Veditha Reddy, IAS will be the chief guest.

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Success is not an activity but a process ...

Bound supremacy

It is fairly well-known that parliamentary legislation is subject to two limitations under the Constitution of India. One is by judicial review, or the power of constitutional courts to review legislation for possible violation of any fundamental right. Another is that no amendment to the Constitution should have the effect of destroying any of its basic features. While the first limitation is set out in Article 13, under which laws inconsistent with or in derogation of fundamental rights are void, the second limitation is based on the 'basic structure' doctrine evolved by the Supreme Court. Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar's remarks questioning the basic structure doctrine propounded in the landmark Kesavananda Bharati case (1973) does not reflect the correct position of law. In his view, the basic structure doctrine has usurped parliamentary sovereignty and goes against the democratic imperative that the elected legislature should reign supreme. His particular concern seems justified: that the Supreme Court prevented the National Judicial Appointments Commission, a body to appoint judges to the superior courts in the country, from coming into existence by striking down the relevant amendment to the Constitution and a parliamentary law to give effect to it. But it is difficult not to see his attack on the basic structure doctrine as part of the current dispensation's tirade against the judiciary and its grievance that it does not have enough say in the appointment of judges.

The idea that the basic structure doctrine undermines parliamentary sovereignty is simply wrong. Parliament is sovereign in its domain, but it is still bound by the limitations imposed by the Constitution. Mr. Dhankhar seems to have a problem with any sort of limitation on Parliament's jurisdiction to amend the Constitution. Surely, he could not have forgotten that the basic structure doctrine had helped save the Constitution from being undermined through the misuse of parliamentary majority. The main purpose of the doctrine is to ensure that some fundamental features of the Constitution are not legislated out of existence. It has been invoked to strike down amendments only in a few cases, but many others have survived basic structure challenges. Parliamentary majority is transient, but essential features of the Constitution such as the rule of law, parliamentary form of government, separation of powers, the idea of equality, and free and fair elections ought to be perennially protected from legislative excess. It may be open to a new Constituent Assembly to come up with another constitution that changes these fundamental concepts, but a legislature formed under the current Constitution cannot be allowed to change its core identity.

BOB'S BANTER

BY ROBERT CLEMENTS



Funeral Attire or Hospital Gown..!

They came in fancy funeral attire!

Friends and relatives in their Sunday best, carefully preserved for occasions like this; a funeral of a young relative!

I'd come early, and expected nobody! Because no one had come when she, with kidneys failing, and no money in the bank had dialed me for help. With the help of her kind neighbour, a youngster, with the spirit of a Good Samaritan in him, we'd got her to hospital, paid her bills, and got her through one dialysis after another, and then another call,

"Sir, I can't see!"

I'd spoken to her husband in the US, her brother, and others, but even as they picked up the phone and heard me pleading, refused to step in, and at some stage there was no one to take her to the hospital, and none to lift her up the stairs.

So, sadly she decided that even if there was money to pay her bills, she would rather face death, then the mortification of strangers carrying her up and down.

Today, those missing relatives came in their liveried best! I watched, surprised as some burst into tears. "You could have saved those tears!" I whispered to myself, "If you'd taken it in turns at the hospital!"

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There was a nip in the air, around this suburb so far from the city, and yet they had all come, braving the early morning rush, and now they greeted each other in hushed tones. I envied their tears, as they lowered her into the grave. There was a cry from one of her cousins, and I saw her brother dab his hanky to his eyes, even as he, suddenly conscious of my stare, turned his face away, guiltily.

A bit of mud flew from the gravedigger's spade onto the shimmering black dress of a relative. I watched her rush hurriedly to a tap to remove the guilty stain, "She needs to keep the dress spotless," I thought, "for the next funeral, and the next and next!"

I walked to the husband, he turned quickly away, thinking I might have come for the money I'd spent on her. I didn't. I shook his hand, "It was lucky I was in India, in my mother's house!" he said.

"Lucky?" I asked.

"Yes, not in the US, so I could attend her funeral!" he said.

"But if you were here, why weren't you by her side taking her to the hospital for her dialysis?" I screamed silently, and walked away, shaking my head, and telling myself to calm down, that this was a funeral.

Yes, a funeral, beautiful clothes, wonderful message from the priest of the church just five minutes from her home.

How we love funerals, throng them, shed tears at them, but never think we could save a death if we decided to trade our Sunday best for hospital gown..!

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CITU and Trade Unions to Organise Victory Processions to Celebrate the Court Case Won by ASNVMS

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in their judgment on 9th December, 2022 has stated that all the daily rated mazdoors working under the Andaman & Nicobar Administration are eligible for the financial benefits under the 1/30th of pay plus Scheme of the A&N Administration formulated in

September 2017 without linking it with sanctioned post/vacant posts, etc.

The Court also ordered that the workers be given the benefit from September 2017 within two months from the date of judgment. The 2017 scheme was formulated by the Administration

following the protracted struggles conducted by the CITU in these islands during the last 30 years with the demand to implement the Govt. of India's order on the issue of 1/30th of pay plus DA scheme of 1988.

CONDOLENCE

CPI (M) Andaman & Nicobar State Organising Committee deeply mourn the demise of Shri Bipad Benjan Biswas, former Member of Pradesh Council at his home at Sitanagar, Diglipur on 14.01.2023 morning. He was 84 years. He was a Member of the erstwhile Pradesh Council representing CPI (M) from 1990 to 1994. CPI (M) pays rich homage to his memory and conveys its deepest condolences to the family members.

ENTERTAINMENT

SRK Says, 'a Soldier Asks what he Can do for his Country'

January 11: The wait is finally over for legions of SRK fans as the trailer of his upcoming highly-awaited 'Pathaan' was released today. The excitement was palpable as fans scrambled to view the 2.34-minute-long trailer which is high on dialogue bazi and VFX effects and immediately took to social media to express their joy. The movie headlined by Shah Rukh Khan, also stars veteran actors Dimple Kapadia, and Ashutosh Rana besides Deepika Padukone and John Abraham.

The trailer gives us an ample idea of what to expect from the action movie, which will be SRK's first movie in four years. The 57-year-old King Khan is seen playing a soldier called Pathaan who was caught and tortured during his last mission. Dimple is playing a character similar to Madam M of James Bond who declares that it's time Pathaan came out of his exile as Outfit X, a terror group has planned to attack India. Outfit X is headed by John Abraham who is once again shown strutting in his shorts, a la 'Dostana', and wielding sleek weapons.

Next, we see high-octane action sequences by SRK who says if the party is at his house, obviously he will greet all with fireworks, promising oodles of hi-tech

dishum dishum to his fans. The trailer also reveals Deepika's character. She is also playing a soldier who wants Pathaan to join hands with her in the mission. The entire trailer which also shows chase sequences shot in snow gives a feel of a James Bond movie. Helicopters are shot down; vehicles are blown up. Giving a patriotic touch, the trailer ends with SRK's dialogue which is bound to go viral, "A soldier does not ask what his country can do for him, he asks what he can do for his country." The dialogue is a spin on John F. Kennedy's famous quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country."

'Pathaan', the next installment of the YRF Spy universe, has been produced by Aditya Chopra and directed by Siddharth Anand. Siddharth had directed 'War' last.

In just an hour of its dropping on youtube, the trailer had garnered lakhs of views. Mostly all users went ga-ga over the teaser, with a few disliking it and comparing it with a video game. One YouTube user Shourya commented, "Sheer goosebumps all throughout! SRK's each



glimpse is simply fire, Deepika looks gorgeous, and John is killing it... can't wait to experience this combo in the theatre! =Ø

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Another user, Manojkumar Mahendran, "Finally a proper action-packed movie done properly from Bollywood. Movie sure shot Blockbuster. Massive respect to SRK for doing such action sequences at this age. The trailer which is trending on social media has been shared, viewed, and liked by millions. User amolshinde1956 risked predicting the day 1 collection of the movie. "60cr in first-day collection," he tweeted. (sic). Another user @KSaheb4 said, "Great action and dialogue. Looking forward to experiencing it on the big screen."

Earlier, two songs and a small teaser were out last year. One of the songs, 'Beshram Rang...' led to a huge controversy. The movie, scheduled to hit the theatres on January 25, will be released in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil.

Filmmakers Seek Rs. 50 Ticket Hike for Chiru, Balayya Movies

January 11: **VIJAYAWADA:** Makers of two Telugu films – Veera Simha Reddy and Waltair Veerayya – starring Balakrishna and Chiranjeevi respectively, have requested AP government to permit them to enhance rate of admissions into screening centres by Rs. 50, as these are high budget films. Veera Simha Reddy is scheduled for release on January 12 and Waltair Veerayya on January 13, the eve of Sankranti festival. As they have spent huge amounts on making these films, their producers want state government to intervene and permit all managements of film theatres in the state to enhance ticket cost by Rs. 50 over and above the prevailing

admission rates for all classes for a few days.

The filmmakers point out that the state government had earlier permitted big-budget RRR, Acharya and Sarkaru Vaari Paata to increase the ticket prices by Rs. 75, Rs. 50 and Rs. 45 respectively.

It remains to be seen how the state government responds to the request for hike. Certain film critics, however, argue that commoners are already facing trouble in case they watch films with their entire family, kin and friends in movie theatres, given the high price of tickets. If ticket rates are allowed to be hiked further, even for the initial

few days, it will cause additional financial burden on film lovers. The critics are critical of filmmakers seeking permission to hike the cost of tickets claiming high budget involved in making their films. They want the state government to fix certain norms like total budget of the film, area covered during making of the film in the state, and quantum of taxes paid, so that it can decide whether permission can be given for the hike in cost of ticket. They caution that if stringent norms are not specified, filmmakers will take advantage of the friendly attitude of state government towards Telugu film industry and seek hike in ticket cost even for films not involving huge costs.

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Historic UK Rocket Mission Ends in Failure

LONDON: An attempt to launch the first rocket into orbit from UK soil ended in failure on Tuesday, with scientists reporting an "anomaly" as it neared its goal.

A Virgin Orbit Boeing 747 carrying the 70-foot (21-metre) rocket took off from a spaceport in Cornwall, southwest England, at 2202 GMT.

The rocket then detached from the aircraft and ignited as planned at a height of 35,000 feet over the Atlantic Ocean to the south of Ireland at around 2315 GMT.

But in a series of tweets as the rocket was due to enter orbit and discharge its nine satellites, Virgin Orbit said: "We appear to have an anomaly that has prevented us from reaching orbit. We are evaluating the information."

"As we find out more, we're removing our previous tweet about reaching orbit. We'll share more info when we can."

The aircraft returned as planned to a subdued Spaceport Cornwall, a consortium that includes Virgin Orbit and the UK Space Agency, at Cornwall Airport Newquay.

The launch was the first from UK soil. UK-produced satellites have previously had to be sent into orbit via foreign spaceports.

Had the mission been successful, the UK would have been one of only nine countries that could launch craft into Earth's orbit.

"Joining that really exclusive club of launch nations is so important because it gives us our own access to space... that we've never had before here in the UK," Spaceport Cornwall chief Melissa Thorpe told BBC television before the launch.

Hundreds of people watched the launch, named "Start Me Up" after the Rolling Stones song.

The satellites were to have a variety of civil and defence functions, from sea monitoring to help countries detect people smugglers to space weather observation.

The number of space bases in Europe has grown in recent years due to the commercialisation of space.

For a long time, satellites were primarily used for institutional missions by national space agencies but most of Europe's spaceport projects are now private-sector initiatives.

The market has exploded with the emergence of small start-ups, modern technology making both rockets and satellites smaller, and the rapidly growing number of applications for satellites.

Some 18,500 small satellites — those weighing less than 500 kilograms (1,100 pounds) — are expected to be launched between 2022 and 2031, compared with 4,600 in the previous decade. Campaigners, however, criticised the launch. "Space is the new frontier for military escalation and spending with no real public scrutiny or accountability," said Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) general secretary Kate Hudson.

Drone Wars director Chris Cole denounced a "space arms race which will inevitably lead to greater risk of instability and conflict".

BJP Leaders from Andamans Accorded Warm Welcome at Delhi Airport

Port Blair, Jan 15: Shri Ajoy Bairagi, State President, BJP, A&N Islands and Shri Vishal Jolly, National Executive Member, BJP were accorded warm welcome at Delhi Airport today.

Bairagi and Jolly reached Delhi to attend the National Executive Meeting at Delhi on 16th and 17th January. The meeting will be attended by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP National



President J P Nadda, Union Ministers including Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Ministers of BJP ruled States and other senior party leaders.

The Prime Minister will be addressing the concluding session of the meeting on Tuesday.

MESSAGE

On the Occasion of A&N Police Raising Day, 2023, I extend my warm wishes to DGP and all ranks of A&N Police and their Families.

A&N Police has played an important role in maintaining Peace and Law & Order in these Islands. All personnel of the Police force strive hard to ensure the safety of the citizens of these Islands and security of their property. These Islands being an amalgamation of all the cultures of Mainland India, the Andaman Police plays an important role in strengthening mutual harmony and brotherhood in the Islands.

I wish all personnel of A&N Police and their families very best for all their future endeavors.

Keshav Chandra, IAS
Chief Secretary

Andaman & Nicobar Administration

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Armed Force Veterans Day Celebrated in the Islands

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recognition of their selfless devotion and exemplary service to the Nation. The Secretary (Art & Culture/ Tourism), Shri Hari Kallikkat, IAS, as the chief guest felicitated the veterans by presenting them shawls and mementos.

Addressing the gathering, the Secretary (Art & Culture/ Tourism) greeted the veterans and their family members on the occasion of Armed Forces Veterans Day. Appreciating the selfless devotion and exemplary service rendered by the veterans for the Country, the Secretary said, the citizens will ever remain indebted to the immense contribution of the veterans towards the Nation. The conduct of the felicitation function in the National Memorial Cellular

Jail premises has made the event a memorable one, the Secretary said.

Shri Vinayak Chamadia, IAS (Probationer) also felicitated the veterans by presenting them shawls and mementos.

In his address, Col. K V Cherian, VSM & Bar President, Ex Servicemen League said that 14th of January is commemorated as Armed Forces Veterans Day as a mark of respect and recognition for the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa.

Earlier, welcoming the chief guest and others present on the occasion, the Assistant Director, Art & Culture, Dr. Rashi da Iqbal said, this Day is observed to pay tribute to the exemplary service rendered by the veterans to the Country. She also thanked all the veterans for accepting the invitation and gracing the felicitation function.

Sindhu to Sail for Vizag

Port Blair, Jan 15: The vessel Sindhu will sail from Port Blair to Vizag on Jan. 16, 2023 at 1600 hrs from Haddo Wharf. Excess baggage will be loaded from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs on 15.01.2023 i.e. one day prior to sailing of the vessel. Embarkation of passengers will commence from 1400 hrs to 1500 hrs on Jan. 16, 2023. The embarkation of passengers will be closed one hour before the schedule time. Passengers reporting late will not be allowed to board the vessel.

The vessel will sail soon after the embarkation of passengers and completion of other formalities. Excess baggage will be subject to double the rate of freight.

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16 Opposition Parties meet before Election Commission's meet on Remote Voting Machine, to take a joint stand

New Delhi, Jan 15: A day before the meeting convened by Election Commission of India (ECI) to demonstrate the remote electronic voting machines (RVMs) to facilitate migrant workers to exercise their mandate, sixteen Opposition parties met on Sunday to decide a joint strategy.

According to a statement issued by the Congress, these parties would take a joint stand after the ECI meeting.

Interestingly, the Congress had rejected the ECI proposal the same day it was became public.

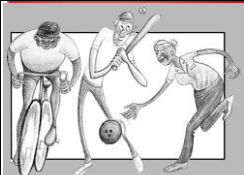
A meeting of sixteen opposition parties was held in Constitution Club, Delhi to discuss the joint strategy for tomorrow's meeting convened by the

Election Commission of India. The meeting was facilitated by Congress party.

"It was decided that the ECI's response to the questions raised by the parties in tomorrow's meeting will be collectively be considered later and the opposition parties will take a joint stand on the issue," the statement said.

Senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh said that those opposition parties who attended Sunday's meeting deliberated upon "the questions to be placed before ECI regarding REVMS".

Mr. Singh said Samajwadi Party and Nationalist Congress Party couldn't attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons but conveyed their solidarity with the meeting.



SPORTS

Hockey WC PIX: India, England in exciting goalless draw

Rourkela, Jan 15: India played out a goalless draw against England in an entertaining Pool D match to remain in contention for a direct quarter-final berth in the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, in Rourkela, on Sunday.

England got eight penalty-corners as against India's four, but the home team's penalty-corners defence was impeccable as both the sides failed frittered away chances galore at the jam-packed Birsamunda Stadium.

England and India are now on four points each from two matches. The team that tops the pool and qualifies directly for the quarter-finals. That will be decided on January 19 when India plays Wales while England take on Spain, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar.

If two teams are on equal points and have won same number of matches, the side which has a better goal difference will be ranked higher.

England have a goal difference of plus-five after beating Wales 5-0 in their opening match as against plus-two of India, who emerged 2-0 winners against Spain.

It was England who dominated in the first quarter as they got five penalty-corners one after the other. India defended them quite well as Manpreet Singh was the first to rush out and narrow down the angle.

Mandeep Singh won India's first penalty-corner towards the end of the first quarter but Manpreet's stop was not the best one, forcing captain Harmanpreet Singh to abort his drag flick.

As soon as the second quarter started, Wallace Zachary's hit from inside the Indian circle came off Krishan Bahadur Pathak high and England got their sixth PC but again wasted it.

England kept entering the Indian circle and got their



seventh penalty-corner but first rusher Amit Rohidas was quick enough to fend off the strike.

It was end-to-end stuff for a few minutes before Harmanpreet earned a penalty-corner for India, the second of the match, but fluffed it.

After Nilam Sanjeev Xess made a last minute clearance in the Indian 'D' in the 24th minute, Hardik Singh attempted a fierce reverse shot from the top of England circle, only to miss the target by a whisker.

India's captain Harmanpreet tries to work his way into the England circle.

India pressed and earned their fourth PC but England were able to clear after a scramble inside the circle. It was then the turn of Varun Kumar to try his luck but his shot failed to cause any harm.

India were the dominant side in the second quarter but could not score as the two sides failed to break the deadlock at halftime.

David Condon had a try in the 37th minute but went wide.

India were unlucky not to have taken the lead the next minute as Hardik's double shot was saved by the England goalie.

The match was spiced up and it was the turn of England to get a golden chance as the Indian defence allowed Sam Ward to take a reverse shot from a one-on-one situation with goalie P R Sreejesh but it went wide.

India responded quickly and it was Mandeep who had a glorious

chance to score in the 41st minute as he got a free hit just near the top of England 'D' but he missed the target.

The full capacity crowd of 21,000 thought India had taken the lead in the last minute of the third quarter, which was contested evenly, after the ball landed into the English goal but the umpire ruled that it had already hit an Indian foot.

India were one man down in the last few minutes of the match and England pressed for the winner but failed to breach the home team's defence. They got a PC in the last minute but wasted it.

Earlier, Marc Reyna and Marc Miralles scored twice each as Spain outplayed Wales 5-1 in a Pool D match to register their first victory in the tournament.

Reyna sounded the board in the 16th and 38th minute while Miralles scored in the 32nd and 56th.

Skipper Alvaro Iglesias got the other goal in the 22nd minute.

Wales's lone goal was scored by James Carson in the 52nd minute.

Wales suffered their second defeat in as many outings.

Spain had earlier lost 0-2 to India in their tournament opener, while Wales were defeated 0-5 by England.

Spain will take on England in their final pool match on January 19 in Bhubaneswar, while Wales will face India.

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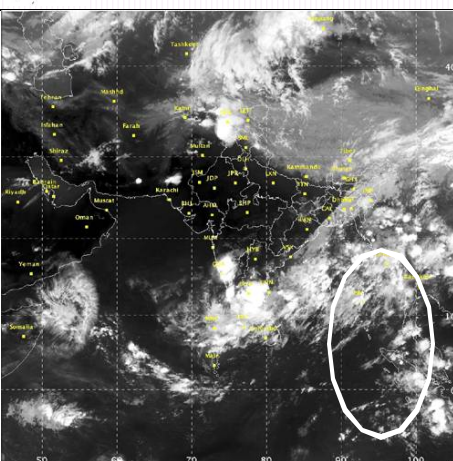
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Weather



Max. Temp: 29.8 °C	Min.: 19.8 °C
Relative Humidity: 0830 Hrs: 59% 1730 Hrs: 62%	
Sunrise: 0543 Hrs.	Sunset: 1715 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, 2023 till date):	003.5 mm

Forecast

Partially Cloudy sky is likely over Port Blair. Maximum and Minimum temperature will be around 30°C and 21°C respectively on Monday 16/01/2023.

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